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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 4 and 5 students,

1 Term 1 ended on an exhilarating note for our Secondary 4 and 5 students as they attended a confidence workshop and thereafter attempted to sell items to a panel of judges in a format akin to 'Shark Tank'. They gave their best to gain as many points as possible, to gain advantages in the Treasure Hunt and Night Hike that took place in the evening of 9 March. Accompanied by their teachers and alumni, they persevered through a challenging 15km hike through the night, and returned to school as one cohort in the wee hours of 10 March. It has been continuously impressed upon our Sec 4 and 5 Clementeens that a kind, united and caring cohort achieves together, and we hope they will translate the grit and kindness they exhibited in the activities and to each other, to their daily life as they journey towards the national examinations.

2 As we progress into Term 2, we hope to continue to provide as many avenues as possible to our Sec 4s and 5s to discover the pathways they might hope to pursue after secondary school. This includes sharing sessions conducted by their seniors on various educational institutions and learning journeys to various companies.

3 The school regularly shares our activities for students on the school's official Instagram account whereby you can view snapshots of your child/ward's school life. Do search for us using *officialctss* on Instagram.

4 In the rest of this letter, the school would like to share information about school activities which have been planned for Sec 4s and Sec 5s in Term 2.

Remediation for Identified Students

5 From Term 2, Week 2 to Week 9 except Week 6, subject teachers will hold remediation on Tuesday and Thursday with identified students who will benefit from additional academic support. The duration of each session is 1 hour, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. For more information regarding your child's/ward's attendance in the remedial classes, please contact the general office at 6777 7362.

Well-being Week (Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March 2023)

6 CTSS Well-being week aims to educate students on their self-management of personal well-being, both psychologically and physically. We hope that Clementeens will learn, start and sustain healthy psychological and physical habits through a series of informative activities that will be conducted during ASPIRE Time, recess and lessons. The series of activities will be led by Sports Leaders and Peer Support Leaders, for Clementeens by Clementeens.

7 In the area of cultivating good physical habits, Clementeens will learn to be mindful of the food we consume. They will also have the opportunities to participate in exercise challenges during recess to keep their body active and explore new sporting activities such as Target Games.

8 To enhance psychological well-being, Clementeens will learn to focus on strengthening their resilience through thought reframing process, self-care as well as showing care and support for others.

International Friendship Week (Monday 10 April to Friday 14 April 2023)

9 International Friendship Day helps the world to overcome its challenges and complexity using the most basic form of human solidarity, friendship.

10 The theme for International Friendship Day this year is *Singapore in Asia*. Asia is made up of colourful and diverse cultures. Mutual understanding of each other's culture helps to promote regional peace through the acknowledgement and respect of cultural differences within the region.

11 This year, for International Friendship Day, students will get the opportunity to appreciate the culture of selected ASEAN countries through engaging booth activities during recess throughout the week. Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lesson will also portray how countries within the region help each other through different situations, highlighting the cooperation and solidarity of ASEAN.

Sec 2 to 5 Student Leadership Training (Thursday 13 April 2023)

12 There will be a Student Leadership Training session on the afternoon of 13 April 2023 for all student leaders of the various student leadership bodies. This is aimed at equipping the current student leaders with the requisite skills and knowledge for their roles for the upcoming Semester ahead. Secondary 4/5 students will also play a pivotal mentorship role as they reflect and evaluate their past year and identify areas for improvement in their work as they look to handover the responsibilities to their juniors. Their sharing of the expertise gained through their leadership journey will prove invaluable to the incoming student leaders and the newly combined Student Union.

43rd Speech and Prize-Giving Day (Thursday 27 April 2023)

13 CTSS is celebrating our 43rd Speech and Prize-Giving Day on Thursday, 27 April 2023. This would be our first full-scale celebration since the pandemic, and we are thankful to once again be able to invite our ex-Clementeans and parents of prize winners to attend the ceremony. Our Sec 2 and 3 Prize Giving Ceremony will be held during ASPIRE Time on Tuesdays, 2 and 9 May 2023.

Sec 4/5 CCA Stand-Down (Thursday, 27 April 2023) [Sec 4/5]

14 In view of the National Examinations for graduating students, Sec 4 and 5 students will hand over and stand down from their CCA after 27 April 2023. The National School Games (NSGs) have come to an end and the Singapore Youth Festivals (SYF) performances have been scheduled to take place from 30 March to 20 April.

Secondary 4/5 English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exams (Friday 5 May to Thursday 11 May)

15 The English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exams will be held from Friday 5 May to Thursday 11 May 2023, after curriculum hours. The marks for the oral exam will be included in the preliminary exam. Students will be informed of their individual date and time slot by their subject teachers.

Support for Sec 4/5 Students taking GCE 'O' Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Examination

16 The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus Written Examination will be held on Monday 29 May and Tuesday 30 May respectively. To better prepare our students for this written examination, the Mother Tongue department will be conducting the Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme for the graduating students who are taking the papers, from Monday 22 May to Thursday 25 May during school hours.

17 The department has also arranged after-school timed practices scheduled on Wednesday 3 May and Monday 15 May. All Sec 4 and 5 students who are taking the GCE 'O' Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Examination must attend the timed practices. Subject teachers will communicate the arrangements with the students accordingly.

Leadership Handover Ceremony (Thursday 25 May 2023)

18 The Leadership Handover Ceremony will be held on the morning of Thursday, 25 May, as part of the end-of-term programme to give due recognition to our Upper Secondary Student Leaders for their commitment and

leadership throughout the past year. It also marks an important juncture where the current leaders take a step back and allow for the new leaders to take over. We look forward to celebrating the achievements and growth of our Clementeens.

Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction (Thursday 25 May and Friday 26 May 2023)

19 Our Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction will be held via either phone call or Zoom (a video conference platform) this year. An announcement will be put up on Parents Gateway to invite you to register your mode of communication with the CCA Parent in May 2023. You may choose to meet the CCA Parent on either Thursday 25 May or Friday 26 May 2023.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS' SUPPORT

Safety and Security Related Matters

20 The school appreciates that the majority of our parents/guardians are cooperative and partners with us in ensuring the safety and security of our staff and students. We would like to remind parents/guardians on the following:

- a. Visitor Declaration. To enable the accounting of all visitors into the school compound, all visitors must register their particulars at the Security Guard Post. Do show our Security Guards any ID which can proof your identification. Upon clearance by the security guards, visitors MUST display the school visitor's sticker prominently on the upper right side of the shirt/blouse.
- b. No Parking/Waiting at the Foyer. Please be reminded that the road along the Foyer is meant to be a drop-off/pick-up point and not for parking or waiting. Parents/guardians can park their vehicles at Carpark A if your child/ward is not ready to board the vehicle. Do wait for your child inside the car and not at the foyer area.

21 I look forward to another school term of rich and meaningful learning together with our Clementeens. I also seek parents'/guardian's continued understanding and support to work with my staff as we nurture them holistically.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Rasidah Bte Rahim
Principal

(This is an electronic letter. No signature is required.)