



A Caring Community in a Challenging Learning Environment

Principal's Letter Term 2 2025

27 March 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians of Secondary One Students,

The theme for Term 2 is "Making Right Choices". The emphasis is on student self-directedness, and the personal responsibility in the choices. This builds on Term 1 focus on "Aspire to Be Their Best Self". We also encourage students to adopt a Growth Mindset and cultivate positive learning habits. We focus on time management and habit formation skills.

1. Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) Rollout and Experience

Your child/ward will be receiving the personal learning device on Wednesday, 2 April 2025. There will be an "unboxing" session in the afternoon from 2.45pm to 4.30pm. Beyond the installation process, the session aims to teach your child/ward the significance and responsibilities of owning a personal learning device. (See Annex A - Extracts from page 43 to 45 of the Student Handbook on responsible online behaviours and routines for personal learning device). Your child/ward is advised to return home immediately after the "unboxing" session.

On Thursday, 3 April 2025, your child/ward will attend an iPad skills workshop from 2.45pm to 3.45pm in school.

2. Sports Carnival 2025

The school is holding our annual Sports Carnival 2025 on Friday, 4 April 2025 on campus. This event gives all Riversidians the opportunity to apply the skills learnt in their PE curriculum through friendly inter-class competition. The event aims to impart important values of Sportsmanship, Fair Play, and Teamwork.

Reporting & Dismissal Timing

Students are to be in school by 7.25am and they will be dismissed by 12.30 pm. There will be no CCA on that day.

Attire

Students are required to report to school in half-uniform and then change into the school PE T-shirt or RISE T-shirt with school PE shorts for the event. Sports shoes (with black socks only) are allowed.

For further clarification, please contact Miss Cheoh Pin, HOD/PE&CCA at 62699631.

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3. Term 2 Assessment

(a) Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2) from 28 April 2025 to 9 May 2025

WA is part of continuous assessment of learning and will take place during time-tabled lesson time. Please refer to Annex B for the WA2 schedule.

Students who are unwell and unable to take the WA must produce a medical certificate (MC) upon return from school. There will be no re-sitting of the paper for students and the WA will be given as a practice assignment.

(b) End-of-Semester Assessment for Geography on 7 May 2025

As shared in the Term 1 letter, lower secondary Geography and History is taught by semester. The end-of-semester assessment for Geography will be conducted on 7 May 2025. Duration is 1 hour 15 minutes.

4. Riverside Integrated Skills Experience (RISE) – Secondary One Cohort Camp

Riverside’s signature RISE programme (Riverside Integrated Skills Experience) is an annual cohort-level programme that aims to systematically develop a range of self-management, socio-emotional, thinking, digital skills and other 21st century competencies in Riversidians. Normal lessons will be suspended during this period.

In the first year, students explore their personal strengths and begin their RISE journey through the cohort camp. The camp will be held from 21 – 23 May 2025. More information on the camp will be shared at a later date.

5. Key School Events in Term 2

Term/Week	Date	Activity
2/2	31 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa holiday
2/2	2 Apr 3 Apr	Secondary 1 PDLP Rollout and Experience <i>(Sec 1 students will stay back in the afternoon for the ‘unboxing’ session and iPad skills workshop on 2 April and 3 April respectively.)</i>
2/2	4 Apr	Sports Carnival

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Term/Week	Date	Activity
2/3	10 Apr	Home-based Learning Day (HBL Day) <i>(Students do not need to report to school)</i>
2/4	18 Apr	Good Friday holiday
2/5	24 Apr	Home-based Learning Day (HBL Day) <i>(Students do not need to report to school)</i>
2/6 – 2/7	28 Apr – 9 May 7 May	Weighted Assessment 2 Geography End-of-Semester Assessment
2/6	1 May	Labour Day holiday
2/7	6 May	Home-based Learning Day (HBL Day) <i>(Students do not need to report to school)</i>
2/7	9 May	Speech Day
2/8	12 May	Vesak Day holiday
2/9	19 May – 20 May	Sec 3 Riverside Model United Nations (RSMUN)
2/9	21 May – 23 May	Riverside Integrated Skills Experience I (RISE I)
2/10	30 May	Secondary 1 – 5 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference by Form Classes <i>(Face-to-face)</i>
Term break	2 June	O-level Mother Tongue Language Examination
Term break	3 June – 5 June	Sec 4 – 5 Supplementary Lessons

6. School-Home Partnership

We share a common goal to raise a happy, confident child and let us work collectively on these areas :

- Respectful communication : Foster kind words and actions between parents and educators
- Role model : Show our children the skills and values they need for life
- Real connections : Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in the digital age

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My staff and I look forward to working closely in partnership with you to support the holistic development of your child/ward.

Yours sincerely,

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