

15 May 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Two Students,

UPDATES FOR END OF TERM 2

With Term 2 coming to an end soon, we would like to share with you the following updates on end of term programmes, the upcoming school holidays, as well as back to school matters for Term 3. We hope that you and your teen will find this information useful.

A. 2025 Speech & Prize Presentation Day

1. As shared in school's PG announcement "General Election 2025 – Adjustments to school events/ calendar" sent on Wed 23 Apr, our school's 43rd Speech and Prize Presentation Day has been rescheduled to **Fri 23 May**. The event will take place from 4.00pm to 6.30pm in the school hall.
2. Please note that lessons will carry on as usual from 7.30am to 12.30pm. However, there will be no CCA that afternoon. Students not involved in Speech and Prize Presentation Day are requested to leave the school following dismissal to allow for preparations to be made for the event.
3. Students involved in Speech and Prize Presentation Day (e.g. emcees, marching contingent, CCA performers, prize winners, student helpers, etc.) have been informed of the change in date. They have also been informed that there will be a final rehearsal on **Tue 20 May from 3.30pm to 6pm** due to the rescheduling.

B. Bowen FIESTA (Mid-Year) 2025

4. To help students unwind after term assessments and allow them to benefit from a broad range of learning activities, the mid-year Bowen FIESTA (Fun, Interactive, Educational and STructured Activities) will take place on **Wed 28 May and Thu 29 May**. These activities aim to enrich our students' schooling experience and are compulsory for all students. Students will report to school by the usual time of 7.30am for flag-raising and dismissal will be staggered across levels.
5. The details of the activities are as follows:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
Wed 28 May	7.30am – 10.30am (Recess: 9.00am – 9.30am)	Form Teacher Quality Time & Gotong Royong	School	All Sec 2 Classes	Attire: PE attire Items to bring: Rag for classroom cleaning, money for recess, stationery, water bottle and sports towel
	10.30am – 1.00pm	Games Day	ISH		

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
Thu 29 May	7.30am – 12.00pm	Sports Discovery	School	2 Topaz 2 Sapphire 2 Peridot 2 Amethyst	Attire: PE attire Items to bring: Stationery, water bottle, money for recess and sports towel
	(Recess: 9.30am – 10.00am)	Emazing Race		2 Ruby 2 Kunzite 2 Larimar 2 Emerald	
	12.00pm – 12.30pm	Issuance of Result Slips*		All Classes	

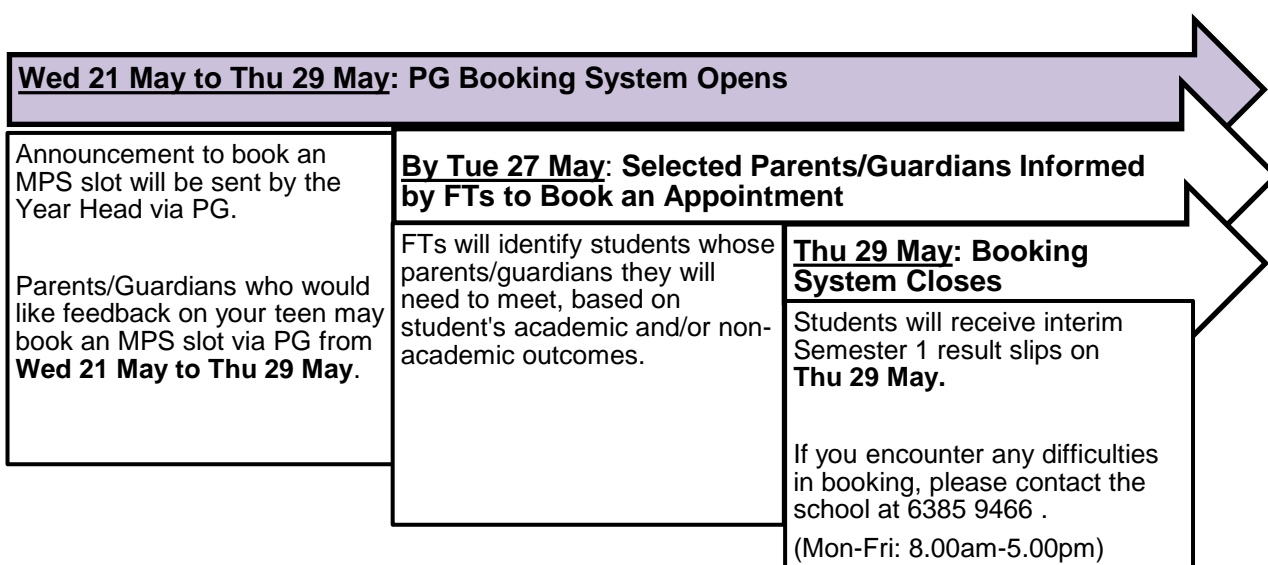
**Please note that with changes to the Term Assessment Schedule (and results processing timeline) due to the 2025 General Elections, students will be issued interim result slips on Thu 29 May. The official Semester 1 result slips will be issued to students at the start of Term 3.*

C. Day X – Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Programme

- Day X is a career exploration programme which aims to kickstart Sec 2 students' journey of career exploration – supporting them to find motivation, identify possible options, and over time develop a better sense of direction towards a meaningful career.
- This fun and accessible programme will take our students through a combination of hands-on job taster experiences and authentic conversations with real-world working professionals.
- It will be held in school in collaboration with our ECG partners on **Tue 27 May** from **8.00am to 12.30pm**. Attendance is compulsory. Students will need to bring their PLDs that day for the programme and they will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

D. Meet-the-Parents Session

- The Semester 1 Meet-the-Parents Session (MPS) provides a platform for Form Teachers (FTs) to provide parents/guardians with feedback on your teen's progress and development in the affective, cognitive, social and physical domains.
- The MPS for Sec 2 students will be held on **Fri 30 May**, from **8.00am to 5.00pm** (last slot will be at 4.30pm). Parents/guardians who would like to meet up with the FTs regarding your teen or have been informed by FTs of a need to meet based on the student's academic and/or non-academic outcomes may book a slot via Parents' Gateway (PG) between **Wed 21 May** and **Thu 29 May**. To facilitate the smooth and timely conduct of the MPS, you are requested to avoid coming to meet the FTs if you have not made an appointment (and arrange to meet them at another time if necessary).
- Please refer to the diagram for key booking dates and the attached PG Mobile App Meetings Feature User Guide to learn more about how to book the appointment.



12. **IMPORTANT:** For purposeful conversations during MPS, students must be present with their parents at the appointment with the FTs. Students whose parents are not meeting the FTs need not report to school on **Fri 30 May**.
13. The progression of students from one level of learning to the next is based on the year-long assessment of whether students have attained the required foundation to cope with and benefit from the next level. Students will need to meet the following academic requirements to promote to Sec 3 level:
- **Pass EL and 2 subjects OR**
 - **At least half the total number of examinable subjects offered**

Students who do not meet the academic requirements will receive tailored support to calibrate their curricular load at Sec 3 which includes reducing the number of subjects offered and/or offering selected subjects at less demanding level.

E. 2025 Sec 3 Subject Combination Trial Exercise

14. As shared at the Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing for Parents/Guardians on Wed 12 Mar, there will be a briefing and Virtual Gallery Walk for subjects at Upper Secondary level for current Sec 2 students on Thu 22 May. This will support students for the Subject Combination Trial Exercise conducted between **Thu 22 May and Mon 26 May**. They will be able to get a sense of their eligibility for the various combinations based on their academic progress thus far, and the school will also be able to understand students' preferences. In the Trial Exercise, students will be allocated their combination based on their Sec 1 End of Year results. The actual Subject Combination Exercise will be conducted in October, after the year-end exams (the Trial will have no bearing on the actual combination the students are allocated in October).
15. The Ministry of Education has designated four schools to serve as centres to offer G3 Computing as an elective subject to Sec 3 students from 2026. Eligible Sec 2 students will be invited to apply and students who meet MOE's selection criteria may be offered a place, subject to demand and availability of resources. We will be providing further information on offering G3 Computing at designated centres separately.

16. We would also like to take this opportunity to share again that Bowenians have the option to take subjects at a More Demanding Level (MDL) or Less Demanding Level (LDL), if they meet the required academic criteria. This will help them fully benefit from the flexibility and customisation under Full Subject Based Banding. For example, they can pursue their interests and experience the joy of learning, while acquiring knowledge and skills that will support them in their post-secondary aspirations.
17. All the necessary information is available to students and to you via <https://linktr.ee/bowensec2>. Do invest time to read the materials and talk to your teen about their post-secondary aspirations. Your teen should spend time thinking about his/her post-secondary education and career options, discuss with you to seek your advice and opt for his/her preferred combinations according to his/her interests and future education/career directions.
18. Your teen should aspire and strive towards their desired combination. If your teen is allocated a combination which may not be his/her ideal choice, please be assured that all the subject combinations we offer will equip him/her for future learning in post-secondary institutions.

F. May/June School Holidays

19. The last day of school for Term 2 is **Fri 30 May**, and the May/June school holidays are scheduled from **Sat 31 May to Sun 29 Jun**. Your teen may be required to attend CCA activities or other school programmes during the June holidays. If so, you will be informed through the relevant letters to parents.
20. To ensure that our students and staff have sufficient time and space to rest and recharge in the holidays, **Student Protected Time will be from Tue 10 Jun to Mon 23 Jun (both dates inclusive)** where there will be no school activities. Please note that **Mon 9 Jun** is a Designated Off-In-Lieu (DOIL) for Hari Raya Haji.
21. During the school holidays, we hope that parents/guardians will continue to manage your teen's usage of electronic devices. Please step in strongly to help your teen develop self-discipline to avoid long hours on their devices.
 - Keep up your daily monitoring of their usage.
 - Have purposeful conversations with your teen about appropriate use of and length of time spent on electronic devices to help them understand why you may need to limit their use. In addition, prolonged use during the school holiday will also make it difficult to reduce the usage when the new school term starts.
 - Help them to spend a balanced amount of time on other areas like reading, physical fitness or even volunteer work.
22. Please reinforce **Cyber Wellness** and actively guide your teen to navigate cyberspace safely. Tips on how you can care for teen's cyberwellness and digital literacy at home can be found in the **MOE Parent Kit** on [Raising a Digitally Smart Child](#). Check-in with your teen regularly if he/she is experiencing Cyberbullying, or notice Cyberbullying or other inappropriate online behaviours, and step in if necessary.
23. **Physical activity** helps children grow, maintain a healthy weight and have fun. Please encourage your teen to work towards the daily goal of 10,000 steps a day. For ideas on how to help your family eat healthily, get active and reduce screen time, please visit [Healthhub \(Live Healthy\)](#).
24. With the start of the holidays round the corner, we will be reminding students to spend their time meaningfully, keep safe and stay away from undesirable influences or activities (e.g. long hours on

the Internet, 'outside friends' that may be a negative influence). Your strong guidance can ensure that your teen makes the best use of their time.

25. Please check-in on your teen regularly about his/her mental **well-being** and support him/her as necessary. Tips on building mental well-being of children and youth can be found via this link: [Healthhub \(MindSG\)](#). Should you require urgent assistance, please contact the Mental Health Helpline at 6389 2222 or Samaritans of Singapore at 1800 221 4444.

G. Travel Declaration

26. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your teen **only if he/she intends** to travel during the holidays.
27. To make a travel declaration for your teen via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to **[SERVICES >, DECLARE TRAVELS]**. Please declare your teen's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Fri 30 May**. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration. If your teen is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.
28. When planning your travel, please refer to [ICA Website \(Entering, Transiting and Departing\)](#) for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration (e.g. change in travel date(s)/destination), please submit a new travel declaration via PG. If travel plan(s) are cancelled, please inform the school as well.

H. Start of Term 3

29. Please note that Term 3 begins on **Mon 30 Jun**. Students should report for school as usual by 7.30am in full school uniform (without tie) or school polo t-shirt with school pants/skirts and proper grooming.
30. The Semester 2 Timetable will be available on the school website on **Fri 27 Jun**. Students are expected to have the necessary learning materials ready based on the Semester 2 Timetable when they report to school on **Mon 30 Jun**.
31. For further clarifications, please contact Mrs Chan Soo Yong (Year Head/Sec 2) at Tel: 6385 9466 or Email: lim_soo_yong@schools.gov.sg.

Wishing you and your teen a restful and fulfilling June holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Loh Chih Hui
Principal

Use of photographs and video images

Photographs or video images of students, parents and visitors may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, enrichment activities, CCA activities, camps, etc. The school may use and publish such photographs or video images in school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels.