

15 September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary Two Students,

## WELCOME TO TERM 4 2025

We hope that your teen had a meaningful and restful September holiday, and you were able to spend some quality time with him/her. As we enter the final term of 2025, we would like to provide you with key updates and information on events/programmes in Term 4 for our Sec 2 students.

### A. CCA Matters

1. CCA activities have stood down from **Tue 26 Aug** to help students to prepare for the End-of-Year Examinations. CCA activities will resume from **Fri 10 Oct**.

### B. End-of-Year Examinations

2. The End-of-Year (EOY) Examinations for Sec 2 students will take place in Weeks 2 - 4, **Mon 22 Sep to Mon 6 Oct**. Please refer to the notification sent on **Mon 18 Aug** via Parents Gateway for the detailed End-of-Year Examination schedule.
3. Teachers have informed students of the topics tested for their EOY Examinations and the formats of the papers for each subject. The details have also been put up on class notice boards as well as sent to students via Google Classroom.
4. As part of revision, practice papers will be provided to help students familiarise themselves with examination format/demand and build confidence. These practice papers may be administered during lessons or as homework. Subject teachers will instruct and guide the students accordingly.
5. While examinations serve as one main avenue for teachers and students to assess learning progress, they are not the be-all and end-all of education. We look forward to continuing to partner with you to nurture the joy of learning in our students, support their holistic development, and help them see assessments as opportunities to surpass themselves.

### C. Bowen October FIESTA (End-of-Year Post-Examination Activities)

6. The year-end Bowen FIESTA will take place from **Thu 23 Oct to Fri 24 Oct**. These activities aim to enrich our students' learning experiences and are compulsory for all students. The details of the activities for Sec 2 students are as follows:

Date	Time	Programme	Venue	Classes involved	Remarks
<b>Thu 23 Oct</b>	7.30am – 7.40am	Flag Raising	In school	All Sec 2 classes	Students can report to school in their PE attire/class T-
	7.40am – 10.00am	Games Day (Football)			

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	10.00am – 10.30am	Recess			shirts and school shorts/skirts and running shoes.  Items to bring: Stationery, water bottle, sports towel, rags and dry cloth for cleaning.
	10.30am – 11.30am	Gotong Royong			
	11.30am – 12.30pm	Form Teacher Time			
<b>Fri 24 Oct</b>	7.30am – 7.45am	Flag-Raising and Form Teacher Time	Classrooms	2 Ruby 2 Kunzite 2 Larimar 2 Emerald	Students can report to school in their PE attire/class T-shirts and school shorts/skirts and running shoes.  Items to bring: Stationery, water bottle, sports towel.
	7.45am – 9.15am	Sports Discovery #1	Hall, ISH Level 1 and Classrooms		
	9.15am – 9.45am	Recess	Canteen		
	9.45am – 11.30am	Sports Discovery #2 + Reflection	Hall, ISH Level 1 and Classrooms		
	11.30am – 12.00pm	Issuance of Report Books	Classrooms		
	7.30am – 8.00am	Flag-Raising and Form Teacher Time	Classrooms	2 Topaz 2 Sapphire 2 Peridot 2 Amethyst	
	8.00am – 9.30am	Emazing Race	Lecture Theatre, Library, FCE Hub and Classrooms		
	9.30am – 10.00am	Recess	Canteen		
	10.00am – 11.30am	Emazing Race	Lecture Theatre, Library, FCE Hub and Classrooms		
	11.30am – 12.00pm	Issuance of Report Books	Classrooms		

### D. 3-Day Conversational Chinese/ Malay (CCM) Programme

7. Our Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Department will be conducting the annual Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme. CCM is an established MOE programme that introduces Conversational Chinese or Conversational Malay to students who do not speak the language (e.g. to Malay or Indian students / to Chinese or Indian students respectively). Through CCM, students will gain a basic understanding of the respective languages, to enable them to strengthen bonds with their peers as well as operate comfortably within the region.
8. For students who will be signing up for the programme, it will be conducted from **Mon 27 Oct** to **Wed 29 Oct** in school, from 8.00am to 12.00pm. Further details on CCM will be given to students by their MTL teachers at a later date.

### E. 2026 Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise

9. The schedule for the Secondary 3 Subject Combination Exercise is shown below. We would appreciate it if you could take some time to discuss with and guide your teen in making informed choices.

Item	Date	Remarks
Final Briefing	<b>Tue 21 Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By <b>Tue 21 Oct</b>, all EOY exam papers will be returned. Students will have the full picture of their exam performance. If they are unsure of how to calculate their overall results (e.g. if there is Paper 1 and Paper 2), they should approach their subject teachers for assistance.</li> </ul>
Indication of Options (online)	<b>Thu 23 Oct (8:00am) to Mon 27 Oct (5:00pm)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Sec 3 subject combination allocation is based on EOY exam results only.</b> Students should make their options based on their examination performance, as that is the most up-to-date assessment of their progress.</li> <li>Students are to submit their options by clicking on the form link at <a href="https://linktr.ee/bowensec2">https://linktr.ee/bowensec2</a>.</li> <li>The online subject combination form will also indicate individual student's eligibility for different combinations.</li> <li>Report Books will be given out on <b>Fri 24 Oct</b>. Students should already have sufficient information before that to think carefully about their options.</li> <li><b>The school is unable to allow students to trial out subject combinations during the new school year.</b></li> <li><b>Students are advised to use the week leading up to the start of the Exercise on Thu 23 Oct to think about the options and discuss with parents/guardians.</b></li> <li>The online form will be closed on <b>Mon 27 Oct, at 5:00pm sharp.</b></li> </ul>

Item	Date	Remarks
Release of Results (online)	<b>Fri 7 Nov (8:00am)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be able to check the allocation results via <a href="https://linktr.ee/bowensec2">https://linktr.ee/bowensec2</a>.</li> </ul>
Appeal Phase	<b>Fri 7 Nov (8:00am) to Mon 10 Nov (12:00pm)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students who wish to appeal may submit their appeals via an online form.</li> <li><b>Only appeals with strong grounds and sound reasons that take into account students' progress / developmental needs will be considered, subject to availability of places.</b></li> <li>All appeals must have parent's/guardian's online endorsement. If your teen wishes to appeal, please take time to talk the matter through with him/her so he/she is clear about his/her decision-making.</li> </ul>
Release of Appeal Results (online)	<b>Mon 17 Nov (12:00pm)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be able to check the appeal results via the same online system used for selection of options.</li> <li>No further appeals will be accepted.</li> </ul>

## F. Other Matters and Overview of Activities

- To minimise disruption to the curriculum, Sec 2 students will be having their medical examination in school for the 2026 MOE-OBS programme during the scheduled school HBL day on **Wed 15 Oct** between 8.00am to 2.00pm. More details on the medical examination schedule, which will include your teen's class reporting and dismissal time, will be provided closer to the date.
- Sec 2 students will be dismissed at **12.30pm** from **Thu 16 Oct** to **Wed 22 Oct** due to the start of the GCE O-Level Written Examinations in the afternoons. For **Thu 23 Oct** and **Fri 24 Oct** (FIESTA activities), dismissal will be at **12.30pm** and **12.00pm** respectively.
- Report Books for Sec 2 students will be issued on **Fri 24 Oct**. Parents/guardians will not generally be invited to meet Form Teachers (FTs); but if you would like to talk to the FTs, you are welcome to contact them directly. FTs will be calling or arranging for face-to-face/video conferences with parents/guardians of selected students to provide feedback on their teen's progress and development.
- The year-end school holidays are scheduled from **Sat 25 Oct 2025** to **Thu 1 Jan 2026**. The last day of school will be **Fri 24 Oct**. In addition to the CCM programme for Sec 2 students, teachers may ask selected students to return to school to provide additional support on a needs basis, between the last week of October and Student Protected Time in November (see below). Students involved and their parents/guardians will be notified.
- To allow our students more time and space to rest and recharge, Student Protected Time will be from **Sat 22 Nov** to **Wed 17 Dec** (both dates inclusive) during which there will not be any school activities (e.g. no CCA activities).

15. Please refer to the table below for an overview of activities till the end of the year:

Date/Days	Programme / Activity	Remarks
<b>Mon 22 Sep to Mon 6 Oct</b>	End-of-Year Examinations	Please refer to the detailed schedule sent on <b>Mon 18 Aug</b> via Parents Gateway.
<b>Tue 7 Oct</b>	Marking Day	Students <b><u>need not</u></b> report to school.
<b>Wed 8 Oct</b>	Timetable resumes as per normal	Students report for morning assembly by 7.30am as per normal, in the usual school attire.
<b>Fri 10 Oct</b>	CCAs resume	-
<b>Wed 15 Oct</b>	Home-based Learning for Sec 1-3 2026 MOE-OBS programme medical examination for Sec 2 students	Detailed schedule for the medical examination will be provided closer to the date.
<b>Thu 16 Oct to Wed 22 Oct</b>	Lessons will end at <b>12.30pm</b> to facilitate the GCE O-Level Written Examinations in the afternoons	-
<b>Fri 17 Oct</b>	Annual Progression Exercise (meetings for teachers)	Students <b><u>need not</u></b> report to school.
<b>Thu 23 Oct to Fri 24 Oct</b>	Bowen FIESTA	Please refer to <b>Section C</b> for details.
<b>Sat 22 Nov to Wed 17 Dec</b>	Student Protected Time	Both dates inclusive.

16. The first day of **Term 1 2026** is on **Fri 2 Jan 2026**. Students will be expected to report to school by **7.30am** appropriately attired in full school uniform (without tie), with proper grooming. School will end at **12.30pm**.

17. For regular updates on school programmes and the happenings in and around the school, feel free to check our school website, and follow us on the school's official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bowensec> or our official Instagram account **@bowensec\_official**.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering us closely as we nurture our students to be future-ready Passionate Learners, Servant Leaders and Champions of Good. Wishing you a good Term 4 ahead!

Yours faithfully,



Mr Loh Chih Hui  
Principal

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