



20 May 2019

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Thanksgiving for Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with a heart of praise and thanksgiving that I write this letter at the half-year mark of our school's journey through this academic year. I want to thank all parents who have been a consistent source of support and encouragement. We get to hear how you have noticed that your daughter has grown... or how she enjoys coming to school... or how she has become more confident as she leads in her CCA, class or school projects etc. Thank you for encouraging our hearts as we continue to do our best in caring for the girls.

### 1. Rollout of Parents Gateway

PLMGS(Sec) will be transiting to the Parents Gateway app to replace our current hard copy and email communications with parents. We will be doing so through two phases:

- **(Phase 1)** From Term 2 Week 9, 2019 - Announcements for school, cohort and CCA activities will be sent to you via Parents Gateway.
- **(Phase 2)** From Term 3, 2019 – ALL Announcements and Consent Forms for school, cohort and CCA activities will be sent to you via Parents Gateway.

Hard copy letters or Consent Forms will not to be issued from Term 3, 2019. All parents are strongly encouraged to download the Parents Gateway app into your mobile devices to continue to communicate with the teachers.

### 2. Start of the DSA-JC, EAE-Poly (4E/5N students), EAE-ITE (4NT students)

Sec 4 and 5 PL-Lites interested in applying for Direct School Admission (DSA) to Junior Colleges (JCs) for admission in 2020 may do so from May 2019. Separately, applications for early admission to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and polytechnics based on course-specific aptitude and interests will start in May and June 2019 respectively. O-Level PL-Lites can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise and EAE-Poly concurrently. However, they may accept only one offer i.e. either a DSA-JC or EAE-Poly offer.

Please refer to the following websites for more information.

- **DSA-JC (4E/5N students):** <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-jc>
- **Poly-EAE (4E/5N students):** <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg/eaeStudIns/menu.jsp>
- **ITE-EAE(4NT students):** [www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg)



### 3. Travel Declaration & Monitoring of Health after June holidays

If you are travelling during the June holidays, please remind your daughters to submit an indication of the country of travel on the PLMGS(Sec) School Portal ('Ask n Learn') for our records. Do remind her to continue to monitor her health and seek medical advice, if she is unwell upon returning to school after the June holidays. For subsequent travel declarations, parents will be directed to use the Travel Declaration feature in Parents Gateway (PG) to indicate travel destinations before the year-end school holidays.

### 4. Preparation for Teacher-Meet-Parents (TMP) 2019

Our school's TMP will be held on **30 May 2019 (Thursday), 8.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.** (*Lunch Break for teachers: 12 noon – 12.45 p.m.*). Sec 3, 4 & 5 TMP sessions will be held at the Shaw Hall; and Sec 1 & 2 TMP sessions will be held at the Parade Square. The PLMGS(Sec) Post-Secondary Education Institutions (PSEI) Fair will be held in our Canteen from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Representatives from Polytechnics, Junior Colleges, Laselle, NAFA, and ITE, will be available to explain the post-secondary courses to all.

TMP sessions provide a platform for teachers and parents to communicate on our PL-Lites' growth and to further deepen our home-school partnership. It is also a platform for all parents to glean knowledge so that you can help give advice to the girls on their growth and discuss how to meet their aspirations. Parents are strongly encouraged to bring your daughter to meet up with the teachers during the TMP and to visit the PSEI fair together.

Please be reminded to park your vehicles at the nearby HDB carparks, as the school parade square will be used for the TMP.

Rather than to just discuss your daughter's academic progress, we encourage all parents to plan to ask the following 5 questions during the TMP: <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/top-5-questions-teachers-wish-parents-would-ask-them>

### 5. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 3

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 3, 2019:

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Honour Our Youth	1 Jul 2019 (Mon)	School Reopens Welcome Assembly
	1 – 5 Jul 2019	Sec 3 MOE-OBS Challenge Programme
	1 – 4 Jul 2019	Sec 2NA & 2NT- Elective Modules
	5 Jul 2019 (Fri)	SAF Rededication Day
	6 Jul 2019 (Sat)	4 <sup>th</sup> Coy GB 80th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner
	7 - 8 Jul 2019 (Sun - Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday
	<b>9 – 22 Jul 2019</b>	<b>National GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Oral Exams</b>
	<b>11 – 18 Jul 2019</b>	<b>National GCE N(A) English Oral Exams</b>
	19 Jul 2019 (Fri)	Racial Harmony Day SSO Performance at PLMGS
	20 Jul 2019 (Sat)	Student Leadership Conference: 'Women of Honour'
	24 – 26 Jul 2019	Leadership Week
	<b>23 Jul 2019 (Tue)</b>	<b>National GCE O-Level MT &amp; MTB LC Exam</b>
	26 Jul 2019 (Fri)	Installation of CCA Leaders
	<b>29 Jul – 2 Aug 2019</b>	<b>National GCE O-Level HMT Oral Exam</b>
	<b>30 Jul – 2 Aug 2019</b>	<b>National GCE N(A) MT Oral Exams</b>

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Honour Effort (Be Innovative, Be Outward Focused)	8 Aug 2019 (Thu)	National Day Celebrations & Prize-giving Ceremony
	9 Aug 2019 (Fri)	National Day holiday
	11-12 Aug 2019 (Sun–Mon)	Hari Raya Haji Holidays
	<b>13 – 27 Aug 2019</b>	<b>National GCE O-Level English Oral Exam</b>
	14 – 26 Aug 2019	PLMGS(Sec) N-Level Prelim Exam
	22 Aug – 2 Sep 2019	PLMGS(Sec) O-Level Prelim Exam
	22 Aug 2019 (Thu)	E-Learning Day II
	28 - 30 Aug 2019	PLMGS(Sec) Sec 2 MT Oral Exam
	5 Sep 2019 (Thu)	Official Last day of Term 3 Farewell Assembly, ACES day and Teachers' Day Celebrations
	6 Sep 2019 (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday
	9 – 13 Sep 2019	Sep School Holidays
	9 – 10 Sep 2019 (Mon-Tue)	Sec 4N Intensive Revision

Every Mon morning 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session every third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room.
Every Tues & Fri 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	<i>Term 3 Night Study Programme @ School Library 'PL Book-tique'</i> will be held two times a week to pace our PL-Lites in their revision efforts as they work towards the year-end National or School-based Exams.

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs Quek*

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