



16 Sep 2019

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Term 4, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all!

We embark on a last stretch before the 2019 Academic year draws to an end in about 6 weeks. We look forward to working you to continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for our PL-Lites.

### 1. Post-Secondary Local Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education (MOE)

The MOE offers the following scholarships to outstanding students at the Post-Secondary/Pre-University levels:

- Art Elective Scholarship
- Bicultural Studies Programme Scholarship
- Humanities Scholarship
- Language Elective Scholarships
- MOE Pre-University Scholarship
- Music Elective Scholarship
- National Elective Tamil Language Programme Scholarship; and
- Regional Studies Scholarship

Information on eligibility criteria can be found at the MOE Local Scholarships website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/scholarships>. We encourage parents and girls to visit the website and explore possibilities.

### 2. LEAPS 2.0

I am happy to share that our girls have excelled holistically in the LEAPS 2.0. LEAPS 2.0 is an MOE framework which was set up to recognise secondary school students' holistic development. Our girls are recognised in four domains: **L**eadership, **A**chievement, **P**articipation and **S**ervice. The level of attainment will be converted to bonus point(s) which can be used for admission to Junior Colleges/ Polytechnics/ Institutes of Technical Education (JC/Poly/ITE). More details on LEAPS 2.0 can be downloaded from <https://www.moe.gov.sg/docs/default-source/document/education/programmes/co-curricular-activities/leaps-2.pdf>



We are thankful and proud that **over 87%** of our Sec 4/5 PL-Lites attained the **highest** ('Excellent') level of Co-Curricular attainment, which can be converted to 2 bonus points.

### **3. Planning the wise use of time during the upcoming 2019 Year-end School Holidays**

#### **(a) Youth Corps Volunteering Platform**

Youth Corps Singapore provides the volunteering opportunities for youths through service projects, with a focus on reaching out to causes such as education, environment, health, special needs, arts, sports and heritage. Participation in Youth Corps Volunteering programmes are self-driven and does not come under the purview of the teachers in our school. It is a good platform for girls who would like to look for avenues to make a difference through community service.

<https://www.youthcorps.sg/en>

#### **(b) Sec 3 Work Experience Programme (WEP)**

As part of our school's Education and Career Guidance (ECG) programme, we would like to invite you to participate in our Work Experience Programme (WEP) for our Sec 3 girls. WEP requires your daughter/ward and one or two of her friend(s) to shadow you at your work place for a period of 1 to 3 days during the November/December school holidays this year-end.

Through WEP, we hope to achieve the following objectives:

- To instill positive work attitudes and values as PL-Lites observe adults working in a professional setting.
- To help PL-Lites discover their own areas of interests and passion so that the girls will be able to establish a tentative educational plan and take actionable steps towards achieving their goals.

We encourage parents to help our girls grow and learn in different dimensions. In cases where parents are unable to have their daughter shadow them, they can ask for help from friends or relatives to provide opportunities for the girls.

Appeal for Partners - The school partners a few organisations to expose our girls to an area of work that they may be interested in. We are currently looking for more parents who can be our partners in providing Work Experience attachment for our girls. If you are able to host our Sec 3 students (15 years old and above) for a period of 3 - 5 days of job shadowing at your organisation, please fill in the '*Partner's Indication of Interest Form*' at <https://tinyurl.com/plmgss-wep>

More information on the WEP will be released to the Sec 3 girls at the end of the year.

### **4. Results of JC Direct School Admissions Exercises and Polytechnic/ITE Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)**

The following groups of graduating students have taken time and effort to apply for DSA or EAE in Jul/Aug 2019 and have received their results:

- Sec 4/5 O-Level students who applied for JC DSA  
A small group of girls were successful in their DSA applications to the JCs through their CCA talent areas.
- Sec 4/5 O-Level students who applied for Poly EAE  
62.5% of our Sec 4/5 O-Level girls who applied for Poly EAE, have received conditional offers for admission to their courses of choice prior to receiving their

results at the National Exams. Girls who are admitted through Poly EAE will have to meet the prevailing polytechnic admission criteria to confirm their conditional offers, which are:

- A net ELR2B2 score of 26 points or better for the GCE O-Level examinations; and
- Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) for the offered polytechnic course.

For more information on Poly EAE, please refer to <https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg/eaeStudIns/menu.jsp>

- Sec 4 NT students who applied for ITE EAE  
65% of our Sec 4 NT girls who applied for ITE EAE, have received conditional offers for admission to their course of choice prior to receiving their results at the National Exams. Students admitted through ITE EAE will have to meet the prevailing Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) for the offered ITE course.

For more information on ITE EAE, please refer to <https://tinyurl.com/y7hxbccg>

## 5. 2020 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the following URL for 2020 School terms and holidays:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/school-terms-and-holidays-for-2020>

Our school's protected holiday periods for staff and students in 2020 are:

- March hols – 18 to 20 Mar 2020 (*Girls involved in the 2020 National School Games may be required to come to school for additional practices.*)
- June hols – 8 to 20 Jun 2020
- Sept hols – 9 to 11 Sep 2020
- Nov/Dec hols – 23 Nov 2020 onwards (tentative)

## 6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 4

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 4, 2019:

*Note: Cells in grey are specific information relating to our Sec 4/5 PL-Lites  
Cells in **Bold** are Public or School Holidays*

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Honour Achievement (Be the Best We Can Be, Be Forward Looking)	11 Sept - 8 Oct 2019	Sec 1 - 3 CCA stand down season
	16 Sep 2019 (Mon)	Praying Parents Appreciation Breakfast
	16 – 25 Sep 2019 7 – 18 Oct 2019	GCE N-Level Written Exam <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2019gcenexamtimetable_25022019.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2019gcenexamtimetable_25022019.pdf</a>
	17 - 20 Sep 2019	Sec 3 EOY Science Practical Exam
	26 – 27 Sep 2019	Sec 3 EL and MT End-of-Year Exams
	27 Sep 2019 (Fri)	Sec 4 Baccalaureate Service Last Official day for 4N students (Study Break begins)
	30 Sep – 8 Oct 2019	Sec 1, Sec 2 and Sec 3 End-of-Year Exams

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	4 Oct 2019 (Fri)	<i>(Intensive lessons: - 30 Sept - 4 Oct 2019)</i> Last Official day for Sec 4.1, Sec 4.2 and Sec 4.3 (Study Break begins)
	8 Oct 2019 (Tue)	<i>(Intensive lessons: 30 Sept - 1 Oct, 4 Oct and 7 – 8 Oct)</i> Last Official Day for Sec 4.4, Sec 4.5 and Sec 5.1 (Study Break begins)
	2 – 8 Oct 2019	Intensive revision for selected group of 4E/5N students
	9 – 10 Oct 2019	Marking Days (Students do not need to report to school)
	11 Oct 2019 (Fri)	PLMGS 103rd Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service (All Sec 1- Sec 3 PL-Lites are to report to school)
	11 Oct 2019 (Fri)	PLMGS 103rd Founder's Day Thanksgiving and Reunion Dinner at Fairmont Singapore (Please sign up via this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/2SZav80">http://bit.ly/2SZav80</a> )
	19 Oct 2019 (Sat)	PSSG Family Day @ Sentosa (8.45 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
	21 Oct 2019 (Mon)	Parents Appreciation Breakfast
	21 Oct – 15 Nov 2019	GCE O-Level Written Exam <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2019gceoexamtimetable_09042019904a8759b0c1424c96287f07c451b768.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2019gceoexamtimetable_09042019904a8759b0c1424c96287f07c451b768.pdf</a>
	23 Oct 2019 (Wed)	Christmas Service
	24 Oct 2019 (Thur)	P6 Fun Day
	25 Oct 2019 (Fri)	Last Day of School for Sec 1-3 PL-Lites
	<b>27 &amp; 28 Oct 2019</b>	<b>Deepavali Holidays</b>
	2 Nov 2019 (Sat)	Talk for P6 Parents on "Understanding the Sec and Post-Sec education Landscape"
	4 - 7 Nov 2019	PL Mega Camp for Student Leaders
	18 Nov 2019 (Mon)	Cambridge Dinner (for Sec 4/5)
	21 - 25 Nov 2019	(Tentative) Release of 2019 PSLE results
	19 - 23 Dec 2019	(Tentative) Release of 2019 N-Level results <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/important-dates-for-candidates#board_1">https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/important-dates-for-candidates#board_1</a>
	20, 23 or 24 Dec 2019	(Tentative) Release of 2019 S1 posting results <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/national-examinations/national-exams-timetable#psle">https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/national-examinations/national-exams-timetable#psle</a> 2020 Sec 1 Reporting day - Next working day after release of posting results
	<b>24, 25 Dec 2019</b>	<b>Christmas Eve and Christmas Day</b>
	26, 27 and 30 Dec 2019	Prefects/Peer Lite Camp for Sec 1 Orientation Prep
In Praise and Gladness	<b>1 Jan 2020 (Wed)</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
	2 Jan 2020 (Thur)	(Week 0) First Day of the New 2020 Academic Year

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	13 – 15 Jan 2020	(Tentative) Release of 2019 O-Level results <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/important-dates-for-candidates#board_1">https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/important-dates-for-candidates#board_1</a>
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.
23 Sep – 4 Oct 2019 Every Mon - Fri 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.		<i>Term 4 Night Study Programme @ School Library 'PL Book-tique'</i> will be held everyday in Term 4 Week 2 and Week 3 to pace our PL-Lites in their revision efforts as they work towards the year-end National or School-based Exams. Please refer to the announcement on NSP on the schools' website or on Parent Gateway for details.

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,

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