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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all parents/guardians for your unwavering support as our girls manage the different activities that they have been involved in throughout these past weeks.

Many of our students have been experiencing the adrenaline rush preparing for and participating in the various National School Games, heats for the Sports Day and the #youarebeautiful concert on 1 March. Many thanks to parents/guardians for supporting your child/ward involved in all these activities that are such important aspects of school life. Besides learning in the classroom which offers a space for our students to be engaged and to explore their interests, this is a good opportunity for our girls to hone their time management skills, resilience and discipline. I trust that they will rise to the challenge!

As Term One draws to a close on Friday, 8 March, we look forward to our 2024 SMS(S) Sports Day. In addition to the exciting track events, fun races have been included to bring the whole school community together to celebrate a rejuvenated spirit of giving our best in whatever we do!

Our girls' well-being is key and we are grateful for your partnership. Do support your child/ward in taking care of herself during the March break and encourage her to rest and engage in activities she enjoys.

Travel Declaration for March Holidays

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, parents/guardians are required to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if she intends to travel for the holidays. The deadline for submission is **Friday, 8 March via Parents Gateway**. Only one parent is required to declare. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, **no action is required** on your side.

For All Students

1. #youarebeautiful Concert

Our concert, themed #youarebeautiful, will be held on **Friday, 1 March from 7.15pm to 8.30pm**. Thanks to your incredible support, we have had an overwhelming response to the sale of tickets. We are pleased to announce that the tickets are officially **sold out**.

The concert promises an evening of movement, music and drama as our Performing Arts groups take center stage showcasing their talent and artistry. The concert aims to deliver a message of self-love, acceptance and the beauty within each of us, and is a reminder that we are beautiful and loved.

For parents/guardians who have bought tickets to the event, we look forward to you joining us!

2. Sports Day

To encourage a positive attitude towards physical fitness, sportsmanship and holistic wellness, the school will be holding the 2024 SMS(S) Annual Sports Day at **St. Andrew's Junior College (SAJC) on Friday, 8 March**. Students are to report to the venue by 7.30am. The event is expected to end at 11.00am and students will be dismissed from the venue.

More information for parents/guardians has been sent via Parents Gateway on Friday, 23 February.

3. Adjustment to Timetable

To uniformly spread out the loss of curriculum time due to public holidays and school events that fall on Even Week Fridays in Semester 1 (e.g. Lunar New Year, Sports Day and Good Friday), the school will run the **Even Week Friday timetable** on **Monday, 4 March** and **Thursday, 28 March**.

4. Term 1 Progress Report

The Term 1 Progress Report for each student will be distributed in Term 2 Week 1. The report serves as a tool for parents/guardians to offer insights into their child's/ward's academic journey thus far. We hope parents/guardians will take this opportunity to encourage your child/ward and identify any learning gaps to provide the necessary support.

5. English Language Oral Examination

As part of the overall assessment in English Language, students will be required to sit an Oral Examination. The scores of this examination will be incorporated into the End-of-Year Examination for the Secondary 1 to 3 students and the Preliminary Examination for the Secondary 4 and 5 students. The schedule for the Oral Examination is shown in Annex A. Further details will be provided to the students by the English Language teachers prior to the examination.

6. CCA Sessions during the March Holidays

Students from selected CCAs are required to attend CCA sessions during the March holidays. The details will be made known to parents/guardians by the respective CCA teachers.

For Graduating Students Only

7. GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Exam Preparatory Session

In preparation for the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue examinations, a preparatory session will be conducted on **Monday, 11 March** for all Secondary 4 and 5 students who are sitting the GCE O-Level Chinese, Malay, Tamil, Higher Chinese and Higher Tamil examinations this year.

The lessons will take place in school from 8.00am to 12.30pm.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal

Annex A

English Language Oral Examination

Subject Level/Classes	Examination Period
Secondary 1 G2 & G3	Monday, 25 March – Friday, 5 April
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2 Love, 2 Joy, 2 Peace, 2 Patience, 2 Kindness, 2 Goodness & 2 Faithfulness	Monday, 15 April – Friday, 26 April
3 Temperance, 3 Gentleness, 3 Faithfulness, 3 Goodness, 3 Kindness, 3 Patience (SBB), 3 Peace (SBB) & 3 Joy (SBB)	Monday, 29 April – Tuesday, 30 April Thursday, 2 May & Monday, 6 May
3 Patience (non-SBB), 3 Peace (non-SBB), 3 Joy (non-SBB) & 3 Love	Monday, 29 April – Tuesday, 30 April & Thursday, 2 May
4 Temperance, 4 Gentleness, 4 Faithfulness, 4 Goodness, 4 Kindness, 4 Patience (SBB), 4 Peace (SBB), 4 Joy (SBB) & 5 Devotion	Monday, 6 May – Tuesday, 7 May Monday, 13 May – Tuesday, 14 May
4 Patience (non-SBB), 4 Peace (non-SBB), 4 Joy (non-SBB) & 4 Love (SBB)	Monday, 6 May – Tuesday, 7 May
4 Love (non-SBB)	Thursday, 9 May