



# St. Margaret's School (Secondary)

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## 1 February 2023

A Happy Lunar New Year! January offered our students varied learning experiences and, in particular, through our uniquely St. Margaret's Level Camps/Programmes, allowed them time to plan, reconnect, bond and chart their journey ahead. The students have also eased into school life and established routines. Additionally, I hope these activities in school have sparked many conversations at home! As we progress into the next half of Term 1, do check in with your daughters/wards on what aspects they have particularly enjoyed and also which areas they may need your support in.

Many of our students are currently preparing for and/or participating in the National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival. Let us work together to support them in managing their commitments so they can give of their best.

In January, the results of the GCE O-Level Examinations were released and we are proud of the performance of our 2022 Secondary Four Express and Secondary Five cohort! The support and encouragement from that of parents, the effort put in by our staff to prepare the students and the diligence and consistent hard work of the girls have borne fruit. Our students have many options for further education and we wish them the best.

### Safe Management Measures – Reminders

#### Practising Good Personal Hygiene and Exercising Social Responsibility

In addition to mask wearing being optional, students who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical attention. Do continue to encourage your daughters/wards to practise good personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility.

If a student has a household member who is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case, she should take the necessary precautions under Protocol 3 (i.e. test herself to be negative in a self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) during the 5-day self-monitoring period before leaving her home). She can attend school if self-tested negative on the ART daily and is well during her self-monitoring.

Refer to <https://www.covid.gov.sg> for the latest MOH 1-2-3 Protocols.

### 2022 GCE O-Level Examinations

Our 2022 graduating cohort achieved commendable results in the GCE O-Level Examinations. 96% of our Secondary 4 Express students qualified for admission to the Junior Colleges/Millennia Institute and 97% of them qualified for Polytechnic courses.

Our Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) students also did well with 27% of them qualifying for admission to the Junior Colleges/Millennia Institute and 73% of them qualifying for Polytechnic courses.

## For All Students

### 1. Support Structures for Student Well Being

To cater to the well-being of our students, the following support structures are available:

Support Structures	Opening Hours/Contact Details	Location
<b><u>Drop Inn Too</u></b> Students may have a chat with our Senior School Counsellor, Ms Cynthia Kong.	Mondays – Fridays By Appointment – ext. 223 or 104  E-appointment System <a href="https://go.gov.sg/SMSSCareLink">https://go.gov.sg/SMSSCareLink</a>	Classroom Block  (B02-13)
<b><u>The Lighthouse</u></b> Students may unwind with board games and card games during their <b>recess and lunch</b> .	Tuesdays and Thursdays (9.00am – 11.15am & 1.30pm – 3.30pm)  Wednesdays (10.00am – 12.20pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm)  Fridays (9.00am – 11.15am & 2.30pm – 4.00pm)	“Lighthouse” in the Canteen
<b><u>Education and Career Guidance (ECG)</u></b> Students/parents may get in touch with our school’s ECG Counsellor, Ms Ang Hui Min for their ECG queries.	Mondays and Tuesdays (7.30am to 5.00pm)  <u>Email</u> ang_hui_min@schools.gov.sg  <u>E-appointment System</u> <a href="https://go.gov.sg/smssecg">https://go.gov.sg/smssecg</a>	ECG Room in the Library

As you support and guide your child, do look out for any signs of distress or behavioural changes and connect with the Form and Subject teachers should you have any concerns about the learning and well-being of your daughters/wards.

### 2. Commemoration of Total Defence Day

The theme for Total Defence Day 2023 is “Total Defence and Me”, which aims to inspire our students to do their part to keep Singapore safe and strong. Through testimonies shared by various alumni and staff at our first whole-school Total Defence commemoration since the COVID-19 outbreak, students will witness how each individual has committed to strengthening the total defence of Singapore. Together as a St. Margaret’s family, we can play our part in building a strong, secure and cohesive nation, capable to deal with any crisis.

This year, we will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Friday, 17 February.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim  
Principal