Cohort Briefing for P3 Parents 2022

Partnering Parents



25 January 2022

Level Motto & Outcome

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Appreciate & Care

Level Outcome

Students are teamplayers who uphold values of adaptability and compassion

For our P3 children...

- O P3 Camp (in school)
 - With Outdoor elements
 - O1 Day
 - OTerm 1 Week 9 (4 March)
- P3 Lifeskills Learning Journey (9 May) → subject to COVID-19 advisories
- Speech and Drama
 - O Hands-on, participative, interactive, fun, relaxed
 - 100% by School Funding
 - O Within curriculum

Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

- All information pertaining to CCA recruitment has been sent to parents via Parents Gateway.
- O CCA commences in T1W6 for current members and T1W7 for new members. Individual schedule for CCAs will be sent by CCA teachers-in-charge.
- O Most CCAs will be conducted in-person, except for Choir and part of the Band
- O Band, Choir & Dance will be conducting CCA trials for new members of the CCA

Positive Discipline in BTPS

- O Positive Teacher Student Relationship (TSR) through 1 to 1 sessions and FTGP lessons.
- Restorative Circle time for pupils with conflicts.
- O Constant collaboration with parents and other stakeholders to support the pupils.
- O Intervention Plans to support pupils with needs.
- Anti-Bullying Lessons and Discussions.

No Mid-year Exam (SA1)

- OUse of weighted assessment in Term 1, 2 and 3 for English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue and Science
- One weighted assessment per subject per term

Weightage of Assessment

Subject/Weightage	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
English	Listening Comprehension 10%	Oral: Readers' Theatre 15%	Writing: Journal entry and Composition 15%	Semestral Assessment 60%
Mathematics	Topical Review 10%	Topical Review 15%	Topical Review 15%	Semestral Assessment 60%
Mother Tongue	Listening Comprehension 10%	Topical Review 15%	Paper 1 15%	Semestral Assessment 60%
Science	Topical Review 10%	Topical Review 15%	Journal 15%	Semestral Assessment 60%

BTPS Assessment Policy

- Students who are unwell will not be allowed to sit for the assessment. Please refrain from sending your child to school for assessments if he/she is unwell.
- All absences must be supported by a valid medical certificate from a registered clinic/hospital.
- There will be <u>no</u> 'make-up assessment' scheduled for the written components of SA1 and SA2.
- As oral assessment is conducted over a span of 3 days, your child will be allowed to take his/her oral assessment within the period of assessment.
- O There will be 'make-up assessment' for Weighted Assessments within 3 school days. Your child's teachers will inform him/her on the stipulated date/s for 'make-up assessment'.

Without mid-year exams, it is difficult to motivate my child to study. Besides, doesn't the removal of mid-year exams make the end-of-year exams even more stressful?

Assessments conducted at regular checkpoints <u>teach our children</u> <u>to take charge of their own learning</u>, which would benefit them in the long run. In fact, with too many exams, your child may end up feeling anxious and demotivated.

Besides, all school-based assessments, including year-end exams, are <u>not meant to be high stakes</u>. They are meant for school and teachers to assess how well their students have learnt and to identify areas the students may need support in.

With the removal of mid-year exam, how can I be kept updated of my child's progress in school so that I can continue to support his/her learning?

Through a <u>variety of assessments</u> conducted at regular checkpoints, teachers will provide <u>more timely feedback</u> on your child's learning. This is more effective than only receiving grades/marks at the end of the semester.

You can also draw different sources of information on your child's progress via:

- Teachers' written feedback provided through <u>daily classroom</u> <u>practices</u> such as, in-class work, homework, projects, class tests.
- Teachers' meeting with parents

How will school ensure that my child will have sufficient practice to be ready for national exams?

The removal of mid-year exams at P3 and P5 is only doing away with one exam every two years.

The <u>year-end</u> and <u>mid-year</u> exams in other academic <u>years</u>, as well as <u>other forms</u> of <u>assessments</u>, will continue to provide sufficient opportunities to assess your child's ability to apply their learning. Teachers will also provide <u>revision papers</u> in class to familiarise your child with the exam requirements during the course of the academic year.

Without exams, how can I continue to support my child in his/her learning?

Instead of periods of last minute cramming for exams, assessments conducted at regular checkpoints can provide our children with ongoing opportunities to consolidate their learning as they go.

- Draw a <u>regular study timetable</u> together with your child and guide them to keep to the schedule.
- Talk to your child about his/her learning in school. Help your child reflect on his/her learning so that he/she can remember better.
- <u>Use teachers' feedback</u> to learn about your child's strengths and areas of improvement, instead of focusing on the marks awarded.
- Affirm your child in areas he/she has done well and share ideas on how he/she can improve in the areas identified by teachers.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP)

About GEP

- Provides opportunities for the intellectually gifted to develop their potential further
- O Tentative schedule
 - O GEP Screening Exercise (only English and Mathematics)
 - O 17 August 2022 (Wednesday during curriculum time)
 - O GEP Selection Exercise (for invited ones only)
 - 0 18 and 19 October 2022
- O Details in July 2022

Communication with Teachers

- **OBT Kit**
- **O** Email
- OPhone call

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Subject Briefing

English Language / Mother Tongue / Mathematics / Science Curriculum

