



# Queensway Secondary School

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## Dear Parents/Guardians

Almost half of Term 2 has gone by and much has happened in our school. I take pleasure in sharing with you the following and look forward to your continued support of our school as we strive to educate your child/ward.

### Destination Imagination National Finals

To inspire and equip our students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders, our students participated in the Destination Imagination National Finals on 7 April 2018. Each Challenge is open-ended and enables student teams to learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation and to present their solutions to trained appraisers. Our Sec 2 student teams have performed well and gained confidence in their ability to solve any challenge.

- a) Scientific Challenge – 3<sup>rd</sup> position
- b) Engineering Challenge – 1<sup>st</sup> position
- c) Service Learning Challenge – 1<sup>st</sup> position

In working to solve the Challenges, our students learn 21<sup>st</sup> century skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship and courage) to build on their unique strengths. We are proud of their achievements!

### National Girls' B Division Football

Many of you would have heard of our Football Girls' team achievement in clinching the National title last Monday. We are extremely proud of our girls as they were convincing winners, being the only undefeated team in the National Schools championships and clinching for our school our 2<sup>nd</sup> B Division Girls title. The newspaper gave glowing compliments and reports of our young ladies and they deserved every bit of it, showing composure and determination in their bid to win. These girls were committed to training and developed a strong sense of teamwork, as they gave their very best. We congratulate the girls, their teachers-in-charge and the coach for doing themselves and our school proud.

### National Boys B Division Sepak Takraw

Barely 2 days after our girls' convincing win at the Finals, we had yet another National Schools Finals to cheer our school on, and this time, it was our boys' turn. They were up against a technically strong Assumption Pathway School team and it was clear that it would not be an easy task. Our 1<sup>st</sup> ragu lost their match, which was a first as our team has won every match they played till then. In a need-to-win 2<sup>nd</sup> ragu, the boys did not disappoint. They fought off a brave challenge from their opponents to clinch the match. It was now left to our 3<sup>rd</sup> ragu to win the title, and what a satisfying win it was. This team achieved a first, helping our school to clinch 3 consecutive B Division boys title in sepak takraw. Our congratulations to our boys, their teachers-in-charge and their coach, who also happens to be a Queensway Sec alumni! The skill and acrobatics we witnessed was testament to the hours of hard work that these young men committed themselves to and I believe the determination and fortitude they developed will auger them well for the future.

Aside from watching the above teams clinch their National titles, it was most satisfying seeing our staff and students rallying our teams on, when they were under pressure and celebrating the victory together with them. I also want to thank the parents/guardians of these students for the support and encouragement of their children.





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## Speech Day 2018 – Friday, 20 April 2018

As reflected in our school’s diary, we will commemorate our Speech Day on 20 April 2018. Your child/ward who are in the performing arts groups, uniformed groups and band have spent many hours preparing for this showcase. The school will be dismissed at 12.10 pm this Friday though our Sec 4 and 5 students will report back to school at 3.30 pm to be part of the celebrations. The programme will end by 6.30 pm.

We are honoured that Mr Danny Sin a member of the School Advisory Committee and also a Queensway Sec alumni would be our Guest-of-Honour, as we present awards to recipients of various awards that evening. We look forward to seeing those of you who will come to witness your child/ward receiving their recognition and award.

## CCA Stand-down and Extended Self-study Revision Time

To help our students prepare for the Mid-Year Examinations, CCA will stand down from 21 April 2018.

From 25 April till 3 May, we will be extending hours for our Upper Secondary students to study in the school Library or canteen. Teachers will be present to oversee this and give additional support and academic coaching to those who sign-up. Refreshments will also be provided, courtesy of our alumni, and I am very thankful for the support of our teachers and alumni to make this possible.

The following are some details of this Extended Study Time:

Week	Date / Day	Time	Afternoon Revision and Consultation
6	25, 26 and 27 April (Wed- Fri)	4:30pm – 7pm	Library and Canteen (refreshments will be provided) Students who need additional support are encouraged to sign up for consultation.
7	2 and 3 May (Wed & Thu)	4:30pm – 7pm	

## Conclusion

I was very much encouraged that 20 fathers of students in Queensway Sec attended the Dads@School Conference held in our school 2 Saturdays ago. I am very much looking forward to this group of fathers, together with others who are interested to form Dads@Queensway, so that we can foster stronger bonding for fathers and their children, building a strong bond for the family, and our family at QSS! If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact Mr Ivan Ho, HOD in-charge of Parents Support at [ho\\_chong\\_huat@moe.edu.sg](mailto:ho_chong_huat@moe.edu.sg)

As parents, we want to see our children achieve in their academics as well as in their CCA. This is also something we want for them. To support them in their efforts, I ask that you encourage them in how they use their time to meaningfully apply themselves to a rigour of studying, recreation and rest. When they can balance their time, they will grow to be healthier and wiser. In our school, we believe that the holistic development of each child will make them a better person. Let’s work together to support them in their effort to Succeed through Diligence!

Yours sincerely

  
Peter Tan Chong Tze  
Principal

