



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had a good start to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Semester 2 yesterday. It was good to have everyone in the school hall again for Assembly, like in the days before Covid. It was heartening indeed to see our students happily connecting with their peers and teachers. I am glad that our students are ready for the semester, and we look forward to a good semester ahead! It was good to see that the large majority of students were punctual and ready for school, and I expect those few students who arrived after 8 a.m. to adjust their arrangements, to be punctual for school after this.

## Commemorating Queens Week!

This is a special week for us to celebrate youths. The vibrancy and zest for life is something we hope to see in all our young people. As you know MOE commemorates Youth Day on the first Sunday of Term 3, and Monday 4 July is a school holiday for all students.

To add to the celebrations of youth, we have decided to commemorate the whole of Week 1 as **Queens Week!** Your child/ward will be in for a treat of ice-cream on Tuesday and popcorn on Wednesday. On Thursday, we are asking all staff and students to come dressed in something purple. All Sec 2 – 5 students have their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative T-shirt while Sec 1s have their Orientation T-shirts. Should your child/ward not be able to fit into these T-shirts, they could wear a purple themed T-shirt or polo shirt, as long as it does not have any offensive wording or images.

## Safe Management Measures (SMM)

While most SMM requirements have been relaxed, the wearing of masks in indoor spaces like the classrooms, school hall and canteen are required. Please do also continue to remind your child/ward not to share food and drinks with their friends. These are good measures that keep all of us safe from infections. Aside from COVID-19, wearing face masks keeps other viruses away from our family and loved ones, so do encourage the right habits.

Students who have fever or flu-like symptoms should not report to school until they are recovered. Those who test positive for COVID-19 should update their Class Mentors promptly. In line with MOH's Protocol 2, **vaccinated students may return to school from Day 8** even if they test positive on Day 8, provided they are feeling well. If they still feel unwell on Day 8, they are advised to seek medical attention. **Unvaccinated students who test positive may return to school from Day 15**. For clarity, Day 1 is taken as the first day of being tested positive.

## Temperature Check: Wednesday 29 June 2022

To ensure that we keep ourselves vigilant, all schools will conduct regular temperature checks of our students. This routine has helped to keep our students alert and be ready to respond to health challenges.

This term, the temperature checks for all students and staff will be conducted on Wednesday 29 June. I appreciate your reminding your child/ward to be responsible to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) that day as we conduct this exercise along with all schools in Singapore.

## Aesthetics Night: Friday 1 July 2022

I had earlier informed you that our Aesthetics Night will be held this Friday at the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Concert Hall at ACS (Barker Road). We are looking forward to an exciting night of our students' performances set in the



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context of travels around the world. In accordance with NAC SMMs, the event has **Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS)** in place. Guests must show proof of being fully vaccinated / having had COVID in the last 180 days / medically ineligible for vaccination. Unvaccinated guests may seek a refund with proof of their status (via TraceTogether / HealthHub) from the General Office by 15 July 2022.

To give our staff and students time to prepare for this, as we informed you earlier, Home-Based Learning will be held on this Friday too, so your child/ward need not report to school but will still have to carry out the Student Initiated Learning plan and other assigned work from their teacher. Do remind your child/ward that the timetable for next Friday 8 July will follow the schedule for Odd Week Friday.

## GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension: Tuesday 5 July 2022

As the GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension will be conducted next Tuesday, all **Sec 1 – 3 students will be dismissed at 1.30p.m.** that day to ensure that those taking their examinations will have a quiet environment. All CCAs for that day will also be cancelled. The students taking the examinations, including Higher Mother Tongue Sec 3 students, will be dismissed at 1 p.m. to take their lunch. They **are not allowed to leave school for lunch, but should take lunch in the canteen**, to ensure punctuality and a calm frame of mind before the examination. They should report to the examination venue **before 2.15 p.m.** for attendance taking. All students should show their entry proof and photo identification (either student concession travel card EZ Link card) at the start of the examination.

## Congratulations to our B Division Football Boys team

Just before the close of Semester 1, our football team played in the South Zone Finals against Bartley Secondary School. Our boys put up a good challenge but finished the competition as the Silver medallists. One of the distinctive aspects of this team is that they demonstrated good sportsmanship while playing hard. Throughout the whole competition, they were awarded only 1 yellow card. This is a fine achievement considering the number of matches they played, and their competitors and. They held their composure even when playing against teams that applied tactics that did not align with our values and they can certainly be proud of their fine achievement.

## Catch You Doing Great!

Also at the close of Semester 1, we recognised students who continued to press in on living our school's values of Discipline, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. I was glad to note that there were even more students who were nominated by their peers for setting a good example in real life, particularly in the area of Respect. Next, for this Term 3, we will be looking out for students who exemplify the value of Responsibility.

I would also like to share that we encourage our students to practise our school's values through their Actions, Behaviour and Conversations or in other words, the ABCs towards being a young person whom they, and we, can be proud of. To encourage your child/ ward in developing to become the Queenswayan gentleman or lady, do take note of your child's / ward's Actions, Behaviour and Conversations! Commend them whenever they do so, whether according to our school's values or other values that your family upholds. This will certainly help your child/ ward grow up right!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal