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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Time has certainly flown by and we are almost at the end of Term 3. As we close the term, we will celebrate a meaningful event, Teachers' Day, as we recognize the people who make a significant and positive difference to your child's/ward's lives. I will say more about this later.

Hot off-the-press!

I am pleased to share with you that our C-Division Football Girls team clinched the title to be crowned National Champions. This makes it the first time in QSS history that both our Football "B" and "C" Division teams clinched the National title in the same year. We want to congratulate our girls, their coach and teachers-in-charge for the effort invested in training and the determination displayed when they were on the field.

Both the Finals this year faced rain delay, with the B Girls having to play on another day, while in today's game, they had 24 minutes remaining in the match. Our girls were composed and determined, winning with a score of 6 – 0 over our challengers from Woodlands Sec School. Once again, our congratulations to the Queens of football at QSS!

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue 2019 Results

I am pleased to share with you that we received a fine set of results for our graduating students and we are most delighted for them. This is the aggregation of results from our Sec 4 Express, Sec 5 and Sec 4 Normal (Academic) students who offer the subject at O-Level.

The students were overjoyed that they attained 99% pass for Chinese and 100% pass for Malay and Tamil, which compares very favourably against the National pass rate. They also had good reason to celebrate, particularly for the students who took Chinese, as the Distinction rates was almost double that of those from the 2018 cohort. 24% of students who took Chinese attained a Distinction. For those who took Malay and Tamil, 17% attained a Distinction, which was comparable to those from the 2018 cohort.

We are delighted for those who have done well and heartened that a good number wants to attempt the subject at the year-end O-levels to improve their results. I also want to thank the Mother Tongue teachers for the effort and hard work with their charges to help them attain their outcomes.

Preparation for the GCE N-Level Examinations 2019

Our Sec 4 Normal (Academic) and (Technical) students have completed their Preliminary Examinations and received their outcomes this week. I encourage you to look at their attempt at the examination and encourage them to work hard towards their final outcomes at the GCE. Please note that the first set of GCE N-level examination papers will be conducted immediately after the September school holidays. Your child/ward has the entry proof indicating when the examinations are.





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In view of this, we have also informed our students that they are required to attend lessons on 9 and 10 September 2019. The schedule has been given to them. In addition, your child/ward is encouraged to join his/her peers in our Night Study Programme. As informed, they can make their orders for dinner at the school office.

Teachers' Day Celebrations – Thursday, 5 September 2019

Our school is blessed with many dedicated and caring teachers who go out of their way to guide their charges so as to develop them to be the “Caring Citizens and Life-long Learners” we desire every Queenswayan to be. Much of the teachers’ work may go unnoticed, as many perceive that when the school ends, teachers do not work anymore. Unseen to parents and students are the many hours spent in lesson preparations, marking and correcting of students’ work, planning and preparing for lessons, CCAs or special programmes that our students participate in and conducting remedial or consultation lessons with students who need additional support. In addition, many teachers spend much time in counselling and mentoring students under their charge so their students can grow in confidence and commitment to become the best they can be. They also make time to upgrade themselves in competencies so that they can be the significant teacher in their charges’ lives. This list describes only but some of the areas that our teachers are engaged in behind the peering eyes of our students. We must not forget that they are also a husband or wife to their spouse, father or mother to their children and child to their parents, some who are aged. Yet, they are human, and some, I would say, SUPER-human, for the many things and life events they juggle.

Teachers’ Day gives our students and their parents an opportunity to affirm the teachers who taught them, gave them a listening ear and even time to scold or chide them – because they care for how each of our Queenswayan grow up to be. I reminded your child/ward not to buy expensive gifts for their teachers, but to take time and effort to make something themselves, which expresses their appreciation for their teachers.

School will begin at the usual time on Thursday but students will be dismissed at noon after the Teachers’ Day Concert. I thank the PSG and parent supporters for hosting a lunch for our teachers.

It is my honor and pleasure to work alongside such dedicated teachers. I thank you for joining me to honor and recognize our caring and self-sacrificing Queensway teachers!

Yours sincerely

Mr Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

