



# DUNEARN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> academic term of 2013. I trust that your child/ward has had a restful and refreshing holiday with family and friends.

At Dunearn Secondary School, we remain committed to challenging Dunearnites as learners today and leaders tomorrow. We continue to keep a steady focus on our vision, 'Towards Academic and Character Excellence', seeking to imbue in our students a sense of integrity, responsibility and compassion. Whilst mindful of the varying learning needs of our students, we encourage all our students to believe that if they set their hearts and minds to it, they can achieve their aspirations.

## **Out of School Programmes**

The school had planned out-of-school programmes, designed to equip our students with the skills to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If your child/ward is in Secondary 1 to 3, he/she would no doubt have looked forward to one of the following programmes:

- Secondary 1: Home-Based E-Learning to develop independent learners;
- Secondary 2: Adventure Camp at Johor, Malaysia to strengthen teamwork and resilience;
- Secondary 3: Overseas Service Learning at Tanjung Pinang, Phuket, Cambodia or Vietnam to facilitate experiential learning in community service.

Regrettably, in view of the haze conditions in the region, the Secondary 2 Adventure Camp at Johor and Overseas Service Learning at Tanjung Pinang have been postponed to a later time in the year. You will be informed of the new dates for these programmes in due course.

On a positive note, the other programmes have been completed successfully. During these programmes, students were guided by their teachers through reflection protocols to help them develop self-awareness and experience values in action. This is in line with our hope that all Dunearnites will grow to become lifelong learners, who give back to society.

## **Student Achievements**

Our students in the Performing Arts continue to excel. I am pleased to report that at the Singapore Youth Festival, our students were honoured as follows:

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| • Malay Dance      | Certificate of Accomplishment |
| • Military Band    | Certificate of Accomplishment |
| • Guzheng Ensemble | Certificate of Distinction    |

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| • Contemporary Dance | Certificate of Accomplishment |
| • Choir              | Certificate of Accomplishment |
| • Drama              | Certificate of Distinction    |

### **Graduating Students**

This term, our Secondary 4 and 5 students are picking up speed in their preparation for upcoming national examinations. In June, our graduating students participated in the school's *'Determined & Disciplined'* Camp, designed to assist students with their revision. This year, the school has leveraged on department-based sharing, led by the school's HODs, to help students hone their examination skills whilst managing stress well.

To further support our graduating students, small group remedial and coaching clinics will intensify, with the afternoons set aside for students to meet up with their teachers outside of curriculum time. In addition, the school will be open from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. on week days from 9 July to 23 August for the Night Study Programme during which students may use the school premises for self-study or to consult their teachers.

We are grateful to our teachers who have willingly volunteered their time and the Parents Support Group who will sponsor light refreshments for the programme. Do encourage your child/ward to take advantage of these school programmes to optimise his/her performance in the national examinations.

### **Key Events in Term Three**

As we move into Term Three, you may wish to take note of the following key events and activities in the school calendar:

- § Higher Institution and Careers Day (for graduating students): 2 July, Tuesday
- § Briefing for Sec 2 Parents on Sec 3 Subject Options: 19 July, Friday
- § Sec 4 Express & 5NA Preliminary Examinations I (Part 2): 3 to 15 July
- § Sec 4 NA & NT Preliminary Examinations: 12 to 21 August

Details of the above events and activities are posted on the school website. We will also write to inform you regarding the relevant details.

Apart from the above events, our Secondary 4 and 5 students will be doing their English Language and Mother Tongue Languages Oral and Listening Comprehension examinations, the details of which they have been informed.

The school is grateful for the support of parents, alumni and community partners. Dunearn's strong sense of community is an asset and can only benefit our students as the school seeks to develop them to their fullest potential. Should you have any feedback to provide to the school or teachers, the email addresses and contact numbers are listed at the school website at <http://www.dunearnsec.moe.edu.sg/http://www.bowensec.moe.edu.sg/>.

I wish you a successful Term Three.

Yours sincerely

Mr Boo Hian Kok

Principal

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**RESPONSE SLIP**

**(To be returned to Form Teacher by Thursday 11 July 2013)**

To: Principal  
Dunearn Secondary School

I acknowledge receipt of Principal's Termly Letter dated 9 July 2013.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_