



KUO CHUAN PRESBYTERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Facing our Future with Confidence, Anchored by Faith



We give thanks to God that, at the end of Term 1, we were able to successfully resume our annual Cross Country in full at East Coast Park. On that day, students, staff, parents and stakeholders gathered in beautiful weather, and spent a day strengthening our bonds, enjoying aspects of a healthy lifestyle, and reflecting on a vibrant first term of 2023.

It was a fitting finale to a season of new beginnings and deep learning in KCPSS. Through the term, we've been able to ease KCPians and our school community into many refreshed aspects of our school. We successfully eased our Sec 1 cohort into their integrated curriculum, met parents from all levels through our engagement sessions, and gathered as a school for numerous events, camps, programmes. By God's grace, we also experienced a resurgence, as our CCAs did well at the National School Games and at various UG platforms.

We have been able to do this, anchored by faith, and also with the tremendous support from the school board, community and you. In the coming term, we are also embarking on many exciting new activities and experiences for your child, including our Student Leadership Investiture, Holy Week, our 99th Founders' Day and an inaugural Learning Finale for the semester, which acts as a consolidation for learning and growth. Our students and staff are looking forward to our National Day Parade rehearsals, and our Singapore Youth Festival performances through April.

For our school curriculum to make an impact on your child, we hope that you will be able to allow him or her to fully participate in all the activities that have been planned. We seek to strike a good balance between various aspects of learning and growth, with a strong focus on academic learning blended with enjoyable moments and experiences. These are in various



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areas, including student leadership, community service and outreach, and in celebrations and competitions.

During the Cross Country, we were encouraged to see a huge turnout of parents and stakeholders for the run, and to support the event. Your presence and trust in our school curriculum allows all of us to look forward with confidence, as it allows KCPians to not only fully experience our school curriculum, but also to navigate challenges and opportunities with your involvement and support. Thank you!



Along the way, we also know that there will be numerous ways in which we can help you in your parenting journey. Beyond our social media pages, please do not hesitate to reach out to find out more about our plans, and ways in which you can join in. Our teachers will be more than happy to share updates about your child or to assist if there are concerns or needs. Finally, our PSG recently organised a welcome event for new PSG members, with more plans in the pipeline. Do look out for them!

2023 is emerging as a year of confidence and hope, and by God's mercy and grace, this will continue.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

To God be the Glory!

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School calendar updates

- Do take note of the following key dates and details for Term 2:

Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Thu 30 Mar	All	Blended Learning (BL)	BL in Term 2 will be on a <i>fortnightly Thursday basis</i> (except for Fri 13 Apr) until Thu 11 May
Fri 31 Mar	All	Student Leadership Investiture and Dedication (SLID)	SLID will be held during curriculum time
Mon 3 Apr	Sec 3	15-Year-Old NRIC Registration Exercise	Parents are advised to look out for a letter from ICA for the online NRIC registration before the exercise
Fri 7 Apr	Good Friday		
Wed 12 Apr	Sec 1	Personal Learning Device distribution	Sec 1 students will receive their iPad in a guided process
Wed 12 Apr to Fri 21 Apr	Sec 1 & Sec 2	Annual Student Health Screening	Details will be provided at a later date
Fri 14 Apr	All	99 th Founders' Day	Students will have Blended Learning on Fri 14 Apr*. Students involved in Founders' Day will be given additional details by teachers. <i>*The Blended Learning day for T2W4 on Thu 13 Apr will be re-scheduled to Fri 14 Apr</i>
Wed 19 Apr		International Friendship Day (IFD)	Students will commemorate IFD with activities during the week
Sat 22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa		
Mon 24 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa Off-in-Lieu (School will be closed)		
Mon 1 May	Labour Day		
Tue 3 May to Fri 26 May	Sec 2	Applied Learning Programme in Film & Broadcasting Production	Sec 2 students will be given a chance to learn more about film and broadcasting production. Attendance is compulsory.
Wed 3 May	Selected Sec 2 students	Shakespeare in the Park @ Fort Canning	Selected students will be watching "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as part of their learning
Tue 9 May to Wed 10 May	Sec 4 & Sec 5	Sec 4 & 5 Preliminary Oral Examinations	
Thu 11 May to Fri 26 May	Sec 4 & Sec 5	Mother Tongue Intensive Programme	This is in preparation for the mid-year O-Level MT exam



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Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Mon 15 May to Fri 28 May	All	Learning Finale	Over 2 weeks, students will have a chance to consolidate their learning for the semester
Thu 25 May & Fri 26 May	All	Meet-the-Parent Sessions	Details of the sessions will be provided at a later date
Mon 29 May & Tue 30 May	Sec 4 & Sec 5	GCE O-Level Mid-Year MT written exam	

Planned Student Absences during Term Time

2. KCPSS has a full curriculum programme planned for your child during term time. As such, time away from school may affect your child's learning progress and the support that we can provide.

3. Parents/guardians requesting to excuse their child/ward from school **during term time for pre-planned private/family matters** (e.g. for an overseas holiday trip, to attend a family wedding/graduation, etc.) must seek formal endorsement from the school **at least one month prior** to the student's period of absence from school.

4. Parents/guardians should submit a formal request via our official form, found at <https://go.gov.sg/kcpss-form-absence-privatereasons>. Do also speak with your child's FT about the request, so that they can provide support and advice.

5. Do note that any absence from school will be deemed as "Absent without Valid Reasons" until and unless the school has given official approval/endorsement. Should the school endorse such requests, the student's attendance will be considered as "Absent with Valid Reason (Private or Family Commitment)".

6. Students absent during term time for pre-planned private reasons should take ownership of their own learning and should approach their teachers ahead of time. There may also be the need to recover costs for curriculum programmes planned for your child during his/her absence from school.

Rollout of the Personal Learning Device (PLD) for Sec 1s on Wed 12 Apr

7. Sec 1 students can look forward to the unboxing of their new iPads on Wed 12 Apr, from 2pm onwards, in their classes. The excitement of unboxing a device can be a memorable experience for them. During the unboxing session, the students will be guided through on how to set up their iPads.

8. In order to foster a safe and conducive learning environment, students will be guided to be responsible when it comes to the use of their devices. We recommend that you go through the "KCPSS iPad Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)" that can be found in the Student Handbook. The digital copy of the Student Handbook has been disseminated to your child by their FTs.



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9. If you would like to get in touch with us regarding the PLD, do drop us a message at <https://go.gov.sg/kcpsspldparents enquiry>.

Hope: 99th Founders' Day on Fri 14 Apr

10. This year, the Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools will be celebrating our 99th Founders' Day, with the theme of Hope. We will be involving all students in a series of activities during the week, culminating in a parade, prize presentation and dinner for selected prize winners, staff and guests. To facilitate this, Fri 14 Apr will be a Blended Learning day, replacing Thu 13 Apr.

DigitalAccess@Home

11. IMDA has announced that a new DigitalAccess@Home scheme will provide subsidised broadband and digital devices (laptop or tablet) to selected Singaporean households to strengthen digital inclusion. This scheme will replace the existing Home Access and NEU PC Plus programmes, and begin on 3 Apr.

12. Eligible households can apply for the scheme through a simplified application process and enjoy the flexibility to choose their device and broadband connectivity according to their needs. Do approach the General Office if you are keen to find out more.
