



# PASIR RIS CREST SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **School Updates 2023/07 (Secondary 2 Express)**

### **1. Crestian Learning Day (Student-Initiated Learning)**

**Friday, 13 October 2023** is a Crestian Learning Day dedicated for students to pursue and complete the Student-initiated Learning (SIL) challenge, focusing on our Applied Learning Programme on Effective Communications. The objective of this SIL is to provide opportunity for students to be self-directed in their learning and exploration of the various forms of communications and to strengthen their clarity in the articulation and expression of their thoughts and perspectives in English Language and Mother Tongue Language. Some challenge activities include, creative composition (e.g. poem, short story, artwork, poster design to increase awareness for a social cause), exploration with documentation of a topic or hypothesis (e.g. conducting a science experiment, exploration of a philosophical or ethical issue in a critical essay).

Students have been briefed on SIL in semester 1. They will be presenting and sharing their SIL work towards the end of school term.

### **2. GCE 'O' Level Listening Comprehension Examination**

GCE 'O' Level Listening Comprehension will be conducted on **18 October 2023**. Please take note that all students will be dismissed at 1pm on that day.

Please make the necessary arrangements if you are picking up your child/ward from school.

### **3. Sec 2 Express Subject Combination Briefing for Sec 3 2024**

Your child/ward will be briefed on the subject options and information on **Thursday, 19 October 2023**. The selection of the subject preference via an online form portal will take place from **3.00 p.m.** on **Thursday, 19 October 2023**, to **3 p.m.** on **Wednesday, 25 October 2023**. The allocation of subjects is based on merit (performance), choices made by the students, and availability of staff resources.

#### Additional Information

Students must register for a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 (3 of which are compulsory).

#### Qualifying Criteria

- a. Students should achieve 65% or better for **both** Mathematics and Science in their Sec 2 overall results if they wish to do Pure Chemistry, Pure Biology and/or Pure Physics with Additional Mathematics.
- b. Students who do not meet the criteria for Pure Sciences and Additional Mathematics, but are within the top 50% percentile, may be considered.

### **4. Food Resilience Experience Pilot for Secondary Two Cohort**

Our Secondary 2 students will be participating in a Food Resilience Experience pilot that will take place on 24th October during Crest Time.

This Food Resilience Experience pilot aims to prepare students for uncertainties and potential food supply disruptions from time to time. It encourages them to be adaptable and flexible in their food choices by being

open to accommodate changes and consider alternative food options in the event of food shortages or disruptions.

This pilot experience also seeks to raise students' awareness of ready-to-eat (shelf-stable) meals as an alternative form of food that can play a role in the event of food crises. These ready-to-eat meals can be stored at room temperature, have a shelf-life of up to 4 months, and can be deployed quickly in emergencies or crises when there are no cooking facilities or access to power or gas.

As part of the pilot experience, students will each be given a ready-to-eat meal to consume as lunch. The meals:

- Are prepared in a Halal-certified kitchen;
- Are balanced (containing starch, protein and vegetables); and
- Do not contain added preservatives, artificial colouring and allergens.

We have collated the allergens that your child/ward has and will ensure that their dietary needs are met. However, as an added precaution, all students will also be reminded to check the ingredients list carefully before consuming the ready-to-eat meal on the day of the experience.

## **5. Level bonding**

On the last day of school, **Friday, 27 October 2023**, lessons will be conducted as per timetable only up to 9.40 a.m. and recess will be at 9.40 a.m. for all Secondary Two students. Our Level Executive Committee has initiated a Level Bonding event that will take place after recess. The activities aim to build camaraderie among our students within the level, strengthen teacher-student rapport, and provide Crestians with a memorable school experience.

Students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.

## **6. Report Book and Holiday Assignments**

Your child/ward will receive his/her Report Book on **Friday, 27 October 2023**. We encourage you to spend time with your child/ward to review his/her performance for the various subjects. It is important for your child/ward to know his/her strengths and weaknesses for each subject so as to take proactive steps during the holidays to close learning gaps. Please sign and return your child's/ward's report card to your child's /ward's Home Tutor on the first day when school re-opens in 2024.

Your child/ward will also be provided with some holiday assignments to reinforce his/her learning and address learning gaps identified throughout the year. Your child/ward may need to access the Student Learning Space (SLS), <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>, for the holiday assignments of some subjects while receiving hard copies for the other subjects.

Please note that the holiday assignments are to be submitted on the first day of school (Term One) in 2024.

## **7. Textbook List 2024**

Your child/ward will receive a copy of the 2024 textbook list on **Friday, 27 October 2023**. The textbook list will also be available for viewing on the school website. Details of the school bookshop opening hours and sale of uniform will be provided in the textbook list. We encourage all to make your online purchases early, to avoid supply disruptions.

## **8. Share-A-Textbook Community Project 2023**

The school is participating in the FairPrice Share-A-Textbook community project as part of our effort to help needy families provide for their children's education, promote recycling and encourage thrift among staff and students. Show your support by donating your pre-loved textbooks, assessment books, storybooks and encyclopedias in good condition at the collection point located at the school foyer.

Book Donation Period: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The books collected will be redistributed to the needy students.

## 9. Financial Assistance 2024

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students from Government and Government-Aided Schools.

Parents who want to know more about MOE FAS can also visit MOE website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance>.

Students who are currently under the MOE FAS scheme and wish to continue for 2023 are required to submit the application form and supporting documents to the office.

As part of MOE effort towards digitalisation, you may submit your MOE FAS application via the new e-FAS link / QR code attached below.

<https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas>



We encourage all applicants to submit your application early, preferably before the school term closes, so that your application could be approved and processed promptly to meet your needs, e.g. purchase of textbooks or uniform.

## 10. School's Open House for P6 Pupils

The school will hold its annual Open House for prospective P6 pupils on Saturday, 25 November 2023 from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m..

The Open House aims to help P6 pupils and their parents understand the total curriculum in PRCS so that they can make an informed choice in the selection of secondary schools. We would appreciate it if you could help to publicise the details of the school's Open House to your friends and family whose children may be interested to attend Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School.

Selected students are involved in the event. If your child/ward is involved in the event, he/she will be notified separately by the teacher-in-charge.

## 11. Road Safety: Parking of Vehicles in School

The school would like to remind all parents/guardians who drive to school to park your vehicles in the designated visitor parking lots which are painted in yellow. When parking your vehicle in the school compound, please turn off your idling vehicle engines to support a clean and safe environment and to prevent wastage of fuel. Idling engines emit pollutants which are harmful to the health of people in the vicinity, including our own students and other members of the school community. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## 12. Students' Prescribed School Uniform

Students are to ensure compliance with the school's prescribed uniform. The boys' long pants must **NOT** be tapered and must be altered to their correct length and cover the ankles. The girls' skirts must not be shorter than 5 cm above the knee and the waistband of the skirt should **NOT** be folded when worn.

## 13. Sweaters, cardigans, jackets and hoodies

Students are allowed to wear them only on cold days as deemed by the school. The sweaters, cardigans, jackets, hoodies and similar clothing should be free of design and in black, blue, grey or white. The logo of the brand should not be more than 10 cm by 10 cm. No offensive wordings or illustrations are allowed on the clothing.

#### **14. First Day of School 2024**

The new academic year will commence on **Tuesday, 2 January 2024**. The class timetable will be uploaded on the school's website from **Friday, 29 December 2023**.

Students are expected to be in proper attire and grooming as per school rules to begin the new academic year.

Please contact the following personnel should you have any clarifications on the related matters:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Level Bonding	Ms Charlene Goh (SH SL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tel: 65811655 (Ext 133)</li><li>• goh_ying_zheng_charlene@schools.gov.sg</li></ul>
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We look forward to your continued support and working closely with you in helping your child/ward achieve success in his/her holistic development. We wish you and your family a restful holiday ahead!

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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Principal