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## ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

5 September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that, with effect from 8 September 2025, our school would be renamed **St Andrew's School (Secondary)**. Our affiliated primary school, St Andrew's Junior School, would also be renamed St Andrew's School (Junior).

Please note the following key information as we enter the last leg of the academic year:

1. Key Events in Term 4
2. In-School Progression
3. Discipline Matters - Updates on Vaping
4. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
5. Strengthening School-Home Partnerships
6. Start of School Term in 2026
7. Acknowledgment of Contributions
8. 163<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day Prize Winners

### 1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 4

#### 1.1 Attire for School

Term 4 starts on **Mon, 15 September**. Students are to report to school by 7.50 a.m. **in full school uniform with school tie**. Starting from Term 4, all students are to report daily in full school uniform (school tie is compulsory only on Monday) which is an essential part of their school identity. The resumption of wearing of full uniform has taken into consideration the lower average temperatures in the last term of the year.

All students are required to be well-groomed and ready for the new school term, which includes a neat haircut with the prescribed standards in accordance with the school rules.

Please be advised that hair and grooming checks are conducted in Weeks 1, 5 and 8 each term. Students are expected to exercise self-discipline to get their haircut whenever needed to uphold the standards required of them.

We seek your support in reminding your son/ward of the above expectations regarding their attire and grooming.

## **1.2 School-Based Assessments**

The following school-based assessments will be held in Term 4:

- a) Sec 1 and Sec 2 Weighted Assessment for Geography (WA 4): 15 to 19 September.
- b) Sec 1 and 2 (G2 & G3) Mother Tongue Language Oral Assessment online submission: 26 September, Fri, 5.00 p.m.
- c) Sec 1 to Sec 3 End-of-Year Examinations: 24 September to 7 October.

## **1.3 National Examinations for Sec 4 and 5**

Secondary 4 and 5 students will sit for the following examinations:

- a) GCE N(A) & N(T)-Level Examinations will take place from 15 September to 14 October.
- b) GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations will take place from 1 to 14 October.
- c) GCE O-Level Examinations will take place from 8 October to 10 November.

## **1.4 Early Dismissal for Students (16 Sep, Tue, 17 Sep, Wed & 8 Oct, Wed)**

In view of the GCE N-Level and GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension examinations on Tue, 16 September afternoon, Wed, 17 September afternoon and Wed, 8 October afternoon, Secondary 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 12.00 p.m. on these three days.

## **1.5 Revision Programmes**

To prepare students for the upcoming examinations, the following programmes will be conducted:

- Intensive Revision for 4 Normal (Technical), Phase 2, will be conducted from Fri, 19 September to Fri, 3 October.
- Intensive Revision for 4 Normal (Academic), Phase 2, will be conducted from Fri, 26 September to Fri, 3 October.
- Intensive Revision for 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic) will be conducted from Mon, 22 September to Fri, 3 October.

## **1.6 Commencement Ceremony for Graduating Classes (3 Oct, Fri)**

The Commencement Ceremony to honour our graduating students will be held on Fri, 3 October, at 11.00 a.m. All Secondary 4 and 5 students are required to be in full school attire, comprising the school shirt, pants, and tie. With effect from 4 October, Secondary 4 and 5 students will be on study leave and will only be required to report to school on the days of their scheduled national examinations.

**1.7 Marking Day (8 Oct, Wed)**

Students will not be required to report to school on Wed, 8 October, which is set aside for teachers to complete the marking of the End-of-Year examination papers.

**1.8 Post-Examination Activities (16 Oct, Thu & 17 Oct, Fri)**

Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students will be involved in an array of activities on Thu, 16 October and Fri, 17 October.

Level	Activities
Sec 1	Healthy Lifestyle Fitness Programme, Potong Pasir Trail, Cyber Wellness Programme
Sec 2	Learning Journey to Singapore Science Centre, Cohort Hike
Sec 3	Careers Day, Inter House Games

More information will be provided to students after their End-of-Year examinations.

**1.9 Promotion Exercise (21 Oct, Tue)**

The annual Promotion Exercise will be held on Tue, 21 October. Students will not need to report to school on that day.

**1.10 Subject Selection Exercise for Secondary 2 (17 Oct, Fri, to 21 Oct, Tue)**

Secondary 2 students will submit their choices for the Subject Selection Exercise via All Ears from Fri, 17 October 7.00 a.m. to Tue, 21 October 5.00 p.m.

The results of the Subject Selection Exercise will be released on Wed, 29 October, at 5.00 p.m.

The appeal period for the Subject Selection Exercise will be from Thu, 30 October 7.00 a.m. to Mon, 3 November 5.00 p.m.

The appeal results will be released on Fri, 7 November, at 5.00 p.m.

**1.11 School Dismissal Time (16 Oct, Thu, to 22 Oct, Wed)**

In view of the O-Level Examinations starting on 16 October, Secondary 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 12.50 p.m. from Thu, 16 October to Wed, 22 October.

**1.12 End-of-Term Service (23 Oct, Thu)**

The End-of-Term Service will be held on Thu, 23 October, and Secondary 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m.

### 1.13 Work Experience Programme (21 Oct, Tue to 24 Oct, Fri)

The school is pleased to launch our inaugural Work Experience Programme (WEP) for the Secondary 3 cohort this year. The programme will take place from 21 October, Tue, to 24 October, Fri, during which students will be attached to various organisations and companies to learn about the world of work and gain valuable work experience. Students will be informed of their allocated organisations via All Ears in September.

### 1.14 Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference for Term 4 (24 Oct, Fri)

Saint-Parent-Teacher Conference for selected Secondary 1 to 2 students will be held on 24 October, Fri, between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Parents and guardians of selected students will be informed.

As the Secondary 3 students will be participating in the Work Experience Programme, their Form Teachers will make the necessary arrangements to conduct the conference for the selected students in the following week.

## 2. IN-SCHOOL PROGRESSION

The promotion criteria for courses and levels is shown in the table below. We seek your support in setting appropriate targets for your son/ ward and guiding him in doing his best. Together, we aim to help each boy realise his potential.

Academic Level	Course	Criteria for Progression
Secondary 1	Not applicable	All students generally progress to Secondary 2 and offer subjects at the same subject levels at Secondary 2.
Secondary 2	Not applicable	All students generally progress to Secondary 3. Along with holistic considerations, students can calibrate their curricular load, such as adjusting subject levels and subject offerings, based on their overall strengths, interests and learning needs.
Secondary 3	Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass in EL; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Pass in 2 other subjects</li></ul>
	Normal (Academic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass in EL and 2 other subjects; <b>OR</b></li><li>• Pass in 4 subjects</li></ul>
	Normal (Technical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass in EL or Maths; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Pass in 1 other subject</li></ul>

### **3. DISCIPLINE MATTERS - UPDATES ON VAPING**

The Government has announced that there will be stronger enforcement and stricter penalties against vaping from 1 September 2025. The students have been briefed on the vaping updates on 1 September 2025, alongside earlier preventive education efforts in school throughout the year.

Students are reminded of the school's disciplinary approach to this important issue. Students caught vaping or in possession of the vape will be subject to the school-based consequences of the school, in addition to the national penalties (fines) and rehabilitation programmes.

Importantly, students who may be vaping are advised to quit and seek help immediately by approaching a teacher or through support agencies such as HPB's Quitline, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association and community services. Those who voluntarily seek help will not face penalties for doing so. However, if the individual is separately caught for vaping, penalties under the various laws will be meted out.

We seek the support of parents/guardians to engage your child/ward on this matter using the resources provided through the Parents Gateway's announcements. We remain committed to working with you to keep our students safe and healthy.

### **4. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME**

4.1 To best support your child's/ward's growth, you may wish to reinforce three skills they have learnt over the year, for continued application in the coming months.

4.2 Key steps for these social skills are:

#### **a) Organising Tasks and Time**

1. List all tasks to be done.
2. Estimate the time needed to complete each task.
3. Rank tasks based on deadlines, time needed and importance.
4. Prepare a schedule for your tasks.
5. Complete tasks according to your schedule

#### **b) Reflecting and Improving**

1. Think about the situation you are in.
2. Identify your behaviour and feelings.
3. Consider if your behaviour is appropriate for the situation.
4. Identify other behaviours that would be more helpful for the situation

c) Asking for Help

1. Look for someone who can help you.
2. Check if the person has time to help.
3. Describe the problem to the person. Be specific.
4. Listen if advice is given. Reflect on the advice.
5. Thank the person sincerely.

**5. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

Parents may contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Should you need to contact them urgently, please call our school's office at **62851944**.

**6. START OF SCHOOL TERM IN 2026**

The new academic year will commence on Fri, 2 Jan 2026. School starts at 8 a.m. Students are required to report to school by 7.50 a.m. in full school uniform with their school badges pinned.

**7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all parents and guardians for your generous support and fruitful partnership in nurturing our boys in their holistic development this past year.

**8. 163<sup>RD</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDEES**

The school celebrated its 163<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day on 29 August 2025. Our heartiest congratulations to all Saints and staff for their achievements and hard work. To access the full list of prize winners and awardees, you may scan the QR code below.



Thank you and we wish you a most blessed final quarter of 2025!

Up and On!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lee Han Hwa  
Principal