



Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to welcome you back to school for the new academic year, which commences on **Wednesday, 21st August 2024**. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer break, filled with relaxation, fun, and enriching experiences.

As we embark on this new chapter together, we look forward to creating a vibrant and stimulating learning environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential. Our dedicated team of teachers are eager to reconnect with our students and share their passion for knowledge and exploration.

School Day to be 10 minutes longer from AY 2024-25:

A gentle reminder : Start and end timings for school bell will be adjusted slightly. The first bell will ring at 7:40 am, with a second bell at 7:45 am to signal the start of the assembly five minutes earlier. 1st period will begin at 7:55 am. This is to allow for a 35-minute break for both primary and secondary school instead of 30 minutes that is happening now. The school day will then end at 1:55 pm. ECAs will commence as usual 2:30 pm.

This year, we have planned a number of exciting initiatives and activities to enhance our students' learning experience. A detailed Calendar of our activities is available on our website. The link is below. You will find the Extracurricular activities, termly activities as well as the Yearly Academic Calendar in the same page.

<https://www.tanarata.net/school-life/academic-activities-calendar/>

We will continue to focus on, academic excellence, character development, co-curricular activities, or technology integration. At this point, I would like to remind you of the changes in our exam structure that we will be implementing this academic year. This was initially informed via an email on 27th May 2024.

Curriculum Enhancements:

- **Focus on Continuous Assessment (Years 1-3):** For students in Years 1 to 3, we will be transitioning to a continuous assessment model. This means regular assignments and assessments throughout the year, replacing the end-of-term examinations. Grades will still be provided to track progress. More details will be provided on the percentage breakdown of regular assignments and assessments at the beginning of the academic year. This breakdown will likely be for teacher reference and will not be reflected on student's transcripts.
- **Streamlined Testing (Years 4 & 5):** Years 4 - 5 will continue with end-of-term exams, but only for core subjects: English, Math, Science, and Literature. Non-core subjects will have regular assessments throughout the term to monitor progress. This will effectively mean shorter duration of exam period and thus less stressful for our students.
- **Preparing for Secondary School (Year 6):** To prepare students for the transition to secondary school, Year 6 will have exams for all subjects. This will allow them to experience a similar testing format before moving on. We are revising the grading system too for them. An "A" grade will now be awarded for scores of 80/100 and above, replacing the previous threshold of 86/100.
- **Science Assessments:** Science grades will now combine an end-of-term exam (80% weightage) with a project (20% weightage) to provide a more comprehensive evaluation of student understanding.
- **Project based learning lessons** will be merged back with the Science lessons allowing teachers to do more hands-on activities that are relevant to the curriculum. Secondary PBL lessons to continue as is.
- **Global Perspectives:** There will be no end of term exams for GP for Years 7 and 8. These classes will focus on writing reports for group activities and projects conducted, more in line with curriculum requirement for component 3 of Cambridge IGCSE curriculum.

New Learning Management System (LMS):

We are introducing Google Classroom as our new LMS, replacing Teamie. This user-friendly platform will enhance communication between teachers, students, and parents. We find that Google Classroom has more advanced features compared to Teamie with advent of AI, making the switch necessary as well as timely.

You will find that your class and subject teachers have already set up your Google Classrooms. You will notice that your class teachers have added these in your classrooms along with an introductory note.

Please go through the files at length.

1. Your Class timetable
2. School rules

3. Google Form (Change of address and contact number)

We encourage parents to stay actively involved in your child's education by attending parent-teacher conferences, volunteering for school activities, and supporting their learning at home. Your partnership is invaluable to us as we strive to create a successful and fulfilling school year for all.

We wish you a happy and prosperous new academic year. May it be filled with joy, growth, and achievements.

Sincerely,

Below are the dates for the activities this term

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

13 Aug (Tue)	CIE- IGCSE Results declared <i>(User name and password sent earlier)</i>
19 th Aug (Mon)	Teachers to return to school
21 st Aug (Wed)	Academic Year Commences
24 th Aug (Sat)	TiS Fun Run <i>(Orientation and Integration Activity)</i>
31 st Aug (Sat)	Merdeka Day

That's all for now...

Thank you.

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