



Vision: Nurturing Empowered, Future-Ready Hougeans of Character and Purpose

Mission: Care. Lead. Inspire. Partner.

Values: Gratitute, Respect, Empathy, Adaptability, Trustworthiness.

HS PC 2026 Issue 2

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We welcome your child/ward back to the new school term! We hope your child/ward spent the time well and was able to rest and recharge during the short break.

1. Celebrations

1.1 2025 GCE O-Level Results

We would like to congratulate the 2025 Secondary 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic) cohort. They have done us proud by achieving commendable results at the GCE O-Level Examination. These results are testament to the efforts to realise the true potential of every Hougean in HS.

1.2 Celebrating Students' Sports Excellence in National School Games (NSG)

We are excited to share that our Sports CCAs have demonstrated good performance in the NSG, showing significant progress and achievement. Our B Division Football (Boys) team has advanced to the 2nd round of the Competition. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, teamwork, and dedication. All the best, TEAM HS!

2. School Structures and Programmes

2.1 Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Stand-Down

Our graduating students have officially stood down from CCA after Friday, 13 March 2026. We express our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions in their respective CCAs over the past four years. However, there are some graduating students who are representing the school in the National School Games or key CCA competitions/performances. These students will stand down from their CCA sessions once their commitments end.

2.2 Blended Learning

The Term 2 Home-Based Learning (HBL) days and dates are as follows:

Term 2 HBL Dates	Friday, 27 March (For 3H1, 3H2, 3O, 3U, 3G and 3A only) Monday, 30 March Thursday, 9 April Wednesday, 22 April Thursday, 7 May Monday, 18 May
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- On HBL Days, Secondary 1 to 4 students will follow the school's timetable for the day, including the Recess and Lunch periods which will serve as a break for the students.
- To engage students in different modes of learning, teachers will leverage digital platforms such as the Student Learning Space and Google Classroom. You may refer to this link: <https://www.hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/hbl-and-sil/> for the schedule and subject-specific instructions.

2.3 Secondary 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp

The Secondary 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp will be held from Wednesday, 25 March 2026 to Friday, 27 March 2026. For more details, please refer to the parents' briefing slides and packing list shared via Parents Gateway on 10 March 2026.

2.4 Inspire@HS Series

Our Inspire Week will feature two series in Semester 1. The first series will run from Tuesday, 24 March 2026 to Friday, 27 March 2026, while the second series is scheduled for Monday, 25 May 2026 to Thursday, 28 May 2026. Parents/guardians will receive more information about Series 2 via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

2.5 HS Student Leaders' Investiture

The school will be holding the HS Student Leaders' Investiture on Friday, 10 April 2026, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. This event marks the induction of our incoming Student Council Executive Committee, Student Councillors, Peer Support Leaders Executive Committee, CCA Leaders, Sports Leaders Executive Committee, and Class Monitors. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise and affirm the contributions of our outgoing Secondary 4 student leaders for their service and leadership. More information will be shared with parents/guardians via Parents Gateway at a later date.

2.6 Temperature-Taking Exercise

As part of a nationwide temperature-taking exercise conducted across all MOE schools, students will participate in a temperature-taking exercise on Wednesday, 1 April 2026.

Please remind your child/ward to bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school and ensure that it is in good working condition. Each student should have his/her own ODT and should not share it with others.

All Secondary 1 students will be issued an ODT for the purpose of the temperature-taking exercise.

We seek the support and partnership of parents/guardians in helping to inculcate this sense of responsibility in our students.

Note: Students who need to replace their ODT may purchase one from the school bookshop at \$4.90.

2.7 HS 26th Speech Day

The HS 26th Speech Day will be held on Thursday, 7 May 2026. As the event falls on an HBL day, only students involved will be required to report to school. Award recipients, selected students from the Performing Arts CCAs, selected Student Leaders, and Secondary 4 students will report to the school hall for the event at 2:00pm. All other students will participate in their HBL activities from home.

2.8 HS Sports Carnival

The HS Sports Carnival will be held on Friday, 8 May 2026. More information will be shared through Parents Gateway in due course.

2.9 Parents-Teachers Meet (PTM) for Secondary 1 to 4

The PTM will take place for all students on Friday, 29 May 2026. More information will be shared through Parents Gateway in due course.

2.10 June holidays Extended Curriculum Time

All graduating students will be required to attend lessons held during the first week of the June school holidays from Tuesday, 2 June 2026 to Friday, 5 June 2026. More information will be uploaded on our school website closer to the June holidays.

3. Examination Matters

3.1 National Examination Dates (for graduating students)

Please refer to the table below for the dates of the national examinations. Your child/ward is expected to refer to the individual entry proof for details of his/her own examination. Please refer to the SEAB website for details of the national examination schedules. (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/>)

GCE O-Level Examination Dates

Oral Examination	
CLB / MLB / TLB (Mid-Year)	13 July – 17 July
CL / ML / TL	13 July – 17 July
EL	13 July – 17 July
HCL / HML / HTL	13 July – 17 July
Foreign Languages	22 July – 4 August
CLB / MLB / TLB (Year-End)	23 September (PM)
Listening Comprehension (LC)	
CL / ML / TL	7 July (PM)
CLB / MLB / TLB (Mid-Year)	7 July (PM)
EL	15 October (PM)

CLB / MLB / TLB (Year-End)	15 October (PM)
Practical Examination	
Higher Music / Music Performing	22 September – 25 September
Computing	7 October
Science	30 September – 13 October
Written Examination	
Mid-Year CL / ML / TL	2 June (AM)
Mid-Year CLB / MLB / TLB	2 June (AM)
GCE O-Level Exam	19 October – 10 November

GCE N-Level Examination Dates

Oral Examination	
EL Syll A	13 July – 17 July (PM)
EL Syll T	13 July – 17 July (PM)
CL / ML / TL / BCL / BML / BTL	13 July – 17 July
Listening Comprehension (LC)	
EL Syll A	15 September (PM)
BCL / BML / BTL	15 September (PM)
EL Syll T	16 September (PM)
CL / ML / TL	16 September (PM)
Practical Examination	
Computer Applications	18 September (AM) 24 September (AM)
Written Examination	
GCE N-Level Exam	14 September – 22 September
	5 October – 13 October

4. Student Well-Being and Pupil Management Matters

4.1 Advisory on Vaping (Reminder)

E-vaporisers and Etomidate e-vaporisers pose serious harm to users and are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell, or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components.

The Government has announced that there will be stronger enforcement and stricter penalties against vaping from 1 September 2025. This includes the classification of Etomidate as a Class C drug which will allow for stronger enforcement measures, penalties and rehabilitation programmes. This will include prosecution and a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years for Etomidate abusers.

Ministry of Education (MOE) has also stipulated baseline (i.e. minimum) disciplinary measures for schools. We would like to share with you our school's approach to this important issue.

Our School-Based Disciplinary Measures:

- Our school's disciplinary measures for vaping are aligned to MOE's stipulated baselines and would include internal and external suspension, and caning (for boys). These school-based consequences are in addition to national penalties (fines) and rehabilitation programmes.
- For students caught vaping, the school will mete out the disciplinary measures, adjust the conduct grade, and take educative and rehabilitative measures.

Approach to Providing Support:

- All students caught vaping for the first time will receive mandatory counselling from our School Counsellor.
- Students who voluntarily seek help will not face disciplinary actions.
- We will engage parents/guardians directly and work together throughout any intervention.

Prevention Efforts:

- The school will continue our anti-vaping education efforts through assembly programmes, lessons, and peer support initiatives to help students understand the serious health and legal risks of vaping.

Support to Quit Vaping:

- Those who voluntarily seek help will not face any penalties nor have the offence recorded.
- However, if the individual is separately caught for vaping, penalties under the various laws will be meted out and there will be an offence record.
- If you have concerns about your child/ward or need support, please contact the school directly.

Parents/guardians have an important part to play in your child/ward's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents/guardians can access on Parent Hub. Parents/guardians are encouraged to have a serious conversation with your child/ward about vaping to prevent it from becoming a lifelong habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

4.2 Use of iPads (Reminder)

iPads may be used during curriculum time for learning purposes. During classroom lessons where iPads are not required for learning, they should be put away. Students should follow their teachers' instructions on "screens up" and "screens down". If iPads are used inappropriately during curriculum time, disciplinary actions will be meted out accordingly. **iPads brought to school for use must be installed with MOE's Device Management Application (DMA). Any iPad found without the DMA installed will have to be promptly installed with the DMA.**

4.3 Use of Mobile Phones (Reminder)

For effective teaching and learning to take place, we need to set boundaries for our students in our mobile device policy. Mobile phones may be used only during these timings:

- Before 7:30am
- After the last period of curriculum time (3:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30pm on Wednesdays and 12:30pm on Fridays)

We would like to emphasise that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during recess. Students are to store their phones in their personal lockers before 7:30am and to retrieve them after the last period of curriculum time (3:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30pm on Wednesdays and 12:30pm on Fridays). During curriculum time, mobile phones are expected to be out of sight. This includes during the change-over of lessons and while students are walking along the corridor.

Phone use is also prohibited during CCA and Structured Consultation Time.

If the mobile device policy is violated, the mobile phone will be confiscated immediately and kept under lock and key in the General Office. For the first and second offence (for the year), the phone will be confiscated up till 5:00pm on that day. For the third offence and above (for the year), the phone will be confiscated and kept under lock and key in the General Office every day from 7:30am till 5:00pm for five days.

4.4 Punctuality (Reminder)

Students who are late to school on two or more occasions are required to serve detention after school on the same day, during which they will engage in self-study, reading and/or Corrective Work Order. All students required to serve detention must do so on the actual date of offence regardless of involvement in competitions, tuition classes, remedial sessions or CCAs. Recalcitrant students who do not respond positively to the school's intervention measures may face other disciplinary actions such as in-school/home suspension or caning (for boys).

4.5 Maintaining Good Behaviour at All Times (Reminder)

The school places great emphasis on inculcating good habits in our students, such as the prudent use of time. As such, we would like to emphasise that students are not to loiter and misbehave in the neighbourhood after school. We urge you to strongly advise your child/ward to behave appropriately at all times, especially while he/she is in school uniform.

4.6 Attire and Grooming (Reminder)

The school's grooming and attire policy is aimed at educating Hougeans to look smart and presentable at all times. Having proper attire and grooming is an outward expression of students' readiness to learn. It is also important as it signifies the pride that students have for themselves and the school. To achieve the above intent, grooming and attire checks are carried out periodically throughout the year.

If the students' grooming and attire are not appropriate, a grace period of 2 days will be given for rectification with a follow-up check. Students who fail the follow-up check will be sent home to have the grooming issue/s rectified, and parents/guardians will be informed.

Students are to wear the full school uniform with school tie on Mondays when they report to school. On days where there are PE lessons, students are required to report to school in their school shirt/blouse, Polo t-shirt, PE T-shirt or CCA T-shirt with pants/skorts. They are not allowed to report to school in PE shorts. If they wish to, students can choose to wear their PE shorts under their pants/skorts instead. They are allowed to wear PE attire only during PE lessons.

4.7 CCA T-shirt (Reminder)

Students are encouraged to wear their approved CCA T-shirts on Tuesdays and/or Fridays with school pants/skorts if they have no PE lessons. Students who have PE on that day will change into their CCA T-shirts during recess, lunch break or after 3:00pm.

Students are to wear full school uniform/school Polo-T on days with internal and national examinations.

4.8 Using Students' Images/ Recordings for Publications (Reminder)

The school will be using students' images and/or recordings for school publicity. Should parents/guardians have any concerns, kindly inform the school through your child/ward's Character Coaches.

5. **Valuing Teachers and Staff**

5.1 Communication with Teachers

In line with the Ministry of Education's Five-Day Work Week, parents/guardians are encouraged to respect teachers' personal time and space. Teachers can be contacted during weekdays between 7:30am and 6:00pm. They are not expected to respond to parents/students' queries during weekends or after 6:00pm on weekdays except for emergencies. We seek your understanding and support on this.

All teachers' email addresses are available on the school's website for your convenience. Parents/Guardians can also contact the General Office (Tel: 6385 1990) for further assistance.

6. **Parent Support Group (PSG)**

6.1 Volunteering as a Parent Support Group Member

We continue to encourage parents of Hougang Secondary School to volunteer as PSG members. You may find out more in the 'Partners' section of the school website or email the PSG Executive Committee at hss.psg@gmail.com.

6.2 School Leaders-Parent Support Group Meetings

We warmly invite parents to join our School Leaders-Parent Support Group meetings, where parents can engage in meaningful dialogue with our School Leaders. The upcoming meetings will be held in school on:

- Saturday, 9 May 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am
- Saturday, 1 August 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am and
- Saturday, 7 November 2026, from 9:30am to 11:30am.

We welcome all interested parents to register at hss.psg@gmail.com at least two weeks before each meeting date. We look forward to your participation.

Contact of Key Personnel

Should you have queries on the matters listed in this newsletter, please contact the following Key Personnel in-charge:

2.1, 2.3, 2.6, 2.8	Mr Lee Lis King (HOD / PE & CCA)	6372 6658 (Ext: 658)
2.2	Mr Javen Gwee (HOD / ICT & Data Management)	6372 6655 (Ext: 655)
2.4, 2.10	Mdm Li Huilin (Covering HOD / Humanities)	6372 6668 (Ext. 208)
2.5	Mr Joseph Chung (SH / PE & CCA)	6372 6668 (Ext. 204)
2.7	Ms Wee Swee Kee (Covering SH / Talent Development)	6372 6668 (Ext. 203)
2.9	Mr Elangovan (Year Head / Secondary 4)	6372 6662 (Ext: 662)
3	Mdm S Chitradevi (HOD / English Language & Literature)	6372 6663 (Ext: 663)
4	Mr Low Yi En (HOD / Pupil Management)	6372 6659 (Ext. 659)
6	Mrs Tan Wei Jing (SH / Partnership & Outreach)	6372 6668 (Ext: 297)

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