



4 May 2020

Dear parents/guardians of Secondary 4NA and 4NT students

May School Holidays, ITE EAE and National Examination Matters for Secondary 4 Normal Academic and 4 Normal Technical students

1. Thank you for the strong support you have given to your child as well as to the school during the HBL period. As HBL concludes on 4 May and in the context of the latest announcements by the Ministry of Education (MOE), it is timely for the school to give you an update on the holiday engagement activities we have planned for the students as well as on matters related to Term 3.
2. With the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's decision to extend the Circuit Breaker (CB) period till 1 June 2020, the Ministry of Education (MOE) had, in its press release dated 21 April 2020, announced that the mid-year school holidays will be brought forward to begin on 5 May 2020 till 1 June 2020. While HBL has been going well, it has been an intense period of hard work and adjustment for parents, students and teachers. An early June holiday will give everyone a respite. It also buys us time for a less restrictive school opening in June. The revised academic calendar which we highlighted to you in the letter dated 27 April 2020 is reproduced below for your easy reference.

	Start Date	End Date
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May 2020 (Tues)	1 June 2020 (Mon)
Term 3	2 June 2020 (Tues)	6 September 2020(Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 July 2020 (Mon)	26 July 2020 (Sun)
September Holidays	7 September 2020 (Mon)	13 September 2020 (Sun)

3. As the school holidays coincide with the extended Circuit Breaker (CB) period, the school and the student leaders have come up with a series of exciting and meaningful activities for the students to participate online during the holidays. Participation in these activities is optional and where students would like to participate, they should participate from the safety and comfort of their homes and any collaboration with classmates and schoolmates should only be done online as students would need to continue to observe the circuit breaker and social distancing measures very strictly.

4. We have also provided students with a Holiday Care Package for them to explore topics such as Mental Well-being, Cyber Wellness issues as well as Values-in-Action at home and a variety of useful links and resources for them to read and enjoy during the school holidays. You may refer to www.tinyurl.com/HolidayCarePackage for more information.



5. The details of the engagement activities and the Holiday Care Package have been shared with the students directly via the following:

- a) Information Sheet to Students sent to students by their FTs
- b) Sharing by Form Teachers during Form Teacher Time on the morning of 4 May

You may also refer to the school website at www.jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg for more details on the holiday engagement activities as well as the care package for students.

6. The school has reminded all students that they would need to continue taking the circuit breaker measures seriously. They are to stay at home and comply with safe distancing measures. They should not loiter in public or hang out with their friends or classmates.

7. During the May school holidays, as we always do during the mid-year school holidays, subject teachers will be giving some holiday assignments to all students. As we always done in previous years, we will ensure students are able to cope with the assignments and still enjoy the school holidays.

8. **From 20 May – 1 June**, the school will be conducting face-to-face lessons and consultations in school for Secondary 4 and 5 students to attend in line with MOE's guidelines. This is a support we have always offered for graduating students during the Mid-Year holidays. Form Teachers will be informing students of the schedule they would need to follow so students are aware on which days, at what timings and for which subjects they need to be in school for. All precautionary and safety measures as well as social distancing measures will be strictly adhered to when students attend lessons and consultations in school. Please note that all staff and students would be required to undergo temperature taking, continue wipe-down routines in venues used as well as wear masks.

9. In addition to the face-to-face lessons, students who would like to meet their subject teachers online to consult them or clarify any doubts, can inform their respective subject teachers and the teachers will arrange to meet up with students online as well.

10. The Mid-Year Examination (MYE) scheduled in Term 2 was cancelled due to HBL. We will still give the MYE papers for practice purposes to students when they return to school in Term 3 as doing the papers for practice would still serve as a good check for students on their understanding of topics and skills learnt. The school will communicate any changes to assessment weighting to students and parents in Term 3.

11. ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE)

The Institute of Technical Education Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE) is an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE based on their aptitudes and interests, prior to receiving their GCE N-Level examination results. It allows ITE greater flexibility in selecting students based on a broader measure of merit apart from academic grades, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognised.

The ITE EAE, for admission to ITE in Academic Year 2021, will commence on 18 May 2020. Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eae>.



Please refer to Annex A for useful information and references which have been shared with students to prepare for the ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE).

Should there be changes to the ITE EAE application timelines and procedures, the school will provide an update as soon as possible. Students may get in touch with their Form Teachers should they require assistance for the ITE EAE application.

12. Students would already be aware of MOE's announcement of the revised examination dates for the GCE O-Level Mid-Year Examination for Mother Tongue Languages as well as adjustments made for the various coursework subjects as the respective subject teachers would have informed them. Please refer to Annex B for the details.

13. Students would also already be aware of SEAB's announcement to remove the Common Last Topics (CLTs) in the GCE N-Level Examinations for certain content-based subjects, which their subject teachers would have communicated to them. These CLTs would also be removed from the school's Preliminary Examinations. Teachers will still complete the teaching of the removed topics so that students can understand the key ideas relevant for the subject, but these topics will not be tested in the examinations.

14. Students will return to school on 2 June (Tuesday) to commence Term 3. All students will be issued with a Progress Report by middle of Term 3 which will have qualitative comments from all their subject teachers on their progress for the subjects including during HBL. We will provide more details on school reopening at a later date.

15. We have also informed all students that during the school holidays, as usual, our School Counsellors (Ms Dora Poon and Mr Gymy Lim) as well as our AED LBS (Ms Nada) will continue to be there to support and guide them. If students would like to speak with any one of them, they should not hesitate to get in touch them.

16. All the above information and details have also been communicated to students via an Information Sheet provided to them. You may wish to refer to the school website for a copy of the Information Sheet provided to them at <https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/staff-n-students>

17. You would be aware that MOH's travel advisory still stands during the holiday period. As such, please be advised to defer all overseas travel. For more information on the MOH travel advisory, please refer to MOH website at www.moh.gov.sg.

18. For International Students, the border restrictions on passholders still stand. Therefore, for students holding student passes who still choose to travel despite the border restrictions, there is no guarantee that these students can return to Singapore.

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19. I hope the above details are both useful and comprehensive. Should you have any further queries or would like further clarifications, do contact any of the one following school personnel:

a.	Your child's Form Teacher at his/her extension number or email address which can be found on our school website at https://jurongwestsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/class-form-teachers-2020
b.	Ms Amanda Lee, Year Head 2 at lee_si_jie@moe.edu.sg
c.	Mr Rayner Goh, Head of Department, Partnership & Outreach at Rayner_GOH@moe.edu.sg

20. Once again, thank you for your strong support and continued partnership.

21. Let us continue to Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy and Stay Home and work together to overcome this challenge as one united people.

#TeamJWSS #SGUnited #wearebehindyou

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Muhunthan
Principal

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Annex A



ITE EAE Application Timeline

Application Process:

- Please submit your application online via <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-eae> from **Mon 18 May – Fri 22 May 2020**.
- You can apply up to 3 course choices. Courses with the same title at different ITE Colleges are counted as separate choices. You are not allowed to change your course choices after the close of application.
- In your application, a write-up (of not more than 100 words) would be required for each course choice. List down your talents, aptitude, achievements, passion and interests relevant to the course. Additional documents such as portfolio of related works / projects, participation in MOE Elective Modules and/or Applied Subjects, work attachments, community/volunteer work, school/personal activities/projects, CCAs and competitions or relevant work experience should be included.

Interview Period:

- The respective ITE College will notify you of the interview details via e-mail, phone call or SMS if you are shortlisted anywhere from **Mon 22 Jun – Fri 24 Jul 2020**.
- Bring along your portfolio of relevant works/projects and supporting documents, such as certificates, awards and testimonials, for the panel to assess your aptitude and interest for the course. You may also have to take an aptitude test when attending the interview, depending on the course.
- You will be notified to attend up to one interview for your choices with the same course title at two or more ITE Colleges.

Offer and Acceptance Phase:

- Log in to <https://istudent.ite.edu.sg> to check your application result.
- If your application is successful, you must accept the conditional offer online by **Fri 28 Aug 2020**. Otherwise your offer will be withdrawn.
- You will be guaranteed a place in the course if you accept the conditional offer, as long as your GCE N-Level examination results meet the Minimum Entry Requirements of the course.

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**Important Dates:**

Event	Dates
Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply Online• 3 Choices in order of preference, one write-up for each course	Mon 18 May – Fri 22 May 2020
Interview Period Shortlisted students will be informed of their interview dates, starting from Mid-June.	Mon 22 Jun – Fri 24 Jul 2020
Offer and Acceptance Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check results online• Students can choose to reject or accept offer	Mon 24 Aug – Fri 28 Aug 2020
Withdrawal Phase Proceed to any ITE Customer & Visitor Centres. After withdrawal, students can participate in the Joint Intake Exercise (JIE).	Mon 31 Aug – Fri 4 Sep 2020
Confirmation of Conditional Offer	ITE will inform you of your offer confirmation status shortly after the official release of GCE N/O-Level examination results.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between ITE EAE and ITE ABA?

The ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE) is an aptitude-based admissions exercise. It is conducted before N(T)-Level examinations and students can submit up to 3 courses choices.

ITE Aptitude Based Admissions (ITE ABA) are ITE's expanded aptitude-based assessment to include more courses in the Joint Intake Exercise. It is conducted after N(T)-Level results are released; students can submit up to 12 course choices.

2. What are the courses that offer aptitude-based assessment?

Courses that offer aptitude-based assessment are selected programmes from the school of Applied & Health Sciences, Business & Services, Design & Media, Electronics & ICT, Engineering and Hospitality.

3. What is the difference if I apply for ITE EAE or via JIE 'N' since both involved aptitude-assessment?

ITE EAE would allow you to obtain a place in the course **early**, especially if you are clear about your interest, subject to meeting the course Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs).

Application through JIE 'N' are for those who are less certain about their interests and/or prefer to choose a course **after** receiving their final examinations results.

4. Does ITE EAE consider talents in sports/performing & visual arts/leadership & entrepreneurship in its selection criteria?

The ITE EAE is primarily targeted at students who have strong aptitude and interest in a field related to the Nitec / Higher Nitec course they are applying for. Students' achievements in sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service will also be taken into consideration during the selection process.

5. Given the evolving COVID-19 situation, will there be changes in the ITE EAE application process?

MOE and ITE will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and well-being of students during the selection process, particularly for the selection interviews. Should there be changes to the ITE EAE application timelines and procedures, MOE and ITE will provide an update as soon as possible. Please refrain from attending interview at the College if you have flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose), or if you are affected by any restriction measure issued by the authorities (e.g. Leave of Absence, Stay-Home Notice, quarantine order). If you are unable to attend interview as scheduled, or require clarification on whether you should attend interview, please contact the respective College as soon as possible. The College may also contact you via SMS, email or phone in the event that your interview has to be rescheduled.

**Useful Links:**

Webpage	URL
ITE Main website Information on courses, admissions exercise, scholarships, academic calendar.	https://www.ite.edu.sg/
MySkillsFuture portal One-stop ECG portal that empowers our students to embark on a journey of self-discovery and make informed education and career choice.	https://www.myskillsfuture.sg/content/student/en/secondary.html
MOE Post-Secondary Education Institution Choices Post-Secondary Education Institutions (PSEI) options available for secondary school graduates.	https://beta.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/overview/

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Annex B

Revised Mother Tongue Language Mid-Year O-Level examination dates

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) (1160/1 and 1160/2; 1148/1 and 1148/2; 1157/1 and 1157/2)	1 June 2020	18 June 2020 (Thurs) 2.00PM
O-level Mother Tongue Language B (MTL B) (1153/1 and 1153/2; 1151/1 and 1151/2; 1152/1 and 1152/2)	2 June 2020	19 June 2020 (Fri) 2.30PM
O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (Chinese, Malay B, Tamil B)	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon) 2.30PM
O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (Chinese B, Malay, Tamil)	21 Jul 2020	27 Jul 2020 (Mon) 4.30PM
O-level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Exam (1116/3; 1117/3; 1147/3)	<u>27</u> July – 3 Aug 2020	28 July – 4 Aug 2020

Revised Course Work Subject Assessment for National Examinations

Level	Subject	New Submission Deadline	Remarks
NT	Element of Business Skills	29 June	Further extension from 29 May to 29 Jun (total : 6 weeks extension)
NA	F&N	27 July	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)
NT	D&T (REVISED)	30 July	Remove submission of prototype
NA	D&T (REVISED)	30 July	
O	ESS	11 August	Reduce from 2 to 1 task
O	D&T (REVISED)	13 August	Remove submission of prototype
O	F&N	18 August	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)

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Course Work Subjects with no revised submission date

Level	Subject	Date of Submission	Remarks
O	D&T - LEGACY (Sec 5NA only)	1 September (no extension)	Removal of submission of artefact
O	ART	22 September (no extension)	Will apply special consideration

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