



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 2 has begun and many programmes and activities are in full swing. This week, our students and staff will be electing the Head Prefect for our school and the exercise will provide our students the experience that we, as adults, have during the General Elections. You may wish to engage your child/ward about the importance of an election that will also make him/her more socially aware of the importance of making their votes count.

For those who have children in our Performing Arts CCAs, you would know that your child/ward has been working hard to prepare for the **Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)** presentations in the coming weeks. My VPs and I had a preview of their performances and with final tweaks, they will be prepared to present their best selves in their performance. You would want to find out where they will be performing and when it is. Parents/Guardians are able to gain access to watch the performance and it would be a tremendous encouragement for your child/ward should you be able to be present to support them. Do note that there are strict requirements to enjoy these presentations at the various venues, especially regarding entry time into the venue. Do find out about this important information from your child/ward, so that you will not be disappointed.

In the upcoming weeks, there are a few other school events that I would like to share with you:

## **Queens Week – Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April**

To inject school spirit, bonding as one school, and coming together in fun and enjoyment beyond studies and competitions, we will be having our **inaugural Queens Week next week**. Among the activities for bonding and enjoyment will be the Level Concert and Games Day, to be held on Monday and Wednesday respectively. Led by our House Leaders, the Class Committees have planned for this and we will also be providing snacks for students. These pre-packed snacks can be brought home, especially for Muslim students to consume after breaking fast. On Tuesday, students will be able to participate in “Be Yourself Day”, when they are allowed to attend school not wearing their school uniforms. Your child/ward has been briefed on what is acceptable for that day. All these events lead nicely to the closing event on Thursday, the Queensway Annual Sports Day!

## **Queensway Annual Sports Day – Thursday 6 April**

As mentioned above, we are looking forward to this event that will allow students, staff and parents to enjoy time in friendly competition as part of Queens Week. Please note that it is Home-based Learning Day that day for students and they will carry out their learning activities in the morning. All students are expected to report to the **Queenstown Stadium by 2.30pm** on Thursday and attendance will be taken. The festivities and competitions will end by 5.30 pm. The following day is a public holiday, Good Friday, so they will enjoy a long weekend break. Most students will know where Queenstown Stadium is, but in case you need it, the address is 473A Stirling Road, Singapore 148949.



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## Speech Day 2023 – Friday, 14 April 2023

Our school will be commemorating our 62<sup>nd</sup> year of our founding on **Speech Day** with the theme, “Celebrating Excellence, Empowering Dreams.” We are honoured to have our illustrious alumni, Mr Tan Chong Huat from the Class of 1979, as our Guest-of-Honour. Mr Tan is one of the founding partners of RHT Law Asia and RHT Group of Companies. He is also the President of the Singapore Golf Association. We are very honoured and delighted to have him inspire and challenge our students toward excellence as they empower their dreams for themselves.

All Sec 4 and 5 students are expected to attend the Speech Day, being the graduating class for this year. They are to report to the assigned classroom by 4.45 pm and the programme will end by 7.15 pm.

## Catch You Doing Great

We continue to challenge our students towards living out the values of our school and each term we highlight one of our 4 school values. For Term 2, the focus is on the value of **Responsibility**. I believe this is a value that all parents/guardians would want to see their child/ward demonstrate in their life. It is not just about what they do with regard to academic work, but also with how they conduct themselves at home. For example, I have been heartened to see the improvement in the punctuality of our students. This effort to be responsible to wake up when they should to get to school punctually, if not early, is the right attitude to take. Developing responsibility as a life value will auger well for their future too.

To support our students’ attitude and practice of our school values, both within the school and home, we want to open the opportunity for parents/guardians to nominate your child/ward for recognition in **Catch You Doing Great!** Consider what I shared last term about values being demonstrated through the “A-B-C” or Actions, Behaviour and Conversations. So, if you catch your child/ward exhibiting the value of responsibility in any of the A-B-Cs, you can drop an email to your child’s/ward’s Class Mentor to share briefly how this value was practised or exhibited. We will also consider your child/ward for the *Catch You Doing Great* award at the end of this term.

## Conclusion

I have been engaging parents in my Breakfast Chats on the importance of communicating with our children, with statements that affirm your love and care for them. This includes understanding the “Love Language” that would help you understand and provide love in the way they are wired to receive it. *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman is a book I recommend to all parents to strengthen relationships within your family, and serve as a protective factor for your family. Strong relationships are critical for building strong families. And in turn, strong families are critical in ensuring that our Nation is also strong.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal