



18 January 2023

Dear Parent/ Guardian

**WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT 1 (WA 1) FOR SECONDARY THREE**

To nurture our students to be lifelong learners and building on the efforts to move away from an over-emphasis on academic results, MOE has adjusted school-based assessment (SBA) structures so that our students can experience more joy and develop stronger intrinsic motivation in learning.

These SBA adjustments will free up time and space for us to pace out teaching and learning, and adopt effective pedagogies to deepen our students' learning, encourage self-directed learning and strengthen holistic development. These changes also provide schools with more opportunities for student-centred teaching and learning approaches, and in the process, lay the groundwork to nurture lifelong learning attitudes and skills.

In accordance to MOE guidelines, the school has allocated the percentage of each term's weighted assessment as shown in the table below. These weighted assessments (WA) count towards the final grade for each subject.

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
Assessment	WA 1	WA 2	WA 3	End of Year Examination
Secondary 3	15%	15%	15%	55%

Please note that

- there is no Mid-Year Examination for Secondary 3 students,
- there is no weighted assessment in Term 4 as the End of Year Examination will be in Term 4 Week 3
- there is 1 weighted assessment per subject per term (except Term 4) and the format of the weighted assessment differs for each subject (please refer to the details overleaf).

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at 6572 9100 or email [aes@moe.edu.sg](mailto:aes@moe.edu.sg).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Benjamin Kwok  
Principal



**Term 1 Weighted Assessment Schedule and Format (2023) - Secondary 3 Express**

**(A) Date Specific Assessments**

Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
English Language	Written Test: Paper 2: Text 3 (Narrative) and Text 4 (Non-Narrative, without Summary)  <b>Week 7: 14 February, Tuesday</b>		
Mathematics	Written Test: Quadratic Equations (Sec 2) Chapter 1: Quadratic and Fractional Equations (Sec 3) Chapter 2: Simultaneous Linear Inequalities (Sec 3)  <b>Week 7: 17 February, Friday</b>		
Additional Mathematics	Written Test: Chapter 1: Quadratic Functions Chapter 2: Equations and Inequalities Chapter 3.1: Manipulating Surds  <b>Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday</b>		
Physics	Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions  Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Physical Quantities, Units and Measurement Chapter 2: Kinematics Chapter 3: Dynamics (1) Mass and Weight  <b>Week 8: 24 February, Friday</b>		
Chemistry	Part 2: Written Test  Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques 5.1 Elements, Compounds, Mixtures 2. Kinetic Particle Theory  <b>Week 7: 15 February, Wednesday</b>		
Biology	Practical Test: Topics to be assessed: Biological Drawings Movement of Substances Biological Molecules (Food Test)  <b>Week 9: 27 February, Monday</b>		
Science (Biology)		Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions  Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Cells Chapter 2: Movement of Substances  <b>Week 8: 23 February, Thursday</b>	



Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
Science (Physics)		Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions  Topic to be assessed: Chapter 1: Physical Quantities, Units and Measurements Chapter 2: Kinematics  <b>Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday</b>	
Science (Chemistry)		Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions  Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques 5.1 Elements, Compounds, Mixtures Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory  <b>Week 9: 27 February, Monday</b>	
Humanities (Social Studies)		Written Test : 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) <b>Week 7: 15 February, Wednesday</b>	
Humanities (History)		Written Test: SEQ and Short Answer Questions Chapter 1  <b>Week 8: 20 February, Monday</b>	
Humanities (Geography)	Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life <b>Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday</b>		Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life <b>Week 8: 20 February, Monday</b>
Full Geography		Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life <b>Week 8: 23 February, Thursday</b>	

**Please note:**

Students who are **absent from school** on days of date specific weighted assessments are **required** to submit a **medical certificate**. For Covid-19 related absences, students may submit a parent letter supported with **an image of the positive ART test** for each day of absence.

**(B) Ongoing Project Based Assessments**

Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
Literature		Performance Task: Book Cover Design  <b>Week 5 (30 January) to Week 7 (17 February)</b>	
Elective Literature		Performance Task: Book Cover Design  <b>Week 5 (30 January) to Week 7 (17 February)</b>	
Chinese Language		Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Composition  <b>Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February)</b>	
Malay Language		Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Situational Writing (Formal Email - Appreciation)  <b>Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February)</b>	



Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
Chemistry	Part 1- Science Experiential Project:  Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques 5.1 Elements, Compounds, Mixtures 2. Kinetic Particle Theory  <b>Week 3 (16 January) to Week 7 (17 February)</b>		

**Please note:**

- 1) For ongoing project-based assessments, information will be given to students by their respective subject teachers during lessons.
- 2) Ongoing project-based assessments are conducted during curriculum time and guidance is given by the respective subject teachers throughout the learning process.
- 3) Students are to **complete** their ongoing project-based assessments by the respective deadlines given.

**(B) Coursework Assessments**

For coursework WA 1 assessments, the schedule information and instructions will be given to students by their respective subject teachers during lessons.