



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.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Benjamin Kwok
Principal



Term 1 Weighted Assessment Schedule and Format (2023) - Secondary 3 Normal (Academic) & 3 Normal (Technical)

(A) Date Specific Assessments

| Subject | S3-4 | S3-5 | S3-6 |
|---|---|--|---|
| English Language [Express Syllabus] | | Written Test: Paper 2: Text 3 (Narrative) and Text 4 (Non-Narrative, without Summary) 3/5 SBB Week 7: 14 February, Tuesday | |
| English Language [NA Syllabus] | Written Test: Paper 2: Text 3 (Narrative) and Text 4 (Non-Narrative, without Summary) Week 7: 17 February, Friday | | Written Test: Paper 2: Text 3 (Narrative) and Text 4 (Non- Narrative, without Summary) 3/6 SBB Week 7: 17 February, Friday |
| English Language [NT Syllabus] | | | Written Test: Paper 2- Cloze Passage I and II, Reading Comprehension Part 1 and Reading Comprehension Part 2 (Opinions and Meanings) Week 7: 17 February, Friday |
| Mathematics | Written Test: Chapter 1: Algebraic Expressions and Formulae Chapter 2: Quadratic Equations and Graphs Week 8: 24 February, Friday | | Written Test: Chapter 1: Indices and Standard Form Chapter 2: Map Scales Week 8: 24 February, Friday |
| Science (Physics) [Express Syllabus] | | 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 SBB Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday | |
| Science (Chemistry) [Express Syllabus] | | 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 SBB Week 9: 28 February, Tuesday | |
| Science (Chemistry) [NA Syllabus] | Practical Test with Theory Questions: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques 5.1 Elements, Compounds, Mixtures Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory Week 9: 28 February, Tuesday | | Practical Test with Theory Questions: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques 5.1 Elements, Compounds, Mixtures Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory 3/6 SBB Week 9: 28 February, Tuesday |



| Subject | S3-4 | S3-5 | S3-6 |
|--|---|--|---|
| Science (Physics) [NA Syllabus] | 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 Week 7: 15 February, Wednesday | | |
| Science (Biology) [NA Syllabus] | Practical Test: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Cells Chapter 2: Movement of Substances Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday | | Practical Test: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Cells Chapter 2: Movement of Substances SBB Week 8: 24 February, Friday |
| Science [NT Syllabus] | | | Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Energy Chapter 2: Electricity Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday |
| Humanities (Social Studies) [Express Syllabus] | | Written Test: 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) 3/5 SBB Week 7: 14 February, Tuesday | |
| Humanities (Social Studies) [NA Syllabus] | Written Test: 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) Week 7: 14 February, Tuesday | | |
| Humanities (History) [NA Syllabus] | Written Test: SEQ and Short Answer Questions Chapter 1 Week 8: 20 February, Monday | | |
| Humanities (Geography) [Express Syllabus] | | Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life 3/5 SBB Week 8: 20 February, Monday | |
| Humanities (Geography) [NA Syllabus] | Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life Week 8: 20 February, Monday | | |
| Computer Applications | | | Written Test: Computer Fundamentals (CPF) Document Processing (DOP) Media Elements (MEL) Interactive Multimedia Communication (IMC) Animation & Game making (AGM) Spreadsheets (SST) Week 8: 22 February, Wednesday |
| Elements of Business Skills | | | Written Test: Week 7: 14 February, Tuesday |

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 | S3-4 | S3-5 | S3-6 |
|--|--|---|---|
| Elective Literature [Express Syllabus] | | Performance Task: Book Cover Design 3/5 SBB Week 5 (30 January) to Week 7 (17 February) | |
| Basic Chinese Language [NT Syllabus] | | | Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Situational Writing (Informal Email) Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February) |
| Basic Malay Language [NT Syllabus] | | | Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Situational Writing (Response to a Forum) Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February) |
| Chinese Language [Express & NA Syllabus] | Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Composition Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February) | | |
| Malay Language [Express & NA Syllabus] | Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Situational Writing (Formal Email - Appreciation) Week 3 (18 January) to Week 7 (17 February) | | |

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.

(C) Coursework Assessments

For coursework WA1 assessments, the schedule, information and instructions will be given to students by their respective subject teachers during lessons.