



18 January 2024

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, adopt effective student-centred pedagogies to deepen our students' learning, and in the process, lay the groundwork to nurture lifelong learning attitudes and skills, encourage self-directed learning and strengthen holistic development.

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 and,
- 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).

Students who are certified medically unfit to take the Weighted Assessments will be recorded as "absent with valid reason". They must submit the original copy of the Medical Certificate to their respective Form Teacher when they return to school after their medical leave. For Covid-19 related absences, students may submit a parent letter supported with an image of the positive ART test for up to 2 days of absences.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at 6572 9100 or email aes@moe.edu.sg.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Vincent Toh
Principal



Term 1 Weighted Assessment Schedule and Format (2024) - Secondary 3 Express

(A) Date Specific Assessments

Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
English Language	Written Test: Continuous Writing Week 6: 8 February, Thursday	Written Test: Continuous Writing Week 6: 7 February, Wednesday	Written Test: Continuous Writing Week 6: 8 February, Thursday
Mathematics	Written Test: Topics to be assessed: Quadratic Equations (Sec 2) Chapter 1: Quadratic and Fractional Equations Chapter 2: Simultaneous Linear Inequalities Chapter 3: Indices and Surds Week 8: 21 February, Wednesday		
Additional Mathematics	Written Test: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Quadratic Functions Chapter 2: Equations and Inequalities Chapter 3: Surds Week 9: 27 February, Tuesday		
Physics	Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Physical Quantities, Units and Measurements Chapter 2: Kinematics Chapter 3: Dynamics (1) Mass and Weight Week 8: 21 February, Wednesday		
Chemistry	Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory Chapter 3: Atomic Structure Chapter 4: Chemical Bonding Week 9: 27 February, Tuesday		
Biology	Practical and Theory Test: Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Cell Structure and Organisation Chapter 2: Movement of Substances Chapter 3: Biological Molecules Week 7: 16 February, Friday		



Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
Science (Biology)		Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Cell Structure and Organisation Chapter 2: Movement of Substances Chapter 3: Biological Molecules Week 9: 26 February, Monday	
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 Week 9: 26 February, Monday	
Science (Chemistry)		Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory Chapter 5.1: Elements, Compounds, Mixtures Week 8: 21 February, Wednesday	Written Test: Section A: Multiple choice questions Section B: Structured questions Topics to be assessed: Chapter 1: Experimental Techniques Chapter 2: Kinetic Particle Theory Chapter 5.1: Elements, Compounds, Mixtures Week 8: 20 February, Tuesday
Humanities (Social Studies)	Written Test : 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) Week 6: 7 February, Wednesday	Written Test : 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) Week 6: 8 February, Thursday	Written Test : 2 SBQ (Purpose & Comparison) Week 6: 5 February, Monday
Humanities (History)	Written Test: SEQ and Short Answer Questions Chapter 1 Week 8: 22 February, Thursday		Written Test: SEQ and Short Answer Questions Chapter 1 Week 8: 20 February, Tuesday
Humanities (Geography)	Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life 1 Week 8: 22 February, Thursday		Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life 1 Week 8: 20 February, Tuesday
Full Geography		Written Test: Geography in Everyday Life Week 6: 6 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 up to 2 days of absences.

**(B) Ongoing Project Based Assessments**

Subject	S3-1	S3-2	S3-3
Elective Literature		Alternative Assessment Project Task: Book Cover Design and Rationale Week 6 (5 February) to Week 8 (23 February)	
Chinese Language	Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Composition Week 3 (19 January) to Week 7 (16 February)		
Malay Language	Performance Task Assessment Portfolio: Situational Writing (Formal Email - Appreciation) Week 3 (19 January) to Week 7 (16 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.

(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.