

Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School
2023-2024 School Circular Issue No.6
(Suitable for F.5 students)

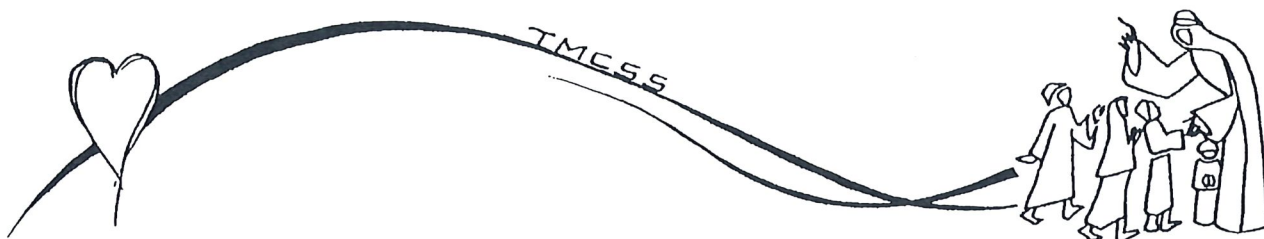
1st November, 2023

Dear parents and guardians,

Renewal of the school calendar, Alumni Day, Half-day schedule on 22nd November, Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System Online Application, Mainland Study Tour organized by Citizenship and Social Development, 4th Hong Kong Children and Youth Great Musicians 2024, Payment Notice

Please refer to the following items:

- 1 Renewal of the school calendar
The graduation ceremony for Form 6 students will be held on the evening of 31st May, 2024 (Friday) this year. Form 6 students will have a rehearsal in the afternoon of that day. Apart from student helpers, other students do not need to return to school for classes.
- 2 Alumni Day
The alumni day will be held on 17th November (Friday). There will be lucky draw events during lunchtime and after school. Alumni are also invited to come back to the school for teacher-student volleyball and basketball matches. Additionally, a small local exhibition will be set up in the religious room to review the development of the school. In the evening, there will be an annual alumni dinner, allowing alumni to gather and celebrate with teachers.
- 3 Half-day schedule on 22nd November
On 22nd November (Day 5, Wednesday), there will be a staff meeting. Students will have classes according to a half-day schedule and will be dismissed at 1:35 p.m. There will be no lunch arrangement on that day, so parents are kindly requested to take note of this.
- 4 Mainland Study Tour organized by Citizenship and Social Development
The Mainland China study tour for Citizenship and Social Development (CSD) is an important component of the curriculum. Its aim is to allow all senior high school students to personally experience and understand the country's current development and cultural heritage, thus enhancing their knowledge and appreciation of Chinese culture and fostering a sense of national identity. The Education Bureau has arranged for Form 5 students to have priority in participating in the "Mainland China study tour for CSD." Our school has scheduled a 2-day study tour on "Cultural Conservation and Innovative Technology in Shenzhen" on November 23-24, 2023. 12 teachers will accompany the entire Form 5 cohort on the study tour led by Huachang Oriental Culture International Exchange Co., Ltd. All teachers and students will receive full funding from the Education Bureau, covering the study tour activities, meals, transportation, and basic group travel insurance. If any students request to withdraw before departure, they will be responsible for any additional costs incurred as a result of their withdrawal. The Education Bureau may also revoke its subsidy for that student, who will then be responsible for the relevant tour fees as well as additional withdrawal fees. Only under special circumstances, such as illness (with a doctor's certificate) or other significant incidents preventing the student from joining the tour as scheduled, will the Education Bureau consider not revoking its subsidy.



for that student.

After completing the Mainland China study tour, students will need to conduct an independent study and submit a report to the school in the form of a personal composition. It is advisable for students to familiarize themselves with the itinerary and the places they will visit before departure. They should gather relevant reference materials from different sources in order to enrich their observations, reflections, and insights during the study tour, enhancing the content of their independent study report. The school will organize a briefing session on November 13th to remind students of important matters. If students have any questions or concerns regarding the study tour, they are welcome to contact Mr. Chan Sai Chiu, the Head of Citizenship and Social Development Department.

Details are as follows:

Date: November 23-24, 2023 (Thursday and Friday)

Location: Shenzhen (Shenzhen Reform and Opening Exhibition Hall, Shenzhen Museum, Longgang District Science Museum, Gankeng Hakka Town)

Assembly time and location: 8:00 a.m. in the school hall

Return time and dispersal location: Approximately 6:30 p.m. at Kin Sang Estate

Attire: Winter sports uniform (Day 1), casual clothing (Day 2)

Remarks:

1. Students must bring valid travel documents (Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card and Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents).
2. Students are required to prepare face masks during the study tour.

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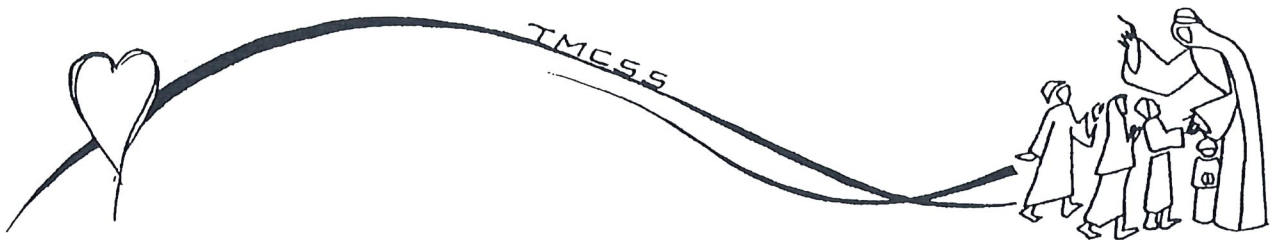
Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System Online Application

Our school is the only Catholic secondary school in the district and is highly regarded by parents. For the 2024/25 academic year Form 1 admission, the school will not provide physical application forms. Please visit the school website on the designated date to complete the application form. The submission period for the application form will be from 2nd to 16th January, 2024. Since its establishment in 1987, our school has steadily developed with the support of parents, the community, and the concerted efforts of teachers and students. Our students have demonstrated excellence in both academic and non-academic areas. To adapt to the development of medium of instruction and meet the learning needs of different students, since the implementation of the Language Fine-tuning Policy by the Education Bureau in 2010, we have offered classes with their medium of instructions mainly in English. In addition to Chinese, Chinese History, Putonghua, Liberal Studies, Reading, and Religious and Ethics Education, all subjects are taught in English. We also offer a class where English, Mathematics, and Science are taught in English. Starting from 2022, in response to the Education Bureau's requirements for the third cycle of the Language Fine-tuning Policy, we run one more class with its MOI mainly in English. Students in classes of EMI make up 75% of the overall student population. If parents would like further information about the admission process, they can contact Vice Principal Mr. Lai Chi Yuen or Assistant Vice Principal Ms. Tsui Siu Lai.

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4th Hong Kong Children and Youth Great Musicians 2024

The registration period for the 4th Hong Kong Young Musicians Competition 2024 is about to begin. If students are interested in participating, they can register themselves on the association's website. (Online registration link:



<https://alt.jotfor.ms/hkcyaa/4HKCYGM2024application>) The deadline for online registration is February 19th, 2024. Before registering, students and parents are advised to carefully browse the Hong Kong Young Artists Association's website to understand the competition categories, divisions, rules, important dates, scoring criteria, etc. (Link: <https://www.hkcyaa.com/>). If you have any questions, please contact Teacher Li Ka Yee.

7 Payment Notice

Regarding payment items, please refer to Payment Notice 4 for details. For Form 3 and Form 5 students, there are no payment items for this period. The notice is distributed to parents together with this circular at the beginning of the month.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the class teachers.

Yours faithfully,

(Wong Kit)



The reply slip should be submitted by 3rd November.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Class No.: _____

2023-2024 Reply Slip for School Circular Issue No. 6
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Dear Mr. Wong,

I am well informed with the above information.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____