



# Welcome Back

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## Getting Ready for School Re-Opening at Chatsworth Bukit Timah!

It is almost the end of the Summer holidays and we hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are sure that everyone is itching to get back to school soon, and we are excited to see our students next week! We have just started school this week with all new teachers last Thursday, and all teachers are back this week. Everyone is hard at work!

This newsletter will outline key information for our students and parents in the coming week(s).

### Upcoming events...

**Wednesday, August 14th** - School opens. Students arrive at school by 8:40 am and report to the Nest at 9:00 am (new students just follow the crowd!).

**Thursday, August 29th** - Introduction to Secondary and meet Homeroom Teachers for Parents. 6:00pm. School Hall. More information to come.

**Friday, August 23rd** - Welcome back Barbecue and House Shirt Day- for all Secondary students and teachers. 4:00pm. Nest. More information to come.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING - First Day of School

Our first week of school starts off with a school wide Assembly for all students. **All students should report to the Nest by 9:00am** (the outdoor amphitheatre at Bukit Timah Campus), arriving at school by 8:40am (or with our school buses), on Wednesday August 14th.

### BUKIT TIMAH SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

Our current shuttle bus schedule is always on our website [here](#). Information about upcoming fees for the shuttle bus that was sent out in June is [here](#).



### BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS MAP

Please find a map of our Bukit Timah Campus [here](#).

### END OF SEMESTER REPORTS (June 2019)

All 2nd semester reports were available online from your Managebac accounts last June. If you do not have access to them, please contact Ms Nazira in the Secondary Office at [secondary@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:secondary@chatsworth.com.sg).

### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (SECONDARY) (only for students completely new to Chatsworth)

We will hold a "New Student Orientation" program for new students on Tuesday August 13 beginning at 1:00pm in the Main Hall (new families have already been informed). This is for students who are **completely new** to Chatsworth.

We have already done an orientation program for existing students in Year 6 at Chatsworth Bukit Timah and Chatsworth Orchard campuses in May of the last academic year.

This orientation session is only for (new) students, and is not for parents (new parents who have not been on our campus before may request a tour through our Admissions Office). We will hold a separate parent

orientation evening (for all parents) on 29 August 2019.

There is a lot to be done leading up to the start of the school year and our entire focus this week will be to orientate your children to life at Chatsworth. Students do not need to come in uniform for orientation.

## 2019-20 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our School Key Dates Calendar is located on our website [here](#). We are in the process of finalizing the master school calendar with all dates of activities and programs and will send you that link shortly. In the meantime, some quick dates of presentations are below.

## LAPTOPS

Please have Year 8 to 13 students bring their laptops on the first day of school. Year 7 students will not need laptops on the first day of school, and should bring them from Thursday August 15th. Please remember to bring laptops fully charged, thank you.

Our letter to previous Year 6 (now Year 7) parents re macbooks may be found [here](#).

## END OF SEMESTER 1 DATE - DECEMBER 2019

The last day of school for Semester 1 is Friday, December 13, 2019. Please mark this date in your calendars and book flights well in advance. Flights should not be booked before late afternoon on this day. Please also remember that our school reopens on January 6th, 2020 and all students should be back in school by then. Please book all vacation flights accordingly.

## INTRO TO SECONDARY / MEET HOMEROOM TEACHERS NIGHT

We will hold an Introduction to Secondary (High School and Middle School) and Meet Your Homeroom Teachers Night on Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm in our Secondary Hall. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about life in Secondary, what is new at Chatsworth Bukit Timah (Secondary), and to meet key staff, and most importantly, your child's Homeroom Teacher. This is NOT a parent conference evening, so please do not ask specific questions about your child's learning in the first few weeks at this evening. More details will follow about this event.

## SECONDARY LOCKERS

Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register to Ms Nazira, in the Secondary Office to get assigned to your locker. Please bring your own

**combination lock** to use in the lockers.

## BUS OPERATOR

TongTar is our appointed School Bus operator. If you have questions about their service, please contact them directly at [chatsworth@tongtar.com](mailto:chatsworth@tongtar.com)

## UNIFORMS

Our uniform supplier is United Uniforms and they are already selling Chatsworth uniform items. Uniforms can be purchased from their outlets at five convenient locations around Singapore. United Uniforms will also be setting up shop on campus in our canteen from 12 pm -4.30 pm on the 13th of August. For information on our school uniforms - please follow the [link here to our SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION](#).

Students are only allowed to wear Chatsworth hoodies, and must have a school uniform under the hoodies.

## SUMMER READING LIST

This is a reminder about our usual summer reading list that was sent out before the summer. Our English Literature and English Language and Literature list may be found [here](#), and our Japanese Summer Reading List may be found [here](#).

## STUDENT SUMMER PLANS

Has your son/daughter/ward done something amazing or different this summer? Please let us know. You can email information (ideally with a photo!) to [secondary@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:secondary@chatsworth.com.sg). We might feature your son on our school's Facebook page! Thank you.



## CHATSWORTH (OFFICIAL) FACEBOOK PAGE

We have our very own Facebook page that is updated with photos of events. Please [click here](#) and follow your school!

## YEAR 13 IB DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Parents, please ask your sons and daughters about the status of their IBDP Extended Essay. They should be nearing completion of their first draft, and be ready to present an almost finished copy to their EE supervisors immediately on coming back to school. Please see the [Welcome letter](#) for more information.

## TIMETABLES / HOMEROOMS

We will be sending out student schedules and homeroom allocations on Tuesday August 13th in the morning through Managebac and an email with a pdf copy. Please be sure to review the class allocations to ensure that you have been placed in the correct subject classes. In the event there is an error, no problem. Just email Ms Nazira at [secondary@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:secondary@chatsworth.com.sg) with your details. Students should bring a copy of this timetable with them to school on the first day too please. If you have questions about MYP classes, they may be directed to Ms Silva our MYP Coordinator ([p SILVA@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:p SILVA@chatsworth.com.sg)) or IB Diploma classes to Ms Saxena our DP Coordinator ([hsaxena@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:hsaxena@chatsworth.com.sg)).

## AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL / PICK-UP

Our timetable ends at 3:35pm, and secondary students are dismissed *on their own* at that time. Students make their own ways home, and there is no supervision after school ends except for scheduled events such as Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs), sports teams etc. Students either walk, take the shuttle bus to Sixth Avenue MRT, public transportation, the school bus, or parents pick them up.

## CALCULATORS IN YEAR 10 and Above

It is a requirement for our curriculum that all students studying in Years 10 through 13 mathematics at ALL levels (IB MYP, IB DP: Studies, SL and HL) must purchase a Texas Instruments Ti-Nspire non-CAS graphic display calculator prior to the start of the course in August. Please consult with Mr. Sunil Nanwani, HOD for Math, if you have questions. He may be reached at [snanwani@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:snanwani@chatsworth.com.sg). For more information link [here](#).

## CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT WEEK (CEW)

Our Curriculum Enhancement Week Program Handbook will be available on our website soon. Questions about CEW can be directed to Mr Louis at [elouis@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:elouis@chatsworth.com.sg). As reminder to the previous [letter](#), important dates for CEW are as follows:

CEW Information Night: **25th September 2019**

CEW: **22 - 24 January 2020**

## CANTEEN UPDATES

We are pleased to have Cezar's Kitchen joining us as our partner this year. Cezar's provides school canteen services for nearly 45 schools across Japan, Korea and Malaysia. More information may be found from our previous [letter](#) here. Students will be able to use cash to purchase from the canteen, and the usual electronic payment system will be available soon.

Effective August, students will not be able to purchase food from Deliveroo, Grab etc. We overlooked this last year when we had issues with our canteen, however, we need to stop the practice of ordering food from off campus. We had numerous logistical issues as well, such as students requesting to leave class, not having change, food being left at the guardhouse etc. With Cezar's joining us, students should have a lot of opportunity for great food on campus.

## A SMALL REQUEST (with thanks)

Finally, has a Chatsworth teacher impacted your son/daughter/ward's life last year? Have they gone the extra mile? We would appreciate it if you would spend a few minutes to send them an email of thanks to them and cc us ([secondary@chatsworth.com.sg](mailto:secondary@chatsworth.com.sg)) with your email.

Enjoy the last few days of the summer holidays. See you soon!



Sincerely,  
**Mark McCallum**  
Campus Principal (Bukit Timah)  
Head of Secondary

PS: Do you think you have missed some correspondence from the Secondary Office? Not to worry, we will continue with our practice of putting all secondary correspondence onto our website after we have mailed it to you. You may find the link [HERE](#) (along with all emails from last year as well).