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RELEASE OF 2020 PSLE RESULTS AND SECONDARY 1 POSTING EXERCISE

1. The results of the 2020 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) will be released on Wednesday, 25 November 2020. Given the ongoing COVID-19 situation, arrangements have been made for school candidates to receive their results from their respective primary schools – in their individual classrooms instead of gathered as a cohort in the school hall as in previous years – from 11.00am on 25 November 2020.
2. We recognise that having the opportunity to collect their examination results in person is an important part of the educational journey, as it gives students the opportunity to be with their classmates and consult their teachers face-to-face on their next steps, if necessary.
3. Candidates collecting their results in school will be expected to observe the Safe Management Measures (SMMs) that were announced earlier. For PSLE students, given their younger age, one parent/guardian can accompany their child/ward to school to collect their PSLE results. To minimise congestion and intermingling, parents/guardians would need to wait at the designated areas in the schools and observe the SMMs in place while their child/ward receives the results in the classroom. Parents/guardians would not be allowed to access or wait near the classrooms.
4. School candidates who are unwell, or who are on Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice or Leave of Absence on the day of the results release, should not return to school to collect their results. Instead, they may view their results online via Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board's (SEAB) results release system at www.seab.gov.sg from 11.30am on 25 November 2020, with a system-generated password that they have received from their schools. The system will be accessible from 25 November 2020 to 8 December 2020.
5. School candidates can also appoint a proxy to collect a physical copy of their results on their behalf. Proxies are required to collect the results by Friday, 27 November, and produce the relevant documents for the school's verification. If school candidates have not received their password for SEAB's results release system, or are unable to appoint a proxy to collect their results, they may contact their school for assistance.

Submission of Secondary 1 Options

6. The Secondary 1 (S1) Option Forms to select secondary schools will be given to eligible students when they collect their results slips in person. There will not be online copies of the S1 Option Forms. Candidates' proxies may also collect their S1 Option Forms on behalf of the candidates by Friday, 27 November. If candidates are not able to collect their S1 Option Forms from their schools or appoint a proxy to do so, they may contact their school for assistance. Students should discuss their secondary school choices with their parents before they complete the S1 Option Forms.

7. In every S1 Option Form, there will be a unique S1 Personal Identification Number (S1 PIN) which can be found at the top right-hand corner of the form. The S1 PIN can be used to submit the secondary school options online and view the posting outcome subsequently via the Secondary 1 Internet System (S1-IS). The S1-IS will be accessible from 11.00am on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 to 3.00pm on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 for students to submit their school choices through the Ministry of Education's (MOE) S1 Posting website at www.moe.gov.sg/s1-posting.

8. Students, in discussion with their parents, should first consider their secondary school choices, make their decision, and complete the option form before logging on to the S1-IS. This will help to facilitate the smooth completion of their online submission. Alternatively, parents may contact the student's primary school and seek their assistance to submit the S1 options before 3.00pm on Tuesday, 1 December 2020.

Release of Secondary 1 Posting Results

9. The S1 Posting Results will be released on Tuesday, 22 December 2020. The posting results can be accessed through any of the following channels:

- Short Message Service (SMS) via a local mobile number (if provided by the applicant during the application process)
- S1-IS (www.moe.gov.sg/s1-posting) using the student's Birth Certificate number / FIN, and the S1 PIN
- At the student's primary school

10. In light of the COVID-19 situation, students do not need to report to their posted secondary schools this year after receiving their S1 Posting Results. Instead, students should refer to their posted schools' websites from 22 December 2020 for more information such as instructions on online purchase of books and uniforms, booklist, and the reporting details. Parents of the incoming S1 cohort who are on Parents Gateway (PG) would also receive instructions from the posted schools from the afternoon of the day the S1 Posting results are released.

11. If students are unable to report to their posted secondary school on the first day of school in January 2021 due to valid reasons, they may contact their posted secondary school directly to confirm that they are taking up the place, and the school will be able to

reserve the place for them. More information on S1 Posting and S1-IS are available at MOE's S1 Posting website and in the information booklet "Choosing Your Secondary Schools" distributed to Primary 6 students. For enquiries, please visit www.moe.gov.sg/contact.

Crest Secondary School and Spectra Secondary School

12. Specialised Schools for Normal (Technical) students (SSNTs) – Crest Secondary School (CSS) and Spectra Secondary School (SSS) – offer an alternative educational pathway for students eligible for the Normal (Technical) course, who have an interest in practice-oriented, hands-on learning. The schools offer a customised skills-based curriculum and exposure to authentic learning opportunities, putting students in good stead for progression to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). The SSNTs also provide a whole-school environment that emphasises values, socio-emotional learning and character-building - which in turn helps to nurture more holistic and confident learners who are ready for future challenges.

13. Students in the SSNTs will study GCE Normal (Technical)-Level English Language, Mother Tongue Language and Mathematics. Selected students can take Science as an additional subject. As part of Subject-Based Banding, eligible students can also take selected subjects at Normal (Academic)-Level. Secondary 3 students will also specialise in two of five skills subjects¹ offered under the new ITE Skills Subject Certificate (ISSC). The ISSC will replace the ITE Skills Certificate (ISC) from the 2021 Secondary 3 batch, providing a more broad-based curriculum that widens students' exposure to different industry growth areas.

14. Students who are eligible for the Normal (Technical) course and are interested to study in CSS or SSS may submit their application during the Pre-Registration Exercise at the respective schools from 25 November to 28 November 2020. They may also submit their applications via email or directly to the school's Admin Office. The deadline for applications is 1 December 2020, 3.00pm. At the same time, these students should also indicate their choices for other secondary schools under S1 Posting. This will ensure that those who are not admitted into CSS or SSS can be posted to another school of their choice in a timely and seamless manner.

15. Application forms for these two schools are available at students' respective primary schools, or online (www.crestsec.edu.sg and www.spectra.edu.sg). Students successfully admitted into CSS or SSS will be informed by the schools by Wednesday, 16 December 2020. Their S1 school choices will then be voided and they will not be posted to other secondary schools. More information on CSS and SSS can be found on the schools' websites and the information booklet "Choosing Your Secondary Schools".

¹The five skills subjects are Mechanical Design & Automation, Culinary & Restaurant Operations, Retail & e-Commerce, Internet of Things Applications and Mobile Web Applications

Virtual Open Houses

16. Due to the COVID-19 situation, more than 120 secondary schools are conducting their open houses virtually. This will provide prospective students and their parents the opportunity to get a glimpse of the school's environment, programmes and culture, while minimising intermingling and the risk of infection. Programmes and activities planned for these virtual open houses include virtual tours led by students, live Q&A sessions on social media platforms, as well as sharing of videos featuring testimonies from parents and alumni members.

17. Choosing a secondary school is an important milestone in a student's educational journey. Parents and students should consider factors such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs), ethos and culture, to select schools that would best fit the educational needs of the child. Parents and students are encouraged to take the time to explore the schools' websites, social media pages, as well as take part in their virtual open houses, to find out more about the schools that interest them before selecting the schools. For more information, please refer to:

- SchoolFinder (<https://beta.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/>)
 - Open houses held by secondary schools (<https://go.gov.sg/schoolbag-secondary-school-open-house-2020>)
 - Secondary school websites
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