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Updates from MOELC to Students

Dear Student,

Due to developments in the COVID-19 situation, the Mid-Year School Holidays will now be **from 5 May (Tue) to 1 Jun (Mon)**. This week (27 Apr - 1 May) will be your last MOELC Home-based Learning (HBL) lesson for Term 2 based on the plans we had sent you earlier.

If you recall, at the start of Term 2, we moved from physical classrooms at MOELC to virtual classrooms on the Student Learning Space (SLS). For the past 6 weeks, many of you have been disciplined and resolute about learning a foreign language despite the challenges. Your teachers at MOELC are very proud of your commitment and the progress you have made.

We hope to see you in Term 3, but in the meantime, we would like to encourage you to adopt these 3 simple mindsets that will help you persevere and become a more independent learner:

#1 Immerse in the language.

#2 Love the people, culture & history.

#3 Laugh at your own mistakes.

(We made those same mistakes when we were learning too. You are not alone.)



Below are some information for your reference.

Revised Academic Calendar for 2020

1. Term 3 will start on **2 Jun (Tue)**. Term 3 will have 13 weeks for learning (7 wks, break, 6 wks) ending on 6 Sep (Fri). There will be an additional Mid-Term Break from **20 July to 26 July**.

	Start Date	End Date
Full Home-Based Learning	23 Mar (Mon)	4 May (Mon)
Mid-Year School Holidays	5 May (Tue)	1 Jun (Mon)
Term 3	2 Jun (Tue)	6 Sep (Sun)
Mid-Term 3 Break	20 Jul (Mon)	26 Jul (Sun)
September Holidays	7 Sep (Mon)	13 Sep (Sun)

Update on Curricular Matters

2. **Curriculum** – Due to the disruption of classes, your teachers will review and adjust the language items and themes for the Sec 1 to 3 levels where needed. For the graduating cohorts, the required language items and themes have mostly been completed, so your teachers will be spending more time on revision.
3. **Assessment** – With regard to CA2 (20%), students can take reference from the earlier notice sent by their teachers. However, the dates/weeks will need to be adjusted due to the revision in academic calendar. Please seek clarification from your class teachers if you have any queries.

Term/Weeks	CA/SA
Term 1 (W1-10)	CA1 (20%)
Term 2 (W1-6) and Term 3 (W1-4)	CA2 (20%)
Term 3 (W5-13)	CA3 (20%)
Term 4 (W1)	SA (40%)

4. **National Examinations (GCE O and A Levels)** - Except for the Mother Tongue Languages Exams, there has been no change to the dates of the Foreign Language National Exams or submission deadlines for A-Level coursework. If there are any updates, we will inform you accordingly. For graduating students, your teachers will work closely with you to help you in your preparation for the national exams. If you have any concerns, please raise them with your teachers and we will see how best to support you.

5. **MOELC Examinations (Prelim and EOY)** - The situation permitting, we will conduct our Preliminary (31 Aug-3 Sep) and End of Year Exams (14-21 Sep) as scheduled. Details of the exams will be communicated to students and placed on our MOELC website in Aug. In the setting of assessment and grading of students, your teachers will take the disruption to curriculum time into consideration to ensure that all students are fairly assessed.
6. **Programmes/Events/Activities** - Programmes/Events/Activities in Term 3 will be cancelled eg learning journeys, Cultural Days etc. Overseas trips and local immersion programmes in Term 4 will also be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other Matters

7. **MOELC opening hours during May holidays** - Both Bishan and Newton centres remain open during the May holidays from 8.30am to 6.00pm. Students and parents can still contact us during office hours at 6258 7794 (Bishan) or 6515 8320 (Newton). You may also contact the Head of Department or your class teacher. Their email addresses can be found on the MOELC website (www.moelc.moe.edu.sg).
8. **Term 3 reopening** - While schools are set to open on 2 Jun, MOE will continue to assess the situation and provide updates on the reopening of language centres closer to the end of the school holidays.

Continue to stay home, stay safe and stay curious.

Regards,

MOE Language Centre