

# Welcome Address by Principal

**Sec 4/5 Parent-Teacher Conference**



**A PRESENTATION BY  
PRINCIPAL  
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# School Mission

**Nurturing Minds  
Building Character  
Empowering Aspirations**

# School Core Values

**Respect**  
**Responsibility**  
**Resilience**

# School's Motto

**Make Your Mark!**

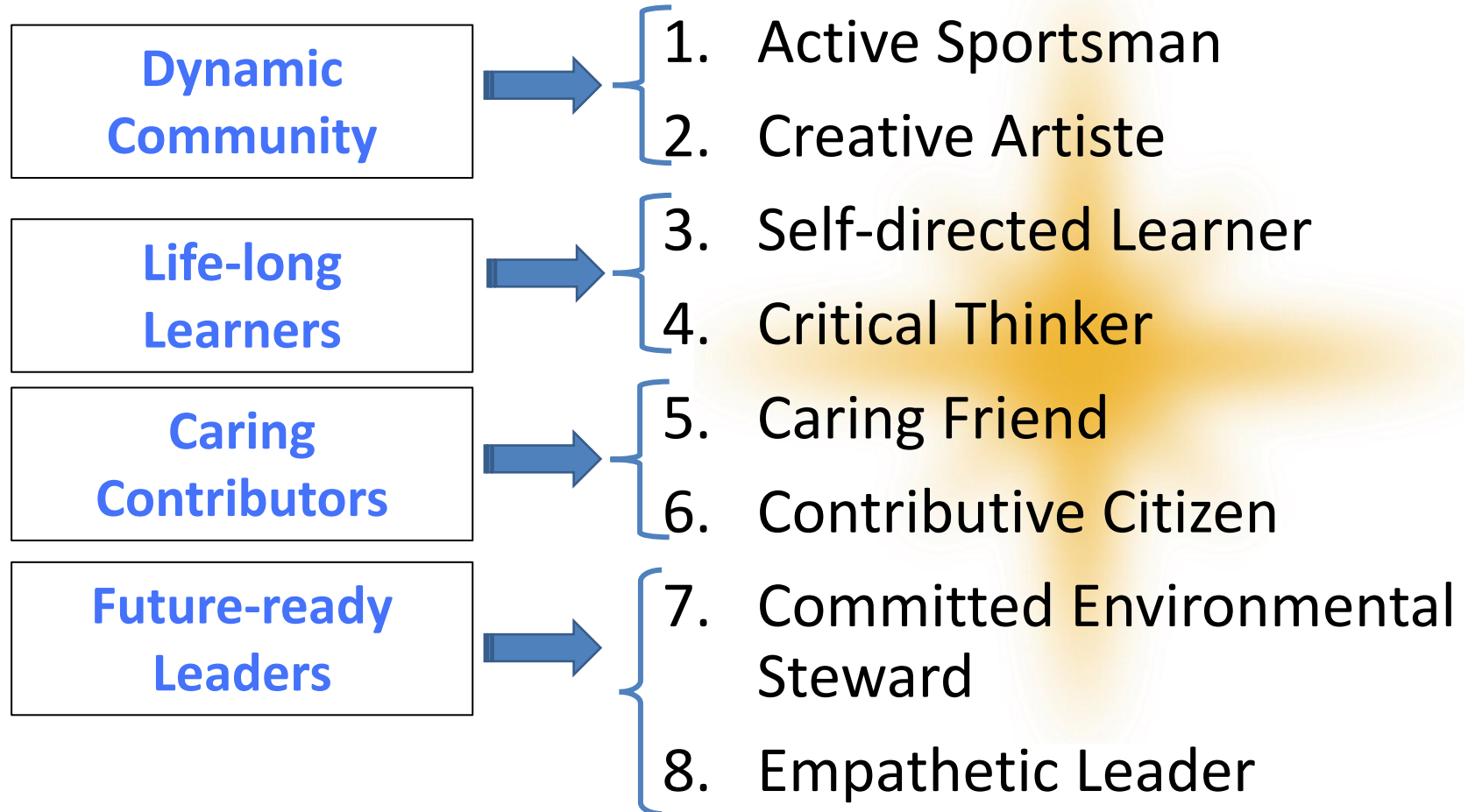
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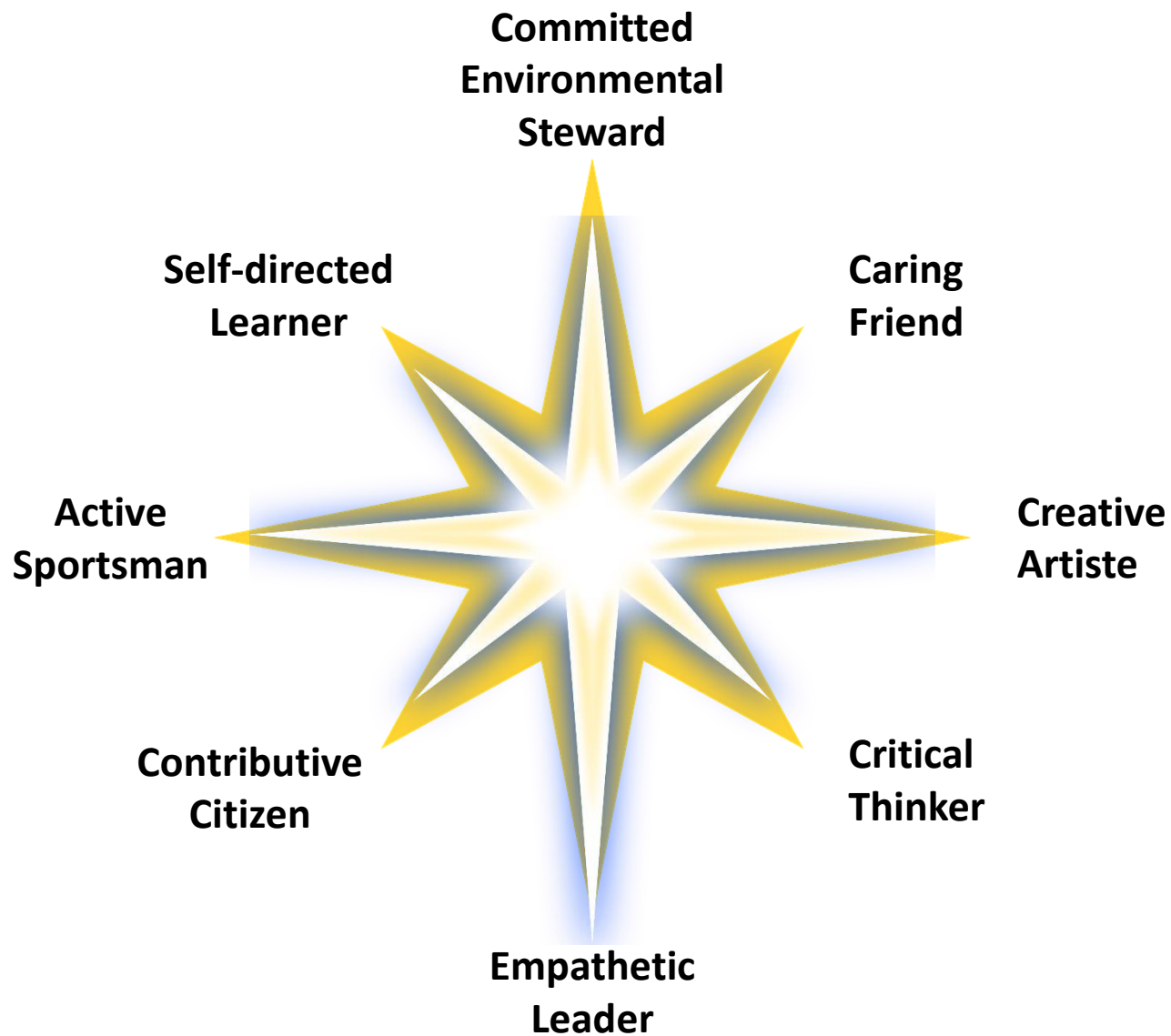
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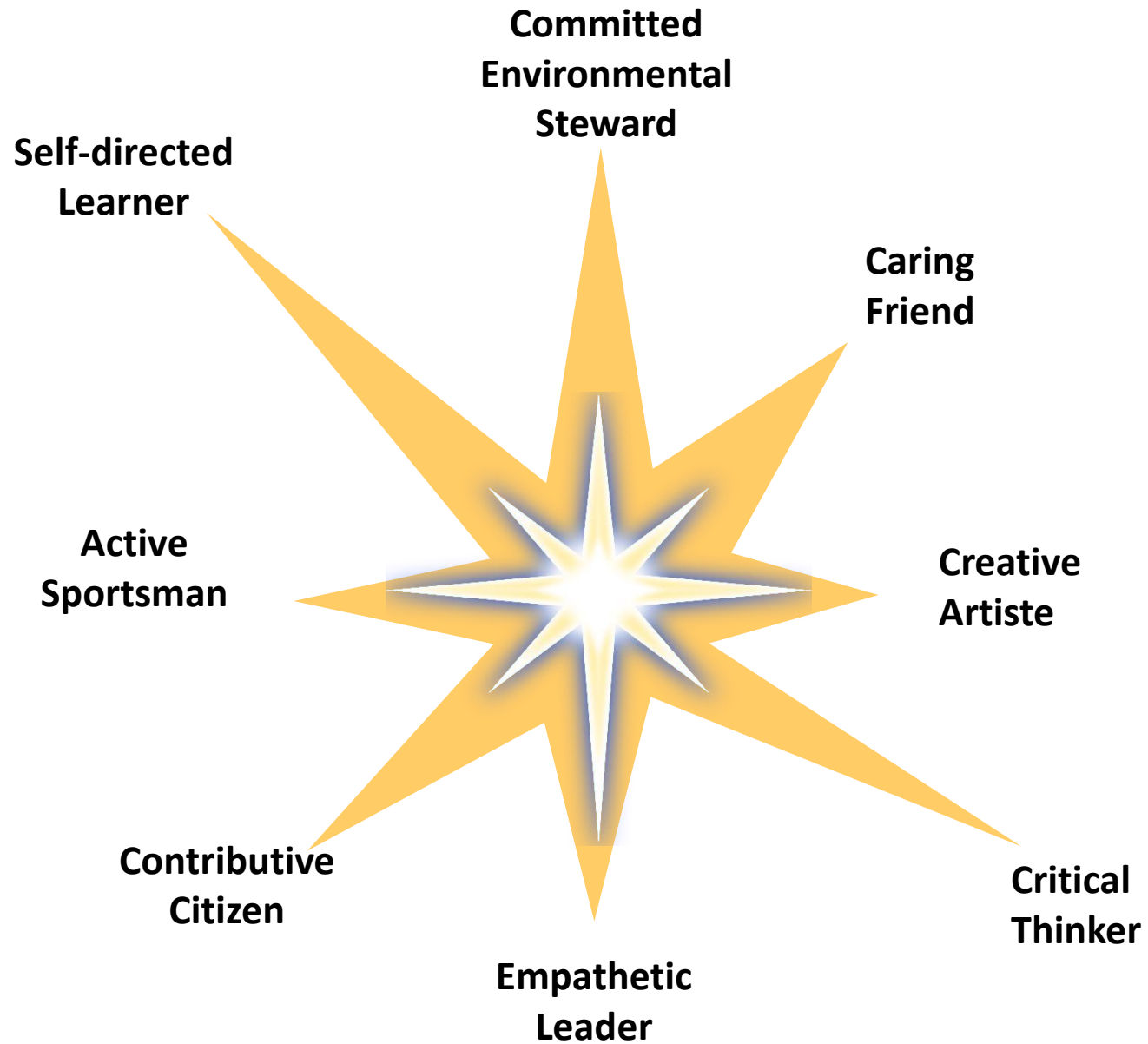
# School Vision


**A dynamic community of  
life-long learners,  
caring contributors and  
future-ready leaders.**

# Unpacking Vision Into 8 Qualities









*Every Marsilian A Unique M-Star!*

# Total School Enrolment

Year	Enrolment
2023	711
2024	722
2025	786

# General Expectations of students

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Attention and Focus
- Load and Rigour
- Revision and Practice



# Entry criteria to Poly, JC & CI



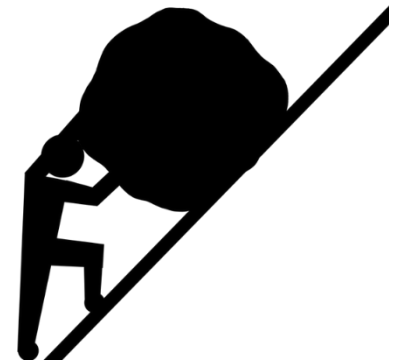
- Junior Colleges
  - $L1R5 \leq 20$
- Millenia Institute
  - $L1R4 \leq 20$
- Polytechnics
  - $ELR2B2 \leq 26$  (with exception of nursing  $\leq 28$ )



**CHALLENGES  
AHEAD**

# Challenges ahead

- About 23,500 students took O-Level exams annually
- Usually about 60-70% will apply to Poly as 1<sup>st</sup> choice
  - 40% posted to Poly are JC-eligible
  - 14 Poly courses with cut-off point 10 or below
  - Some Poly courses with cut-off point as low as 7



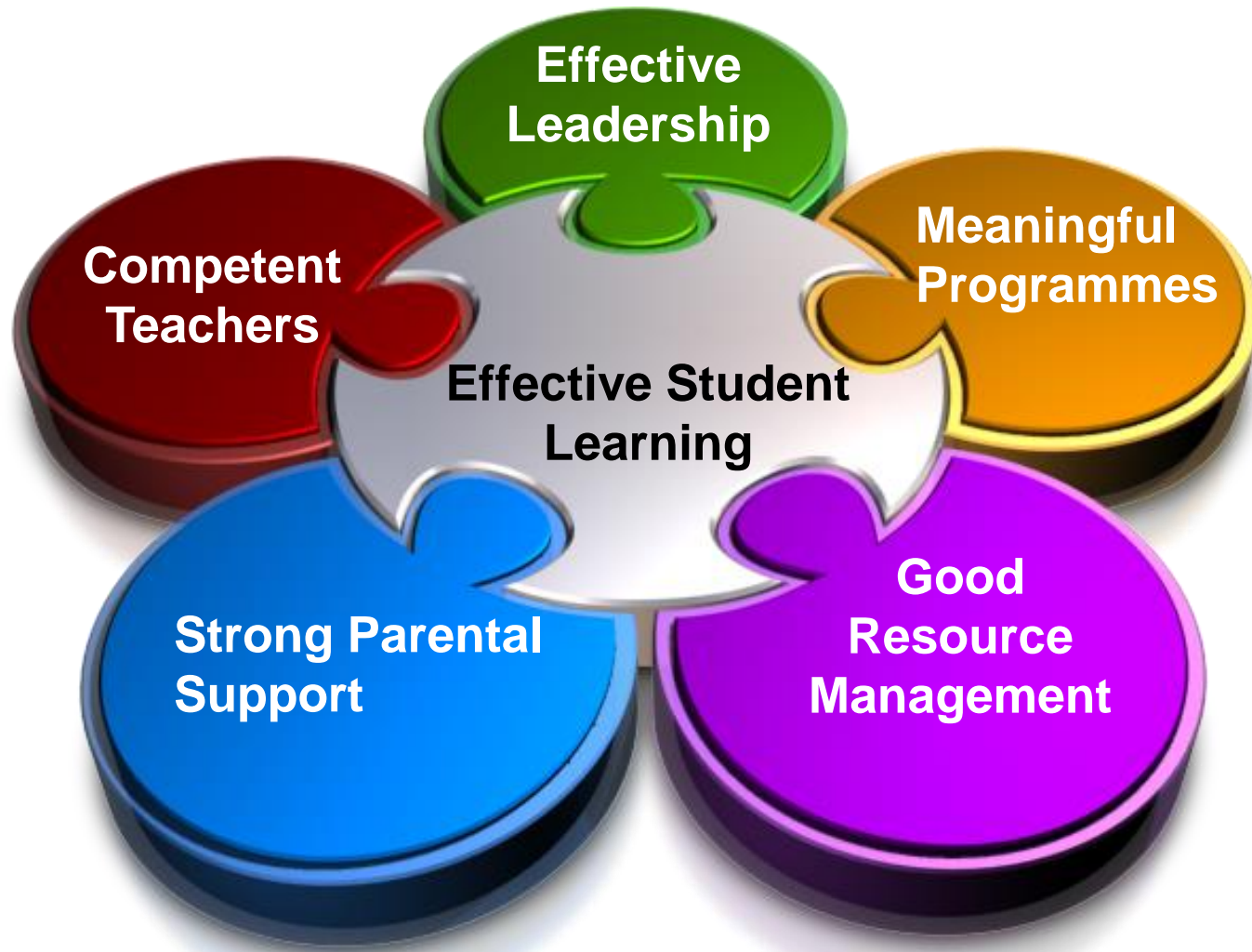
# Challenges ahead

Working towards qualifying is...  
**NOT ENOUGH!**

# Why Students Under-perform?

- Distracted by family problems
- Taking on family's financial responsibility
- Lack of a conducive environment for studying at home
- Development of bad habits
- Negative peer influence
- Loss of hope and confidence
- Lack of support and encouragement

# Key Success Factors



# PTC : School support for Sec 4/5

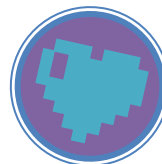


# Supporting our students



## ➤ Preparing Students for National Examinations

- ✓ Weekly Supplementary Revision Programme (part of timetable)
- ✓ Mother Tongue intensive in May (6 days) before GCE O Level MT examination on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- ✓ Tailored timetable after MT exam providing students more curriculum time for other subjects (Term 3)
- ✓ Preliminary Exams
- ✓ Form Teachers' sharing with their classes on Exam Preparation
- ✓ Conclusion of CCAs (25<sup>th</sup> April)



# Supporting our students

## ➤ Preparing Students for National Examinations .....cont'd

- ✓ Structured Holiday Study Programmes :
  - i) March ii) June iii) Septemberfor teachers to reinforce concepts learnt & guide students on coursework
- ✓ Coursework Intensive programme in Term 2 weeks 9 and 10 to support students for their coursework submissions
- ✓ Night Self-study (Semester 2), providing conducive environment for students



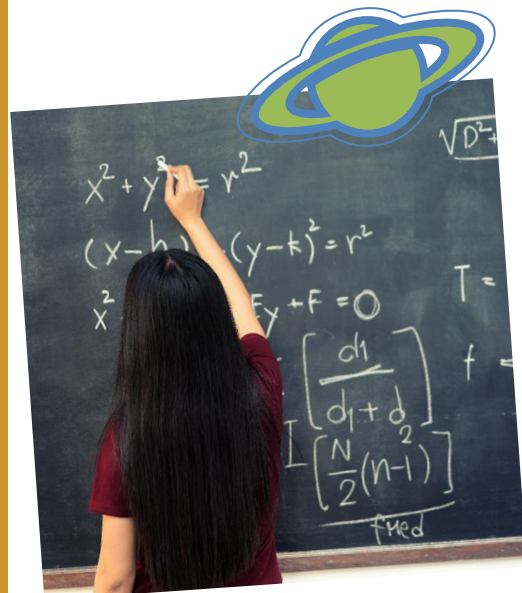
# ECG Preparation

**To Help students reserve a place at an institute of higher learning before their GCE 'N' & 'O' Levels examinations**

- ✓ Students attend Poly open houses
- ✓ EAE/PFP Talk by NYP (4E/5N/4NA)
- ✓ ITE EAE Talk (4NA/4NT)
- ✓ Careers Day
- ✓ NYP Course counselling
- ✓ EAE ITE Writing /Interview skills workshop (4NA/4NT)
- ✓ EAE Poly Resume Writing workshop (4E/5N)
- ✓ ECG workshop, individual & group counselling
- ✓ Work Experience Programmes

# Close monitoring

To Help students reserve a place at an institute of higher learning before their GCE 'N' & 'O' Levels examinations... cont'd



- ✓ Monitoring and tracking of students' interviews
- ✓ Supporting students by facilitating their write-ups and interviews
- ✓ Student wellbeing – Presentation/sharing by School Counsellor on Stress Management during preparation for examinations
- ✓ Form Teachers monitor students' WA results against holistic target setting & provide feedback to parents (PTMs)

# National Examinations Dates 2025

<b>GCE N(T) &amp; N(A) Level Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1) Oral Exams	14 <sup>th</sup> July – 18 <sup>th</sup> July
2) Listening Comprehension	16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> September
3) Practical & Written Examinations	19 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> September – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> October – 14 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>GCE O-Level Examinations</b>	
1) Oral Exams	14 <sup>th</sup> July – 18 <sup>th</sup> July
2) Listening Comprehension	8 <sup>th</sup> July, 8 <sup>th</sup> October
3) Practical & Written Examinations	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> October 16 <sup>th</sup> October – 10 <sup>th</sup> November

Examination information at SEAB website : <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home>

# Parental Support

## **Academic Support**

- Ensure good attendance and punctuality for all school programmes and remedial lessons
- Monitor homework and revision
- Understand the different educational pathways after MSS
- Set goals and work towards it

# Parental Support

## **Physical Support**

- Provide conducive environment to study at home
- Encourage child to:
  - sleep and eat well
  - maintain good health by exercising
  - avoid late nights
  - avoid long hours on the Internet

# Parental Support

## **Emotional Support**

- Offer encouragement for their efforts
- Provide emotional and moral support
- Engage in face-to-face dialogues to understand what they are going through and how they are feeling
- Be physically there for them

# Advice for Students

1. Begin with the end in mind (set your goals)
2. Be PRESENT for all classes, remedial and extra lessons
3. Ask questions and seek help when in doubt
4. Begin NOW
5. Use your holidays to consolidate and revise
6. Finish all coursework by June to free up time for other subjects
7. Work hard and excel in the Mid-Year GCE O-Level MTL papers first (if any).

A group of five students, three girls and two boys, are standing on a green lawn in front of a modern school building. They are all wearing dark blue school uniforms with red ties. The building behind them has a colorful mural on its wall. The text "Thank You" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Thank You

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