

COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

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To: Parents / Guardians

School Emergency Simulation Exercise on Thursday 25 May 2017

We wish to inform you that our School will be conducting an emergency exercise on Thursday, 25 May 2017, between 9.30 am and 12 pm. This emergency exercise aims to train both staff and students to be prepared for an emergency in the school premises and to be familiar with safety and evacuation procedures.

- 2. This emergency exercise is a collaborative effort between the School and the Ministry of Education's Security and Emergency Planning Office (SEMPO). On the day of the exercise, as part of the simulation, our students will evacuate to Ayer Rajah Community Centre (150 Pandan Gardens, Singapore 609335), which is one of our External Holding Areas (EHA). There may also be an ambulance and a police car entering the School as well as Ayer Rajah Community Centre. We seek your understanding that no parents should enter the School or Ayer Rajah Community Centre during the period of the exercise.
- 3. Our graduating students who will be taking their Mother Tongue examination on Monday 29 May 2017 will not be participating in the emergency exercise. They will be having structured Mother Tongue lessons on this day till 11.30am.
- 4. We would appreciate it if you could take time to reinforce the importance of safety with your child/ward not only in the context of the School and Home but also in the context of the Nation that every Singaporean should be vigilant and be prepared for any emergency.
- 5. We seek your assistance to ensure that your child/ward has a good breakfast on the morning before coming to School. Although students of the different levels will be having their recess from 8 am onwards, we would like to request that your child/ward brings along some snacks and water as the exercise will stretch until 12 pm and the canteen will not be in operation from 9 am to 12 pm during the exercise. All students will be dismissed at 12 pm on that day.

If you need further clarifications, please contact Mrs Lena Chua (VP Admin) at 9892 8492.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Aaron Loh Principal