

Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School
2024-2025 School Circular Issue No. 7
(Suitable for F.1 students)

1st November, 2024

Dear parents and guardians,

Self-Improvement Enhancement Class, Tai O Cultural Excursion, Change to Winter School Uniform, Online Application for Secondary One Discretionary Places, Payment Items

Please refer to the following items:

1. Self-Improvement Enhancement Class

To assist students with slightly lower academic performance in getting back on track, our school will arrange self-improvement enhancement classes for the bottom 20% of students in Chinese, English, Mathematics, and Science, based on their uniform test results. These classes will commence on 21st November and will run for three weeks, taking place every Thursday from 4:05 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

Students will receive notifications in mid-November. We kindly ask parents to refrain from scheduling other tutoring sessions or activities for their children during this time. Parents are also urged to encourage their children to submit assignments on time. If class teachers or other staff members notice that a student frequently fails to submit homework, they will record this in the handbook and may contact parents via phone or arrange a meeting.

Parents are encouraged to regularly check their child's student handbook or to call the teachers to understand their child's learning situation. Our school may discuss ways to improve students' learning attitudes with parents, and we may also require students to stay after school for assignments or to set learning goals.

2. Tai O Cultural Excursion

To support the English Language, History, Reading, and Language across Curriculum, our school teachers are organizing a cultural excursion to Tai O for the Form 1 students. Through guided tours, traditional activities, and workshops, students will gain hands-on experience and insight into the traditional culture of the Tai O waterfront, and they will complete their coursework after the activity.

Date: 30th November, 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting and Dismissal Location: School Lower Hall

Dress Code: Neat sportswear and long pants

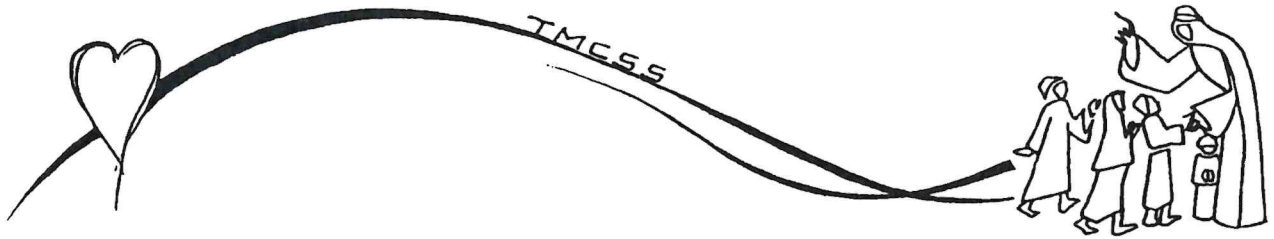
Cost: HK\$ 100

The activity is partially funded by the government through a comprehensive learning subsidy. Accompanying teachers and students will travel by coach to and from the venue, and the collaborating organization will provide a seafood lunch and guided tour. Students will conduct research in groups to prepare materials for their coursework.

The travel agency will hold an information session on 18th November (Monday) from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the school library. Students must attend.

If a student is unable to attend the activity or the information session for any reason, a letter from a parent must be submitted three working days prior to the event. If parents have any inquiries regarding





the activity, please contact the Vice Principal, Mr. Lai Chi Yuen, Panel Head of the English Language Department.

3. Change to Winter School Uniform

As November arrives, the weather begins to change significantly. The school will announce the switch to winter school uniforms at the appropriate time. Please have your child check if their winter uniform fits properly. If needed, they can purchase new uniforms from the uniform suppliers. The requirements for the uniforms can be found in pages eight and nine of the student handbook.

4. Online Application for Secondary One Discretionary Places

Our school is the only Catholic secondary school in the area, highly favored by parents. For the 2025/26 academic year, we will not provide printed application forms for Secondary One discretionary places. Instead, please fill out the application form on the school's website within the designated dates. The application submission period is from 2nd January 2 to 16th January, 2025. Since our establishment in 1987, we have steadily developed in the community thanks to the support of parents and community members, as well as the joint efforts of teachers and students, achieving excellent performance both academically and beyond.

To adapt to the development of the language policy and meet the diverse learning needs of students, we have been offering English medium classes since the implementation of the language policy by the Education Bureau in 2010. In these classes, all subjects, except Chinese, Chinese History, Putonghua, Life and Society, Reading lessons, and Religious and Ethical Education, are taught in English. Additionally, we offer a main subject English class where English, Mathematics, and Science are taught in English. Starting from 2022, in response to the Education Bureau's requirements for the third cycle of the language policy, we have added an additional English medium class, with 75% of the Secondary One students in English medium classes.

If parents would like to know more about the details for applying for admission, they can contact Vice Principal Ms. Tsui Siu Lai or Vice Principal Mr. Lai Chi Yuen.

5. Payment Items

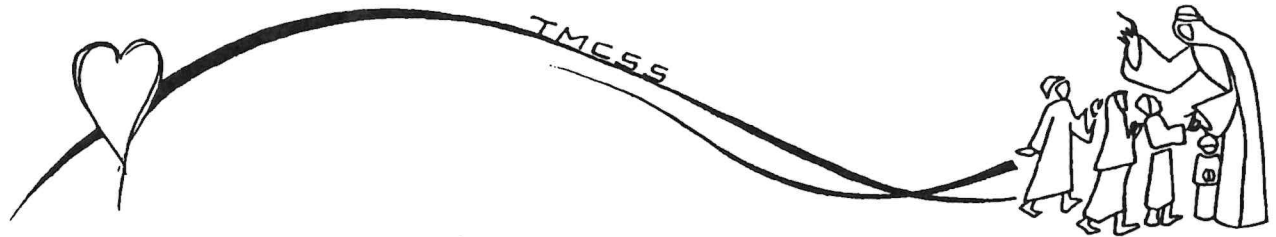
For the payment items, please refer to the payment notice issue no. 3. Payment notices are issued at the beginning of each month.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the class teachers.

Yours faithfully,

(Wong Kit)





The reply slip should be submitted by 4th November.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Class No.: _____

2024-2025 Reply Slip for School Circular Issue No. 7
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Dear Mr. Wong,

1. I am well informed with the above information.
2. Tai O Cultural Excursion:
 - I agree to give permission to pass my child's personal information (including Chinese and English names and the last four digits of the identity card) to the organizer for purchasing insurance.
 - I do not agree to give permission to pass my child's personal information (including Chinese and English names and the last four digits of the identity card) to the organizer for purchasing insurance.

Food Allergy

My child has food the following food allergy: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

