



Ref : 2017/FCPS/PUPILADMIN/001

Date : 10 January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Primary 3 pupils,

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2017

1 Please be informed that the tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2017 is given below:

a) GEP Screening Exercise - 23 August 2017*
(English Language and Mathematics) (Wednesday)

Shortlisted pupils are invited to participate in the Selection Exercise.

b) GEP Selection Exercise - 19, 20 October 2017*
(English Language, Mathematics (Thursday, Friday)
and General Ability)

2 The GEP Screening Exercise will be carried out in Fuchun Primary School during **curriculum time** on 23 August 2017 (Wednesday).

3 We would like to inform you that

- a) pupils' participation in the Screening exercise is **not compulsory**; however, we encourage you to allow your child to take part.
- b) all results of pupils' performance at the Screening exercise are confidential and will **not** be released.
- c) pupils who are shortlisted to participate in the Selection exercise will be informed through the school in early October. The Selection exercise will be held on **19 and 20 October 2017***. Shortlisted pupils who are interested should make themselves available on both days.
- d) some of the questions in the English Language and Mathematics papers may be more difficult than those usually assigned in school. This provides an opportunity for your child to work on more difficult questions and challenge themselves. Please advise your child not to be anxious with this exercise or be worried if he/she cannot answer all the questions.

- 4 The GEP Selection and Screening Exercises will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. However, please note that the following topics in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus will be **excluded** for the Screening and Selection stages of the GEP:
 - a) Screening Exercise (Mathematics)
“Area and Perimeter”, “Geometry” and “Time”
 - b) Selection Exercise (Mathematics)
Angles, Perpendicular and Parallel lines in the topic of Geometry.
- 5 The GEP identification exercise aims to identify pupils with high intellectual potential who will benefit from the enriched curriculum provided in the programme. Test-preparation activities might inflate pupils’ scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. Students develop at different rates and we should allow them to blossom at their own pace. Thus, we urge you not to enrol your child in test-preparation activities to prepare him/her for the GEP identification exercise.
- 6 More details about the GEP Identification Exercise will be given closer to the Screening Exercise in August.
- 7 Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Yap Dai Jee
Principal

*tentative dates given by the Ministry of Education

Acknowledgement Slip

GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) SCREENING EXERCISE 2017

(Please return this acknowledgement slip to your child/ward's Form Teacher
by **Friday, 13 January 2017.**)

From: *Mr/Mrs/Mdm/Ms _____

Tel H/HP: _____

Pupil's Name: _____

Class : Primary 3_____

I have read the school's letter, "**GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2017**", dated 10 January 2017 and would like to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Signature of *Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

*Please delete accordingly.