

ZERA NEWSLETTER

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YEAR-END NOTES FROM OUR ACADEMIC COORDINATORS

Note from Academic Coordinator — Ms Zi Xin

As we conclude another fulfilling academic year, I would like to congratulate all our students on their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to learning.

Every lesson learned, challenge overcome, question asked, and improvement made is a meaningful achievement. Academic success is not only reflected in grades, but also in the curiosity, resilience, and confidence you have developed throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of how far each of you has come.

At ZERA International School, we believe that success is about much more than examination results. It is about becoming a better version of yourself each day — embracing challenges, learning from mistakes, thinking critically, showing kindness, and striving to do your best. To our students who received awards this year, congratulations on your well-deserved achievements; your commitment and determination have been an inspiration. To every other student, remember that growth is a journey, and every small step forward is a success worth celebrating.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers for their passion, patience, and unwavering commitment to nurturing every learner. To our parents, thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and partnership — your support at home has been invaluable in helping our students grow academically, socially, and personally.

As we begin the holiday, I encourage every student to rest, recharge, explore new interests, and continue discovering the joy of learning beyond the classroom. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year filled with new opportunities, meaningful experiences, and continued growth.

Note from Academic Coordinator — Mr Wafi

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, parents, and staff for your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support throughout the year.

This year has been filled with learning, growth, achievements, and memorable experiences. I am incredibly proud of the progress our students have made, both academically and personally. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

In the journey of life, resilience is one of the most important qualities we can develop. I often remind myself that we should strive to be like water — gentle, yet powerful. Water adapts to every situation, flows around obstacles, and always finds a way forward. No matter the challenges we face, may we continue to be flexible, persistent, and resilient, embracing change and moving forward with confidence and determination.

To our teachers and staff, thank you for your commitment to nurturing and inspiring every child. To our parents, thank you for your trust, partnership, and continuous encouragement. Most importantly, to our students, thank you for your enthusiasm, curiosity, and efforts that have made this year truly special.

As we begin the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments with family and friends. I wish you all a safe, joyful, and refreshing holiday — thank you for being part of our school community and for making this year a success.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Orientation Day for New ZERA Students

24 August 2026 (Monday) · 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to ZERA International School. This orientation session is an opportunity to become familiar with the school environment, meet teachers, and learn more about school expectations and procedures.

School Reopens — First Day of Term 1

26 August 2026 (Wednesday) · All returning students

We are excited to welcome all returning students back for the new academic term and look forward to another successful year of learning and growth.

School Books & Uniform Purchase

17 August – 21 August 2026 · Time to be announced

Parents are encouraged to purchase their children's school books and uniforms before the new term begins. Please note that other important information regarding the new term will be announced separately in a message from the school.

Kindly ensure your contact and email details are up to date in the school system so that these announcements reach you promptly.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

AWARDS DAY 2026



Our Students of the Year, honoured on 8 July.

On 8 July, we celebrated our Awards Day, recognising the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our students throughout the year — and honouring our Students of the Year.

The event was a wonderful success, and it was a joy to see our students honoured for their accomplishments. We are especially proud of our Students of the Year, whose effort, perseverance, and positive attitude have set an example for the whole school and truly inspired our community.

Congratulations and well done to all recipients! May this achievement be the beginning of even greater success. We look forward to seeing all our students continue to grow, flourish, and shine in the future.



GUNUNG LAMBAK TRIP

Our recent trip to Gunung Lambak was an exciting and memorable experience — a wonderful chance for students to connect with nature, challenge themselves, and build stronger friendships outside the classroom.

Throughout the journey, students showed great teamwork, determination, and resilience as they explored the beautiful surroundings and enjoyed the outdoor activities. It was encouraging to see everyone supporting one another and embracing the adventure with enthusiasm.

Experiences like these help develop confidence, independence, and a greater appreciation for the natural environment. A big thank you to all the staff and students who made this trip a success — we hope the memories and lessons gained will stay with our students for years to come!

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GUNUNG LAMBAK — IN PICTURES

Teamwork, determination, and plenty of fresh air — moments from our climb up Gunung Lambak.



Onto the trail together — the whole group at the foot of Gunung Lambak.



CHANGES FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We would like to share several curriculum and timetable updates that will take effect in the next academic year.

New Subject: Life Competencies (Primary)

Global Perspectives will be replaced by **Life Competencies** in the Primary curriculum. The subject focuses on six key skills: Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Learning to Learn, Communication, Collaboration, and Social Responsibility. Students will build a **Personal Portfolio** to showcase their growth across different subjects.

Computing

To better reflect the curriculum, **Digital Literacy** (Primary) and **ICT** (Secondary) will both be renamed **Computing**.

KS4 Timetable Changes (Years 10 & 11)

Silent Reading will be removed from the KS4 timetable and replaced with **Global Perspectives (GP)** or **Travel & Tourism (TT)**.

D.E.A.R. Programme

Silent Reading will be renamed the **D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Programme** and will be led by the Languages Department together with the Library.

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COMMUNICATION & PLATFORMS

Several communication and learning platforms will be updated for the new academic year.

Primary School

Homework Journals will only be used by Year 5 and Year 6 students. All primary classes will use **ClassDojo** for daily updates and communication between teachers and parents.

Secondary School

Students will use **Microsoft Teams** for learning activities and assignments.

Official Communication

Email will be the main channel of communication, and teachers' school email addresses will be shared with parents. Reminders and important updates will be sent via email, so parents are kindly requested to ensure their email addresses are updated in the school system.

LIBRARY BORROWING

A new Library Book Borrowing System will be launched next academic year.

Students will be able to borrow books from the library and enjoy greater access to reading resources — encouraging a stronger reading culture across every year group and helping our learners discover the joy of reading beyond the classroom.

Wishing all our families a safe, joyful, and refreshing holiday.



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