

ZERA NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027

We are delighted to welcome all our students, teachers, and the entire ZERA community to a new and exciting school year. As we begin this journey together, we look forward to the many opportunities, experiences, and achievements that await us.

This academic year promises growth not only in our students' academic learning but also in their holistic development. Through engaging lessons, meaningful activities, and a supportive learning environment, we aim to help every student thrive, discover their potential, and build valuable skills for the future. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to creating wonderful memories and celebrating many successes together at ZERA.

IN THIS ISSUE	
Term 1 Dates & Key Events	01
Note from the Academic Director	01
Gifting Policy	01
Growing Family — Teachers at ZERA	02
Dismissal in Primary	02
CCA Arrangement Update	03
Bus Rider Update	04
Break & Lunch Arrangements	04
Primary Play Area Arrangements	05
Students' Achievements	05

TERM 1 — KEY DATES

TERM 1	26 August – 11 December 2026	ASSESSMENT	26 October – 6 November 2026
4 SEP	UnLABEL Programme by Raffles University	25 SEP	Moondeka Celebration — <i>Cambridge students may wear traditional attire.</i>
7 OCT	Chumbaka Trial Classes	MORE	Additional event dates will be announced in due course.

NOTE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Dear ZERA students, parents, teachers, and our entire ZERA community,

As we begin a new academic year, I want to say thank you for being part of this journey with us. As we embark on this new chapter together, let's start strong. At ZERA, everything we do comes back to one thing: doing our best for every child.

There will be different perspectives, challenges, and expectations along the way. But I hope that as a community, we continue to communicate, support one another, and come into alignment, because we are all working towards the same goal: to see our children grow, thrive, and become the best version of themselves.

As a school, we will continue to learn, improve, and give our best. And I hope our students will do the same — to be courageous, resilient, curious, and willing to grow.

So, let's do our part, support one another, and walk this journey together. Thank you for trusting ZERA.

Alex Heng — Academic Director

GIFTING POLICY

INTERNATIONAL ZERA CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMME

GROWING FAMILY

Teachers at ZERA

We are proud to introduce our dedicated academic staff for this academic year. As part of our ongoing journey, there has been a small change to our teaching team. **Ms Fauziah**, who previously taught Computing, has moved on from ZERA, and we thank her for her contributions to our school community.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome several new teachers to our team:

- **Mr Haziq** — Art & Design and Science
- **Ms Hadifah** — Malay
- **Ms Joanna** — English
- **Mr Hanis** — Physical Education
- **Mr Tawfiq** — ICT
- **Ms Ejane** — Music

We are also excited to share that **Ms Iera** and **Ms Aarthi** have taken on new roles as the **Founding Teachers of the Cambridge Plus Programme**, helping to shape and develop this exciting new pathway for our students. We warmly welcome our new teachers and look forward to the expertise, enthusiasm, and inspiration they will bring to our students this year.



Our academic team for Academic Year 2026–2027.

Front, from left: Ms Kathy, Ms Lalitha, Ms Kong, Ms Auni, Ms Joanna, Ms Farhah.

Middle, from left: Mr Wafi, Ms Farah, Ms Aarthi, Ms Liana, Ms Iera, Ms Sha, Ms Hadifah, Ms Nanthini, Ms Zi Xin.

Back, from left: Mr Hanis, Mr Haziq, Mr Isaac, Mr Tawfiq.

Not in picture: Ms Eliz, Ms Pervina, Ms Kani, Ms Roshini, Ms Stella, Ms Ejane.

DISMISSAL IN PRIMARY

CCA ARRANGEMENT UPDATE

We have introduced a class-based CCA system this term. CCAs will now be conducted in rotations, allowing students to enjoy a wider variety of activities throughout the year.

PRIMARY DIVISION

Primary students will experience **all four CCAs**, rotating every **three sessions**. CCAs offered: Performing Arts (Ms Pervina), Mystery & Adventure Club (Ms Liana), Lego Club (Ms Kong), Little Artisans (Ms Nanthini).

Rotation 1 · Sessions 1–3

- Y1: Performing Arts
- Y2/3: Mystery & Adventure Club
- Y4/5: Lego Club
- Y6: Little Artisans

Rotation 2 · Sessions 4–6

- Y1: Little Artisans
- Y2/3: Performing Arts
- Y4/5: Mystery & Adventure Club
- Y6: Lego Club

Rotation 3 · Sessions 7–9

- Y1: Lego Club
- Y2/3: Little Artisans
- Y4/5: Performing Arts
- Y6: Mystery & Adventure Club

Rotation 4 · Sessions 10–12

- Y1: Mystery & Adventure Club
- Y2/3: Lego Club
- Y4/5: Little Artisans
- Y6: Performing Arts

SECONDARY DIVISION

Secondary students will participate in **two CCAs** this term, with a change of CCA after **six sessions**. CCAs offered: Electronics Projects for Beginners (Mr Isaac), Exotic Animal Explorers (Ms Kathy), Mind & Mat (Ms Lalitha), Young Journalist Club (Ms Auni).

Weeks 1–6

- Y7: Mind & Mat
- Y8: Young Journalist Club
- Y9: Exotic Animal Explorers
- Y10/11: Electronics Projects for Beginners

Weeks 7–12

- Y7: Exotic Animal Explorers
- Y8: Electronics Projects for Beginners
- Y9: Mind & Mat
- Y10/11: Young Journalist Club

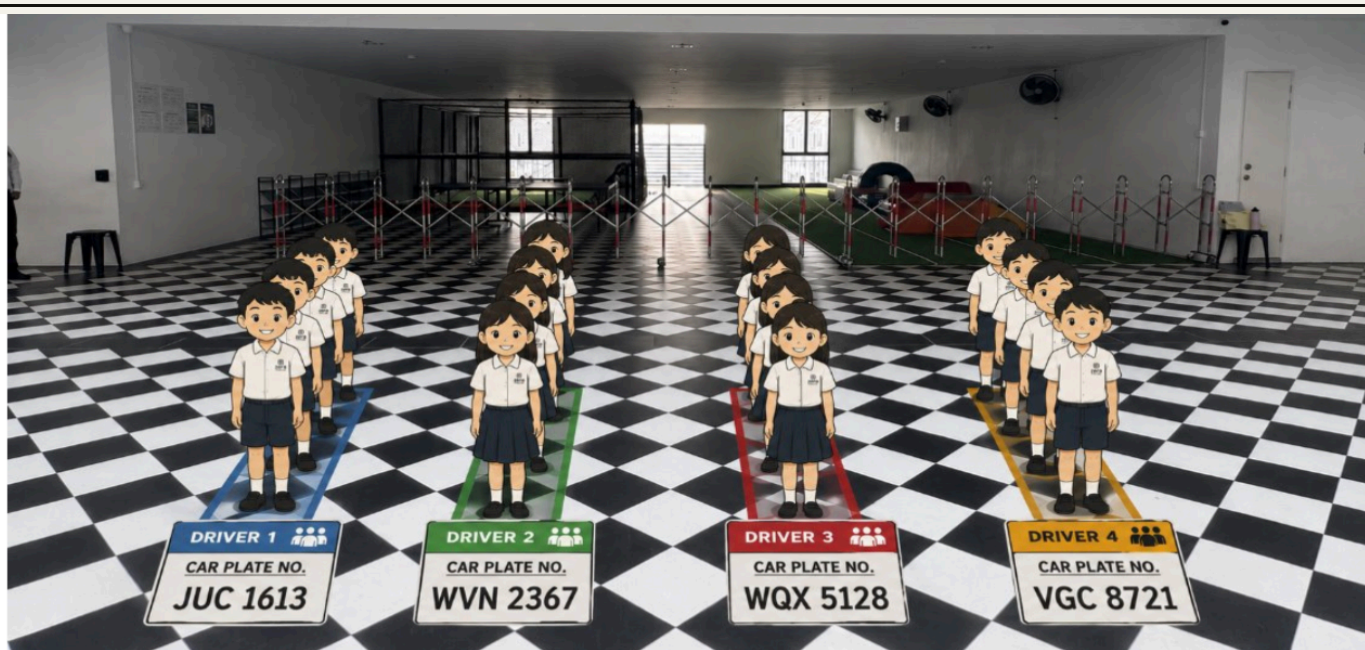
We hope this new arrangement will give students more opportunities to explore different interests, develop new skills, and enjoy a richer CCA experience with their peers and teachers.

INTERNATIONAL · CONTINUED

BUS RIDER UPDATE

All bus riders are required to wait at the Centre Court within the ZERA school premises after school.

- Bus riders gather at the Centre Court and wait for all bus riders to arrive.
- Once all riders have assembled, they are escorted to the bus by the designated bus duty personnel.
- The bus will be ready by **3:10 p.m.** each school day and will depart at **3:15 p.m.**
- If all bus riders board earlier, the bus may depart earlier than the scheduled departure time.
- Primary students who take the bus remain within the school compound from **2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** under supervision, before proceeding to the Centre Court collection point.



Centre Court assembly: riders line up by lane and are escorted to the bus together.

BREAK & LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Primary School

- Break: 9:45 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
- Lunch: 12:40 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Secondary School

- Break: 10:20 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
- Lunch: 1:15 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

If you are arranging food delivery for your child, please ensure that it arrives before the start of their break or lunch period. We encourage parents to provide healthy food options and to avoid fast food whenever possible. Students are also advised not to share food with others, as some students may have allergies or dietary restrictions that others may not be aware of.

INTERNATIONAL · CONTINUED

PRIMARY PLAY AREAS

During Break Time

- Year 1 & 2: Futsal court and running track
- Year 3 to 6: Table tennis area and running track
- Year 3 to 6: Library access after finishing their meals

During Lunch Time

- Year 1 & 2: Running track only
- Year 3 to 6: Table tennis area and futsal court
- Year 3 to 6: Library access after finishing their meals

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to congratulate all of our students who have represented themselves and our school in competitions beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of your dedication, talent, and achievements.

Parents are encouraged to share their children's accomplishments with the school. If your child has participated in any competition outside of school, please email the details to **Mr Wafi** at wafi.a@zera.edu.my so that we can celebrate their success with our school community.

Congratulations to the following students

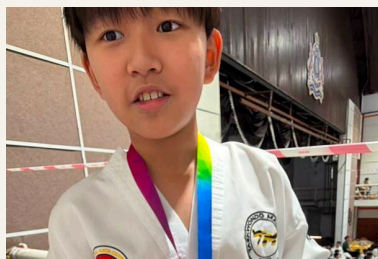
LUCIAN CRISTOPHER TAY



Year 3 · Gold Award

2026 Chinese Culture Festival
International Chinese Music Contest.

ANSTON HO ZI XUE



Gold, Pair Poomsae ·

Bronze, Individual Poomsae
Wenwu Close Taekwondo Championship 2026.

LASHMEITA A/P THIAGAN



Gold Award

Beijing International Grand Finals
2026, organised by the Asia Pacific International Arts Festival.

Once again, congratulations to all our achievers. Your hard work, perseverance, and passion inspire us all, and we look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin Academic Year 2026–2027 together.

ZERA RESOURCE CENTRE SDN BHD

202001032868 (1389189-U)

(+60) 16-298 8869 · (+60) 13-205 8869

hello@zera.edu.my · <https://zera.edu.my>

FB · IG: [zera.international.school](https://www.facebook.com/zera.international.school) · XHS: zera Education

Block C #04-23, Pusat Perdagangan Ekoflora, Jalan Ekoflora
7/5, Taman Ekoflora, 81100 Johor Bahru, Malaysia.