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Through: The Principal

Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

Dear Parents

**GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) SCREENING TEST**

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education conducts the GEP Screening Test to shortlist Primary 3 pupils for the Gifted Education Programme. The test will be held in the school on **Friday, 27 August 2010**. Pupils will have to sit 2 test papers at the following times:

English Language	9.00 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. (1 hr 15 min)
Mathematics	11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (1 hr 30 min)

2 We would like to inform you that

- a) the Screening Test is open to all Primary 3 pupils. Although it is not compulsory, we encourage you to allow your child to sit the test.
- b) all results of the Screening Test are confidential and the marks of each paper will **not** be released to the public.
- c) candidates who have been shortlisted to sit the Selection Test will be informed through the school in early October. The Selection Test will be held on **19 and 20 October 2010**.
- d) the Screening Test questions are more difficult than those in school examination papers. Please advise your child not to be unduly worried if he/she cannot answer all the questions.

3 We strongly urge you not to place undue pressure on your child to study and prepare for the test. Also, there is at least one website giving the impression that it is selling past year GEP screening and selection papers. Our investigations show that the papers being sold are **not genuine** GEP screening/selection papers.

- 4 Some information on the Gifted Education Programme is found in the Annex.
- 5 Please complete the reply slip and return it to the Principal of your child's school by **13 August 2010**.
- 6 If you want your child to sit the test but he/she is unable to turn up on the day of the test due to valid reasons, please contact Mdm Marina Omar at 68319582 or [marina\\_omar\\_effendi@moe.gov.sg](mailto:marina_omar_effendi@moe.gov.sg) before 27 August 2010.
- 7 Please be reminded that Friday, 27 August 2010 is a regular school day. This means that pupils who have opted out of the Screening Test are still expected to attend school. Lessons and programmes will be in progress for these pupils.
- 8 Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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## SOME INFORMATION ON THE GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Gifted Education Programme (GEP) seeks to provide opportunities for the intellectually gifted to develop their potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. An equally important emphasis of the GEP is the development of social responsibility and sound moral values in the pupils.

Pupils who have been identified for the GEP will attend classes from Primary 4 to Primary 6 in the 9 participating primary schools: Anglo-Chinese School (Primary) and Catholic High (Primary) for boys; Raffles Girls' Primary for girls; Henry Park Primary, Rosyth, Nan Hua Primary, Nanyang Primary, St Hilda's Primary, and Tao Nan for both boys and girls.

The selection process for the primary GEP is as follows:

- a. All Primary 3 pupils are invited to sit the **GEP Screening Test** (on 27 August 2010) in English Language and Mathematics. This Test will be based on what the pupils would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. The topics "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time" in the Primary 3 Mathematics syllabus will be excluded. The tests will have both multiple-choice and open-ended questions and the format is similar to that of tests taken in school.
- b. About 4,000 pupils who sit the Screening Test will be shortlisted to sit the **GEP Selection Test** (on 19 and 20 October 2010) which is made up of 3 papers – English Language, Mathematics and General Ability. The English Language and Mathematics papers will test what pupils would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. For the Mathematics paper, all topics in the syllabus including "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time" will be tested. The General Ability paper is a test of logical thinking and general reasoning ability.
- c. About 500 pupils will be finally selected to join the Primary 4 GEP classes. The results of the GEP Selection Test will be released to all candidates through the school by early November 2010.

The GEP is an enrichment programme pitched at a level to suit the pupils' intellectual ability. The subjects that are enriched in the Primary GEP are English Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Civics & Moral Education. Pupils who are proficient in their Mother Tongue language will be given the option to offer the subject at the Higher Mother Tongue level. At the end of Primary 6, GEP pupils sit the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) together with pupils in the mainstream. Promotion to the next level of gifted education depends on the successful completion of the Primary GEP. This takes into account their performance in the GEP from Primary 4 to Primary 6, their attitude towards enrichment and their PSLE results.

At the secondary level, provisions for GEP pupils are made through school-based gifted education programmes in selected Integrated Programme (IP) schools and school-based special programmes in schools offering the 'O' levels. The IP schools which are offering school-based gifted education programmes are: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Dunman High School, Raffles Institution, Raffles Girls' School (Secondary), Hwa Chong Institution, Nanyang Girls' High School and The National University of Singapore High School of Mathematics and Science. GEP pupils admitted to the 6-year IP in these schools will receive a school-based enriched and challenging curriculum to stretch them intellectually.

The schools which are offering school-based special programmes in the 'O' level track are: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Catholic High School, Methodist Girls' School, Singapore Chinese Girls' School and St Joseph's Institution. GEP pupils admitted to these schools will attend 4-year special programmes customised by the schools to meet the learning needs of high-ability pupils.

More information on the GEP can be obtained from our website:  
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/gifted-education-programme/>

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**\*\*REPLY SLIP – SCREENING TEST 2010**

To: The Principal

Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

I would like/not like\* my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
of Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_, to sit the Screening Test on **Friday, 27 August 2010**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's  
Name and Signature

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Date

\* Please delete accordingly.

\*\* To be returned to the Class Teacher of your child's school by **13 August 2010**.