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Term 1 Indigo Sec 4 Express English Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a brand-new term at Indigo. We're excited to partner with you in Sec 4 Express English this year and to help you turn effort into real, measurable progress. This letter gives you a clear overview of what to expect in Term 1, the support available, and the important dates and links you'll need. Please keep this letter handy as a guide for Term 1.

Make the most of your English Express lessons

To ensure rigour, you will work on both Paper 1, Paper 2 and Current Affairs components every week. Lessons focus on building strong skills and exam techniques.

For students:

The right attitude towards learning makes all the difference. As you progress through a more complex secondary school curriculum, approach each lesson with a genuine desire to learn and improve. Remember that lessons are **not** merely sessions for notetaking; they are opportunities to encounter new skills, techniques, and ideas. Achievement at the end of each lesson is NOT that you have filled in all the blanks, but that you understand the lesson taught and if you encounter a similar question type in school (classwork / WA / Exams) you will be able to answer it confidently.

At Indigo, we design each lesson to allow students to attempt questions before answers are revealed. This process—learning through exploration and mistakes—is essential in cultivating thoughtful, resilient learners who will excel beyond their secondary school years.

As we work to foster an independent spirit of learning in every Indigo student, we strongly encourage you to seek clarification whenever you are in doubt and to ask questions whenever something is unclear. These habits reflect maturity and will serve you well both in and beyond the classroom.

For parents:

As your child enters the more demanding secondary school curriculum, it is important to recognise that expectations differ significantly from primary school, where scoring well is often easier. At Indigo, lessons are designed to expose students to new skills, techniques, and deeper content aligned to the both the MOE syllabus and the GCE O Level requirements. We intentionally allow students to attempt questions before reviewing answers, as learning from mistakes is key to developing independent, resilient learners.

We value our partnership with parents and invite you to support this process by encouraging your child to take ownership of their learning—asking questions, seeking clarification, and embracing challenges. With home and Indigo working together, we can help your child grow into a confident, self-directed learner prepared for future success.

What to do with the Current Affairs (CA) Notes

- CA is designed to develop critical thinking, expand knowledge that can be used for oral exams and argumentative/ discursive writing and to produce students with a broad world perspective.

- **Read actively:** Understand the content, highlight key ideas, and create simple mindmaps to link issues, causes and impacts.

- **Organise by topic:** Sort the information into themes (e.g. environment, technology, inequality) so that future revision for exams and writing becomes faster and more focused.

On top of your weekly regular notes, you will receive

- English workbook
  These are additional practices to help you reinforce what you have learnt in your Indigo lessons for Paper 1 and Paper 2. Detailed instructions can be found in the workbook when you receive it in January.

Sec 4 Express English Indigo Term Calendar

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	8 December 2025	12 April 2026
2	13 April 2026	19 July 2026
3	20 July 2026	18 October 2026

Key points to note

Indigo Mobile Phone Policy

- No using of mobile phones unless the tutor has asked you to do so. All mobile phones must be in students' bags at all times. The tutor has the right to confiscate the phones if they are used without permission.

Online Options during the March, June, and September Holidays

- We understand that many of you will have holiday plans yet still want to keep up with the demands of the Secondary syllabus. To support you, we've arranged live online lessons or recorded lessons during the holidays so you can stay on track, revise consistently, and continue attending class without disruption, wherever you are. Details will be shared via community chats and LMS nearing the holidays.

Checklist for a good head start

Please make sure you go through this checklist, so you are aware of all the additional services we have put in place for you in order for you to be consistent and steady in English.

Service	What is it	Link	Check it off!
Indigo App	• Download the Indigo Mobile App • Turn on notifications • Get the latest updates on events, free notes and resources. • Check your bill, infinite rewards • Check your attendance • Book a within the week replacement lesson • Make a permanent class transfer • Book your booster lessons Password protected. If you do not have it, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.	Google Playstore Click here App Store Click here Guide Click Here	
Learning Management Portal (LMS)	Get access to • Videos and notes of your missed lessons • Accompanying answers for workbooks and weekly notes • Additional teaching videos provided for your home revision and exams • Receive your GP marked essays and test scripts here Password Protected. If you do not have it, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.	Click here	

WhatsApp Community Group	Parents and students will receive a weekly summary of the coverage in class and what can be done at home to reinforce that week's lesson. Update on term test, return of term test, class cancellation and special information will be through this platform If you are not added to the community chat, please contact Indigo front desk at 6634 2208.		
Video on Demand	Make a request for on-demand video lessons if you are unable to make it for class. Each lesson cycle begins on Monday and ends on Sunday	Click here	
Principal Strategy Seminar	Attend the Principal's Strategy Seminar for your level to understand the "big picture" of the system, plan your next steps wisely, and avoid wasting effort on the wrong things. Refer to the list of seminar here: https://indigo.com.sg/special-programmes/seminars-webinars/	Click here	
Consultation	Book a consultation with our teachers to clarify your doubts before the next in-class session.	Click here	

Access +	As enrolled students of Indigo, you get access to • Study space (Bring up to 2 friends each visit) • Additional notes/ masterclasses where appropriate • Replays of important lesson as revision for upcoming tests and exams The schedule for access+ will be uploaded monthly for your planning in the Indigo App		
Ala-Carte marking service	Submission of essays (questions need not be covered by Indigo). We would prefer for answers to be type-written so that we are marking for ideas and skills rather than handwriting. For comprehension passages, please endure that the question paper and inserts are also included. Please note that the maximum turnaround time is 2 weeks.	Click here	
Indigo Oracle	Verified, thoughtful current affairs articles introduced for your reading pleasure.	Click here	

Our schedule of events and lessons is carefully planned to help you navigate the rigour smoothly without clashing with other Indigo subjects. Please refer to the latest Indigo timetable and subject offerings here: https://indigo.com.sg/timetable/

Click Here

If you'd like a fully coordinated timetable with minimal disruption and no overlaps, we encourage you to consider our other subject offerings as well. By coming on board for a full suite of subjects, you'll:

- Enjoy our Power Pack discount, and
- Benefit from a smooth, well-planned schedule across all your classes.

Let us partner with you on your learning journey as you take your next step into Secondary School in 2026. May 2026 be a positive transformative year where you will see your grades improve by leaps and bounds! Wishing you every success in your academic life!

Warmest regards,
The Indigo Team