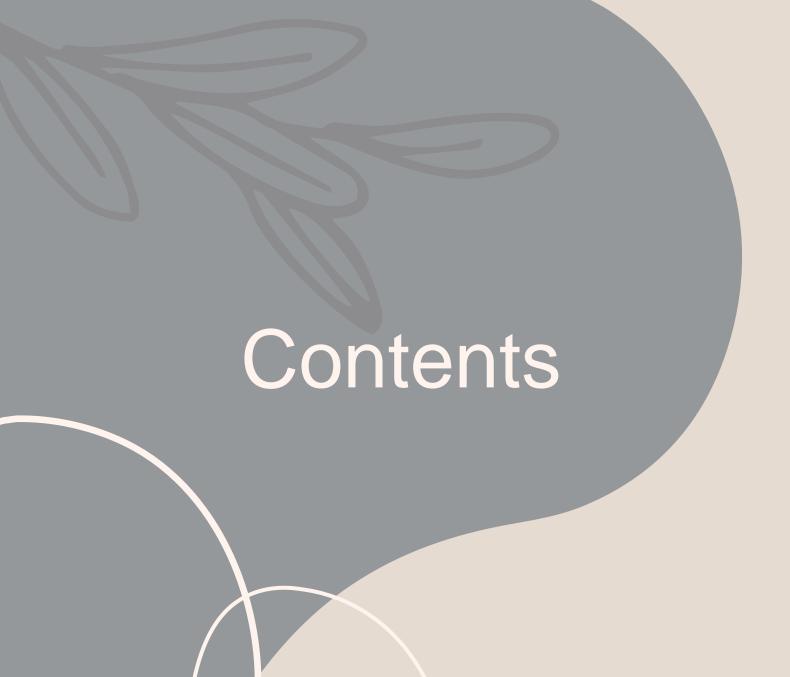
# Parents' Engagement 2023 Secondary 2



# DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

SOME SOURCES OF STRESS

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

**RESOURCES & HELPLINES** 

# Developmental Milestones for our Sec 2 students

- Forming their own identity
- Concerned about their appearance
- Wanting more independence
- Expressing interest for exploration
- Communicating more with peers



#### Some common sources of stress

- Choosing their subject combination
- Academic pressure
- Friends and family relationships











#### Parents, what can you do?

- Be supportive
- Be encouraging
- Be present



### Be supportive

- Trust that your child can do hard things
- Resist being overprotective
- Allow them to explore and find what they enjoy doing
- Brainstorm together to solve problems that come up

## Be encouraging



- Find time to chat about their interests or courses they have taken up
- Be their cheerleader when they want to give up
- Share your personal challenges and success stories with them
- Tell them you are there if they need help

#### Be present

- Spend time with your child intentionally with minimal distractions
- Listen actively to what they say
- Seek to understand before offering your opinion or advice

#### Self-care for parents

- Acknowledge your own challenges in life
- Discuss your problems with loved ones
- Set aside me-time to recharge



"If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning."

Carol Dweck
 American psychologist

#### Resources

**HELPLINES** 

For families and individuals in need of family support services

COMCARE 1800 - 222 0000

#### Resources

**HELPLINES** 

Assistance related to mental health

YCSS School Counsellors 6261 2489 ext 228, 227

Youthline (Anyone up to 35 years old)

6517 9820

Samaritans of Singapore (SOS)

1767 (24hours)