

PSLE SCIENCE INTENSIVE REVISION WORKSHOP 2021

Dear parents,

The registration for our annual PSLE Science Intensive Revision Workshop is now open! You may register online via our website www.tinkerlab.com.sg starting from 5 April 2021 to 31 May 2021. Registration is open to existing students at Tinkerlab, as well as the public, and placement is strictly on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Registration is strictly done via online. Reservation through SMS, whatsapp and phone calls will not be accepted. A vacancy will only be reserved for your child upon receiving confirmation through full payment. All payment made will be strictly non-refundable, so please make sure your child is able to attend before registering and making payment.

Kindly note that weekly tuition will be conducted as usual and will be covering a full topic. The revision workshop is **OPTIONAL** and covers past year topics thoroughly.

Details of PSLE Science Intensive Revision Workshop

Dates:

- Part 1 (Physical Science): 7 – 11 June 2021
- Part 2 (Life Science): 14 – 18 June 2021

Sessions available: (* Min. 6 to start a class)

- 9.00am – 12.15pm (Mdm. Tan)
- 10.00am – 1.15pm (Mr. Allan)
- 1.30pm – 4.45pm (Mdm. Tan / Mr Allan)

Fee for 30-hr workshop: \$1050 nett
(Inclusive of workshop booklets + PSLE Ultimate Revision e-Assessment package)

Enjoy \$100 off for every successful referral to a non-inhouse student!

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SPECIAL !**

Sign up before **24 April 2021** and get an **EXTRA** round of revision on our online eAssessment portal for free!

Enjoy **earlier activation** of portal account and use it for **SA1 revision** as well as Prelims and PSLE!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What will you be covering for this workshop?

A: We will be doing a thorough revision for ALL the topics from Primary 3 to Primary 5. Primary 6 topics will be integrated in the workshop for multi-themed application questions. Furthermore, MCQ revision tests for all P3 to P6 topics are available in the PSLE Ultimate Revision e-Assessment package (more than 500 revision questions with detailed explanations) on our TinkerScience online portal.

Q: How will your workshop be conducted?

A: The PSLE paper is divided into 2 main parts – Life Science and Physical Science. This is why our workshop is conducted over 2 weeks – one week to revise Life Sciences topics, and one week to revise Physical Sciences topics.

Each day, we will focus on a specific topic or a group of closely related topics. Our workshop this year is divided into 2 components, based on the format of the PSLE Science Paper:

(a) Multiple Choice Questions:

- The multiple choice questions can be practised by the student at his or her own pace at any time and place through our e-assessment online portal.
- There will be a revision test for all the topics covered during the workshop. Your child's answer is auto-marked by our system immediately and a detailed explanation is provided if his or her answer is wrong.
- The shift to online practice for the multiple choice questions allows us to use all the time during the workshop to focus on the open-ended questions and answering techniques.

(b) Open-ended Questions:

- The open-ended questions will be practised in class at Tinkerlab during the course of the 10-day workshop. There will be a wide range of question types and the instructor will highlight key concepts and specific answering techniques through discussion of the questions compiled inside. All questions will be completed in class so that the remaining time after the workshop can be used for

the revision of other subjects. The only component that your child needs to do at home would be the online learning at our e-assessment portal.

Q: Can I sign up for only a few days or just one week?

A: Due to the limited number of classes and our policy of keeping the class size small, we are only able to accept participants who can attend all the 10 days of revision.

Q: What happens if my child does not attend certain sessions? Will there be a refund or makeup session?

A: Workshop fees that are paid is strictly non-refundable, as the vacancy has been reserved for your child fully for the 10 days. In the event that your child misses out on a session, we will pass the booklets to him or her to do and provide the answer key after marking the work. The instructor will also make arrangements to provide feedback to your child.

Q: What are your charges for the workshop?

A: Our weekly tuition classes for P6 are charged at \$30/hr and our workshops are charged at \$35/hr. The PSLE Science Intensive Revision workshop is a 30-hour workshop (3 hours per session x 10 days), so the workshop fees will work out to be \$1050 nett.

Q: Why is your workshop so expensive?

A: The cost of our workshop seems high due to the high number of hours (30 hours) we spend and we limit the class size so that your child will get optimum attention and opportunity to discuss and ask questions during the workshop. The amount of practice we provide is also immense, for at the end of the workshop, your child would have practised a few hundred exam-type questions, all with detailed explanations and guidance provided.

There are many other PSLE-related workshops and boot camps, and each differs in terms of:

- *Duration – number of sessions and how long each session lasts (E.g. 2 hours each day for 4 days vs. 8 full hours completed in one day)*

- *Format of workshop – Will written exercises be given and marked for assessment, or is it just a lecture-style workshop where instructor talks and gives examples and notes? Will there be active discussion or passive listening during the workshop?*
- *Qualification and experience of instructors*
- *Quantity and quality of revision materials*
- *Whether assessment of your child's learning will be provided with specific feedback or just attendance-taking*
- *Whether training of exam skills is integrated and practised or just verbal sharing of exam skills*

Due to the many differences that all these workshops may have, it is unfair to compare based on total costs. All other qualitative factors aside, our workshop rate of \$35/hr is often lower than the hourly rates of workshops with a lower total fee.

We have made a conscious effort not to overcharge and take the easy way out by competing at lower costs through conducting shorter easier workshops that will require less resources and time commitment on our part, or increasing the class size to increase revenue. We strongly believe that there are no short cuts and quick fixes in learning, and the only way to improve is to practise and practise.

Q: Can I skip this revision workshop and just rely on the revision during weekly tuition classes when school reopens?

A: This workshop is optional, but you **MUST** plan an alternative revision regime for your child if you are not signing him or her up. A structured revision plan is a **MUST** and it should not be just reading notes. This June vacation is the only period your child has to indulge in topic by topic revision on what he or she has learnt over the past 3 years. After school reopens and prelim exam results happen to be unfavourable, there will not be enough time for effective remediation.

From our past experiences, pupils who missed the June workshop tends to fare more poorly in the weekly tuition revision mock exams, as they are not prepared, and that demoralises them and affects their self-confidence. It also limits the benefits of those mock exams as many end up not revising much during the June holidays on their own. Hence, it is of utmost importance that you work closely and effectively with your child

during June if he or she prefers to self-study than attend workshops. Attending our workshop is optional, but a thorough revision this June is a MUST.

Q: Can my child skip attending this revision workshop but purchase the revision booklets for the open-ended questions?

A: Hard copies of our revision booklets will not be available for sale.

Q: Can my child skip attending this revision workshop but do the top school exam papers as practice, and get the instructors to mark and go through separately?

A: During this period, the instructors will be having workshops and classes from 9am to 9pm, we would not be able to provide other customized services. We seek your kind understanding in this matter.