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Dear Parents/Guardian

Letter to Parents/Guardians – End of Semester One

Greetings to all parents and guardians!

We have completed Semester One and I would like to thank everyone for working closely with the school during this time.

Before the start of the end-of-semester break which will take place from 25 May to 23 Jun 2024, with lessons resuming on Mon, 24 Jun 2024, I would like to share some important information with you.

Travel Declaration

All parents/guardian are required to make a travel declaration if your child/ward intends to travel during the June holidays.

Please declare your child/ward's travel plans on Parents Gateway by Fri, 24 May 2024 only if your child/ward intends to travel during the holidays.

Parents/guardian who are not on Parents Gateway can make the declaration via this link:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/travel-declaration/>

If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).

Student Matters

Home-based Learning (HBL) in Term 3 and GCE Oral Examination for English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL).

In 2024, all EL and MTL GCE Oral examination will be streamlined and held during a specified number of full-days and half-days in Term 3. Specific dates for your child/ward's EL and MTL GCE Oral examination can be found on the examination entry proof. Please refer to the entry proof to ensure that your child/ward is aware of the dates and times of the respective examination. Candidates will be briefed on the reporting times and other administrative information by the Supervising Oral Examiner in Term 3.

To facilitate the smooth running of the streamlined GCE Oral examination, HBL in Term 3 will take place from 23-25 Jul 2024. Your child/ward will be informed on the details by their subject teachers accordingly.

CCA Training during the June Holidays

Some CCAs will continue to have training during the June holidays. We have compiled a list of the CCAs and the training schedule for your reference. Please refer to the following link for more details:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/CCA-Schedule/>

WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR

YSS Work Exposure and Experience Programme

The YSS Work Exposure and Experience Programme allows our Secondary 3 and selected Secondary 4 students to gain valuable insight into the working world and, perhaps, discover a passion in an industry that they are interested in.

This year 55 students from YSS will be attached to organizations from 28 May to 14 Jun 2024 as part of the Work Exposure and Experience Programme. Organisations that have kindly agreed to host our students include:

- Julia Gabriel Centre (Mandarin Centre)
- Superpets
- Agency for Integrated Care (AIC)
- Yishun Health (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital)
- Eatz Catering Services
- LLOYD & ANDREW BUILDERS PTE LTD
- I.R.B. Law LLP
- Beyond Legal LLC

All students on the programme have been provided with the necessary details. Parents were briefed on 14 May 2024.

Academic Matters

Support for our Graduating Cohort

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Examination

The GCE O-Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Language Examination and the Mother Tongue (B Syllabus) Examination will be held on Mon, 27 May 2024. All students taking the examination have been briefed regarding the necessary procedures.

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension

The above-mentioned examination would be held on Wed, 3 Jul 2024. Students who are not taking the examination will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. They are expected to leave the school premises immediately after dismissal.

There will be no CCA and after-school programmes on that day as well.

Lessons for Sec 4E5N students during the June Holiday

Science Practical lessons and extra lessons for Sec 4E5N and 4NA Out-of-Stream students taking the electives (Design and Technology, Art, Food and Nutrition, Exercise and Sports Science (ESS)) will take place during the June holidays. Please refer to this link:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements/>

As this is extra support provided to our students, please ensure that your child/ward attends these lessons.

Consultation

Some students may be requested to return to school for consultation with their subject teachers during the June holidays. Their subject teachers will inform them of the details.

Attire for Students Reporting to School during the Holidays

All students are required to be properly attired when they come to school during the holidays. They should be in half-uniform (school-approved t-shirts with pants/shorts and skirt and, covered shoes).

Holiday Homework

Holiday homework has been assigned for the students. Information regarding holiday homework can be found on the school website via this link:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements/>

Do ensure that your child/ward keeps in touch with his/her schoolwork and at the same time enjoys some rest during the school holidays.

New Timetable for Term 3

There will be a new timetable in Term 3. The new timetable for Term 3 will be available on the school website at this link <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable/> from Wed, 19 Jun 2024 for the first day of Term 3. Kindly ensure that your child/ward has the necessary books and materials for lessons.

Weighted Assessment for Term 3

The schedule for Weighted Assessment (WA) has been uploaded on the school website. You can access the information via this link: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/>

Sec 4E5N students will no longer have WA in term 3. However, to better prepare them for the coming national examination, WA time slots will be used for either timed-practice exercises for selected subjects or lessons for the Sec 4E5N cohort. The schedule has been uploaded on the school website for your reference. You can access the information via the link above.

Night Study Programme for Graduating Students

Night Study will commence in Term 3 from 24 Jun to 29 Aug 2024. It will take place on Mondays to Thursdays. Attendance will be taken at 7 pm by the teacher I/C and the school gate will be closed. The session ends at 8:30 pm. Venue will be in the school canteen.

The aim of this programme is to support our graduating students by providing them with a venue for revision and self-study.

Students coming for Night Study are expected to be dressed in school attire (School T-Shirt and pants/skirt). As the canteen will be closed, students are expected to have their own dinner before coming for Night Study.

Celebrating our Successes!

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you on the results of the various competitions held in Semester One.

Performing Arts and Clubs and Societies

In the Asia Pacific Band Festival 2024, our **Concert Band** did the school proud by achieving the silver award.

Robotics Club. A group of 9 Robotics students and a group 6 D&T students took part in the IDE series 2024. IDE (Innovation, Design and Engineering) Series is a national technology and

engineering competition event. The aim of the competition is to challenge students on problem solving across domains such as electronics, programming, structural and mechanical design.

I am pleased to share that a group of our D&T students won 2nd Place in the IDE challenge.

Uniformed Groups

The Uniformed Groups (UGs) also did the school proud with the following achievements:

CCA	Award	Achievement
National Police Cadet Corps	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Distinction
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National Civil Defence Cadet Corps	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Distinction

In addition, we are proud that our uniformed group cadets were also recognised for the individual achievements:

CCA	Cadet	Achievement
National Civil Defence Cadet Corps	Jaydias Ng (4E1)	NCDCC Pinnacle Award
	Iman Rihanna Bte Khairulnizam (4N2)	
National Police Cadet Corps	Prisha Murli Mangudi (4E3)	SPF-NPCC Badge
	Lee Jie En, Brandon (4N1)	
	Tay Ling Swee Lindy (Zhao Lin Rui) (4E2)	Best Unit Cadet Badge
	Lee Jie En, Brandon (4N1)	
	Prisha Murli Mangudi (4E3)	Station Inspector Rank
	Nur Alisha Ellyana Binte Mohamad Faizal (4N2)	
National Cadet Corps	-	Precision Drill Squad (Finalists)

Physical Sports

Our students achieved the following at the sports competitions:

CCA	Competition / Category	Participant	Class	Achievement
Basketball	NSG B/C-Div Boys/Girls Basketball	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-Div Girls qualified for Tier 1 • C-Div Boys qualified for Tier 4 • B-Boys qualified for 2nd Round
Gymnastics	NSG Gymnastics (Artistic) B-Division Girls	Tan Shang Qi, Alexis	3 Strive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vault – 1st • Individual Floor Exercise – 2nd position • Balance Beam – Bronze • All Around Final – Bronze

CCA	Competition / Category	Participant	Class	Achievement
Cross-Country	NSG C-Div Boys	Toh Jing Lun	2 Strive	10th position
	Wings Cross-Country Championships	Yeshwin Alan Christopher Jeyaraj	2 Respect	20th position
Track & Field	NSG 3000 metres C-Div Boys	Toh Jing Lun	2 Strive	6th position
	NSG 3000 metres C-Div Girls	Nur Amirah Bte Mouzzammil	2 Resilience	8th position
	NSG 1500 metres C-Div Boys	Toh Jing Lun	2 Strive	6th position
	NSG 1500 metres C-Div Girls	Nur Amirah Bte Mouzzammil	2 Resilience	8th position
	NSG 800 metres C-Div Boys	Yeshwin Alan Christopher Jeyaraj	2 Respect	8th position
	NSG 1500 walk metres C-Div Boys	Yeshwin Alan Christopher Jeyaraj	2 Respect	13th position
	NSG 1500 walk metres B-Div Girls	Joy Tay Loke Xin	3 Integrity	9th position
Volleyball	NSG B-Div Girls (North Zone)	-	-	4th position

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the students and teachers who have worked hard to attain these achievements and, parents and guardians for their unfailing support.

Green Efforts in YSS

As part of our effort in promoting sustainable waste management practices, the school participated in the Recycle@NorthWest in 2023.

Recycle@NorthWest (Schools) works closely with schools within the Northwest District to instill good recycling habits in our students. The programme encourages schools to set up recycling points, where students collect recyclables and put proper recycling knowledge to good use.

We are pleased to share that our school had collected 3120 kg of recycling tonnage for year 2023.

E-payment Option in YSS Canteen and Bookstore

The school has implemented the POSB Smart Buddy as an e-payment option in the canteen and bookstore. From 24 Jun 2024 onwards, students can opt to use e-payments for their purchases at the canteen and bookstore.

Adjustment of canteen food prices

In the recent 1-2 years, we have seen a significant inflationary trend in food prices from the Department of Statistics and NEA's hawker price survey. Our canteen price was just adjusted in 2022, and to ensure that our canteen price range reflects these cost pressures, our canteen set meal (consist of rice, meat, vegetables and fruit) will be adjusted from \$2.20 to \$2.50 effective Mon, 24 June 2024.

School Celebrations in Term 3

We will celebrate the following in Term 3:

- Youth Day, Fri, 28 Jun 2024 (Mon, 1 Jul 2024 is a school holiday)
- Racial Harmony Day, Thu, 18 Jul 2024
- National Day, Thu, 8 Aug 2024 (Fri, 9 Aug is a public holiday, school resumes on Mon, 12 Aug 2024)
- Teachers' Day, Thu, 29 Aug 2024 (Fri, 30 Aug 2024 is a school holiday)

The end of term break will commence on 31 Aug 2024. The first day of Term 4 is Mon, 9 Sep 2024.

Police Advisory for the Coming School Holidays

With the upcoming mid-year school holidays, the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would like to share the attached infographics with parents / guardian and students on how they can stay safe (away from crimes and scams) during the school holiday.

Please refer to the attached Annexes.

Once again, let's continue working in partnership to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Thank you and wishing you and your child/ward a restful end of semester break.



Mrs Regina Lee
Principal



STAY SAFE

BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS



STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

CHEATING

Cheating is a crime.

Youths have been investigated due to their involvement as money mules for quick cash. Your payment accounts, like bank accounts and Singpass account are for your own use only.

Whoever cheats shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years, or with fine, or with both.



CORROSIVE AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACT (CESOW)

It is an offence to be in possession of any weapon without any lawful purpose.

Do not attempt to even buy them online as you will still be caught.

Any person who in public has in his possession or under his control any offensive weapon other than for a lawful purpose shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years and be punished with caning of at least 6 strokes.



RIOTING

Control your emotions and words. Do not resort to violence.

Rioting is a crime which could result in severe injuries or even death for all those involved, including yourself and your friends.

Whoever is guilty of rioting shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years and shall also be liable to caning.

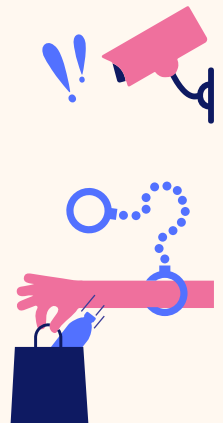


SHOP THEFT

Shop Theft is an offence.

You may not be caught immediately but with the CCTV cameras around the shop, you will be identified eventually.

Offenders found guilty may be punished with imprisonment for up to 7 years and shall also be liable to fine.



YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

Beware of advertisements

featuring sales of items that seem too good to be true, or require you to download unknown applications to proceed with purchases.



Beware of your surroundings

and be alert to suspicious persons.



If you have been a victim or know anyone who has been a victim of sexual crime,

do not hesitate to tell a trusted adult and make a police report as soon as possible.



Take care of your personal belongings.

Do not leave your items unattended even for a short while.



ACT TO SAFEGUARD YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM SCAMS

WHY DO YOUTHS FALL FOR SCAMS?

1. Regular exposure

As digital natives, you are always online, whether for shopping, banking, or communicating. Being online all the time also increases your exposure to online dangers, including scams. You can fall prey when you are not alert to these dangers.

2. Overconfidence

You may not be fully aware of online dangers. Overconfidence in navigating the online space and a 'it won't happen to me' mindset will lead to you falling prey to scammers.

3. Anyone, including youths can fall prey to scams

We urge you to remain vigilant and take actions/protective measures to stay safe against scams.



TOP SCAMS YOUTHS FELL FOR

E-commerce Scam

Scammers advertise goods and services for sale online but do not deliver after victims made payments. Scammers may also trick victims to download malware onto their phones, allowing scammers access to their personal and banking information.

Job Scam

Scammers advertise jobs promising high commissions for little effort. They seek upfront payments from victims as part of the job but disappear with victims' money subsequently. There is no such thing as easy money.



Phishing Scam

Scammers will try to contact victims via mediums such as email, text message or call to deceive them into clicking a malicious link, disclosing usernames, passwords, credit card details, and other personal information. It may also contain malware.

In 2023, more than 2,000 youths were victims of scams, and more than 250 youths were arrested for their involvement in money mule activities.

Remember, our bank and Singpass accounts are for our own use only. It may be a crime if you share them with others.



ACT NOW TO INCREASE YOUR PROTECTION AGAINST SCAMS

ADD

ScamShield App and security features.



CHECK

For scam signs and with official sources.



TELL

Authorities, family and friends about scams.



BLOCK SCAM CALLS, DETECT SCAM SMSes AND REPORT SCAMS VIA THE SCAMSHIELD APP



Download the ScamShield App

Scan here



For more scam resources

Scan here or visit www.go.gov.sg/spf-scamresources



DRUG AND INHALANT ABUSE SITUATION

1. The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.

Drug abuse causes harm to your body and mind. Do not let drugs harm you, your family and loved ones.



2. Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse.

Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and do inform your family members or school staff immediately.



3. Always exercise caution on the Internet and social media

as there may be much misinformation about drugs.



4. Do not get involved in online drug activities or attempt to buy drugs online.

CNB monitors and investigates online drug activities.



5. Stay away from drugs even when you are overseas.

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, you will be liable for the same drug consumption offence regardless of where the controlled drugs were consumed.



6. Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs.

If in doubt, do not consume or purchase the item.



REAL-LIFE STORIES

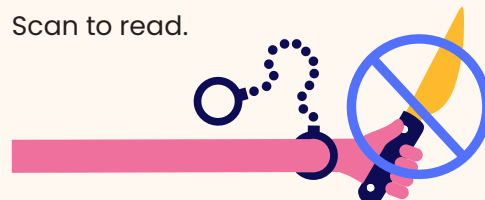
SHOP THEFT IS A CRIME

Scan to read.



THE DANGER IS IN YOUR HAND

Scan to read.



OUR HELPLINES

CRIME PREVENTION

Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 000** or submit information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness

'999' is for emergencies only.

Please dial if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit:

www.police.gov.sg,
www.ncpc.org.sg or
SPF Facebook,



RESOURCES ON CRIME PREVENTION AND STAYING DRUG-FREE

The following provides more information on crime prevention and staying drug-free:

- Call the Police or the CNB hotline at **1800 325 6666** to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse.
- For more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse, visit: www.cnb.gov.sg

For anyone who wishes to seek help with addiction-related matters, please call the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) at **6732 6837**

ADVISORY FOR PARENTS ON VAPING

VAPING IS ILLEGAL IN SINGAPORE



No possessing, buying or using e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$2,000



No selling or importing e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$20,000 or/and 12 months imprisonment

VAPING IS HARMFUL



Vapes contain **cancer-causing substances** such as formaldehyde and **nicotine**, a drug found in cigarettes.



Studies have shown that **individuals who vape** are more likely to **pick up cigarette smoking** later in life.

VAPING DEVICES ARE NOT EASY TO RECOGNISE

It comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Making it **easier for children to hide**.



Some **resembling everyday items** like **USB flash drives** and **pens**.

WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT?

Be a good role model. Do not vape or smoke.

Communicate openly with your child on the **harmful effects** of smoking and vaping.

Parent to **dispose any e-vaporiser and accessories** if your child possesses it.

FOR SUPPORT ON QUITTING

1800 438 2000

HPB_SMOKING_CONTROL@HPB.GOV.SG

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR PARENTS



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