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YISHUN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2024

Seasons Greetings to all parents and guardians. I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the year end festivities.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and everyone of you for working so closely with the school in 2023 to support our many programmes and activities.

Farewell and Thank You

There will be some staff movement in 2024, with our Vice-Principal, Mr Michael Tan, being posted to another school where he will continue the good work he has been doing here in Yishun Secondary School. Mr Lim Meng Teck and Mdm Juliet Yeo will also be moving on to other MOE schools where their passion for teaching and commitment to education will grow and inspire even more students.

We thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their respective schools.

Welcome

We welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mrs Oh Wee Ming, who is an experienced educator and has previously served in other schools in a similar capacity. Given her professional experiences, she will be a good addition to the school leadership team.

In 2024, we have even more exciting activities to enrich our students' learning and school experience.

Secondary One 2024

We look forward to welcoming the newly posted Secondary One students to Yishun Secondary School.

To our Secondary One cohort – a very warm welcome to you. Thank you for making Yishun Secondary your school of choice. Do look forward to an exciting, engaging and enriching 4-5 years in YSS!

GCE N-Level Examination Results 2023

We would like to congratulate our Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students on their performance in the 2023 GCE N-Level Examination. The information can be found at the following link: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/accolades/student/academic/>

Reporting to School on 2 Jan 2024

School will re-open on Tue, 2 Jan 2024 for all students. The reporting time for all students is 7:30 am. The Flag Raising Ceremony (FRC) will take place at 7:35 am.

Venues for FRC are as follows:

WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR

Day	Venue
Monday	Parade Square <i>(in the event of rain, FRC will take place in the classroom)</i>
Tuesday	Classroom
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	School Hall

As the first day of the new academic year falls on a Tuesday, the FRC will take place in the Parade Square. In the event of rain, the FRC will be held in the hall.

School Rules

YSS Handphone Policy

Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours including recess and may only be used after school. Students are to surrender their mobile phones to the teacher before the start of the lesson and will only collect them after the lesson ends.

Mobile phones must not be used during consultation, enrichment programmes, learning journeys, CCA activities and any other school functions and activities unless authorised by teachers. Parents/guardians are to call the General Office at 68767129 if they wish to contact their child/ward.

Students are not allowed to use their phone's camera or video functions, or to access the internet during curriculum hours without the teacher's permission.

Mobile phones must not be brought into the examination room or hall during weighted assessment, school examination and national examination. All mobile phones are to be switched off and kept in the students' school bags during examinations.

Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. They are responsible for the safekeeping of their mobile phone. Student's mobile phone will be confiscated if he/she violates any of the above guidelines.

Leaving of School Premises

Students are not allowed to leave the school premises before the commencement of any after-school programmes such as CCA, consultations and Learning Journeys.

Attire and Hairstyle

Students should look neat and presentable at all times. There should be no outlandish hairstyles. Students are expected to report to school on Mondays in School Uniform for FRC. However, they are allowed to be report to school in half uniform on Tuesdays to Fridays for FRC.

Students whose attire and hairstyle do not comply with the school rules may be sent home to change. Kindly ensure that your child / ward's attire and hairstyle are in accordance with the school rules and regulations.

You may refer to pages 11 - 13 of the Students' Handbook, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/yss/student-handbook>

Student Matters

Secondary One Orientation Programme 2024

The Secondary One Orientation Programme 2024 will take place from 2 Jan 2024 to 4 Jan 2024. The theme of the programme is We Seek, Strive and Soar, and it is jointly planned and run by the Student Development Team (SDT) and the Student Leadership Committee. The orientation programme aims to help our new Secondary One students ease into secondary school life as seamlessly as possible.

The engaging and purposeful activities facilitated by the Prefects and Peer Support Leaders will allow our Secondary One students to learn more about the school and establish meaningful relationships with their teachers and peers.

Students are allowed to wear half uniform or PE attire for these 3 days of orientation, and they are reminded to bring their water bottles with them. Normal lessons will commence on Fri, 5 Jan 2024.

Secondary One Parents Engagement Session

The Secondary One Parents Engagement Session will be held on Fri, 5 Jan at 5 pm in the school hall. The session will touch on Secondary One CCA selection, LEAPS and Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP). Parents would also get to meet their child/ward's form teachers.

A separate notification on Parents Gateway will be sent nearer the date to confirm your attendance as light snacks will be provided. Parents are also encouraged to join their child for our CCA Open House.

Students who are offered More Demanding Level (MDL) subjects should have received their offer letter via Parents Gateway. To understand more about the demands and expectations of taking MDL subjects, parents are invited to attend a short briefing at 4.30 pm in the LT@3 on Fri, 5 Jan.

Back-To-School Programme 2024

In addition to the Secondary One Orientation Programme, the Back-To-School Programme has been organised by the SDT from 2 Jan to 4 Jan 2024 for the Secondary 2 to 5 students.

The following activities have been organised as part of the programme:

Level	Tue, 2 Jan	Wed, 3 Jan	Thu, 4 Jan
Sec 1	S1 Orientation Programme (Ice Breakers), Briefings & Talks, MIMS Onboarding (1CA, 1IT, 1RP)	S1 Orientation Programme (Learn about YSS (I) & Explore YSS), MIMS Onboarding (1RS, 1SE, 1SO)	S1 Orientation Programme (Learn about YSS (II) & S1O Finale), MIMS Onboarding (1ST, 1IN, Day 1 and 2 Absentees)
Sec 2	Briefings & Talks, Class bonding activities	Empathy for the Blind, Class bonding activities	Sports Experience: Kin Ball, Water Soccer
Sec 3	Briefings & Talks, Class bonding activities	Team Building workshop, Escape Room, Treasure Hunt	Team Building workshop, Escape Room, Treasure Hunt
Sec 4&5	Briefings & Talks	ECG Talks & Industry Visits	ECG Talks & Industry Visits

Please note the special dismissal times for 2 Jan to 4 Jan 2024:

Day	Tue, 2 Jan	Wed, 3 Jan	Thu, 4 Jan
Sec 1	1:30 pm 3:00 pm (1CA, 1IT, 1RP)	1:30 pm 3:00 pm (1RS, 1SE, 1SO)	1:30 pm 3:00 pm (1ST, 1IN, Day 1 and 2 absentees)
Sec 2	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
Sec 3	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
Sec 4&5	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm

CCA Matters

Conduct of CCA in 2024

All CCAs, for Sec 2 to 4/5 students, will commence from Term 1 Week 1, unless otherwise informed by the Teacher IC. CCA will resume according to the schedule which can be found on the school website.

CCA Open House and Orientation 2024

The CCA Open House for Secondary One students will be held on Fri, 5 Jan 2024. The CCA Open House allows students an opportunity to learn about the CCAs that are available in YSS.

The CCA Orientation will start from Term 1 Week 2. The CCA Orientation will give Secondary One students the opportunity to experience the wide range of CCAs available so that they can make an informed choice.

This year, we are happy to announce that incoming Secondary 1 girls will be able to join Football as part of the Cluster CCA initiative. In addition, Secondary 1 students may also choose to join two new CCAs, Wushu (Chung Cheng High School – Yishun Secondary School) or Pipe-band (Northland Secondary School), which are cluster-based CCAs hosted by other schools within the N2 cluster.

More information regarding the cluster-based CCAs, choosing a CCA and the timeline for making the choices, and confirmation of the allocated CCA to your child/ward will be made known later.

Timetable 2024

Students' timetable can be accessed on the school's website at the following link from 29 Dec 2023: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable>

Home-based Learning (HBL)

HBL continues in 2024. Please refer to the table below for the dates.

Term/Week	Day/Date
Term 1	Friday
Week 3	19 Jan
Week 5	2 Feb
Week 7	16 Feb
Week 9	1 Mar
Term 2	Friday
Week 4	12 Apr
Week 6	26 Apr
Week 8	10 May

Week 10	24 May
Term 3	
Week 5	23 Jul (Tue) 24 Jul (Wed) 25 Jul (Thu)

HBL is a continuation of the learning in the classroom. It will follow the timetable for the day. I urge all parents/guardians to ensure that their child/ward takes HBL seriously.

Academic Matters

These are some links to important information that you will find useful:

- Content Outlines 2024: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/content-outlines>
- Weighted Assessment Schedule 2024: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/>
- Consultation Schedule 2024: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/Consultation-Schedule>

Communication with Parents

In addition to information letters, SMS and Parents Gateway, the school uses its official website to disseminate timely information to parents and students.

Please visit <http://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg> to keep in touch with the latest developments in school.

We value your feedback. If you wish to contact your child/ward's Form Teacher, Subject Teacher or CCA Teacher, you can email the school at yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg addressing your email to the teacher. If you are calling the General Office (Tel: 6876 7129) to speak to any teacher, please do so during school hours from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and leave a message for the teacher.

Do understand that teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day. If you have urgent queries and/or requests, the General Office will assist in the best possible way.

We also seek your understanding that we do not expect teachers to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends, public holidays and, after 7 pm on weekdays.

Once again, we look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.



Mrs Regina Lee
Principal