27 Dec 2024

Dear Parents/Guardian

### **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2025**

Season's 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 2024 to support our many programmes and activities.

# Secondary One 2025

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the Secondary One students joining us in 2025.

Thank you for making us your school of choice and we hope you will look forward to an exciting, engaging and enriching 4-5 years in YSS!

### **GCE N-Level Examination Results 2024**

We would like to congratulate our Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students on their good performance in the 2024 GCE N-Level Examination. We had the privilege of journeying alongside a remarkable cohort of Sec 4N students. The strong showing in their results opens even more doors for them and provides greater future opportunities, and is a testament to the hard work and commitment of both our teachers and students. The information can be found at the following link: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/accolades/student/academic/

## Reporting to School on 2 Jan 2025

School will re-open on Thu, 2 Jan 2025 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 in the School Hall.

## **School Rules**

# **YSS Handphone Policy**

Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours including recess and lunch break, and may only be used after school. Students are to place their mobile phones in the handphone pouch at the front of the classroom before the start of the lesson, and will only collect them back after the end of the lessons.

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 weighted assessments and 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 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: <a href="https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/files/Students/Student Handbook for 2025.pdf">https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/files/Students/Student Handbook for 2025.pdf</a>

## **Student Matters**

## **Secondary One Orientation Programme 2025**

The Secondary One Orientation Programme 2025 will take place from 2 Jan 2025 to 6 Jan 2025. 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 Tue, 7 Jan 2025.

## **Secondary One Parents Engagement Session**

The Secondary One Parents Engagement Session will be held on Fri, 10 Jan at 5 pm in the school hall. The session will touch on Secondary One CCA selection, LEAPS, Full Subject-Based Banding, and the 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 share more about the demand and expectation of taking MDL subjects, parents are invited to attend a short briefing at 4:30 pm in the LT@3 on Fri, 10 Jan.

# **Back-To-School Programme 2025**

In addition to the Secondary One Orientation Programme, the Back-To-School Programme has been organised by the Student Development Team (SDT) from 2 Jan to 6 Jan 2025 for the Secondary 2 to 5 students.

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

Level	Thu, 2 Jan	Fri, 3 Jan	Mon, 6 Jan
Sec 1	Briefing by Principal and	S1 Orientation	S1 Orientation
	AYH	Programme	Programme and Finale
	S1 Orientation		MIMS Onboarding (1RP,
	Programme		1IT, 1RS ,1CA and Day 1
	MIMS Onboarding (1SE,		Absentees)
	1ST, 1SO, 1IN)		
Sec 2	Ecoponics - Sustainability	Kin-ball and Water	
	Programme (TG1)	Soccer* (TG1)	Briefing by Principal, AYH
	Kin-ball and Water	Ecoponics - Sustainability	and DM
	Soccer* (TG2)	Programme (TG2)	Class Bonding
Sec 3	Teambuilding Activities	Escape Room (TG1)	FT Time
	(TG1)	Teambuilding Activities	Class Makan
	Escape Room (TG2)	(TG2)	Mass Dance
Sec 4&5	Industry visits	Industry visits	Maco Barros

<sup>\*</sup>Sec 2 students are advised to bring an extra set of clothing and a towel as they would get wet during water soccer.

Please note the special dismissal times for 2 Jan to 6 Jan 2025:

Day	Thu, 2 Jan	Fri, 3 Jan	Mon, 6 Jan
Sec 1	1:30 pm	12:30 pm	1:30 pm
	3:00 pm (1SE, 1ST, 1SO,		3:00 pm (1RP, 1IT,
	1IN)		1RS ,1CA and Day 1
	·		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	12:30 pm	12:30 pm

## **CCA Matters**

### Conduct of CCA in 2025

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 2025**

The CCA Open House for Secondary One students will be held on Fri, 10 Jan 2025. 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.

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 2025

Students' timetable can be accessed on the school's website at the following link from 30 Dec 2024: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable/

# Home-based Learning (HBL)

HBL continues in 2025. Please refer to the table below for the dates.

Term/Week	Day/Date
Term 1	Friday
Week 9	7 Mar
Week 10	14 Mar
Term 2	Friday
Week 6	2 May
Week 7	9 May
Term 3	Tuesday - Thursday
Week 3	15-17 Jul

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.

There will be School-based Oral Examinations (English Language and Mother Tongue Languages) scheduled for Upper Secondary students on HBL days. Further details will be announced closer to the dates.

#### **Academic Matters**

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

- Content Outlines 2025: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/content-outlines
- Weighted Assessment Schedule 2025: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/
- Consultation Schedule 2025: <a href="https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/Consultation-Schedule">https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/Consultation-Schedule</a>
  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 <a href="mailto:yishun\_ss@moe.edu.sg">yishun\_ss@moe.edu.sg</a> 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.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2025!

Thank you and warmest regards

Mrs Regina Lee Principal