26 Dec 2025

Dear Parents/Guardian

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2026

Introduction

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 2025 to support our many programmes and activities.

Secondary One 2026

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the Secondary One students joining us in 2026.

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

YSS40

2026 will be an exciting milestone as our school celebrates YSS40!

The Theme: **Honouring • Empowering • Inspiring** seeks to encapsulate the essence of recognising our past efforts and achievements, enabling and motivating the present students and staff to realise the school's vision and mission with an impact on the community. The key celebrations are:

- YSS40 Weave of Unity & Caring Hearts Carnival on 12 Mar 2026
- YSS40 Speech & Prize Presentation and Student Leaders' Investiture on 10 Apr 2026
- 40 km Home-run Cross-country on 22 May 2026
- YSS Symph40enix Youth Day Celebration and Arts Extravaganza on 3 Jul 2026
- YSS Homecoming & Teachers' Day Celebration on 3 Sep 2026
- Launch of MAYGA Make Yishun Great Again on 21 Oct 2026

Your child/ward will receive a special edition of YSS40 PE T-shirt in week 1.

Improvements in school facilities

The school is sprucing up its premises to enrich the teaching and learning environment guided by multifunctionality, modularity, and engagement. The learning spaces include:

- <u>1986 Vántage</u> comprises the Heritage Gallery that traces the evolvement of Yishun New Town and the school's history
- <u>The Stairway</u>, a tiered platform within the canteen, promotes interactions, expressions for small group performances and collaborative groupwork
- <u>Table Talk</u> on Level 2 provides communal Space for self-study, group discussions and interactive learning

There will be an upcoming renovation of the school canteen scheduled from Fri, 6 Mar 2026 onwards. More details on the food and drinks arrangements will be provided in due course.

GCE N-level Examination Results 2025

Congratulations to our Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students on their good performance in the 2025 GCE N-Level Examination. The information can be found at the following link: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/accolades/student/academic/

Term 1 Week 0 and 1 Activities

Reporting to School on 2 Jan 2026

School will re-open on Fri, 2 Jan 2026 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 classrooms for Secondary Two to Five students and the SPACE (Library) for the Secondary One students respectively. The Secondary One students will continue to report to the SPACE for FRC from Mon, 5 Jan to Fri, 9 Jan.

The School Hall is currently undergoing renovation which will be completed by the end of January. Thus, FRC in Term 1 will be conducted in the classrooms every morning.

Secondary One Orientation Programme 2026

The Secondary One Orientation Programme 2026 will take place from 2 Jan 2026 to 6 Jan 2026. 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 three days of orientation, and they are reminded to bring their water bottles with them. Normal lessons will commence on Wed, 7 Jan 2026.

Secondary One Parents Engagement Session

The Secondary One Parents Engagement Session will be held on Fri, 9 Jan at 4:30 pm in the <u>SPACE</u> (classes – Seek, Strive, Soar and Innovate) and <u>YSS Commons</u> (classes - Respect, Integrity, Resilience and Care). The session will touch on Secondary One CCA selection, LEAPS, Full Subject-Based Banding (offering More Demanding Level subjects), 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 the CCA Open House.

Back-to-school programme 2026

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 2026 for the Secondary Two to Five students.

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

Level	Fri, 2 Jan	Mon, 5 Jan	Tue, 6 Jan
Sec 1	Briefing by Principal S1 Orientation Programme	S1 Orientation Programme	S1 Orientation Programme and Finale MIMS Onboarding

Level	Fri, 2 Jan	Mon, 5 Jan	Tue, 6 Jan
Sec 2	Briefing by Principal	Knowing Me, Owning My Path Workshop and Inline Skating	Knowing Me, Owning My Path Workshop and Inline Skating
Sec 3	Engagement Talks by Key Personnel covering CCA, CCE and Discipline Class Bonding and Makan FT Time	(3SE, 3ST, 3SO & 3IN) Technological and Interactive Digital experience @ JEWEL* (3RP, 3IT, 3RS & 3CA) Escape Quest@Defence Collective	(3SE, 3ST, 3SO & 3IN) Escape Quest@Defence Collective (3RP, 3IT, 3RS & 3CA) Technological and Interactive Digital experience @ JEWEL*
Sec 4&5		ECG programmes	Industry visits

^{*}Sec 3 students will be dismissed from Jewel Changi Airport.

Please note the special dismissal times for 2 Jan to 6 Jan 2026:

Day	Fri, 2 Jan	Mon, 5 Jan	Tue, 6 Jan
Sec 1		1:30 pm	2:00 pm
Sec 2		1:30 pm	1:30 pm
Sec 3		(3SE, 3ST, 3SO & 3IN)	(3RP, 3IT, 3RS & 3CA)
	12:30 pm	12:10 pm	12:10 pm
		(3RP, 3IT, 3RS & 3CA)	(3SE, 3ST, 3SO & 3IN)
		1:00pm	1:00pm
Sec 4 & 5		12:30 pm	1:00 pm

Student Matters

School Rules

YSS Policy on Electronic Devices (including mobile phones and smartwatches)

Students are not allowed to use any electronic devices except their personal learning devices (PLDs) during lessons and non-lesson time. Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours including recess, breaks, CCA and afterschool programmes (e.g. consultation, enrichment programmes and learning journeys). Students are to switch off and place their mobile phones in the handphone storage pouch at the front of the classroom before the start of lessons, and will only collect them back after the end of lessons.

Students are discouraged from bringing any electronic devices (including smartwatches) other than their PLDs to school. They are responsible for the safekeeping of their devices. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damages.

Parents/guardians are to call the General Office at 68767129 if they wish to contact their child/ward.

Leaving 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 always look neat and presentable. 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's/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/files/Students/Student Handbook for 2026 Final v3.pdf

CCA Matters

Conduct of CCA in 2026

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 2026

The CCA Open House for Secondary One students will be held on Fri, 9 Jan 2026. 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, timeline for making the choices, and confirmation of the allocated CCA to your child/ward will be made known later.

Academic Matters

Timetable 2026

Students' timetable can be accessed on the school's website at the following link from 30 Dec 2025: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable/

Home-based Learning (HBL)

HBL continues in 2026. Please refer to the table below for the dates.

Term/Week	Day/Date
Term 1	Friday
Week 8	27 Feb
Week 9	6 Mar
Term 2	Friday
Week 4	17 Apr
Week 5	24 Apr
Term 3	Tuesday - Thursday
Week 3	14-16 Jul

HBL is a continuation of 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 Information on School Website

These are some links to important information (available from Term 1 Week 3, 19 Jan 2026 onwards) that you will find useful:

- Content Outlines 2026: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/content-outlines
- Weighted Assessment Schedule 2026: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/
- Consultation Schedule 2026: https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/Consultation-Schedule
 Schedule

Staff Matters

New Appointment and Re-designation of Key Personnel

S/N	Name of staff member	Previous designation	New designation
1	Mr Chew Kang Wei	Subject Head/Mathematics	Head of Department/Mathematics
2	Mrs Leong Sin Yee	Senior Teacher/Biology	Lead Teacher/Biology
3	Dr Santhalingam Kalpana	Senior Teacher/Tamil Language	Lead Teacher/Tamil Language
4	Ms Hairul Bariyah Bte Maksom	Head of Department/Normal Technical	Head of Department/Applied Learning
5	Mr Richard Armstrong	Head of Department/Student Leadership & Literature	Head of Department/English Language & Literature
6	Ms Crystal Goh	Assistant Year Head	Subject Head/Student Leadership
7	Ms Nuruljannah	Subject Head/Character & Citizenship Education	Subject Head/Creative Arts and Values-in-action
8	Ms Durga Gayathri	Teacher	Acting Assistant Year Head/Secondary 2

Farewell and Thank You

We bid farewell to the following staff members who have left the school. We wish them all the best in their new posting.

S/N	Name of staff member	Appointment
1	Ms Guo Kaining Nelly	Head of Department/Craft & Technology
2	Mrs Audrey Ee	Head of Department/English Language & Media Literacy
3	Mr Muhammad Baqi Bin Jaafar	Head of Department/Educational Support
4	Mr Khong You Wei	Teacher/Chemistry
5	Ms Saffawati Nur Sabrina	Teacher/English Language
6	Mrs Cheng Geok Neo	Senior Special Educational Needs Officer
7	Mdm Geethu w/o Joshy Paul	Student Welfare Officer

Welcome new staff members

I warmly welcome the following new members to the Yishun Secondary School's family.

S/N	Name of staff member	Appointment
1	Dr Patricia Ho	School Staff Developer
2	Ms Angeline Liu	Subject Head/STEM
3	Nur Zawana Binte Mustapha	Teacher/Malay Language
4	Ms Siti Farisah Binte	Practicum Teacher/Mathematics and Computer Applications
	Mohammed Adam	
5	Mrs Pam Philix	Senior Special Educational Needs Officer
6	Ms Niko	Senior Student Welfare Officer
7	Ms Kayshini Thamilselvan	NIE Special Educational Needs Officer Trainee (From 3
		February onwards for school attachment and practicum)

Partnership with parents

Communication with Parents

In addition to information letters 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 <u>vishun_ss@moe.edu.sg</u> 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 7:00 am to 5:00 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 school hours 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 2026!

Thank you and warmest regards

Mrs Regina Lee Principal