28 Dec 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2023

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 2022 as safe management measures were gradually eased and school life returned to normalcy.

In 2023, we look forward to more activities being reinstated to enrich our students' learning and school experience. These would include more learning journeys both locally and to the region.

Secondary One 2023

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 Result 2022

We would like to congratulate our Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students on their performance in the 2022 GCE N-Level Examination. More details on the results can be accessed via this link: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/accolades/student/academic

Reporting to School on 3 Jan 2023

School will re-open on Tue, 3 Jan 2023 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:

Day	Venue
Monday	Parade Square
	(in the event of rain, FRC will
	take place in the classroom)
Tuesday and Wednesday	Classroom
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.

WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR

School Rules

YSS Handphone Policy

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

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 programme (CCA, consultations etc).

School Uniform

Students are expected to report to school on Mondays in full school uniform. However, they are allowed to be in half uniform on Tuesdays to Fridays.

Half uniform includes the school/CCA/Class t-shirt and the school pants/shorts or skirt. The wearing of half uniform is to ensure that our students feel comfortable especially during the warmer months.

Students are expected to change into their PE attire for PE lessons and change to half uniform for the next lesson. We encourage students to practice hygiene, they can bring an extra school T-shirt to be worn after PE lessons.

Hairstyle and Appearance

Students should always look neat and presentable. Please ensure that your child/ward's hairstyle is acceptable and presentable. There should be no outlandish hairstyles.

Please refer to the school website for acceptable hairstyles for male and female students, and general school rules and regulations via this link: https://go.gov.sg/school-rules-regulations

Student Matters

Secondary One Orientation Programme 2023

The Secondary One Orientation Programme 2023 will take place from 3 Jan 2023 to 5 Jan 2023. 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 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, 6 Jan 2023.

Secondary One Parents Engagement Session

The Secondary One Parents Engagement Session will be held on Fri, 6 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.

Back-To-School Programme 2023

In addition to the Secondary One Orientation Programme, the Back-To-School Programme has been organised by the SDT from 3 Jan to 5 Jan 2023 for the Secondary 2 to 5 students.

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

Level	Tue, 3 Jan	Wed, 4 Jan	Thu, 5 Jan
Sec 1	Orientation,	Mass Dance,	Mass Dance,
	Briefings & Talks	Explore YSS,	Explore YSS
		School Cheer	
Sec 2	Briefings & Talks	Mass Dance,	Sports Experience:
		Empathy for the Blind	Kin Ball,
			Water Soccer
Sec 3	Briefings & Talks	Team Building workshop,	Team Building workshop,
		Escape Room	Escape Room
Sec 4&5	Briefings & Talks	Study Skills workshop	Amazing Race @
	Industry Visits (4E5N),	(4E5N),	Sentosa
	Study Skills workshop	ECG Talks & Industry	
	(4NA/NT)	Visits (4NA/NT)	

Please note the special dismissal times for 3 Jan to 5 Jan 2023:

Day	Tue, 3 Jan	Wed, 4 Jan	Thu, 5 Jan
Sec 1	1:30 pm 2:00 pm (For students offered SBB)	1:00 pm	1:00 pm
Sec 2	1:00 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
Sec 3	1:00 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm
Sec 4&5	1:30 pm	1:30 pm	1:30 pm

CCA Matters

Conduct of CCA in 2023

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

CCA Open House and Orientation 2023

The CCA Fair for Secondary One students will be held on Fri, 6 Jan 2023. The CCA Fair 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 an opportunity to experience the wide range of CCAs available so that they can make an informed choice.

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

Timetable 2023

Students' timetable can be accessed on the school's website at the following link: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/students-timetable from 30 Dec 2022.

Home-based Learning (HBL)

HBL continues in 2023. Please refer to the table below for the dates:

Term/Week	Day/Date
Term 1	Friday
Week 3	20 Jan
Week 5	3 Feb
Week 7	17 Feb
Week 9	3 Mar
Term 2	Friday
Week 2	31 Mar
Week 4	14 Apr
Week 6	28 Apr
Week 8	12 May

Term 3	
Week 5	25 Jul (Tue) 26 Jul (Wed) 27 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 2022: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/content-outlines
- Weighted Assessment Schedule 2022: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule
- Consultation Schedule 2023: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/consultation-schedule

The 2023 Content Outlines and Weighted Assessment Schedule will be uploaded in the new academic year.

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 development 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.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2023.

Mrs Regina Lee Principal