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Dear Parents/Guardian

Letter from the Principal (Term 2, 2020)

Greetings from Yishun Secondary School.

Please take note of the important school matters and key events for Term 2.

(A) Precautionary Measures Against COVID-19

National School Games (NSG)

The NSG remains suspended in Term 2. However, Sec 1 to Sec 3 students in Sports Co-curricular Activities will continue their regular training in school.

Direct School Admission (DSA)

For DSA, students' potential and personal qualities related to a talent area will be considered over past achievements. Equal considerations will be given to all students who apply for DSA and they will not be penalized for not participating in NSG.

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Students will not have an unfair reduction in their co-curricular attainment due to the suspension of activities. The school will continue to provide holistic student development experiences while implementing precautionary measures. For example, Sec 4 Uniformed Group (UG) cadets would have completed the core programme required for promotion in Sec 3. For pinnacle leadership in Sec 4, the school has the autonomy to promote deserving students. For activities previously organized by HQ, the school will re-format these into school-based equivalent programmes.

Visitor Registration Form

All visitors to the school will need to complete a registration form with their contact details and have their temperature taken before they are allowed to enter the school.

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(B) Time-table Matters

Based on feedback from teachers and students, changes to the time-table will be made in Term 2 to optimize teaching and learning. 1.5 hour time-slots for some subjects have been removed as both students and teachers find the timing too long and lessons become ineffective after a while. However, subjects that need longer lessons will continue to have them. To better support our students in their learning, additional periods will be added to the following subjects,

- Lower Secondary Geography and History
- Lower Secondary Art (2NT)
- Upper Secondary Mother Tongue 'B' syllabus
- Upper Secondary Science
- Principles of Accounts

The Term 2 time-table will be available on the school website on Sat, 21 Mar 2020 at 5 pm.

(C) Weighted Assessment 2 Schedule (Sec 1 to Sec 3)

The Weighted Assessment (WA) for Sec 1 to Sec 3 will commence from Term 2 Week 1 on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Students must report to school by 7:30 am for the scheduled WA. Lessons will resume after 9:00 am. Please refer to the school website for the schedule.

Students who are absent for WA due to illness must produce a medical certificate from a certified doctor upon his/her return to the school. **The medical report/statement must clearly state the doctor's diagnosis, certifying that the student is unfit to take the test/exam.** Medical certificates without the doctor's diagnosis are considered **not valid**. Students who do not produce any medical certificate will be given zero mark for the paper they have missed. Medical certificates issued by the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners and letters from parents will not be accepted as valid reasons.

(D) Timed-Practice Schedule (Sec 4 and Sec 5)

To better prepare the graduating classes for the Mid-Year Examination in Term 2, they will be sitting for timed-practice papers during the WA period on Tuesdays.

(E) March School Holidays Assignment

Holiday homework have been assigned for students during the coming March holidays. We seek your help to ensure that your child/ward spends some time each day to complete the assignments. The list of holiday assignment can be found on the school website after Fri, 13 Mar 2020.

(F) Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

The last day of CCA training for our graduating cohort is Fri, 13 Mar 2020. From Term 2, they will spend more time in consultation with teachers and focus their attention on preparing well for their upcoming national examination.

(G) Socks with “YSS” Logo

Students must wear socks that are approved by the school with “YSS” logo embossed above the ankle from Term 2 Week 1.

(H) Key Events

Student-Leaders Investiture Ceremony 2020

This event will be held on Fri, 17 Apr 2020 during the weekly Assembly Programme.

34th Speech and Prize Presentation Day

As the 34th Speech and Prize Presentation Day has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation, the school will recognise the achievement of students in their academic and co-curricular activities during the weekly Assembly Programme on Fri, 24 Apr 2020.

National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA)

The NAPFA for Sec 2, Sec 4 & Sec 5 students has been scheduled in Term 2 as follows,

- Sec 4NA & 4NT Boys – Mon, 30 Mar 2020 (4 pm)
- Sec 4E/5N Boys – Mon, 30 Mar 2020 (5 pm)
- Sec 4NA & 4NT Girls – Wed, 1 Apr 2020 (4 pm)
- Sec 4E/5N Girls – Wed, 1 Apr 2020 (5 pm)
- Sec 2NA & 2NT Boys – Mon, 6 Apr 2020 (4 pm)
- Sec 2E Boys – Mon, 6 Apr 2020 (5 pm)
- Sec 2NA & 2NT Girls – Wed, 8 Apr 2020 (4 pm)
- Sec 2E Girls – Wed, 8 Apr 2020 (5 pm)
- Make-Up Girls – Wed, 15 Apr 2020 (4 pm)
- Make-Up Boys – Wed, 15 Apr 2020 (5 pm)

Health Screening

Health Screening by Health Promotion Board for Sec 1 to Sec 4 students will be conducted from 31 Mar to 14 Apr 2020.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination

Female students will be offered free HPV vaccination by Health Promotion Board to protect them against cervical cancer. Sec 1 & Sec 2 female students who have opted in will receive the vaccination in school on 1 to 3 Apr 2020 while Sec 3 & Sec 4 female students on Tue, 21 Apr 2020.

International Friendship Day (IFD)

International Friendship Day will be commemorated on Tue, 7 Apr 2020. Our students will explore Singapore’s connection with the ASEAN region and the international community. They will learn to value the good relations we share with our ASEAN neighbours and beyond.

School Leaders’ – Parents’ Engagement (SL-PE)

In line with our core belief to establish strong partnerships with parents, we will be organizing the School Leaders’–Parents’ Engagement on Fri, 15 May 2020 from 7:00-9:00 pm for parents of Sec 2 students. Details and instructions will be provided closer to the event date.

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(I) Upcoming Calendar of Events for Term 2

Dates	Programme	Students Involved
24 & 27 Mar	Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 4 & 5 students
24 Mar & 12 May	Sec 2 FCE Food Entrepreneurship	Sec 2 students
30 Mar & 1 Apr 6 & 8 Apr 15 Apr	NAPFA Test NAPFA Test Make-Up	Sec 4 & 5 students Sec 2 students Students who miss the previous dates
31 Mar – 14 Apr 1 – 3 Apr 21 Apr	Health Screening HPV Vaccination HPV Vaccination	All Sec 1 – 4 students Sec 1 & 2 female students Sec 3 & 4 female students
6 Apr	English Language Mid-Year Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 4NA students
7 Apr	International Friendship Day (class-based)	All students
10 Apr	Public Holiday - Good Friday	All students
13 Apr	English Language Listening Comprehension Exam (Internal)	Sec 4 & 5 students
14 & 17 Apr	Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 3 students
16, 23 & 30 Apr	GCE O-Level Food & Nutrition Execution Practical Exam	Sec 4E & Sec 5NA students taking F&N
17, 24 Apr & 8 May	GCE N-Level Food & Nutrition Execution Practical Exam	Sec 4NA taking F&N
21 Apr	English Language Mid-Year Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 4E students
23 Apr	English Language Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 3E students
24 Apr	34 th Prize Presentation	All students
27 Apr	English Language Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 3NT students
27 Apr	English Language Mid-Year Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 4NT & 5NA students
28 Apr	English Language Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 3NA students
1 May	Public Holidays - Labour Day	All students
4 – 5 May 8 – 15 May	Mid-Year Exam written papers	Sec 4 & 5 students
7 May	Public Holidays - Vesak Day	All students
15 May	School-leaders'-Parents' Engagement	Sec 2 students
25 May	Replacement Public Holiday - Vesak Day	All students
26 – 28 May	Advanced Elective Module or Enrichment Programmes by Science Centre & In-house activities	Sec 3E students
26-28 May	Elective Module B	Sec 3NA & 3NT students
27 May	English Language Preliminary Oral Exam (Internal)	Sec 4NA & 4NT students
29 May	Cross Country	All students
30 May – 28 Jun	School Holidays	All students
1 Jun	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Languages	Sec 4E & Sec 5NA
2 Jun	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue B Exam	Sec 4E & Sec 5NA

**The above schedule and events are correct as of 13 March 2020.*

Thank you.

Yours sincerely


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Principal

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