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Dear Parents/Guardian

I hope this letter finds everyone well and coping with current measures of the Circuit Breaker. I would like to thank you for working with us during these extraordinary times and providing that valuable support to your child/ward during the period of the Home-based Learning (HBL). As we move into the Extended Circuit Breaker period, here are some updates that I would like to share with you.

Adjustment of June Holidays

With the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's decision to extend the Circuit Breaker (CB) period till 1 June 2020, the Ministry of Education (MOE) will bring forward the June holidays to 5 May 2020.

With the school holidays brought forward, lessons will resume on 2 June 2020 (more details on the format of these lessons – physical lessons, partial HBL or full HBL – will be made known to you at a later date depending on the COVID-19 situation at that time). The school timetable for Term 3 will be put up on the school website by 1 June 2020.

Revised Academic Calendar

Term 3 will be a longer term of 14 Weeks with a one-week mid-term break from 20 to 26 July 2020. The revised academic calendar will be as follows:

- 5 May 2020 to 1 June 2020: School Holidays
- 2 June 2020: Start of Term 3
- 20 July 2020 to 26 July 2020: Mid-term break
- 6 September 2020: End of Term 3

Extended Circuit Breaker Period (5 May to 1 June 2020)

The school holidays take place during the Extended Circuit Breaker period. The police would like students to continue to take the circuit breaker measures seriously. Do ensure that your child/ward stays home and complies with safe distancing measures. They are not supposed to loiter in public or hang-out with their friends and classmates.

Holiday Homework

Students would have been informed of the holiday homework that they have been assigned for the various subjects. You may access information regarding the **Mid-Year School Holiday - Homework** via this link:

<https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/>

Rescheduling of GCE O-Level MTL Examinations

In view of the changes to the academic calendar, the Mid-Year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Written Examinations have been rescheduled. The rescheduled dates are as follows:

Subject Examined	Original Date/Time	Rescheduled Date/Time
GCE O-Level MTL (Papers 1 and 2)	1 June 2020 8:00 am	18 June 2020 2:00 pm
GCE O-Level MTL B (Papers 1 and 2)	2 June 2020 8:00 am	19 June 2020 2:30 pm

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Taking into consideration the Term 3 mid-term break from 20 July to 26 July, the Listening Comprehension for the GCE O-Level MTL and MTL B examinations will be rescheduled as follows:

Subject Examined	Original Date/Time	Rescheduled Date/Time
GCE O-Level and MTL B Listening Comprehension	21 July 2020	27 Jul 2020

MTL Preliminary Examination and Preparation

To better prepare our Sec 4E5N students for the GCE O-Level MTL examinations, the MTL Dept will be having a preliminary examination on the afternoon of 5 June 2020 (more details will be made known soon) The MTL dept will also conduct intensive practice for our students from 12 to 17 June 2020.

Removal of Common Last Topics

In light of the impact that the extended CB period has on curriculum time and to further allay students' concerns and anxiety about catching up with the curriculum, the Common Last Topics (CLT) will be removed from the national examinations this year. Information of CLTs for the respective subjects will be made known to your child/ward. You may also refer to the SEAB website after 4 May 2020 for more details.

The removal of CLT only applies to content-based subjects. For skill-based subjects like English Language and MTL, it will not be meaningful and practical to identify CLTs. In such instances, SEAB will take the disruption to curriculum time into consideration during marking and grading to ensure that all students are fairly assessed.

Coursework Deadline Extensions

SEAB has extended coursework deadlines for the various electives. Students have been informed of the respective extensions.

Consultation and Face-to-face lessons for Graduating students

We recognise that students in the graduating cohort are anxious about the coming examinations. We plan to maximise weeks 3 and 4 of the school holidays for consultation and face-to-face lessons with the graduating students. Consultation and face-to-face lessons will start on 19 May 2020 and will end on 1 June 2020.

The Ministry of Education has allowed for only a selected number of teachers and students to be in school during weeks 3 and 4 of the school holidays. Only selected students taking the following subjects will be allowed to return to school during that time:

- Additional Mathematics (4E3 students only)
- Science Practical (4E and 5N students)
- Coursework (Visual Arts, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition)
- Music (selected 4NT students)
- MTL (4E, 5N and selected 4NA students)

Subject teachers will be contacting the students involved in the respective sessions.

A special timetable has been prepared for the students who are returning to ensure that numbers are kept to a minimum on each day. Please refer to the **W3&W4 Bridging Schedule** on the school website via this link <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/>

The school will be taking all the necessary precautions with regard to social distancing. Please also note that all students returning to school must wear a mask. Students who have family members who are on HQN, SHN, LOA or on medical leave should not return to school. They are to inform their subject teachers of this.



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Other Updates for Term 3

Special Timetable for Graduating Cohort in Term 3

To maximize teaching and learning for the graduating cohort, there will be no Weighted Assessment (WA) for Sec 4E5N, 4NA and 4NT students in Term 3. Time will be used for Teaching and Learning in preparation for their preliminary examinations and national examinations. A special timetable will be created for the graduating cohort with WA Periods and beyond classroom activities removed. This would mean that school would end earlier for our graduating cohort and it frees up more time for them to meet with their teachers for consultation.

Weighted Assessment (WA) in Term 3

WA will resume for Sec 1- 3 students in Term 3. Marks from subjects that have already conducted WA in the 3 weeks before the Circuit Breaker started will be included in the calculation of WA 3 marks for the subject in Term 3. There will be no increase in the weighting for WA 3. It remains at 15%. Please refer to the document **Term 3 - WA3** found in the link <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule/>.

End-of-Year Examination (EYE) 2020

EYE will carry on as planned for Sec 1 – 3 students. Please note the weighting for the WAs and the adjusted weighting for EYE in term 4.

Term	Assessment	Weighting
Term 1	WA1	15%
Term 3	WA 3	15%
Term 4	EYE	60%
	Total	90% (to be converted to 100%)

Please feel free to email us at (yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg) if you require any clarifications or additional information.

We look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning for our students through these difficult times.

Thank you and keep safe.

Regards

Mrs Regina Lee
Principal

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