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Dear Parents/Guardian

Letter to Parents/Guardians – Term 1

Season Greetings to all parents and guardians! I hope this letter finds everyone well.

In 2021, we look forward to developing your child/ward holistically by continuing to provide our students with engaging and enriching learning opportunities.

Safe Management Measures (SMM)

The school continues with enforcing SMM for the term according to guidelines provided by MOE. Please refer to the SMM as stated in the previous correspondence dated 23 Dec 2020.

A gentle reminder that students who are unwell must see a doctor and stay at home. Students who have family members on HQO, SHN, LOA or MC (for flu-like symptoms) must not report to school and they must inform their form teachers of this.

Student Matters

Back-to-School (BTS) Programme 2021

The BTS Programme will end on 6 Jan 2021. Lessons will resume on 7 Jan 2021 as indicated in the timetable. Kindly ensure that your child/ward has the necessary books for lessons on that day.

Release of GCE O-Level Examination 2020 Result

The GCE O-Level Examination Result will be released on 11 Jan 2021. All students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on that day. They are to leave school immediately after being dismissed. This is to avoid over-crowding in the school and to allow for some classrooms to be used for the distribution of result.

Secondary 4E students who sat for the Higher Mother Tongue Languages examination in 2020 and, Sec 5N (OOS) are to remain in school to collect their result.

School Reporting and Dismissal Times

Staggered reporting times will continue in Term 1: Secondary 1 and 2 students will report to school by 7:25 am, while Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students will report at 7:35 am. Lessons will commence daily at 7:50 am.

Movement in and out of the school compounds will continue to be restricted. You may drop off your child/ward as per normal in the morning. However, you will only be able to pick up your child/ward from the side gate facing Chong Pang car park (Blk 709 Yishun St 71) after school as the school gates will be locked.

WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR

Dismissal times will be staggered. Safe measures to guide students as they leave the school will be in place. There will be special designated exits from the school at dismissal time. Please refer to the information in the table below:

Gate 1 (near the Indoor Sports Hall)	For those walking home
Gate 2 (Main school gate)	No entry at dismissal time
Gate 3 (small gate beside guard house)	Closed
Gate 4 (bus-stop)	For those taking the bus home
Gate 5 (Chong Pang car park)	For those whose parents are picking them up

Please refer to your child's/ward's class timetable for information on dismissal times.

To prevent congestion, upper secondary students will be dismissed according to the time stated on the timetable, while lower secondary levels will be dismissed 10 minutes later than the time stated on the timetable for the class.

Attendance in School

Consistent attendance in school is critical in order for your child/ward to benefit fully from the learning experiences. A medical certificate will be required if your child/ward is absent from school, tests and examinations. Do note that parents' letters are not accepted unless under exceptional cases.

Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA is critical in the holistic development of your child/ward. It is essential for each student to be part of a CCA and attend all training sessions.

All CCAs will continue face-to-face sessions or online sessions as was the case in Term 4. CCAs will commence from Term 1 Week 2 (11 Jan 2021 onwards) with all the necessary safe management measures enforced.

Secondary 1 CCA Experience Programme

Our newly posted Secondary 1 students will be given more time to select a CCA of their choice.

The school has arranged for a CCA Experience Programme for them where they will view specially created videos of each CCA in YSS.

They can also sign up to immerse themselves in some of the CCAs that they might be interested in before signing up for their CCA.

The school has also organised a CCA Engagement session for parents/guardians on Fri, 15 Jan 2021 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During this session there will be a briefing by HoD/PE & CCA on matters regarding CCA and this will be followed by a Q & A session where you can clarify any doubts that you might have.

Parents/guardians of the newly posted Secondary 1 students can register for this engagement session via this link: <https://form.gov.sg/5ff52da380313000125883a3>

Please refer to the table below for the schedule with regard to CCA matters for Secondary 1 students:

Week	Events	Date
Week 1	Registration for CCA Engagement Session (for Parents)	7 to 12 Jan 2021
Week 2	• View CCA videos on school website (for students)	11 to 13 Jan 2021
	• Book a slot for your CCA Experience (for students)	11 to 13 Jan 2021
	• Release of student's CCA Experience allocated slots	15 Jan 2021
	• CCA Engagement Session (for parents)	15 Jan 2021
Week 3 and 4	Students to attend the allocated CCA Experience	18 to 29 Jan 2021
Week 5	Students to select their CCA online (more information will be given to students)	1 to 3 Feb 2021
	Students will be informed of the allocated CCA	5 Feb 2021
Week 6	Start of CCA for all Secondary 1 students	8 Feb 2021 onwards

Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYFAP)

With the exception of choir, all performing arts groups will be involved in the SYFAP. The necessary safe management measures will be enforced strictly during rehearsals and the actual presentation.

We are currently awaiting more information regarding the choir's involvement.

Student Handbook - School Rules and Regulations

The student handbook has been uploaded on the school website. Please refer to:

[https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/School Rules and Regulations.pdf](https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/School_Rules_and_Regulations.pdf) for information regarding school rules and regulations.

Academic Matters

Assessment Weighting 2021

Please refer to the table below for assessment weighting. There will be no more than one weighted assessment (WA) per subject, per term.

Level	Terms 1 and 2		Terms 3 and 4	
Sec 1 to 3	WA 1 15%	WA 2 15%	WA 3 15%	End-of-Year Examination (EYE) 55%
Sec 4 & 5	-	Mid-year Examination (MYE) 100%	-	Preliminary Examination 100%

Weighted Assessment (WA)

All WA will be scheduled on Tuesdays from 7:50 am to 9:10 am from Term 1, Week 3. Lessons will resume after 9:10 am. Please refer to the school website for the WA schedule.

A student who is absent for WA or examination due to illness must produce a medical certificate from a certified doctor upon return to school. The medical report/statement must clearly state the doctor's diagnosis and certification that the student is unfit to take the test.

Medical certificates without the doctor's diagnosis is 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 Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners and letters from parents will not be accepted as valid reasons.

Content outlines of all subjects and the weighted assessment schedule can be found on the school website at this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule/>

Mid-year Examination

There will be no Mid-year Examination for Sec 1 to 3 students. In view of this, lessons will be conducted to provide more in-depth study and learning experiences on various topics in the additional three teaching weeks.

Consultation Schedule

In order to better prepare our graduating cohort for the national examinations this year, a structured consultation schedule has been prepared for them. Please refer to the table below for details:

Level	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sec 4E5N	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LangLiterature	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mother Tongue <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MathematicsAdditional Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pure Science*D&TArtF&NPOA *practical
Sec 4NA & Sec 4NT	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HumanitiesCPA <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English Lang	<ul style="list-style-type: none">D&TArtF&NPOA	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MathematicsAdditional Mathematics <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mother Tongue

The consultation schedule is indicated in the students' timetable

Students from other levels who require consultation will be informed by their respective subject teachers.

School Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Lunar New Year on Thu, 11 Feb 2021. As it is the eve of Lunar New Year, school will end at 9:30 am on that day. Please note that Mon, 15 Feb 2021 is a school holiday. School will resume on Tue, 16 Feb 2021.

Breakfast Meeting with Parents

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward and would like to start Breakfast Meetings for 2021. The purpose of these meetings would be to clarify any questions that you might have regarding your child's/ward's education in the school and, to simply touch-base with you, our valued stakeholders.

As we are unable to have face-to-face breakfast meeting, we will hold these meetings online via zoom. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

Level	Date	Time
Secondary 1	22 Feb 2021	8:30 am to 10:30 am
Secondary 2	23 Feb 2021	
Secondary 3	24 Feb 2021	
Secondary 4 & 5	25 Feb 2021	

Information regarding registration for the Breakfast Meetings will be communicated later.

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.

School Calendar 2021

To keep abreast with events and activities organized by the school, please refer to the school calendar from this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/school-calendar/>

Once again, we look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Thank you and have a good term ahead. Keep well.



Mrs Regina Lee
Principal