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Dear Parents/Guardian

### **Letter to Parents/Guardians – Term 2**

I hope this letter finds everyone well. I would like to thank all parents for working closely with the school in Term 1. As we come to the end of Term 1, there is some information that I would like to share with everyone.

The last day for Term 1 will be this Fri, 10 Mar 23. Thereafter, we will break for the March Holidays which will run from Sat, 11 Mar to Sun, 19 Mar 23. Term 2 will commence on Mon, 20 Mar 23.

### **Speech Day**

This year's Speech Day festivities will take place on Fri, 10 Mar 23, from 6:45pm to 9pm. One of the highlights this year is the Caring Hearts Carnival, proudly put together by our students, which will provide an afternoon of fun and games for invited senior citizens from eldercare centres.

This will be followed by the Parade and Prize Presentation, which is taking place in the evening to allow parents/guardians to join us in celebrating their child's/ward's achievements.

### **Academic Competitions**

Our students have performed well in academic-related external competitions.

#### **Mathematics**

Yishunites took part in the Singapore and Asian School Mathematics Olympiad (SASMO) 2022 and were awarded 1 Silver and 6 Bronze awards, and received 3 Honorable Mentions.

Our students from the Normal Course students took part in the All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition for Normal Course 2022. Our Secondary One students from the Normal Academic and Technical Course won the Top 5 positions in the Individual Category and in the Team Category.

#### **Humanities**

Our Secondary Two students took part in the NLB-CPDD Historical Scene Investigation; a competition organised by the National Library Board, and they clinched the Gold Award in the competition.

#### **Science**

Our student-representatives who took part in the 11th International Biomedical Quiz organised by the Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) Science and Mathematics Council emerged victorious; clinching the Individual Silver Award for their stellar performance.

These competitions are our conscious efforts to provide our students with a platform to showcase their knowledge and skills. These awards show our students' ability to apply their learning beyond the classroom.

### **Achievements in CCA**

In 2022, we welcomed the resumption of the National Schools Games (NSG) and many other competitions. We also celebrate the achievements of our students who have performed well in competitions bringing honour to the school and their CCA.

**WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR**

## **Uniformed Groups**

The Uniformed Groups did the school proud with the following awards:

- National Cadet Corps – Unit Recognition Award (Distinction)
- National Cadet Corps – 2023 Precision Drills Squad Competition, Central District Preliminary – 1<sup>st</sup> position
- National Police Cadet Corps – Overall Unit Proficiency Award (Distinction)
- National Civil Defence Cadet Corps – Overall Unit Proficiency Award (Distinction)
- Girl Guides – *TBC*

*TBC: information regarding this award is still pending*

Our outstanding cadets did their respective Uniformed Groups proud by being recognised in the following areas:

- WO Ihsan Bin Imran, 4E3/2023 (NCDCC, Best Unit Cadet)
- SSGT Ko Ke Xuan, 4E4/2023 (NPCC, Best Unit Cadet)
- SSGT Nur Suhailah Bte Omar, 4N2/2023 (NPCC, Best Unit Cadet)
- SSGT Izshaqila Bte Ismail, 4N1/2023 (NPCC, Promoted to Station Inspector)
- SSGT Tan Yu Herng, 4E2/2023 (NPCC, Promoted to Station Inspector)
- MSG Brian Wu, 4E1/2022 (NCC, Outstanding Cadet Award)
- C/OFFR Charles Koh, 4E5/2022 (NCC, Promoted to Cadet Officer)

## **Sports**

We are proud that Tan Shang Qi, Alexis from 2 Care came in 4<sup>th</sup> at the NSG Gymnastics (Artistic) Championships C-Division Girls Optional Vault, and 6<sup>th</sup> overall position at the NSG Gymnastics (Artistic) Championships C-Division Girls.

Her achievements were recognized when she was conferred the Singapore Schools Sports Council (SSSC) Colours Award.

We also congratulate Samuel Low De Jia from Sec 3E2 for emerging 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Thailand Fencing Federation Minime Under-14 Boys Saber Competition in 2022.

These achievements would not have been possible without the passion and dedication of all CCA teachers who guided and engaged the students under their care and, parents who supported the school's efforts in providing a meaningful experience in CCA.

## **Student Matters**

### **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)**

Our Sec 4 and 5N students will stand down from CCA on Fri, 10 Mar 23. This is to allow our graduating cohort to concentrate on their academic learning.

However, there are some CCAs that will continue their training for the National School Games (NSGs) and the Singapore Youth Festival. Teacher-ICs of the respective CCAs will update you on this with a letter of notification.

### **YSS Cross Country 2023**

The YSS Cross Country 2023 will take place on Fri, 12 May 23 at Sengkang Sports Complex. More details will be provided nearer the date.

## **Academic Matters**

### **Holiday Homework**

Details of holiday homework given across the different subjects can be found via this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students>

### **Weighted Assessment 2**

The topics for Weighted Assessment 2 have been made available for your reference on the school website via this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule>

### **Mother Tongue Language – Intensive Revision**

In order to better prepare your child/ward for the Mid-year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) examinations, the MTL department will be conducting the MTL intensive revision from 22 to 26 May 2023. The intensive revision will be held during school hours.

### **Home-based Learning in Term 2**

The following days have been planned in Term 2 for online home-based lessons:

- 31 Mar 2023
- 14 Apr 2023
- 28 Apr 2023

On the days listed above, your child/ward will not report to school but will instead be attending online lessons at home. They will be briefed on what they need to do by their teachers. If your child/ward needs support for a device for digital learning at home, please contact Ms Jacqueline Tan ([tan\\_chew\\_hsia\\_jacqueline@moe.edu.sg](mailto:tan_chew_hsia_jacqueline@moe.edu.sg)) for assistance.

Resources on home-based learning can be found on our school website:

<https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/home-based-learning/>

The collection of Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) for the Secondary One students will take place in the middle of Term 2. More details will be provided nearer the date.

### **Student-Initiated Learning Programme**

Lower Secondary students are currently in the midst of their Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) module which falls on alternate Fridays. In line with the school's Distinctive Programme, students have learnt how to communicate in a local language which is not their Mother Tongue. This skill will be useful as they reach out to members of the community through Values-in-Action sessions. Students have been given the opportunity to explore their interest areas aligned with the Arts and create a product by the end of the SIL module at the end of Term 2.

We urge parents at home to support your child/ward by encouraging them in the pursuit of their projects.

## **Student Learning Festival**

The Student Learning Festival will take place in Term 2 Week 6 where we have curated a slew of activities for students to benefit from educational and development opportunities beyond our standard curriculum. More details will be provided at a later date.

### **Affective Programmes for Yishunites in Term 2**

We firmly believe in achieving a good balance in academic and affective pursuits. These are some of the affective programmes your child/ward can look forward to in Term 2.

### **Applied Learning Programme (Sonic Arts and Music) 2023**

To kick-start our school's Distinctive Programme in Term 1, we had invited local singer-songwriter and filmmaker, Annette Lee, to speak about her educational choices and challenges as she carved out her career in the Arts. She also spoke about the importance of disconnecting from the Internet and shared tips on how to work towards the goals the students have set for themselves.

In Term 2, students will have a chance to explore the different facets of the Arts during the Sonic Arts and Music (SAM) week. We will also be starting the live auditions of our very own annual singing competition, Vocalistic 2023, which provides an opportunity for students to gain confidence and showcase their singing talents. The finals will be held in conjunction with the school's Arts Extravaganza, a platform to celebrate the school's achievements in the Arts.

### **Applied Learning Modules for Normal (Technical) Stream**

The Applied Learning Modules for students in the Normal (Technical) Stream will continue in Term 2. Below are the dates for the respective levels.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sec 2NT	Experience ITE Programme (EIP) to College East	8 May 2023
Sec 3NA/NT	Applied Learning Module @ ITE (ApLM@ITE) to College East, Central, West	20 March 2023 to 22 March 2023
Sec 3Exp	Applied Learning Module @ Poly (ApLM@Poly) to Republic Poly	23 March 2023
Sec 4NT (selected students)	IgnITE Skills Challenge @ ITE (selected students)	23 <sup>rd</sup> March to 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Sec 4NA/NT	Applied Learning Module @ Schools	22 May 2023 to 26 May 2023

### **Secondary One Breakfast Meeting**

The School Leaders will be available to meet with parents of the Secondary One students on Tue, 28 Mar 23 from 8-9:30am. A notification will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer the date to confirm your attendance as light snacks will be provided.

### **Secondary One to Four/Five Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)**

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward. The PTM is scheduled for Fri, 19 May 2023. The PTM is aimed at providing you with information regarding your child/ward's performance in school. Details will be released at a later date.

### **Student Leaders Investiture**

The Student Leaders Investiture will be held on 24 Mar 2023 from 2:30 to 4 pm in the School Hall. At this event, we will formally appoint the Prefectorial Board Executive Committee, Class Committee and CCA Leaders.

More information regarding this event will be shared at a later date.

### **School Calendar 2023**

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

As part of MOE's ongoing efforts to move away from an overemphasis in grades, there will be no Mid-Year Examination this year for our students, including our Secondary Four and Five cohort.

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