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Dear Parents/Guardian

Letter to Parents/Guardians – Term 2

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

We have come to the end of Term 1 and I would like to thank everyone for working closely with the school during this time. Before the start of the end of term break which will take place from 14 - 21 Mar, with lessons resuming on Mon, 22 Mar, I would like to share some important information with you.

Safe Management Measures (SMM) for Students

The school continues with enforcing SMM for the term according to guidelines provided by MOE.

Students exhibiting fever, flu-like symptoms or are staying with household members who are unwell with flu-like symptoms are advised not to come to school.

Parents should instead inform the school and bring their child/ward to see the family doctor.

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 Achievements

We have much to celebrate this term as our students have done well in their co-curricular areas. I am happy to share with you the following achievements by our students.

SPF-NPCC Badge Award

Priyakumar Hari Krishna, Sec 4E2 has been awarded the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) SPF-NPCC Badge, which is the pinnacle award that recognizes the outstanding achievements and leadership capabilities of the cadets.

25th NUS Geography Challenge

A team of students from Yishun Secondary School comprising Joshua Isaac Kadir, Liew Zhi Yong and Viswanathan Jasmitha, Sec 4E1 and Goo Hao Xuan, Sec 4E3 took part in the 25th NUS Geography Challenge organized by the NUS Department of Geography and the NUS Geographical Society.

Joshua Isaac Kadir also clinched an Individual Bronze Award for performing well in the individual component.

North West Outstanding All Rounder Student (OARS) Award 2020

Phua Keng Yee, Sec 4E1 has been awarded the North West Outstanding All Rounder Student (OARS) Award 2020 which recognises students who have achieved community service, leadership and academic excellence as well as those who have inspired students to take up community ownership.

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Student Matters

CCA Stand Down for Graduating Students

The graduating students will stand down from their CCA commitments from Fri, 12 Mar 2021 as this will allow them to concentrate on the Mid-Year Examination and the National Examination. However, there are selected students representing the school in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation and National School Games who will continue with their training until the end of the competitions.

CCA training for Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation and National School Games

There will be CCA training for the students involved in the SYF Arts Presentation and the National School Games. Students coming back to school will be required to take their temperature at the start of the session. A separate letter will be issued to the students in the respective CCAs.

The CCAs involved in the training sessions are as follows.

| CCA | Date(s) | Time |
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| Basketball (Girls) | Mon, 15 Mar | 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| | Thu, 18 Mar | |
| Basketball (Boys) | Tue, 16 Mar | 9:00 am – Noon |
| | Wed, 17 Mar | Noon – 3:00 pm |
| Sepak Takraw | Mon, 15 Mar | 9:00 am – Noon |
| | Tue, 16 Mar | |
| Band | Mon, 15 Mar | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm |
| | Tue, 16 Mar | |
| D'Lite | Mon, 15 Mar | 8:30 am - 11:00 am |
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| Indian Dance | Mon, 15 Mar | 9:00 am - Noon |
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| Malay Dance | Mon, 15 Mar | 9:00 am - Noon |
| | Tue, 16 Mar | |
| Modern Dance | Tue, 16 Mar | 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm |
| | Thu, 18 Mar | |
| NCDCC | Mon, 15 Mar | 9:00 am - Noon pm |
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| NPCC | Mon, 15 Mar - | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm |
| | Wed, 17 Mar | |

Secondary 3NA/NT Elective Modules

The Secondary Three students in the Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) stream will be attending the Elective Modules held in ITE to help them broaden their learning experiences as well as cater for their varied learning needs and styles.

This will take place during curriculum time from Wed, 30 Mar to Fri, 2 Apr. Details will be sent over Parent Gateway.

Secondary 1-5 e-PTM

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward and will be holding e-PTM for 2021. The purpose of the e-PTM is 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.

The e-PTM will take place from 17 to 28 May. Information regarding registration for the e-PTM will be communicated later.

National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

At MOE's Committee of Supply Debate in Mar 2020, MOE launched the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) for our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning to help students strengthen their digital literacy. The school will be embarking on the NDLP for our Secondary One to Three students from Term 3. They will own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device (PLD) as part of their learning in school. Further details regarding the programme will be made known later.

Academic Matters

Holiday Homework

Holiday homework has been assigned for the students. Information regarding holiday homework can be found on the school website via this link https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/.

Do ensure that your child/ward keeps in touch with his/her school work and at the same time enjoys some rest during the school holidays.

New Timetable for Term 2

There will be a new timetable in Term 2, consisting of 20 minute blocks. Each lesson will comprise minimally 2 blocks (40 min). A Lunch Break will be incorporated into the students' daily timetable for classes that have lessons beyond 1:30 pm.

The timetable will be available at this link https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable/ from Fri, 19 Mar for the first day of Term 2. Kindly ensure that your child/ward has the necessary books and materials for lessons.

Home-based Learning

Home-based learning (HBL) will be implemented progressively. Secondary 1 students will begin HBL in Term 2. All Secondary 1 students will be required to stay at home on Day 5 in Term 2. The timetable in Term 2 will reflect the lessons that will take place on this day.

For the Secondary 2 and 3 students, HBL will commence in Term 3.

To further support teaching and learning, students without a personal learning device (PLD) will be provided with a loaned set. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Teo Jui Sing (teo jui sing@moe.edu.sg), HOD/ICT & eLibrary, for any clarification.

Secondary 4/5 Mid-Year Examination

The Secondary 4/5 Mid-Year Examination will take place from 30 Apr to 11 May. The timetable for the Secondary 4/5 Mid-Year Examination can be found on the School Website at this link https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/from Term 2.

GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Examination

The GCE O-Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Language Examination will be held on Mon, 31 May and the Mother Tongue (B Syllabus) will be held on Tue, 1 Jun. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Lessons in Week 1 of the June Holidays

There will be intensive lessons for the Secondary 4E5N students from Tue to Thu in Week 1 of the June holidays. The timetable will be put up on the school website nearer the June holidays.

School Events

Student Leader Investiture 2021

The Student Leader Investiture will be held on 29 Apr 2021. The event recognizes students who hold leadership positions in the Prefectorial Board, Class Committee and the respective CCAs in the school. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the investiture will be carried out via an online platform during the assembly period.

Secondary 1 and 2 Leadership Programme

The General Leadership Programme will be conducted for Secondary 1 and 2 students on 24, 25 and 27 May 2021. The 3-day programme aims to allow all students to discover the leader within themselves and learn skills in leading others.

The programme will run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for the three days.

The necessary safety measures will be strictly adhered to during the programme.

YSS Cross Country

The YSS Cross Country will be a virtual run where each class will attempt to accumulate the distance between Chong Pang and its sister city in China. This will take place during PE lessons and will culminate in a prize-giving event on Fri, 21 May where the total distance accumulated by the school will be shared.

Speech Day

The Yishun Secondary School 35th Speech and Prize Presentation Ceremony will take place on Fri, 12 Mar. The programme booklet and list of award recipients can be found on the School Website at this link https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/lp announcement/4633/

Parent Support Group

The school aims to strengthen partnership with parents to deliver a holistic education for our students through the Parent Support Group (PSG) platform. We encourage you to join our Parent Support Group to add value to student learning and development through your participation in school activities. Please click on the link to join our PSG. https://go.gov.sg/ysspsq

Once again, let's continue working in partnership to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

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

Mrs Regina Lee

Principal