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Parents' Connect

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1. Principal's Address

Thank you parents for the trust and support, working together with the school to manage all the necessary safe management measures (SMM) as we navigate Covid-19 towards being endemic. The school continues to ensure a safe learning environment for your child with the recent easing of SMMs in allowing learning to take place without the need for mandatory mask wearing. The teachers are also mindful to provide social and emotional support to students who may have apprehension over removal of masks, having been used to wearing masks over a long period of time.

The past two months have been an enriching time for my colleagues and students, as we experienced some key highlights of Term 3, including the harvest of kangkong from the newly setup solar-hydroponics "Farm to Fork" green sustainability initiative, imbuing and embracing inclusivity through Play Inclusive in partnership with Grace Orchard School, inculcating volunteerism through sports as race officials for Singapore's first Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Sprint Race. In the areas of aesthetics and environment sustainability, our Sec 2 students won first place and merit awards in PacificLight's 2022 Creat8 Sustainability Competition where recycled materials are used to create products that will benefit the community. The students' works will be on display at the Singapore Sustainable Gallery@Marina Barrage from 20 July to 19 September 2022. In the recently concluded Homecoming Event on 30 August 2022, the entire school came together to organise a heart-warming gathering with excellent performances put up by the various CCAs, where our valued alumni returned to celebrate connections in conjunction with the Mid-Autumn Festival.

To support our students, our school has remained opened on selected days since 22 August 2022 till 8.30pm for students who may find the school more conducive for self-study and revision as they prepare for Prelims and National Examinations. We are grateful to the Parents Support Group (PSG) for taking time to support the students who are back for night self-study. My staff and I look forward to working with you in supporting your child's well-being as they learn to be self-directed in their learning.

2. SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

2.1 Term 3 School Vacation Supplementary Lessons (5 and 6 Sep 2022)

Term 3 school vacation is from 5 to 11 September. During the vacation, we have supplementary lessons scheduled on 5 and 6 September (Mon-Tue). Sec 1-5 classes involved would have been informed by their subject teachers and have received the schedule in their school icon email. The schedule is also available on our school website. All students involved are to attend the lessons in full school uniform or PE T-shirt with shorts/pants or skirt. There will be 3 canteen

stalls opened on both days. However, students are advised to have their breakfast before coming for the lessons.

2.2 Class Committee Affirmation Ceremony (23 Sep 2022)

The Class Leaders Affirmation Ceremony will take place on 23 September (Fri) to recognise the efforts of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each class. Members of the Class Committees of the respective levels and streams will be affirmed during the CCE lessons.

2.3 Social Etiquette Workshop (Part 2) - Graduation Ceremony for Sec 4 and 5 Students (14 Oct 2022)

Having completed the Social Etiquette Workshop (Part 1) on 30 June, our graduating students are going to apply their learning for Part 2 of the workshop, during their graduation ceremony on 14 October (Fri), 6pm to 8pm at Jurong SAFRA. No payment from the students is required as it is funded by the school. The PSG will also be involved to spur our graduating students forward and motivate them to do their best in their future endeavours.

3. CCA MATTERS

3.1 CCA Suspension (12 Sep to 12 Oct 2022)

All co-curricular activities will be suspended from 12 September (Mon) in view of the End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 1 to 3 classes. Co-curricular activities will resume on 13 October (Thu) until the end of the academic year.

3.2 Uniformed Group Appreciation Day (18 Nov 2022)

The Uniform Groups will be preparing a Uniformed Group Bonding cum Appreciation Day for the members on the 18 November (Friday). The purpose of the Uniformed Group Day is to create a platform for the students from the different Uniformed Groups to come together to learn from each other, collaborate and share their takeaways. It will also be a good opportunity to show appreciation for the UG alumni who have been returning to school to help out with the CCA activities.

4. END-OF-YEAR ACADEMIC MATTERS

4.1 2022 GCE 'O' Levels Preliminary Examination (12 Sep to 14 Sep 2022)

Sec 4E and Sec 5NA students sat for the first phase of the GCE 'O' Level Preliminary Examination in Term 3. The Preliminary Examination for the rest of the subjects will be conducted in Term 4, from 12 to 14 September. Your child may stay home to revise on days that he/she is not offered the subjects examined. Lessons will resume on 15 September (Thu). For the detailed schedule and timings of the papers, please refer to the Preliminary Examination timetable given to your child.

4.2 Sec One to Three End-of-Year Examination (28 Sep to 10 Oct 2022)

The End-of-Year Examination will be conducted from 28 September (Wed) to 10 October (Mon). Your keen interest in your child's preparation for the examination will motivate him/her to do well. A copy of the examination timetable was given to your child on 23 August. It will also be made available on the school website. We hope that you will monitor your child's preparation for the examination.

This examination is a critical milestone especially for the Sec 2 students as it will impact their decisions on the options for the subjects that they would like to pursue at the upper secondary level.

4.3 Marking Day (11 Oct 2022) and Promotion Day (19 Oct 2022)

We have set aside 11 October (Tue) for teachers to mark and 19 October (Wed) for teachers to finalise the progression of students to their next level of study. Students are not required to report for school on these two dates. Lessons will resume on 12 October (Tue) for Sec 1 to 3 students. It is important for your child to attend school as their teachers will be going through the examination scripts to bridge their learning gaps.

Sec 4E and 4N students who have a GCE 'N' Level or 'O' Level Examination paper on 11 October (Tue) are reminded to be present for the paper.

4.4 Subject Combination Option Exercise for Sec 3, 2023

Information and timeline on the Sec 3 Subject Combinations for 2023 will be given to all Sec 2 students at the start of Term 4. We hope that you will go through the subject combination with your child to guide him/ her in his/her choice. Students are expected to exercise their options via MOE Forms by the stipulated deadline.

Activities	Date
Students/Parents indicate options on MOE Forms	17-19 Oct (3 working days)
Release of allocation results	By 2 Nov
Submission of Appeals	2-4 Nov (3 working days)
Release of results of Appeals	11 Nov
Release of Sec 3 2023 Classes	By 18 Nov

4.5 Dismissal Time for Sec 1 to 3 Students

Our teachers will be serving as invigilators for the GCE 'O' Level Examination written papers which starts on 17 October (Mon). All Sec 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 12.30pm daily during the period of the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

In order to create a conducive environment for our Sec 4N students for their GCE 'N' Listening Comprehension Examination on 12 and 13 September, Sec 1 and 2 students will be dismissed at 1.20pm while Sec 3 students will be dismissed at 1.55pm.

4.6 Last Day of School for Sec 1 to 3 Students

As our school is a GCE 'O' Level Examination venue, the last day of the school term is 28 October (Fri). On that day, we will release the Report Books and Textbook List for 2023.

All students will be dismissed at 10.30am on that day. Form teachers will then meet up with selected students to give their feedback on their child's performance. We hope that you will take note of the date as your presence will be critical in ensuring that your child is well prepared for the following year's study.

5. **2022 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

Term 4 is a critical period for our graduating classes as the GCE Examinations are fast approaching. You can access the GCE 'O' & 'NA' / 'NT' Level Examination Timetables from the Singapore Examination & Assessment Board (SEAB) website using the following link:

- **GCE 'O' Level Examination Timetable**

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-o-level>

- **GCE 'N(A)' Level Examination Timetable**

[https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n\(a\)-level](https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n(a)-level)

- **GCE 'N(T)' Level Examination Timetable**

[https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n\(t\)-level](https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n(t)-level)

We would like to highlight that the GCE 'N' Level Written, Listening Comprehension and Practical Examinations will be held from 13 to 22 September and from 3 to 13 October.

We would also like to highlight the start dates of the GCE 'O' Level Examination for your attention:

GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue 'B' Oral Examination – 26 September

GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue 'B' and English Language LC – 14 October

GCE 'O' Level Science Practical Examinations – 3, 6, 11 & 13 October

GCE 'O' Level Written Examinations – 17 October

Lessons will resume from 22 to 30 September for all Sec 4NA students and from 23 to 30 September for all Sec 4NT students. We hope that you will take note of the dates of the examination and support your child in his/ her preparation. Your child may stay home to revise on days that he/she is not offered the subjects examined.

The Sec 4N students are not required to report to school after the completion of the GCE 'N' Level Examination on 13 October. However, we would like to inform you that the tentative date for the release of the GCE 'N' Level results is mid-December 2022.

6. **ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR GRADUATING CLASSES**

6.1 **Evening Self-Study**

To allow students to have a conducive environment for self-revision, the school has extended its closing hour till 8.30 pm during the week 22 August (Mon) to 25 Aug (Thu). The next block week identified for evening self-study is from 26 September (Mon) to 30 September (Fri).

The classrooms will be opened for students to conduct self-study. Parents of graduating students should have already received a notification letter via Parents' Gateway indicating the schedules of these sessions.

6.2 **Home Study**

To allow time for focused revision, home study for Sec 4E and Sec 5NA students will start from 3 October (Mon). Subject teachers may arrange for small group consultation sessions for those who need help in preparing for the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

7. **POST EXAMINATIONS ACTIVITIES**

7.1 **Student Development Activities - 'Fuel Your Future' (25 Oct to 28 Oct 2022)**

We have a line-up of student development activities from 25 to 28 Oct, with the aim of providing holistic learning experiences and fostering stronger bonds among our students. An overview of the student development programmes for each level is shown below. More details will be given to your child at a nearer date.

Level	25 Oct (Tue) 7.50am – 12.30pm	26 Oct (Wed) 8.50am – 12.30pm	27 Oct (Thu) 7.50am – 12.30pm	28 Oct (Fri) 8.05am – 10.30pm
1E	Math Trail / ICT Baseline (After School)	InnovACT!/ VIA	MTL Cultural Camp	Principal's Address Police Advisory Release of Report Books Target-Setting Litter-free Programme MTP (10.30am onwards)
1NA	Math Trail	InnovACT!/ VIA/ ICT Baseline (After School)	MTL Cultural Camp	
1NT	Math Trail	InnovACT!/ VIA/ ICT Baseline (After School)	MTL Cultural Camp	
2E	Dragon Boat Orientation	MTL Programme	Sculpture Walk Learning Journey	
2NA	Sculpture Walk Learning Journey	MTL Programme	Dragon Boat Orientation	
2NT	Sculpture Walk Learning Journey	MTL Programme	Dragon Boat Orientation	
3E	Dragon Boat Quest (Full Day)	C&T Integrated Programme	Ukelele/ Percussion	
3NA	Dragon Boat Quest (Full Day)	C&T Integrated Programme	Ukelele/ Percussion	
3NT	Dragon Boat Quest (Full Day)	C&T Integrated Programme	Ukelele/ Percussion	

7.2 School Open House (26 Nov 2022) and Outreach to Primary Schools

We will have our Annual Open House cum CCA Showcase for parents of Primary 6 students on 26 November (Sat). The details of the event will be made available on our school website closer to the date. In addition, selected students will be representing the school to share about their school experiences with Primary 6 students. The Outreach Programme will take place from 28 October to 11 November. Please help to publicise Yuan Ching to your friends and relatives!

7.3 Student Council Training Camp and Preparation for 2023 Sec 1 Orientation (20 to 21 Dec 2022)

The Student Council Training Camp will be from 20 to 21 December (Tue to Wed). The camp is a key training programme for the leadership development of Student Councillors. It is also a platform for the Student Council to prepare for the upcoming Sec 1 Orientation Programme. All Student Councillors are expected to participate in the training camp.

8. STUDENT SAFETY & WELL-BEING

8.1 School Holiday Travel Plans

Students are advised to abide by MOH's travel advisory. You may have plans to travel overseas with your child during the September holidays and/or year-end school vacation and we request that you provide details of your travel plans through the Parents Gateway (PG) app. Alternatively, if you have no access to PG app, please submit your child's travel declaration via the online form available in the school website (<https://yuanchingsec.moe.edu.sg/ycss/quick->

[links/for-students/online-travel-declaration](#)). For more information and updates on travel, you may refer to the ICA website [ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart] for details.

8.2 School Safety

If your child is coming for school activities during the school vacation, please ensure that your child is well and not to come to school when feeling unwell. Students attending school activities, consultation sessions and/or the evening self-study should be attired in either full school uniform or half uniform (PE or CCA T-shirt and school skirt/ pants) and put on proper footwear (school shoes or track shoes). This is to facilitate implementation of measures to maintain safety of students in school.

8.3 School Canteen

The school canteen will be closed during the school vacation. However, selected stalls will continue operations to meet the needs of students taking the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

8.4 MOE Financial Assistance Scheme

Students who would like to apply for MOE financial assistance for 2023 could collect the application form from the General Office in Oct 2022. Those who are currently on the scheme will need to reapply if they would like to continue. In addition to the hardcopy FAS form, MOE will also be providing an alternative online mode of application for MOE financial assistance via an eFAS form. More details of the eFAS form will be provided in the near future. Should you need more details regarding the application process, please contact General Office at Tel: 6261 2489 during office hours.

9. PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

We would also like to share that the PSG partners the school closely in supporting our students' learning. If you would like to take part in PSG activities, please email Mr Raymond Yeo, HOD Mother Tongue (email: yeo_tong_wei_raymond@moe.edu.sg) and /or Mr Leung, Year Head/Upper Sec (email: leung_yulun@moe.edu.sg).

CLOSING NOTE

We hope that you will spend quality time with your child and engage him/ her in meaningful activities during the vacation. It will also be a time to psychologically prepare your child for the new academic year in 2023. We are confident that you will support and reinforce the values and rich learning experiences that we have been providing for your child.

To ensure that we collectively create a conducive learning environment, we hope that you could reiterate the importance of respecting and meeting school expectations when your child returns to school next year on 3 January 2023 (Tue). In this respect, you may refer to the Student Handbook or the school website www.yuanchingsec.moe.edu.sg with your child so that he/she has an idea what is expected of him/her, pertaining to school discipline and decorum.

TOGETHER WE THRIVE!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)
PRINCIPAL, 1 September 2022

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