





YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

A Community Where Learners Flourish

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR START OF TERM 3 2023

We kicked off 2023, calling all Yuhuans to work with One Heart, One Mind and as One Team to grow 'From Good to Great'. That is our rallying call for the year, as we hope to imbue in all Yuhuans a growth mindset, to find confidence and motivation to keep challenging themselves to grow and do better.

To emphasize this point, I connected students to World Cup, and to Lionel Messi – often regarded as one of the greatest sportsmen of all time. His success does not boil down to raw talent alone, but a dogged determination to work through challenges, with a growth mindset to always work strongly with the larger community and team to do better and make a difference.

This is now 'half-time' of the academic year, as we take a break in the mid-year holidays to reflect, and to appreciate where we have done well. In **Annex A** (attached at the end of the letter), I am proud to share the many achievements of our school's students in the first half of 2023. More information can be found on our website at the following link (<https://www.yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements/school-achievements>).

This celebration of where Yuhuans have done well is in full alignment with our school's PERMA philosophy, where we seek to build **p**ositivity, **e**ngagement, **r**elationships, **m**eaning and celebrate **a**chievements at every opportunity available. We go further in this endeavour, as we celebrate the holistic and academic achievements of our current students and alumni in the upcoming JOY Ceremony 2023 on the 30 June (Friday). This event will be graced by our Guest of Honour, MP Shawn Huang, grassroots advisor to Jurong Spring where Yuhua Secondary is located.

These are worthy moments for us to celebrate, as we appreciate how far we've journeyed as a school, five years since merger, and through a challenging pandemic. We start a new semester refreshed, and I hope all Yuhuans are energized to take disciplined and determined steps to care, connect and contribute towards a lively learning environment where the entire Yuhuan community flourishes as one.

Semester 2 is an important one where various school and national examinations begin, alongside various opportunities for our Yuhuans to develop holistically, including in National School Games, and our Yuhua Concert Band at National Day Parade 2023. I urge all Yuhuans to face all opportunities positively, and to believe in yourselves to grow and do better.

The Value of the Term for Term 3 is 'Respect', and we seek the continued support of all parents / guardians to encourage your child to put in their very best, to respectfully honour themselves and others as we grow 'From Good to Great' for 2023.

As we look forward to Term 3, key information under the following areas are for your attention:

To receive timely information, please download Parents Gateway mobile app @ <https://tinyurl.com/yhpg19>

1 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development

1.1 Living with COVID: Moving Towards a New Normal

On 9 Feb 2023, the COVID Multi-Ministry Task Force (MTF) announced the step down of community measures given the stable global and local situation. In line with the move, please note MOE's latest guidelines for the general management of AG+ cases for students:

- **If unwell:** seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest.
- **If well (with mild residual symptoms) or Ag+ without symptoms:** one may return to school. If student is well but have mild residual symptoms, the student may return to school and should exercise social responsibility – minimise close physical contact with others in large group settings, and wear masks.

1.2 Value of the Term: Respect

The value to be practiced for Term 3 2023 shall be Respect. Let's grow 'From Good to Great' as One Yuhua, by showing respect to people, property, the environment, and yourself. Some examples include:

- **Personal:** To dress, speak, and act in a way that shows respect to self, because you care about your own growth and well-being. This includes taking care with grooming, as well as being mindful of attendance and punctuality.
- **Social:** To act in a way that shows respect for others, as you exercise care in how your actions may impact others and the environment around you.

1.3 Keeping All Yuhuans Safe

a) Termly Temperature-Taking Exercise

The school conducts regular temperature-taking exercises in the beginning of each term, to signal the continued need for everyone to remain vigilant and to be socially responsible to stay away from school if he/she is feeling unwell. This will take place in Term 3 on Wednesday, 5 July 2023, and we seek your support in reminding your child to bring their thermometer to school.

b) Conduct of Ground Deployment Exercise (GDX) 2023

A GDX is scheduled to be held on Friday, 18 August 2023 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. This is an emergency preparedness exercise to be facilitated by School Emergency Preparedness Unit for school operational readiness in response to any security, fire or health threats. Staff and students will practise an external evacuation exercise, to move from Yuhua Secondary School to Fuhua Secondary School in a safe and orderly manner. Further information will be sent to parents / guardians via PG nearer the date.

2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

2.1 Blended Learning for Second Semester

Home Based Learning (HBL) days will continue to take place once a fortnight on even Fridays in Semester 2 for students from Secondary 1 to Secondary 3. All HBL activities are designed to be completed independently by students at home, and we seek for your support to ensure your child build self-directedness to learn well on HBL days.

2.2 Timed Practices for Graduating Cohort

For Secondary 4 and 5 students, they will be slotted for timed paper practices on HBL days in preparation for their national examinations. All timed paper practices will be conducted in school under the guidance of our staff. The schedule is attached below for your reference:

Secondary 4 Express / Secondary 5 Normal Academic (Timed Paper Practices)

Week	Subject #1	Subject #2
7 Jul 2023 (T3W2)	Mathematics	English
21 Jul 2023 (T3W4)	Social Studies	Chemistry
4 Aug 2023 (T3W6)	History/Geography/Literature	Mathematics / Add Math
18 Aug 2023 (T3W8)	Physics / Biology	GDX Exercise
1 Sep 2023 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
22 Sep 2023 (T4W2)	Graduation Day	

Secondary 4 Normal Academic (Timed Paper Practices)

Week	Subject #1	Subject #2
7 Jul 2023 (T3W2)	Mathematics	English
21 Jul 2023 (T3W4)	Social Studies	Chemistry
4 Aug 2024 (T3W6)	N-Level Prelims	
18 Aug 2023 (T3W8)	History/Geography /Literature	GDX Exercise
1 Sep 2023 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
22 Sep 2023 (T4W2)	Graduation Day	

Secondary 4 Normal Technical (Timed Paper Practices)

Week	Subject #1	Subject #2
7 Jul 2023 (T3W2)	Mathematics	English
21 Jul 2023 (T3W4)	CPA	NTSci / EBS
4 Aug 2023 (T3W6)	N-Level Prelim	
18 Aug 2023 (T3W8)	English	GDX Exercise
1 Sep 2023 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
22 Sep 2023 (T4W2)	Graduation Day	

2.3 Assessment Key Dates

Please note the following important dates in Term 3 for internal school and national examinations:

Internal School Examinations	
Term 3 WA3 (Secondary 1 to 3)	31 Jul – 17 Aug 23
GCE N-Level Preliminary Exams (Sec 4NT and 4NA)	3 Aug – 17 Aug 23
GCE O-Level Preliminary Exams (Sec 4E and 5NA)	21 Aug – 30 Aug 23

National Examinations	
GCE O-Level MTL/MTLB Listening Comprehension Exam	4 Jul 23
GCE O-Level MTLB Oral Exam	6 Jul 23
GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam	7 Jul – 17 Jul 23
GCE O-Level EL Oral Exam	25 Jul – 3 Aug 23
GCE N-Level EL(A) and EL(T) Oral Exam	11 Jul – 17 Jul 23
GCE N-Level MTL/BMTL Oral Exam	25 Jul – 27 Jul 23

2.4 Providing a Conducive Learning Environment

Students spend a significant amount of their time in school. We are committed to provide a conducive learning environment for all our students at all times. Through the years, we have undertaken to upgrade various facilities in school – including the canteen, auditorium, classrooms, special rooms (Humanities Room, ALP Rooms, Mother Tongue Rooms), YEAHub, toilets and other self-study and social areas around the school.

We are embarking on further improvement projects, to revamp the school library to facilitate engaged multimodal learning. Your child's inputs will be sought in this revamp, as Yuhuans give voice and take ownership to shape the learning environment of the school. We seek for your support, to encourage your child to give their suggestions, as well as to take ownership in looking after various areas in school.

2.5 Extended Operating Hours of Learning Spaces to Support Revision

With the upcoming school-based assessments and national examinations, the library will re-open from the first phase of renovations on 21 July 2023, with extended opening hours till 6.00 pm to provide quiet areas for students to study as well as to have consultations with teachers. Students can make good use of the time and space to reflect, catch up with their learning and consult their teachers when in doubt.

3 Build a Flourishing Staff Community

3.1 Thank You and Well Wishes

We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their dedicated service:

Name	Designation
Ms Thilashinee D/O Arunasalam	AED / T&L
Mr Soefian Ong	Security Officer
Mr Rathinam	Security Officer

3.2 Welcome

We warmly welcome the following staff to the school:

Name	Designation
Miss Khadijah Bte Saidi	PE Teacher
Mr Kamaroazmir	Physics Teacher
Mr Chua Kok Soon	PE Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Ms Izzah Binte Mohd Mokhti	History / SS Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Miss Chua Sze Huey	School Laboratory Technician
Mdm Vimiala	Operations Support Officer
Mdm Thaimal	Security Officer
Mr Muhmmad Isa	Security Officer

4 **Build a Flourishing Ecosystem of Community and Support**

4.1 Key Events

The following are key events in Term 3 for your noting please:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	JOY of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day)	30 Jun 2023
2	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	20 Jul 2023
3	Annual Cross Country / National Day Commemoration	8 Aug 2023
4	Teachers' Day Celebrations	31 Aug 2023

The above is only possible as we journey together as one Yuhua community. Let's continue to do our utmost for the rest of 2023, as we grow together with One Heart, One Mind as One Team From Good to Great!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

Annex A – Student / School / Staff Achievements

Our student **CHONG SEN YUAN from Class 4 Connect** received the *Young Engineer Award* (YEA) by Singapore Polytechnic. This award serves to recognize secondary school students who appreciate the link between science and engineering, and to self-discover and cultivate their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Congratulations Sen Yuan!

In addition, the below list of Yuhuans have achieved individual awards from the various **Uniformed Group Headquarters**

CCA	Student / CCA	Achievements	Year	Class
NCC	Muhamad Iman Bin Ismail	NCC outstanding Cadet Award	2023	4 Respect
Boys Brigade	Goh Kun Ming	Boys Brigade Founders Award	2023	4 Connect
NCDCC	Goh Kai Kiat David	NCDCC Unit Best Cadet Award	2023	4 Care
NCDCC	Goh Kai Kiat David	SCDF-NCDCC Pinnacle Award	2023	4 Care
NPCC	Chua Chee Yang	Best Unit Cadet (Male)	2023	4 Contribute
NPCC	Chong Xuan Ya Glenda	Best Unit Cadet (Female)	2023	4 Adaptability
NPCC	Mohammed Arddrean Zikry Bin Mohammed Zakry	SPF-NPCC Pinnacle Award	2023	4 Connect
NPCC	KrishnarajanJeevanesan	SPF-NPCC Pinnacle Award	2023	4 Resilience

We also congratulate the following CCA groups, for their resilience and strong teamwork in representing the school in Term 2 in the following areas:

CCA	Achievements	Year
Floorball	Participated in B Div NSG (Boys)	2023
Football	National School Games B Division Football League Four (Top 8)	2023
Tchoukball	Participated in B Div NSG (Boys)	2023
Tchoukball	Participated in B Div NSG (Girls)	2023
Volleyball	West Zone B Division (Boys) National School Games - Top 5 in group rounds	2023
Volleyball	West Zone B Division (Girls) National School Games - Top 6 in group rounds	2023

Wushu	Participated in National School Games	2023
Boys Brigade	JM Frasier Award (Distinction) 2022	2023
NCC	Unit Recognition Award - Certificate of Participation 2022	2023
NCDCC	UOPA - Distinction (Gold)	2023
NPCC	UOPA - Distinction (Gold)	2023
Dance	SYF Certificate of Accomplishment	2023
Harmonica Band	SYF Certificate of Distinction	2023
Stagewright	SYF Certificate of Accomplishment	2023

The following students have also been recognised for their participation in the Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2023.

Student / CCA	Achievements	Year	Class
Li Cheok Fung, Andreas	The students' original song "Our Story" was selected as one of the Top 10 songs for the Lower Secondary Category in the Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2023.	2023	2 Respect
Lum Chee Hou Rian (Lin Zhihao)		2023	2 Respect
Chew Wen Xuan Aden		2023	2 Care
Goh Koi Luck		2023	2 Care
Aponesto Franz Graeden Dispo		2023	2 Connect
Stacy Chan Yi Ling	The students' original song "Light of My Life" received an Honourable Mention for the Lower Secondary Category in the Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2023.	2023	2 Responsibility
Jolyne Teo Wei He		2023	2 Resilience
Natalie Tan Li Lin		2023	2 Resilience
Saravanan Mehaa		2023	2 Care
Sheena Khine Binte Abdul Gani		2023	2 Contribute
Gan Bing	His original song "You've Got What it Takes" was selected as one of the Top 10 songs for the Open Category in the Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2023.	2023	4 Adaptability

Details of the school's achievements are also available at our school website (<https://www.yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements/school-achievements>).