





# YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

*A Community Where Learners Flourish*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

## **MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR START OF TERM 4 2023**

It is a special Term 4, as we enjoy an 'extra' Teacher's Day school holiday, to honour our teachers and staff for their hard work. A large proportion of our staff were involved with Polling Duties on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and I am sure many of you would have also caught glimpses of Yuhua Secondary as a counting centre being profiled in our local news channels. A big thank you to all our staff for serving with Above All, CARE<sup>3</sup>!

Last week, you may also have caught the programme '*On The Red Dot – Because You Are My Teacher*' on Channel 5 and Channel News Asia, an exclusive interview of our teacher, Mrs Rajoo, alongside a surprise alumni who came back to visit. For those who missed it, you can catch up at: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/watch/red-dot-because-youre-my-teacher/part-2-3752516>. We are heartened by the love of our students for their teachers, and the care they take even after they've graduated to honour their teachers in Yuhua.

In a year where we rally to the theme of 'Team Yuhua: From Good to Great', this spirit of care-connect-contribute is what we emphasize as a school, to build our students up with the right character values in order to triumph over challenges of all kinds. Term 4 marks the season for the end of year examinations for Secondary 1 to 3 students and the national examinations for our graduating cohort. It is a term where everyone gears up to do the best we can in the last lap for 2023 – and as one Yuhua, we persevere 'From Good to Great'.

There are many notable achievements and successes by Yuhuans that give us the belief that our students can achieve. In the term that has passed, I am heartened to share that our Yuhuan, Cheng Kei Win, who just graduated in 2022, was recognized with the Lee Kuan Yew All Round Excellence Award (Secondary) 2023, an achievement presented to a selected few nationwide annually. This prestigious award recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres, and who exemplify positive character development, strong leadership and commitment to service to the community. I am proud to share that this is Yuhua Secondary's second Lee Kuan Yew All Round Excellence Award winner since 2020, a rare feat not achieved by many!

Beyond the above, there are many other noteworthy achievements, as Yuhuans emerge victorious in different spheres, including that of text recital, song-writing, football, volleyball and robotics. Details in **Annex A**, as we affirm significant school achievements at the following link (<https://www.yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements/school-achievements>).

We endeavour to support our Yuhuans through each and every one of their major milestones, and it is with this growth spirit in which we cheer all Yuhuans on to succeed and flourish. To our graduating students especially: we believe in you, and let's face all challenges with adaptability and resilience, as grow 'From Good to Great' as Team Yuhua – the Yuhua Family.

As we look forward to Term 4, 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     Values of the Term – Adaptability and Resilience**

As we embark on the final term for this year, we encourage students to be **adaptable** and seize opportunities to maximise their learning. This includes using the additional time they have from the stand-down of CCAs wisely, as well as reviewing their study methods to see if they can be improved. They will also need to be **resilient**, confronting the challenges they face and sustain effort to ensure they end the year well in both their academic learning and holistic development. We hope that parents will help us to emphasize the values of Adaptability and Resilience in your interactions with them.

## **1.2     Being Prepared for Learning**

Please continue to encourage your child/ward to be punctual for school. Students should plan their journey well and be in school by 7.25 a.m. on all days, except for Wednesdays when they should reach by 8.25 a.m. This will allow them to be in school 5 minutes before assembly, therefore reaching their reporting venues (e.g. hall or classrooms) in time to prepare well for their learning.

We also seek your support to monitor your child's/ward's attendance closely, and ensure he/she does not stay away from school without valid reason. This will ensure students do not miss lessons unnecessarily in the run up to the End-of-Year Exams.

## **1.3     Graduating Students**

### **a)   The *Final Sprint* revision programme**

The Final Sprint revision programme will continue in Term 4, where different teachers will be available for students to consult with in the school library from 3.15 p.m to 6.15 p.m daily. Students are highly encouraged to make full use of this time to prepare for their examinations by clarifying their doubts with teachers.

### **b)   Graduation Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony for Sec 4/5 students will be held in school on **22 September (Friday)**. This is a significant milestone for our graduating cohort, as we look forward to spurring them on in this last lap in a ceremony with full graduation gowns and a special farewell from school. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/guardians of graduating students to join your child/ward in celebrating this milestone. Please refer to the letter sent to parents/guardians of graduating students on the 31 August for more information.

### **c)   Intensive Study Week for All Graduating Students**

Following the graduation ceremony, the school will be implementing an intensive study week from **25 – 29 September** for all graduating students. This is to provide graduating students with the customized support to make necessary preparations. Students should report to school as per normal for the intensive study week.

### **d)   Study Break for Students Taking GCE 'O' Levels**

From **1 – 17 October**, students taking GCE 'O' Levels will be given a study break. This is to provide them with white space to make personal preparations for their upcoming examinations, while different groups of students sit for their respective science practical exams on different dates. During the study break, students can continue to contact their teachers to schedule for consultations. They are also free to use the school facilities (e.g. library) to study and revise should it be more conducive.

## 2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

### 2.1 GCE O, N(A) & N(T) National Examinations

Please take note the following dates of the upcoming National Examinations. For parents / guardians of students across all cohorts, please take note of **early dismissal (1pm) on the 12 September and 20 September**, to facilitate for Listening Comprehension papers in the afternoon.

For parents / guardians of graduating students, please ensure that your child/ward comes prepared and is punctual for all papers.

2023 GCE N(A) & N(T) Level Listening Comprehension Examination	Date	
English Language Syllabus A	12 Sep	All students to be dismissed at 1:00 p.m
BCL / BML / BTL	12 Sep	
English Language Syllabus T	20 Sep	
CL / ML / TL	20 Sep	
2023 GCE N(A) & N(T) Level Written / Practical Examinations	Date	
Various Subjects	12 – 21 Sep, 2 – 10 Oct	
2023 GCE O Level Listening Comprehension Examination	Date	
English Language	18 Oct	
2023 GCE O Level Written / Practical Examinations	Date	
Pure Chemistry Practical	4 Oct	
Pure Physics Practical	9 Oct	
Combined Science Practical	12 Oct	
Pure Biology Practical	17 Oct	
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	19 Oct – 10 Nov	

### 2.2 School Examinations, Marking Day and Exam Admin Day

Besides our graduating students, we also encourage all Sec 1 – 3 students to work hard in preparation for their **End-of-Year Examinations taking place from 26 September to 5 October**.

In light of the upcoming examinations, CCAs for Sec 1 – 3s have stood down. Students should focus on revision, and resume CCA activities only after their exams are over.

Take note **6 October** is Marking Day and **18 October** is Exam Admin Day. **Students need not report to school**, and a further reminder will be sent via PG nearer the date.

## 2.3 Early Dismissal for Sec 1 – 3s during Post Examination Period

Following the End-of-Year Examinations, **Sec 1 – 3 students will transit to a post exam timetable with an earlier dismissal time of 12.40 p.m.** This is to facilitate the checking of scripts, conduct of post exam activities and the commencement of GCE 'O' Level written exam papers in the afternoons. Please see details in the table below.

Day	Dismissal Time
6 Oct (Friday) – <b>Marking Day</b>	Students do not need to report to school.
9 – 17 Oct	12.40 p.m.
18 Oct (Wed) – <b>Exam Admin Day</b>	Students do not need to report to school.
19 – 26 Oct	12.40 p.m.
27 Oct (Fri) – <b>PTM over ZOOM</b>	Students do not need to report to school.

## 2.4 iAspire (Bridging) Programme for Students Who Fail to Meet Promotion Criteria

To better support selected students who fail to meet the promotion criteria after the End of Year examinations, there will be an extended learning week after the last day of school, for identified students from the **30 Oct to 3 November**. Lessons will be carried out to strengthen understanding in the core subjects, and the identified students will be assessed at the end of the programme on their eligibility for advancement to the next level. Attendance for identified students is compulsory and further details will be communicated in a separate letter for students involved closer to the date.

## 3. Build a Flourishing Ecosystem of Community and Support

### 3.1 Key Events

The following are key events in Term 4 for your noting please:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4 – 5)	22 Sep 2023
2	Parent-Teachers Meeting (PTM) over ZOOM (Sec 1 – 3)	27 Oct 2023
3	Open House	25 Nov 2023

In no time, 2023 will come to a close. There is much for us to be thankful for. We thank you for your close partnership with the school to help every Yuhuan keep safe, and keep growing. We look forward to this last term of 2023, and may we all embrace **Above All, CARE<sup>3</sup>**, as we seek to achieve our vision of building **A Community Where Learners Flourish**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

## **Annex A – Student / School / Staff Achievements**

In line with our PERMA philosophy, we are sharing the latest accomplishments of the school as we celebrate the achievements and strengths of each and every individual in Yuhua.

- Our alumni, **Cheng Kei Win from Class 401 (2022)**, received the Lee Kuan Yew All Round Excellence Award 2023. This prestigious national award recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres, and who exemplify positive character development, strong leadership and commitment to service to the community.
- Our student **Tan Xin Cun from Class 3 Curiosity** clinched the Gold Award for the 6<sup>th</sup> National Text Recital Competition 2023, one of the top five positions in the Upper Secondary (Individual) competition category. Xin Cun proceeded to the Finals held on 22 July, and obtained the Merit Award for his outstanding performance.
- In the MOE Budding Writers' and Budding Artistes' Programme ('Naanum Oru Padaippaali' Programme 2023) in Tamil Language, 5 Yuhuans received the following Certificates of Achievement for their outstanding creative works. They are:
  - Budding Writers:
    - **Muthuselvam Yalini, 3 Connect**
    - **S Noorul Ameen bin Shaik Dawood, 2 Care**
  - Budding Artistes
    - **Abdul Kadir S/O Mohamed Makthum, 1 Adaptability**
    - **Sivasankaran Srisharan, 2 Responsibility**
    - **Carounagarane Guru Prasath, 3 Care**

We are also proud to share the following achievements of our Yuhuans in the Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2023.

<b>Andrie Su Heng Yi</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad – Bronze Medal
<b>Chen Jeun Wei</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad – Honourable Merit
<b>Ethan Hon Weng Tai</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	

Music talents from Yuhua Secondary also excelled in the 2023 SYF Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2023, where their original song creations were recognized at public performance platforms at Esplanade, Singapore.

<b>Song Title (Category)</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Results</b>
1) Our Story (Lower Sec Category)	<b>LI CHEOK FUNG, ANDREAS</b>	<b>2 RESPECT</b>	<b>Top 10</b> <b>(amongst 49 song submissions from 27 schools)</b>
	<b>LIN ZHIHAO</b>	<b>2 RESPECT</b>	
	<b>CHEW WEN XUAN ADEN</b>	<b>2 CARE</b>	
	<b>GOH KOI LUCK</b>	<b>2 CARE</b>	
	<b>APONESTO FRANZ GRAEDEN DISPO</b>	<b>2 CONNECT</b>	

2) Light of My Life (Lower Sec Category)	<b>STACY CHAN YI LING</b>	<b>2 RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>Honourable Mention</b>
	<b>JOLYNE TEO WEI HE</b>	<b>2 RESILIENCE</b>	
	<b>NATALIE TAN LI LIN</b>	<b>2 RESILIENCE</b>	
	<b>SARAVANAN MEHAA</b>	<b>2 CARE</b>	
	<b>SHEENA KHINE BINTE ABDUL GANI</b>	<b>2 CONTRIBUTE</b>	
3) You've Got What It Takes (Open Category: Upper Sec and JC/MI)	<b>GAN BING</b>	<b>4 ADAPTABILITY</b>	<b>Top 10 (amongst 52 song submissions from 31 schools)</b>

We also congratulate the following CCA groups and students, for their resilience and achievements in representing the school in Term 3 in the following areas:

<b>CCA Cluster</b>	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
Sport	Floorball	Participated in C Div NSG (Boys)
Sport	Football	National School Games C Division Football League Five (Achieved Third placing)
Sport	Tchoukball	Participated in C Div NSG (Boys)
Sport	Tchoukball	Participated in C Div NSG (Girls)
Sport	Volleyball Boys	West Zone C Division National School Games – Top 4 & Qualified for National Round (top 16)
Sport	Volleyball Girls	Participated in West Zone C Division National School Games Top 6 in group rounds
Sport	Wushu	Performed at Jurong Spring National Day Carnival
UG	NPCC	YHSS NPCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	NCC	YHSS NCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	NCDCC	YHSS NCDCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	Boys' Brigade	Our Yuhuan, <b>Goh Kun Ming</b> was presented the Founders Award Winner 2023

		YHSS BB participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
VPA	Harmonica Band	Performed at Jurong Spring National Day Carnival
VPA	Concert Band	Performed the Military Tattoo for the Marching Band segment of the National Day Parade Military Tattoo for the Marching Band segment of the National Day Parade
VPA	Choir	Certificate of Accomplishment for Singapore Youth Festival
VPA	Dance	Performed at the ActiveSG Heartland Festival
VPA	Harmonica Band	Performed at the ActiveSG Heartland Festival
Clubs	Tinkering & Robotics Club	<p>Participated in MakeX Robotics Competition</p> <p>Two teams from Yuhua Secondary were tied at 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The participants for the team event were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VEDTHIKA DEWIDASI SAKARDEVAN (2 Resilience)</b></li> <li>• <b>YEO WEN XUAN (2 Contribute)</b></li> <li>• <b>MUTHAMIL SELVAN DARSHAN (3 Care)</b></li> <li>• <b>LIM CHOON YOU (Sec 3 Contribute)</b></li> </ul> <p>Another team from Yuhua Secondary was awarded the Best Engineering Notebook. The participants were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOURSIRIN AMYRA BINTE MUHAMMAD HARRY (2 Adaptability)</b></li> <li>• <b>SITI AISYAH BINTE MUHAMMAD (2 Responsibility)</b></li> </ul>

In addition, we are proud of the following staff members for their outstanding achievements:

Staff	Achievement
<b>Mdm Rafilah Binti Idris</b>	National Day Award, The Commendation Medal 2023
<b>Mr Nick Ang</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal 2023
<b>Ms Law Hwai Bin</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal 2023

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