19 Jul 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

#### Letter to Parents/Guardians - Term 3

I hope this letter finds everyone well.

I refer to the letter sent out via Parents Gateway dated 10 Jul 2024 regarding the implementation of HBL due to a fan which had disengaged in one of the classrooms, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your understanding during the recent two days of HBL.

The school arranged for the appointed contractors to check on all newly installed DC (direct current) fans in the classrooms. In addition, a professional engineer was engaged to check and certify that the installation of the DC fans was appropriate and that the fans are secured and deemed safe.

### **Student Matters**

Home-based Learning (HBL) in Term 3 and National Oral Examinations for English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL).

In 2024, all EL and MTL oral examinations for our graduating students will be streamlined and held during a specified number of full-days and half-days this term.

Specific dates for your child/ward's EL and MTL Oral Examination can be found on the examination entry proof. Please refer to the entry proof to ensure that your child/ward is aware of the dates and times of the respective examinations. Candidates have been briefed on the reporting times and other administrative information by the Supervising Oral Examiner.

To facilitate the smooth running of the streamlined oral examination, HBL will take place from 23-25 Jul 2024. We will follow the timetable for the respective days.

During the three days of HBL, there will be a combination of both synchronous and asynchronous online lessons for Secondary One to Three students.

#### **Preliminary and End-of-Year Examinations**

The Sec 4 and 5N preliminary examination schedules can be found on the school website via this link <a href="https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/">https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/</a>

The examination schedule for Sec 1 to 3 will be made available after 24 Jul 2024. The information can be found via the same link.

## **Celebrating our Successes!**

We are proud of our achievements in both the academic and CCA competitions.

#### **Academic Achievements**

### **Biology**

Sec 3 and 4 Biology students took part in the 9<sup>th</sup> Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad (SJBO). Two of the 13 students received Honourable Mention. They are:

- Bernice Teng Kai Xin, Sec 4E1
- Wong Zhi Hung, Sec 4E1

## Design and Technology (D&T)

Our D&T students took part in the IDE Series 2024 Singapore Competition (IDE Challenge) in May 2024. YSS sent two teams for the competition. We are proud that one of the teams (Team B) was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the competition. The members of the team are:

- Jaren Ong Yan Jun, Sec 3 Resilience
- Iman Nasuha Bin Abdullah, Sec 3 Integrity
- Loy Cheng Le, Sec 3 Integrity

Our Sec 3 D&T students took part in the Real-World Co-design Platform, a programme in partnership with DesignSingapore Council (Dsg) and industrial experts from Orcadesign, with support from James Dyson Foundation (JDF). We are pleased that the following students were awarded First, Second, and Third Prizes and Honourable Mention:

| Name                                | Class        | Prize           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Lor Jin Ting Avery                  | 3 Resilience | First Prize     |
| Muhammed Murshid Bin Muhammed Iqbal | 3 Care       | First Prize     |
| Selvakumar Naresh                   | 3 Integrity  | First Prize     |
| Ethan Wong Wai Hin (Wang Weixuan)   | 3 Care       | First Prize     |
| Tan Hui Jie                         | 3 Care       | Second Prize    |
| Muhammad Azfar Bin Mohamed Gani     | 3 Resilience | Second Prize    |
| Ramesh Hemanth                      | 3 Respect    | Second Prize    |
| Bong Yu Yang, Raynen                | 3 Respect    | Second Prize    |
| Arockiaraj Jabalisaniya             | 3 Resilience | Third Prize     |
| Loy Cheng Le                        | 3 Integrity  | Third Prize     |
| Neelakandan Meena Sabareeshvar      | 3 Respect    | Third Prize     |
| Karthikeyan Trinaethraa             | 3 Respect    | Special Mention |
| Jayden Tiu                          | 3 Care       | Special Mention |
| Ng Jun Yi                           | 3 Integrity  | Special Mention |

#### **Mathematics**

Yishunites also took part in the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) in April 2024. We are proud of our students for doing well in the Olympiad. The results are as follows:

| Name                       | Class        | Award                        |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Fua Chee Heng Darren       | 1 Care       | Bronze                       |
| Sampang Gwen Izabel Flores | 1 Resilience | Certificate of Participation |

| Name                            | Class          | Award                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Lin Zhihao                      | 1 Care         | Certificate of Participation |
| Chew Jing En, Anna              | 1 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Rithanyaa Kesavan               | 1 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Suresh Kumar Keerthilaya        | 1 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Baskaran Gautham                | 1 Resilience   | Certificate of Participation |
| Sooriyanarayana Moorthy Kritish | 1 Soar         | Certificate of Participation |
| Chua Wen En Raylynn             | 1 Care         | Certificate of Participation |
| Ong Yan Hui Kelly               | 1 Resilience   | Certificate of Participation |
| Kalyana Kumar Sajith Kalyaan    | 1 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Chen Xuanrui Elvin              | 1 Respect      | Certificate of Participation |
| Adora Koh Yu Shaan              | 2 Resilience   | Silver                       |
| Cheng Yi Hong Evan              | 2 Soar         | Bronze                       |
| Ye Peiwen                       | 2 Care         | Bronze                       |
| Hipona Keziah Cody Daddy        | 2 Care         | Bronze                       |
| Zhu Liting Elva                 | 2 Integrity    | Bronze                       |
| Miao Junheng                    | 2 Respect      | Bronze                       |
| Tang Pei Tyi Helene             | 2 Strive       | Bronze                       |
| Goh Yan Ni Chloe                | 2 Care         | Honorable Mention            |
| Yong Jia Ying                   | 2 Integrity    | Honorable Mention            |
| Lin Jiangi                      | 2 Integrity    | Honorable Mention            |
| Lim Jia Xuan                    | 2 Innovate     | Certificate of Participation |
| Calderon Mary Lee Tiu           | 2 Respect      | Certificate of Participation |
| Karine Chua                     | 2 Strive       | Certificate of Participation |
| Tristen Chan Joon Chong         | 2 Care         | Certificate of Participation |
| Ng Xin Lei, Darolyn             | 2 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Goh Kan Rui                     | 2 Integrity    | Certificate of Participation |
| Wong Yi En                      | 2 Seek         | Certificate of Participation |
| Bryan Neo Yu Pin                | 2 Respect      | Certificate of Participation |
| Ang Eng How                     | 2 Strive       | Certificate of Participation |
| Alyssa Wong Jing Ern            | 2 Care         | Certificate of Participation |
| Wong Xin Yu                     | 2 Respect      | Certificate of Participation |
| Taarshini D/O Santranaidu       | 2 Seek         | Certificate of Participation |
| Ting Chai Xiang                 | 2 Seek         | Certificate of Participation |
| Jaikishore Rajagopal            | 2 Strive       | Certificate of Participation |
| Fun Yee Sam                     | 2 Respect      | Certificate of Participation |
| Khoo Kang Zhe, Eugene           | 3 Integrity    | Gold                         |
| Jayden Tiu                      | 3 Care         | Silver                       |
| Xander Chan Xian Xuan           | 3 Respect      | Silver                       |
| Ryan Koh Teng Wang              | 3 Strive       | Silver                       |
| Derrick Lai Chin Yong           | 3 Innovate     | Bronze                       |
| Wong Jia Suen                   | 3 Innovate     | Bronze                       |
| Liu Si Ru                       | 3 Respect      | Honorable Mention            |
| Taneekan Neo Hui Jun            | 3 Respect      | Honorable Mention            |
| Zion Koh                        | 3 Soar         | Honorable Mention            |
|                                 | 3 Resilience   |                              |
| Seah Kai Cheng                  | O L/GSIIIGHIGG | Honorable Mention            |

| Name                          | Class       | Award                        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Tan Lei Yuan Avel             | 3 Seek      | Honorable Mention            |
| Sanjan Babu                   | 3 Integrity | Certificate of Participation |
| Toh Jing Rou Gladyce          | 3 Integrity | Certificate of Participation |
| Tang Cheng Yuen, Gavin        | 3 Soar      | Certificate of Participation |
| Wong Chin Hao                 | 3 Innovate  | Certificate of Participation |
| Jegatheeswar Vishnoo Varthan  | 3 Soar      | Certificate of Participation |
| Xie Jiatong                   | 3 Care      | Certificate of Participation |
| Mohamed Mubeen Mohamed Raseem | 3 Seek      | Certificate of Participation |
| Charlotte Tan Lok Yee         | 3 Respect   | Certificate of Participation |
| Chong Jie Ming Aaron          | 3 Seek      | Certificate of Participation |
| Lim Min En                    | 3 Seek      | Certificate of Participation |
| Goh Leng Shuang (Wu Ningxuan) | 3 Integrity | Certificate of Participation |
| Chung Xiang Ting              | 3 Integrity | Certificate of Participation |
| Lakshman S/O Nakkeeran        | 3 Strive    | Certificate of Participation |
| Tan Yan Ting, Clarissa        | 3 Strive    | Certificate of Participation |

#### **CCA Achievements**

The YSS National Cadet Corps (NCC) did the school proud with the following achievements:

| Award/Competition   | Achievement                                 |
|---|---|
| Unit Recognition Award                                    | Distinction                                 |
| NCC Central Drill Precision Drill Squad (PDS) Preliminary | 4 <sup>th</sup> placing                     |
| Competition   | _   |
| NCC Precision Drill Squad (PDS) Grand Finals              | 11 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Placing |

The NCC HQ Outstanding Cadet Award is a prestigious award given only to top NCC cadets in Singapore. We are proud that two of our NCC cadets were recognised with this award. They are:

- MSG Wong Kar Zun, Caden from Sec 4E3
- MSG Russell Wu, from Sec 4E4

Both cadets have made outstanding contribution to their CCA and showed exemplary leadership.

### **School Celebrations and Activities**

### **School Visits**

On 10 Jul 2024, YSS played host to 27 teachers from Madrasah schools in Singapore as part of a collaboration with the National Institute of Education (NIE). The visit to YSS was part of the teachers' learning on the use of the Singapore Teaching Practice (STP) strategies in Teaching and Learning.

On 15 and 16 Jul 2024, YSS played host to students and teachers from Hangzhou Wenhua Middle School, China. Students from our partner school in China joined their Yishunite buddies in class and experience school life in Singapore. Yishunites will be visiting Hangzhou Wenhua Middle School as part of the YSS Goes Global Programme in Nov 2024.

## **National Day Celebration 2024**

We will be celebrating National Day in school on 8 Aug 2024 with the theme, *Together as One United People*. The school day will commence at 7:35 am as usual.

The National Day celebrations will commence with the National Day Observance Ceremony. This will be followed by a class activity, and a National Day Concert.

Concurrent with the class activity, the YSS Prefectorial Board will be organising an event entitled *Bridging Gaps, Growing Communities* as a community involvement project. Through this project which involves food, games, and dialogue, we hope to bring the community closer as we forge stronger ties between people of different generations and races.

If you are interested to be part of this project, you may sign up via this link <a href="https://go.gov.sg/yss-bggc-8aug">https://go.gov.sg/yss-bggc-8aug</a>.

Students will be dismissed at 10:30 am on that day.

# **Teachers' Day Celebration 2024**

We will end Term 3 with the celebration of Teachers' Day on 29 Aug 2024. The theme for the celebration is 'Teachers, Our Guiding Light'.

We will start school at 7:35 am. Students will be dismissed at 10:30 am after the Teachers' Day celebration in school which comprises a class appreciation session, and a concert to show appreciation to our teachers.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all parents and guardians for their continued support. Let us continue to work together to provide meaningful and holistic education for each Yishunite.

Regards

Mrs Regina Lee Principal