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Dear Parents/Guardian

Letter to Parents/Guardians - End of Term 4

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

We have come to the end of Term 4. Before we start the year-end school holidays, I would like to share some information with you.

Deepavali Greetings

I would like to send festive greetings to all our Hindu parents/guardians and students. Wishing you an enjoyable celebration with your loved ones.

Travel Declaration

All parents/guardian are required to make a travel declaration if your child/ward intends to travel during the year-end holidays. Please declare your child/ward's travel plans on Parents Gateway (PG) by Fri, 25 Oct 2024 only if your child/ward intends to travel during the holidays.

Parents/guardians who are not on Parents Gateway can make the declaration via this link:
<https://form.gov.sg/6461c57c1af9a80012cbb53d>

If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).

End-of-Term Activities

Overseas Learning Journeys 2024

I am pleased to inform all parents/guardians that we have a total of 5 groups of students heading on Overseas Learning Journeys this year.

Students will be embarking on cultural learning experiences to:

- Taiwan
- Hong Kong
- Hangzhou and Shanghai
- Hanoi
- Ho Chi Minh City

Overseas Learning journeys allow students to gain a unique cross-cultural experience as they visit partnering schools and interact with their peers from a different country.

WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR

CCA Training in November/December

Some CCAs have scheduled training/sessions during the year-end holiday. Information regarding CCA training during the holidays can be found via this link:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/CCA-Schedule/>

Booklist 2025

The booklist for the various levels can be found on the website via this link:

<https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/Booklist/>

Timetable 2025

The timetable for 2025 will be uploaded on the school website in the last week of December. You can access the timetable via this link: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/timetable/>

Revision of Weighted Assessment for 2025

We have revised the approach to WA for 2025.

We will not have WA scheduled on Tuesday mornings. Lessons will start as per normal at 7:50 am on Tuesday mornings. WA will be carried out during lesson time held within the term. You will find more details regarding WA in 2025 via this link: <https://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/exam/>. Information will be uploaded by 16 Nov 2024.

School Events

YSS Open House 2024 (OH24)

We will end the year with OH24. It will be held on Sat, 16 Nov 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The event aims to showcase the myriad of student activities and experiences available in the school. The programme for the morning is as follows:

Programme for OH24

Time	Activity	Venue
9:00 am	OH24 commences Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IP Dept Displays and interactive booths• CCA Displays	YSS grounds
10:00 am	Principal's Talk	LT@3
12:00 pm	Principal's Talk	LT@3
2:00 pm	OH24 ends	

Student Leaders of the school will lead our visitors on a school tour of the facilities. During these tours, they will share their experiences in YSS with our guests.

If you have friends or relatives looking for a good secondary school for their P6 children/wards, do feel free to let them know about OH24.

Celebrating Students' Achievements

We would like to congratulate our Basketball teams for doing themselves proud in the recent National Schools Games (NSG). The achievements are as follows:

Team	Achievement
'B' Division Boys	Progressed to 2 nd round of NSG North Zone Basketball Games
'C' Division Boys	<i>Champion</i> in Tier 4 of NSG Basketball Games
'C' Division Girls	4 th in Tier 1 of NSG Basketball Games

We would like to congratulate all members of the respective Basketball teams and teacher-ICs for their dedication to the sport.

Singapore Police Force (SPF) School Holiday Advisory

The SPF works closely with schools to ensure the safety and well-being of our students during the school holidays.

The Joint School Holiday Advisory from the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA), Health Promotion Board (HPB), and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) can be found the attached Annex.

We encourage you to review the advisory with your child/ward and remind them to stay safe and avoid unhealthy activities during the holiday period.

Once again, I would like to thank all parents/guardians for being so supportive of school programmes and initiatives in 2024. I look forward to working with all of you in 2025.

Have an enjoyable year-end holiday. For those traveling overseas, please stay safe and have a great time.

Regards



Mrs Regina Lee
Principal



STAY SAFE

BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS



STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

CHEATING

Cheating is a crime.

Youths have been investigated for their involvement as money mules for quick cash. Your bank and Singpass accounts are for your own use only.



If your bank or Singpass accounts are found to be used for criminal activities, you may face stiff penalties including detention in the reformatory training centre for at least 6 months or a prison term starting from 6 to 18 months.

CORROSIVE AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACT



It is an offence to be in possession of any weapon such as knives without any lawful purpose.

Do not attempt to buy them online as it is still an offence and you will be caught.

Offenders found guilty of carrying a weapon in a public place without a good reason, shall be punished with up to 3 years in jail and at least 6 strokes of caning.

DISTRIBUTING INTIMATE IMAGES

Do not share intimate images or recordings online.

If you receive such images or recordings, delete them and do not forward further. Sharing such images or recordings can cause great harm to the victim and is also an offence. Report to the police if you are aware of such images or recordings being circulated. Think before you act. Committing the act of distributing or threatening to distribute intimate images is a serious crime.



Offenders shall be punished with up to 5 years in jail, and shall also be liable to fine or to caning.

RIOTING

Exercise self-control and do not resort to violence.



Rioting is a crime which could result in severe injuries for all those involved, even yourself, your friends and school mates.

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years and shall also be liable to caning.

SHOP THEFT

Shop Theft is an offence.

Always pay for your items before you leave the store. Even if you manage to leave the shop without getting caught, with CCTV cameras in the store, you will still be caught.

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for up to 7 years and shall also be liable to fine.



YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

Always take care of your personal belongings.

Do not leave your items and valuables unattended even for a short while.



If you have been a victim or know anyone who has been a victim of crime,

do not hesitate to tell a family member or your teachers and make a police report as soon as possible.

Be aware of your surroundings.

And be attentive to any suspicious persons.



ACT TO SAFEGUARD YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM SCAMS

WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Job Scam

Be cautious of jobs that promise high pay with minimum effort. Do not pay money to secure a job as no legitimate job will ask you to make upfront payments.



E-commerce Scam

Be wary of making payments before delivery of goods or services. Do not download unknown applications for online purchases as it may contain malware, which could allow scammers to access your personal and banking information. Only download from official app stores.

Phishing Scam

Be careful of emails and texts asking you to click on unknown links as it could contain malware or lead to disclosure of your personal and banking details.



DID YOU KNOW

In first half of 2024, more than 1,800 youths were victims of scams, and over 150 youths were arrested for their involvement in money mule activities.

Always be mindful about what you do as you may be committing a criminal offence. Remember, our bank and Singpass accounts are for our own use only. Do not fall for the scammers' trap! It may be a crime if you share them with others.

Research suggests that one of the best ways to overcome scammers' tactics is to stop and check before making any decisions. **Did you know that there are now easy ways to check if something is a scam?**



CHECK WITH THE SCAMSHIELD SUITE!

Enhanced ScamShield App

Check and verify the legitimacy of suspicious messages, phone numbers and website links received through WhatsApp, Telegram, SMS, phone calls or any other channels.

ScamShield Alert

Join the ScamShield Alert social channels to receive the latest news on scams.



ScamShield Portal

The one-stop portal on scams. Providing you with the latest information on scams and anti-scam resources. There is also an online chat for you to check if something may be a scam.

SCAMSHIELD HELPLINE (1799)

Call the ScamShield helpline to check if the situation you are facing is a scam.

Available 24/7.



BLOCK SCAM CALLS, DETECT SCAM SMSes AND REPORT SCAMS VIA THE SCAMSHIELD APP



Download the ScamShield App

Scan here



For more scam resources

Scan here or visit www.go.gov.sg/spf-scamresources



DRUG AND INHALANT ABUSE SITUATION

1. The possession, consumption and trafficking of controlled drugs are serious offences.

Drug abuse causes harm to your body and mind. Do not let drugs harm you, your family and loved ones.



2. Stay away from drug and inhalant abuse.

Walk away if anyone tries to offer you drugs and do inform your family members or school staff immediately.



3. Always exercise caution on the Internet and social media

as there may be much misinformation about drugs.



4. Do not get involved in online drug activities or attempt to buy drugs online.

CNB monitors and investigates online drug activities.



5. Stay away from drugs even when you are overseas.

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, you will be liable for the same drug consumption offence regardless of where the controlled drugs were consumed.



6. Beware of food and products containing controlled drugs.

If in doubt, do not consume or purchase the item.



REAL-LIFE STORIES

THE PRICE MAX PAYS IS HIGHER THAN THE PRICE TAG

Scan to read.



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS EASY MONEY

Scan to read.



OUR HELPLINES

CRIME PREVENTION

Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 000** or submit information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness

'999' is for emergencies only.

Please dial if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit:

www.police.gov.sg,
www.ncpc.org.sg or
SPF Facebook,



RESOURCES ON CRIME PREVENTION AND STAYING DRUG-FREE

You may scan the QR Code for more details.



ADVISORY FOR PARENTS ON VAPING

VAPING IS ILLEGAL IN SINGAPORE



No possessing, buying or using e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$2,000



No selling or importing e-cigarettes

Fined up to \$10,000 or/and 6 months imprisonment

VAPING IS HARMFUL



Vapes contain **cancer-causing substances** such as formaldehyde and **nicotine**, a drug found in cigarettes.



Studies have shown that **individuals who vape** are more likely to **pick up cigarette smoking** later in life.

VAPING DEVICES ARE NOT EASY TO RECOGNISE

It comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Making it **easier for children to hide**.



Some **resembling everyday items** like **USB flash drives** and **pens**.

WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT?

Be a good role model. Do not vape or smoke.

Talk to your child about the **harmful effects** of smoking and vaping.

Parent to **dispose any e-vaporiser and accessories** if your child possesses it.

FOR SUPPORT ON QUITTING

1800 438 2000

HPB_SMOKING_CONTROL@HPB.GOV.SG

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR PARENTS



SCAN TO
LEARN MORE
ABOUT VAPING



SCAN FOR VAPING
CONVERSATION
STRATEGIES ARTICLE



DID YOU KNOW?

Scams-related offences are typically committed by **sophisticated organised criminal groups** based overseas.



Their operations make use of offenders based in Singapore who **hand over their bank account details or Singpass credentials**.



Syndicate members then use the information to **commit scams and launder scam proceeds**.

To combat the growing number of scams, new offences were introduced in 2023 to deter persons in Singapore who hand over their bank account details or Singpass credentials.

THE SENTENCING ADVISORY PANEL'S GUIDELINES FOR SCAMS-RELATED OFFENCES:

1

Provide clarity on how these new offences should be sentenced.

2

Recommend that significant imprisonment sentences be the norm, to reflect the devastating impact on scam victims, even for young offenders.

SENTENCING OPTIONS

FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

- To send a strong deterrent signal, probation and community-based sentences are not recommended.
- Imprisonment and reformatory training should be considered instead, even for young offenders.

FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS BELOW 16 YEARS OLD

Under the Children and Young Persons Act, they may face:

- Probation between 6 months and 3 years;
- Detention in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre for up to 3 years; or
- Detention in the Boys/Girls' Home for up to 6 months

FOR YOUTH OFFENDERS 16 TO 21 YEARS OLD

The Sentencing Guidelines recommend:

- Detention in the reformatory training centre for at least 6 months; or
- Prison term starting from 6 to 18 months