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Dear Parents/Guardian

### **Letter to Parents/Guardians – Term 1**

*Welcome to 2022!* I hope this letter finds everyone well. In 2022, we look forward to developing your child/ward holistically by continuing to provide our students with engaging and enriching learning opportunities.

#### **Safe Management Measures (SMM)**

The school continues with enforcing SMM for the term according to guidelines provided by MOE. Please refer to the SMM as stated in the previous correspondence dated 23 Dec 2020.

A gentle reminder that students who are unwell must see a doctor and stay at home. Students who have family members on HQO, SHN, LOA or MC (for flu-like symptoms) must not report to school and they must inform their form teachers of this.

All students must wear face masks in school at all times. Masks worn to school should be plain with no graffiti designs on them. Students are advised to have an extra mask with them in case they need to change it in the course of the day, especially after PE lessons.

Temperature-taking and additional visual and verbal screening continues daily for all students. All students must continue to bring their own oral-digital thermometers daily.

Students are required to carry their TraceTogether Tokens at all times. TT tokens can be collected from any Community Centre/Club. Singaporeans and Permanent Residents who are collecting their tokens for the first time can also request for the TT token to be delivered via post. Details can be found at [token.gowhere.gov.sg](http://token.gowhere.gov.sg)

Group work can be carried out during lessons and other activities. Group sizes will follow the prevailing national social group size of 5 pax.

#### **Student Matters**

##### **Back-to-School (BTS) Programme and Secondary One Orientation Programme 2022**

The BTS Programme and the Secondary One Orientation Programme were held from 4 to 6 Jan 2022. This year, both programmes were planned and executed by our YSS Prefectorial Board. The programmes ran smoothly and it was indeed a joy seeing our student leaders in action as they led their peers.

**WE SEEK, WE STRIVE, WE SOAR**

## GCE O-Level Examination 2021 Results

The GCE O-Level Examination results were released on 12 Jan 2022. The class of 2021 performed well in the GCE O-Level Examination 2021.

The Mean Subject Grade (MSG) improved from 22.4 (2021) to 20.6 (2022). The expected MSG for the cohort was 22.3.

The percentage of students who are eligible for Junior College has also increased from 39% in 2021 to 54% in 2022. The percentage of students who qualified to move on to the polytechnic has also increased from 93.2% to 94.5%.

Heartiest congratulations to the class of 2021 and the teachers who have journeyed with them.

Many subjects attained a higher percentage pass. Do refer to this link for more details of the results: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students>

## Attendance in School

Consistent attendance in school is critical in order for your child/ward to benefit fully from the learning experiences. A medical certificate will be required if your child/ward is absent from school, tests and examinations. Do note that parents' letters are not accepted unless under exceptional cases.

## Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA is critical in the holistic development of your child/ward. It is essential for each student to be part of a CCA and attend all training sessions.

All CCAs have commenced with face-to-face sessions in Term 1 Week 1 of 2022 with all the necessary safe management measures enforced.

## Secondary One CCA Experience Programme

In order to help our Secondary One students make an informed choice of CCA, the school has arranged for a CCA Experience Programme for them.

The CCA Experience Programme will take place between Term 1 Week 1 to Term 1 Week 6. This programme provides your child/ward an opportunity to experience the different CCAs before making his/her final choice.

The school is organising a CCA Engagement session for parents/guardian on Fri, 14 Jan 2022 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During this session there will be a briefing by HOD/PE & CCA on matters regarding CCA and this will be followed by a Q & A session where you can clarify any doubts that you might have. Parents/guardian of the newly posted Secondary One students can register for this engagement session via this link: <https://form.gov.sg/61d667473cff100012e4cf55>

Details of the CCA Engagement Programme are as follows:

Week	Date/Time	Event / Activity	Remarks
Week 1	7 Jan 22 (2:30-5:00 pm)	CCA Fair for Secondary One Students	All Secondary One students to attend the CCA Fair. They will remain in school for the CCA Fair

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Week 2	10 to 14 Jan 22	Secondary One students choose CCA Experience slots  Registration for Parents' Engagement Session	Each student will choose 6 CCAs they wish to try.  Registration closes at noon on 14 Jan
Week 2	Fri, 14 Jan 22 (5:00 pm)	CCA Engagement Session for Parents/Guardian (online)	Link to the session will be provided after registration.
Week 3 and 5	17 to 28 Jan 22	Secondary One students attend CCA Experience	Students will be allocated a date and time for each CCA they wish to experience.
Week 5 and 6	31 Jan – 11 Feb 22	Secondary One students choose their CCA	
Week 8	14 Feb 22 onwards	Start of CCA for all Secondary One students	

Students who were admitted to the school via the DSA exercise may be approached by the respective CCAs to commence training from Week 2 onwards. Thank you.

### **Student Handbook - School Rules and Regulations**

The student handbook has been uploaded on the school website. Please refer to:

[https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u276/Students/School%20Rules%20and%20Regulations/School\\_rules\\_regulations.pdf](https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u276/Students/School%20Rules%20and%20Regulations/School_rules_regulations.pdf) for information regarding school rules and regulations.

### **National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)**

At MOE's Committee of Supply Debate in March 2020, MOE launched the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) for our schools and Institutes of Higher Education. The NDLP was launched to make digital learning inclusive by equipping students with the digital literacies to be future-ready. Through the NDLP, all secondary school students will own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device (PLD) by end 2021. The device will be used to facilitate an environment that encourages personalised learning.

Our Secondary 2 to 4 students have received their PLD in 2021. If your child/ward has not purchase his/her PLD, do contact the school to process his/her purchase.

### **Purchase of PLD for Secondary One Students**

The school will be doing a mass procurement of the PLD for our Secondary 1. More information on the procurement process will be provided for you soon.

## **Academic Matters**

### **Assessment Weighting 2021**

Please refer to the table below for assessment weighting. There will be no more than one weighted assessment (WA) per subject, per term.

Level	Terms 1 and 2		Terms 3 and 4	
Sec 1 to 3	WA 1 15%	WA 2 15%	WA 3 15%	End-of-Year Examination (EYE) 55%
Sec 4 & 5	-	Mid-year Examination (MYE) 100%	-	Preliminary Examination 100%

### **Weighted Assessment (WA)**

All WA will be scheduled on Tuesdays from 7:50 am to 8:50 am from Term 1, Week 3. Please refer to the school website for the WA schedule.

A student who is absent for WA or examination due to illness must produce a medical certificate from a certified doctor upon return to school. The medical report/statement must clearly state the doctor's diagnosis and certification that the student is unfit to take the test.

Medical certificates without the doctor's diagnosis is considered not valid. Students who do not produce any medical certificate will be given zero mark for the paper they have missed. Medical certificates issued by Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners and letters from parents will not be accepted as valid reasons.

Content outlines of all subjects can be found on the school website at this link : <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/content-outlines> and the weighted assessment schedule can be found at this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/weighted-assessment-schedule>

The Humanities Department has also included a write up on Social Studies, History and Geography for parents of Secondary One students as these subjects are new to the students at the level. Please refer to this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students>

### **Mid-year Examination**

There will be no Mid-year Examination for Sec 1 to 3 students. In view of this, lessons will be conducted to provide more in-depth study and learning experiences on various topics in the additional three teaching weeks.

### **Home-based Learning in Term 1**

To better prepare our students for home-based learning, the following days have been planned in Term 1 for online home-based lessons:

- 21 January 2022
- 4 February 2022

- 18 February 2022
- 4 March 2022

On the days listed above, your child/ward will not report to school but will instead be attending online lessons at home. They will be briefed on what they need to do by their teachers. If your child/ward needs support for a device for digital learning at home, please contact Ms Jacqueline Tan ([tan\\_chew\\_hsia\\_jacqueline@moe.edu.sg](mailto:tan_chew_hsia_jacqueline@moe.edu.sg)) for assistance.

Resources on home-based learning can be found on our school website:  
<https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/student-learning-space-sls/>

You can also find information on the following in the above link.

- Student Learning Space (SLS)  
Your child/ward will need to log in to SLS on HBL day to check in with his/her form teacher. Assignments can also be uploaded on to SLS for them to complete as homework.
- Verification of email on SLS  
It is strongly encouraged to update your child/ward email so that they can reset their password on their own. Instructions on how to set up email in SLS is provided here.
- SLS User Guide  
This guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to log in to SLS. Students are encouraged to log in once before HBL day to verify their account.

### **Student Initiated Learning Programme: YSS Inspired!**

In line with MOE's initiative to enable students to explore their interests and passions, and learn within and beyond the curriculum, the school will also incorporate *Student Initiated Learning* programme on days scheduled for HBL. All Secondary 1 and 2 students will be part of this programme which spans over Terms 1-3. It forms part of the school's effort to nurture self-directed learning and intrinsic motivation in our students.

Details of the SIL Programme can be found in this link:  
<https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students>

### **Consultation Schedule 2022**

In order to better prepare our graduating cohort for the national examinations this year, a structured consultation schedule has been prepared for them. Please refer to the table below for details:

#### **YSS Consultation Schedule**

Level / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sec 4E5N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pure Science</li> <li>• D&amp;T</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• F&amp;N</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Language</li> <li>• Literature</li> </ul>	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother Tongue</li> </ul> <u>Even Week</u>	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> </ul> <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humanities</li> </ul>	Staff Meetings and PD Sessions

Level / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Additional Mathematics</li> </ul>		
Sec 4NA & Sec 4NT	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Additional Mathematics</li> </ul> <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother Tongue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>D&amp;T</li> <li>Art</li> <li>POA</li> <li>RO</li> <li>Music</li> </ul>	<u>Odd Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities</li> <li>CPA</li> </ul> <u>Even Week</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science</li> </ul>	

Students from other levels who require consultation will be informed by their respective subject teachers.

### School Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Lunar New Year on Mon, 31 Jan 2022. As it is the eve of Lunar New Year, school will end at 9:30 am on that day. Please note that school will resume on Thu, 3 Feb 2022.

### Breakfast Meeting with Parents

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward and would like to start Breakfast Meetings for 2022. The purpose of these meetings would be to clarify any questions that you might have regarding your child's/ward's education in the school and, to simply touch-base with you, our valued stakeholders.

As we are unable to have face-to-face breakfast meeting, we will hold these meetings online via zoom. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

Level	Date	Time	Link for Registration
Secondary 1	14 Feb 2022	8:30 am to 10:30 am	<a href="https://form.gov.sg/61d7bb522e38540012c85d44">https://form.gov.sg/61d7bb522e38540012c85d44</a> (registration closes on 7 Feb 22)
Secondary 2	16 Feb 2022		<a href="https://form.gov.sg/61d7ba29454c220012977f23">https://form.gov.sg/61d7ba29454c220012977f23</a> (registration closes on 9 Feb 22)
Secondary 3	21 Feb 2022		<a href="https://form.gov.sg/61d7b9a5b3479f00128b283d">https://form.gov.sg/61d7b9a5b3479f00128b283d</a> (registration closes on 14 Feb 22)
Secondary 4 & 5	23 Feb 2022		<a href="https://form.gov.sg/61d7baa6369b3a00136445a1">https://form.gov.sg/61d7baa6369b3a00136445a1</a> (registration closes on 16 Feb 22)

Kindly register for the meetings via the links provided.

### School Calendar 2021

To keep abreast with events and activities organized by the school, please refer to the school calendar from this link: <https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/parents/school-calendar>

## Communication with Parents

In addition to information letters, SMS and Parents Gateway, the school uses its official website to disseminate timely information to parents and students.

Please visit <http://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/> to keep in touch with the latest development in school.

We value your feedback. If you wish to contact your child/ward's Form Teacher, Subject Teacher or CCA Teacher, you can email the school at [yishun\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg) addressing your email to the teacher. If you are calling the General Office (Tel: 6876 7129) to speak to any teacher, please do so during school hours from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and leave a message for the teacher.

Do understand that teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day. If you have urgent queries and/or requests, the General Office will assist in the best possible way.

We also seek your understanding that we do not expect teachers to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends, public holidays and, after 7 pm on weekdays.

Once again, we look forward to working with you to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Thank you and have a good term ahead. Keep well.



Mrs Regina Lee  
Principal