9 Mar 2022

Dear Parents/Guardian

## Letter to Parents/Guardians - Term 2

I hope this letter finds everyone well. I would like to thank all parents for working closely with the school in Term 1. As we come to the end of Term 1, there is some information that I would like to share with everyone.

The last day for Term 1 will be this Fri, 11 Mar 22. Thereafter, we will break for the March Holidays which will run from Sat, 12 Mar to Sun, 20 Mar 22. Term 2 will commence on Mon, 21 Mar 22.

# **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.

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

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**

## Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

Our Sec 4 and 5N students will stand down from CCA on 11 Mar 22. This is to allow our graduating cohort to concentrate on their academic learning.

However, there are some CCAs that will continue their training for the National Schools Games (NSG) and the Arts Extravaganza. Teacher-ICs of the respective CCAs will update you on this with a letter of notification.

# **Activities during the March Holiday**

The CCA Leaders Leadership Training Workshop will be held during the March holiday. The workshop aims to equip our CCA Leaders with the right leadership skills during their term of office and elevate their awareness of their influence and impact when they serve and lead in their respective CCAs.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: 14 and 15 Mar 2022Time: 0800-1700hrs

• Venue: Yishun Secondary School

## **Academic Matters**

# **Holiday Homework**

Details of holiday homework given across the different subjects can be found via this link: <a href="https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/holiday-assignments">https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/holiday-assignments</a>

## Mother Tongue Language – Intensive Revision

In order to better prepare your child/ward for the Mid-year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) examinations, the MTL department will be conducting the MTL intensive revision from 23 to 26 May. The intensive revision will be held during school hours.

## Mid-Year Examination for Secondary Four and Five students

The mid-year examination for Sec 4E, 4NA, 4NT and 5N students will commence on 28 Apr and end on 13 May 2022.

The examination timetable can be found on the school website via this link: <a href="https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students">https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcements-for-students</a>

## **Home-based Learning in Term 2**

To better prepare our students for home-based learning, the following days have been planned in Term 2 for online home-based lessons:

- 1 Apr 2022
- 29 Apr 2022
- 13 May 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) for assistance.

Resources on home-based learning can be found on our school website: https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sq/students/home-based-learning

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**

The Student-Initiated Learning Programme for Lower Secondary students will resume in Term 2 during the Home-based Learning days.

# Affective Programmes for Yishunites in Term 2

We firmly believe in achieving a good balance in academic and affective pursuits. These are some of the affective programmes your child/ward can look forward to in Term 2.

#### Vocalistic 2022

Vocalistic 2022 is a yearly school-based singing competition that provides a platform for students to gain confidence and showcase their singing talents. The preliminary rounds for the competition will be held in Term 2 with the finals held in conjunction with Teacher's Day Celebrations in Aug 2022.

# Engage@Yishun

Engage@Yishun is an after-school student-run programme that encourages students to participate in sports and other activities.

It is an initiative suggested by the students so that they can unwind after curriculum hours while being involved in meaningful activities. The programme is expected to start in Term 2 Week 2 and more information will be released soon. The necessary SMM will be adhered to strictly during these activities.

# YSS Arts Extravaganza 2022

The YSS Arts Extravaganza is a biennial concert that brings together all the performing arts CCAs to showcase their musical ability.

In keeping with the nationwide COVID-19 Safety Management Measures, this year's concert will he held online. It will be held on 1 Jul 2022 to coincide with the school's Youth Day Celebration.

Parents and members of the public will be able to access the online version via a link which will be provided later.

Recording for the YSS Arts Extravaganza will be done from 28 Mar to 8 Apr 22. Some of the Sec 4/5 students will be involved in the recording despite the CCA standdown.

## **End of Semester 1 programmes**

The Student Development Team, Student Leadership Team and the PE department will be organising the following activities for the various levels in the last week of the term.

Level	Programme	Duration
Sec 1	Sec 1 Leadership Programme	23 to 26 May
Sec 2	Sec 2 Leadership Programme	23 to 26 May
Sec 3	Sec 3NA/3NT apLM@ITE Programme	30-31 Mar & 1 Apr
	Sec 3 Outdoor Learning Programme	23 to 26 May
Sec 4NT/4NA	Elective Module B	23 to 26 May

#### e-PTM

We see much value in working with you to provide the best education for your child/ward. An e-PTM is scheduled for Fri, 27 May 2022. The e-PTM is aimed at providing you with information regarding your child/ward's performance in school. More details will be made known later.

Sec 1 to 3, 4NA, 4NT students need not report to school on that day. However, the Sec 4E5N students will continue with their MTL intensive revision.

#### **School Celebrations**

The following school events will be held in Term 2:

- Student Leaders Investiture (8 Apr 2022)
- YSS Speech Day (13 May 2022)

More information regarding these events will be made known at a later date.

## School Calendar 2022

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

#### **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 <a href="http://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/">http://www.yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/</a> to keep in touch with the latest developments 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 <a href="mailto:yishun\_ss@moe.edu.sg">yishun\_ss@moe.edu.sg</a> 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/