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Parents' Connect

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1. Principal's Address

Greetings to you! The past two months have been exciting as we started Term 2 with a series of activities and programmes, including preparation for the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) for our Visual Performing Arts CCAs and the participation in the National School Games for the Physical Sports CCAs. On 22 Mar 2023, our Sec 1 students unboxed their Personal Learning Device (PLD) which empowers them to learn independently, collaboratively and be mesmerised by the affordances of technology. Our Sec 3 NT students had the opportunity to experience real work under the guidance of various stall owners at coffeeshops in Bukit Batok and Clementi from 27-29 Mar 2023, as part of their Portfolio Preparation Programme. On 29 Apr 2023, the school co-hosted the Taman Jurong Student Development Awards Ceremony with Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the Guest-of-Honour, with a plethora of activities organised for the elderly and the wider community by our students, as part of our 45th Anniversary celebrations. We look forward to seeing our parents join us for our school's Annual Cross Country event on Saturday, 20 May 2023.

In the meantime, we continue to ensure that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for our students despite of the recent spike in COVID infections, and would like to remind parents to keep your child away from school and to seek medical attention when they are unwell. You are important role models to your children in upholding social responsibility. Thank you for your continued support in our students' development in the domains of academics and CCAs.

2. Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following CCAs / students for their achievement in Semester 1.

Name of CCA / individual Student	Achievements
Zhou Zitao (4-Integrity)	River Valley Model United Nation (RVMUN) - Outstanding Delegate Award
Nur Adilah Binte Ismail and Nurul Shafiqah (4-Excellence)	River Valley Model United Nation (RVMUN) - Verbal Commendation Award
Lakshmanan Lakshanya and Maruthachalam Rithikeswere (4-Integrity)	National Tamil Language Games organized by NUS Tamil Language Society - 2 nd prize
Chow Jun, Jeth (3-Integrity)	C.B. Paul Science Quiz - Bronze Award

Name of CCA / individual Student	Achievements
Shawn Goh Yew Siang (3-Integrity), Tahmin Muhtadi (3-Excellence) and Xavier Li Ruikai (3-Excellence)	C.B. Paul Science Quiz - Merit Award
Vivian Moe (3-Excellence)	C.B. Paul Science Quiz - Honourable Mention
Ho Wei An (3-Integrity), Hon Li Zhe (3-Excellence), Kaelynn Yew (3-Enterprise)	The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition - Gold Award
<p><u>3-Compassion</u> Chua Zhi Ning Ariel, Toh You Jia Yoel, Soh Hwee, Clare,</p> <p><u>3-Enterprise</u> Han Jui Jade, Ng Tian Yu Anson, Ong Jun Hong, Sarah Nadyne Binte Norhisham,</p> <p><u>3-Resilience</u> Cylene Teo Zeng Xie</p>	The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition - Silver Award
<p><u>3-Integrity</u> Brayven Gwee, Huang Tianjie, Ryan, Lee Cong Ern, Min Htut Khaing, Tham Cheong Yu Sebastian, Torrez Kessin, Wang Yunfan,</p> <p><u>3-Excellence</u> Casillas Tan Qi Heng, Joshua Arun, Teo Tze Yee Jamie</p> <p><u>3-Compassion</u> Christina Chong Jia Qian, Gan Xing Hui, Ho Rui Wen Elicia, Lee Xin Rui</p> <p><u>3-Enterprise</u> Gloria Chia Rong En, Lim Kai Zhe, Lim Yu Han, Adrea, Iman Nadhirah Binte Mohammad Hafiz, Seraphina Janelle Thio, Tanim,</p> <p><u>3-Harmony</u> Lo Kai Hong Ted</p>	The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition - Bronze Award
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation – Chinese Dance CCA	Certificate of Distinction
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation - Concert Band CCA	Certificate of Accomplishment
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation – English Drama Club	Certificate of Accomplishment

Name of CCA / individual Student	Achievements
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation – Guzheng Ensemble CCA	Certificate of Distinction
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation – Indian Dance CCA	Certificate of Accomplishment
Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation – Malay Dance CCA	Certificate of Accomplishment
NTU Lion Dance Competition 2023 – Dragon and Lion Dance CCA	Secondary Category - Gold award, Silver award Female Open Category – Gold award
<u>Netball CCA</u> Lin Liwen (5-Harmony) and Lau Kaili (4-Compassion)	Selected for the U17 Development Squad under Netball Singapore.
NCDCC	2022 Unit Overall Performance Award - Gold
<u>NCDCC CCA</u> Pek Yu Li (4-Integrity)	Awarded the SCDF-NCDCC Pinnacle Badge*
<u>Interest Group (International Chess)</u> Leong Yu Heng Ethan (2-Excellence), Chan Zaw Shine (2-Enterprise), Zeng Haoyang Justin (3-Excellence) Tan Jun Ming (3-Compassion)	Participated and attained overall 5 th position at the Victorian Cup 2023 (International Chess)

*The highest accolade given to cadets who have made significant contributions to the CCA and exemplify exceptional leadership.

3. Alumni Achievements

It is also our pleasure to announce that the following Yuan Ching Alumni have achieved academic excellence in their field of studies:

Name of Alumni	Achievements
Dominic Wong Zhen Yang (Class of 2019)	Diploma in Aerospace Electronics, Singapore Polytechnic (top 5% of the cohort); SP Scholar 2021
Lu Jing Cheng (Class of 2018)	Diploma in Aerospace Electronics, Singapore Polytechnic (top 5% of the cohort)
Sim Le Xuan (Class of 2019)	Diploma in Business Administration (SP Scholar 2023)

Heartiest congratulations to our alumni! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

4. Travel Declarations for June Holidays 2023

To ensure our school continues to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she **intends to travel**

for the June holidays. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your side.

To make your travel declaration, go to Parents Gateway [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. For travel during the June holidays, please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **Friday, 26 May 2023**. Only one parent is required to declare.

When planning your travelling, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates on travel. 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 at ycss@moe.edu.sg for cancellation of travel plan(s).

5. **Blended Learning (BL) Days in Term 3 (for Sec 1 to 3 students only)**

Our Blended Learning Days in Terms 1 and 2 have been largely scheduled to take place on even-week Fridays every fortnightly. In Term 3 this year, our BL days will take place on selected days (4 July, 13 July and 26 July) for Sec 1 to 3 students. This takes into consideration the opportunities for different subjects to take on the approach of blended learning, and the availability of teachers due to their oral and invigilation duties for the national examinations, etc. Blended learning is a valuable component to in-person schooling. It allows students time and space to take responsibility for their own learning, practise effective time management skills, and explore areas of interests.

6. **Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme**

The GCE 'O' Level MTL and MTL 'B' Exam will be conducted on Monday, 29 May and Tuesday 30 May respectively. The MTL Department will be conducting the **MTL Intensive Programme for Sec 4 Express, Sec 5 Normal (Academic) and Sec 4 Normal (Academic) Out-of-Stream Students** from **22 to 25 May** during curriculum time.

7. **Partnership with Parents (Meet the Parents Session on 26 May)**

Parents are our key stakeholders and the school adopts various approaches to parent engagement. We would like to thank the parents who had attended the virtual Parents Engagement Session on Friday, 31 March. Do note that the information shared during the mass webinar can now be found on the school website under 'Info for students and parents'.

We would also like to invite parents to meet your child's Form Teachers on **Friday, 26 May** between **8am to 12.30pm** for a discussion on your child's holistic development and progress in Semester 1. You will be alerted via Parents Gateway once the online registration is open. More details on the MTP will be provided nearer the period of registration.

We are deeply appreciative of our Parent Support Group (PSG) and parents who have volunteered their time to serve as CCA chaperons as well as to participate actively in school activities. Your involvement role models your care towards your child's education and the responsibility you uphold as a concerned citizen. We have started conversations with our PSG to raise awareness of the mental wellbeing of our students, and we hope more parents can come on board to have deeper discussions on how parents can better support your child, both mentally and academically.

To safeguard our teachers' wellbeing, we would also like to remind parents that teachers are not required to share their personal handphone numbers with parents, and they are not required to answer parents' queries after working hours. Parents can call the General Office during working hours to make an appointment with the teacher or leave a message for the teacher to return your call if you wish to have a conversation with our teachers. Mutual respect goes a long way in building a trusting home-school partnership that will benefit the holistic development of our students at Yuan Ching.

8. Holiday Programmes and Holiday Assignments (Jun)

To help students to close their learning gaps, there will be bridging programmes for Sec 1 Subject-Based-Banding (SBB) students from 29 May to 1 June, as well as remedial classes for selected Sec 1-5 students from 29 May to 1 June and 19 to 20 June. Some CCAs will have their CCA session between 31 May to 1 June and 19 to 23 June. Students involved in bridging programmes, remedial classes or CCA will be notified by their teachers. Holiday assignments will be given to the students. We seek parents' support to encourage your child to plan his/her time well so that he/she can have a well-deserved break and meaningful holiday.

Let us stay safe and healthy, as we continue to work closely in partnership to bring out the best in our students! We will be stronger, together!

Together We Thrive!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)
PRINCIPAL
3 May 2023

(This is a computer-generated letter which does not require a signature.)