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Parents' Connect

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1. Principal's Address

Thank you dear parents for working with the school to bring about an enriching Term 3 for our students and staff. With your trust and support, we have successfully commemorated our nation's 58th National Day. As part of the larger community celebration, our Scouts CCA formed a contingent as part of West Area Scouts engagement with the public at Yuhua Community National Day Observance Ceremony on 9 August while 6 of our students from NCDCC and Scouts participated as members of the marching contingents at the National Day Parade at the Padang.

Students and staff continue to contribute back to the community as they participated in Homerun event by Taman Jurong CC Zone B Youth Chapter on 16 August. The sports leaders participated as road marshals, helped out at carnival booths and job shadowed the committee members while the rest completed a 7km run as part of the effort to contribute to the sponsorship for needy families in the community. On the academic front, a team of 4 students represented the school and Singapore at the 56th Joint School Science Exhibition in Hong Kong from 21 to 28 August, to showcase their STEM project of a Net-Zero Vertical Garden through harnessing renewable sources of energy.

In the area of physical sports, our Dragon Boat CCA made waves at the Pesta Sukan competition on 29 July and were commended by the organiser and audience for their grit and determination as they pitted their skills against more experienced teams in the open category. Equally mind-blowing was our Dragon and Lion Dance teams, who won the Gold awards in both the youth and female categories at the 27th Ngee Ann City National Lion Dance championship 2023! As part of school's effort imbuing and embracing inclusivity, our students have been training with Grace Orchard School for the football match under Play Inclusive 2023 on 16 September. So do come down to support our students!

We are heartened to see our students expressing their appreciation for their teachers through the Student-Teacher Games and Teacher's Day Carnival, leading up to the class celebrations on 31 August. We are also grateful to the Parents Support Group (PSG) and School Advisory Committee (SAC) for joining us at the Staff Appreciation Dinner held on 25 August. We hope that our students have been positively influenced by your role-modelling to show gratitude, acts of kindness and be gracious to the people around them.

We are thankful for the strong partnerships that create opportunities for our students to experience the culture of care in the school. Our PSG has dedicated a lot of effort in supporting our students during their CCAs as adult chaperones, motivating our students in the weekly CLIMB programme and encouraging our graduating students through the Evening Self-Study.

2. SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

2.1 Class Committee and Peer Support Leaders Affirmation Ceremony (20 Sep)

The Class Leaders Affirmation and Peer Support Leaders Affirmation Ceremony will take place on 20 September (Wed) to recognise the efforts of the members of the Class Committee and Peer Support Leaders of each class.

2.2 Social Etiquette Workshop (Part 3) - Realise My Dreams Night for Sec 4 and 5 Students (29 Sep)

Having completed the Social Etiquette Workshop (Part 1 and 2) on 8 March and 27 June respectively, our graduating students are going to apply their learning for Part 3 of the workshop, during the Realise My Dreams Night on 29 September (Friday), 6pm to 8pm at Jurong SAFRA. No payment from the students is required as it is funded by the school.

3. CCA MATTERS

3.1 CCA Suspension (12 Sep to 11 Oct)

All co-curricular activities will be suspended from 12 September (Tue) to allow students to focus on preparing for their End-of-Year Examinations for Sec 1 to 3 classes. Co-curricular activities will resume on 12 October (Thu) until the end of the academic year.

3.2 Uniformed Group (UG) Appreciation Day (10 Nov)

The Uniformed Groups (UG) will be preparing a UG Campfire cum Appreciation Day for the members on the 10 November (Friday). The purpose is to create a platform for the students from the different UGs to come together to learn from each other, bond and collaborate. It will also be a good opportunity to appreciate our UG alumni who have been returning to school to help out with the CCA activities.

4. Students Achievements

4.1 Celebrating students' achievements.

Congratulations to the following CCAs / students for their achievement in Semester 2.

Name of CCA / Individual Student	Achievements
Ang Si Ying - 2 Enterprise	<u>Stand Up Paddling competition</u> Women's Open 250m race - 2nd position Women's Open 2500m race - 2nd position
Auni Ayuni Binte Jumali (3RS)	<u>2023 Live On Competition (Design competition) organised by National Organ Transplant Unit</u> Merit award
Ayyappan Rohith - 1 Excellence	<u>National Digital Explorer 2023</u> Silver Award
Shivnishita - 3 Enterprise	<u>Naanum Oru Padaippali</u> Budding Writer Award for 2023.

Name of CCA / Individual Student	Achievements
Chow Jun, Jeth - 3 Integrity Anis Qistina Binte Mohamed Rafi - 3 Enterprise Wayyan Kyaw Zaw - 2 Excellence	<u>Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN)</u> Best Delegate of UNDP - United Nations Development Programme Honourable Mention from UNESCO Best delegate from UNODC - United Nations Office for Drugs & Crime
Li Jiayang - 3 Integrity Wang Yunfan - 3 Integrity	<u>2023 National Secondary School Chinese On-the-spot Writing Competition</u> Third Prize Special Mention award
Fan Xiaojing Nicholas – 3 Compassion Ma Haoyao – 3 Respect Thierry Teo Xuan Hao – 3 Integrity Xavier Li Ruikai – 3 Excellence	Represented school as overseas delegates to Hong Kong - 56th Joint School Science Exhibition
Dragon and Lion Dance CCA	<u>27th Ngee Ann City National Lion Dance championship 2023</u> Male team - Gold Female team - Gold
Scouts CCA	<u>Frank Cooper Sands Award 2023</u> Gold with Pennant

4.2 Celebrating Alumni's achievements

Our alumna, Class of 2015 and President of Student Council, Nur Hidayah Mohd Tahir, is a recipient of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) Awards 2023. The Muis Awards recognise the purpose of acknowledging the significant contributions made by exceptional individuals in Singapore's socio-religious sector. She achieved the Promising Youth Award, a newly introduced category, during the ceremony that took place at the Istana. Heartiest congratulations to Nur Hidayah! Follow her story at our school website using the link below. <https://www.yuanchingsec.moe.edu.sg/resource/alumni/storiesofalumni/>

5. END-OF-YEAR ACADEMIC MATTERS

5.1 Sec One to Three End-of-Year Examination (27 Sep to 9 Oct)

The End-of-Year Examination will be conducted from 27 September (Wed) to 9 October (Mon). Your keen interest in your child's preparation for the examination will motivate him/her to do well. A copy of the examination timetable was given to your child on 25 August. It will also be made available on the school website. We hope that you will monitor your child's preparation for the examination.

This examination is a critical milestone especially for the Sec 2 students as it will impact their decisions on the options for the subjects that they would like to pursue at the upper secondary level.

5.2 Subject Combination Option Exercise for Sec 3, 2024

Information and timeline on the Sec 3 Subject Combinations for 2024 will be given to all Sec 2 students at the start of Term 4. We hope that you will go through the subject combination with your child to guide him/her in his/her choice. Students are expected to exercise their options via MOE Forms by the stipulated deadline.

Activities	Date
Students/Parents indicate options on MOE Forms	17-19 Oct (3 working days)
Release of allocation results	By 31 Oct
Submission of Appeals	1-2 Nov (2 working days)
Release of results of Appeals	By 10 Nov
Release of Sec 3 2024 Classes	By 17 Nov

5.3 Early Dismissal for Sec 1 to 3 Students during GCE 'O' Level Examinations and for Sec 1 to 5 students during GCE 'N' Level Listening Comprehension Examinations

Our teachers will be serving as invigilators for the GCE 'O' Level Examination written papers which starts on 19 October (Thu). All Sec 1 to 3 students will be dismissed at 12.10pm on 19 October (Thu).

In order to create a conducive environment for our Sec 4N students for their GCE 'N' Listening Comprehension Examinations, students will be dismissed earlier on the following dates:

12 September - Sec 1 & 2 students will be dismissed at 1.20pm while Sec 3 students will be dismissed at 1.55pm.

20 September - Sec 1, 2, 4 Express and 5 Normal Academic students will be dismissed at 1.10pm while Sec 3 students will be dismissed at 1.45pm

5.4 T4W7 'Fuel Your Future' Programmes (23 Oct to 27 Oct)

We have curated and lined up activities for Sec 1 to 3 students to promote holistic development of the students as well as to prepare them for the future.

Level	23 Oct (Mon) 7.30am - 12.30pm	24 Oct (Tue) 7.30am - 12.30pm	25 Oct (Wed) 8.30am - 12.30pm	26 Oct (Thur) 7.30am - 12.30pm	27 Oct (Fri) 7.30am - 10.30am
Sec 1	InnovACT!	Math Trail	MTL LJ	Hip Hop Dance	Last Day of School Programmes + Monthly Breakfast with Form Class
Sec 2	Sports Carnival	MTL Camp	Science Engagement	LLP / Dragonboat Orientation	
Sec 3	LLP / Dragonboat Quest	Sports Carnival	Portfolio Building cum Resume Writing Workshop	All Strings Instruments	

5.5 Last Day of School for Sec 1 to 3 Students (27 Oct)

As our school is a GCE 'O' Level Examination centre, the last day of the school term is 27 October (Fri). On that day, we will release the Report Books and Textbook List for 2024.

All students will be dismissed at 10.30am on that day. Form teachers will then meet up with the parents of selected students to give feedback on the students' learning progress. We hope that you will take note of the date as your presence will be critical in ensuring that your child is well prepared for study the following year.

5.6 Student Council Training Camp and Preparation for 2024 Sec 1 Orientation (19 Dec to 20 Dec)

The Student Council Training Camp will be from 19 to 20 December (Tue to Wed). The camp is a key training programme for the leadership development of Student Councillors. It is also a platform for the Student Council to prepare for the upcoming Sec 1 Orientation Programme. All Student Councillors are expected to participate in the training camp.

6. 2023 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Term 4 is a critical period for our graduating classes as the GCE Examinations are fast approaching. You can access the GCE 'O' & 'NA' / 'NT' Level Examination Timetables from the Singapore Examination & Assessment Board (SEAB) website using the following link:

GCE 'O' Level Examination Timetable

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-o-level>

GCE 'N(A)' Level Examination Timetable

[https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n\(a\)-level](https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n(a)-level)

GCE 'N(T)' Level Examination Timetable

[https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n\(t\)-level](https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-n(t)-level)

We would like to highlight that the GCE 'N' Level Written, Listening Comprehension and Practical Examinations will be held from 12 to 21 September and from 2 to 10 October.

We would also like to highlight the start dates of the GCE 'O' Level Examination for your attention:

25 September - GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue 'B' Oral Examination

4, 9, 12 & 17 October - GCE 'O' Level Science Practical Examinations

18 October - GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue 'B' and English Language LC

19 October - GCE 'O' Level Written Examinations

Lessons will resume from 21 to 29 September for all Sec 4NA students and from 22 to 29 September for all Sec 4NT students. We hope that you will take note of the dates of the examination and support your child in his/ her preparation. Your child may stay home to revise on days that he/she is not offered the subjects examined.

The Sec 4N students are not required to report to school after the completion of the GCE 'N' Level Examination on 10 October. The tentative date for the release of the GCE 'N' Level results is mid-December 2023.

7. ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR GRADUATING CLASSES

7.1 Evening Self-Study

To allow students to have a conducive environment for self-revision, the school has extended its closing hour till 8.30 pm during the week 21 August (Mon) to 24 August (Thu). The next block week identified for evening self-study is from 25 September (Mon) to 28 September (Thu).

The classrooms will be opened for students to conduct self-study. Parents of graduating students should have already received a notification letter via Parents' Gateway indicating the schedules of these sessions.

7.2 Home Study

To allow time for focused revision, home study for Sec 4E and Sec 5NA students will start from 2 October (Mon). Subject teachers may arrange for small group consultation sessions for those who need help in preparing for the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

8. STUDENT SAFETY & WELL-BEING

8.1 School Holiday Travel Plans

Students are advised to abide by MOH's travel advisory. You may have plans to travel overseas with your child during the year-end school vacation and we request that you provide details of your travel plans through the Parents Gateway (PG) app [Services>Declare Travels]. Alternatively, if you have no access to PG app, please submit your child's travel declaration using the link <https://go.gov.sg/ycss-student-declaretravels>. This link is also available on our school website (<https://www.yuanchingsec.moe.edu.sg/quick-links/students/>). For more information and updates on travel, you may refer to the ICA website [ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart] for details.

8.2 School Safety

If your child is coming for school activities during the school vacation, please ensure that your child is well and not to come to school when feeling unwell. Students attending school activities, consultation sessions and/or the evening self-study should be attired in either full school uniform or half uniform (PE or CCA T-shirt and school skirt/pants) and put on proper footwear (school shoes or track shoes). This is to facilitate implementation of measures to maintain safety of students in school.

8.3 School Canteen

The school canteen will be closed during the school vacation. However, selected stalls will continue operations to meet the needs of students taking the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

8.4 MOE Financial Assistance Scheme

Students who would like to apply for MOE financial assistance for 2024 may collect the application form from the General Office in October 2023. Those who are currently on the scheme will need to reapply if they would like to continue. In addition to the hardcopy FAS form, MOE has provided an alternative online mode of application for MOE financial assistance via an eFAS form. Should you need more details regarding the application process, please contact General Office at Tel: 6261 2489 during office hours.

9. PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

We would also like to share that the PSG partners the school closely in supporting our students' learning. If you would like to take part in PSG activities, please email Mr Raymond Yeo, HOD Mother Tongue (email: yeo_tong_wei_raymond@moe.edu.sg) and/or Mr Leung, Year Head/Upper Sec (email: leung_yulun@moe.edu.sg).

CLOSING NOTE

We hope that you will spend quality time with your child and engage him/ her in meaningful activities during the vacation. It will also be a time to psychologically prepare your child for the new academic year in 2024. We are confident that you will support and reinforce the values and rich learning experiences that we have been providing for your child.

To ensure that we collectively create a conducive learning environment, we hope that you could reiterate the importance of respecting and meeting school expectations when your child returns to school next year on 2 January 2024 (Tue). In this respect, you may refer to the Student Handbook or the school website www.yuanchingsec.moe.edu.sg with your child so that he/she has an idea what is expected of him/her, pertaining to school discipline and decorum.

TOGETHER WE THRIVE!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)
PRINCIPAL, 1 September 2023

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