





YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

A Community Where Learners Flourish

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WELCOME MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR TERM 1 2022

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish everyone a happy and meaningful 2022! To all our existing students and parents: we missed you during the holidays, and to our new students and parents: a warm welcome to our Yuhua family.

The last two years were challenging years for students all over the world – I am proud that as one Yuhua, we have done well to bravely ride through the pandemic. Not only have we kept going and learning, we have many highlights amongst our Yuhuan students and staff to celebrate and cherish. Do follow our website, Facebook (@yuhuass) and Instagram (@yuhuasecondaryschool) sites closely, as we leverage technology to connect all of us and be updated as a community.

The school came together strongly over the last 2 years, as we have a clear and bold vision to build **A Community Where Learners Flourish**. Learning continues despite all challenges, for it is our DNA as one community towards our mission to **Care, Connect and Contribute**. We are heartened that our vision and mission resonates strongly with students, staff, parents and the wider community. Indeed, we welcome a bumper cohort joining us at Sec One next year, with a full enrolment across all streams for every of the 8 new classes in 2022.

This resonance gives us great confidence and conviction to continue in building strong foundations, as we strengthen existing structures to help our students deepen their joy for learning through positive education, as well as continue in building a positive culture that encourages strong relationships between students and teachers.

At the heart of it all, our school believes that every Yuhuan can flourish – as long as each and every Yuhuan cherishes the importance of our school values of **Curiosity, Adaptability, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Above All, CARE³**. The pandemic has taught us many lessons, including the importance of developing self-motivated individuals who **care** not just about themselves, but are passionate to **connect** with others and issues, and with confidence, actively **contribute** to the good of others and society. This is only possible if we build each and every Yuhuan with a values-based education and with a strong **Dare to CARE³**.

Dare to CARE³ is our rallying theme as a school in 2022. To this end, our dedicated team of staff will work wholeheartedly with all students, parents and the greater community to boldly live out our values in nurturing a flourishing Yuhua. Whether it is during curriculum lessons, CCAs, Home-Based Learning Days, or in any other learning opportunity – we endeavour to help our students dig deeper to flourish by living out our values. Our primary goal to seed the right values of **CARE³** will ensure that Yuhuan graduates with the right character to succeed in the future workplace and society.

I hope you are as excited as I am with 2022, and I look forward to your continued support and partnership in your child / ward's education journey at Yuhua Secondary. As we look ahead to the new academic year, the following are highlighted according to our various key priorities for your information:

1 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development

1.1 Keeping All Yuhuans Safe

a) Safe Management Measures for Start of 2022

Given the evolving COVID situation, we will remain vigilant and adhere to Safe Management Measures (SMMs) that have been put in place since 2021. These include the screening of all students, staff and visitors before being allowed entry, regular cleaning and disinfection of school premises.

To minimise intermingling on the first day of school, Sec 2 – 5 students will **report directly at their respective classrooms** for assembly and lessons (refer to **Annex A** for the layout of the school and the location of the classes). **Sec 1 students will report at the canteen on 4th Jan** where their form teachers will show them to their respective classrooms. From 5th Jan onwards, they can similarly report directly to their classrooms.

Recess timings and venues for different levels will be staggered to ensure that the canteen is not congested. Besides their assigned seats in the classrooms, Sec 1 and 3 students can have their food in the canteen during odd weeks, while Sec 2 and 4/5 students will do so on even weeks.

b) Trace Together Tokens

Students are **required to bring their Trace Together (TT) Tokens** to facilitate contact tracing. This is especially important as handphones are to be kept in personal lockers for safe-keeping during curriculum lessons. The TT tokens can be collected from any Community Centre/Club, and details can be found at token.gowhere.gov.sg.

c) Practise Good Personal Hygiene and Exercise Social Responsibility

Students should continue to practise good personal hygiene (e.g. regular hand-washing) and exercise social responsibility (e.g. seeing a doctor and staying home if feeling unwell, wiping down of desk area and common/shared equipment after use). Students are reminded to keep to safe distancing guidelines, and the wearing of masks at all times. This is key to us living out our school's mission of Care, Connect and Contribute.

1.2 Looking Ahead to 2022

a) School Terms 2022

Please note the important dates regarding school terms in 2022 in the table below:

Terms	Day & Dates
Term 1	Tuesday 4 January to Friday 11 March
Term 2	Monday 21 March to Friday 27 May
Term 3	Monday 27 June to Friday 2 September
Term 4	Monday 12 September to Friday 28 October

Parents are kindly requested to **refrain from taking your child away from school during term time** as that will affect his/her learning. Should there be special circumstances, please write to the school to seek advice from the School Leaders.

b) Reporting Times for School in 2022

Please be informed that reporting time to school will be **7.30am on all days for all cohorts in 2022**, except for **Wednesdays**, when the reporting time is at **8.30am**. Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well, and aim to be in school at least 10 minutes early, in case of traffic congestion. This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time due to late-coming.

c) Start Right Programme

To prepare your child/ward for the new academic year, the school will be organising a Start Right programme on the first two days of Term 1, which will cover goal setting, academic and student development matters, as well as help strengthen peer and teacher relationships within their respective classes. **On 4th January, students will be dismissed in a staggered manner by cohort from 1.20pm, and from 2.20pm on 5th January.**

d) Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA for all students will formally commence on 11th January (Tuesday), while students involved in competition training may be called by their respective CCA teachers to start from the 7th January (Friday). CCA sessions will be conducted face to face with Safe Management Measures to provide students with the opportunity to connect and nurture their interests and talents beyond the academic curriculum.

1.3 Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility

a) Punctuality and Attendance

Beyond punctuality, we also seek your support to monitor your child's/ward's attendance closely, and ensure he/she does not stay away from school without valid reason. Absenteeism should be substantiated with **medical certificates only**. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face serious disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Student Handbook.

b) Dress Code

To help all Yuhuans cope with heat and wearing of face masks, we will continue to allow students to report in the school polo shirt. Yuhuans are reminded to maintain proper attire with formal school skirts / shorts / pants, as well as white socks and black shoes. Please ensure your child come to school with proper grooming, displaying their daily readiness to learn.

c) Responsible Use of Mobile Phones & Personal Learning Devices

As a school, our mission is to build students who care, connect and contribute to each other's learning and growth. To minimise distractions to learning, students are to **ensure that their handphones and electronic gadgets are switched off and kept in their lockers except when required for lessons or during break times**. To ensure a conducive learning environment for all, handphones will be confiscated if they are in-inappropriately used.

Yuhuans are also reminded to exercise responsible use of their Personal Learning Devices (PLDS) both in class and beyond curriculum time. Devices should **be fully charged before the start of each school day** and be kept safely in lockers when not required for lessons. PLDs should be used primarily for learning and we urge parents to journey closely with your children to manage their screen time at home judiciously.

2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

2.1 Assessment Structure in Yuhua Secondary School

In alignment with MOE's focus on holistic learning and to provide time and space for our students to engage in deep learning, our school will not be having Mid-Year Exams for all Sec 1, 2 and 3 students.

With the removal of Mid-Year exams, this will free up about three weeks of curriculum time for each level each year. This will allow our teachers to better pace out meaningful teaching and learning, leveraging engaging pedagogies to deepen understanding and develop 21st century competencies in our students.

The school will conduct no more than one Weighted Assessment per subject per term in addition to Mid-Year (MYE) / End of Year Examinations (EYE) where applicable, and continue to leverage formative assessment to provide feedback and enhance teaching and learning. The relative weighting for each assessment is summarized in the following table, and students will be informed of the requirements of each assessment task by their subject teachers nearer the dates.

Level	CA1	CA2	MYE	CA3	EYE	Total
Sec 1	15 %	15 %		15 %	55 %	100 %
Sec 2	15 %	15 %		15 %	55 %	100 %
Sec 3	15 %	15 %		15 %	55 %	100 %
Sec 4/5	15 %		30 %		55 %	100 %

2.2 School Assessment Dates for 2022

Please note the following projected dates regarding school assessments and exams:

Semester I	
Term I	Weighted Assessment (All Levels): Mon 14 Feb to Fri 4 Mar
Term II	Weighted Assessment (Sec 1, 2 & 3): Wed 4 May to Wed 18 May Mid-Year Exams (Sec 4 & 5): Wed 4 May to Fri 13 May
Semester II	
Term III	Weighted Assessment (Sec 1, 2 & 3): Mon 1 Aug to Thu 18 Aug N Level Prelim: Thu 11 Aug to Fri 19 Aug O Level Prelim: Mon 22 Aug to Wed 31 Aug
Term IV	End of Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3): Tue 27 Sep to Thu 6 Oct

2.3 Home Based Learning 2022

As announced by MOE in Dec 2020, the school seek to build greater self-directedness and motivation in our students by making Blended Learning (a mix of home-based and in-school activities) a key feature of the secondary school learning experience.

Every Even Week Friday, the school will be enacting a different timetable to prepare our students for Blended Learning.

For the first two Even Week Fridays of 2022, workshops will be run in school to build in Yuhuan's skills and dispositions towards purposeful self-directed learning. These include workshops related to ICT baseline skills, cyber-wellness, self-directed learning, as well as self-study strategies.

These workshops will set our students up well for actual Home Based Learning (HBL) days that will be scheduled for Even Week Fridays for the rest of the year. On these days, students will report online for their daily check-in with their form class and be attired in half-uniform (Blue school Polo-Tee and school skorts/shorts/long pants) as we show our readiness to learn as one Yuhua. We seek your close partnership in this endeavour, and more information will be provided nearer to the date.

3. Build a Flourishing Staff Community

3.1 Thank You and Well Wishes

We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their dedicated service:

Name	Role / Designation
Tan Siew Yen Jane	Subject Head (ICT)
Seow Kian Seng	Teacher (HUM)
Liew Zhen Hao	Teacher (HUM)
Poh Xiao Zhang Kelvin	Teacher (HUM)
Suhaila Bte Mohamed Noor	Teacher (GEO)
Zakiah Binte Haron	Teacher (FCE)
Eugene Chew You Jun	Teacher (SC)
Chong Pui Ling, Pauline Jayne	School Counsellor

3.2 Welcome

We warmly welcome the following new staff to the school:

Name	Role / Designation
Soh Ming Quan	Subject Head (ICT)
Tommy Wong	Subject Head (Aesthetics)
Ng Thian Lye	Teacher (CL)
Charmaine Lo	Teacher (EL / SS)
Leow Guan Tong	Teacher (FAJT D&T)
Grace Chan	School Counsellor
Chong Wong Mui	Pastoral Care Officer

4. **Build a Flourishing Ecosystem of Community and Support**

As the saying goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. The partnership between the school and parents is important to the learning and development of the child. We hope to continue to work closely with parents/guardians to forge a deep partnership so as to achieve our vision of building ***A Community Where Learners Flourish***.

Parents/guardians are warmly encouraged to join the Yuhua Parents Support Group (PSG) as we take an active part in our school activities as one community. Details of our PSG are available at our school website (<https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/about-yhss/our-partners/parents-support-group>) and parents can sign up for the PSG via this [link](#).

The following are key events in our calendar that we look forward to your active partnership:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 1 Students	14 Jan 2022
2	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 3, 4 and 5 Students	18 Feb 2022
3	Flourish Week	9 – 11 Mar 2022
4	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 2 Students	1 Apr 2022
5	Joy of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day)	22 Apr 2022
6	Meet-the-Parents' Session (Sec 1 – 5)	27 May 2022
7	Yuhua Challenge	1 Jul 2022
8	Teacher's Day Celebrations	1 Sep 2022
9	Aesthetics Day	27 Oct 2022
10	Meet-the-Parents' Session (Sec 1 – 3)	28 Oct 2022

All in all, we aim to provide a quality school experience for your child/ward and look forward to your support and partnership to develop your child/ward holistically. Do check in at our website (www.yuhuasec.com.edu.sg), Facebook (@yuhuass) and Instagram (@yuhuasecondaryschool) sites for the latest updates, as we look forward to partnering with you closely with a heart of Above All, CARE³.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

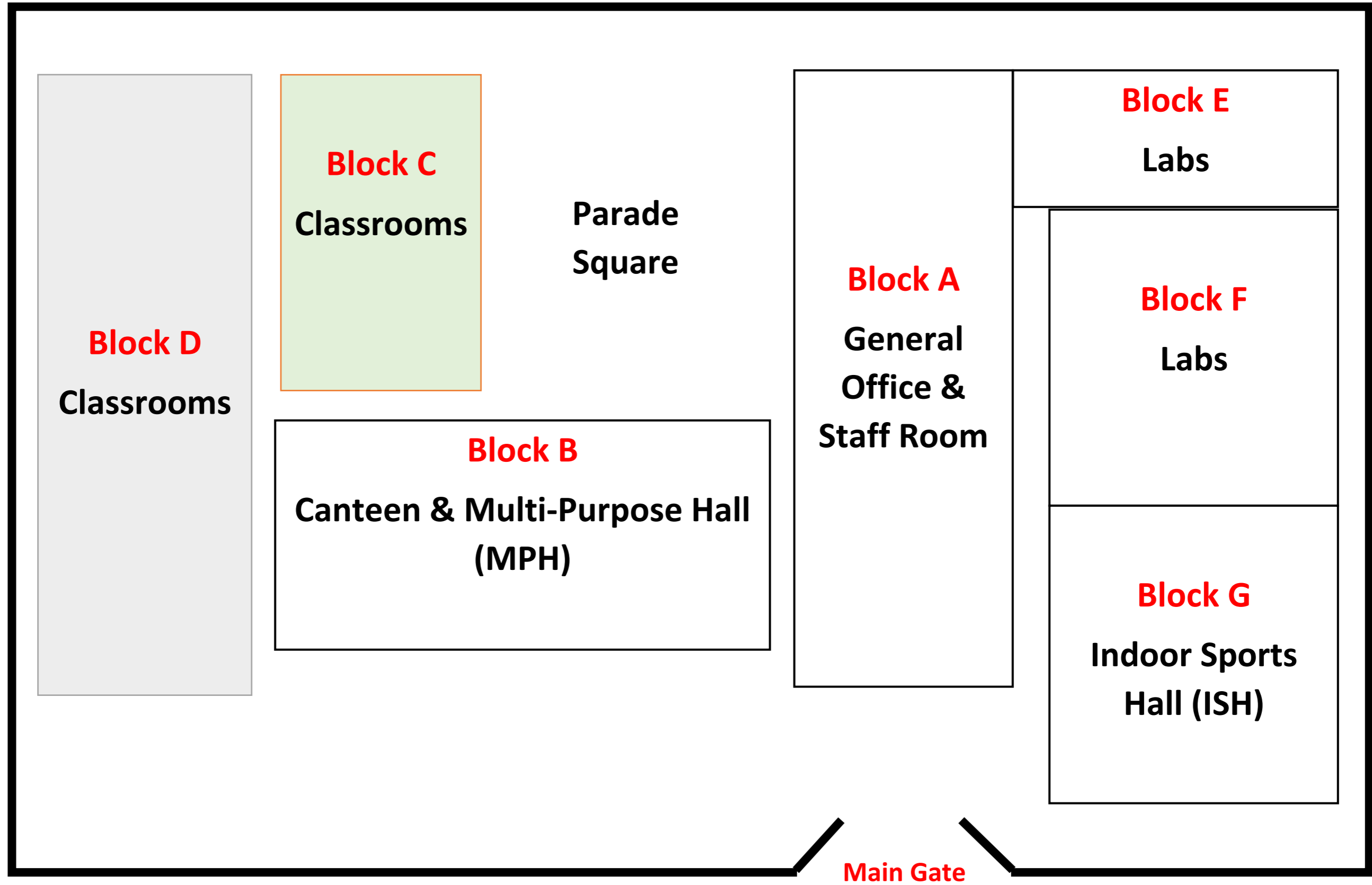


Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

SCHOOL LAYOUT



Jurong West Street 41

BLOCK C (View from Parade Square)

Level 5	409	408	407	Female Toilet	Handicap Toilet	Staircase
Level 4	406	405	404	Male Toilet	Handicap Toilet	
Level 3	403	402	401	Female Toilet	Handicap Toilet	
Level 2		501	Health & Fitness	Male Toilet	Handicap Toilet	
Level 1	Auditorium		GEAR UP Room	Female Toilet	Handicap Toilet	

BLOCK D (View from Block C)

Level 4	Staircase	207	206	205	204	Female Toilet	203	202	201	Staircase
Level 3		108	107	106	105	Male Toilet	104	103	102	
Level 2				305	306	Female Toilet	307	308	101	
Level 1					304	Male Toilet	303	302	301	