

# YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

#### MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR TERM 2 2022

I hope you had an enjoyable break with your child/ward over the March holidays!

We flagged off 2022, issuing a challenge to all Yuhuans – to rally to the theme of 'Dare to CARE<sup>3</sup>'. Our hope is to imbue in all Yuhuans a sense of courage and confidence, to live out all of our school's CARE<sup>3</sup> values in every aspect of daily lives in order to learn and to flourish.

In Term 1, we saw Yuhuans rise up to the challenge through various programmes, ending off the term with our signature Flourish Week. While COVID-19 continue to interrupt various plans in all schools within Singapore, our motto of 'Above All, CARE<sup>3'</sup> ensure that Yuhuans were mindful in every way to work as one community to keep safe, to learn and to grow. Different highlights in school are shared on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram), which I encourage you to follow as it gives you the pulse and heartbeat of the school.

As the education landscape continue to evolve rapidly, let's continue in partnership as we care, connect and contribute to the growth of your children in Yuhua. This year, we witness the full implementation of the iPad personal learning devices in school, and I am heartened to witness Yuhuans hard at work in learning collaboratively and in a more self-directed way. It is never about the technological tool in itself, and let's continue to imbue the right values, habits and routines in our young ones as they learn to use these devices with responsibility and care.

'Dare to CARE<sup>3</sup>' demands the full teamwork of everyone to meet with each and every challenge, and I am glad that we had the opportunity to connect with parents of most cohorts through ZOOM-based Parent Teacher Conferences, with the Secondary 2 cohort to follow this term. All materials shared at the Parent Teacher Conferences are uploaded on our website for your reference, as we fully commit to journey with you as one community to realize the dreams and plans for your child.

This term, we will be celebrating the achievements of Yuhuans who have done well in the last academic year, through a series of prize presentations organized across different morning assemblies. The pandemic has not deterred our Yuhuans from excelling in different areas of character development and academic studies, and we persevere to celebrate their significant achievements as we work towards the school vision of 'A Community Where Learners Flourish'. We hope also to organize a face-to-face ceremony for a smaller group of prize winners in Term 3 Week 1, and we will provide more updates as the safe-management measures for our nation become clearer for larger scale events.

Meanwhile, we look forward to another fruitful Term 2, where different National School Games, as well as regular curriculum will continue to gain momentum. Through all lessons, CCAs, competitions, Mid-Year Exams (graduating cohort) and every teachable moment – let's inspire in our Yuhuans a Dare to CARE<sup>3</sup>.

As we look forward to Term 2, key information under the following areas are for your attention:

### 1 <u>Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development</u>

## 1.1 Values of the Term - Curiosity & Responsibility

The Values of the Term (VoT) seeks to help students build performance and moral character by learning and applying our school values. Our Values of the Term (Term 2) will be curiosity and responsibility. Below are some ways we hope to see Yuhuans apply these values and hope that you can support us by also encouraging your child to live out these values both in school and at home.

## a) Being Curious

- i. **Keep an Open Mind** We encourage Yuhuans to have a growth mindset and seek to learn and unlearn, listen without judgement to each other, and be prepared to change even if things don't work out. Seek to solve problems, rather than being right!
- ii. Ask Questions Relentlessly We encourage Yuhuans to not take things for granted or be passive receivers of information. Rather, to dig deeper and ask questions to broaden their perspectives and understanding. Questions don't scare curious people!
- iii. **Be Courageous** We encourage Yuhuans to be bold in seeking new knowledge and always find something new to explore. It is more important for a curious person to learn something rather than to look smart. Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know".

Aside from applying these during lessons and CCA, one other avenue for students to be curious about would be on the Student Initiated Learning (SIL) programme. Submissions for SIL project proposals would be in April and we look forward to seeing the many projects Yuhuans are passionate about and curious to grow in.

#### b) Being Responsible

Being responsible is about taking ownership and being accountable to ourselves and others. We hope Yuhuans will exercise responsibility through the following:

#### i. Safe Management Measures and Social Responsibility

Students should continue to practise good personal hygiene (e.g. regular handwashing) and exercise social responsibility (e.g. wiping down of desk area and common/shared equipment after use). Students are reminded to carry the Trace Together Token with them at all times in the school and to keep their masks on unless they are participating in mask-off activities.

With greater awareness in students and staff on the need to stay away from school if they are feeling unwell, starting in Term 2, the daily temperature taking exercise will be streamlined to a termly exercise, to be conducted at the start of each term. The school will continue to conduct a daily check-in with students each morning to ensure that any student who is feeling unwell is sent home to rest and to see a doctor if needed.

#### ii. Punctuality and Attendance

Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well, to be in school 10 minutes before time **(by 8.20 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.20 a.m. on all other days).** This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time.

Beyond punctuality, we seek your support to monitor your child's/ward's attendance closely, to ensure he/she does not stay away from school without a valid reason.

Students who are late or absent without valid reasons will have to be responsible and face disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Student Handbook.

#### iii. Keeping of PDLP Devices and valuables in Lockers

The school has provided a locker for each student to store their PDLP device and valuables securely. Students are reminded to be responsible for their PDLP devices and valuables and to keep the devices (when they are not in used) in the lockers during breaks, PE, CCA and after school activities. Please remind your child that the PDLP iPad devices are costly, and they must bear full responsibility for its care and security.

#### iv. CCA Attendance

CCAs are an important part of the school's curriculum and seeks to develop in students important skills, values and dispositions that will serve them well in life. We hope that you will strongly encourage your child/ward's active participation in CCA and ensure that they attend CCA regularly. Besides those engaged in National School Games, please note that CCA will stand down on 29 March for Sec 4 and 5 students to allow students to prepare for their Mid-Year Exams. Sec 1 to 3 students who do not have to sit for the Mid-Year Exams will continue with their CCA throughout Term 2.

#### 1.2 National School Games

We would also like to cheer on our Yuhuans and CCAs (listed below) who will be taking part in the National School Games in Term 2. This will be an opportunity for them to learn and grow by applying the skills they have learnt. More information on the nature of the competition and dates will be provided by their respective teachers in charge. Do give your children your support and we wish every Yuhuan great success!

CCAs participating in the National School Games (NSG) 2022		
Football (pending confirmation on details)		
Floorball (pending confirmation on details)		
Tchoukball (pending confirmation on details)		
Volleyball		
Wushu		

#### 2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

#### 2.1 Internal Class Test, Exam and HBL Dates for Term 2, 2022

Please note the following important dates in Term 2:

lid-Year Exams (Sec 4 & 5): 4 May to 13 May 2022
CE O Level MTL Exams: 30 May 2022
CE O Level MTL B Exams: 31 May 2022
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Please also refer to Annex A for the HBL Days schedule for Term 2.

# 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	Designation
Chan Yin Kong	PE Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Goh Hock Huat	Operations Support Officer
Joshua Yeo	Librarian

#### 3.2 Welcome

We warmly welcome the following staff to the school:

Name	Designation
Ng Lee Choo	Nutrition and Food Science (NFS) Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Leow Guan Tong	Design & Technology (D&T) Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
John Merrill D'Cruz	School Counsellor (Flexi Adjunct)
Susila d/o Packrisamy Pillai	Librarian

## 4 Build a Flourishing Ecosystem of Community and Support

#### 4.1 Key Events in Term 2

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 and continue to take an active part in our school activities. As guidelines for safemanagement adjusts, we hope also to host parents at various opportunities possible.

This year, the awards for the Joy of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day) will be presented to the recipients by level as indicated in the following table. This series of presentations will culminate in the final ceremony for the presentation of awards to 2021 Sec 4 students on 1 July 2022. Do mark out the dates on your calendar.

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	Last Day of CCA for Graduating Students (unless involved with National School Games)	29 Mar 2022
2	NRIC Registration Exercise for 15-Year-Old Students	31 Mar 2022
3	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 2 Students	1 Apr 2022

4	Level Presentation for Joy of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day)	
	<ul> <li>Ceremony for Sec 1 (2021)</li> <li>Ceremony for Sec 2 (2021)</li> <li>Ceremony for Sec 3 (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5 Apr 2022</li> <li>7 Apr 2022</li> <li>8 Apr 2022</li> </ul>
5	Sec 3 NRIC Ceremony	17 May 2022
6	Meet-the-Parents' Session (Sec 1 – 5)	27 May 2022

With a Dare to CARE<sup>3</sup>, we hope to work closely with you to provide a quality school experience for your child/ward and look forward to your support and partnership. Do check in at our website (<u>www.yuhuasec.com.edu.sg</u>), Facebook (@yuhuass) and Instagram (@yuhuasecondaryschool) sites for the latest updates, as we look forward to partnering with you closely as we build our Mission to Care, Connect and Contribute.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Pang Principal Yuhua Secondary School

# Annex A – HBL Schedule for Term 2

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	Mother Tongue	History/Geography
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	Literature/Art	Mathematics
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	English	D&T/FCE
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

Secondary 1 Express / Normal (Academic)

## Secondary 1 Normal (Technical)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	Mother Tongue	FCE
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOO	D FRIDAY
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	Art	Mathematics
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	English	D&T
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

## Secondary 2 Express / Normal (Academic)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	English	History/Geography
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOO	D FRIDAY
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	Mother Tongue	Literature/Art
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	Science	Mathematics
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

#### Secondary 2 Normal (Technical)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	English	CPA
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	Mother Tongue	Art
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	Science	Mathematics
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

## Secondary 3 Express / Normal (Academic)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	Physics/Biology	D&T/FCE/Art/Electronics
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	History/Geography/Literature	English
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	Social Studies/PE	Mother Tongue
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

## Secondary 3 Normal (Technical)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	NT Sci/EBS	D&T/Art/MR
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	CPA	English
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	Social Studies/PE	Mother Tongue
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

# Secondary 4 Express / Normal (Academic) & Secondary 5 Normal (Academic)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	Mother Tongue	Chemistry
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	Chemistry	Mathematics
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	MID YEAR EXAM	
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	

## Secondary 4 Normal (Technical)

Week	Subject #1 (0800 – 1000)	Subject #2 (1030 – 1230)
1 April 2022 (T2W2)	Mother Tongue	NT Sci/EBS
15 April 2022 (T2W4)	GOOD FRIDAY	
29 April 2022 (T2W6)	NT Sci/EBS	Mathematics
13 May 2022 (T2W8)	MID YEAR EXAM	
27 May 2022 (T2W10)	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (Last day of Term 2)	