## YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

A Community Where Learners Flourish

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#### WELCOME MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR TERM 1 2023

On behalf of the school, my warmest greetings to all! I hope all Yuhuans enjoyed a lovely break with your loved ones. 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 biggest thing that happened over the break is likely the World Cup for many of us. It was an epic World Cup 2022, and I am sure many of us had a chance to capture some of the sporting excitement. It was a tournament with many upsets, as well as many inspiring success stories – whether for teams or individuals.

In the same way, the journey through the last few years had been an epic one for us in schools. COVID has disrupted learning in many ways, but the school came together strongly over the years to build our vision of **A Community Where Learners Flourish**. Learning continued despite all challenges, and it is our mission as a team to **Care, Connect and Contribute**. We are heartened that our vision and mission resonates strongly with students, staff, parents and the wider community, and it is my wish that we work strongly as one team to continue celebrating the successes of our many Yuhuans.

Do refer to <u>Annex B</u> at the end of this letter, on the various student and staff achievements we celebrated in Term 4 of 2022. We are proud of the many inspirational successes by our own Yuhuans, and I encourage all parents to 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.

As we head into 2023, we look forward to many more possibilities and opportunities to flourish. I wish to rally the school to build on the foundations we've achieved, to move each individual and the school as an overall community **From Good To Great.** This is our rallying theme as Team Yuhua for 2023, as we seek to have One Heart, One Mind and work as One Team towards a community of flourishing learners who care, connect and contribute.

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 from Good to Great. Whether it is during curriculum lessons, CCAs, Home-Based Learning Days, or in any other learning opportunity – we endeavour to seed in all Yuhuans strong positive motivation (One Heart), a growth mindset (One Mind) and a heart for others (One Team). Our ultimate goal is to seed the right values of **CARE**<sup>3</sup> that will ensure that Yuhuans graduate with excellence and have the right character to contribute well to others in society.

I hope you are as excited as I am with 2023, 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 for your information:

## 1 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development

## 1.1 Looking Ahead to 2023

#### a) School Terms 2023

Please note the important dates regarding school terms in 2023 in the table below:

Terms	Day & Dates
Term 1	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 March
Term 2	Monday 20 March to Friday 26 May
Term 3	Monday 26 June to Friday 1 September
Term 4	Monday 11 September to Friday 27 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 2023

Please be informed that reporting time to school will be **7.30am on all days**, 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) Class Names and Venues for 2023

From 2023, we will be renaming classes based on our school values (CARE<sup>3</sup>), the 3Cs of Care, Connect and Contribute, and our vision for every Yuhuan to 'Flourish'. Please refer to **Annex A** on the locations of the various classrooms for next year.

#### d) 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 day 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January, students will be dismissed by cohort at 1pm (Sec 2-5) and 1.30pm (Sec 1).

## 1.2 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, unless otherwise approved due to special circumstances**. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face serious disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Student Handbook.

#### b) Dress Code

Students are to report in the formal white uniform on Mondays, and are free to wear the school polo shirt for other days of the week. Yuhuans are reminded to maintain proper attire with formal school skorts / 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 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 nationwide focus on holistic learning and to provide time and space for our students to engage in deep learning, there will not be Mid-Year Exams for all levels from 2023.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies in our students.

The school will conduct no more than one Weighted Assessment per subject per term and continue to leverage formative assessment to provide feedback and enhance teaching and learning. The 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	WA1	WA2	WA3	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 %	15 %		70 % (Prelim)	100 %

#### 2.2 School Assessment Dates for 2023

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

Semester I	
Term I	Weighted Assessment (All Levels): Mon 13 Feb to Wed 1 Mar
Term II	Weighted Assessment (All Levels): Tue 25 Apr to Thu 11 May
Semester II	
Term III	Weighted Assessment (All Levels): Mon 31 Jul to Thu 17 Aug N Level Prelim: Mon 7 Aug to Fri 18 Aug O Level Prelim: Mon 21 Aug to Wed 30 Aug
Term IV	End of Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3): Tue 26 Sep to Thu 5 Oct

## 2.3 Blended Learning 2023

We will be running workshops in school on the Fridays of Term 1 Week 1, Term 1 Week 4 (for all students) and Term 1 Week 6 (for Sec Ones) to build in Yuhuans 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 Semester 1 as well as another 3 days of HBL in Semester 2 on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July. 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
Chng Puay Keong	Vice-Principal (Academic)
Seah Chiau Li	Vice-Principal (Administration)
Roger Hoe	Head of Department (Craft & Technology)
Kenny Low	Head of Department (Science)
Lim Jit Sai Kelvin	Teacher (Design & Technology)
Tay Swee Pheng	School Laboratory Technician
Choo Chee Tser	Operations Support Officer
Kandala Rama Seshu	ICT Executive
Susila d/o Packrisamy Pillai	Librarian

#### 3.2 Welcome

We warmly welcome the following new staff to the school:

Name	Role / Designation
Tan Chin Guan	Vice-Principal (Academic)
Ong Hui Lin	Teacher (English)
Ellavarasi d/o Kulasajagaran	Teacher (Social Studies)
Yeo Keng Boon Kenneth	Teacher (Design & Technology)
Low Chee Wah	Teacher (Computer Applications)
Liew Siang Zhi	Teacher (Chinese Language)
Chelva Raja	Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Eunice Lim	School Counsellor (Adjunct)

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

#### 4.1 Revision of Canteen Food Prices from 3 Jan 2023

MOE had revised the school canteen pricing guidelines in Jun 2022 to provide a benchmark for schools to adjust the canteen food prices to reflect the underlying cost of food items while being cognizant of keeping food affordable for students.

Our school canteen vendors have largely been absorbing the price increases for the past few years. For 2023, the vendors will be adjusting their main set meal prices by an average of \$0.20 and finger food and drinks by an average of \$0.10.

To cushion the impact of inflation, there will be increase in meal subsidy for students under financial assistance from the current \$2.90 per school meal to \$3.50 per school meal from 1 Jan 2023.

#### 4.2 Cessation of Additional Meal Subsidy Provision during HBL days

Since COVID hit, the school had been providing an additional meal subsidy provision of \$5.80 (on top of regular meal subsidy provisions) to students under financial assistance during HBL days. As HBL is set to be a regular part of schooling as we resume normalcy in living with COVID, this additional meal subsidy will be discontinued with effect from 1 Jan 2023. Students who are under financial assistance can still utilize the regular meal subsidy of \$7 (for two meals) as per normal school day should they report to school on a HBL day.

## **4.3** Key Events in 2023

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 (<a href="https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/about-yhss/our-partners/parents-support-group">https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/about-yhss/our-partners/parents-support-group</a>) 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	13 Jan 2023
2	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 3, 4 and 5 Students	17 Feb 2023
3	Flourish Week	8 – 10 Mar 2023
4	Parent Teacher Meeting for Sec 2 Students	24 Mar 2023
5	Meet-the-Parents' Session (Sec 1 – 5)	26 May 2023
6	Joy of Yuhua Ceremony (Annual Prize Giving Day)	30 Jun 2023
7	Yuhua Challenge (Cross Country)	8 Aug 2023
8	Teacher's Day Celebrations	31 Aug 2023
9	Aesthetics Day	26 Oct 2023
10	Meet-the-Parents' Session (Sec 1 – 3)	27 Oct 2023

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 (<a href="www.yuhuasec.com.edu.sg">www.yuhuasec.com.edu.sg</a>), 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, CARE<sup>3</sup>.

Thank you.

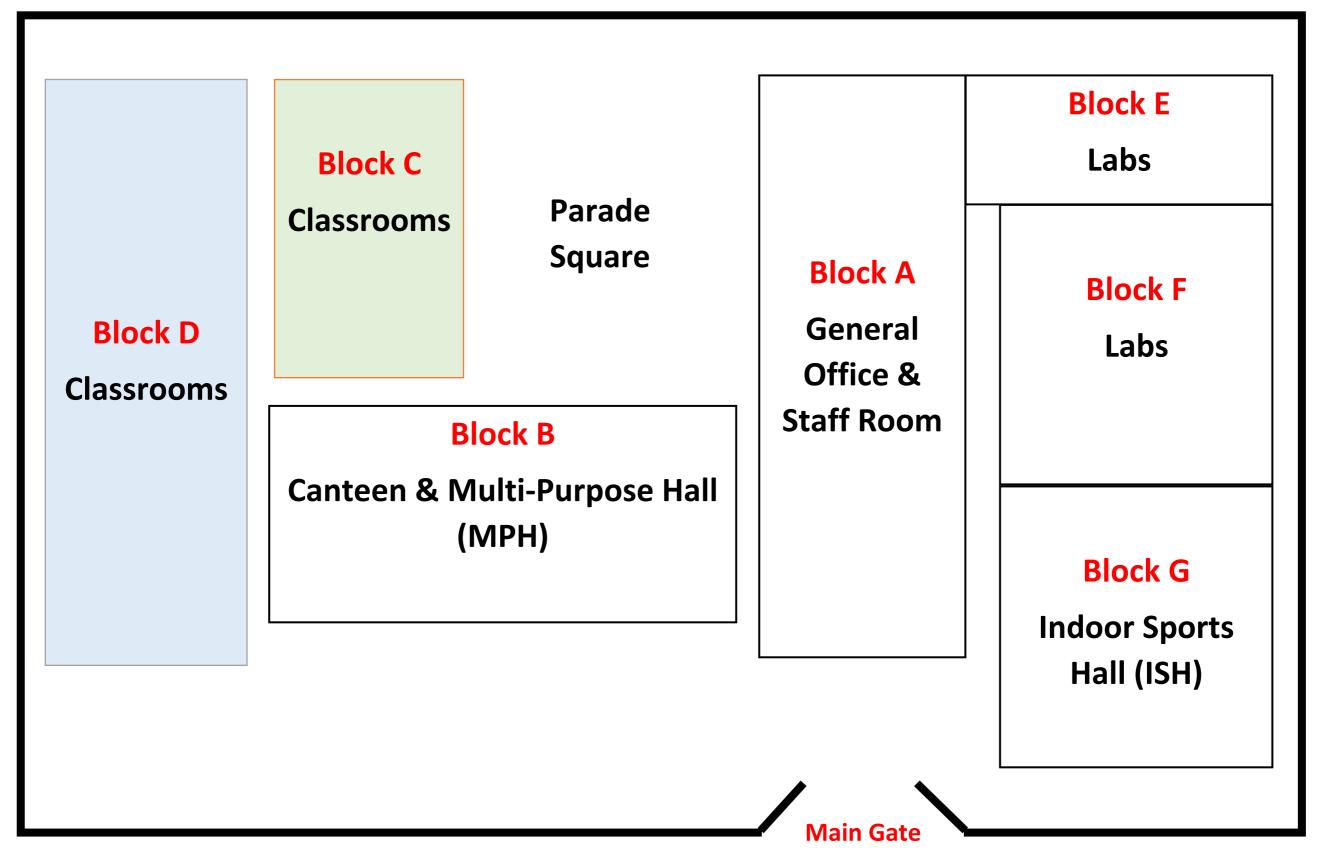
Yours sincerely,

Mr Keyin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

## **SCHOOL LAYOUT**



Jurong West Street 41

## **BLOCK C (View from Parade Square)**

Level 5	C5-1 <b>5-Flourish</b>	C5-2  4-Contribute	C5-3 4-Connect	C5-4 Female Toilet	
Level 4	C4-1  4-Responsibility	C4-2 4-Resilience	C4-3 <b>4-Care</b>	C4-4 Male Toilet	
Level 3	C3-1 4-Respect	C3-2 4-Adaptability	C3-3  4-Curiosity	C3-4 Female Toilet	Staircase C1
Level 2	C2-1	C2-2	C2-3  Health & Fitness	C2-4 Male Toilet	
Level 1	C1-1 Auditoriun	n (Black Box)	C1-2 YEAHub	C1-3 Female Toilet	

# **BLOCK D (View from Block C)**

		D4-1	D4-2	D4-3	D4-4	D4-5	D4-7	D4-8	D4-9	
Level 4		2-Contribute	2-Connect	2-Care	2-Resilience	Female Toilet	2-Responsibility	2-Respect	2-Adaptability	
		D3-1	D3-2	D3-3	D3-4	D3-5	D3-7	D3-8	D3-9	
Level 3	e D1	1 -Contribute	1-Connect	1-Care	1-Resilience	Male Toilet	3-Contribute	3-Connect	2-Curiosity	e D2
	Staircase	D2-1	D2-2	D2-3	D2-4	D2-5	D2-7	D2-8	D2-9	Staircase
Level 2	Sta	1-Responsibility	1 -Respect	1-Adaptability	1-Curiosity	Female Toilet	3-Care	3-Resilience	3-Responsibility	Sta
		D1-1	D1-2	D1-3	D1-4	D1-5	D1-7	D1-8	D1-9	
Level 1		Reflection Room				Male Toilet	3-Respect	3-Adaptability	3-Curiosity	

## Student / School / Staff Achievements

In line with our PERMA philosophy, we are sharing the latest accomplishments of the school as we celebrate the achievements and strengths of each and every individual in Yuhua.

Details of the school's achievements are available at our school website (<a href="https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements">https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements</a>).

Student	Class	Achievement
Gurrala Sreetham	302	W7 Upload! Online Art Competition –
Syed Seyiph Shahab	303	Certificate of Commendation
Sayeda Fahmida Islam Mahee	402	
Siti Nur Aisyah Binte Ibrahim	402	
Tommy Lee Jun Feng	402	
Venkatesan Haam Prasath	402	
Siruvani Sivakumar	408	
Teo Yin Shuen	408	
Chua Tze Yen	408	
Chew Jun Liang	408	
Low Wen Jie Owen	409	
Ernst Goo Shang Wei	409	
Lee Xin Nee	308	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2022 – Certificate of Participation
Selvakumar Maheshwari	308	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad is
Lucas Peh Yi Jie	308	an annual competition organised by the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry
Sugumar Rishivandh	308	(SNIC) in partnership with NUS, NTU,
Nga Wei Sheng	308	SUTD and Nanyang Polytechnic and supported by the Ministry of Education
Muthukumaran Arunkumar	308	(MOE)
Wong Qi En Audric	308	
Jay Min Divakar	308	
Tong Jia Bao	308	
Wijetunga Mudalige Weihan Wijetunga	308	
Chua Chee Yang	308	
Jet Ang Yong Xiang	308	
Chan Wen Hui	308	
Thiha Thant Zaw	308	
Sean Wu Wei Loong	308	

**ANNEX B** 

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Andrie Su Heng Yi	308	
Chew Ting An Cyrus	409	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2022 – Bronze
Chen Jeun Wei	308	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2022 – Merit
Candy Koh Tiantian	106	5th Text Recital Competition for Primary and Secondary Schools Lower Secondary
Xu Yujia	108	(Individual) – Bronze Award
Natalie Tan Li Lin		
Ng Yu Han	105	5th Text Recital Competition for Primary and Secondary Schools Lower Secondary
Keith Chia Jia We	103	(Team) – Bronze Award
Lee Cheng Xin		
Hu Jiani Joey	307	
Tong Jia Bao	308	5th Text Recital Competition for Primary
Ong Yee Xuan	308	and Secondary Schools Upper Secondary
Bong Wan Hua	308	(Team) – Bronze Award
Lee Xin Nee	308	
Liew Yu Heng	401	
Venice Lieu Qian Yao	404	
Tong Jiabao	308	National Chinese Challenge 2022 –
Lee Xin Nee	308	Certificate of Participation
Bong Wan Hua	308	
Ang Kai Qi Angeline	308	
Lee Yong Le Ethan	404	
Soo Tse Siang	404	All Singapore Secondary Mathematics
Tay Weide Xavier	404	Competition (ASMC) for Normal Course
Nor Sharizam Bin Muhamad Sharikin	401	Students 2022 – Certificate of Participation
Cheng Kei Win	401	
Liew Yu Heng	401	All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition (ASMC) for Normal Course Students 2022 – Certificate of Achievement (5th Place)
Choon Kah Ning	202	
Anderz Lan Jun Rong	203	All Singapore Secondary Mathematics
Mohamad Rayyan Hambali	203	All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition (ASMC) for Normal Course
Janice Lee Siew Hui	201	Students 2022 – Certificate of Participation
Tan Yuk Xuan	201	

Teo Zhi Rong	201	
Chen Jeun Wei	308	Singapore International Mathematics
Chua Chee Yang		Computational (Junior Challenge) –
Sugumar Rishivandh	308	Certificate of Participation
Mohamad Kariim Rehaizad Bin Ruslan	201	Animation and Game Making (AGM) Competition 2022 Animation Category – Bronze Award
How Xuan Feng Charlene	201	Animation and Game Making (AGM) Competition 2022 Game Making Category – Gold Award

Student	Class	CCA Achievement
Ong Chen Teck Brayden	207	Make X Spark Online Competition – Singapore National Competition Overall
Ric Neo Jun Wei	206	Champion Intermediate Category and Young Designer award
Chan Zhi Hng	206	Make X Spark Online Competition – Singapore National Competition Young
Chew Shi An Ryan	206	Innovator award

## **Staff Achievement**

The MSEA is an MOE-wide award that recognises MOE staff who:

- Are passionate in their service delivery
- Consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E (Collaborate, Anticipate, Reach out, Empathise).
- Inspire their colleagues to do likewise.

The following staff have received the MSEA awards this year.

## **MOE Service Excellence Award 2022 – Platinum**

Yan Haoming Wilfred

## **MOE Service Excellence Award 2022 - Gold**

Alan Tam

Gejavalli Ramasamy

Huzaimah Binte Hamzah

Irfana Begum Ikbal

Mohamed Azmil Bin Mohamed Alias

Mohamed Hafiz Bin Mohamed Ridwan

Muhammad Fairoz B Mohd Sugianto

Ng Yih Lin Cerenna

Noorul Fathima B Mohamed Fahim

Rachel Joan Tan

Salmiyati Bte Salim

Soh Ming Quan

Zulhaqil Bin Jumail

## **MOE Service Excellence Award 2022 – Silver**

Alvina Leong Yoke Wai

Muhammad Shukri Bin Shuhaimi

Ng Thian Lye

Phua Soo Hwee Amy

Sim Lit Sen

Song Sheng Yang Clovis

Soong Yu Juan

Tan Kian Soon

Yeh Bao Yaw

Balaji Ranithayalu

The **Academy Awards for Professional Development** recognise and affirm the efforts of officers in the education service and partners in education for their contributions to the professional development of the teaching fraternity.

There are three categories of recognition:

- Fellow of Academy of Singapore Teachers
- Associate of Academy of Singapore Teachers
- Partner of Academy of Singapore Teachers

The following teachers have been recognised as:

## Associates of Academy of Singapore Teachers

Lek Mei Xuan

Yeo Aik Ser