





YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

A Community Where Learners Flourish

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR START OF TERM 3 2024

Time passes quickly – we are at mid-way point of 2024! I hope it has been a good year for you and your children thus far. I write to encourage each and every one of us, and keep our eyes focused on our collective rallying theme - **'Braving the Future: The Courage to Care, Connect, Contribute'**.

We just need to read the daily news, and we see clearly the chaos, uncertainty and challenges in the society we live in. The future workplace and societal landscape our children will graduate into is one that is increasingly complex, and we have responsibility as concerned adults and school to guide our students to adapt and do well.

Once again, this aligns with our school vision – **A Community Where Learners Flourish**. A guiding principle in which I lead Yuhua Secondary, is for the school to always prepare our students well for the future: to guard and thrive against the triple evils of **I-C-U** – 1) Individualism, 2) Change and Uncertainty and 3) Unhealthy Well Being Trends.

As a school, we truly believe in how **'Care, Connect, Contribute'** make a difference to shape our Yuhuans to work as a community (rather than as individuals), to adapt to change and uncertainty, and thereby thrive and flourish holistically. This aligns with MOE's focus on 21CCs, where we work on the core – socio-emotional competencies to manage self and relationships well, in order to thrive with future-looking competencies such as adaptive and inventive thinking, civic literacy and communication skills. We build this as our DNA – as the distinct mark of students who graduates from Yuhua, and hope this shapes them for a lifetime.

Towards this end, it is important for us – both parents and school alike - to have the highest expectations and provide the highest support for our young ones to thrive. I ask of all parents / guardians to also challenge our Yuhuans to be 'superheroes' – to be Changemakers who care-connect-contribute to matters / issues at home and in the larger community. We believe in how they can employ knowledge they've learnt to contribute to a larger good. Let's work together to empower our young ones to have agency to make a difference.

In **Annex A** (attached at the end of the letter), I am proud to share the many achievements of our school's students in the first half of 2024. On 28 June (Friday), we also celebrate the holistic and academic achievements of our current students and alumni at JOY Ceremony 2024.

Semester 2 is an important one where various school and national examinations begin, alongside various opportunities for our Yuhuans to develop holistically. I urge all Yuhuans to face all opportunities positively, and to have courage to grow and do better!

As we look forward to Term 3, key information under the following areas are for your attention:

To receive information and perform a range of administrative functions such as giving consent for school trips, please download the Parents Gateway mobile app @ <https://go.gov.sg/yhpg>

1 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development

1.1 Value of the Term: Respect

The value to be practiced for Term 3 2024 is Respect. Let's have the courage to care, connect, contribute and brave the future as One Yuhua, by showing respect to people, property, the environment, and self. Some examples that you can encourage your child/ward to show respect include:

- **Personal:** To dress, speak, and act in a way that shows respect to self. This includes taking care of personal appearance with proper grooming, as well as being mindful of attendance and punctuality.
- **Social:** To act in a way that shows respect for others by being cognizant of how one's actions may impact others and the environment around you.

1.2 Keeping All Yuhuans Safe

Temperature-Taking Exercise

The school conducts regular temperature-taking exercises in the beginning of each semester, to signal the continued need for everyone to remain vigilant and to be socially responsible to stay away from school if he/she is feeling unwell. This will take place in Term 3 on Wednesday, 3 July 2024, and we seek your support in reminding your child/ward to bring their thermometer to school.

2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

2.1 Blended Learning for Semester 2

There will be a change in Home Based Learning (HBL) days in Semester 2. It will take place only from 23 July 2024 to 25 July 2024 (see schedule at **Annex B**), coinciding with the National Oral Examinations. Even week Fridays are no longer HBL days in Semester 2 and students will be required to come to school for lessons on all Fridays. All HBL activities are designed to be completed independently by students at home, and we seek your support to ensure your child/ward build self-directedness to learn well on HBL days.

2.2 Assessment Key Dates

Please note the following important dates in Term 3 for school-based assessment and national examinations:

Internal School Examinations	
Term 3 WA3 (Secondary 1 to 3)	29 Jul – 16 Aug 2024
GCE N-Level Preliminary Exams (Sec 4NT and 4NA)	5 Aug – 16 Aug 2024
GCE O-Level Preliminary Exams (Sec 4E and 5NA)	19 Aug – 28 Aug 2024

National Examinations	
GCE O-Level MTL/MTLB Listening Comprehension Exam	3 Jul 2024
GCE O-Level MTLB Oral Exam	23 Jul – 25 Jul 2024
GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam	4 Jul – 12 Jul 2024
GCE O-Level EL Oral Exam	22 Jul – 26 Jul 2024
GCE N-Level EL(A) and EL(T) Oral Exam	22 Jul – 25 Jul 2024
GCE N-Level MTL/BMTL Oral Exam	23 Jul – 25 Jul 2024

2.3 **Extended Operating Hours of Learning Spaces to Support Revision**

With the upcoming school-based assessments and national examinations, the library will open, with extended opening hours till 6.00 pm to provide quiet areas for students to study as well as to have consultations with teachers. Students can make good use of the time and space to reflect, catch up with their learning and consult their teachers when in doubt.

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
Ms Pang Miin Lih Jasmine	Subject Head (English)
Mr Dolly Yansen	Art Teacher
Mdm Yap Chui Har	Chinese Language Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Ms Chua Sze Huey	Lab Technician

3.2 **Welcome**

We warmly welcome the following staff to the school:

Name	Designation
Mr Kelvin Poon	Subject Head (PE/CCA)
Ms Arfah Lubis Binte Abdul Rahman	Art Teacher
Ms Duan Linxin	Chinese Language Teacher
Ms Tan Boon Swan	History and Social Studies Teacher
Ms Ada Koh Han Xuan	Chemistry and Biology Teacher (Untrained)
Ms Ruqaiyah Binti Rosli	English and Social Studies Teacher (Untrained)
Mr Chew Kechang	Chinese Language Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Ms Shannon Yap	English Language Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)

Mr Samuel Loh	Music Teacher (Relief)
Ms Manavalan Nithya	Tamil Language Teacher (NIE Trainee)
Ms Amanda Chan Minyi	English and Literature Teacher (NIE Trainee)
Ms Wong Qian Hui	Art and Literature Teacher (NIE Trainee)

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

4.1 **Key Events**

The following are key events in Term 3:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	JOY of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day)	28 Jun 2024
2	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	18 Jul 2024
3	Annual Cross Country / National Day Commemoration	8 Aug 2024
4	Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3)	29 July-16 Aug 2024
5	Teachers' Day Celebrations	29 Aug 2024

As the school continues to strive towards bringing out the best in each of our students in the next semester, it is only possible as we journey together as one Yuhua community. Let's continue to do our utmost for the rest of 2024, as we Brave the Future, with Courage to Care, Connect and Contribute!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

Annex A – Student / School / Staff Achievements

The below list of Yuhuan's have achieved individual awards from the various **Uniformed Group Headquarters**

CCA	Student / CCA	Achievements	Year	Class
NCC	Mark Jachin Gumban	NCC outstanding Cadet Award	2024	4 Contribute
NCDCC	Hyra Musfira Putri Mustafa Kamal	NCDCC Unit Best Cadet Award	2024	4 Resilience
NCDCC	Hyra Musfira Putri Mustafa Kamal	SCDF-NCDCC Pinnacle Award	2024	4 Resilience
NCDCC	Nur Ayuni Binte Abdullah	SCDF-NCDCC Pinnacle Award	2024	4 Resilience
NPCC	Nur Laiqah Binte Irman	Best Unit Cadet (Female)	2024	4 Connect
NPCC	Gwendolyn Jas Lee	Best Unit Cadet (Female)	2024	4 Contribute
NPCC	Evelyn Quah Xiang Boon (Ke Xiangwen)	SPF-NPCC Badge	2024	4 Adaptability
NPCC	Chua Yu Xuan	SPF-NPCC Badge	2024	4 Care
NPCC	Nurdini Aliah Binte Yuslim Yanis	SPF-NPCC Badge	2024	4 Connect

We also congratulate the following CCA groups, for their resilience and strong teamwork in representing the school in Term 2 in the following areas:

CCA	Achievements	Year
Floorball	Participated in B Div NSG (Boys)	2024
Football	National School Games B Division Football League Four	2024
Tchoukball	Participated in B Div NSG (Boys)	2024
Tchoukball	Participated in B Div NSG (Girls)	2024
Volleyball	West Zone B Division (Boys) National School Games - Champion	2024
Volleyball	National Schools B Division (Boys) National School Games - Fourth	2024
Volleyball	Participated in West Zone B Division (Girls) National School Games	2024
Wushu	Participated in National School Games	2024

Boys Brigade	JM Frasier Award (Excellence with Distinction) 2023	2024
NCC	Unit Recognition Award - Certificate of Accomplishment 2023	2024
NCDCC	UOPA - Distinction (Gold)	2024
NPCC	UOPA - Distinction (Gold)	2024

The following students have also been recognised for their participation in the Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project 2024.

Student / CCA	Achievements	Year	Class
Sitinuratiqa Binte Mohamad Yunos	From a total of 58 entries, the students' original song "Rhythms of Life" was 1 of 11 songs selected to be featured at the Youth Station Select – Live! Showcase (Lower Secondary Category).	2024	2 Curiosity
Emerald Win			2 Adaptability
Eva Tan Yi En			2 Adaptability
Amber Lee Zhi Yao			2 Respect
Edric Wong Pui Kin			2 Responsibility
Nur Izzadiana Qalisyah Binte Muhammad Rasidi			2 Care
Wynnie Tan Yun Xin			2 Care
Toh Zixun			2 Contribute
Richard Joshua Ruban			2 Contribute
Li Cheok Fung, Andreas			From a total of 53 entries, the students' original song "Seasons" was 1 of 12 songs selected to be featured at the Youth Station Select – Live! Showcase (Open Category).
Goh Koi Luck	3 Connect		
Pathavee Ho Jun Yan	4 Adaptability		
Becky Fok Zhi Hui	4 Resilience		
Tay Hang Yu	4 Resilience		
Koh Shuyu, Leeann	4 Care		
Guevarra Beatrice Raine Cruz	4 Connect		

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

Annex B – HBL Schedule for Term 3

Secondary 1

Date	Subject 1	Subject 2
23 July 2024 (Tues)	Mathematics	D&T
24 July 2024 (Wed)	Mathematics	Music
25 July 2024 (Thur)	Science	History (G2/G3) / Humanities (G1)

Secondary 2

Date	Subject 1	Subject 2
23 July 2024 (Tues)	Science (G1/G2/G3)	Geography (G2/G3) / Humanities (G1)
24 July 2024 (Wed)	Mathematics (G1/G2/G3)	History (G2/G3) / CPA (G1)
25 July 2024 (Thur)	Subject taster packages for various Upper Sec elective subjects on SLS	

Secondary 3

Date	Subject 1	Subject 2
23 July 2024 (Tues)	<u>All students</u> Mathematics	<u>Express and Normal (Academic)</u> Chemistry <u>Normal (Technical)</u> Science / EBS
24 July 2024 (Wed)	<u>All students</u> Mathematics	<u>Express and Normal (Academic)</u> Physics / Biology <u>Normal (Technical)</u> Science / EBS
25 July 2024 (Thur)	<u>All students</u> Social Studies	<u>Express and Normal (Academic)</u> Geography / History / Literature <u>Normal (Technical)</u> CPA

Secondary 4 and 5

No HBL assigned from 23 July to 25 July, but students will receive practice papers for the following subjects:

1. Mathematics
2. Science
3. Combined Humanities