





# YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

*A Community Where Learners Flourish*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

## **MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR START OF TERM 4 2024**

At the end of Term 3, Team Yuhua gave the school much to celebrate. Our C Division Football boys emerged as Champions of League 4, while our C Division Volleyball girls emerged as Champions of League 2. Mdm Irfana (from Science Department, Form Teacher of 3 Responsibility) was also one of 15 teachers nationwide recognized with the Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress (LEAP) Award. Her interview can be viewed in [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8\\_gr9kVy-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8_gr9kVy-A). Beyond the above, Yuhuans flourished in many different spheres, with details in **Annex A**. Well done, Yuhuans!

In a year where we rally to the theme of 'Braving the Future: Courage to Care, Connect, Contribute', I am heartened by the growing spirit of excellence, as staff and students continue to bear courage with care-connect-contribute towards growth and achievement.

As we continue to aim high for all Yuhuans, it is my firm belief that the potential of our Yuhuans is only hindered by distractions and interferences that exists. A growing challenge we are all aware – is the **concerning impact of screentime, gaming and social media on the holistic well-being of our young ones**. This has been profiled with great detail in our local media, and I have also spoken to our students at the end of Term 3. See the appended attachment for the deck of slides I shared with students for your reference.

Studies have shown that a large proportion of youths in Singapore and the world has problematic smartphone use. This has led to negative impacts on their cognitive, socio-emotional as well as holistic well-being. Data in our school also show that more than 50% of our students are spending more than 4 hours a day on screens for entertainment purposes – this is not including the use of Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) for schoolwork.

The dangers and risks are clear, and school wishes to continue in our strong partnership with parents / guardians to educate students on responsible device use. In recent weeks, you would have learnt about the issues with Mobile Guardian and iPads. We have notified parents / guardians over Parent's Gateway on parental controls that we strongly recommend for all families to implement. We continue to urge parents / guardians to have firm rules and parental controls on device usage for your children at home. To prepare for Term 4, we have also communicated with students clearly on our school rules:

1. PLDs should **NOT** have any games or social media apps installed.
2. Personal mobile phones must be in personal lockers **at all times**, and not to be used unless teacher permission is given.

We hope that the above reminders and guidelines helps our students understand the dangers with excessive screen time, and to be better able to focus on schoolwork and relationship-building in school with self-directedness and ownership. Term 4 marks the season for exams, and we urge the overall school community to have the **courage to care-connect-contribute together to achieve excellence**.

As we begin the new term, the following is for your information and continued support:

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# **1 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Student Development**

## **1.1 Values of the Term – Adaptability and Resilience**

As we begin the final term of the academic year, we encourage students to be **adaptable** and seize opportunities to enhance their learning. This includes making effective use of the extra time available due to the stand-down of CCAs to reassess their study strategies for potential improvements. Additionally, students should demonstrate **resilience** by facing challenges and keeping up their efforts to end the year strong, both academically and in their overall development. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing the values of adaptability and resilience with your child during this important period.

## **1.2 Being Prepared for Learning**

Please continue to remind your child/ward to be punctual for school. Students should plan their journey well and be in school by 7.25 a.m. on all days, except for Wednesdays when they should reach by 8.25 a.m. This will allow them to be in school 5 minutes before assembly, therefore reaching their reporting venues (e.g. hall or classrooms) in time to prepare well for their learning.

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. This will ensure students do not miss lessons unnecessarily in the run up to the End-of-Year Exams.

## **1.3 Graduating Students**

### **a) The *Final Sprint* revision programme**

The Final Sprint revision programme will continue in Term 4, where different teachers will be available for students to consult with in the school library from 3.15 p.m to 6.15 p.m daily. Students are highly encouraged to make full use of this time to prepare for their examinations by clarifying their doubts with teachers.

### **b) Graduation Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony for Sec 4/5 students will be held on **20 September (Friday)**. This is a significant milestone for our graduating cohort, as we spur them on in this last lap in a ceremony with full graduation gowns and a special farewell from school. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/guardians of graduating students to join your child/ward in celebrating this milestone. Please refer to the letter sent to parents/guardians of graduating students on 16 August for more information.

### **c) Intensive Study Week for All Graduating Students**

Following the graduation ceremony, the school will be implementing an intensive study week from **23 – 27 September** for all graduating students. This is to provide graduating students with customized support to make necessary preparations. Students should report to school as per normal for the intensive study week.

### **d) Study Break for Students Taking GCE 'O' Levels**

Students taking GCE 'O' Levels will be given a study break from **30 September**. This is to provide them with white space to make personal preparations for their upcoming examinations, while different groups of students sit for their respective science practical exams on different dates. During the study break, students can continue to contact their teachers to schedule for consultations. They are also free to use the school facilities (e.g. library) to study and revise should it be more conducive.

## 2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

### 2.1 GCE O, N(A) & N(T) National Examinations

Please take note the following dates of the upcoming National Examinations. For parents / guardians of students across all cohorts, please take note of **early dismissal (12.40 p.m.) on 10 September and 12 September**, to facilitate for Listening Comprehension papers in the afternoon.

For parents / guardians of graduating students, please ensure that your child/ward comes prepared and is punctual for all papers.

<b>2024 GCE N(A) &amp; N(T) Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Date</b>	
English Language Syllabus A	10 Sep	All students to be dismissed at 12:40 p.m.
BCL / BML / BTL	10 Sep	
English Language Syllabus T	12 Sep	
CL / ML / TL	12 Sep	
<b>2024 GCE N(A) &amp; N(T) Level Written / Practical Examinations</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Various Subjects	9 – 19 Sep, 30 Sep – 8 Oct	
<b>2024 GCE O Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Date</b>	
English Language	16 Oct	
<b>2024 GCE O Level Written / Practical Examinations</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Pure Chemistry Practical	2 Oct	
Pure Physics Practical	7 Oct	
Combined Science Practical	10 Oct	
Pure Biology Practical	15 Oct	
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	17 Oct – 11 Nov	

### 2.2 School Examinations, Marking Day and Exam Admin Day

Besides our graduating students, we also encourage all Sec 1 – 3 students to work hard in preparation for their **End-of-Year Examinations taking place from 27 September to 8 October**. The exam timetable will be sent out to all students shortly next week.

In light of the upcoming examinations, CCAs for Sec 1 – 3s have stood down. Students should focus on revision, and resume CCA activities only after their exams are over.

Please note that **9 – 10 October** are Marking Days and **18 October** is Exam Admin Day. **Students need not report to school**, and a further reminder will be sent via PG nearer the date.

### 2.3 Early Dismissal for Sec 1 – 3s during Post Examination Period

Following the End-of-Year Examinations, **Sec 1 – 3 students will transit to a post exam timetable with an earlier dismissal time of 12.40 p.m.** This is to facilitate the checking of scripts, conduct of post exam activities and the commencement of GCE 'O' Level written exam papers in the afternoons. Please see details in the table below.

Day	Dismissal Time
9 – 10 Oct (Wed – Thu) – <b>Marking Day</b>	Students do not need to report to school.
11 Oct (Fri)	12.40 p.m.
14 – 15 Oct (Mon – Tue)	13.15 p.m.
16 – 17 Oct (Wed – Thu)	12.40 p.m.
18 Oct (Wed) – <b>Exam Admin Day</b>	Students do not need to report to school.
21 – 24 Oct (Mon – Thu)	12.40 p.m.
25 Oct (Fri) – <b>PTM over ZOOM</b>	Students do not need to report to school.

### 2.4 iAspire (Bridging) Programme for Students Who Fail to Meet Promotion Criteria

To better support selected students who fail to meet the promotion criteria after the End-of-Year examinations, there will be an extended learning week after the last day of school for identified students from **28 Oct to 4 November**. Lessons will be carried out to strengthen understanding in the core subjects, and the identified students will be assessed at the end of the programme on their eligibility for advancement to the next level. Attendance for identified students is compulsory and further details will be communicated in a separate letter for students involved closer to the date.

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

### 3.1 Key Events

The following are key events in Term 4 for your noting please:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4 – 5)	20 Sep 2024
2	End-of-Year Examination (Sec 1-3)	27 Sept – 8 Oct 2024
3	Parent-Teachers Meeting (PTM) over ZOOM (Sec 1 – 3)	25 Oct 2024
4	Open House	23 Nov 2024

In no time, 2024 will come to a close and there is much for us to be thankful for. We thank you for your close partnership with the school to help every Yuhuan keep safe and keep growing. We look forward to this last term of 2024, and may we all embrace **Above All, CARE<sup>3</sup>**, as we seek to achieve our vision of building **A Community Where Learners Flourish**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Pang', written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

## **Annex A – 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.

- **Ariff Mirza Bin Asrul Nizam from Class 3 Care** and **Muhammad Safwan Bin M Shaifullah from Class 3 Flourish**, participated in the 3T Translation Competition, organized by National Junior College where they received the consolation prize.
- **Raudhah Binte Abdul Rahman from Class 3 Connect** and **Muhammad Ashraf Bin Rayelias from Class 3 Contribute** were recognized by the National Malay Language Council as the Ambassadors for Malay Language Month due to their deep involvement in the Malay Language activities that were carried out in school.
- **Isaac Tan Xiang Ze from Class 4 Contribute** won the Gold Award in the 7th National Text Recital Competition organised by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning, Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School and the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Literary Recital Society. Isaac went on to perform a live recital at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre where he emerged third.
- 31 students took part in the Singapore Pledge Hard-Pen Calligraphy Competition organized by The Chinese Calligraphy Society of Singapore. The Chinese Language Unit selected the top five submissions in recognition of the effort put in by the participants. They are:
  - **Chloe, Chen Yi Pei (2 Connect)**
  - **Olivia Nah (1 Contribute)**
  - **Tan Min Yu (2 Adaptability)**
  - **Victoria Alin Chong Shu Ying (2 Contribute)**
  - **Stella Tan (2 Contribute)**
- In the MOE Budding Writers' and Budding Artistes' Programme 2024 in Tamil Language, the following students were awarded the following prizes:
  - Certificate of Participation for the Budding Writers Award:
    - **Jayaraman Mansikaa (2 Care)**
    - **Yaalini Rajasekar (3 Care)**
  - Budding Artistes Award:
    - **Latisha d/o Nahendran (2 Care)**
    - **Sivasankaran Srisharan (3 Adaptability)**
    - **Muthukkumaran Anuradha Mahesh (3 Connect)**
- The following students took part in the W1W7 Cluster Tamil Competition and received the following prizes for the various categories:
  - Consolation Prize for Oratorical Competition:
    - **Harnivedaa Kabirbabu (1 Care)**
    - **Saravanakumar Kobika (3 Connect)**
  - Touch-Typing Competition
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- **Latisha d/o Nahendran (2 Care)**
    - Consolation Prize- **Abdul Kadhira (2 Adaptability)**

We are proud to share the following achievements of our Yuhuans at the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO):

<b>Arya Talesara</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Mathematical Olympiad – Honourable Mention
<b>Ong Jing Kang Dylan Ong Chen Teck Brayden □ Chew Shi An Chan Zhi Hng Joel Li Jun Hui Tan Jun Hon</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Mathematical Olympiad – Certificate of Participation
<b>Govindaraju Vaishnava Priyan</b>	<b>4 Connect</b>	Singapore Mathematical Olympiad– Certificate of Participation

We are also proud to share the following achievements of our Yuhuans in the Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2024.

<b>Ong Chen Teck Brayden</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad – Silver Award
<b>Rick Neo Jun Wei Lee Kai Le Wong Kai Xuan Alicia Isaac Tan Xiang Ze Chan Zhi Hng</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad – Certificate of Participation
<b>Lee Zi Lin Lim Zhi Yuan Devon Serlene Xu Shiling Javier Enjae Cadiz Jaiganesh Pranav Stella Pang Xin Yi Ong Jun Hong Frederick</b>	<b>3 Flourish</b>	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad – Certificate of Participation

In the 2024 Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad (SJPO), the following students received Certificate of Participation.

<b>Lee Zi Lin Lim Zhi Yuan Devon Mao Yuxi</b>	<b>3 Flourish</b>	Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad (SJPO) – Certificate of Participation
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In the 2024 Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad (SJBO), the following students received Certificate of Participation.

<b>Gwendolyn Jas Lee (Li Jiaqian) Cha Zi Yi Cadee Chew Yi Xuan (Zhou Yi Xuan) Ting Man En Radhika Priya Singh Queenie Ang Lok Teng (Hong Leting)</b>	<b>4 Contribute</b>	Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad – Certificate of Participation
<b>Chew Jun Hong Raju Deepak Raghuram Senthil Kumar Ang Hui Juan (Hong Huijuan)</b>	<b>3 Flourish</b>	Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad – Certificate of Participation

We also congratulate the following CCA groups and students, for their resilience and achievements in representing the school in Term 4 in the following areas:

<b>CCA Cluster</b>	<b>CCA</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
Sport	Floorball	Participated in C Div NSG (Boys)
Sport	Football	National School Games C Division Football League Four (Achieved First placing)
Sport	Tchoukball	Participated in C Div NSG (Boys)
Sport	Tchoukball	Participated in C Div NSG (Girls)
Sport	Volleyball Boys	Participated in National School Games C Division Volleyball League One
Sport	Volleyball Girls	National School Games C Division Volleyball League Two (Achieved First placing)
Sport	Wushu	Performed at Jurong Spring National Day Carnival

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UG	Boys' Brigade	YHSS BB participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	NCC	YHSS NCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	NCDCC	YHSS NCDCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
UG	NPCC	YHSS NPCC participated as Guard of Honour for Jurong Spring National Day Observance Ceremony
VPA	Choir	Performed at Jurong Spring National Day Carnival
VPA	Harmonica Band	Performed at Jurong Spring National Day Carnival. Participated in Singapore Youth Festival 2024 Celebrations@Gardens by the Bay Kaleidoscope
VPA	Dance	Performed at the National Heartland Celebration@ South West

In addition, we are proud of the following staff members for their outstanding achievements:

Staff	Achievement
<b>Mr Kevin Pang</b>	National Day Award, The Public Administration Medal (Bronze), 2024
<b>Mr Chew Chong Kiat</b>	National Day Award, The Public Administration Medal (Bronze), 2024
<b>Mdm Huzaimah Bte Hamzah</b>	National Day Award, The Commendation Medal, 2024
<b>Mdm Huzaimah Bte Hamzah</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal, 2024
<b>Mrs Balaji Ranithayalu</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal, 2024
<b>Mdm Gejavalli Ramasamy</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal, 2024
<b>Mdm Rafilah Binti Idris</b>	National Day Award, The Long Service Medal, 2024
<b>Mdm Wang Runjia</b>	Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers' Award 2024
<b>Mdm Irfana Begum d/o Ikbal</b>	Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan LEAP Award 2024

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