





# YUHUA SECONDARY SCHOOL

*A Community Where Learners Flourish*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **MESSAGE BY PRINCIPAL FOR START OF TERM 3 2022**

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.

To emphasize this point, I have used a metaphor related to Formula One racing through the year at school assemblies and Parent-Teachers’ Meetings. Lasting the race well is a whole team effort, and it also entails taking a step back to consolidate and have a fruitful pit-stop when required.

After more than 2 years of battling COVID, the June Break that just passed was the first school break where safe-management measures in Singapore and borders worldwide were much more relaxed. I hope you and family took the opportunity to connect over new experiences, building many lasting memories for a lifetime.

Pausing for a pit-stop also entails us appreciating where we have done well. In **Annex A** (attached at the end of the letter), I am proud to share the many achievements of our school’s students and staff in the first half of 2022. More information can be found on our website at the following link (<https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements>).

This celebration of where Yuhuans have done well is in full alignment with our school’s PERMA philosophy, where we seek to build *p*ositivity, *e*ngagement, *r*elationships, *m*eaning and celebrate *a*chievements at every opportunity available. We go further in this endeavour, as we celebrate the holistic and academic achievements of our current students and alumni in the coming JOY Ceremony 2022 on the 1<sup>st</sup> July (Friday). For the first time in 3 years, we will be having a face-to-face event with the different award winners and their guests, as we reconnect and build strong bonds on how a community can flourish together.

These are worthy moments for us to look forward to, as we gear up again for Semester 2. A pit-stop is for a team to consolidate and do better, and we look forward to a fresh new start. With the easing of SMMs in Singapore, we will be introducing a few significant steps from the first day of Semester 2. These include the re-introduction of large scale assemblies, wearing of formal white uniform attire on all Mondays, as well as the compulsory consumption of all meals in the canteen to reduce use of disposable packaging and food waste.

These are significant steps for us to care, connect and contribute towards a lively learning environment where the entire Yuhuan community flourishes as one. The Value of the Term for Term 3 is ‘Respect’, and we seek your continued support to encourage your child to put in their very best, to respectfully honour each and every one and their own learning in our next steps together for 2022.

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

To receive timely information, please download Parents Gateway mobile app @ <https://tinyurl.com/yhpg19>

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

## **1.1 3 Significant Steps Moving Towards a New Normal**

With the country opening up and emerging from COVID-19, life in school is also heading towards normalcy. This presents opportunities for us to connect as a school, grow our school identity and contribute to a sustainable environment. As a school we will be taking 3 significant steps towards this new normal.

### **a) Step #1 – Combined Lower & Upper Secondary Assemblies**

Since Term 2 Week 10, the school has held Lower Sec and Upper Sec assemblies in the Hall as part of our efforts to build school identity (see Table 1). This arrangement will continue in Sem 2.

Table 1: Lower & Upper Sec Assembly Schedule

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lower Sec Assembly in Hall		All Levels in Classrooms	Upper Sec Assembly in Hall	

### **b) Step #2 – Full Uniform (White Shirt) on Mondays**

When COVID first struck, permission was granted for students to don the school polo shirt, to allow all Yuhuans to get used to mask-wearing.

As we journey into normalcy from Semester 2, all students are expected to wear their full uniform, inclusive of their white shirt, every Monday. This is the day in which the school comes together to sing our school song, a significant ceremony to build our Yuhuan identity. The flexibility to wear the school polo shirt will continue to be exercised on all other days, and we seek parents' support to ensure your child takes ownership in making the necessary preparations for his/her attire and grooming.

### **c) Step #3 – Students to Consume Meals in the Canteen during Recess**

With the easing of Covid-19, all students will return to the canteen to consume their meals during recess. This not only allows them to connect with one another, it also reduces the significant amount of waste generated through disposables. The school will continue to allow students to rest and study in their classrooms during recess, except strictly no food will be allowed inside.

## **1.2 Developing Self-Directed Yuhuans**

### **a) Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle – Principal's Challenge 2022**

To flourish, it is important for Yuhuans to maintain a healthy mind and body so that they can be at their optimal self. The school has organised the Principal's Challenge from 4-31 July to encourage students to run/walk during their free time, and contribute to the community in the process. As Principal, I have pledged to donate to our adopted beneficiaries in the Jurong Spring Community for all students who 1) meet a "Silver" timing for their 2.4km run, 2) exceed my personal 2.4km timing or 3) beat the cumulative distance covered by myself. Do encourage your child to build up their fitness and contribute to this positive endeavour together!

### **b) Punctuality and Attendance**

Please continue to encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well and strive to be in school early by 7.20a.m. (before flag raising at 7.30am) on all days, and 8.20a.m.

(before flag raising at 8.30am) on late start Wednesdays. Planning ahead to reach school early will help reduce stress should there be inclement weather or traffic incidents, and it is also important for students to develop the habit of punctuality which will serve them well in life. Do note that the school has put in place structures to help students with late-coming issues to take responsibility and ownership of their behaviour so as to improve, and we seek for your ongoing support.

### 1.3 Keeping All Yuhuans Safe

#### a) Students Commuting between Singapore and Malaysia

With the reopening of land borders between Singapore and Malaysia, please update your child's/ward's Form Teacher if your child/ward will be commuting between Malaysia and Singapore each day. In such cases, parents/ guardians are advised to have contingency arrangements in the event of any transport disruption and to identify a reliable Singapore guardian(s) who they can entrust their child(ren) to for the necessary transport, accommodation, and care arrangements due to any unforeseen situations.

#### b) Termly Temperature-Taking Exercise

As communicated in the last newsletter, the school will conduct a temperature-taking exercise in the first week of each term, 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 the 29 June (Wednesday), and we seek your support in reminding your child to bring their thermometer to school.

## 2 Nurturing Flourishing Yuhuans Through Teaching and Learning

### 2.1 Blended Learning for Second Semester

Home Based Learning (HBL) days will continue to take place once a fortnight on even Fridays in Sem 2 for students from Sec 1 – Sec 3. All HBL activities are designed to be completed independently by students at home, and we seek for your support to ensure your child build self-directedness to learn well on HBL days.

### 2.2 Timed Practices for Graduating Cohort

For Sec 4 and 5 students, they will be slotted for timed paper practices on HBL days in preparation for their national examinations. All timed paper practices will be conducted in school under the guidance of our staff. The schedule is attached below for your reference as you support your child:

#### Secondary 4 Express / Secondary 5 Normal Academic (Timed Paper Practices)

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject #1</b>	<b>Subject #2</b>
8 July 2022 (T3W2)	History / Geography	D&T / NFS / Art / Electronics
22 July 2022 (T3W4)	Mathematics	English
5 August 2022 (T3W6)	English	Mathematics / Add Maths
19 August 2022 (T3W8)	O Level Prelim Science Practical	
2 September 2022 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
23 September 2022 (T4W2)	Physics / Biology / Chemistry	D&T / NFS / Art / Electronics
7 October 2022 (T4W4)	GCE N Level Examinations	

### Secondary 4 Normal Academic (Timed Paper Practices)

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject #1</b>	<b>Subject #2</b>
8 July 2022 (T3W2)	History / Geography	D&T / NFS / Art
22 July 2022 (T3W4)	MTL	English
5 August 2022 (T3W6)	English	Mathematics
19 August 2022 (T3W8)	N Level Prelims	
2 September 2022 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
23 September 2022 (T4W2)	Sci (Physics / Biology)	D&T / NFS / Art
7 October 2022 (T4W4)	GCE N Level Examinations	

### Secondary 4 Normal Technical (Timed Paper Practices)

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject #1</b>	<b>Subject #2</b>
8 July 2022 (T3W2)	CPA	D&T / Art / MR
22 July 2022 (T3W4)	Mathematics	English
5 August 2022 (T3W6)	English	Mathematics
19 August 2022 (T3W8)	N Level Prelims	
2 September 2022 (T3W10)	Teachers' Day	
23 September 2022 (T4W2)	NT Science / EBS	D&T / Art / MR
7 October 2022 (T4W4)	GCE N Level Examinations	

## 2.3 Examination Key Dates

Please note the following important dates in Term 3 for internal assessment and national examinations:

<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Weighted Assessment (Sec 1, 2 &amp; 3):</b> From 1 August to 18 August 2022  <b>GCE O Level MTL/MTLB Listening Comprehension:</b> 5 July 2022  <b>GCE N Level Preliminary Exams:</b> From 11 August to 19 August 2022  <b>GCE O Level Preliminary Exams:</b> From 19 August to 31 August 2022
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## 2.4 Providing a Conducive Learning Environment

Students spend a significant amount of their time in school. We are committed to provide a conducive learning environment for all our students at all times. With the upcoming national examinations, the library and school canteen will also be open on Tuesdays and Fridays till 5.30 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Mdm Janice Soh Lay Kwa	Administrative Executive
Ms Melissa Lim	Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Counsellor

#### **3.2 Welcome**

We warmly welcome the following as permanent staff in the school:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Mdm Ong Jeok Mui Jenny	Teacher (Mathematics / EBS)
Ms Lim Siow Fen	PE Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Ms Noorhuda Bte Md Said	Malay Language (ML) Teacher (Flexi Adjunct)
Ms Toh Su Qi	Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Counsellor

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

#### **4.1 Key Events**

The following are key events in Term 3 for your noting please:

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Joy of Yuhua (Annual Prize Giving Day)	1 Jul 2022
2	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	21 Jul 2022
3	National Day Commemoration	8 Aug 2022
4	Teachers' Day Celebrations	1 Sep 2022

The above is only possible as we journey together as one Yuhua community. Let's continue to do our utmost for the rest of 2022, as we embody the spirit of Dare to CARE<sup>3</sup>!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kevin Pang

Principal

Yuhua Secondary School

## **Annex A – Student / School / Staff Achievements**

In line with our PERMA philosophy, starting this term, we will also be 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 (<https://yuhuasec.moe.edu.sg/our-achievements>).

<b>Student</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Class</b>
Liew Yu Heng	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - Mobile Robot Challenge 1st Prize	401
Mohamed Nor Sharizam Bin Muhamad Sharikin		
Muhammad Nur Sufyan Bin Nordin		
Mak Jun Rong, Deon	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - AI Car Challenge Finalist (Top 10)	102
Fabian Lim Kai Feng		
Jordan Lo Zheng Jie		
Janice Lee Siew Hui	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - AI Car Challenge	201
Chan Jia Le Kayden		
Teo Zhi Rong		
Kimberlie Lee Rui Yu	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - Logistics Challenge	103
Yuvvika Therumaraj		
Jayden Teo Xu Kai		
Chan Guan Yang	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - Logistics Challenge	103
Cedric Li Yao Zhong		
Lum Chee Hou Rian		
Aqil Bin Aman	IgnITE Skills Challenge 2022 - ChromatoDigiArt Challenge	203
Toh Gixian		
Muhammad Nur Hassan		
Mohamad Irfan Syahmi Bin Mohamad Rozi	SCDF-NCDCC Pinnacle Award	406
Izzati Zarifah Binte Ros'Asni	NCDCC Unit Best Cadet Award	405
Anisa Binte Mohammad Ashrafal	SPF-NPCC Pinnacle Award	407
Lim Chao Jie	SPF-NPCC Pinnacle Award	401
On Wee Chuan	Boys' Brigade Best Boy Award	404
Goh Kai Kiat David	Top 4 in semi finals for NSG Canoeing	306

<b>CCA</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Volleyball (B Division Boys)	5th in West Zone Competition (NSG)
Volleyball (B Division Girls)	Top 8 in West Zone Competition (NSG)
Floorball (B Division Boys)	3rd in Group Rounds (NSG)
Football (B Division Boys)	3rd in Group Rounds (NSG)

NCC	BUC - Certificate of Distinction
NCDCC	Unit Overall Performance Award (Gold)
NPCC	Unit Overall Performance Award (Gold)
Boys Brigade	JM Frasier Award (Silver)

<b>Category</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
School Award	Green Schools @ Southwest 3 Stars Award
Staff Award	Tamil Chudar Awards 2022