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# Parents' Connect

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## 1. A LOOK BACK – SEMESTER 1, 2019

We have almost completed the first semester of 2019 and it is appropriate for us to look back and appreciate what we have accomplished in the first semester. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who had participated and celebrated with us in many of our school events such as the Ethnic Celebrations in February, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country in March and 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Track and Field Meet in April. We are also fortunate to do our part in promoting inclusivity by having students from Grace Orchard School participating in our Annual Track and Field Meet. Your unwavering support and presence had certainly added to the colour and vibrancy of these events, making them memorable for our staff and students.

## 2. 2019 SEC 1 TERM TEST 2 AND SEC 2 TO 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

Sec 1 Term Test 2 and Sec 2 to 5 Mid-Year Examinations are scheduled from **6 May to 16 May 2019**. Students have been informed of the schedule. The detail of the schedule can also be found in school website. We seek your partnership to ensure that your child gets sufficient rest the night before each paper and to emphasise the importance of punctuality and integrity even as he/she strives to give of his/her best during this period of assessment.

**17 May (Fri)** is Marking Day and students are not required to report to school on that day. Lessons will resume on **21 May (Tue)** till the end of the term on 31 May.

## 3. SEC 1 SWIMSAFER PROGRAMME

As swimming is a critical life skill for water safety, the school will be arranging a swimming programme for all Sec 1 students as part of the school's Learning for Life Programme (LLP) and Sports Education Programme (SEP). This will provide the foundational skills for the students to participate in dragon boat activities and acquire dragon boating skills as they progress through the LLP. A swimming assessment will be conducted to place them in the appropriate swimming groups for the SwimSafer Programme held in Terms 2 and 3, 2019. Students who have been certified are not required to attend the swimming assessment. However, these students will be placed in the next higher level of the Swimsafer Programme for certification. Students who have not been certified or have lost their certificates are required to attend the Swimsafer assessment. The details of the Swimsafer assessment are as follows:

Date: 6 May (Mon)  
Time: 3.00 to 5.00 pm  
Venue: Bukit Batok Swimming Complex

#### 4. TERM 2 WEEK 10 (27 TO 31 MAY) - CUSTOMISED INSTRUCTIONAL AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

In Term 2 Week 10, we have programmes that cater to the holistic development of our students. A summary of the programmes is given in the following table:

Level	Programme	Objective	Details
Sec 1	Conversational Chinese & Malay Programme (CCM)	A 20-hour programme conducted by experienced facilitators to equip students with basic CL/ML skills and help them appreciate cultures of a difference race so that they can operate in the region comfortably in future.	Date: 27 May Venue: Sec 1 Classrooms Time: 2.30 – 5.30pm (Refer to lesson schedule given to students)
Sec 1NT	Learning Journey to KidZania	A unique learning platform for students to embark on an educational adventure where they can pick up valuable life skills through various role-play activities as classroom curriculum comes to life.	Date: 28 May Venue: KidZania Time: 8am – 2pm (Refer to schedule given to students)
Sec 2	Arts Education Programme (AEP)	A 3-session workshop where students will learn basic drumming skills and how to make use of percussion instruments as well as everyday objects to create rhythm in music. They will also be exposed to the different drumming techniques of the different ethnic drums.	Date: 27 to 29 May Venue: ISH, AVT and Special Rooms Time: 2.30 – 5.30pm (Refer to lesson schedule given to students)
Sec 2	Learning for Life Programme (LLP) – Dragon Boat Orientation	The Dragon Boat Orientation Course is part of our LLP to introduce students to the basic knowledge and skills of dragon boating. Students will also develop social and emotional competencies such as self and social awareness and interpersonal skills to enhance their communication and collaboration with their peers.	Date: 29 May Class: 2E2, 2E3, 2E4 & 2N2
			Date: 30 May Class: 2E1, 2N1 & 2T1
			Venue: Singapore Sports Hub Water Sports Centre Time: 2.30 – 5.30pm Attire: PE Attire (Students are to report at 2.20pm at the Foyer. They will be dismissed from school at 6pm.)
Sec 2	Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Fair	Strengthen informed decision making for students' Secondary 3 subject combinations choices and raising students' awareness of post-secondary education at Polytechnic, Junior College and Institute of Technical Education (ITE). The activities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk on post-secondary education at Polytechnic, Junior College and ITE by ECG team</li> <li>Identify courses of interest at</li> </ul>	Date: 29 May Venue: Hall and AVT Time: Morning

		Polytechnic or ITE and the relevant subjects needed by making reference to their findings from 'Careers Interests Assessment'.	
Sec 2NT	Learning Journey to Lifelong Learning Institute	A campus tour and exploration around Lifelong Learning Exploration Centre (LLEC) and a hands-on ECG-related workshop on the use of Microbit for gaming application.	Date: 29 May Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute Time: 8am – 12pm
Sec 4N/T	Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Fair	Strengthen students' self-awareness, self-management and responsible decision-making to achieve their goals in life through making informed education and career choices. The activities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivation talk by SH/SM cum AYH</li> <li>• Sharing of experiences and good practices by alumni</li> <li>• ECG counselling/Circle Time, facilitated by form teachers</li> <li>• Concurrent session of talks by ITE lecturers from the different field, based on students' interest</li> <li>• Concurrent session of talks by professionals from the different industries</li> </ul>	Date: 27 to 28 May Venue: Hall, AVT and Selected Classrooms Time: 8am – 2pm
Sec 4E Sec 5N	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Intensive Programme	Prepare graduating students for the 2019 GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language Examination on <b>3 June</b> . Selected students who need extra help may be asked to stay back for small group consultation sessions in the afternoon.  The timetable provided by Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board (SEAB) will be issued to your child together with the entry proofs after the Mid-year Examinations.	Date: 27 to 31 May Venue: 4E/5N Classrooms Time: 8am – 2pm

## 5. MEET-THE-PARENTS (MTP) SESSION

The schedule for Meet-the-Parents (MTP) sessions to be held at the end of Semester 1 is as follows:

Level	Date	Time	Student Segment
Sec 1	31 May (Fri)	8.00 am - 4.00 pm	All Sec 1 students
Sec 2, 3, 4 & 5	31 May (Fri)	11.00 am - 4.30 pm	Selected students

We seek your support and cooperation to set aside time on the given dates to meet up with our teachers. The MTP sessions will provide you with the opportunity to learn of your child's progress in Semester 1 and areas for development that should be addressed during the June holidays so that your child would be better prepared for Semester 2.

We would also like to inform Sec 1 parents that due to the short period that Sec 1 students have attended school since the start of 2019, we will not be including their Conduct Grade for their mid-year report. Sec 1 students will receive their conduct grade at the end-of-year report instead. Your child's conduct grade will be based on the five competencies of Social Emotional Learning, Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Management and Responsible Decision Making.

Additionally, we would like to stress that CCA is an important aspect in developing students' character and well-being. It is important for all students to attend their CCA regularly. Students' attendance in their CCA will be one of the factors in determining their conduct grade. Thus, we seek your cooperation to engage your child should he/she be struggling in her CCA attendance.

In the event that you are unable to attend the MTP, the Form Teachers will contact you to make arrangements to meet you in the first week of the June vacation.

## 6. STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

### a. SEC 2 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP @ YUHUA (10 – 11 JUN 2019)

The Yuhua Leadership Training Camp (LTC) is co-organised by Yuhua Community Club and Jurong Pioneer Junior College. The LTC is a 2 day stay-out camp conducted from 10 June 2019 to 11 June 2019. The students can look forward to experiential activities that are infused with learning points on leadership competencies. Selected Secondary 2 student councillors will be taking part in the LTC.

### b. SEC 3 INSPIRING LEADERS PROGRAMME (22 MAY 2019)

The Inspiring Leaders Programme is an in-house programme specially designed to develop our Inspiring Leaders of Yuan Ching. The Inspiring Leaders consists of the CCA Leaders, Student Council Executive Committee, as well as the Secondary Three Student Councillors. The Inspiring Leaders had attended the Inspiring Leaders Training Camp during the March vacation. This follow-up session on 22 May 2019 is the first of four follow-up sessions to provide developmental feedback for the Inspiring Leaders.

## 7. JUNE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

### a. SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS

The supplementary lessons will be conducted for **selected groups or classes** from Sec 1 to 5 on the **last week (24 Jun to 28 Jun) of the June Holidays**. More details on the selected groups/classes, subjects for the lessons and the venues will be issued to students in Term 2 Week 10. We seek your co-operation to ensure that your child attends these lessons when required to do so.

### b. ADVANCED ELECTIVE MODULES (AEMs)

Objectives:

AEMs serve to broaden the learning experiences of Sec 3Exp/NA students and to provide for their varied learning needs through applied learning with the focus as follows:

- Extend and build on the learning objectives of existing subjects through applied learning
- Introduce students to a course of study in post-secondary education institutes
- Expose students to possible career paths

1	<b>Details for AEM on ‘Aerospace Fundamentals with Flight Simulation’:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3, 4, 6 &amp; 7 June (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)</li><li>• Conducted by Singapore Poly, School of Engineering</li><li>• Selected Sec 3E/NA students</li></ul>
2	<b>Details for AEM on ‘Fundamentals of Robot Programming’:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3, 4,6 &amp; 7 June (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)</li><li>• Conducted by Singapore Poly, School of Information Technology</li><li>• Selected Sec 3E/NA students</li></ul>
3	<b>Details for AEM on ‘Steal the Show: The Killer Presentation’:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3, 4, 6 &amp; 7 June (Mon-Thu)</li><li>• Conducted by Republic Poly, School of Management &amp; Communication</li><li>• Selected Sec 3E/NA students</li></ul>

### c. EARLY ADMISSION EXERCISE (EAE) – POLYTECHNIC & ITE

EAE is an admissions exercise that allows graduating students to apply for admission to Polytechnics (Polys) and Institutes of Technical Education (ITE) based on their interests and aptitudes, and secure a place in a course prior to their GCE ‘O’ or ‘N’ Level Examinations.

It allows Polys and ITE greater flexibility to select students based on a broader measure of aptitude beyond just academic grades. This allows for a wider range of talents to be recognised, thereby encouraging lifelong learning and mastery.

**Eligibility for application by students of different courses is as follows:**

- Poly EAE – Sec 4E/5NA
- ITE EAE, Nitec courses – Sec 4NA/NT & 4E/5NA
- ITE EAE, Higher Nitec courses – Sec 4E/5NA

**Timeline of ITE EAE 2019:**

Date	Process
21 May (Tue) to 27 May (Mon)	<p><b><u>Application Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can apply through the online portal: <a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/">https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/</a></li> <li>• Up to 3 ranked choices</li> <li>• 4NA/NT – Eligible to apply only for Nitec courses</li> <li>• 4E/5NA – Eligible to apply for both Nitec and Higher Nitec courses</li> </ul>
24 Jun (Mon, Jun holiday) to 26 Jul (Fri)	<p><b><u>Selection Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITE calls up students for interviews and/or aptitude tests</li> </ul>
26 Aug (Mon) to 30 Aug (Fri)	<p><b><u>Offer &amp; Acceptance Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can view and accept offers online</li> </ul>
2 Sep (Mon) to 6 Sep (Fri)	<p><b><u>Withdrawal Phase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students need to proceed to any of the ITE Customer &amp; Visitor Centres to withdraw from their accepted conditional offers</li> <li>• Students who withdraw can participate in JIE or JAE</li> </ul>

The timelines for Poly EAE 2019 have yet to be confirmed. For latest updates, please refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/eae/overview>

**8. ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the following Yuan Ching School alumni have distinguished themselves with outstanding academic results:

Names	Academic Award(s)	Name of Institution
Ang Wen Yang	2018 GCE 'A' Level Examinations	Jurong Junior College
Ho Guo Liang Ken	2018 GCE 'A' Level Examinations	Jurong Junior College
Chan Ying Shan	2018 GCE 'A' Level Examinations	Pioneer Junior College
Nur Fidiana Bte Samad	Diploma in Hotel and Hospitality Management with Merit	Republic Polytechnic

We would like to congratulate them on their fine achievements - Efforts Today, Rewards Tomorrow!

**9. UPDATE ON SALES OF SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We would like to inform that you will be able to purchase your child's school uniform, PE T-shirt, PE Shorts & School Socks at the school bookshop with effect from 6 May 2019.

## **10. EAT WITH YOUR FAMILY DAY (31 MAY 2019)**

In support of the nationwide 'Eat With Your Family Day' initiative, the school will close at 5.00 pm on 31 May (Fri) to allow staff time to make their way home for dinner with their families. We seek your support for this initiative and to make a special effort to do likewise with your families.

## **11. HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND HAPPY JUNE HOLIDAY**

In the upcoming June vacation, we hope that you will be able to spend some quality time with your child in meaningful activities. We request that you support and encourage your child to make use of the school holidays to close any learning gaps surfaced in Semester 1 and to continue to strive for excellence in all their undertakings.

If you have plans to bring your child overseas during the June vacations, we seek your co-operation in declaring the travel plans. You may submit your travel declaration by accessing the school website for the online form. Alternatively, you may obtain a hard copy of the Travel Declaration form from the General Office. These declarations must be submitted before the start of the school holidays or before your child travels overseas.

In preparation for the reopening of the school on **1 July (Mon)**, the first day of Semester 2, we seek your support and cooperation to ensure that your child's attire and grooming is in compliance with the school rules, as spelt out in the Student Handbook. Students' readiness for the new semester will go a long way in ensuring a positive school experience for your child.

NG SOOK KIT (MS)  
PRINCIPAL  
6 May 2019