



# Parents' Connect

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## 1. Principal's Address

Thank you parents for your partnership in Semester 1! I hope all of you took the opportunity of the June school holidays to spend meaningful time with your loved ones and friends. I am sure our students are well-rested and rejuvenated to start Semester 2 with renewed vibrancy and enthusiasm. During the June vacation, we saw the successful completion of some key school events such as the 2017 GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language Examination, Sec 3E/NA Advanced Elective Modules and Student Leadership camps for selected students. These would not have been possible without your enthusiastic support and the dedicated efforts of our staff, but more importantly, the active participation of your child. We hope that all the students who had participated in these events had forged strong friendships with their schoolmates, built quality relationships with their teachers and learnt from the meaningful experiences in school.

Your child has just completed the first week of the new semester - where they had the opportunity to reconnect with their Form and Subject Teachers. In Yuan Ching, we believe in communicating clear expectations to our students to maintain a positive class and school tone and learning environment. We encourage them to adopt a growth mindset reflecting on how they have performed in Semester 1 and the areas that they would like to do better in the second half of this year.

On safety, we conducted our message relay and temperature-taking exercises last Thursday and Friday respectively to ensure that everyone is contactable should there be a need for the dissemination of safety-related messages and instructions for overall school safety. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our school's safety vision: **'A Safe School For All - We are committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all.'** We seek your cooperation to also remind your child on the importance of personal safety – which includes safety in the use of the internet and online social media. We would also like to inform you that our school's stand is for mobile phones to be switched off and kept out of sight once the morning assembly begins. They may utilise the phone when they are in the school canteen after the curriculum hours (which includes CCA and remedial classes). You may contact the General Office at tel: 62612489 should you need to reach your child urgently.



In this issue of Parents' Connect, we are sharing with you some of the key school events or activities in Semester 2. We hope that you will continue to encourage your child to participate actively as these school events and activities have been planned to support your child's holistic development. Your support for your child would definitely add to the vibrancy of the school and make these events memorable for him or her.

*"Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly."* ~ Author unknown

## 2. Examinations and Term Tests

### a) 2017 GCE 'O' & 'N' Level Examinations

Semester 2 is a critical period for our graduating classes as the GCE Examinations are fast approaching. You can access the GCE 'O' & 'N(A)/N(T)' Level Examination Timetables from the Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board (SEAB) website using the following link or by scanning the QR code accordingly:

<p><b>GCE 'O' Examination Timetable</b>  <a href="http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimetable/2017GCEOExamTimetable.pdf">http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimetable/2017GCEOExamTimetable.pdf</a>            (updated as at 7 March 2017)</p>	
<p><b>GCE 'N(A)/N(T)' Examination Timetable</b>  <a href="http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimetable/2017GCEN(A)N(T)ExamTimetables.pdf">http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimetable/2017GCEN(A)N(T)ExamTimetables.pdf</a>            (updated as at 15 February 2017)</p>	

Please note that the GCE Oral Examination for Chinese B is on 4 Jul (Tue) and you can refer to the GCE Examination Timetables from SEAB for the detailed schedule and timing of the papers.

<b>GCE Oral Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
GCE O Level MT-B Oral Exam	4 Jul 2017
GCE O Level MTL Oral Exam	5 Jul 2017 – 17 Jul 2017
GCE N Level EL Oral Exam	6 Jul 2017 – 13 Jul 2017
GCE O Level HMTL Oral Exam	24 Jul 2017- 28 Jul 2017
GCE N Level MTL Oral Exam	1 Aug 2017- 4 Aug 2017

### b) School GCE Preliminary Examination

The school's GCE Preliminary Examination will start with the following:-

<b>Preliminary Examination for GCE 'N' Level</b>	<b>Preliminary Examination for GCE 'O' Level</b>
<p><u>3 Aug (Thu)</u>            Preliminary Examination for the GCE 'N' Level Mother Tongue and Basic Mother Tongue Languages</p>	<p><u>24 Aug (Thu)</u>            Preliminary Examination for the GCE 'O' Level Examination Mother Tongue and Basic Mother Tongue Languages</p>
<p><u>4 Aug (Fri)</u>            Preliminary Examination for the GCE 'N' Level English Language</p>	<p><u>25 Aug (Fri)</u>            Preliminary Examination for the GCE 'O' Level Examination Mother Tongue and Basic Mother Tongue Languages</p>

Closer to the dates of the GCE Preliminary Examination, your child will be given the school's GCE Preliminary Examination timetable. We would like you to take note of the detailed schedule and timing of the papers and support your child in his/her preparation.

### c) Term Test for Sec 1 to 3 Students

Starting 11 Aug (Fri), Sec 1 to 3 students will be having Term Test II. Your keen interest in your child's preparation for the test will motivate him/her to do well. We hope that you will monitor his/her preparation for the test.

### **3. NRIC Registration Exercise**

The NRIC registration exercise will be conducted in our school on 5 Jul 2017 (Wed) at 9 am, for Singapore citizens and permanent residents. ICA will be sending notification letters to the students at least 2 weeks before the appointment date. As there might be instances whereby some students do not receive the notification letters due to various reasons such as not updating their address with MOE, we seek your assistance to have your child notify our Administration Executive, Ms Wong Miao Ling, at the General Office if he or she is eligible and did not receive the notification.

To ensure a smooth progress of the exercise, students are required to get ready their MOE student card cum ezlink card with top up value of minimum \$10 for a Singapore Citizen and \$50 for a Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR), for identification and payment via ezlink, one recent passport-sized color photograph and the notification letter. In the absence of their MOE student card for verification, your child will need a verification letter from us. The school has scheduled the classes for the NRIC registration which is to be completed within 2 hours.

### **4. Sports Education Programme (SEP) for Secondary 1 & 2 Students**

The school's SEP will be conducted on every Wednesday of Term 3, starting on 28 June. Your child can participate in a variety of sports learning programmes such as SwimSafer, Lifesaving 1, Tchoukball, Inline Skating, Fencing, Archery, Aikido and Handball. On 4 and 5 September, Monday and Tuesday of the September school vacation, the 1-Star Kayaking Programme will also be conducted. More details will be given to the students who will be participating in the SEP.

### **5. Health Promotion Board ReFRESH Programme 2017 for Secondary 1 & 2 Students**

The school will be partnering Health Promotion Board in the conduct of ReFRESH programme to support Secondary 1 and 2 students in their weight management endeavour. ReFRESH is a weight management programme initiated by Health Promotion Board for overweight and severely overweight students, conducted by certified fitness instructors. The programme aims to inspire and motivate youths to make lifestyle modifications to achieve healthier weight status through fun and engaging activities. The programme will be conducted on 7 July, 18 July, 4 August and 24 August, from 3 pm to 4 pm. More details will be given to the identified students who will be participating in the programme.

### **6. Student Leadership Programme - Singapore Polytechnic Youth Leadership Summit**

The annual Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) organised by Singapore Polytechnic will be held on 8 July 2017 (Sat). Through this event, students will have an opportunity to gain insights into leadership skills and learn how to bring about positive changes to the community around them. The YLS will consist of keynote speaker Mr Tong Yee, Co-founder & Director of The Thought Collective, as well as a breakout session. Selected Secondary Three student leaders will be attending the event.

### **7. ICT Enrichment Programme**

Selected Sec 1 Express and Normal (Academic) students will be attending an ICT enrichment programme starting in July. The programme aims to empower them with essential ICT competencies for the 21st Century. Based on the results of the ICT baseline competency test conducted in January 2017, students who have yet to meet the minimum baseline ICT standards prescribed by MOE will be required to attend. Details on the programme will be given to these selected students at a later date.

## **8. Sec 4&5 Adoption Programme**

Starting week 5 of Term 3, selected students from Sec 4 & 5 who are underperforming in SA1 will be identified for adoption by a subject teacher in which they would meet up weekly for discussion and review of the students' progress in his/her revision plan and bridging learning concerns. This is an additional support, apart from weekly remedial programme, that aims to help our identified students plan and make progression towards their learning goals.

## **9. Sec 4 Normal Motivational Workshop**

All Sec 4NA/NT students will be required to attend a motivational workshop on 19 July 2017 (Wed). This workshop is to provide the students with study skills and to motivate them to excel for the upcoming National Exams.

## **10. Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day on 21 July (Fri)**

Schools commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 21 July and the theme for RHD 2017 is *The Singapore Way*. On this day in 1964, Singapore saw racial riots. Racial Harmony Day serves to remind our students that social division costs us dearly and that race and religion are potential fault-lines in Singapore's multi-racial and multi-religious society. It is a day for schools to reflect on, and celebrate our success as a harmonious nation and society built on a rich diversity of cultures and heritages.

At the secondary level, RHD commemoration aims to help student understand the customs and traditions of the different races and religions. They should learn to respect these customs and traditions and the need for the different races and religions to coexist peacefully. Students should also learn about the serious consequences of a breakdown in racial and religious harmony. These lessons can be drawn from our own history as well as recent incidents in the world. The message is that racial and religious harmony cannot be taken for granted and together, we play a part in sustaining it.

## **11. Edusave Character Award (ECHA) 2017**

MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) since 2012 to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. These students can be role models to inspire others. They may be nominated by their teachers or any staff members, peers, parents, instructors, coaches, members of school alumni and/or any other key stakeholders who interact with them.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the school's General Office or can be downloaded from the school website, from 19 July till 11 August 2017. Completed forms can either be dropped into a sealed nomination box in the school's General Office or emailed to [ycss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:ycss@moe.edu.sg). The closing date for submission is on 11 August 2017.

We thank you for your support and look forward to receiving the entries soon. If there are any queries, please contact Mr Leung Yulun, Head of Department/Character & Citizenship Education, at 6261 2489 (ext 115).

## **12. Experience ITE Programme (EIP)**

EIP is specially designed for secondary school students to introduce the benefits of an ITE education to them, through the authentic learning environment in ITE. The students will have a chance to try out a range of fun, hands-on projects which will challenge their creativity. Through participating in this EIP, the students will better understand the Hands-on, Minds-on, Hearts-on education at ITE.

All Sec 2T students will participate in this programme. The duration of the EIP for the Sec 2NT will be 2 days as it is currently a formal part of the Sec 2NT curriculum.

### **Details:**

- 3 Aug (Thu, T3 W6) at ITE College Central (Ang Mo Kio), 9am to 4.30pm
- 28 Aug (Mon, T3 W10) at ITE College West (Choa Chu Kang), 9am to 4.30pm

More details will be given to the students closer to the day of the programme.

## **13. 52nd National Day Commemoration in conjunction with School 39<sup>th</sup> Speech & Prize Presentation Day 2017**

This year's National Day Celebration marks the 52nd Anniversary of our country's independence. The theme this year is '#OneNationTogether'. In conjunction with the National Day Commemoration, the school will be holding our school's 39<sup>th</sup> Speech and Prize Presentation Day. The event will be held on 8 Aug (Tue), from 7.30 to 11.30 am and students will be dismissed at 11.30 am on that day. More details of the celebration will be given to the students closer to the event. Please be informed that 10 Aug (Thu) will be a school holiday after National Day.

## **14. Teachers' Day Celebration**

Last but not least, this year's Teachers' Day falls on 31 Aug 2017 (Thu). The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on 30 Aug (Wed). Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on that day. We would like to remind all parents that, in general, civil servants are not allowed to accept gifts offered to them on account of their official position or official work. Hence, while we appreciate the good intent of you and your child, we appeal to you to exercise prudence in showing your appreciation to our teachers. In addition to your child's expression of appreciation, we encourage parents to pen words of affirmation for our teachers and administrative staff, as your support goes a long way to encourage them to lead, care and inspire your child to excellence.

We would also like to wish you a happy September holidays following the Hari Raya Haji holiday on 1 Sep 2017 (Fri).

Chuah-Koh Eng Ngoh (Mrs)  
Principal  
5 July 2017