



HYSS/Communication/03/01/2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Our Greetings to you and your family as we welcome 2022 and we hope that you and your child had a restful break! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Secondary 1 students to Hua Yi, and to update all parents on upcoming events and programmes for Semester 1.

1. Key Dates

The following are some key dates and programmes for this semester. More information about various programmes will be provided at a later date via Parents Gateway or your child's teachers.

Date/From	To	Event
Tue 4 Jan		First Day of School
Wed 5 Jan	Fri 7 Jan	Start It Right! Programme and Secondary 1 Orientation
Mon 17 Jan/Wed 19 Jan		Sec 1 CCA Experience
Fri 14 Jan		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 1 Parents <i>It will be done via Zoom</i>
Fri 21 Jan		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 4/5 Parents <i>It will be done via Zoom</i>
Mon 31 Jan		Chinese New Year Celebration
Tue 1 Feb	Wed 2 Feb	Chinese New Year Public Holidays
Thu 10 Feb	Thu 14 Apr	Sec 1 Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme <i>Every Thursday of the week</i>
Fri 11 Feb		School Leaders' Talk and Outdoor Experience Briefing with Sec 3 Parents <i>It will be done via Zoom</i>
Tue 15 Feb		Total Defence Day
Wed 16 Feb	Fri 18 Feb	Secondary Three Outdoor Experience
Wed 23 Feb		Sec 2NT ITE College West Experience
Fri 25 Feb		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 2 Parents <i>It will be done via Zoom</i>

Thu 10 Mar		House Day
Fri 11 Mar		Sec 4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session
Sat 12 Mar	Sun 20 Mar	March School Holidays
Fri 25 Mar		Montage II 2022
Mon 28 Mar		Sec 1NA Historical Investigation Learning Journey
Mon 28 Mar	Wed 30 Mar	Sec 3NA/NT Applied Learning Module (ApLM)
Mon 4 Apr/ Thu 7 Apr		Sec 2Exp/NA Historical Investigation Learning Journey
Fri 8 Apr		Awards Day International Friendship Day
Tue 12 Apr		Sec 4/5 Interview and Portfolio Workshop
Fri 15 Apr		Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 18 Apr		Sec 1Exp/NA Geographical Investigation Learning Journey
Thu 21 Apr		Secondary Three NRIC Registration
Mon 25 Apr		Sec 1Exp/NA Geographical Investigation Learning Journey
Tue 26 Apr		Sec 4/5 Interview and Portfolio Workshop
Sun 1 May	Mon 2 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 3 May		Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
Thu 5 May	Thu 12 May	Coordinated Weighted Assessment for Sec 4/5
Sun 15 May	Mon 16 May	Vesak Day Public Holidays
Wed 18 May	Fri 20 May	Secondary 1 Outdoor Experience
Mon 23 May	Wed 25 May	Learning Festival
Mon 23 May/Wed 25 May		Secondary 2 Outdoor Experience
Fri 27 May		Sec 1 – 4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session
Sat 28 May	Sun 26 June	Mid-year School Holidays

2. Start It Right! Programme

In the first week of school, from 4 to 7 Jan, the school is organising a Start It Right! Programme (SIR) for all Secondary 1 to 5 students. The objectives of the programme are to:

- set the overall tone and expectations for the school and individual levels;
- prepare students' mindsets to approach the year; and
- kick-start the building of good teacher-student and student-student relationships.

There will be **no** time-tabled lessons during the SIR programme.

The table below shows the overview of the programme and the schedule:

(Sec 1)

Date	Time	Event
Tues 4 Jan	7.30am – 2.20pm	First Day of School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal's Welcome • Form Teacher Time • Discipline Talk • CCA Selection Talk • PDLP Talk • School Safety Talk
Wed 5 Jan	7.30am – 3.00pm	Start-it-Right Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Master and House Discipline Master Talk • Bonsai Programme • Transition Programme
Thurs 6 Jan	7.30am – 4.00pm	Secondary 1 Orientation Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation Tour • Orientation Games and Activities
Fri 7 Jan	7.30am – 2.20pm	Secondary 1 Orientation Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation Games and Activities

3. Independent Learning Day

In line with the Ministry's initiative to provide blended learning opportunities, we will continue to have a fortnightly Independent Learning Day (ILD). ILD will consist of two components: 1) curriculum coverage, which we call JOY (Joy of Learning, Ownership of Learning, Apply Learning); and 2) student-initiated learning by the name of Project Sandbox, where students will explore non-academic activities of their own interest. Through ILD, we will support the development of our students as self-directed and independent learners. Learning during ILD will take place at home and at students' own pace, although some students who opt for school-based Project Sandbox activities will come to school to participate in these. The ILDs have been scheduled on even week Fridays, and the schedule is attached below for your information.

Term 1

	T1W2 14 Jan	T1W4 28 Jan	T1W6 11 Feb	T1W8 25 Feb	T1W10 11 Mar
S1	JOY - Subjects: PE, FCE and Art				

	Planning and Proposal for Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Term 1 Reflection on Project Sandbox
S2	JOY - Subjects: Math and Humanities		
	Planning and Proposal for Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Term 1 Reflection on Project Sandbox
S3	JOY - Subjects: EL, D&T, NFS, Art, Physics/Biology, and EBS		
	Planning and Proposal for Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Term 1 Reflection on Project Sandbox
S4/5	JOY - Subjects: MTL, Chemistry and NT Science		
	Online	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Term 1 Reflection on Project Sandbox

Term 2

	T2W2 1 Apr	T2W6 29 Apr	T2W8 13 May	T2W10 27 May
S1	JOY -Subjects: Science and MTL			
	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Consolidation of Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Presentation	
S2	JOY - Subjects: PE and MTL			
	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Consolidation of Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Presentation	
S3	JOY - Subjects: Math, Chemistry and NT Science			
	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Consolidation of Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Presentation	
S4/ 5	JOY - Subjects: PE and Humanities			
	Project Sandbox Learning Activities	Consolidation of Project Sandbox	Project Sandbox Presentation	

4. Learning Dispositions 2022

The Learning Dispositions is a unique set of qualities for teachers to provide students with holistic feedback about their readiness in learning. The Learning Dispositions are “Show self-directedness”, “Stay open-minded”, “Seek joy in learning” and “Strive for excellence”. Students are encouraged to apply the Learning Dispositions to any context where learning takes place, in academic and non-academic areas such as CCE, PE and CCA. We recognise that it is important to provide such feedback to students so that parents or guardians will be more aware how well their child or ward is learning in school and how to support them further at home. The Learning Dispositions for every student will be included in the progress report. Details can be found in the school’s website (<https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/for-parents>).

5. Annual Health Visit and HPV Vaccination

Asiamedic Wellness Assessment Centre has been engaged by the Health Promotion Board to provide both the school-based health screening (for Secondary 1-3) and HPV vaccination (for Secondary 1 & 2 female students only) programme in our school. This will be conducted from 21 Feb 2022 to 2 Mar 2022.

6. COVID-19 Safe Management Measures

The school has continued to put in place Safe Management Measures (SMM) to safeguard the well-being of our students, staff and the Hua Yi Community. Please refer to Annex A for reminders of some of these SMM. We seek your support in reminding your child to observe these SMM in school.

7. Student Attire

Students should observe the following attire arrangements when reporting to school.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Full uniform (with tie on Mondays during morning assembly period)				
Hua Yi Polo Tee* with uniform bottom				
Approved School Tee with uniform bottom: - PE/House Tee - Cohort Tee - CCA Tee - Student Leaders' Tee - Hua Yi Ren Tee				

*The Hua Yi school polo tee is a formal alternative to the school uniform and can be worn from Tuesdays to Fridays.

8. Assessment Practices and Assessment Schedule 2022

At Hua Yi Secondary School, our school-based assessment is designed to capture the range of learning outcomes we want to see in our students. The school uses a variety of assessment modes as its weighted assessment (e.g. tests, presentations, open-ended responses, individual/ pair/ group work, projects as specified by the respective Academic Departments) to support and enhance learning.

Details on assessment weightage for 2022 can be found in our Student Handbook (pg. 71). The Assessment schedule for Semester One will be made available on our website at <https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/school-info/for-parents> from 31 Jan 2022 onwards.

9. Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme

The Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme is introduced as an enrichment programme for our Secondary 1 students to learn more about the Chinese/Malay language and culture. It also promotes cross-cultural learning and at the same time, aims to encourage students to acquire a third language foundation. This CCM Programme culminates in the Cultural Learning Carnival where students will not only apply but also extend their learning beyond mastering the language in classrooms and experience joy in language learning. At the end of the programme, students should be able to minimally communicate (listen and speak) in everyday situations using the language.

10. PLD updates

In line with MOE policy, all secondary school students will be getting a personal tablet or laptop. In Hua Yi, students use an iPad for their learning. You may refer to <https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/the-hua-yi-experience/a-passionate-learner/personalised-digital-learning-programme-pdip> for more details. Information on procurement of devices for Secondary One students will be provided in due course.

11. Hua Yi Parent Support Group

The Hua Yi Parent Support Group (PSG) extends their warmest welcome to our new Secondary 1 students and parents.

Comprising like-minded parents who believe in playing an active role in the development of their children as well as the school community, the PSG is a strong partner in supporting school programmes and activities for the holistic development of our students. In journeying with their children through secondary school, parents in the PSG also establish a strong network of experiences and resources to support one another in nurturing positive family relationships with their children.

The PSG Welcome Party, which will be held on 15 February to receive the new members of the PSG, will be an excellent opportunity for parents to establish new friendships and start the journey together to support their children and the school community. It will be a face-to-face session unless mass gathering is not permissible, and the session will be conducted via Zoom. If you would like to join the PSG family, you can sign up at <https://form.gov.sg/#!/5fb9a5682bcec70011412c8b>. You can also find more information on the PSG at <https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/partnerships/parent-support-group>.

12. Triple P Seminars

The Hua Kwan Family Services Division is a Parenting Support Provider (PSP) and they will be conducting the Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) for Secondary 1 Parents in January. You may refer to [Annex B](#) for more information on the Triple P and registration.

13. Vehicular Traffic: No Right Turn from Mondays to Fridays, 7:00am to 7:30am

To alleviate vehicle congestion during term time, we seek parents' cooperation to abide by our "No Right Turn" rule from Mondays to Fridays, 7:00am to 7:30am. Please turn left at the gate towards Jurong West St 42 during this time for a smoother exit from the school grounds. This will also allow other vehicles to enter the school quickly.

In addition, for the safety of our staff and students, please follow the traffic guidance given by our staff or security guards.

14. Conclusion

Please do visit our school website (<https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/>) for updated information and details, or contact us if you have any questions. The staff contact list can also be found on our school website (<https://huayisec.moe.edu.sg/quicklinks/staff-contact>). We will frequently use the Parents Gateway mobile application to contact with, and inform parents of any important information, and it would be useful to download the application if you have not done so. You may refer to the list of FAQ (<https://pg.moe.edu.sg/faq>) related to Parents Gateway.

We look forward to your continued partnership in the development of our students.

Yours sincerely



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