



YIO CHU KANG SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents' Handbook for Secondary One (2024)

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Our Vision

A Community of Learners, Leaders and Innovators

Our Mission

Nurturing students of character who thrive through love of learning, and a willingness to grow and lead in meaningful service to self and others

Our Motto

Pursuit of Knowledge, Service to All

Our GROWTH Values

Gratitude, Respect, Optimism, Wholeheartedness, Teamwork, Honesty

Gratitude

Focusing on what you have and expressing appreciation

Respect

Treating others and the environment well, showing care and empathy

Optimism

Seeing the best in all situations and hopeful of a better future

Wholeheartedness

Showing complete sincerity and commitment

Teamwork

Working together, coordinating and cooperating in the interest of a common goal

Honesty

Acting with courage to uphold truth and integrity to do the morally right

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER TO SECONDARY ONE PARENTS

Dear Parents / Guardians

Yio Chu Kang Secondary School welcomes your child/ward to our YCKSS Family! It will be an exciting year for your child/ward and your family as he/she enters a new phase in his/her life.

This Handbook has been prepared to provide you with the necessary information on education in Yio Chu Kang Secondary School. We hope it helps you to take note of the important points to better prepare your child/ward for secondary school education.

All necessary information is provided via this handbook and on Parents Gateway. You **DO NOT** need to come to school in person on 20 December 2023.

You are encouraged to purchase your child's / ward's textbooks and school uniform online or at the designated dates and time slot stated on page 5.

Your child/ward will report to school on **2 January 2024 (Tuesday) by 7:55 a.m.** to the school hall. There will be student leaders and staff to guide your child/ward at the foyer.

Do take note of the following important information:

Mass Appeal Exercise (Medical Reasons)

Students, who wish to appeal for a transfer of school due to any of the following medical reasons, may participate in the Mass Appeal Exercise (MAE):

1. Serious Medical Condition, e.g. chronic heart or kidney conditions. Supporting medical documents are required.
2. Severe Physical Impairments (Assessment reports from a qualified medical professional stating clearly the student's condition and needs are required).

Parents/Guardians will need to email yckss@moe.edu.sg for the application form on 20 December 2023 (Wednesday). The completed application form and supporting documents must be emailed back **by 21 December 2023 (Thursday), 12 noon.**

Alternatively, you may contact the school at 6456 0669 to make an appointment to come to school to apply for the Mass Appeal Exercise on 21 December 2023 (Thursday) morning.

Application without supporting documents or incomplete forms will not be processed. The application results will be released to original posted secondary school on 2 January 2024 (Tuesday).

Successful applicants will not be able to reject the reposted school. They will not be admitted back to the original posted secondary school.

MOE Direct School Admissions

Students who have been successfully allocated to their DSA schools will not be allowed to transfer to another school. They are expected to honour their commitment to the allocated school for the entire duration of the programme.

We look forward to meeting your child/ward on 2 January 2024. Meanwhile, if you have any concerns and queries, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We hope you stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Betty Chow
Principal

SECONDARY ONE CLASS FORM TEACHERS

Below is the list of Secondary 1 Form Teachers and their email addresses. They will be contacting you personally to inform you of the class allocated to your child. The school randomly distributes Sec 1 students across the classes and not by PSLE results. As Yio Chu Kang Secondary School has been implementing Full Subject Based Banding since 2023, all Sec 1 & 2 students will be in mixed form classes.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1A	Mr Michael Cartwright	michael_william_cartwright@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Xu Xiao Hong	xu_xiaohong@moe.edu.sg

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1B	Ms Fong Ya Yi (Mrs Adele Nair)	fong_ya_yi@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Rathidevi Shanmugam	rathidevi_shanmugam@moe.edu.sg

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1C	Ms Amelia Tew Tjin Lian	tew_tjin_lian_amelia@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Foo Ger Maine	foo_ger_maine@moe.edu.sg

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1D	Ms Leong Ngan Nyun Anna	leong_ngan_nyun_anna@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Tan Ting	tan_ting@moe.edu.sg

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1E	Mr Darren Tham Hwi Jin	darren_tham_hwi_jin@moe.edu.sg
	Mdm Ye Yuluan	ye_yuluan@moe.edu.sg

<u>Class</u>	<u>Form Teacher</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1F	Mrs Cindy Ong	ong_joo_huay@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Lim Li Whey	lim_li_whey@moe.edu.sg

PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS & SCHOOL UNIFORMS

To facilitate a smooth experience for our students, the school has put in place allocated dates and timeslots for the purchase of textbooks and school uniforms.

The appointed vendor for textbooks and school uniforms is Asencio Pte Ltd. Please refer to the details below for walk-in purchase.

Dates:	21 & 22 December 2023 (Thursday & Friday) 26 to 29 December 2023 (Tuesday to Friday) 2 to 5 January 2024 (Tuesday to Friday)
Time:	9 am to 3pm
Location:	Canteen (Level 1)

Parents who wish to make online purchase may do so **from 21 to 23 December 2023**, via www.asenciobookshop.sg Please note that you are required to create an account before proceeding with the online purchase. Orders placed online may be collected from the school bookshop based on the self-collection date indicated during your order. Alternatively, home delivery is available at applicable fees:

Textbooks - \$10 excluding GST

Uniforms - \$6 excluding GST

Note:

- Uniforms consist of formal school uniform, PE attire and Level T-shirt (Red colour).
- School shoes and socks must be white in colour.

1. Recommended number of uniform sets to purchase

- At least 1 set of formal school uniform (to be worn on Assembly Day every Tuesday).
- At least 2 sets of PE attire.
- Sec 1 “Discovery” Level T-shirt (Red colour). This is a complimentary Level T-shirt sponsored by YCKSS School Advisory Committee. It is worn on some school events and on alternate Fridays.



School Uniform

Sec 1 Level T-Shirt

Sec 2 Level T-Shirt

PE T-Shirt

Sec 3 Level T-Shirt

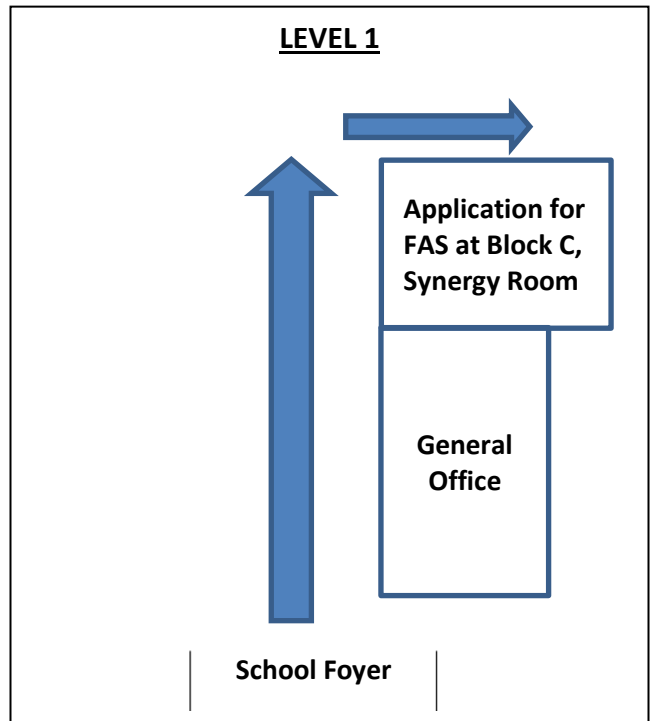
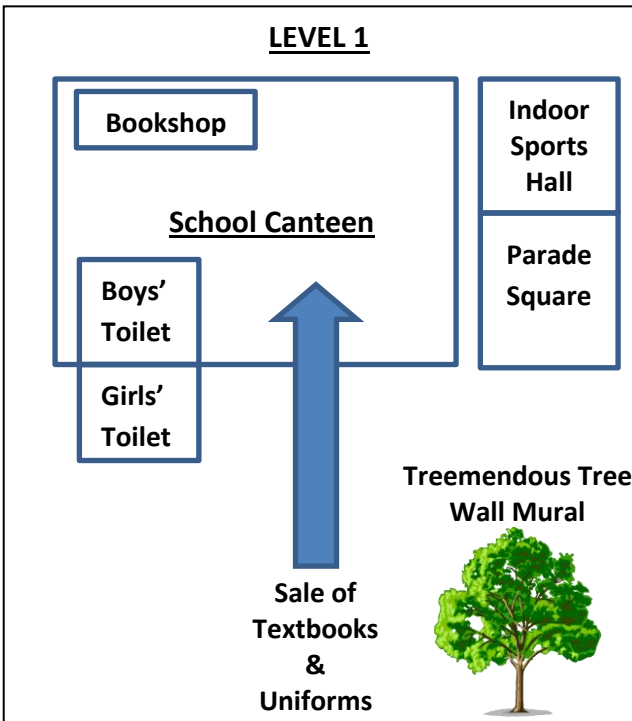
Sec 4/5 Level T-Shirt

2. Students on Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

Eligible Singapore Citizen students are required to present an FAS approval letter issued by YCKSS when collecting the textbooks and school uniforms. Parents may apply for FAS **by 21 December 2023 (Thursday) 2pm**. Please refer to subsequent page on “FINANCIAL MATTERS” section for more details on the FAS application procedures.

3. Location maps for Purchase of Textbooks, Uniforms and FAS Applications

Sale of Textbooks & Uniforms	New FAS applications & collection of FAS Approval Letters
Canteen (Level 1)	Synergy Room (Level 1)



4. Contact Information of Textbook and Uniform Vendor

Asencio Pte Ltd

120 Hillview Avenue, S 669594

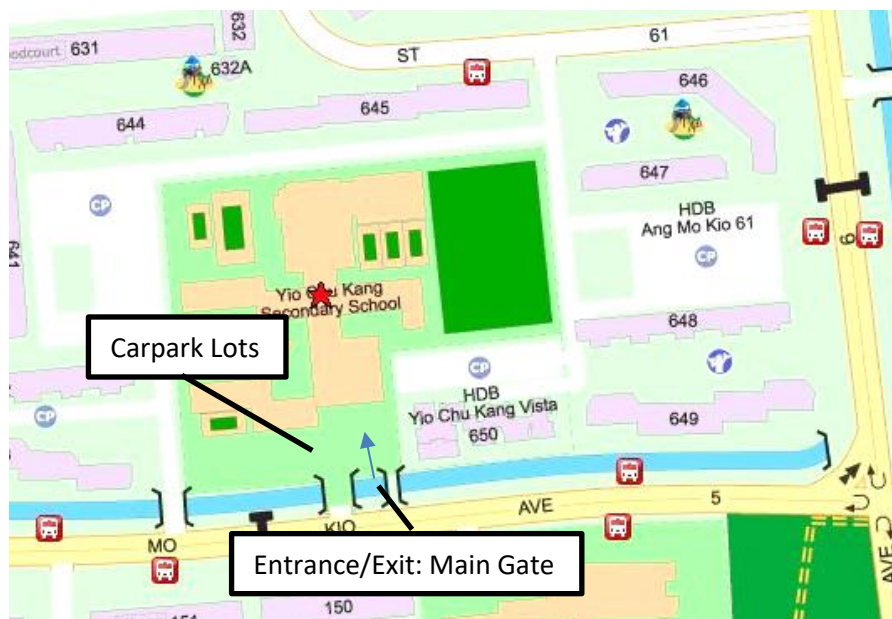
Tel: (65) 6764 3102

Website: www.asencio.com.sg

Sizing information of YCKSS Uniforms <https://www.yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/our-family/Students/School-Uniform>

5. Parking Facilities

Parents who are driving may park your vehicles at the available parking lots in our school compound. We seek your understanding that parking is limited as there are lots reserved for season parking holders. If the school carpark is full, you may wish to park at the nearby carparks of the surrounding HDB blocks.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. School Fees

Monthly School Fees	Singapore Citizens	Permanent Residents	International Students (ASEAN)	International Students (non-ASEAN)
1. School Fees	\$5	\$560	\$970	\$1,910
2. Single-Tier Miscellaneous Fees	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Total Amount Payable	\$25	\$580	\$990	\$1,930

2. Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) for eligible Singapore Citizen students

For approved (existing) FAS students:

Students with approved FAS applications from their Primary Schools may proceed to the Synergy Room (Level 1) on **21 December 2023 (Thursday)**. Please bring along the approval letter from the Primary School.

We will issue our school's approval letter confirming your FAS status for 2024. **Thereafter, please bring this letter to the textbook and uniform vendor to collect the items.** The vendor will be retaining the original letter for record and billing purposes.

For new FAS applicants:

The application form is available here.



2024 MOE FAS
Application Form.pc

Parents may download the form, print and submit via email to yckss@moe.edu.sg along with all necessary supporting documents. Alternatively, a hard copy can be collected from the General Office. Please submit the original application form and all supporting documents to the school **by 21 December 2023 (Thursday) 2pm.**

If you have any queries, please contact the school at 6456 0669.

3. School Smart Cards for Concessionary Travel

All students entering Secondary One will be issued with a new Secondary School Smart Card (SSC) for concessionary travel. While students are waiting for their Secondary level SSCs to be ready, they may continue to use their Primary level SSCs for concessionary travel till end April 2024.

Students can still purchase the Bus Concession Pass (BCP) using their Primary level SSCs but they are required to purchase the BCP for Secondary School students.



Ministry of Education
SINGAPORE

MOE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FAS) 2024

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to Singaporean students from our Government and Government-Aided Schools who need financial assistance for their studies.

INCOME CRITERION

Gross Monthly Household Income =

\$3,000
OR BELOW

OR

Per Capita Income =

\$750
OR BELOW

Calculate Per Capita Income =
 $\frac{\text{Total Gross Monthly Household Income}}{\text{No. of Household Members}}$

BENEFITS

Item	Academic Level		
	Primary	Secondary	Pre-U
School Fees	Not applicable	Full subsidy of \$5 per month	Full subsidy of \$6 per month
Miscellaneous Fees	Full subsidy of \$13 per month	Full subsidy of \$20 per month	Full subsidy of \$27 per month
Textbooks	Free textbooks		Not applicable
School Attire	Free school attire		Not applicable
Transport Subsidy*	65% of monthly school bus fares for students taking school bus; or \$17 transport subsidy per month from month of approval, up to \$204 per annum for students taking public transport	\$17 transport subsidy per month from month of approval, up to \$204 per annum for students taking public transport	
School Meal Subsidy^	Subsidy for 7 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum	Subsidy for 10 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum	Not Applicable
Bursary	Not applicable		\$1,200 per annum

*If the FAS application approval is not from January, the transport subsidy will be pro-rated accordingly from the month after your application is approved to December of the same year.

^Subsidies for school meals purchased and consumed in school.

HOW TO APPLY?

Application forms are available from the school and MOE website. The school will notify you of the outcome of your application.

ADDITIONAL HELP REQUIRED?

If you need additional help, you can approach your child's school for further financial assistance.

If you need help to get a digital device and/or broadband internet access, you can apply for IMDA's DigitalAccess@Home scheme#. For details, please visit www.digitalaccess.gov.sg

For enquiries, please contact IMDA hotline 6377 3800 or e-mail: digitalaccess@imda.gov.sg

Subject to eligibility and availability.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parents with children in different schools

You need to submit only one application form for all your school-going children to one of their schools. The school which receives the application form will inform you of the outcome for all the children.

Primary 6 students going to Secondary 1 in 2024

Primary 6 students can apply for MOE FAS at their primary school for Secondary 1 next year.

For more information, visit www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance/

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SCHOOL HOURS & GETTING TO SCHOOL

1. School Hours

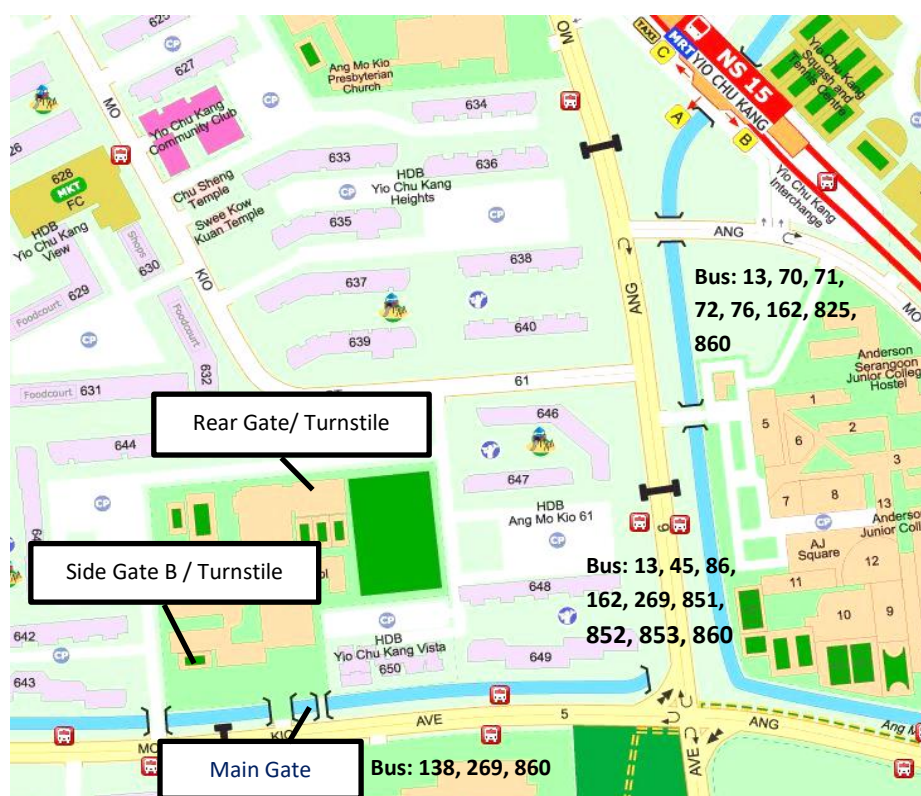
- Monday to Thursday: 7:55 am to 2:45 pm and Friday: 7:55 am to 12:30 pm
- Students are strongly encouraged to report to school before 7:55 am
- Each lesson period is 35 minutes (except for periods 10 & 11 which are 30 minutes each)
- A 10-minute Snack break within class is scheduled during periods 4 or 5
- A 35-minute Lunch break is scheduled on one of the periods between 6 and 8
- Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are conducted after curriculum hours from 3:15pm to 5:45pm

2. Getting to School

- Nearest MRT Station: Yio Chu Kang (NS 15)
- Bus services: 13, 45, 70, 71, 72, 76, 86, 138, 162, 269, 825, 851, 852, 853, 860
- Students can gain access to the school via:

Day	Main Gate	Side Gate B/*Turnstile	Rear Gate/*Turnstile
Monday to Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 am – 6:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 am – 7:55 am • *2:45 pm – 6:00pm (Exit only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 am – 7:55 am • 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm • *2:45 pm – 6:00 pm (Exit only)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 am – 6:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 am – 7:55 am *12:35 pm – 6:00 pm (Exit only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 am – 7:55 am • 12:35 pm – 1:05 pm • *12:35 pm – 6:00 pm (Exit only)

- Car/Taxi: Vehicles may enter the school to drop off students at the car porch. Main gate gantry will be closed from 8.00 am onward.



SUBJECTS OFFERED AT SECONDARY ONE

1. General Subjects

Subjects	Course			
	Common Curriculum	G3 Express	G2 Normal (Academic)	G1 Normal (Technical)
<i>All these subjects are conducted during school curriculum time.</i>				
ENGLISH		√	√	√
MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES		√	√	√
MATHEMATICS		√	√	√
SCIENCE		√	√	√
LITERATURE		√	√	
GEOGRAPHY		√	√	
HISTORY		√	√	
SOCIAL STUDIES				√
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS				√
FOOD AND CONSUMER EDUCATION	√			
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	√			
ART	√			
MUSIC	√			
CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION	√			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	√			
APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAMME (ALP)	√			
LEARNING FOR LIFE PROGRAMME (LLP)	√			

2. Mother Tongue Languages

Secondary One students who are given approval by MOE to take Higher Mother Tongue Languages or 3rd Language will have to attend lessons at external centres. For students taking 3rd Language, please confirm your acceptance and register at the respective language centres:

Language Centre Posted To	Registration
Malay Special Programme and Chinese Special Programme Zonal Centres	Students to refer to the respective school website for instructions on registration.
MOE Language Centres (Bishan and Newton)	Students to confirm the acceptance of the offer and complete the online registration at: https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/ from 21 December 2023, 9am to 4 January 2023, 5pm.

Parents / Students who have questions regarding Higher Mother Tongue Languages, Asian Languages (Japanese, Arabic or Bahasa Indonesia) or Foreign Languages (French or German) at the MOE Language Centres, please email Ms Goy Yap Ching (HOD Mother Tongue Language): goy_yap_ching@schools.gov.sg by 21 December 2023.

3. Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB)

Lower Secondary N(A) and N(T) students can take English, Mathematics, Science and/or Mother Tongue Languages at a more demanding level if they meet the PSLE eligibility criteria at the start of the year in Secondary 1, or school-based criteria after the Secondary 1 mid-year and year-end assessments.

Eligible students from N(A) and N(T) courses can take Geography at a more demanding level at Secondary 2 if they meet the school-based criteria after the Secondary 1 year-end assessments.

PSLE Eligibility Criteria

Course	PSLE Achievement Level	PSLE Foundation Achievement Level	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	AL 5	-	Express
N(T)	AL 5	-	Express / N(A)
	AL 6	AL A	N(A)

School-Based Criteria for Insert after Secondary 1 Mid-Year and Year-End assessments

Course	School-based Results	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	75% or higher in specific subject	Express level starting from next semester
N(T)	75% or higher in specific subject	N(A) level starting from next semester

4. Art Elective Programme (AEP) and Music Elective Programme (MEP)

The secondary level AEP and MEP are four-year curriculum programmes which focus on in-depth and critical learning to deepen students' conceptual understanding of Art/Music. Application is only applicable to Secondary 1 Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) students with potential, aptitude and passion in art or music.

In light of the required commitment to the programme, students may take AEP/MEP in place of lower secondary Design & Technology (D&T) and Food & Consumer Education (FCE) lessons to manage their curriculum time and learning load. At the Upper Secondary level, they will hence not be eligible to offer D&T and Nutrition & Food Science (NFS).

Prospective students and parents are advised to check the official AEP and MEP webpages for latest updates:

- AEP: <https://moe.gov.sg/aep>
- MEP: <https://moe.gov.sg/mep>

Please email Ms Hoon Siew Hui (HOD Design & Enterprise) hoon_siew_hui@schools.gov.sg if your child/ward is keen in applying for AEP or MEP. More information on this will be sent to you via Parents Gateway as well.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) and CCA ORIENTATION & SELECTION

CCAs are an integral part of our students' holistic and well-rounded education. They help to nurture desirable qualities in our students so as to prepare them to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world. As part of the Orientation Programme, the school will be holding trials and auditions for the Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs).

Every student must participate in **one** CCA chosen from the following categories:

1. Physical Sports

- Badminton (Girls only)
- Basketball (Boys only)
- Floorball (Boys only)
- Netball (Girls only)

2. Uniformed Groups

- National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC)
- Red Cross Youth (RCY)

3. Performing Arts Groups

- Choir
- Concert Band
- English Drama
- Chinese Dance
- Indian Dance
- Malay Dance

4. Clubs

- Digital Animation
- Media Club - PA/Audio, Photography and Videography
- Mechatronics, Aeronautics & Robotics (MARs) Club

CCA Orientation and CCA Selection Trials/Auditions

The CCA Orientation will give students the opportunity to discover the CCA that interests them. Students will be briefed on 5 January for more information on CCA Orientation and Selection Trials/Auditions procedures.

Do note that your child/ward will need to stay back for **CCA Orientation and Selection Trials/Auditions** based on their six choices across the four CCA categories (Physical Sports, Performing Arts, Uniformed Groups and Clubs) from **8 January to 1 February 2024**.

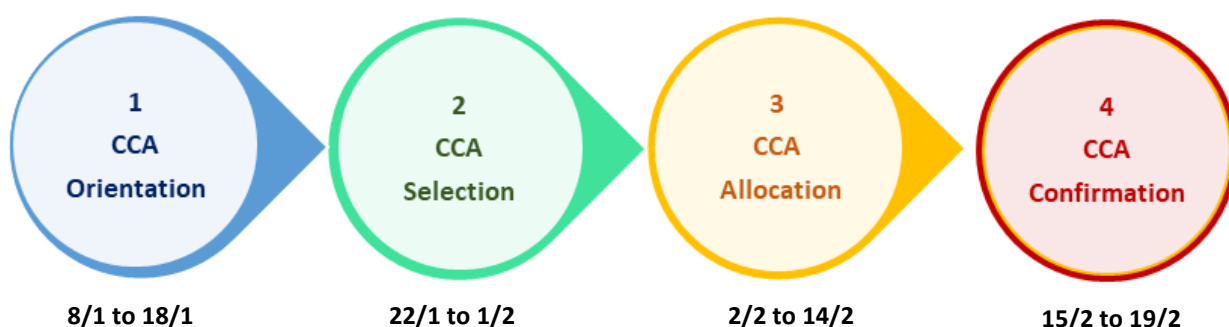
It is strongly recommended that your child/ward refer to **CCA Weekly Training Schedule** on **page 15** for their **visits for CCA Orientation from 8 to 18 January 2024**.

At the end of CCA Orientation period, your child/ward will then make their selection of the six CCA choices. Do refer to **CCA Weekly Training Schedule** on **page 15** and **CCA Application Form** on **page 18** for the selection of the six CCA choices. A hardcopy of this **CCA Application Form** will be issued to your child/ward and it has to be **filled up and submitted on 18 January 2024 (Thursday)**.

It is **compulsory** for your child/ward to refer to the **CCA Selection Trials/Auditions Schedule** on **page 16** and attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions of **all** of his/her six CCA choices.

CCA Selection Trials/Auditions period will be as follows:

- a) Your child/ward will attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions for his/her **1st, 2nd and 3rd CCA choices only** from **22 to 25 January 2024 (Week 4)**
- b) Your child/ward will attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions for his/her **4th, 5th and 6th CCA choices only** from **29 January to 1 February 2024 (Week 5)**



New students will browse through CCA pamphlets & publicity videos and visit CCAs of their six choices on the CCA training days (refer to CCA Weekly Training Schedule) from 8 to 18 January 2024.

Students choosing Clubs as their 1st choice will prepare a write up to be submitted by 18 January 2024.

New students will opt for six CCA choices across four categories of CCAs by 18 January 2024. New students **must** attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions from 22 January to 01 February 2024.

[1st, 2nd and 3rd CCA choices will be from 22 to 25 January & 4th, 5th and 6th CCA choices will be from 29 January to 1 February] (Refer to CCA Selection Trials/Auditions Schedule)

HOD and SH PE & CCA will look into CCA Allocation and finalise CCA for all new students from 2 to 14 February 2024.

Allocation of CCA results will be released to students by HOD and SH PE & CCA on 15 February 2024.

Students to get their parents to endorse their CCA Application Form and return on 19 February 2024.

New students will start attending CCA from 19 February 2024 (Term 1 Week 8) onwards.

For clarifications, please contact:

- a) SH/PE & CCA, Ms Nurul Ain at Tel: 64560669 (ext 176) or by email nurul_ain_kamaldin@moe.edu.sg
- b) HOD/PE & CCA, Ms Irene Heng Siew Hoon at Tel: 6456 0669 (ext. 116) or by email heng_siew_hoon@moe.edu.sg

2024 CCA Weekly Training Schedule

CCA Category	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Physical Sports	Badminton (Girls) 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Badminton (Girls) 3.15pm – 5.45pm	
		Basketball (Boys) 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Basketball (Boys) 3.15pm – 5.45pm
	Floorball (Boys) 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Floorball (Boys) 3.15pm – 5.45pm	
		Netball (Girls) 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Netball (Girls) 3.15pm – 5.45pm
Uniformed Groups		NPCC 3.15pm – 5.45pm		
		Red Cross Youth 3.15pm – 5.45pm		
Performing Arts		Choir 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Choir 3.15pm – 5.45pm
		Concert Band 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Concert Band 3.15pm – 5.45pm
		English Drama 3.15pm – 5.45pm		
		Chinese Dance 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Chinese Dance 3.15pm – 5.45pm
			Indian Dance 3.15pm – 5.45pm	
			Malay Dance 3.15pm – 5.45pm	
Clubs	Digital Animation 3.15pm – 5.45pm	Digital Animation 3.15pm – 5.45pm		
	Media Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm	Media Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm		Media Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm
		MARs Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm		MARs Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm

Note:

1. For Physical Sports and Clubs CCAs, there will be additional training during National School Games (NSG) competition periods.
2. For Performing Arts CCAs, there will be additional training during Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) presentation periods.
3. For Uniformed Groups, there may be additional involvement on non-CCA days for activities organised by the NPCC and Red Cross Youth Headquarters.

2024 CCA Selection Trials / Auditions Schedule

CCA Category	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Physical Sports	Badminton (Girls) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Hall		Badminton (Girls) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L2	
		Basketball (Boys) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L2		Basketball (Boys) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L2
	Floorball (Boys) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L2		Floorball (Boys) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Hall	
		Netball (Girls) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L1		Netball (Girls) 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: ISH L1
Uniformed Groups		NPCC 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: D103		
		Red Cross Youth 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: E103A		
Performing Arts		Choir 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Music Room		Choir 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Music Room
		Concert Band 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Band Room		Concert Band 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Band Room
		English Drama 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Dance Studio 2		
		Chinese Dance 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Dance Studio 1		Chinese Dance 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Dance Studio 1
			Indian Dance 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Dance Studio 1	
			Malay Dance 3.15pm – 4.45pm Venue: Dance Studio 2	
Clubs	Digital Animation 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Digital Learning Lab 1	Digital Animation 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Digital Learning Lab 1		
	Media Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Digital Learning Lab 3			Media Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Digital Learning Lab 3
		MARs Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Techno Sphere		MARs Club 3.15pm – 5.45pm Venue: Techno Sphere

Note:

1. It is compulsory for your child/ward to go through CCA Selection Trials/Auditions for all six CCA choices.
2. Your child/ward will be given a CCA Selection Trials/Auditions Schedule for him/her to plan out the sessions to attend.
3. Your child/ward will need to attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions for his/her 1st, 2nd and 3rd CCA choices only from **22 to 25 January (Week 4)**.
4. Your child/ward will need to attend CCA Selection Trials/Auditions for his/her 4th, 5th and 6th CCA choices only from **29 January to 1 February (Week 5)**.
5. If your child/ward selects any of the 3 Clubs CCAs (Digital Animation, MARs, Media Club) as their first choice, he/she will be required to supplement their application with a write-up on their interests, prior experience and samples of their previous work **by 18 January 2024**.

SAMPLE OF CCA APPLICATION FORM 2024

Hardcopy will be issued to your child/ward when school reopens.

Part A – To be filled in after the CCA Orientation and submitted to Form Teacher by **18 January 2024 (Thursday)**.

Name: _____ Index Number : _____
 (Full name in class list)

Class in 2024: Sec _____ CCA(s) participated in previous school 2023 : _____

**** Please indicate in rank order (1 to 6) for your choice of CCA where 1 is your first top choice. Your choice must include a CCA in EACH of the following category below.** See example in the overleaf. If you are indicating 1 for Clubs (Digital Animation, Media Club or MARs), you are required to submit a write-up. QR code and link to submit the write-up can be found in the hardcopy form which will be issued when school reopens.

Physical Sports		Uniformed Groups		Performing Arts		Clubs	
Badminton (Girls)		NPCC		Choir		Digital Animation	
Basketball (Boys)		Red Cross Youth		Concert Band		Media Club - PA/Audio, Photography & Videography	
Floorball (Boys)				English Drama		Mechatronics, Aeronautics and Robotics (MARs)	
Netball (Girls)				Chinese Dance			
				Indian Dance			
				Malay Dance			

Note : An indication of your choice in CCA does not guarantee a place in the CCA as there is a need to clear CCA Selection Trials/Auditions first.

(Do NOT detach Part B)

Part B – To be filled in after CCA Allocation and submitted through Form Teacher by **19 February 2024 (Monday)**.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE IN CCA

After selection, my child’s confirmed CCA in 2024 is _____

- I acknowledge my child/ward has been selected for the above CCA.
- I will ensure his/her attendance during all practices/training sessions and submit relevant document (Medical Certificate) for his/her absence from CCA to the teacher-in-charge.

Date

Name & Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

INDICATION OF CCA CHOICES IN RANK ORDER (SAMPLES)

Sample 1

Physical Sports		Uniformed Groups		Performing Arts		Clubs	
Badminton (Girls)		NPCC	1	Choir	4	Digital Animation	5
Basketball (Boys)	2	Red Cross Youth		Concert Band		Media Club - PA/Audio, Photography & Videography	
Floorball (Boys)	3			English Drama		Mechatronics, Aeronautics and Robotics (MARs)	6
Netball (Girls)				Chinese Dance			
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Sample 2

Physical Sports		Uniformed Groups		Performing Arts		Clubs	
Badminton (Girls)	5	NPCC		Choir	3	Digital Animation	
Basketball (Boys)		Red Cross Youth	4	Concert Band	2	Media Club - PA/Audio, Photography & Videography	
Floorball (Boys)				English Drama		Mechatronics, Aeronautics and Robotics (MARs)	6
Netball (Girls)				Chinese Dance	1		
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SECONDARY ONE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Tuesday, 2 January 2024		
Time	Activities	
0800 – 0830	Attendance Taking in the Hall Welcome to the YCKSS Family Singing of National Anthem & Pledge Taking	
0830 – 0905	Principal’s Welcome Address & Briefing by HOD / Student Management	
	Sec 1A, 1B, 1C	
	Sec 1D, 1E, 1F	
0905 – 0940	The YCKSS Amazing Quest 0905 – 0915: Amazing Quest briefing 0915 – 1045: The YCKSS Amazing Quest 1045 - 1050: Return to class	
0940 – 1015		Character and Citizenship Education
1015 – 1050		Form Teacher Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class bonding by Form Teachers • Issue Individual Student Details Report for Year 2024 for updating
1050 – 1125	Recess (Guided by Student Leaders)	
1125 – 1200	Character and Citizenship Education	The YCKSS Amazing Quest
1200 – 1235		1125 - 1135: Amazing Quest briefing 1135 - 1305: The YCKSS Amazing Quest 1305 – 1310: Return to class
1235 – 1310	Form Teacher Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class bonding by Form Teachers • Issue Individual Student Details Report for Year 2024 for updating • Reflections on Day 1 Orientation & briefing for Day 2. 	Form Teacher Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on Day 1 Orientation & briefing for Day 2.
1310 - 1345		
1345	Early Dismissal for Sec 1 Students	

Instructions to Sec 1 Students for Day 1 Programme:

Reporting Venue

- At 7:55am, report to the school hall for attendance taking.
- Be seated in the row where your class is allocated.
- At 8:25am Flag Raising Ceremony

Things to bring and note on Tuesday, 2 January 2024

- Bring the following:
 - Stationery & a storybook to read in the morning
 - Colour pencil and / or marker pens
 - Cash for recess
 - Water bottle for the YCKSS Amazing Quest.
- Early dismissal at **1:45 pm** for Sec 1s to ease transition and help students adjust to Secondary School curriculum hours.
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- Be attired in YCKSS PE T-shirt and shorts. If the YCKSS PE attire is not available, you can wear your Primary school PE T-shirt and shorts.

Day 2 – Wednesday, 3 January 2024		
Time	Activities	
0800 – 0830	Attendance Taking in Classrooms Singing of National Anthem & Pledge Taking	
0830 – 0905	2024 School Theme and School Safety	
0905 – 0940	Year Head Address & Talk by VP on School Safety	
	Sec 1A, 1B, 1C	Sec 1D, 1E, 1F
0940 – 1015	Form Teacher Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection of Updated Student Particulars & Update class contact list Our Classroom 2024 Class Committee & Class Buddies Briefing on Movie Outing on Day 3 	Growth Mindset Game 0940 – 0950: Briefing and Grouping 0950 – 1120: Growth Mindset Game 1120 – 1125: Debrief
1015 – 1050		
1050 – 1125		
1125 – 1200	Lunch Break	
1200 – 1235	Briefing on Applied Learning Programme (ALP), Learning for Life Programme (LLP) & Eco ACE Programme	
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1310 – 1345		
1345 – 1415		
1415	Early Dismissal for Sec 1 Students	

Things to bring and note on Wednesday, 3 January 2024

- Bring the following:
 - Stationery & a storybook to read in the morning
 - Updated Student Particulars form – issued on 2 January 2024
 - Sec 1 Orientation Journal
 - Cash for lunch
- Early dismissal at **2:15 pm** for Sec 1s to ease transition and help students adjust to Secondary School curriculum hours.
- Be attired in YCKSS School Uniform. If the YCKSS School Uniform is not available, you can wear your Primary School Uniform.

Day 3 – Thursday, 4 January 2024	
Time	Activities
0800 – 0830	Attendance Taking in Classrooms Singing of National Anthem & Pledge Taking
0830 – 0940	Form Teacher Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing of Class Timetable • Briefing on how to read the timetable and Learning Groups classroom locations • Movement to Learning Groups classrooms (Trial practice) • Briefing on Movie Outing
0940 – 1000	Depart YCKSS for Seletar Mall
1000 – 1030	Photo-taking & Purchase of Snack & Drinks (Optional)
1030 – 1230	Cohort Bonding Activity Movie Screening – Wonka Movie duration is 2 hours. Rating is PG 13
1230 – 1310	Return to YCKSS
1310 – 1345	Lunch
1345 – 1445	Post-Movie Reflection & Discussion
1415 – 1445	Introduction to Peer Support Lesson Package
1445	School Dismissal

Things to bring and note on Thursday, 4 January 2024

- Bring the following:
 - Stationery & a storybook to read in the morning
 - Sec 1 Orientation Journal
 - Cash for movie snack & drinks (Optional) and lunch
 - Jacket (Optional) for movie outing
- Normal school dismissal at **2:45 pm**.
- Be attired in YCKSS Sec 1 Level Discovery (red) T-shirt and school pants / skirt. If the YCKSS School pants / skirt is not available, you can pair the Level Tee with your Primary School Uniform school shorts / skirt / pinafore.

Day 4 – Friday, 5 January 2024		
Time	Activities	
0800 – 0830	Attendance Taking in Classrooms Singing of National Anthem & Pledge Taking	
	Sec 1A, 1B, 1C	Sec 1D, 1E, 1F
0830 – 0905	Briefing on National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)	Inner Self-Building and Mental Resilience Workshop
0905 – 0940		
0940 – 1015	Recess	
1015 – 1050	Inner Self-Building and Mental Resilience Workshop	Briefing on National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)
1050 – 1125		
1125 – 1200	Briefing on Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) &	
1200 – 1235	Reflection on Secondary 1 Orientation Programme	
1235	School Dismissal	

Things to bring and note on Friday, 5 January 2024

- Bring the following:
 - Stationery & a storybook to read in the morning.
 - Sec 1 Orientation Journal

- Be dressed in YCKSS PE T-shirt and shorts. If the YCKSS T-shirt and shorts are not available, you can wear your Primary school PE T-shirt and shorts.

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

1. School Website: <https://yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/>

Our school website provides key information of school programmes and activities. You can also visit our e-Open House which is accessible from the school website.



2. Parents Gateway (PG)

This is an application developed by the Ministry of Education and GovTech. It is a one-stop portal for parents to receive Letters from the Principal, important announcements such as consent forms for school activities and bookings for Parent Teacher Conference etc. The app also has a feature to enable you to make payments directly to the school via PayNow so that you can minimise the cash your child needs to bring to school. Parents are highly encouraged to use this as all MOE schools are adopting a more paperless form of communication.

If you do not have the Parents Gateway application yet, please refer to the link below to sign up.

<https://yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/our-family/parents-gateway>

3. Emails

Parents/Guardians can email queries to our generic school e-mail address yckss@moe.edu.sg. Alternatively, you may email individual teachers directly.

4. Telephone calls: 64560669

You may call for a teacher via the general hotline. The school may also contact you regarding your child/ward. Do ensure to update if there are any changes to contact numbers. You can email the school to inform us officially.

5. Social Media Platforms

Do follow us on our Facebook and Instagram accounts to get updates on school programmes.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yiochukangsec>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/yiochukang_sec
- Youtube: <https://go.gov.sg/yckssyoutube>

6. Parents' Engagement Session & Parent Teacher Conference

Parents' Engagement Session

A face-to-face Parents' Engagement Session will give you a chance to find out more about the Secondary 1 school programmes and information about Secondary School education. The session is an opportunity to interact with the school leaders, key personnel and form teachers of your child.

Secondary 1 Parents Engagement Session 12 January 2024 (Friday) 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Venue: School Hall	
Time	Agenda
9:30 am – 9:40 am	Opening Address by Principal, Mrs Betty Chow
9:40 am – 10:30 am	Secondary School Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Subject Based Banding by HOD Science, Ms Alicia Lock • Student Development & Support by HOD Student Management, Mr David Goh • Assessment Policy, Applied Learning Programme, Learning for Life Programme, Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort Camp (15 to 18 April 2024) & Parents Engagement by Year Head (Lower Sec), Ms Kelly Cho
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCA Briefing by HOD/ PE & CCA, Ms Irene Heng • Q&A
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on YCKSS Digital Education Programme & Purchase of Personal Learning Device (iPad) by HOD ICT, Mr Brandon Chin • Q&A
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Form Teachers in the Sec 1 Classrooms
The invitation to register will be made available to parents on 2 January 2024 , via Parents Gateway. Kindly respond via Parents Gateway by 5 January 2024 .	

Parent Teacher Conference

At the end of each semester, the Form Teachers will conduct a Parent Teacher Conference via phone calls or in person. This is to provide holistic feedback on the students' development and to discuss areas for growth. This discussion is an important partnership that encourages our students in their journey of personal mastery.

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Here are some useful resources for parents/guardians to help prepare your child/ward for Secondary School Education:

1. Secondary School Programmes by MOE

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/secondary>

2. Social Emotional Learning Resources for Parents

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/social-and-emotional-learning/sel-resources-for-parents>

3. Cyber Wellness

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/cyber-wellness>

4. Education & Career Guidance

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/education-and-career-guidance>

5. Parent Kit

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Question 1:	What is Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) in Yio Chu Kang Secondary School like? Do we need to purchase a device?
Answer:	<p>After careful consideration based on portability, durability and teaching and learning affordance, the Personal Learning Device (PLD) selected for use at YCKSS is the Apple iPad with the accompanying Apple Pencil and Keyboard Combo.</p> <p>The school will share more about our school's PDLP and the procedure to purchase of the device on 13 January 2024 during the Parents' Engagement Session. No action is required at this point in time. For more information, you can refer to: https://www.yiochukangsec.moe.edu.sg/our-curriculum/Non-Academic-Programmes/Digital-Education/</p>

Question 2:	What is the school's policy on the use of mobile phone?
Answer:	<p>The rules and policies governing the use of mobile devices in the school aim to ensure the school community is a safe place for all students and staff, for students to learn values and self-management skills, and for learning to take place with fewer distractions. Mobile devices are not to be used as audio/ gaming devices.</p> <p>Use of mobile devices including, but not limited to, mobile phones, tablets and laptops must be switched off and kept in the school bag or pocket once students enter the school compound.</p> <p>For the duration of curriculum time, the mobile devices must remain switched off. This includes recess, remedial lessons, enrichment programmes, workshops and CCAs unless authorised by teacher. After curriculum hours, students can use mobile devices only in the foyer (outside General Office) and canteen.</p> <p>Students who urgently need to contact parents can use the phone in the General Office. Parents can contact their children through at 6456 0669 during office hours.</p> <p>No unauthorised use, modifications, uploading or distribution of audio, image and video recordings are allowed in any form, unless explicit permission has been sought and given.</p> <p>Any violation or suspected inappropriate use of the mobile device will result in the device being withheld and checked as a disciplinary measure or for the purpose of investigation.</p> <p>The school shall not be responsible for the loss of any personal equipment or possession.</p>

Question 3:	What is Home-Based Learning (HBL) like in Yio Chu Kang Secondary School like?
Answer:	<p>Home-Based Learning (HBL) is integrated as a regular feature in the schooling experience for students in secondary schools. This is an important strategy to nurture self-directed and intrinsically motivated learners.</p> <p>The arrangement will involve HBL Days that run on alternate weeks. Students will not need to report to school on HBL Days but will learn from home instead. This is part of the larger national initiative to familiarise students with learning using digital devices and in face-to-face settings.</p> <p>Here are some details about what HBL Days looks like for YCKSS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our school adopts a 10-day timetable. The two weeks within the 10-day cycle are called Odd Week (e.g. Term 1 Week 1) and Even Week (e.g. Term 1 Week 2), with dates within each week clearly indicated in the class timetable. • HBL Days will be held once every fortnight for all levels of students. • HBL Days are scheduled on alternate Fridays, falling on the Even Weeks (e.g. 12 Jan, 26 Jan). • On HBL Days, students will report virtually to their Form Teacher in the morning and follow a timetable for home-based learning for the rest of the day. This timetable is included in the class timetable. • Each HBL Day will cover subject curriculum and will be supported by the use of educational technology such as the Student Learning Space (SLS) and Google Classroom. HBL lessons can be online and/or offline such as online research, learning from print materials and writing of reflections. • All learning activities on HBL Day are designed for completion at home. Students who do not have appropriate supervision at home may report to school for Home-Based Learning. <p>For tips on how you can support your child during HBL Days, you may refer to: https://go.gov.sg/moe-experiencing-blended-learning.</p>

Question 4:	Is Yio Chu Kang Secondary School implementing Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB)?
Answer:	<p>YCKSS has implemented Full SBB since 2023. Under Full SBB, there will no longer be separate Express, N(A), and N(T) courses, and students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of different strengths and interests.</p> <p>In their mixed form classes, students will take a set of subjects at a common level, amounting to about one-third of curriculum time. This would allow students in mixed form classes to spend curriculum time together in these subjects.</p> <p>SBB is offered for the following four subjects for Lower Secondary N(A) and N(T) students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language • Mother Tongue Languages • Mathematics • Science <p>If students meet the PSLE eligibility criteria at the start of the year in Secondary 1, or school-based criteria after the Secondary 1 mid-year and year-end assessments, they may consider taking up the subject(s) at a more demanding level.</p> <p>For more information on Full Subject Based Banding, you may refer to https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/about-full-sbb.html</p>

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Question 6: How will the timetable look like?

Timetable Structure 2024 (Sem 1) with HBL Day on Even Friday

With Lunch Break Only (Even Friday Recess Break Period 2-4)

Sec 1 to 4/5 (exclude Sec 4E1)

94 Teaching Periods (86 in-school periods + 8 HBL Day periods)

First break of the day can be at **12:35pm** for some classes. Hence, eating a proper breakfast before school is important.

Period Time	Flag-Raising	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ODD	0800-0830	0830-0905	0905-0940	0940-1015	1015-1050	1050-1125	1125-1200	1200-1235	1235-1310	1310-1345	1345-1415	1415-1445
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Floating Recess/Lunch

30 min period

One of these three periods will be the class's lunch break. The time will differ day to day.

Question 7: Without a morning recess break, my child/ward may get hungry before the lunch period. Can there be a recess break?

Answer:

The reason for not including the recess break is to avoid extending curriculum time which will delay the dismissal time and extend the CCA start and end times.

Hence, it is important to ensure that your child/ward eats a proper breakfast before reporting to class. Your child/ward can either eat at home or eat in the canteen before 7.55am.

We would also like to encourage our students to have breakfast as this is an important first meal to start the day.

There will be a 10 min snack break between periods 3 & 4. Students can choose to bring along healthy snacks and eat during the snack break.

Examples of Acceptable Items for Snack Break:	Examples of Unacceptable Items for Snack Break:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biscuits 2. Bun (e.g. kaya bun, hotdog bun) 3. Bread / Sandwich 4. Cereal (small box) 5. Dried Fruit 6. Energy Bar (e.g. muesli and oats bar) 7. Slice of Cake (without cream) 8. Uncut Fruits (e.g. apple and banana) 9. Raisins 10. Nuts 11. Cheese Stick 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fried Food 2. Rice, Porridge and Noodles 3. Sweets 4. Chocolate Bar 5. Titbits (e.g. Potato Chips)

Question 8:	Will the canteen be opened in the morning so that my child/ward can purchase food from the stalls for their breakfast?
Answer:	Minimally two stalls will be opened in the morning for students to purchase food and drinks for their breakfast. The stalls will open by 7.30am.

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Question 10: What is the subject combination like at Secondary 3?

Answer: The subject combination varies slightly year on year depending on students' preference and subject to manpower and facilities constraint.

You may take reference from the Secondary 3 (2024) subject combination:

Express Course:

Options	Subjects						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	English Language	Mother Tongue Language	Math	Combined Humanities (Social Studies with History) Or (Social Studies with Geography)	Additional Math	Pure Chemistry	Pure Physics Or Pure Biology
2					Principle of Accounts	Combined Science (Physics & Chemistry) Or (Biology & Chemistry)	Additional Math Or Design & Technology
3							Nutrition & Food Science Or Art

Normal Academic Course:

Options	Subjects					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	English Language	Mother Tongue Language	Math	Combined Humanities (Social Studies with History) Or (Social Studies with Geography)	Combined Science (Physics & Chemistry) Or (Biology & Chemistry)	Principles of Accounts
2						Additional Math
3						Design & Technology
4						Nutrition & Food Science

Normal Technical Course:

Options	Subjects				
	1	2	3	4	5
Choose 1 out of 2 subjects for 4 th and 5 th Subjects	English Language	Math	Computer Applications (CPA)	Basic Mother Tongue Language	Smart Electrical Technology (SET)
Or Science (Available only for students exempted from MTL)				Or Design & Technology	

Question 11:	What is the Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort Camp (15 – 18 April 2024)?
Answer:	<p>YCKSS Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort 4D3N Residential Camp will be conducted at the MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. This is part of the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan which MOE has put in place to strengthen the holistic development of all our students. The programme seeks to develop ruggedness, resilience, and build cohesion amongst our children.</p> <p>The camp will be conducted from 15 to 18 April 2024 at Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. Using the outdoors as the ‘classroom’ for learning and development, we hope that this camp will offer your child/ward a unique opportunity to work together as a small team and to overcome various outdoor challenges.</p> <p>Through the camp, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn about themselves; • build friendships amongst their team and actively help each other to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner; and • understand the importance of caring for the environment. <p>MOE has designed the programme to ensure that it is of high quality, supports the school curriculum and is suitable for our students. Activities include high and low elements, journey, outdoor cooking, as well as placed-based activities such as coastal exploration.</p> <p>Inherently, there are risks involved in the conduct of these activities. MOE has conducted risk assessment for these activities and put in place appropriate measures to manage these risks to a suitable level for our students. We would like to assure you that the safety of your child/ward is of the highest priority. All necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our students will be taken. Outdoor Adventure Educators (OAEs) are proficient in outdoor skills and trained in Wilderness First Aid.</p> <p>We seek your cooperation to ensure full participation from your child/ward to enable them to benefit fully from the camp.</p> <p>A consent form and a packing list will be sent out after the Parents Engagement Session on 13 January 2024. Should your child/ward cannot participate in the camp due to medical condition, please inform us through your child’s/ward’s Form Teacher.</p>