



# Hua Yi Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Warm greetings to you and your family as we welcome 2023 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 the Hua Yi family, 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 3 Jan		First Day of School
Wed 4 Jan	Fri 6 Jan	Start It Right! Programme and Sec 1 Orientation
Fri 6 Jan		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 1 Parents
Fri 13 Jan		Independent Learning Day (ILD) commences
Fri 13 Jan		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 4/5 Parents
Wed 18 Jan		Sec 1 CCA Experience
Fri 20 Jan		Chinese New Year Celebration (normal school day)
Mon 23 Jan	Tue 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Public Holidays
Tue 31 Jan		School Event for Staff (dismissal for all students at 1.20pm)
Thu 2 Feb	Thu 9 Mar	Sec 1 Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme <i>Every Thursday of the week</i>
Wed 8 Feb		Sec 1 & 3 Passport Size Photo-Taking
Fri 10 Feb		School Leaders' Talk and Outdoor Adventure Camp Briefing with Sec 3 Parents
Mon 13 Feb	Thu 16 Feb	Sec 2 Cohort Learning Journey to National Museum Singapore
Tue 14 Feb		Total Defence Day
Wed 15 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Annual Health Check & HPV Vaccination

Wed 22 Feb	Fri 24 Feb	Sec 3 Outdoor Adventure Camp
Fri 24 Feb		School Leaders' Talk with Sec 2 Parents
Mon 27 Feb	Thu 9 Mar	Sec 3 EL Oral Examination
Wed 1 Mar	Thu 9 Mar	Upper Sec MTL Oral Examinations
Fri 10 Mar		Sec 4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session
Sat 11 Mar	Sun 19 Mar	March School Holidays
Mon 13 Mar	Tue 14 Mar	Student Leaders Camp
Mon 20 Mar	Wed 22 Mar	Sec 3NA/NT Applied Learning Module (ApLM)
Mon 20 Mar	Thu 30 Mar	Mother Tongue Fortnight
Mon 27 Mar	Thu 6 Apr	Sec 2 EL Oral Examination
Fri 7 Apr		Good Friday Public Holiday
Thu 13 Apr		Sec 4 & 5 NAPFA 2.4 km Test
Mon 24 Apr		Hari Raya Puasa School Holiday
Thu 27 Apr		Hari Raya Celebration
Fri 28 Apr		Awards Day
Mon 1 May		Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 3 May	Fri 12 May	*Coordinated Weighted Assessment for Sec 4/5
Mon 8 May	Thu 18 May	Sec 4 & 5 EL Oral Preliminary Examination
Tue 9 May		Sec 3 NRIC Registration
Mon 22 May	Wed 24 May	Learning Festival
Thu 25 May		Last Day of School (Semester 1)
Fri 26 May		Meet-the-Parents Session (Sec 1 to Sec 4/5)
Sat 27 May	Sun 25 June	Mid-year School Holidays

\*The details for the Coordinated Weighted Assessment will be shared at a later date.

## 2. Start It Right! Programme

In the first week of school, from 3 to 6 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 3 Jan	<b>7.30am – 1.40pm</b>  Attire: Full Uniform	<b>First Day of School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principal's Welcome</li><li>• Form Teacher Time</li><li>• Discipline Talk</li><li>• Student Ownership Briefing</li><li>• JOY and Project Sandbox Briefing</li><li>• CCA Selection Talk</li><li>• PDLP Talk</li><li>• School Safety Talk</li></ul>
Wed 4 Jan	<b>7.30am – 1.40pm</b>  Attire: PE shirt with uniform bottoms	<b>Start-it-Right Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• House Master and House Discipline Master Talk</li><li>• Bonsai Programme</li><li>• Transition Programme</li></ul>
Thurs 5 Jan	<b>7.30am – 4.40pm</b>  Attire: PE Attire	<b>Secondary 1 Orientation Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orientation Tour</li><li>• Orientation Games and Activities</li></ul>
Fri 6 Jan	<b>7.30am – 9.40pm</b>  Attire: PE Attire	<b>Secondary 1 Orientation Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orientation Games and Activities</li><li>• Campfire</li></ul>

## 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, **O**wnership of Learning, **A**pply 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.

\* Payment for school-based activities will be in cash.

#### **4. Learning Dispositions 2023**

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 of 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/the-hua-yi-connection/for-parents>

#### **5. HPB Letter**

The digital letter contains information of upcoming HPB's health, immunisation and dental screening services. Parents/guardians will access the Child Consent Portal (<https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg/>) via the letter attached (Annex A) to provide consent and update their child/ward's medical information accordingly. Weblinks are also provided within the letter for parents to access further information on the services.

#### **6. Student Details Form - Digitalisation of Individual Student Details Report (ISDR)**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be rolling out the Student Details Form (SDF) from Tue, 3 Jan 2023. The SDF is the digitalisation of the Pupil Data Form (PDF) and the Individual Student Details Report (ISDR). MOE would like to request for an update of your information and your child's/ward's information via the SDF for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools. Please submit the information through the SDF portal <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information. We seek your help to complete the submission by 31 Jan 2023. More details will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) by the Communications and Engagement Group next week.

#### **7. Application for Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)**

Students who want to know more about FAS may refer to the MOE's website <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance>. Should you wish to apply for FAS, refer to <https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas>. Do submit the online application together with the supporting documents or contact us at 6563 4568 should you have further queries.

#### **8. 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 1-2) and HPV vaccination (for Secondary 1 & 2 female students only) programme in our school. This will be conducted from 15 Feb 2023 to 28 Feb 2023. Parents/guardians will need to access the Child Consent Portal (<https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg/>) via the letter (Annex A) attached to provide consent in order for their child to take the vaccination.

## 9. 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 bottoms			
	Approved School Tee with uniform bottoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PE/House Tee</li><li>- Cohort Tee</li><li>- CCA Tee</li><li>- Student Leaders' Tee</li></ul>			

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

## 10. Passport Size Photo-taking

To facilitate the registration of the School Smart Card, NRIC as well as school archives, we have arranged for Secondary 1 & 3 students to have their passport size photo-taking in school on 8 February 2023. This will cost \$4 (to be paid directly to the vendor) and students will receive 8 pieces of the photos, including the soft copy, in March 2023.

## 11. Assessment Practices and Assessment Schedule 2023

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 2023 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/the-hua-yi-connection/for-parents> at a later date.

## 12. 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.

## 13. 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-pdlp> for more details. Information on procurement of devices for Secondary One students will be provided in due course.

#### **14. 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 in 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. 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/the-hua-yi-community/parent-support-group>.

#### **15. 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.

#### **16. 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/who-we-are/our-people/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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