



## **Hua Yi Secondary School**

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HYSS/Communication/120115/Sec2

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the beginning of the new school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child and would like to update you on upcoming events and programmes for you and your child.

### **1. Key dates**

The following are some key dates and programmes for this term. More information about various programmes will be provided at a later date.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wed 4 Feb to Fri 6 Feb	Sec 2 and 3 Adventure and Leadership Camps
Fri 13 Feb	Total Defence Day celebrations
Wed 18 Feb	Chinese New Year celebrations (dismissal at 11:00am)
Fri 13 Mar	Meet-the-Parents session for all levels (evening)

### **2. Common Tests**

Our teachers provide feedback for learning in many ways to your child. Part of this involves the conduct of Common Tests on Friday from 7:45am to 8:30am. These are scheduled tests that will support their growth and familiarise them with examination processes. The first Common Test will be on Fri 16 Jan, and the schedule can be found on the school website.

### **3. Mother Tongue Newspaper Reading Programme**

To help your child develop a habit of reading widely and attain a high standard of language proficiency, the school has in place a newspaper reading programme using publications such as Zaobao Comma, Berita Harian and Thumbs-up (1NT to 4NT CL students) to expose them to a wide variety of news and current affairs. This programme will equip your child with general knowledge and language skills. Your child will be guided and his / her progress will be monitored by the Mother Tongue teachers during the Mother Tongue periods. Please also read together with your child to support him/her.

### **4. National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA)**

The NYAA is a national award scheme to encourage our students to take part in a range of activities that will develop them holistically. The Award is a part of our Secondary 2 Adventure and Leadership Camp to be held at the Sarimbun Scout Camp, and more information about the Award and Camp will be sent to you separately.

### **5. Updating of Parents Portal**

To help us provide you with better support and updates about your child's progress (e.g. the Term 1 remedial schedule for all students), we would like you to log into the school Learning and Management System (LMS) at <http://lms.asknlearn.com/HYSS/ParentLogon.aspx> and update your particulars. Simple instructions are attached. For technical assistance, please contact Ms Nur Zaheera at 65634568 or [nur\\_zahera@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nur_zahera@moe.edu.sg).

### **6. Sexuality Education (SEd)**

Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the

importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.

As a parent, you may choose to opt out of the Growing Years, eTeens and school-based programmes that we offer as part of our SEd programme. Details of our SEd programme may be found on our school website, and more information about Sexuality Education is also available on the MOE website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/social-emotional-learning/sexuality-education/>. Finally, the opt out forms are attached with this letter; if you wish to opt out, please complete and return them to the Form Teacher.

## **7. Programmes for Parents**

Each year, we organise many activities and programmes to provide a chance for parents to network and share your parenting experiences. These Family Matters@School (FMS) programmes include talks to equip parents with effective parenting skills, and workshops which provide bonding opportunities for parent and child. The upcoming sessions for term 1 include:

<b>Title of Talk/Workshop</b>	<b>Nature of Session</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Parent and Child's Healthy Communication	Parent and Child Bonding Activity (Limited to 20 places)	Sat 24 Jan 9:00am to 12 noon
Raising a Resilient Child	Parenting Talk (Conducted in English, Chinese & Malay)	Sat 7 Feb 9:00am to 12 noon

Do visit our school website for more details. Interested parents can either register online via the school website or indicate your interest in the reply slip to be returned to your child's form teacher. FMS talks and workshops will all be conducted in the school.

## **8. Parent Support Group (PSG)**

Since its inauguration in 2008, the PSG has been providing staunch support for many school programmes such as Night Study for graduating students and CCM Programmes for lower secondary students. As a member of the PSG, there are numerous opportunities for parents to network and share your parenting experiences. Parents who are keen to be part of PSG can download the membership application form from the school website and submit it to the school's general office. Updates on PSG activities are also available on their facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/HYSSPSG>).

In addition, the Parents in Education (PiE) website (<http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg/>) developed by MOE provides parents with resources to better support the education and development of their children. Some of the resources include sharing of experiences by parents, parenting news, guides and articles. A mobile app version supported by both Android and iPhones is also available to allow parents to access parenting tips and learning resources while on the move!

### Conclusion

Finally, we would appreciate it if you could sign and return the reply slip below through your child/ward by Fri 16 Jan. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions, requests or suggestions on how to better support your child/ward.

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

Yours sincerely

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Mdm Tay Siok Hwa  
Principal  
Hua Yi Secondary School

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## Reply Slip

(Please return this slip to the Form Teacher by Friday, 16 January 2015.)

I have read the contents of the letter (HYSS/Communication/120115/Sec2) dated 12 January 2015.

In addition, I would like to register for the following course/s. Please refer to the attached letter for more details, and place a ✓ in the boxes given.

- ☐ Parent and Child's Healthy Communication
  - ☐ Raising a Resilient Child (Preferred medium of delivery: English/Chinese/Malay\*)
- \* please delete accordingly*

**Do note that registration closes a week before each course.**

**Name of Parent / Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child / Ward:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's contact no.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Parent / Guardian**

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**Date**