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HYSS/Communication/230315/Sec4&5

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Dear Parents/Guardians

This term, we have many exciting school activities to look forward to. Our student leaders will be taking up new roles as appointment holders as school councillors and in their CCAs, and our performing arts groups will be taking part in the Singapore Youth Festival. In addition, our Inter-House competition is heating up, and Sports Day promises to be a colourful, exciting day for our Houses to battle for the 2015 championship. At the same time, it is also important for our students to manage their time so that they are well-prepared to learn in class and for the Mid-Year Examinations. This letter provides important information that will help you understand what to look out for this term.

1. Key dates

The following are key dates and programmes for this term.

Date	Event
Fri, 3 Apr	Good Friday
Fri, 10 Apr	International Friendship Day
Thu, 16 Apr	CCA stand-down date for the Mid-Year Examinations
Fri, 17 Apr	Sports Day (Jurong West Stadium, dismissal at 1130)
Mon, 27 Apr to Fri, 8 May	Mid-Year Examinations
Fri, 1 May	Labour Day
Mon, 11 May	Marking day (no lessons for students)
Fri, 29 May	Meet-the-Parents session for all levels

2. Mid-Year Examinations

The Mid-Year Examinations will be held from Mon, 27 Apr to Fri, 8 May. A copy of your child's examination timetable and school examination guidelines is attached to this letter. Lessons will continue as usual until the last day indicated, except for the dates for the English and Mother Tongue papers.

During the exams:

1. If there are no lessons or papers, students need not report to school.
2. If students have a paper starting at 0800, they must report for assembly at 0730.
3. All Sec 1 to 3 examinations will be administered in the classroom.
4. Secondary 4 and 5 classes will take their examinations in the hall (except for listening comprehension and practical papers).
5. Students need to adhere to school guidelines for attire and behaviour during the examinations.

Students should not absent themselves from examinations, unless certified medically unfit for examinations. As there will be no resitting of papers, students absent without a valid medical certificate will be awarded zero. Late-comers will also not be given extra time.

Finally, Mon, 11 May, is a marking day, and students need not report for school.

If you do have questions about the examinations, please contact Mr Justin Tan at justin_tan@moe.edu.sg. The detailed examination schedule and details will also be uploaded to the school website shortly.

3. ASPIRE and Budget update

As reported in the media, SMS Indranee Rajah was the Chairperson of the ASPIRE Steering Committee, which proposed 10 key recommendations that would help students make more informed choices, provide them with opportunities to deepen their skills, and multiple pathways to success. We are pleased to enclose her note to you where she explains that ASPIRE's initiatives will be driven by SkillsFuture.

4. School-based Practical Assessment for Sec 4E pure Science students

The Science School-based Practical Assessment (SPA) is an essential component of each pure Science subject and is worth 20% of the GCE O-Level examination. Students are assessed a total of 3 times over a span of 2 years (Secondary 3 and 4). The school will be conducting the 2nd SPA task from Tue, 12 May to Thu, 14. The 3rd task will be conducted in Term 3. Please note that these tasks are part of the GCE O-Level examination, so any absence must be supported with a medical certificate or valid reason.

We seek your understanding and support to supervise your child/ward in their preparation for SPA. Should there be any queries, please contact the HOD/Science, Mrs Chia-Wong Su May, at wong_su_may@moe.edu.sg.

5. Family Matters@ School (FMS)

In collaboration with MSF, we have organized programmes to equip parents with effective parenting skills, and provide bonding opportunities for parents and their children. The upcoming sessions for term 2 are as follows:

Title of Talk/Workshop	Nature of Session	Date and Time
Parenting Talk: Discipline and Conflict Management	Parenting Talk	25 Apr 9am - 12pm
Parent and Child's Healthy Communication	Parent and Child Bonding Activity (Registration limited to the first 20 pairs of parent-child)	30 May 9am - 12pm

Do check out the school website - <http://www.huayisec.moe.edu.sg/> for more details. Interested parents can either register online via the school website or indicate your interest in the reply slip attached. All FMS talks and workshops will all be conducted in school.

6. School newsletter

Do look out for our next edition of our online school newsletter, which will be out by mid-April. It will include exciting articles and information about our completed school events, including our Level Learning Programmes and CNY celebrations, and will give you a preview of exciting developments and upcoming events for the year.

Conclusion

Finally, we would appreciate it if you could sign and return the reply slip below through your child/ward by Fri 27 Mar. 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

Mdm Tay Siok Hwa
Principal
Hua Yi Secondary School

Reply Slip

(Please return this slip to the Form Teacher by Friday, 27 March 2015.)

I have read the contents of the letter (HYSS/Communication/230315/Sec4&5) dated 23 March 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.

- Parenting Talk on Discipline and Conflict Management
- Parent and Child's Healthy Communication

Do note that registration closes a week before each course.

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Name of Child / Ward: _____

Class: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date