



18 December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings from Yuying Secondary School! We would like to warmly welcome you and your child/ward to our school. This letter seeks to provide useful information as your child prepares to join us for Secondary 1:

- A) Communication
- B) First Day of School
- C) Financial Assistance
- D) School uniform and textbooks
- E) Subject Based Banding (SBB)
- F) Mother Tongue Language (MTL) matters

A) Communication

2. Your child's/ ward's Form Teachers will be making a courtesy call to you on 19 Dec 2024 (Thu) to check if you have any queries. If you had missed the call and would like to be contacted, please call the **General Office at 62827968** so that your child's/ ward's Form Teachers can return your call.

3. If there are any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher, the General Office or email us at <u>yuying ss@moe.edu.sg</u>. The school will communicate with parents primarily via Parents Gateway (PG) going forward.

4. Do visit our website (<u>https://www.yuyingsec.moe.edu.sg</u>) or follow us on Instagram (@yuyingsecondaryschool) and Facebook (@Yuying Secondary School) for updates on the school's activities.

B) First Day of School

5. The school year will begin on 2 January 2025 (Thursday). Students are to report to school by 7.30am and will be dismissed by 1.00pm. More details regarding the first week of school will be shared in another PG message on 27 December 2024.

C) Financial Assistance Matters

6. A subsequent PG message will be sent for students on the MOE-Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to make an appointment with the school. Please refer to the school website for more information on financial assistance (MOE-FAS): https://www.yuyingsec.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/for-students/school-fees-and-financial-

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D) School Uniform and Textbooks

7. Students may purchase their school uniforms, textbooks and stationery physically in Yuying Secondary School. They may do so strictly by appointment only on 23, 26, 27 or 30 Dec 2024 (9.00am to 3.00pm).

8. A separate Parents Gateway (PG) message will be sent to you to make an appointment to purchase the school uniform and textbooks. Please note that there will be no trying of uniforms and students are to bring a best-fitted garment to compare and select the size. Payment for the uniforms and textbooks can be made using cash or NETS. You may refer to the following link on the school website for information on the textbooks: <u>https://www.yuyingsec.moe.edu.sg/files/Pdf/Uniforms%20and%20Textbooks/Sec_1_Textbook list_2025.pdf</u>

E) Offer to take subjects at a higher level via Subject Based Banding (SBB)

9. Students who are eligible to take subjects at a more demanding level (SBB) will be informed via PG. Parents are to indicate their preference on whether to accept or reject the offer(s) via PG. Hardcopy letters of offer will only be given to students without PG on the first day of school (2 Jan 2025). The signed letter of offer should be returned to the Form teachers the next day of school. Please note that if students are taking up the offer, they should purchase the correct textbooks.

10. If you have any queries in this area, please contact Mdm Yu Ya Ting at <u>yu_ya_ting@moe.edu.sg</u>, or call the General Office on 19th December 2024 during office hours.

F) Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Matters

- 11. Please note the following details about MTL matters:
 - <u>Higher Chinese Language</u> Lessons will be conducted in school during curriculum time. Students who are eligible will be informed by PG.
 - <u>Higher Tamil Language</u> (HTL) and <u>Higher Malay Language</u> (HML) lessons will be conducted at designated language centres after school. Students who are eligible will be informed by PG.
 - HTL designated centre: Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre
 - HML designated centre: MOE Language Centre
 - <u>All Tamil Language</u> lessons will be conducted at Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre.
 - Students who took <u>Asian (Thai or Burmese) / Foreign Languages (French, German or Japanese) in lieu of MTL</u> at primary school will continue to take them at secondary school. There is no need to submit a re-application to obtain approval at the secondary school level to take Asian/ Foreign Language in lieu of MTL. Students are required to continue with private study arrangements. More information will be provided for students taking Asian/ Foreign Language in Week 1 of 2025.
 - Students who have applied to take a <u>Third Language</u> (Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish) will be notified of their application outcomes via a phone call. Both successful and unsuccessful applications will be notified.
 - Students who have been offered Malay (Special Programme) or Chinese (Special Programme) by the zonal centres must register online at the respective zonal centre websites to accept the offer.

• Students who have been offered to take up a Foreign Language must register with MOE Language Centre to accept the offer.

12. Once again, a warm welcome to Yuying Secondary School. We look forward to receiving your child on the first day of school next year!

Warmest regards,

Yuying Secondary School