



# DEYI SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Sec 4 and 5 Students

1 Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to our Deyi family! We have planned a rousing start in Week 1 through the Level DY Camp. Through this, we hope to settle your child/ward in well for the School Year, to be all ready for an enriching 2023 in line with our School Vision of being **Active Learners**, and **Gracious Citizens**.

## COVID-19 Preparedness

2 On Weds 11 Jan, the school will carry out a temperature-taking exercise as part of pandemic vigilance. Kindly ensure that your child/ward has a working ODT for the drill. We also seek your assistance to ensure that your child/ward continues to exercise good personal hygiene and social responsibility, as part of COVID-19 preparedness. They must see a doctor if unwell and alert their Form Teacher if they test COVID positive. Together, we will continue to keep the school a safe place for all students and staff.

## School Communication System

3 The school is using an online system to take students' attendance. If your child/ward is absent from school, an automated SMS will be sent to your mobile phone with effect from **3 January 2023**. The time of automated sms is as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00 am

Wednesday : 10.00 am

4 Our school will use **Parents Gateway** as our main communication platform. Parents who are on board Parents Gateway will receive information via the mobile app.

## Student Handbook

5 To inculcate responsibility and good self-management, every student is given a copy of Deyi Secondary School Student Handbook 2023. In the Student Handbook, there is detailed information on all school matters. Rules and regulations are listed clearly in the Student Handbook to help students identify acceptable and positive behaviours. Students are encouraged to note down schedules and homework using the Student Handbook.

## School Hours & Timetable

DAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Start Time	7.30 am	7.30 am	<b>8.30 am*</b>	7.30 am	7.30 am

\* late start day.

6 Your child/ward is reminded to be present in class in a timely manner, thereby cultivating and upholding the good habit of being punctual and prepared for lessons throughout the school year.

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## Blended Learning - 'Even-Week' Fridays

7 Through Blended Learning, we seek to enhance our students' schooling experience and further develop them into self-directed learners. To support the implementation of Blended Learning, our school will be implementing a '10-day' Time-table in Semester 1.

8 There will be 4 Blended Learning days scheduled on 'even-week' Fridays in Term 1 2023. With this structure, students will be given more opportunities to hone their abilities to be self-directed and independent, and to develop passion and intrinsic motivation for learning in the process.

9 Intended as a day of Self-Paced Learning, a typical Blended Learning Day includes 4 hours of Non-Timetabled Asynchronous Learning covering the curriculum, followed by approximately an hour of Student Initiated Learning (SIL) activity, starting with a short FT check-in time at 7.30am. Details of the Blended Learning Day and the step-by-step guide to help students indicate their SIL activity will be shared in Term 1 Week 2 during Form Teachers' time on Monday and Wednesday.

## Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) Days – Tuesdays & Thursdays

10 A holistic education provides students with a broad and deep foundation for lifelong learning. This includes learning not just in the academic areas. Equally important is the development of values and life skills in each child. This will equip the child to be future-ready to handle the challenges in life. Co-curricular programme also supports students to discover their strengths, interests and talents. Hence, CCA participation is compulsory at the secondary school level. Our school's CCA days\* are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each session will last about 2.5 – 3 hours. The above information is presented in each student's timetable. Students will have their lunch in the school canteen and then report to their CCAs (according to their respective scheduled time).

\*Schedule might vary due to competitions/SYF requirements and other special activities.

\*Some CCAs might be able to free up some Thursdays if the required training has been completed. Parents will be informed of the specific CCA Training schedule.

## Homework Policy

11 The school believes that homework, when used appropriately, can reinforce students' learning, provide feedback on their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards continual learning. The school's Homework Policy guides teachers in setting well-designed homework to bring about intended learning outcomes, moderating the amount of time students spend on homework and providing timely feedback on marked assignments. Your child/ward will also be instructed to write down details of homework and tests in the Student Handbook, which you can refer to as well. We seek your understanding and support as our partners in education to ensure that your child/ward's learning benefits from the homework.

## MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS)

12 Information leaflets showing the criteria, benefits and application procedure for MOE FAS have been placed outside the General Office. Singaporean students can refer to the information in the leaflet should they require financial assistance. Students who wish to apply for the scheme can (1) Obtain the application form outside General Office or download a copy of the [MOE FAS Application Form](https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas) and submit to the General Office (2) Submit online via <https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas>. For more information, visit [Financial assistance | MOE](https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas) and [Financial Assistance Scheme \(moe.edu.sg\)](https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas)

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## USE OF MOBILE PHONES (also printed in Student Handbook 2023)

13 Students need to exercise self-discipline, integrity and care when using their mobile phones. Students are to use their mobile phones in a socially responsible manner. All content shared and communicated via the mobile phone should be respectful, considerate and appropriate towards others.

14 Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school under the following conditions:

- (i) The mobile phone must be switched off during curriculum time. Putting the phone in silent mode will not suffice as it will still serve as a potential major distraction to students.
- (ii) The use of mobile phone is confined to the 4 designated areas for the whole day. This will be in force the moment the student arrives in school.

Area 1: Canteen

Area 2: Sports Area (courts, fitness area and indoor sports area)

Area 3: Study Pavilion

Area 4: Foyer

- (iii) The mobile phone must not be used to take photos or videos in school, unless permission is given by the school authorities.

15 Students who do not comply with the above conditions on the use of mobile phone would have the privilege withdrawn.

- (i) The mobile phone inclusive of sim card will be retained by the school for 1 week for 1<sup>st</sup> violation of mobile phone rules, 2 weeks for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation and 3 weeks for 3<sup>rd</sup> violation.
- (ii) Parent/Guardian is required to collect the mobile phone inclusive of sim card personally after 1 week for the 1<sup>st</sup> violation, 2 weeks for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation and 3 weeks for 3<sup>rd</sup> violation.
- (iii) *Recalcitrant offenders will have the privilege to bring mobile phone to school withdrawn.*

16 Please take note that the students are responsible for their own mobile phone. The school will not be held responsible for any loss or theft of the mobile phone.

## Use of Photos/Videos taken at School Events

17 Please note that photograph(s) or video images(s) of your child/ward may be captured at school events. We may use or publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication channels.

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## Weighted Assessment (WA)

18 In alignment with the Ministry of Education's effort to move away from an over-emphasis on academic results, WAs will continue to be implemented in 2023. Each WA can take various modes, e.g. class tests, quizzes, presentations, group projects. WAs will be used by teachers to determine the level of student's understanding in the respective subjects. Through WAs, teachers will be able to provide formative feedback as well as take remedial action during the course of the year. Details will be provided through your child and can also be found in the Student Handbook.

## Parent Support Group (PSG)

19 Deyi Parents Support Group (PSG) aims to promote greater collaboration and communication between the school, parents and students. PSG would like to invite parents to be a more involved Deyian Parent by completing 'The Deyian Parent form' via QR code or this link (<https://tinyurl.com/ycuw7545>). PSG members will then receive invitations to school and PSG activities / events as well as the latest PSG news via the class whatsapp chat groups. For more information, you can email the PSG at [deyisspsg@gmail.com](mailto:deyisspsg@gmail.com)



## GCE N-Level Results 2022

20 We are delighted to share with you that our students performed well in the 2022 GCE N-Level Examinations. A number of subjects have obtained good overall passes and distinctions. We wish our graduates success in their future endeavours as they continue to bring pride to the Deyi family.

## Academic Support Programme (ASP)

21 To support our Sec 4 & 5 students in their preparation for the end-of-year GCE Examinations, we will continue with the School-Based Academic Support Programme in the afternoons, as we did with previous batches of students. The programme is designed to help students take personal responsibility in their preparation for the exams. The level and class-based timetables for the programme will be given to your child closer to the start date.

## Chinese New Year Celebration – 20 Jan, Friday

22 Students are to report to school by 7.30 am on 20 January, Friday. Your child/ward will be participating in various class-based activities to celebrate the occasion. School will be dismissed at 10.00 am. The principal and staff would like to wish all students and parents a Happy Chinese New Year! 新年快乐! 万事如意! 兔年行大运

## Careers Day 2023 – 1 Mar, Wednesday

23 One of the highlights of our Education and Career Guidance (ECG) programme is the annual Careers Day. All Secondary 4 and 5 students will be participating in Careers Day on 1 Mar from 7.30am to 5pm. In the morning, we will start with a career exploration programme. Through a combination of hands-on job taster experiences and authentic conversations with real-world working professionals, the programme aims to kickstart our youth's journey of career exploration, supporting them to find motivation, identify possible options and over time, develop a better sense of direction towards a meaningful career.

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24 To expose students to different course offerings available in a polytechnic upon graduation, all Secondary 4 and 5 students will be attending a workshop conducted by Nanyang Polytechnic in the afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. Students will go through two rounds of course-advising sessions. The workshop will be conducted face-to-face at Nanyang Polytechnic. Students will be dismissed from Nanyang Polytechnic at 5pm.

## Track Meet – 10 Mar, Friday

25 The traditional rivalry between the various level classes forms a vibrant backdrop to our intra-school competition sporting landscape. The Inter-Class Track Meet is a key annual Inter-Class event. The details are as follows:

Date: 10 Mar (Friday)

Time: 7.30 am - 11.30 am (estimated)

Venue: Yio Chu Kang Stadium (Uniformed Group ushers will be placed on route between Yio Chu Kang MRT and Yio Chu Kang Stadium)

Participants: All students.

26 We look forward to your continued support and partnership.

With Warm Regards,

Mrs Cheam Lian Tee  
Year Head (Upper Sec)

Mdm Tan Shao May  
Vice-Principal (Upper Secondary)

Mrs Lim Ai Poo  
Principal

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