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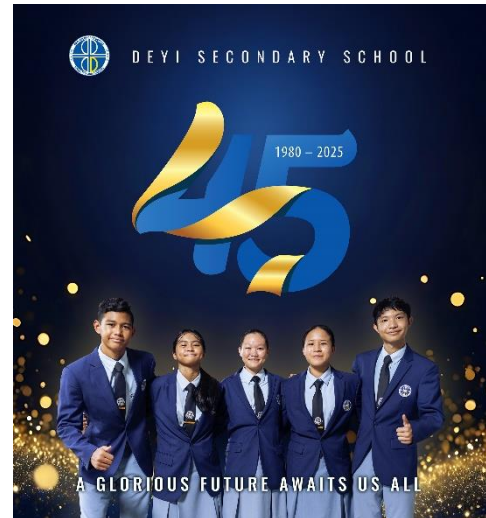
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27 December 2024

## Dear Parents / Guardians of 2025 Sec 4 and 5 Students,

1 Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the new school year! 2025 is an especially meaningful year for the Deyian family because we turn 45. We have planned several activities in the course of 2025 to consolidate and augment the good work that staff and students of the school have put in across the years, which has made Deyi a choice school in the community. We will keep you updated on details through the termly letters.

2 We have planned a rousing start to the new School Year with the Level Camp. Through it, we hope to settle your child/ward in well from the start of Term 1, to be all ready for an enriching 2025 in line with our School Vision of students being **Active Learners** and **Gracious Citizens**.



## Celebration of Excellence

3 Over the year-end holidays, Deyians took part in various local and international competitions, and did us proud:

### 3.1 *Asia Pacific RCAP Rescue Line (Qing Dao, China)*

Our IT Club (Robotics) students led by Mr. Reeve Ng emerged as Asia Pacific Champions in the above competition. The team comprised How Meng Yee (3 Discipline), Sim Ke Xin Faith (3 Discipline), and Wang Murong (2 Integrity) from IT Club. Denella Elias Teo (3 Integrity) from Young Journalists' Club supported the team and covered the event. Our students put in a resounding performance to beat other top teams from India, Macau and Taiwan, to clinch the championship.

### 3.2 *Our School Our Stories*

Eugene Tan Boon Hong from 4 Graciousness, guided by Mr. Reeve Ng, received an Honourable Mention in the Youth Category of the 2024 Photo Story competition. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

### 3.3 *School Football Academy (SFA) Tournament*

Our Sec 2 & 3 Girls' Football Team achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the SFA Tournament. Well done, team!

## GCE N-Level Results 2024

4 We are delighted that our students performed well in the 2024 GCE N-Level Examinations. Several subjects secured strong overall passes and distinctions. We wish our graduands continued success as they bring pride to their alma mater.

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## School Communication System

5 The school uses 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 2 January 2025. The time of the automated SMS is:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday : 9.00 am  
Wednesday : 10.00 am

6 For all important communication with parents/guardians, the school uses Parents Gateway (PG). Please onboard PG if you have not already done so. On essential matters, teachers will communicate with students through ICON email. Teachers will continue to encourage all students to use their Student Handbook to capture key information (e.g. test dates and topics) disseminated in class.

## School Hours

DAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Start Time	7.30 am	7.30 am	8.30 am*	7.30 am	7.30 am

\* Late start day.

7 School starts promptly at 7.30 am daily except Wednesdays, on which school starts at 8.30 am. Your child/ward is reminded to adhere to the timetable and be present in class on time. Being punctual and prepared for lessons are habits that lay the foundation for a positive school experience, which we want all our students to benefit from.

## Student Handbook

8 To inculcate responsibility and good self-management, every student is given a copy of the Deyi Secondary School Student Handbook 2025, which contains detailed information on all school matters. Rules and regulations are listed clearly in the Student Handbook for clarity on acceptable and positive student behaviours. Sufficient space is also provided on the Handbook for students to jot down schedules, homework matters, reminders and test details.

## Use of Mobile Phones (see Student Handbook 2025 pg 11)

9 We wish for all students to maintain a healthy balance between offline and online activities in embracing the affordances of technology. Students should exercise self-discipline, integrity and care when sharing and communicating via the mobile phone. By being respectful, considerate and appropriate always when using their mobile devices, Deyians will grow into gracious and socially responsible young adults.

10 Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school subject to the following requirements:

- (i) The mobile phone must be switched off during curriculum time. Putting the phone in silent mode will not suffice as it will still be a distraction.

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- (ii) The use of mobile phone is confined to 2 designated areas for the entire school day.

**Area 1: Foyer Area**



**Area 2: Resting Area opposite Blk C toilets**



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

11 Students who do not comply with the above requirements would have the privilege withdrawn, as follows:

- (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) *Repeat offenders will be barred from bringing their mobile phone to school.*

12 Students must take responsibility for their personal belongings at all times. The school will not be responsible for any loss of mobile phones or wallets, which were misplaced or left unattended, in the school premises.

## **Blended Learning (Home-Based Learning) on 'Even-Week' Fridays**

13 Through Blended Learning, we seek to enhance our students' schooling experience and further develop them into self-directed learners. To support this, our school will be implementing a '10-day' timetable in Semester 1 with Blended Learning days scheduled on even-week Fridays.

14 There will be 4 Blended Learning days scheduled on even-week Fridays in Term 1: 17 Jan, 31 Jan, 14 Feb and 28 Feb. On these dates, students will stay at home to complete their online learning. This structure allows students more opportunities to be self-directed and independent, and in the process develop passion and intrinsic motivation for learning. Kindly refer to [go.gov.sg/dyssbl](http://go.gov.sg/dyssbl) for more information.

15 Intended as a day of self-paced learning, a typical Blended Learning day will start with a short FT check-in at 7.30 am, followed by 4 hours spent on asynchronous learning of pre-assigned subjects and topics. Every Blended Learning session will end with an hour of Student Initiated Learning (SIL). More details will be shared with students in Term 1 Week 2 during Form Teachers' time on Monday and Wednesday.

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## Homework Policy

16 The school assigns students homework to reinforce their learning, enable feedback on their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards continual learning. The school's Homework Policy guides teachers in setting well-designed homework tasks to bring about intended learning outcomes, moderating the amount of time students spend on homework and providing timely feedback through 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 encourage your child/ward to reap the full benefits of the assigned homework.

## Weighted Assessment (WA)

17 In alignment with the Ministry of Education's move away from an over-emphasis on academic results, WAs will continue to be pitched in ways that help your child/ward take stock of his/her learning. WAs can take various modes, e.g. class tests, quizzes, presentations, or group projects. WAs will be used by teachers to determine the extent of students' understanding in the respective subjects. Through WAs, teachers will be able to provide formative feedback as well as take remedial action. More details on WA will be provided through your child/ward and can also be found in the Student Handbook.

## Academic Support Programme (ASP)

18 To support our Sec 4 & 5 students in their preparation for the end-of-year GCE O- Level 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.

## Co-Curricular Activity (CCA)

### 19 CCA Days – Tuesdays & Thursdays

A holistic education lays a broad and deep foundation for lifelong learning. Beyond the academic pursuit, Deyi emphasises co-curricular activities for the development of values and life skills in every child to equip them for the challenges in life. CCAs also support students to discover their strengths, interests and talents. Hence, CCA participation is compulsory at the secondary school level. Our school's CCA days\* are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each CCA session will last about 2.5 – 3 hours after school. This information is featured in the student timetable. Students will report for their CCAs after taking their lunch in the school canteen.

\*Schedule might vary due to competitions / National School Games (NSG) / Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) requirements and other special activities.

\*Some CCAs may free up selected Thursdays (discretionary Thursdays) e.g. after the competition season. Parents will be informed of the specific CCA Training schedule.

### 20 Adjustments to CCA Sessions for 2025 Term 1 for Sec 2-5

As part of our students' back to school programme and a lead up to our CCA Carnival on Saturday 18 January, the following are the adjustments to our CCA sessions:

3 January (Friday) 7.30am – 12.30pm	: CCA Morning
7 January (Tuesday) 7.30am – 12.30pm	: CCA Morning
14 January (Tuesday)	: Discretionary CCA Afternoon

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## Programme for Week 0 (2-3 Jan 2025) and Week 1 (6-10 Jan 2025)

21 The programme for the first 2 weeks to start the year on a good note is as follows:

Date / Day	Programme	Levels	End Time
<b>Week 0</b>			
2 Jan Thursday	FT Time and Admin Day	All	12.30pm
3 Jan Friday	CCA Morning - Rehearsal 1 Sports Experience CCE	Sec 2- 4 Sec 1	12.30pm
<b>Week 1</b>			
6 Jan Monday	BL & SIL Briefing CCA Briefing (Sec 1) Class-based Activities	All Sec 1 All	12.30pm
7 Jan Tuesday	CCA Morning - Rehearsal 2 UG Experience cum Perf Arts Experience (2h Rotation by Blocks)	All	12.30pm
8 Jan Wednesday	Level Camp  Abridged Programme	Sec 1 - 4  Sec 5	Sec 1: 4.30pm Sec 2: Overnight Sec 3: 4.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 2.30pm
9 Jan Thursday	Level Camp  Abridged Programme	Sec 1 - 4  Sec 5	Sec 1: Overnight Sec 2: Overnight Sec 3: 4.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 2.30pm
10 Jan Friday	Level Camp  Abridged Programme & Poly Open House Visit	Sec 1 - 4  Sec 5	Sec 1: 8.00pm Sec 2: 12.30pm Sec 3: 8.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 5.30pm

Students will report in half-uniform unless informed otherwise by the teacher in-charge. For Level Camp details, please refer to the separate PG message that will be sent out by 28 December.

### Health & Pandemic Readiness - Drill on 15 January 2025 (Wednesday)

22 As part of pandemic readiness, a Temperature Taking Exercise will be held on the morning of Wednesday 15 January. Please ensure that your child/ward brings a working ODT to school. We seek parents' support to keep school a safe environment for students. If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., wear a mask and minimise social interactions with big groups). Let us all do our part to stay safe.

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## Sec 1 CCA Carnival – 18 January 2025 (Saturday)

23 Sec 1 CCA Carnival will be held on Saturday 18 January, 7.30am – 11.30am. This event is compulsory for all Sec 1 students and **will be supported by students from all other levels**. It will showcase our school's range of co-curricular programmes and CCA groups. CCAs inculcate sound values in our students, build strength of character and foster camaraderie. They also provide opportunities for students to develop leadership qualities. Our Values-in-Action programme helps students develop qualities such as care, concern and respect for others in society. Booths will be set up for parents and students to interact with their seniors to discover what each CCA is about.

## Chinese New Year Celebration – 28 January 2025 (Tuesday)

24 Students are to report to school by 7.30 am on Tuesday 28 January. Your child/ward will be participating in various class-based activities to celebrate the occasion. School will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m. School Leaders and staff would like to wish all students and parents a Happy & Prosperous Chinese New Year! 新年快乐! 万事如意! 蛇年行大运!

## Parent Engagement Session for Sec 4 & 5s – 7 February 2025 (Friday)

25 There will be an online Parent Engagement Session on Friday 7 February 2025, at 7.00 pm online. More details will be shared closer to the date. We look forward to your attendance for this event.

## Careers Day 2024 – 5 March (Wednesday)

26 One highlight 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 Wednesday 5 March from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm.

27 In the morning, to expose students to the various course offerings available at polytechnics, all Secondary 4 Exp/NA and Secondary 5 students will attend a workshop conducted by Nanyang Polytechnic from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm. Students will undergo two rounds of course-advising sessions. This workshop will be conducted face-to-face at Nanyang Polytechnic.

28 Secondary 4NT students will visit ITE College West from 8.30am to 1.00pm for an ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE-EAE) workshop to help them prepare their write-ups and portfolios.

29 From 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm, students will return to school to participate in a career exploration programme. Through a combination of hands-on job taster experiences and authentic conversations with working professionals, the programme will help kickstart students' career exploration journey. The session is designed to motivate them to identify potential career options, which will eventually result in purposeful and well-informed post-secondary pursuits.

30 Students will be dismissed from school at 5.30 pm.

## Internal MTL Oral Examination for 4E/5NA - 7 March 2025 (Friday)

31 The MTL Oral Examination for Sec. 4E and 5NA students will be held on Friday 7 March 2025 from 1-5 pm after school. The oral examination for 4NA/4NT/4CLB will be conducted in Term 2.

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32 The MTL oral examination is compulsory for all students and absentees are required to submit a Medical Certificate (MC), otherwise a zero mark will be awarded for absenteeism from the examination without a valid reason.

## Track Meet – 14 March 2025 (Friday)

33 The friendly rivalry between the various level classes forms a vibrant backdrop to our intra-school sporting landscape. The Inter-Class Track Meet is a key annual event, and all students are to attend. The details are as listed:

**Date:** 14 March (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).

## Use of Photos/Videos taken at School Events

34 Please note that photograph(s) or video images(s) of your child/ward may be captured at school events, including those involving our partner organisations. We may use or publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication, including similar outreach platforms of our partner organisations.

## Parent Support Group (PSG)

35 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 "The Deyian Parent form" available via this QR code or via this link (<https://forms.gle/F5kQs9jtPiD4PyBc7>). Parents who sign up will receive invitations to school and PSG activities / events as well as the latest PSG news via the class WhatsApp chat groups. For more information, kindly email the PSG at [Deyisspsg@gmail.com](mailto:Deyisspsg@gmail.com).



36 We look forward to your continued support and partnership.

With Warm Regards,

Mrs Patty Gan  
Year Head (Upper Sec)

Miss Chiang Huimin  
Vice-Principal (Upper Sec)

Mr Chow Weisi  
Principal

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