

## MEET YOUR TEACHER!



# KUIK SHIAO YIN

Before you start class, we thought you should know more about who will be guiding you along. Meet Ms. Kuik Shiao-Yin. She hopes to open your heart to new possibilities.

Ms. Kuik has been teaching General Paper for 14 years. In 2002, she co-founded School of Thought with a group of friends to deal with the problem of growing apathy among youths.

Students enjoy her informal, friendly style, structured thinking and ability to ground complicated concepts into clear, user-friendly frameworks. She enjoys connecting what they are studying now to their future life and choices outside of school.

Ms. Kuik served the public sector as a Nominated Member of Parliament from 2014-2015. She enjoys talking to youths about the power of possibility through taking ownership of our personal stories. She speaks often on social entrepreneurship and the roots of creativity and change.

### ON WHY SHE HAS CHOSEN TO TEACH:

"I teach because I believe it sows seeds that can come into bloom in this generation and the next. I want to share whatever I know - experiences insights and perspectives - that could help them make better choices."

### ON WHAT SHE HOPES TO HELP STUDENTS SEE ABOUT SINGAPORE:

"I see Singapore as a miracle city that was preserved for a purpose. If our city has been successful, it is not because of the decisions of a small, group of elites. Singapore is, and always will be, the sum of all of our choices. We have a great city today because many men and women in our founding generation chose to be courageous, curious and caring. I want to see us continue in that legacy. I hope youths will see that they have an excellent heritage of creativity, daring and innovation.

### "ON MAKING LEARNING AND LIFE MEANINGFUL FOR HER STUDENTS:

"I chose to entrust two young, fresh graduates with designing the look and feel of my wedding. I was their first major client and I really wanted to build their confidence and invest in their future as experience designers. They showed excellent instincts. They even surprised me with a locket containing a secret message from my husband to read just before I walked down the aisle. It created a significant moment for me. My locket today reminds me that when we open our hearts to teach and encourage young people to pursue their dreams, they can surprise us with how much beauty and meaning they can create."



If you have any questions about what you will be learning, contact Ms Kuik at [yin@thethoughtcollective.com.sg](mailto:yin@thethoughtcollective.com.sg)