



24 Jun 2022

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you and your loved ones are well rested during the June holidays and your child/ward is ready to start off the term by coming later to school **before 7.55 am** from **Mon, 27 Jun 2022**. Yes, as shared in my letter to parents posted through the Parents Gateway (PG) portal on 20 May 2022, we will be starting school later each day and all students are to report to school **by 7.55 am every day** from Term 3. A later start time will better accommodate to the adolescent circadian rhythms of our students as well as improving their physical and mental well-being with more time for sleep. Do consider making time too for student-family bonding activities such as having breakfast together. We seek your support to encourage and reinforce good habits that your child/ward would need to adopt for better sleep. Please refer to *Annex C* for the updated opening hours for school gates.

2. Here are some accolades to share for the new term (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p><b>Post-Sec Accolades: Poly/ITE Diploma</b>            Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award 2022, ITE College Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Javen Koh Wei Yang (4T1, 2019)</li> </ul> <p>Outstanding Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) Graduates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jamie Tan Shiyun (4S1, 2018)</li> <li>- Lee Yan Han (4S2, 2018)</li> <li>- Chua Jia Lin, Hazel (4A1, 2018)</li> <li>- Khoo Ann Yee (4A1, 2018)</li> </ul> <p><b>Creative Arts Programme (CAP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Esther Lau Jia En, 3A6</li> </ul> <p><b>NUS Geography Challenge 2022 – Preliminary Round</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geraud Ang Wei Sheng (4A5), Silver Award</li> </ul> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> International Biomedical Quiz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gabrielle Eithan Holidi Hartono (4A8), Gold Award</li> <li>- Manickavasagom Ramakrishnan (4A7), Silver Award</li> </ul> <p><b>IgnITE Skills Challenge – Most Likeable Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cody Lam Zhun Heng, Kevin Mathew George &amp; Ee Wei Tong, 3A1</li> </ul>
CCA (UGs)	<p><b>Pinnacle Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NCC (Land Boys) – MSG Ilhan Haaziq Bin Mohammad Helmie, 4A8</li> <li>○ NCC (Sea) – MSG Nur Diyanah Alisyah Binte Azhar, 4A5</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Boys' Brigade Founder's Award               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SSG Zhou Mingtao, 4A7</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
School	<p><b>Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Defence Awards (TDA) 2022 - NS Advocate Award for Organisations</li> </ul>

3. As our students and staff return to school, there is a need for all to continue to exercise social responsibility while the school continue to take the necessary safe management measures to keep the school population safe moving into semester 2. For example, in alignment to national protocols, students/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 but are well or assessed by a doctor to have mild symptoms are to follow Protocol 2 to stay at home and self-isolate for 72 hours and only come back to school after testing negative or until 12 pm on Day 7, whichever is earlier. For students/staff who are close contacts, they are to follow Protocol 3 and should take an ART self-test daily before leaving home for school over the next 5 days. Please refer to the MOH website (<https://www.covid.gov.sg/>) on the 3 national protocols. Singapore is currently experiencing a spike in COVID-19 community infections that are largely driven by newer Omicron subvariants coupled with travellers returning from overseas trips. We must remain vigilant and practice good personal hygiene together with the wearing of face masks where required at all times.

4. On this note, we look forward to welcoming all our students back in school!

Yours faithfully


Mr Phua Huat Chuan  
Principal

*(This letter has been posted electronically on Parents Gateway. No signature is required.)*

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### Details of Achievements

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Academic	<p>The school have received accolades from ITE College Central and Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) of ex-BBSSians who have done well.</p> <p><b>ITE College Central</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Javen Koh Wei Yang</b> (4T1, 2019), Nitec in Business Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award<sup>1</sup> 2022</li> <li>- Grade Point Average (GPA) score of 4.0</li> <li>- President of Rotaract Club</li> <li>- ITE Service Star Gold Award 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*see the news article on Javen published on 4 Jun 2022 on The New Paper website (<a href="https://tnp.straitstimes.com/news/singapore/ite-student-serves-community-heart-and-achieves-perfect-40-gpa">https://tnp.straitstimes.com/news/singapore/ite-student-serves-community-heart-and-achieves-perfect-40-gpa</a>)</p>  <p><b>Ngee Ann Polytechnic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jamie Tan Shiyun</b> (4S1, 2018), Diploma in Business &amp; Social Enterprise (with Merit<sup>2</sup>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SNCF Co-operative Silver Medal &amp; Prize</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Lee Yan Han</b> (4S2, 2018), Diploma in Information Technology (with Merit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diploma Plus<sup>3</sup> – Certificate in Advanced Computing Mathematics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Chua Jia Lin, Hazel</b> (4A1, 2018), Diploma in Business Studies (with Merit)</li> <li>• <b>Khoo Ann Yee</b> (4A1, 2018), Diploma in Early Childhood Development (with Merit)</li> </ul> <p><b>Creative Arts Programme (CAP)</b></p> <p>The Creative Arts Programme (CAP) is jointly organised by the Gifted Education Branch, Ministry of Education Singapore and Yale-NUS College. The CAP comprises a Creative Arts Seminar and a Mentorship Attachment. Taking place over the first week of the June holidays, the intensive Seminar provides participants with the opportunity to attend a plethora of carefully-curated talks and workshops, as well as develop their writing during hands-on sessions. Subsequently, participants may apply for the Mentorship Attachment; successful applicants will experience a 9 month-long mentorship programme under the guidance of local writers. 6 applications were submitted by the EL and Lit Department for the 2022's CAP selection and based on the submitted students' portfolio of creative writing pieces, <b>Esther Lau Jia En</b> (3A6) was successful in her application.</p> <p><b>National University of Singapore (NUS) Geography Challenge 2022</b></p> <p>The school sent a team of Geography students comprising of <b>Muhammad Amin s/o Abdul Kafoor</b> and <b>Chia Sheng Hang</b> of 4A6, <b>Ng Yuan Jie, Aidan John</b> and <b>Geraud Ang Wei Sheng</b> of 4A5 to participate in the NUS Geography Challenge together with about 117 other schools. Our team was one of the 5 schools who <b>won in the Creative Component</b> segment and thus qualified for the Semi-Finals Round. Prior to the Semi-finals, Geraud Ang won a <b>Silver Award</b> in the Preliminary Individual Round.</p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> International Biomedical Quiz</b></p> <p>The Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) Science and Mathematics Council in collaboration with the National University of Singapore (NUS), organised the 11<sup>th</sup> International Biomedical Quiz 2022 to provide a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the biomedical disciplines through critical thinking. 9 students participated and the following students achieved 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Merits in the final result respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gabrielle Eithan Holidi Hartono</b> (4A8), Gold Award</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> This award is presented to students and trainees who have performed consistently well in their courses and have displayed outstanding conduct and attitude to be role models for their peers. It aims to inspire students and trainees to display exemplary behaviour in training and develop high moral values as well as show care and concern for others. Each year, a maximum of 10 awards are given to full-time, *Nitec* and *Higher Nitec* students. This award comprises a cash quantum of \$400, a trophy and a certificate.

<sup>2</sup> Diploma with Merit is awarded to students who are in the top 10% for each graduating course cohort.

<sup>3</sup> The Diploma Plus Programme is offered to eligible students to broaden their learning and develop specialised skills and knowledge. This certified programme aims to equip them with valuable workplace knowledge and skills or advanced knowledge to better prepare them for their future university studies.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manickavasagom Ramakrishnan</b> (4A7), Silver Award</li> <li>• <b>Chan Glenn, Eng Xinyu, Natalie and Rayanne Loh Yuexuan</b> of 4A8, Merit Award</li> </ul> <p>Here are a few short reflections on their experience participating in the quiz. It is heartening to see the connections made to HOM.</p> <p><i>“I used <b>knowledge gained</b> from preparing for last year’s Bio Olympiad. I also watched a series where cells are anthropomorphised and liked the characters a lot, so I skimmed through almost all of the wiki pages relating to the series and its characters. I then <b>applied what I read</b> in those wiki pages. I also <b>applied what I had been taught in class.</b>” (Gabrielle Eithan Holidi Hartono, 4A7)</i></p> <p><i>“In order to prepare for the Biomedical Quiz, I remained <b>open to continuous learning</b> by reading up more about oncology which was not in the O-Level syllabus.” (Rayanne Loh, 4A8)</i></p> <p><i>“Even though I didn’t understand some of the questions I still attempted them and <b>didn’t give up midway.</b>” (Sim Xuen, 4A7)</i></p> <p><b>IgnITE Skills Challenge</b> The IgnITE Skills Challenge is an annual competition that introduces students to <b>technical skills</b> and fosters a <b>deeper understanding of courses offered by ITE</b>. About 80 schools sent teams for the competition this year. Our 3A1 and 4A1 students took part in three categories, namely, Mad Mocktail Challenge at ITE Weston 12 April, Chromodigiart Challenge at ITE East on 13 April and Cyber Warrior Challenge at ITE Central on 14 April and 3 teams got into the Finals! At the finals of the Mad Mocktail Challenge comprising of 9 teams, our students <b>Cody Lam Zhun Heng, Kevin Mathew George and Ee Wei Tong</b> of 3A1 received the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the Most Likeable Award</b> for their Instagram post of their Mocktail and a consolation prize for their efforts in the finals. Similarly, our 2 other teams from 4A1 comprising of <b>Chew Jia Le, Gene Quek Jun Hao and Melvin Lee Rong Jing</b>, and <b>Kamakshi Ravikumar Skandhakripa, Phone Min Khant and Rebecca Lau Shu En</b> respectively competing in the Cyber Warrior Challenge against 7 other teams received a consolation prize each for their efforts.</p>
CCA (UGs)	<p><b>National Cadet Corps (NCC)</b> The Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA) is a recognition by NCC HQ for outstanding contribution to the Unit, and to the Corps. OCA nominees had to undergo physical tests as well as an interview and assessment by the HQ NCC judging panel before they were given this award. The 2022 recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NCC (Land Boys) – <b>MSG Ilhan Haaziq Bin Mohammad Helmie</b>, 4A8</li> <li>- NCC (Sea) – <b>MSG Nur Diyanah Alisyah Binte Azhar</b>, 4A5</li> </ul> <p><b>Boys’ Brigade (BB)</b> The Founder’s Award is the highest and most prestigious award in the Secondary School Boys’ Brigade Programme. Recipients would have completed the required brigade-level activities, national events and satisfied additional requirements such as attaining proficiency badges, demonstrating outstanding conduct and character; and has been recommended by the Company Captain, with the support and endorsement of teachers. Our school recipient this year is <b>SGT Zhou Mingtao</b>, 4A7.</p>
CCA (Sports)	<p><b>National School Games (NSG) 2022</b> With the easing of safe management measures (SMM) as the nation works towards dealing with COVID-19 at the endemic level, the NSG had commenced in semester 1 for all games including full contact rugby after 2 long years. The school commended the efforts of the students, teachers-in-charge, coaches and ex-BBSSians who came back to help from Badminton, Basketball, Rugby, Softball and Shooting CCAs as they continue to rebuild themselves to the same level of competitiveness as before if not better. While the Rugby B Division boys managed to clinch the <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Runners-up</b> position in the National Schools U-17 Rugby Championships 2022 (Bowl Division), of worthy mention are the boys’ and girls’ teams of the Shooting CCA who had been placed within the <b>top 10 position</b> of the Air Rifle competition for the first time since its establishment as a BBSS school CCA. The boys were 8<sup>th</sup> out of 19 competing teams while the girls were 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 competing teams.</p>

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School	<p>In recognition of our efforts, with effect from 31 Mar 2022, BBSS was accredited with the <b>NS Mark (Gold) Certificate</b> for our strong demonstration of commitment at the highest level in supporting National Service (NS) and Total Defence (TD). Examples of school efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encouraging non-deferment from NS call-ups.</li> <li>- Making arrangements for work duties to be covered during ICT.</li> <li>- Participating in events and exhibitions organised by MINDEF/MHA.</li> <li>- Organising NE programmes to promote TD and supporting NS publicly.</li> <li>- Partnering SPF and SAF on outreach and engagement programmes.</li> </ul> <p>On 23 Jun 2022, BBSS received the <b>Total Defence Awards (TDA) 2022 – NS Advocate Award for Organisations</b>, the highest national accolade that recognises a wide array of stakeholders' exemplary support for NS, including individuals, small and medium enterprises, large companies and organisations. The award will be presented to BBSS on 10 Nov 2022.</p>

## ANNEX B

### 1. Major School Events/Activities (27 Jun, Term 3)

DATE	EVENT
Wed, 29 Jun	Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise (ATTEEx) [Morning Assembly]
Sat, 2 Jul	Parent-Child Bonding Activity – The Art of Paper Quilling [9.30 am to 11 am]
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY (MON, 4 JUL) – YOUTH DAY</b>	
Fri, 8 Jul	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Mon, 11 JUL) – HARI RAYA HAJI</b>	
Thu, 21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day
Fri, 22 Jul	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Mon, 25 Jul to Tue, 5 Aug	N-Preliminary Examinations
Fri, 5 Aug	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Mon, 8 Aug	National Day Celebrations with BBSS Step Challenge 2022
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (TUE, 9 AUG) – NATIONAL DAY</b>	
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY (WED, 10 AUG) – DAY AFTER NATIONAL DAY</b>	
Thu, 11 Aug to Tue, 16 Aug	Sec 4 Exp/5NA Preliminary Science Practical Examinations
Wed, 17 Aug to Wed, 31 Aug	O-Level Preliminary Examinations
Fri, 19 Aug	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Thu, 1 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebrations BBSS Got Talent [Teachers' Day Concert]
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY (FRI, 2 SEP) – TEACHERS' DAY</b>	
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 3 SEP TO SUN, 11 SEP)</b>	
Wed, 7 Sep	Sport CCAs Interactive Day (SCID)
Fri, 10 Sep	CCA Stand Down

### 2. National Examinations Schedule (5 Jul to 1 Sep, Term 3)

Date	Time	Nat Exam	Subject Code	Paper	Subject Name	MOA <sup>4</sup>	Duration	Remarks
5 Jul	1430h -	O-Level	1151	3	Malay B	LC <sup>5</sup>	30 min	Broadcast starts at 1500h
			1152	3	Tamil B			
			1160	3	Chinese			
	1148		3	Malay				
	1153		3	Chinese B				
	1630h -							

<sup>4</sup> Mode of Assessment

<sup>5</sup> Listening Comprehension

			1157	3	Tamil			Broadcast starts at 1700h	
6 Jul	1430h -		1151	3	Malay B	Oral	15 min		
			1152	3	Tamil B				
			1153	3	Chinese B				
7 to 18 Jul			1148	3	Malay				
			1157	3	Tamil				
			1160	3	Chinese				
12 to 18 Jul		N-Level	1190	4	EL Syllabus A		20 min		
			1195	4	EL Syllabus T				
21 Jul to 1 Aug		O-Level	1128	4	English Language				
3 Aug to 5 Aug	1430h -	N-Level	1196	3	Chinese		15 min		
				1197	3	Malay			
				1198	3	Tamil			
				1202	2	Basic Chinese			
				1203	2	Basic Malay			
				1204	2	Basic Tamil			
2 Aug			O-Level	1133	3	Malay (SP)			
				1166	3	Chinese (SP)			
15 to 17 Aug				1117	3	Higher Malay			
				1147	3	Higher Tamil			
18 to 19 Aug				1116	3	Higher Chinese			

## ANNEX C

### Updated Opening Hours for School Gates in Semester 2

Please note the following on the opening hours of the school gates and latecomers.

<b>Morning Assembly (7.55 am)</b>	Before the chime	Front gate – Open from <b>6.00 am</b> Back gate – Open from <b>7.00 to 7.55 am</b>
	After the chime	For safety and security reasons, only the front gate will be open. Latecomers can only enter from the front gate after 7.55 am.
<b>After 8.25 am</b>	Latecomers without valid reasons will report to the Principal or Vice-Principals.	

In the afternoon during curriculum time, the rear gate turnstile will be open at the following scheduled timings for **EXIT** only with exceptions that may be made during rainy weather and during the examination period.

Day	Time
Monday – Thursday	1.40 pm – 6.30 pm
Friday	12.25 pm – 6.30 pm