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Dear Parent/Guardian

- Welcome back! As we start the new term, let's encourage our students to start Term 2 with a positive mindset and a diligent work attitude that will help them to achieve their desired targets and goals for the year.
- Here are some good news to share for the new term. (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>Post-Sec Accolades: A-Level 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Distinctions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iizen Sng Lik Tiah (4A8, 2020), Jurong Pioneer Junior College <p>Swift Innovators' Summit 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of our students developed an app named "Grass" which was showcased at the Swift Innovators' Summit 2023 – Saumil Anand (2A7, 2023) <p>Students Featured in Local Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berita Harian – Nursyahindah (4A3, 2022) Lianhe Zaobao - Na Si Ying Isabelle (4A8, 2022)
CCA (UGs)	<p>Pinnacle Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC (Land) Boys - Distinction Award NCC (Sea) - Distinction Award NPCC - Distinction Award
CCA (Sports)	<p>NTU Invitational Shoot - Air Rifle Women (ARW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Zone (B-division ARW team): 2nd Position - Toh Yi Xian (4A7), Lim Jia Min Sarah (4A2), Song Ziyi Chloe (3A4) West Zone (B-division ARW team): 3rd Position - Chantel Tham Li Qin (3A3), Ng Le Qi, Jessy (3A4), Phung Si Jie (3A6) <p>Rugby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented Singapore in 2023 Men's 7 Rugby – Roy Tan Tonhardt (4N2, 2019)

3. **Annual Awards Ceremony (AAC) 2023**

All graduating students (Secondary 4 and 5) are required to **attend the 37th Annual Awards Ceremony 2023 on 6 April 2023**. Outstanding graduates in areas such as academic, community service and Habits of Mind (HOM) will be presented awards at this important school event. Lessons on that day are not affected and they are to **report to their respective classrooms at 3.45pm in their school uniform with school tie** to have their attendance taken and briefed before proceeding to the school hall. (Refer to *Annex B* for more details of the AAC and Term 2 Major School Events/Activities).

4. **Multi-Level Activities (MLA) 2023**

Students of all levels will participate in the cohort Multi-Level Activities (MLA). The wider objectives of the MLA is to develop our students holistically and provide opportunities for them to bond with their peers as well as to demonstrate the various Habits of Mind (HOM) dispositions through these activities. (Refer to *Annex C* for more details of the MLA 2023).

5. **Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)**

The SYF Arts Performance (AP) is a performance and benchmarking platform that offers opportunities for continuous learning and improvement through feedback from industry professionals. Our Performing Arts Groups have been practising hard for the SYF AP which will be presented in Term 2. Below are the dates of the SYF AP for the various performing groups. In line with our school's mission of developing self-directed learners with abundance mentality, we hope that you will encourage your child to adopt the 3 'Self's' of a self-directed learner: Self-Managing – Plan goals, Self-Monitoring – Carry out the required actions, making decisions along the way to alter the actions where necessary, Self-Modifying – Reflect to make changes to own behaviour and apply learning to future plans. Parents are encouraged to attend on a first come first serve basis.

Performing Arts Group	Date
Modern Dance	Wed, 29 March
Chinese Orchestra	Mon, 3 April
Band	Thu, 13 April
Choir	Wed, 19 April
Drama	Wed, 19 April
Malay Dance	Tue, 25 April

6. **Mother Tongue (MT) Preliminary Examinations**

To prepare for the 'O' Level MT Examinations on 29 May, our Sec 4E5N and 4NA Subject-Based Banding (SBB) students will sit for the MT preliminary papers on 25 April. Please encourage your child/ward to maintain a positive work attitude by adopting the 3 'self's', practicing self-care by taking breaks during their revision, having a well-balanced nutritious diet, and getting enough sleep while they prepare for the examinations.

7. **Oral Examinations for English Language and Mother Tongue Languages**

Please refer to *Annex D* for the Oral Examination Schedule for English Language and Mother Tongue Languages conducted in Term 2.

8. **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)**

The student-led Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) at the end of the semester on 24 May to 26 May for all students paves the opportunity besides the regular correspondence between school-home to hear what your child has to share about his/her holistic progress in school. Do avail yourself to meet up with your child's/ward's teachers on that day.

9. On this note, have a pleasant and healthy term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan
Principal

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

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ANNEX A

Details of Achievements

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>The school has received accolades from various JCs of ex-BBSSians (2020) who had done well for the 2022 A-Level Examinations. Congratulations to Iizen Sng Lik Tiah (4A8, 2020) for scoring 4 Distinctions in the examinations.</p> <p>The Swift Accelerator Programme is an intensive talent development programme for secondary school students with an interest and aptitude for app development and computational thinking. Over 8 months, participants learn to code in Swift, and apply story-telling and design thinking principles to design, build, and release an iOS app of their own. We would like to congratulate Saumil Anand (Class 2A7, 2023) on his successful completion of the Swift Accelerator Programme. His team's app "Grass" was showcased at the Swift Innovators' Summit 2023.</p> <p>2 of our BBSSians were featured in local media for overcoming challenges to do well in the National Examinations of 2022. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nursyahindah (Class 4A3, 2022) was featured in <i>Berita Harian</i> for her resilience in overcoming challenges in her studies, proactiveness to seek help, conscientious early planning and eventually doing well for her N-Level Examinations, with strong support from her parents, teachers and peers.● Na Si Ying Isabelle (Class 4A8, 2022) was featured in <i>Zaobao</i> for her positive outlook and strength of character, bouncing back to do better in her Mother Tongue paper in Sec 4, after being disappointed in her national exam grade in Sec 3. She maintains a strong interest in the language, being in the Chinese Language interest group organizing MT activities and programmes for other students to promote interest in Chinese culture and language.

Domain	Achievement
CCA (UGs)	<p>Our Uniformed Groups (UGs) continue to do consistently well and were awarded the following for efforts in 2022:</p> <p>NCC (Land) Boys – Distinction Award (6th Consecutive Distinction) The NCC (Land) Boys continues to perform well and received a Distinction in the Unit Recognition (formerly known as Best Unit Competition) for 2022. This award was re-categorised in 2019 and the highest award is now called a Distinction instead of the Gold award.</p> <p>NCC (Sea) – Distinction Award (12th Consecutive Distinction) NCC (Sea) has performed well and received a Distinction in the Unit Recognition (formerly known as Best Unit Competition) for 2022. This award was re-categorised in 2019 and the highest award is now called a Distinction instead of the Gold award.</p> <p>NPCC – Distinction Award The NPCC Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) is conferred annually by NPCC Headquarters (HQ). It is awarded by assessing the overall performance of NPCC Units in an academic year. A total of 129 units were assessed in the assessment year 2022. We are pleased that Bukit Batok Secondary has attained a Distinction Award!</p>

CCA (Sports)

Air Rifle Women (ARW)

The Nanyang Technological University Invitational Shoot is an event endorsed by the Singapore Shooting Association with the objective to promote shooting sport as well as to instill a sense of sportsmanship and encourage active pursuit of sporting excellence.

We are pleased to announce that two of our Air Rifle Women (ARW) B-division teams won the following awards:

West Zone 2nd (B-division ARW team)

Class	Student
4A7	TOH YI XIAN
4A2	LIM JIA MIN SARAH
3A4	SONG ZIYI CHLOE

West Zone 3rd (B-division ARW team)

Class	Student
3A3	CHANTEL THAM LI QIN
3A4	NG LE QI, JESSY
3A6	PHUNG SI JIE

Rugby

Since 2017, the Rugby CCA has been honing its programme to grow sportsmen with strong competitive spirit, love for the game and developing team players who will give their best, coupled with becoming great sportsmen full of character and imbued with gratitude for the school and parents who supported them unconditionally.

Roy Tan Tonhardt (4N2, 2019) is one of the earliest beneficiaries of the programme. With his club exposure, grit and determination, he now represents Singapore in the 2023 Men's 7s Rugby squad and played his first international match against Malaysia on 18 March 2023, scoring his first international try as BBSS's first Rugby National Player! The school is proud of him and wishes him the very best in his future endeavours, both on and off the field.

ANNEX B

Major School Events/Activities (Term 2)

DATE	EVENT
Tue, 21 Mar	Sec 2 Principal's Talk & Subject Selection Briefing for Sec 2 students (6.00pm – 7.30pm)
Fri, 31 Mar	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (All Levels)
Thu, 6 Apr	Annual Awards Ceremony (4.00pm – 6.00pm) Commemoration of International Friendship Day
Fri, 14 Apr	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (All Levels)
Wed, 26 Apr	Sec 1 & 2 Multi-Level Activities Day Sec 3, 4 & 5 Multi-Level Activities Day
Thu, 27 Apr	Sec 1 & 2 Multi-Level Activities Day Sec 3, 4 & 5 Multi-Level Activities Day
Fri, 28 Apr	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (Sec 3, 4 & 5) Sec 1 & 2 Multi-Level Activities Day
Fri, 12 May	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (All Levels)
Tue, 16 May	Sec 4/5 Inter-Class Games (ICG) (2.30pm – 6.00pm)
Mon, 22 May to Fri, 26 May	Sec 3 MOE-OBS Challenge (3A1, 3A3, 3A6, 3A7)
Mon, 22 May to Thu, 25 May	Mother Tongue Hothousing (Intensive Preparation) (for 4E5N and SBB students taking O Level MT examination)
Mon, 29 May to Thu, 1 Jun	Sec 3 MOE-OBS Challenge (3A2, 3A4, 3A5) Makeup lessons in lieu of Sec 3 OBS (3A1, 3A3, 3A6, 3A7)
Wed, 24 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Thu, 25 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Fri, 26 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students (8.00am – 4.00pm)
Tue, 30 May to Thu, 1 Jun	Sec 4/5 Supplementary Lessons
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 27 MAY TO SUN, 25 JUN)	
Mon, 29 May to Tue, 30 May	GCE O-Level MTL Examinations
Mon, 19 Jun to Fri, 23 Jun	Sec 4/5 Applied Subjects Coursework Intensive Preparation

ANNEX C

Multi-Level Activities

Levels	Activities	Objectives	Remarks
Sec 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D2N MLA Camp 	<p>The objectives of the MLA Camp are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build relationships with classmates and their teachers. 2. Build class spirit. 3. Develop leadership skills. 4. Enhance learning of outdoor adventure skills. 5. Develop safety awareness and manage one's safety during outdoor activities. 	<p>Parents will be invited to attend the campfire night on 27 April.</p> <p>Details will be sent out in due course.</p>
Sec 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D2N MLA Camp 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Accept and appreciate the strengths and differences in people. 7. Demonstrate HOM and school values through rugged group activities. 8. Demonstrate responsible decision making towards self, others, the community and the environment. 	
Sec 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Bonding Activities Mental Wellness Programme CPR-AED Course Project iDonate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build strong class bonds. 2. Develop leadership skills. 3. Raise students' self and safety awareness. 4. Demonstrate life-skills such as CPR-AED skills when faced with emergencies. 5. Increase awareness of the needs of the elderly. 	
Sec 4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview Skills Workshop Arts Enrichment Workshop Project iDonate NE-Social Studies Learning Journey 	<p>Students will participate in a series of varied enrichment workshops, learning journey and a student-led fund-raising activity.</p> <p>Students will continue to strive to learn holistic skills and knowledge that will strengthen their wellness to enliven the spirit of "Be our Best" in their graduating year.</p> <p>The objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare for Early Admission Exercise (EAE) and post-secondary life. 2. Develop mental and social wellness. 3. Increase awareness of the needs of the elderly. 4. Engage in experiential learning beyond their textbooks. 	

ANNEX D**Oral Examination Schedule for English Language and Mother Tongue Languages****Term 2 EL Oral Examinations**

Level/Stream examined	Date	Week	Time
3E EL Oral	23 Mar, Thu	T2W1	3.00pm – 6.00pm
3E EL Oral (Make-up)	28 Mar, Tue	T2W2	3.00pm – 6.00pm
3N & 3T EL Oral	30 Mar, Thu	T2W2	3.00pm – 6.00pm

Term 2 MT Oral Examinations

Level/Stream examined	Date	Week	Time
1N & 1T MT Oral	25 Apr, Tue	T2W6	2.15pm – 6.30pm
2E MT Oral	14 Apr, Fri	T2W4	9.00am – 1.00pm
2N & 2T MT Oral	13 Apr, Thu	T2W4	2.15pm – 6.30pm
3E MT Oral Day 1 (CL & TL)	18 Apr, Tue	T2W5	2.15pm – 6.30pm
3E MT Oral Day 2 (CL & ML)	20 Apr, Thu	T2W5	3.15pm – 6.30pm
3N & 3T MT Oral	4 May, Thu	T2W7	3.15pm – 6.30pm
4E, 5N & 3HCL MT Oral Day 1 (CL & TL)	30 Mar, Thu	T2W2	3.15pm – 6.30pm
4E, 5N & 3HCL MT Oral Day 2 (CL & ML)	4 Apr, Tue	T2W3	2.15pm – 6.30pm
4HCL Oral	2 May, Tue	T2W7	2.15pm – 6.30pm
4N & 4T MT Oral	28 Mar, Tue	T2W2	3.15pm – 6.30pm

*1E MT Oral will be an online examination, on 7 July in Term 3.