



24 June 2024

Principal's Message - Semester 2 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school had an eventful semester 1. Merahans had multiple opportunities to go beyond the confines of their classrooms to learn, experience and nurture lifelong dispositions and competencies. Some of the highlights would include the level camps, cultural exchange programmes, Heart x Sole, Merahan Olympics and the memorable biennial Festivo VII (please click on the following links to see more on our social media sites: <https://m.facebook.com/Bmssofficial> and <https://www.instagram.com/bmssofficial/>; a recording of Festivo VII can be found via https://youtu.be/SrlfomCinCc?si=uH_h6vcYQcYU3t4D).

Self-directedness remains a key disposition we would like to nurture in our Merahans. From the start of the year, Merahans have been encouraged and reminded to harness their lived experiences to uncover their life's purpose. The search for a purpose is a journey that is seldom linear and likely tinged with a mix of sunshine and dark clouds. Merahans can always choose to draw strength from their positive experiences. And they can choose to learn from negative ones and transform these into sources of strengths.

In their search of a purpose, Merahans are encouraged to exercise choice to:

1. Be appreciative and not take for things granted. These include the people around them and the peace and harmony we have in our country.
2. Do what is right by themselves and others. There will players, haters, heartbreakers and fakers in life and in the online space but they can choose to shake it off or shut it down.
3. Be present for and reflective of their experiences so they are clearer of what their strengths, aspirations and purpose in life are. They can do this by attending school punctually so they can achieve duly.

Parents and guardians are important key partners of our school. We look forward to your continued partnership in developing a sense of purpose in our Merahans. Together, we can enable each and every of our Merahan to realise their potential in time to come.

Please refer to the Annex for list of school events in Semester 2.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Darren Chong
Principal
Bukit Merah Secondary School



Annex

2024 BMSS Term 3 Events

Date	Level/s	Event	Remarks
June			
24 Jun	All	Semester 2 reopening programme followed by timetabled academic classes	
26 & 27 Jun	Sec 4E5N	Mother Tongue Language Oral Practice (PM)	After school
July			
1 Jul	All	Youth Day School Holiday	
2 Jul	Sec 4E5N	Source-based Questions Workshop (PM)	After school
3 Jul	All	Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise	Students are to bring along a working thermometer
	Sec 4E5N	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language and Tongue Language Syllabus B Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
4 – 12 Jul	Sec 4E5N	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
4 Jul	Selected Sec 3 students	Learning Journey to Science Centre (PM)	After school
15 – 19 Jul	Sec 1&2	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight (for lower secondary students)	
	Selected students	Global Merahan Programme – Hosting of students from Jiangnan Middle School, Wuxi, China	
16 – 18 Jul	Sec 3	Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
16 Jul	All	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	
17 Jul	Sec 4N	Source-based Questions Workshop (PM)	After school
22 Jul	Sec 4&5	GCE O/N Level English Language Oral Examination	After school
23 – 25 Jul	Sec 4&5	GCE O/N Level English Language Oral Examination	
		GCE O Level Higher Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination	
		GCE O Level Mother Tongue Language Syllabus B Oral Examination	
		GCE N Level Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination	
	Sec 1 – 3	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day	Students do not need to report to school.

26 Jul	Sec 4E5N	GCE O/N Level English Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
31 Jul	Sec 4&5	S4&5 Prelim English Language Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
August			
1, 2 & 6 Aug	Sec 2	Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
5 Aug	Sec 4E5N	Prelim Combined Science Practical Examination	
	Sec 1 – 3	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day	Students do not need to report to school.
6 Aug	Sec 3E&NA	Social Studies Enrichment (PM)	After school
8 Aug	All	National Day Celebrations and BMSS 56th Speech & Prize-Giving Day	Programme will end by 10.30am Students are encouraged to wear red tops that day
9 Aug	All	Public Holiday: National Day	
12 – 22 Aug	Sec 4&5	Prelim N-Level & O-Level Examination	
13 Aug	Sec 4E	Prelim Pure Physics Practical Examination	
15, 16 & 20 Aug	Sec 1	Mother Tongue Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
22 Aug	Sec 4E	Prelim Pure Chemistry Practical Examination	
23 Aug	Sec 1 – 3	Mother Tongue Language Make-up Oral Examination (PM)	After school
26 & 27 Aug	Sec 4&5	Prelim Higher Mother Tongue Language, Mother Tongue Language and Mother Tongue Language Syllabus B Examination (PM)	After school
28 Aug	Sec 4&5	Milestone Celebration	
29 Aug	All	Teachers' Day Celebration	Programme will end by 10.30am
30 Aug	All	School Holiday: Teachers' Day	
September			
5 & 6	Sec 4NA & 4NT	Study Programme	Details will be shared with the classes.

2024 BMSS Term 4 Events

Date	Level/s	Event	Remarks
September			
9 – 19 Sep	Sec 4NA & 4NT	GCE N Level Written Examination (part 1)	
10 Sep	Sec 4NA & 4NT	GCE N(A) Level English Language & GCE N(T) Basic Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
12 Sep	Sec 4NA & 4NT	GCE N(T) Level English Language & GCE N(A) Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
17 – 19 & 24 Sep	Sec 3	English Language Oral Examination (PM)	After school
20 Sep	Sec 4&5	Graduation Ceremony (PM)	After school
25 Sep	Sec 3	Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
26 Sep	Sec 3	English Language Make-up Oral Examination (PM)	After school
30 Sep	Sec 1 – 3	End-of-Year Examination	
	Sec 4NA & 4NT	GCE N Level Written Examination (part 2)	
October			
1 – 8 Oct	Sec 4NA & 4NT	GCE N Level Written Examination (part 2)	
1 – 9 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	End-of-Year Written Examination	
2 Oct	Sec 4E5N	GCE O Level Pure Chemistry Practical Examination	
7 Oct	Sec 4E5N	GCE O Level Pure Physics Practical Examination	
10 Oct	Sec 4E5N	GCE O Level Combined Science Practical Examination	
10 & 11 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Marking Days	Students do not need to report to school
14 & 15 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Script Checking Days	
16 Oct	Sec 4E5N	GCE O Level English Language Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
		GCE O Level Mother Tongue Syllabus B Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
16, 17, 21 – 23 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Post-Examination Programme	

17 Oct – 11 Nov	Sec 4E5N	GCE O Level Written Examination	
18 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Promotion Exercise Day	Students do not need to report to school
24 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Last Day of School	
	Sec 1 – 3	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PM)	Selected students
25 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	BMFest	Selected students
	Sec 1 – 3	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PM)	Selected students
28 & 29 Oct	Sec 1, 2 and 3N	Intervention Programme	Selected students, details will be shared with the classes later
	Sec 3E	Bridging Programme	Selected students, details will be shared with the classes later
30 Oct	Sec 3E	Intervention Programme	Selected students, details will be shared with the classes later
November			
1 Nov	Sec 3E	Intervention Programme	Selected students, details will be shared with the classes later
5 – 10 Nov	Selected students	Global Merahan Programme – Overseas trip to Samakkhiwitthayakhom School (SWK) in Chiang Rai, Thailand	
6 – 11 Nov	Selected students	Global Merahan Programme – Overseas trip to Srinagarindra the Princess Mother School (SWPY) in Phayao, Thailand	