



12 January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian

A new year brings a fresh start. I would like to wish you and your family good health and great joy in this new year, and extend a cordial welcome to our Sec 1 Cohort 2021.

2020 was an extraordinary year that presented unprecedented challenges for schools, most notably the management of Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL) and COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs). All of us had to go through a steep learning curve. In our school, the collective effort and resilience of both our staff and students ensured that learning continued online and everyone was kept safe. It was this unity and strong spirit that helped inspire the school theme this year: **BM Stronger Together**. The theme encapsulates our shared aspiration to work as a big BMSS family to build a stronger and better school for our students and staff alike.

Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

While the COVID-19 pandemic brought about challenges, the learning from this experience has also provided many opportunities, including the expedited National Digital Literacy Programme whereby all Sec 1 to 3 students will be equipped with a personal learning device by 2021 under the MOE's Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP).

To foster mindsets and habits for self-directed learning, Blended Learning will be implemented in Term 3 this year. Home-Based Learning (HBL) will be regularly scheduled throughout the term to complement teaching and learning in the school. To support students during their HBL days, all Sec 1 to 3 students will have to own a school-prescribed computing device or Personal Learning Device (PLD).

The school will be conducting a webinar via Zoom to provide you with more information and respond to your questions regarding the PLD that your child/ward will be purchasing. Below are the details of the webinar. You are encouraged to log in 10 minutes earlier.

Level	Date	Time
Sec 1	16 January 2021 (Saturday)	Refer to Sec 1 PTM Schedule
Sec 2 and 3	23 January 2021 (Saturday)	10.00am to 11.00am

The link to each of the webinars will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the date.

Additionally, to help you and your child/ward to plan ahead, please refer to the attached annex for the list of Term 1 events. Some of these events would greatly benefit from your participation and attendance.

We hope to work hand in hand with you to develop your child/ward to his/her fullest potential

Yours sincerely

Timothy Cheng
Principal



Annex 1

2021 BMSS TERM 1 EVENTS

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
JANUARY			
13 Jan	Sec 2 to 5	First Day of CCA	
13, 20, 27 Jan 3 Feb	Sec 1	Sec 1 CCA Orientation and Experience	2:30pm - 5:45pm
14 Jan	Sec 1	Sec 1 Transitional Workshop III	2:30pm - 4:30pm
14 Jan	Sec 2	Briefing on Aesthetics Education Programme (AEP)	1:30pm - 2:45pm
16 Jan	Sec 1	Virtual Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)	
18 Jan	Sec 1	Briefing for Sec 1 Applied Learning Programme (ALP) and photo-taking	1NA/NT: 2:00pm - 3:30pm 1EXP: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
21 Jan	Sec 1	Commencement of Sec 1 Applied Learning Programme (ALP)	Sec 1E is on every Thursday until 22 April; Sec 1NA/NT is on every Monday until 12 April
25 Jan	Sec 1 to 5	Start of Intervention and Support Programme	selected students
28 Jan	Sec 2	Commencement of Aesthetics Education Programme (AEP)	every Thursday until 15 April
FEBRUARY			
9 Feb	All	Total Defence Day Commemoration	
11 Feb	All	Chinese New Year Celebration	students will be dismissed by 10:30am
12-13 Feb	All	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	
15 Feb	All	Chinese New Year School Holiday	
17 Feb	Sec 1	Commencement of Sec 1 CCA	
17 Feb	Sec 3	Sec 3 NRIC Registration	during curriculum
19 Feb	Sec 4	HPV Vaccination	during curriculum

MARCH

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3 Mar	Sec 1T1	Sec 1T1 EPIC Camp	
4 Mar	Sec 1	Sec 1 Day Camp	
11-12 Mar	Sec 4/5	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)	
12 Mar	Sec 2	Sec 2 Streaming Briefing (for parents)	
12 Mar	Sec 4/5	Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Day	
15-17 Mar	Sec 4/5	Craft & Technology Coursework March Intensive	
16 Mar	Sec 3	Virtual Global Merahan Programme with Jiang Nan Middle School, China Wuxi	selected students