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Dear Parents/Guardian

After almost two months, it is heartening to see Merahans back in school again. We would like to thank you for working with us in keeping our school community safe, especially your strong support for the recent revaccination exercise. Through our close partnership in the new normal, we can adapt swiftly to dynamic shifts in the COVID-19 situation to ensure the well-being of all Merahans.

Our school has stepped up **ring-fence measures** to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school, putting in place a stringent regime to ensure students who are deemed to be potential COVID19 carriers do not come to school. For example, students/staff staying in the same household as individuals (**6 years and above**) with flu-like symptoms or who are called up for mandatory testing by MOH, will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) and be required to stay at home until the unwell household member's COVID-19 test result (ART or PCR) is reported to be negative.

Our school will continue to put in place **other strict safe management measures (SMMs)** which include **fixed exam-style seating of 1-metre distancing** between individuals, with **no group work** (e.g. classrooms, canteens, science labs, special rooms) from **Term 3 Week 1**. **Group work (maximum 5 in a group)** will be only be allowed from **Term 3 Week 2**. Additionally, teachers must wear surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness and remain at the front of the classroom when teaching

With your strong support, our school has a **high vaccination take-up rate**. If you need to find out more about your child's/ ward's vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact our school. Rest assured that we will ensure your child's/ward's well-being in view of his/her vaccination. For instance, students will **not** participate in strenuous activities (PE lessons) during the week following their vaccinations.

Please continue to support the school safe management measures by encouraging your child/ward to adhere to the SMMs which include:

- adhering to the school's safety measures at **all times** while in school
- **not** coming to school when he/she is **not feeling well, or under AA/LOA**
- **seeking medical attention immediately when unwell**
- wearing a **good filtration mask** (refer to <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/consumer-safety/articles/what-you-need-to-know-about-masks>);
- bringing their **TraceTogether Tokens** daily
- returning home **immediately** after school and avoid loitering around the neighbourhood

Blended Learning (BL) is part of MOE's efforts to further develop our students' ability to be self-directed, passionate and lifelong learners. At BMSS, **Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days** have been scheduled fortnightly on **even-week Fridays for Sec 1 to 3 students** to complement in-school teaching and learning. The first HBL Day is on **Friday 9 July**. Your child/ward will complete two components – Curriculum Coverage (CC) and Student-Initiated Learning (SIL). As such, there will be **different timetables for odd and even weeks in Semester 2**. **Do encourage your child/ward** to seize this opportunity to take ownership of his/her own learning and enjoy the learning experience.

SEDIA - ALWAYS BE PREPARED



To help you and your child/ward plan ahead, please refer to the attached annex for the list of Term 3 events. For some of these events, a separate letter with more information will be issued to parents/guardians at a later date.

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

Together, we can keep safe and stay healthy!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Cheng". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Timothy Cheng
Principal

Annex 1
2021 BMSS TERM 3 EVENTS

| DATE | LEVEL | EVENT | REMARKS |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| JUNE | | | |
| 28 – 2 Jul | Sec 4/5 | Craft & Technology Coursework Intensive Programme | |
| 29 Jun | Sec 4NA/NT | EL Oral Preparation | |
| 30 Jun – 2 Jul | Sec 4E/5N | MTL Oral Practice | |
| JULY | | | |
| 2 Jul | Sec 4/5 Sec 4NA/NT | Equipping for the Future Workshop EL Oral Preparation | |
| 5 Jul | All | Youth Day School Holiday | |
| 6 Jul | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension | Sec 4E/5N, 4T1 dismissal at 12.30 pm; All other classes dismissal at 1.30 pm |
| 7 Jul | Sec 4/5 | Start of ISP | |
| 7 – 16 Jul | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level MTL Oral Examination | |
| 9 Jul | Sec 1 – 3 | Blended Learning (1) | Students do not need to report to school |
| 12 Jul | Sec 2NA/NT | Commencement of Applied Learning Programme (ALP) | Every Monday until 27 Sep |
| 12 – 16 Jul | Sec 4NA/NT | GCE N-Level EL Oral Examination | |
| 15 Jul | Sec 2E | Commencement of Applied Learning Programme (ALP) | Every Monday until 23 Sep |
| 19 Jul | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level MTL & MTLB Listening Comprehension | |
| 20 Jul | All | Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday | |
| 21 – 22 Jul | Sec 4NA/NT | MTL Oral Practice | |
| 22 – 30 Jul | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination | |
| 23 Jul | Sec 1 – 3 | Blended Learning (2) | Students do not need to report to school |
| 27 Jul | All | Racial Harmony Day Celebration | |
| 29 Jul – 2 Aug | Sec 4NA/NT | GCE N-Level MTL Oral Examination | |
| AUGUST | | | |
| 2 – 3 Aug | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination | |
| 4 – 18 Aug | Sec 1 – 4 | HPB Annual School-Based Health Screening | During curriculum |
| 5 Aug | Sec 1E Sec 4NA/NT | MTL Oral Examination End of ISP | |
| 6 Aug | All | National Day Celebration | Programme will end by 10.30 am |
| 9 Aug | All | National Day Public Holiday | |
| 10 Aug | All | National Day School Holiday | |
| 11 – 13 Aug | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level HMT Oral Examination | |
| 12 Aug | Sec 2NA/NT | MTL Oral Examination | |
| 12 – 20 Aug | Sec 4NA/NT | N-Level Preliminary Examination | |
| 13 Aug | Sec 2E | MTL Oral Examination | |

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 16 – 17 Aug | Sec 4E | GCE O-Level HMT Oral Examination | |
| 19 Aug | Sec 1 NA/NT | MTL Oral Examination | |
| 20 Aug | Sec 1 – 3 Sec 4E/5N | Blended Learning (3) End of ISP | Sec 1 – 3 students do not need to report to school |
| 23 Aug | Sec 3NA/NT Sec 4E | MTL Oral Examination Pure Science Practical Examination (PM) | |
| 23 – 25 Aug | Sec 4E/5N | GCE O-Level EL Oral Examination | |
| 25 Aug | Sec 4E | Pure Science Practical Examination (PM) | |
| 26 Aug | Sec 3NA | CLB MTL Oral Examination | |
| 26 Aug – 1 Sept | Sec 4E/5N | O-Level Preliminary Examination | |
| 27 Aug | Sec 1 & 2 Girls Sec 3E | HPV Vaccination MTL Oral Examination | |
| 30 – 31 Aug | Sec 4E/5N | MTL Make-up Oral Examination | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| 1 Sep | Sec 1 – 3 | Last day of CCA before EOY | |
| 2 Sep | All | Teachers' Day Celebration | Programme will end by 10.30 am |
| 3 Sep | All | Teachers' Day School Holiday | |
| SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| 9 – 10 Sep | Sec 4NA/NT | Study Programme | |
| 9 Sep | Sec 3E4, 3N2 & 3T1* | Virtual Global Merahan Programme with Srinagarindra the Princess Mother School, Phayao (SWPY) , Thailand Phayao | *Selected students from 3T1 |
| 10 Sep | Sec 3E3, 3N1 & 3T1* | Virtual Global Merahan Programme with Samakhiwitthayakhom School (SWK) , Thailand Chiang Rai | *Selected students from 3T1 |