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Dear Parent/Guardian

Warmest greetings to you. Time flies and we are now in the fourth and last term for the year. Despite the COVID-19 situation, as a country, we have kept our schools going and learning continues to take place. This would not have been possible without the resolve of the teachers and staff in managing a safe environment for students to come back to school to learn and even continuing to do so through Home-Based Learning. I want to share my appreciation to my staff with you for the sacrifices that were made in this new norm to ensure that learning does not stop and to you, parents/guardians, for your understanding and partnership in the continued holistic development of your child/ward.

2. I would like to share more accolades of our students for this term (*Annex A* provides additional details of these achievements, if any):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>NUS Geography Challenge 2020 Team Award - Top 5 (Creative Component) Silver Award – Zenthe Ong Zi Wi, 4A5</p> <p>Geography Talent Development Programme Zenthe Ong Zi Wi, 4A5</p> <p>History Talent Development Programme Ada Ysabelle Llanora Suner, 3A5 Kwek Yi Heng, 3A5</p> <p>SYF 2020 Art Exhibition Certificate of Accomplishment – Choochit Aries Ananda, 3A1 – Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen, 3A2</p> <p>Live On Design Competition (LODC) 2020 Merit - Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen, 3A2</p> <p>Sec 2 Computer Applications (CPA) Animation and Game (AMG) Competition 2020 Gold Award (Animation Category) – Wayne Lau Zheng Heng, 2A1 Silver Award (Game Category) – Bryant Neo Chun Xiang, 3A1</p>
CCA (UGs)	<p>Pinnacle Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform Groups (UGs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys' Brigade (BB), Girls' Brigade (GB), NPCC – Gold Award NCC (Land), NCC (Sea) – Distinction Award NCC Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC (Land Boys) – MSG Teo Wei Jie, 4A3 NCC (Sea) – MSG Mohamed Amirul Haqim, 4A2 MSG Luo Junjie, 4A7 NPCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Police Force (SPF) NPCC Badge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSGT Goh Guo Wei, Abel (4A8) Best Unit Cadet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSGT Katherine, Kai Lin Tan (4A3) SSGT Goh Guo Wei, Abel (4A8) BB – Founders' Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSG Kenneth Ong, 4A5 SSG Gerald Lim, 4A7
Others	<p>National Schools Esports Invitational Team Award – 1st Runner up</p>

3. On 3 Sep, the school celebrated both Teachers' Day and Appreciate the STARS Day (in appreciation of our admin/support staff, canteen vendors, librarian, bookstore sales assistant and contract cleaners) with our students putting up an online concert and organising class parties with safe management measures (SMM) in place for our teachers and staff in appreciation of their love, efforts, care and concern for them. It was heartening to receive a letter of gratitude with a \$500 cheque enclosed from an ex-student who graduated in 2004. Financially dependent on Edusave scholarships, bursaries and MOE-supported funding, this bright girl was touched by how 2 of her teachers (her Form teacher and a former one) had provided reassurance when she was called to the office for school and national exam fees arrears. When the fees were cleared for her, she remembered fondly her teachers' warmth and kind gestures towards her. In her own words, she shared that the experience had sparked in her the idea of "**Paying it Forward**" and she hopes her little token would help BBSSians who may be struggling in some ways too. Our teachers and staff deserve a big THANK YOU for living out the school's mission to nurture our students as self-directed learners with abundance mentality and bringing out the best in them.

4. This term, the N-Level Examinations having started on the 1st day of the term itself, will be followed by the O-Level Examinations in October. With the End-of-Year Examination (EYE)¹ commencing from 24 Sep, this would also be a period where our students would bring forth their self-directedness and exercise what they have learnt and cultivated through our school's Habits of Mind (HOM) programme, especially the dispositions of:

- Persisting – Remaining focused in the face of challenges in their revision;
- Managing Impulsivity – Reading instructions and understanding the questions carefully at the start of examinations; and
- Striving for Accuracy & Precision – To be exact and precise, checking their work, especially examination papers again before submission.

5. As your child/ward prepares for the upcoming school examinations, we would really appreciate it if you would partner us in closely monitoring your child's/ward's work and revision schedule so that he/she will be sufficiently prepared for the examinations. In doing so, we would like parents/guardians to take care of your child's/ward's well-being and remember to **encourage and affirm** your children/wards for their efforts so that they will live up to our motto of "Be Our Best". It would go a long way in building good parent-child relationship. We wish your child/ward the very best.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan
Principal

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

¹ The End-of-Year Examination (EYE) Timetables for respective levels were posted via Parents Gateway (PG) on 28 Aug to all parents onboard PG. The timetables can be downloaded from the BBSS website announcement tab (<https://bukitbatoksec.moe.edu.sg>).

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ANNEX A

Details of Achievements

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>NUS Geography Challenge 2020</p> <p>The school selected a team of students from 4A5, Navya Prasad, Soh Zhi Chuen, Tay Zhi Xian and Zenthe Ong Zi Wi to take part in the NUS Geography Challenge 2020 in May. Out of the 90 schools who took part, our team emerged as one of the top 5 schools with their poster design on sustainable fashion for the Creative Component which required the competing teams to design a poster on sustainable living. For the Individual Component where participants sat for an online test comprising of MCQs and structured questions, Zenthe Ong Zi Wi was awarded Silver for her individual efforts.</p> <p>Geography Talent Development Programme</p> <p>Zenthe Ong Zi Wi (4A5) was invited to attend the Geography Talent Development Programme (TDP) Invitation Tea on 23 Jul 2020. Organised by the Geography Unit of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD) in MOE, the TDP is an annual programme for selected Geography students. It offers them opportunities to deepen their mastery of the subject through seminars, field-based learning and career exploration sessions. TDP participants will learn from academic experts, industry professionals and one another. In addition, four TDP participants will be selected to represent Singapore at the International Geography Olympiad in 2021. The school wishes her all the best in this journey.</p> <p>History Talent Development Programme</p> <p>The MOE History Talent Development Programme (HTDP) was started in 2017 to provide passionate and able History students in Singapore with rich opportunities to engage with the discipline beyond the national curriculum and in the real world, building a community of History learners, deepening and broadening their historical understanding and sustaining their passion for History. Through a selection process based on essays and understanding of historical concepts sent in by History students, Ada Ysabelle Llanora Suner and Kwek Yi Heng from 3A5 were accepted into the HTDP. With the exposure to a wider and deeper range of historical knowledge, concepts and skills through a series of seminars and research projects helmed by professional historians and other experts in related fields, students will deepen their intellectual curiosity that goes beyond the classroom, develop a deeper appreciation for the discipline, and cultivate a keen passion to pursue History beyond the formal education system. The school wishes them all the best.</p> <p>SYF 2020 Art Exhibition</p> <p>The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2020 Art Exhibition: Artist and Technology was officially launched online via the SYF website on 3 Jul 2020, featuring over three hundred artworks by our student artists from secondary schools and junior colleges. 2 of our students submitted their work for this exhibition and were awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment (equivalent to attainment of level 3 under the Achievement domain in LEAPS2.0) along with all student artists as a way of acknowledging their efforts and achievements. The 2 students are Choochit Aries Ananda (3A1) and Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen (3A2).</p> <p>Live On Design Competition (LODC) 2020</p> <p>9 of our Art students submitted their artworks online to the Live On Design Competition (LODC) 2020 in July. LODC was launched in 2018 by the National Organ Transplant Unit (NOTU) with the objective to increase engagement of organ donation and transplantation amongst Singapore residents. LODC also seeks to inculcate the values of responsibility, compassion and empathy amongst all participants through their research and creation phase where they gain insights on organ donation and transplantation. Winning artworks from the competition are printed on NOTU's collaterals to be distributed at their publicity events across Singapore. We are proud to announce that Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen (3A2) received a Merit for her entry</p>

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	<p>that was selected as one of the 45 winning artworks in the school category. No mean feat as in total, there were more than 1,300 submissions received across both schools and open categories. You may view her winning artwork via this unique link (https://www.liveon.gov.sg/gallery.html?Artwork=115).</p> <p>Computer Applications (CPA) Animation and Game (AMG) Competition 2020 Wayne Lau Zheng Heng (2A1) was awarded the Gold Award for his Animation programme (Scratch file) and Bryant Neo Chun Xiang (3A1) was awarded the Silver Award for his Game programme submitted to the Computer Education Unit of the CPDD, the organiser of the AMG competition. Wayne will also attempt to achieve the Platinum Award by submitting a short video clip of himself reflecting on the challenges that he faced to the Computer Education Unit. The school would be rooting for him to achieve this award.</p>
CCA (UGs)	<p>All the uniform groups (UGs) had performed very well in 2019 and were awarded the following pinnacle awards by their respective UG headquarters in 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls' Brigade – 13th Consecutive Gold (Company Awards) • NCC (Sea) – Distinction¹ (Best Unit Competition Award) • Boys' Brigade – 5th Consecutive Gold (J M Fraser Award for Excellence) • NCC (Land Boys) – Distinction² (Best Unit Competition Award) • NPCC – Gold (Unit Overall Proficiency Award) <p>National Cadet Corps (NCC) This year, the NCC (Sea) Unit has the unique distinction of having 2 cadets win the Outstanding Cadet Award (OCA) for 2020 as well as in 2018 when the norm is only 1 per unit. NCC (Land) Unit carried that distinction in 2019 but has just 1 OCA winner for 2020. This award 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. NCC (Sea) Unit Sergeant Major (USM), MSG Luo Junjie (4A7) and Assistant Unit Sergeant Major (ASM), MSG Mohamed Amirul Haqim (4A2) together with NCC (Land) USM, MSG Teo Wei Jie (4A3) have done us proud by being these year's recipients for BBSS.</p> <p>National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) The Singapore Police Force (SPF) NPCC Badge was presented to SSGT Goh Guo Wei, Abel (4A8). Each year, only the top few percent of all graduating cadets in NPCC (Singapore) are awarded for their outstanding leadership performance and contributions to the corps during the term of service. SSGT Katherine, Kai Lin Tan (4A3) and SSGT Goh Guo Wei, Abel (4A8) were awarded the NPCC Best Unit Cadet Award, given out each year to the top female and male cadets in the unit. Recipients must have excelled in performing their duties, made significant contributions to the unit and be an excellent role model for younger cadets to follow. In addition, the recipients must have excellent disciplinary records both in school and in the unit.</p> <p>Boys' Brigade (BB) The Founder's Award is the highest and most prestigious award in the Seniors Programme (Secondary School). The stringent requirements include attending at least 75 parades and attaining stipulated proficiency badges within 3 years prior to application. This year's recipients from BBSS are SSG Kenneth Ong (4A5) and SSG Gerald Lim (4A7).</p>
Others	<p>National Schools Esports Invitational A first, our school formed a team to participate in the inaugural National Schools Esports Invitational on 8 Aug and emerged as 1st Runner Up out of 6 secondary schools. Playing from the comfort of their homes, the students are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Wu Yitao, 1A6, • Yeap Kingsley, 1A7 • Gene Quek Jun Hao, 2A1

¹ The Best Unit Competition Award has been re-categorised and the highest award is now a Distinction and not Gold. Thus, the NCC (Sea) would have achieved 10 consecutive Best Unit Awards including the 2019 and 2020 Distinction Award.

² NCC (Land) would have achieved 4 consecutive Best Unit Awards including the 2019 and 2020 Distinction Award.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun Xiang Zhi, Jeff, 2A2 • Kho Yu Sen, 2A2 • Jeremiah Daileg Maulit, 2A4 • Alif Adlan Bin Zulkarnaen, 2A6 <p>BBSS was edged out 2 wins to 1 by Gan Eng Seng Secondary in the finals. They received a \$300 Decathlon gift card to be shared among the 7 of them and were also interviewed by the organiser, 1 Play Sport, on 11 Aug to relate on their experiences during the Invitational.</p>

ANNEX B

Major School Events/Activities (14 Sep, Term 4)

DATE	EVENT
Mon, 14 Sep to Wed, 23 Sep	N-Level Examinations
Thu, 24 Sep to Fri, 25 Sep Mon, 28 Sep to Mon, 5 Oct	End-of-Year Examinations (EYE)
Thu, 1 Oct to Tue, 13 Oct	O-Level Examinations
Thu, 1 Oct	e-Graduation Day – 4N [1200 to 1325 hrs]
Fri, 2 Oct	e-Graduation Day – 4E/5N [1100 to 1225 hrs]
Mon, 5 Oct to Fri, 16 Oct	N-Level Examinations (Cont'd)
Mon, 19 Oct to 12 Nov	O-Level Examinations (Cont'd)
Fri, 23 Oct	The last day of the final school term
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SAT, 24 OCT TO SUN, 3 JAN 2021)	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY (SAT, 14 NOV) - DEEPAVALI	
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (MON, 16 NOV) – DEEPAVALI	
Sat, 28 Nov	BBSS e-Open House