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Dear Parent/Guardian

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT BBSS!

1. My warmest greetings to you. It is great to see our students coming to school all energised and ready to start the new academic year. 2018 marks my second year as Principal and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank all parents/guardians for your continuous support towards your children/wards in their holistic journey and to thank all Sec 1 parents/guardians for entrusting your children/wards with us.

Celebrating Achievements

2. I have accolades to share from the last quarter in 2017 (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements).

Domain	Achievement
Academic	Global Fintech Hackcelerator Competition 2017
	Winner – ex-BBSSian, Goh Guan Hong (5N2, 2015)
	Media Computing (MEC) Competition 2017
	Platinum Award - Kang Jun Wei, Wayne, 3T1
	University of New South Wales (UNSW) - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2017
	Medal Winner (Mathematics) – Lu Mingyuan, 3S1 (Joint top placing among all Sec 3 students in Singapore)
	Mathematics – 6 Higher Distinctions, 17 Distinctions
	English – 1 Higher Distinction, 9 Distinctions
	Science – 8 Distinctions
CCA	One Earth Club:
	School Green Awards Lotus Award – Sustained Achievement Award (SAA)
	NCC (Land): Urban Adventure Challenge – 2 nd runner-up

School Focus for 2018

- 3. In alignment with MOE's broad directions for schools to better prepare our children for the future, our school focus will be to nurture the **joy of learning** (JOL) in our students and pave the way forward for them to explore and discover their interests, grow their passions, love what they are doing and hone their talents.
- 4. We have started our conversations among staff and will continue to innovate in the way we deliver our curriculum to maximise the potential in every student and to develop in each student the motivation to do well in cognisance of fostering the JOL through 2 key approaches encouraging learning through play and encouraging more applied learning. While doing so, it was heartening to note the many talents that the school has discovered, especially last year through platforms like the

"Lunch Time concerts", creative classes and the inaugural "BBSS' Got Talent" show. The school has also facilitated student-initiated interest groups with the objectives to develop self-directedness and student leadership among students and make the school a more vibrant and joyful place for learning. These groups include students who love to dance, solve puzzles like the Rubik's Cube and play Scrabble. They are sustained and run by the students themselves with minimal involvement from the teachers. Increasingly, we would hope to see more of such groups which would serve as avenues for students and staff to take a break from the sometimes monotonous and serious school day, and have some fun together. In short, setting the right balance to do well in their studies through the JOL and becoming more intrinsically motivated to learn not just for exams.

Calendar of Events

5. Do refer to the BBSS school calendar in the student handbook (pages 57 - 67) for schedules of school programmes and activities for the various levels. The table below highlights the major events in the first term.

DATE	EVENT	
Fri, 19 Jan	Sec 1 CCA Showcase and Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)	
	[13.30 pm – 8.00 pm]	
Sat, 20 Jan to Sun, 21 Jan	Project Mi 2018 (Student-led VIA initiative)	
	[Sat, 8.30 am – Sun, 5.30 pm]	
Wed, 24 Jan to Fri, 26 Jan	Multi-Level Activities (MLA) for Sec 1 to 5	
	Sec 3 – Outdoor Adventure Camp @ Camp Christine/Sarimbun	
	[Wed, 7.30 am – Fri, 12.30 pm]	
Fri, 23 Feb	Annual Cross Country	
	[2.30 pm – 6.00 pm]	
Fri, 9 Mar	PTM (all levels)	
	[8.00 am – 4.00 pm]	
Fri, 9 Mar to Sun, 18 Mar	E-Learning Week	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 10 MAR TO SUN, 18 MAR)		

Fund Collection

- 6. The school will make a one-time collection of \$10 in cash from students for the school's Annual Magazine. Students on MOE/SAC financial assistance scheme need only pay a nominal sum of \$2 for the magazine.
 - For siblings in the school, only one child/ward (the youngest) needs to purchase the magazine.
 - The projected date for distribution of the 2018 School Magazine will be by mid-Jan 2019.
- 7. Our best wishes to you and your family in the New Year. May the year ahead be an enriching one and may you all enjoy good health and happiness.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan Principal

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Details of Achievements

Achievement

Domain

Academic

On 16 Nov 2017, ex-BBSSian Goh Guan Hong (5N2, 2015) with 6 other team members from Republic Polytechnic became one of the top 5 student teams to win in the Global Fintech Hackcelerator Competition held during the Singapore Fintech Festival. The team, POLYGEN, presented a solution, CocoHub, which enables payments through mobile phones with or without internet connection. You can read about it via the URL address below or scan the QR Code to get there:



http://www.mas.gov.sg/News-and-Publications/Media-Releases/2017/MAS-Announces-Winners-of-the-Global-FinTech-Hackcelerator.aspx

Media Computing (MEC) Competition 2017

Kang Jun Wei, Wayne (3T1), gave his oral presentation on 12 Sep 2017 and became the first BBSSian to achieve the Platinum Award. This opportunity came after achieving the Gold Award for his animation programme (Scratch file) submitted to MOE Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD), the organiser for the MEC Competition 2017. The Award ceremony was held on 23 Oct 2017 at ITE College Central.

University of New South Wales (UNSW) - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2017

The school is proud to announce that Lu Mingyuan, 3S1, is a Medal Winner (Mathematics) for his joint top placing with 2 others among all Sec 3 students in Singapore. The table below lists the recipients of higher distinctions and distinctions for the 3 subjects assessed.

Mathematics	English	Science
Higher Distinctions: 1. SEE GUO SHENG EDISON, 2E1 2. PAW HONG XUN, 2E3 3. CHONG HERNG, COHAN, 2E4 4. LU MINGYUAN, 3S1 5. RYAN PAULO PEREZ MENDOZA, 3S1 6. LEW ZHI YANG, 4A1	Higher Distinctions: 1. TAN KOJI KENSHIN PUA, 2E1 Distinctions: 1. SHANNA WONG YU QIAN, 1E1 2. WEE YONG JIE, BRYAN, 1E2 3. ELENA LEE YING EN,	Distinctions: 1. PARK KWON UNG, 1E3 2. EZEKIEL BOEY, 1E4 3. FANG YUXUAN, 1E4 4. POH KAI WEI RANEN, 3S1 5. RYAN PAULO PEREZ MENDOZA, 3S1 6. LU MINGYUAN, 3S1 7. BARNABAS SNG REN
Distinctions: 1. KHUAN YEE RAY, JARED, 1E1 2. KHOO ZHEN HUA, 1E2 3. PEDAPUDI VISHNU RAGHAVI, 1E3 4. PEDAPUDI VISHNURAM, 1E3 5. TAY PONG JUN, 1E4 6. FOO WEI MING, 2E1 7. SHIGENO HIKARU, 2E2 8. CHIN HON SIONG, 2E2 9. TOH YI CI, 2E3 10. TAN I AY HOW, 2E3	2E1 4. GOH SIN YU, 2E2 5. ISMAIL HAO HANG B SIRAJUTHEEN, 2E2 6. CLAIRE NG MIN, 3A1 7. FAITHE WONG YAN LIN, 3A1 8. YEH SI SARAH, 3S1 9. LEE YAN HAN, 3S2	LE, 4S1 8. LEW ZHI YANG, 4A1

	11. ELSON LIM WENG
CCA (Clubs & Societies)	For its sustained efforts in environmental causes through its various programmes and activities to engage our students to be environment advocates in school as well as in the community, the One Earth Club has achieved the Lotus Sustained Achievement Award (SAA) for the 5 th time in the Singapore Environmental Council-StarHub School Green Awards (SGA) 2017.
CCA (UGs)	On Sat, 21 Oct 2017, our NCC (Land) decided to participate in the Urban Adventure Challenge (UAC) which was opened to teams from different uniform groups besides the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC) units. The UAC is akin to an amazing race that consists of different stations where cadets had to be tested on several skills and knowledge. Some of these included CPR, orienteering, spotting and solving clues. Our 2 teams that were sent worked hard together and did our school proud by coming in as 2nd runner-up. The team members are: JUSTIN SOH YAN HENG, 2E1 HAN JIAN XI, 2E2 ISMAIL HAO HANG B SIRAJUTHEEN, 2E2 SHAWN CHEE TENRG FAI, 2E2 GANESAN RISHI BHARATH, 2N1 HUGO NG LAK TIANG, 2N2 LOH JUN JIE MALCOLM, 2N2

Opening Hours for School Gates

Do note the following regarding the opening hours of the school gates and latecomers.

Morning	Before the chime for	The front and back gates will be open from 6.30 to 7.30
Assembly	morning assembly	am.
(7.30 am)	After the chime for	For safety and security reasons, only the front gate will be
	morning assembly	open. Latecomers can only enter from the front gate after
		7.30 am.
After	Latecomers without valid	reasons will need to report to the Principal or Vice-Principals to
8.00 am	be dealt with.	

In the afternoon during curriculum time, the rear gate turnstile will be open at the following scheduled timings for **EXIT** only with exceptions that may be made during rainy weather and during the examination period.

Day	Time
Mon - Thu	1.15 – 6.30 pm
Fri	12.30 – 6.30 pm

Traffic Management & Road Safety

To ensure the safety of our students, the school **does not allow** vehicles to be driven into the school compound before morning assembly (7.30 am). The restricted space leading to the foyer and the heavy traffic volume in the morning makes it unsafe for the students. The following serves in advising parents/guardians who drive to make our school zone safe for all:

- Do drive carefully at all times at a much reduced speed within the school zone.
- Children/Wards should be dropped-off outside the school AFTER THE MAIN GATE
 before morning assembly. This is to prevent potential accidents involving staff driving
 into the school premises via the main gate.
- Alternatively, the HDB car parks serving Block 160 to 164 may be used to drop off the students while the rear gates are open till 7.30 am. There is no parking charge for vehicles exiting within 10 minutes.
- For children/wards alighting on the opposite side of the road, do drop them off nearer to
 the pedestrian crossing located a short distance from the main entrance. It is dangerous
 and not advisable for the children/wards to cross the roads without the assistance of
 the pedestrian crossing. There are no plans by LTA to build a pedestrian crossing
 immediately outside the school gates.
- In the event of rain, cars are allowed to be driven into the school compound to drop off/pick up children/wards at the foyer.
- To ensure a smooth flow of traffic, all parents/guardians are to follow the instructions given by the security guards and volunteers on duty.
- Parents/Guardians may drive their vehicles into the school and park at designated visitor
 lots after school hours to pick up their children/wards because of the much reduced
 traffic volume. Do continue to exercise care at all times and look out for students while
 driving within the school zone and in the school compound.

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Through: Mr Phua Huat Chuan

Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Secondary 1 Parent-Teacher Meeting

- 1. Bukit Batok Secondary School extends a warm welcome to all parents/guardians of the Secondary 1 cohort in this new academic year.
- 2. To foster stronger ties and establish communication channels with parents/guardians, we have arranged for a Parent-Teacher Meeting. The details are as follows:

Parent-Teacher Meeting

Date & Time	Venue	Key Focus
	School	Welcome Address by Principal
Friday, 19 Jan 2018,	Hall	Assistant Year Head's Address
6.15 to 7.45 p.m.		CCA Matters
·		Parents Support Group's Address
	Classrooms	Viewing of learning environment

3. The school values the partnership of parents in its pursuit of holistic education for our students. Hence, we have organised 2 other activities especially for parents/guardians of Secondary 1 students. The details are as follows:

Habits of Mind (HOM) Sharing

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Time	Venue	Key Focus
4.00 to 4.30 p.m.	Lecture	The HOM sharing provides a platform for
	Room	parents/guardians to know more about the
5.00 to 5.30 p.m.	(Level 1)	school's key programme. Parents/guardians
(repeat session)		would also get to experience hands-on HOM
		activities.

CCA Showcase

Time	Key Focus
4.30 to 6 00p.m.	To be acquainted with the CCAs offered in our school and to facilitate the decision making process to complete your child's CCA option form. Please refer to Annex A and B for more details.

- 4. To facilitate arrangements for the abovementioned sessions, we would greatly appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by submitting the reply slips attached in this letter through your child/ward to the Form Teacher by Friday,12 January 2018 with the exception of Annex C-2, which is to be submitted on Monday, 23 January 2018.
- 5. Light refreshments will be distributed before the start of Parent-Teacher Meeting in the canteen at 6pm.
- 6. Do take note that your child/ward will be required to come in school uniform on Friday, 19 January 2018.
- 7. For further enquiries, please contact us at 65663121 ext 231 / ext 406. Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully

Mr Kevin Loh Assistant Year Head Lower Secondary

Miss Tsang Wing Han Subject Head (Int) CCA

SECONDARY 1 CCA SHOWCASE CUM PARENT-TEACHER MEETING 2018 REPLY SLIP

Name of stud	dent	Class	Index No.		
Please tick one of th	Please tick one of the following boxes to indicate your response.				
	I will be attending the PTM on No. of persons attending:				
	I will not be attending the PTM	/I on 19 Jan 2018.			
Name of parent/gua	rdian :				
Signature	:				
Contact No(s)	:				
Comments / Sugges	stions / Queries:				

HABITS OF MIND (HOM) SHARING REPLY SLIP

	Name of student	Class	Index No.
Please	e tick <u>one</u> of the following boxes to indicate yo	ur response.	
	I will be attending the HOM Sharing on 1 No. of parents attending:	9 Jan 2018 at 4.00 pm	1.
	I will be attending the HOM Sharing on 1 No. of parents attending:	9 Jan 2018 at 5.00 pm	1.
	I will not be attending the HOM Sharing .		
Name (of parent/guardian:	Signature:	
Contac	et No.:		
For fur	rther enquiries about the HOM Sharing, please	e contact Mr Lee Kho	oon Peng (IC HOM

Committee) at lee_khoon_peng@moe.edu.sg.

Annex C-1

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) POLICY 2018

As determined by the MOE LEAPS 2.0 CCA System, it is compulsory for every student to have at least one CCA.

The LEAPS CCA System encourages students to participate actively in their CCA, be exemplary student leaders, participate in all enrichment programmes and serve the community. Students who excel in the Performing Arts and Sports will be able to use their achievements in these areas for the Direct School Admission (JC Entry) Application and Direct Polytechnic Admission at the end of their 4th or 5th year of secondary school.

At the end of 4 or 5 years, 2 'O' level bonus points will be awarded to students who have attained an Excellent or Good grade for CCA. The bonus points could be used for entry to JC/Polytechnics. The CCA grade could be used as a subject grade for admission to Millennia Institute.

A student must opt for at least 1 CCA.

Student will be allocated to a CCA, taking into consideration their choices, capability, past CCA experiences and availability of slots in the CCA of their choice.

Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:
Uniformed Groups	Performing Arts Groups	Sports and Clubs
 Boys' Brigade# Girls' Brigade# NCC (Land) (Boys only) NCC (Sea) * NPCC 	 Chinese Orchestra Concert Band English Language Drama and Debate Society (ELDDS) Malay Dance Modern Dance Show Choir 	 Air-Rifle Badminton Basketball (Boys only) Rugby (Boys only) Softball (Girls only) X-Country Media Club PA Club

[#] Involve religious activities

For further enquiries about CCA, please contact Mr Chew Yiu Chee, HOD (Int): PE & CCA, at chew_yiu_chee@moe.edu.sg.

SECONDARY ONE CCA OPTION FORM 2018

Name:	()	ec 1) Sex: M / F
Date of Birth: / /	Swimming Ability:	: Swimmer / Non Swimmer
CCA in Primary School:		
Represented School in Sports / Aes	sthetic Performance: YES / NO	
If YES please indicate CCA activity:		
Does your child receive any person a	al training for any sport/s:Ye	s / No
If yes, list the sport/s:		
Category 1: Uniformed Groups	Category 2: Performing Arts Groups	Category 3: Sports and Clubs
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	able to swim ose 3, a maximum of 2 from 1 category) Choice 2: Choice 1	ee 3 :
Your child would have attended the of that they are interested in week 2 and have a good discussion with them to choice clearly. Number of students allocated to each	CCA selection trial in week one. They shad 3 to better understand the nature and understand his/her interest and talent. It had been been to manageable size for sation is based on your child's preference in the company of the compa	demands of the CCA. Please Kindly state and rank your
is strongly advised to opt for activitie CCA is over-subscribed, allocation we Failure to fill up the form accordingly opt after the first Option exercise. By	tion is based on your child's preference as he/she is accepted or ranked highly. He will be based on the rank order that he/she will result in delay and missed opportung then their top choice might be taken up rekind understanding and co-operation to	lowever, in cases where the ne has indicated. ity. He/she will be asked to reby others who exercise their
PARENT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:	

Please submit this form to the Form Teacher on Monday, 23 JAN 2018.