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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. This term marks the last stretch for the year with the N-Level Examinations having started on the 1st day of the term itself followed by the O-Level Examinations in October. With the Semestral Assessment (SA2)¹ commencing from 27 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 and not giving up when faced with difficulties in their studies;
- Managing Impulsivity Reading instructions and 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.
- 2. Accolades of our students as well as Ex-BBSSians continue to pour in for us to share this term (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	National Schools Literature Festival (NSLF)
	Choral Reading (1 st – Sec 1s)
	History Talent Development Programme (MOE)
	Chew Chian Hong, 3A2
	Naanum Oru Padaippaali Budding Artiste Competition (Gold Award - Team)
	Yusok Ishak Young Chef Competition 2018 (Champions - Team)
	Media Computing (MEC) Competition 2018
	Gold Award (Game) – Javen Koh Wei Yang, 3T1
	Bronze Award (Animation) – Lim Meng Whie Andrew, 2T1
	Biennial Singapore Youth Science Fair (SYSF)
	Certificate of Accomplishment and Commendation for 2 teams respectively
	14 th National Inter-School 2018 Air Race Championship (Bronze Award - Girls' Team)
	Amazing Lab Race 2018 (3 rd – Team)
	All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition for Normal Course Students
	Lau Hao Ying, 5N1 (5 th - Individual Upper Sec NA), Upper Sec NA (Top 20 – Team)
	AeroChallenge 2018 (5 th – Team)
CCA	NCC (Sea):
	Dragon Boat Regatta – 1 st runners up, Girls
	Bends & Hitches Competition – 1 st runners up, Girls
	Kayaking Competition – 1 Silver, 2 Bronze medals
	Cross Country – Singapore National Games Ekiden Race (Team (Boys) – 2 nd)
	Rugby – Schools National Rugby (Bowl) Championship (C Division Boys – 3 rd)

¹ The Semestral Assessment (SA2) Schedule was given out as the last annex with the Term 3 Principal's letter dated 27 Jun 2018. This letter together with the schedule can be downloaded from the BBSS website via http://bukitbatoksec.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/parents.

- 3. I would like to take this opportunity to share about our ex-BBSSian, Ho Shu Hao, Darren, 4T1 (2010). Darren is currently in Year 3, studying for his Diploma in Business Information Systems in the School of Infocomm (SOI), Republic Polytechnic (RP). His achievement of a GPA score of 3.8 and being placed 2nd in his course in Year 1 marked his potential to make it to a university. Little did we know that he could top that with a perfect GPA score of 4.0 in Year 2! On 17 Aug 2018, at the SOI School Awards Ceremony, he received 2 Module Awards and a RP Scholarship for his excellent academic achievements. Mr Syam, HOD/NT, was at the ceremony in support of Darren's proud moments. At 24 years of age, he is a testimony to the HOM disposition of Persisting since taking the ITE route and completing his Full-time National Service (NS) before enrolling in RP. Since last year, he has been coming back to school to share his experiences and inspire our NT students, a prime example of a grateful individual who would, and is willing, to give back to his alma mater for moulding him and starting him on his successful journey. The school wishes him the very best in his future endeavours and would continue to engage him as a faithful alumni.
- 4. Teachers' Day was celebrated in school on 30 Aug with the students putting up a concert 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 through Mr Murali Pillai, MP for Bukit Batok SMC, from a parent to our school for the care, concern and financial aid rendered to her child, a troubled transfer student last year who has grown into a happy, confident, passionate and disciplined student with marked improvement in his studies. Our teachers and staff deserve a big THANK YOU for living out the school's mission to nurture our students to be self-directed learners with abundance mentality and for bringing out the best in every child.
- 5. This term, as we prepare your child/ward 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 remember to **encourage and affirm** your children/wards for their efforts so that they will live up to our motto of "Be Our Best". In this trying term, be mindful that **encouragement and affirmation** that they are doing their best would help more than breathing down their necks. It may take a mindset change for some of us, but it would go a long way in building good parent-child relationship. With this, we wish your child/ward the very best.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan Principal

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Details of Achievements

Domain	Achievement			
Academic	Ex-BBSSians who have persevered and did well			
	Republic Polytechnic (RP) 1. Ho Shu Hao, Darren, 4T1 (2010) is currently in Year 3, studying for his Diploma In Business Information Systems in the School of Infocomm (SOI). He achieved a GPA score of 4 and on 17 Aug 2018, he received 2 Module awards, in Web Application Development in .NET and in Advanced Object-Orientation Programming. He has also received a RP Scholarship for his excellent academic achievements.			
	2. Mohamad Irfan Syafiq B M K, 5N2 (2014) Diploma with Merit ¹			
	Singapore Polytechnic (SP) 1. Muhammad Ahshiq Bin V M Abdul Muthaliff, 4S1 (2014) Diploma In Applied Chemistry with Materials Science (Gold Medallist); Institute of Materials (East Asia) Gold Medal; Diploma with Merit			
	Ye Xiaoxuan, 4S1 (2014) Diploma In Interior Design (Gold Medallist); Swan & Maclaren Gold Medal; Diploma with Merit			
	 Siti Hana Bte Amran, 5N1 (2014) Diploma In Experience And Product Design (Silver Medallist); DBS Bank Silver Medal; Diploma with Merit 			
	Seow Kit Min Crystal, 5N1 (2017) Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) - Director's Honour Roll; currently studying for her Diploma In Nutrition, Health & Wellness (Year 1)			
	Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) 1. Amir Hamzah Bin Mohd Yusoff, S5N2 (2014) Diploma In Biomedical Engineering (BD Medical Gold Medal)			
	Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) 1. Regina Pang Min Hui, 4A1 (2014) Diploma in Animation & 3D Arts (Silver Medallist); DigiPen Silver Medal & Prize; Diploma with Merit; Certificate in Korean			
	 Sachin Dev Kannan R, 4E1 (2009) Diploma in Real Estate Business (Silver Medallist); SEAA Silver Medal & Prize; Diploma with Merit 			
	Ivan Theng Wen Rong, 4A2 (2014) Diploma in Aerospace Technology; Diploma with Merit			
	Ng Xin Yi, 4A2 (2014) Diploma in Psychology Studies; Diploma with Merit			

National Schools Literature Festival (NSLF)

On 21 Jul 2018, our Sec 1 to 3 Literature students represented BBSS in the National Schools Literature Festival (NSLF) held at Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Sec). The NSLF, a ground-up event that was started in 2005, is the biggest literary festival for students in Singapore and has provided a powerful platform to develop students' passion and love for literature. It is collaboratively organised by teachers from various schools with support from organisations including the Ministry of Education, National Institute of Education, National Arts Council and Singapore Book Council. This year's Theme was Keeping the Flame Alive. Our school participated in the Debate, Book Trailer and Choral Reading competitions and our team of Sec 1 students who participated in the Choral Reading competition won the first place in that event. They presented the poem 'Phenomenal Woman' by Maya Angelou. The students are:

1E1		1E2	1E3	1E4	
1.	Premanand	1. Ananda Kumar	 Salma Zaman 	1. Gladdis Hang Xiu	
	Krishnaa	Deepika	2. Tan Yee Suan	Ting	
	Vasanthan		Eliora	2. Pon Yu Min	
2.	Linhares		Vionn Ng Qiao	Andrea	
	Kogitzki Rafael		En	3. Tan Soon Yong,	
3.	Woon Vin Zen			Joshua	

History Talent Development Programme (TDP)

On 27 Jun 2018, **Chew Chian Hong** (3A2) participated in the annual MOE History Challenge organised by the Humanities Branch of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division (CPDD). Based on his strong performance, he has been selected to participate in the History Talent Development Programme (TDP), which will provide platforms to develop the potential of promising history students like himself through engagement of professional historians, History undergraduates and peers from other schools. Through the TDP, participants will be stretched to achieve their fullest potential.

Naanum Oru Padaippaali Budding Artiste Competition

This is a MOE competition held at the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre for budding writers. **Ebenaser Silba Evangeline J** (3N1), **Gopinath Shrisha** (3N1) and **Swaminathan Krithika** (3N2) attended a workshop and wrote a script for a short film based on Cyber Bullying and created the short film. For their efforts, they received a Gold Medal at the prize presentation on 14 Jul 2018.

Yusok Ishak Young Chef Competition 2018

On 10 Jul 2018, **Goh Yong Phern** and **Nurafeqah Bte Esa'Ri** of 3A2 were crowned champions for their dish, "Kimchi Bulgogi Quiche & Garden Salad with Gochujang Dressing". Organised by Yusof Ishak Secondary School, participants were to infuse 2 cultural foods in a dish based on the theme, "Kaleidoscope of Cultures (in conjunction with Racial Harmony Day)".

Media Computing (MEC) Competition 2018

Javen Koh Wei Yang (3T1) has been awarded the Gold Award for his Game programme and **Lim Meng Whie Andrew** (2T1) has been awarded the Bronze Award for his Animation programme (Scratch file) submitted to MOE CPDD, the organiser for the MEC Competition 2018.

14th National Inter-School 2018 Air Race Championship

5 Sec 2 NA students were selected for the 14th Annual Air Race Championship @ Hwa Chong programme organised by Asia Flight Simulation Centre (AFSC) and Jeppesen, a Boeing Company. Held on 3 Sep 2018, teams were tested on skills such as map reading, navigation through terrains, flight simulations and clarity in communicating instructions. The five, consisting of 3 boys and 2 girls, competed in their respective Air Race Open and Air Race Girls' categories, facing tough challengers and were persistent in their efforts. While the boys did not win, the girls, **Cheryl Goh Sock Chin** and **Katherine Kai Lin Tan** of 2N2, managed to clinch the Bronze Award (Best Flight Planning) just behind CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School and Raffles Girls' School in the Air Race Girls' category for their attempt to complete a pre-defined flight path with multiple checkpoints, a smooth landing of the plane and an accurate flight report on the Microsoft Flight Simulator software with time spent taken into consideration as well.

Amazing Lab Race 2018

On 14 Jul 2018, our school sent 15 students to form groups of 3 to the Amazing Lab Race, a first aid competition organised by the School of Health Sciences, Ngee Ann Polytechnic. Participants were tested on both their theoretical and practical skills and one of our groups emerged 3rd out of the 18 competing groups. The 3 students are **Tanesha Natarajan** (2E1), **Santhanaraj Jesica** (2E2) and **Preethika d/o Saravanan** (2E2).

Biennial Singapore Youth Science Fair (SYSF)

Co-organised by the Science Teachers Association of Singapore and Science Centre Singapore in conjunction with the Singapore Science Festival, the SYSF is designed to promote science education and attract mass participation of students at the Upper Primary and Lower Secondary levels. The fair is held from 25 to 27 Jul this year and 3 teams were sent by the school with 2 of them winning the following awards:

Certificate of Accomplishment	Certificate of Commendation
Project Title: Investigating the feasibility of	Project Title: The effectiveness of cornstarch
budget drones to carry medical supplies	as a shock absorber
Team from 2E3	Team from 2E2
Group Leader: Ella Tan Jin Woon	Group Leader: Howard Kong Li Kai
Group Members: Borkar Aditi Rakesh,	Group Members: Khoo Zhen Hua, Lim Cher
Pedapudi Vishnu Raghavi, Wong Si Kei	Rae Maximus, Wee Yong Jie Bryan
Kelly	

All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition for Normal Course Students

Our students participated in the All Singapore Secondary Mathematics Competition for Normal Course students 2018, a 1-hour 40 MCQs online competition with the prize presentation held on 16 Aug 2018. There were a total of 71 schools with 800 participants this year. Our students emerged in the top 20 for the Upper Secondary Team category while **Lau Hao Ying** (5N1) clinched the 5th position in the Individual category. The team members are **Lau Hao Ying**, **Guok Yi Yong** (5N1) and **Edmund Wong Wai Hao** (4N1).

AeroChallenge 2018

AeroChallenge is an annual outreach event for Ngee Ann Polytechnic, School of Engineering to reach out to secondary schools. The competition requires participants to navigate drones around obstacles through manual control and programming to complete assigned tasks. Held on 13 Jul 2018 this year at the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Convention Centre, our school sent 2 teams to compete against 86 other teams from 15 secondary schools and 1 of our teams whose members are **Ravi Deepak** (2E1), **Soh Yi Jie Jeff** (2E2) and **Loh Jun Liang** (2N1) emerged 5th overall.

CCA (UGs)

NCC (Sea):

BBSS NCC (Sea) has completed their month-long Annual Sea Competition which comprises of the Dragon Boat Regatta, the Bends and Hitches Amazing Race Challenge and the Kayaking Competition. Our Cadets gave their best, pitting their skills against fellow cadets from other schools and most importantly themselves.

Dragon Boat Competition (6 Jul 2018, Bedok Reservoir)

While the Boy's team were unable to get into the finals despite doing well in the initial stages, the Girls' team managed to clinch the 1st runners-up position, improving from their 3rd overall standing after their heats. The team members are **Phoebe Natalie Fong Jing En** (1E1), **Ananda Kumar Deepika** (1E2), **S Dhasna Presyl** (1E2), **Cheong Yu Yan** (1E4), **Ching Yuling Nicole** (1N1), **Tan Ying Qi Jeryann** (1N1), **Tanesha Natarajan** (2E1), **Tng Jie Qi** (2E1), **Borkar Aditi Rakesh** (2E3), **Wong Si Kei Kelly** (2E3), **Pedapudi Vishnu Raghavi** (2E3) and **Law Yun Xuan** (2T1).

Bends & Hitches Competition (17 Jul 2018, Sembawang Sea Training Centre)

The Boys' team were placed 5th out of 17 schools in the heats and came close to qualifying for the finals. Our Girls' team are the defending champions for 2016 and 2017, thus facing stiff challenge from the other schools determined to dethrone our girls. Unfortunately, though there was an improvement on our qualifying results, the girls were unable to stave off the challenges and managed to stay on the podium as 1st runners-up instead. The team members are **Ananda Kumar Deepika** (1E2), **S Dhasna Presyl** (1E2).

Teo Ru Qi (1N1), Tng Jie Qi (2E1), Borkar Aditi Rakesh (2E3), Inez Wong Yuan Ting (2N2), Phoebe Wong Jia Xuan (3A1), Chan Jia En Rachel (3A2) and Lee Jia Xuan Shanise (3S1).

Kayaking Competition (25 Jul 2018, Kallang Sea Training Centre)

Our cadets were able to qualify for each event final except for one in this stiff competition, a great improvement from the year before. From the finals, our cadets managed to clinch 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. The results are as shown in the table below:

Category	Single	Award	Doubles	Award
Senior	Inez Wong Yuan	Silver		
	Ting (2N2)			
Cadet	Lee Jia Xuan	Bronze	Phoebe Wong Jia Xuan (3A1),	Bronze
Leader	Shanise (3S1)		Chan Jia En, Rachel (3A2)	

CCA (Sports)

Cross Country - Singapore National Games Ekiden Race

On National day, 2 teams were sent to compete in the girls and boys youth categories at Bedok Reservoir. This Ekiden race is a team relay where each runner will run 4.3 km around the reservoir before passing the baton to the next runner. There are 3 runners in a team. Many strong runners were fielded from various schools and we are proud that the Boys' team comprising of Letrodo Rojean Macabenta (3A1), Ramesh Cehyohn (3S2) and Bryan Ong Ren Hean (3A1) came in 2nd overall while the Girls' team comprising of Zenthe Ong Zi Wi (2E1), Reddy Sajithasri Ashok (2E1) and Sahijani d/o Abdul Nasser (3S1) came in 5th overall.

Rugby - Schools National Rugby Championship (Bowl)

After the last 15-a-side 3rd place finish in the 2008 B Division Rugby Competition (Plate), the boys managed to clinch a long-awaited national medal by beating Damai Secondary 35-22 to secure the 3rd placing in the Schools National C Division Rugby Championship (Bowl) playoff on 1 Aug 2018. Along the way, there were trophies for 7-a-side competitions but this longawaited achievement would not be possible without everything coming together at the right time and falling nicely into place this year. The enthusiasm and commitment of the senior boys in supporting their juniors through the vigorous training to prepare for the championship was also key to their achievement. The members of the C Division squad are:

S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
1	Muhammad Naufal (Captain)	2E3	16	Mohammad Rauuf	1N2
2	Muhammad Khaireel Aiman	2T1	17	Choochit Aries Ananda	1T1
	(Vice-Captain)		18	Mohammad Haqish Yuzi	1T1
3	Khuan Yee Ray Jared (Pack	2E1	19	Muhammad Syukur	1T1
	Leader)		20	Nitro Lee Kai Shyan	1T1
4	Lam Zouh Rey	1E2	21	Koh Li Wei Oliver	2E1
5	Zack Arthur Cloney	1E2	22	Ethan Chandler Wolter-	2E3
6	Rane Aditya Vijakumar	1E3		Fernandez	
7	Muhammad Aqil Arfan	1E4	23	Koh Pei Kun	2N1
8	Yan Jing Kai	1E4	24	Lucas Tay Kai Xian	2N1
9	Dani Khairin	1N1	25	Muhammad Syukri Abdul	2N1
10	Derric Ang Suhartono	1N1		Hamid	
11	Muhammad Faaris	1N1	26	Pang Yi Xian	2N1
12	Oles Tang Jun Da	1N1	27	Nicholas Lee Hao Wei	2N2
13	Rayan Fasrul Hardy	1N1	28	Muhammad Hafiy	2T1
14	Aaron Ryan Tan Wei Rong	1N2		range (a	* [2]

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Our boys were featured in the School Sports section of the Strait Times in an article titled, "No secret to rise of Red Wings" dated 4 Aug 2018.

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² Article can be accessed via this hyperlink - https://www.straitstimes.com/sport/schools/no-secret-to-rise-ofred-wings or via the QR code at the bottom right hand corner of this page.

Major School Events/Activities (10 Sep, Term 4)

DATE	EVENT		
Mon, 10 Sep to Thu, 20 Sep	N-Level Examinations		
Mon, 17 Sep to Thu, 4 Oct	Night Study Programme (Graduating students taking N and O-Level Examinations)		
Thu, 27 Sep to Fri, 28 Sep Thu, 4 Oct to Thu, 11 Oct	Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2)		
Mon, 1 Oct to Fri, 12 Oct	N-Level Examinations (Cont'd)		
Thu, 4 Oct to Fri, 19 Oct	O-Level Examinations		
Fri, 26 Oct	The last day of the final school term		
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SAT, 27 OCT TO TUE, 1 JAN 2019)			
Mon, 22 Oct to Mon, 19 Nov	O-Level Examinations		
PUBLIC HOLIDAY (TUE, 6 NOV) – DEEPAVALI			
Wed, 21 Nov	Graduation Night @ Concorde Hotel		
Sat, 24 Nov	BBSS Open House		