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Dear Parent/Guardian

1. It has been a week since school re-opened for Term 2. Schools have been progressively introducing more physical activities with strong Safe Management Measurements (SMM) through the directions from MOE/MOH. With the nation-wide on-going vaccination exercise and the recent announcements to allow more participants at selected events from 24 Apr, we are looking at more student engagement possibilities in future. We would like to thank all parents, guardians and caregivers in working with the school for the continued safety of the school population through taking precautionary measures like keeping their children/wards at home when they or adult household members develop flu-like symptoms.

2. Here are some good news for the new term (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p><b>Post-Sec Accolades: A-Level</b></p> <p>6 Distinctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kok Xin Ru (4A1, 2018), Anglo-Chinese Junior College</li> <li>- Lu Mingyuan (4S1, 2018), Raffles Institution</li> <li>- Michelle Clara Manik (4A1, 2018), Jurong Pioneer Junior College</li> </ul> <p>5 Distinctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ignatia Caroline (4S1, 2018), St. Andrew's Junior College</li> <li>- Poh Kai Wei Ranen (4S1, 2018), Anglo-Chinese Junior College</li> <li>- Tan Hong Ting (4A1, 2018), Anglo-Chinese Junior College</li> </ul> <p><b>SYF 2021 Celebrations – Design Challenge</b></p> <p>Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen (4A2), 1 of 25 shortlisted entries</p> <p><b>International History Bee and Bowl Winter League Tournament</b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Placing (Team) in International History Bee (Junior Varsity Category)</p>
CCA (Sports & Games)	<p><b>National Youth Training Squad - Softball</b></p> <p>Tiew Yun Fei Jerica (4A7), Captain</p> <p>Goh Jia Ni (4A7), Vice-Captain</p>
School	<p><b>People's Association Community Spirit (PACS) Awards 2020</b></p> <p>Community Partnership Merit Award – Bukit Batok Secondary School</p>

3. While the vaccination exercise has extended to adults working in schools to further minimise transmission, I must stress that the student population remains the most vulnerable. We have continued to take strict measures in enforcing social distancing and reminding students to put on their masks at all times through the teachers and school staff deployed as Safe Management Officers (SMOs). It is a concern that some students are not practicing the necessary social responsibility and personal hygiene that has kept our school population safe since the outbreak in 2020. We urge you to work with us in continuing to educate your children/wards on remaining vigilant and responsible.

4. Each year, the school anchors on 3 student-led projects which focused on the area of Community Youth Leadership, offering students opportunities to develop their leadership character and values through serving the community. With the COVID-19 situation, we have shifted the focus towards student advocacy. Between 18 Jan to 28 Jan, student leaders and NPCC cadets have been making announcements and going to individual classes to share about Project Mi (10<sup>th</sup> year). Contactless donation of rice packets were made by students, parents, staff, Parent Support Group (PSG) members alumni, community partners and well-wishers with Willing Hearts, the charity organisation, coming on the last day to collect the rice donations that had not been sent over to them. An estimated total of 11,999 kg of rice was collected through everyone's efforts! A big THANK YOU to all! This year, No Shoe Day (10<sup>th</sup> year) was organised for the Sec 1s only by youth leaders (YLS) from the YL Executive Committee (EXCO) as an activity to meet the objective of 'Building Bonds' during the second day of Multi-Level Activities (MLA) on 29 Jan. For the 19<sup>th</sup> Blood Donation Drive on 16 Feb, the YL EXCO drove advocacy towards blood donation through level activities and an assembly programme tied to Total Defence Day.

5. Our school has integrated Home-Based Learning (HBL), known as Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day on even Fridays since Term 1 Week 8 into the school curriculum. SDL Days will be a regular feature of the school experience to provide flexibility for students to practise self-directedness in planning and managing their learning, and becoming adaptable learners as learning from home becomes a reality. We have attached a Parent Kit to a Parent Gateway (PG) notification dated 27 Mar which provides general information and tips, and how you can support your child on SDL Days. Do work with us in supporting your child on those days.

6. We will continue to reduce, reuse and recycle as we create a sustainable school through Environment Education (towards zero waste). The school has built a Learning Centre that also serves as a classroom to demonstrate and showcase to our students how we can reduce our carbon footprints through lowering the ambient temperature by installing energy saving DC fans that adjust their own speed as the room cools and LED lights that provide optimal lighting as they adjust to the amount of sunlight coming into the room. The school aims to have such classrooms for all our students to enhance their learning experience.

7. Thank you for your partnership and support especially during this COVID-19 period. Have a pleasant and healthy term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan  
Principal

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

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**Details of Achievements**

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>The school have received accolades from various JCs of ex-BBSSians (2018) who had done well for the 2020 A-Level Examination.</p> <p>Anglo-Chinese Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kok Xin Ru, 4A1, 6 Distinctions</li> <li>- Poh Kai Wei Ranen, 4S1, 5 Distinctions</li> <li>- Tan Hong Ting, 4A1, 5 Distinctions</li> <li>- Gan Si Hern Eugene, 4S1, 4 Distinctions</li> <li>- Jennifer Grace Ambarita, 4S1, 4 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>Jurong Pioneer Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michelle Clara Manik, 4A1, 6 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>Raffles Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lu Mingyuan, 4S1, 6 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>St. Andrew's Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ignatia Caroline, 4S1, 5 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>Catholic Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Li Wenbiao, 4S2, 4 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>Hwa Chong Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ma Jinlin, 4A1, 4 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>National Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ervina Chong Qi Fei, 4S1, 4 Distinctions</li> <li>- Joel Chiang Zuo Ao, 4S2, 4 Distinctions</li> </ul> <p>At the end of last year, 2 of our Sec 3 Art students participated in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2021 Celebrations Design Challenge which aims to provide opportunities for students to further develop their interests and skills in graphic design, while showcasing their talents, artistic expression and creative voice. The entry submitted by <b>Rindiany Binte Zulkarnaen (4A2)</b> is one of 25 shortlisted entries from a range of responses from many students. The 25 students will receive the SYF certificate in August in recognition of their achievement.</p> <p>On Sat, 27 Feb and on Sat, 6 Mar and Sun, 7 Mar, students from the International History Bee and Bowl (IHBB) interest group took part in the IHBB Winter League Tournament. As the competition was held online this year, the students faced competitors from across the region, including Taiwan and Seoul. In the History Bee Individual competition, <b>Wee Jee Kit, William (4A6)</b> and <b>Akella Rama Santosh Srikar (3A7)</b> did well enough to qualify for the IHBB Asian Championships that will be held in Jun this year. For the team-based Bowl competition, both BBSS Team A, comprising of <b>William, Grace Loh Yun Tong (3A7)</b> and <b>Lee Shao Zhe Shamus (3A8)</b>, and BBSS Team B, comprising of <b>Akella Rama Santosh Srikar, Sitee Yi Zheng, Linfred (3A7)</b> and <b>Ong Yan Jin (3A7)</b>, did well enough to qualify for the IHBB Asian Championships. Team A, led by William, also advanced to the semi-finals and achieved <b>4th placing in the Junior Varsity Category</b>.</p>
CCA (Sports & Games)	<p>Last year, our softball captain, <b>Tiew Yun Fei Jerica (4A7)</b> and vice-captain, <b>Goh Jia Ni (4A7)</b> went for the national selection trial conducted by the Singapore Baseball &amp; Softball Association (SBSA). From the 68 girls who came for the trials, they were selected together with 13 other girls to join the National Youth Training Squad.</p>
School	<p>Being a part of the Bukit Batok community, our school has been supporting community programmes and events since it began operations in 1986 to serve the new Bukit Batok estate. In 2019, our school supported Bukit Batok Citizens' Consultative Committee (CCC) with the Bicentennial exhibition and stage performance during the 4 National Day Dinners. In addition, the school has also supported the annual Walkathon fundraising event each year. With the support of Grassroots Adviser, Mr Murali Pillai and Bukit Batok CCC Chairman, Mr Lim Boon Lye, BBM, Bukit Batok CCC nominated BBSS for the <b>People's Association Community Spirit (PACS) Awards 2020</b> and our school was awarded the <b>Community Partnership Merit Award</b>. In recognition of the efforts of members of our school management committee (SMC) who helped coordinate or lead in supporting the community programmes and events tirelessly each year, the award was presented by Mr Murali to Mr Phua, our principal, in their presence in school on Mon, 22 Mar.</p>

**1. Major School Events/Activities (22 Mar, Term 2)**

DATE	EVENT
Thu, 1 Apr	Principal's Talk & Subject Selection Briefing for Sec 2 students [7.15 pm – 8.45 pm]
Fri, 9 Apr	Annual Awards Ceremony [4.00 pm – 6.35 pm]
Fri, 16 Apr	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Wed, 28 Apr to Wed, 12 May	Semestral Assessment 1 (SA1) period for Sec 4/5 students
Fri, 30 Apr	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Fri, 14 May	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Fri, 21 May	Cross Country [2.30 pm – 6.30 pm]
Thu, 27 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students [3.00 pm – 5.00 pm]
Fri, 28 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students [8.00 am – 4.30 pm]
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 29 MAY TO SUN, 27 JUN)</b>	
Mon, 31 May to Tue, 1 Jun	GCE O-Level MTL Examinations
Mon, 21 Jun to Fri, 25 Jun	Art, D&T and F&N coursework for Sec 4E/4NA/5NA students
Mon, 21 Jun to Tue, 22 Jun	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme 2021 3A1, 3A3, 3A5, 3A7
Thu, 24 Jun to Fri, 25 Jun	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme 2021 3A2, 3A4, 3A6, 3A8

**2. Oral Examination Schedule (22 Mar, Term 2)**

Date	Time	MT Languages
Tue, 6 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	4HCL
Thu, 8 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	4NA, 4NT
Fri, 16 Apr	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	2E (Online)
Tue, 20 Apr	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	4E, 5NA, 3HCL
Thu, 22 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	
Tue, 27 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	3NA, 3NT
Fri, 30 Apr	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	1NA, 1NT (Online)
Tue, 4 May	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	3E
Thu, 6 May	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	
Fri, 14 May	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	1E (Online)

Please note that attendance is compulsory.