



29 June 2026

Principal's Message - Semester 2 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Even as the world navigates turbulent times, we are reminded of what truly matters — our shared humanity and our responsibility to one another. It is in moments like these that the values we nurture in our young people matter most. At Bukit Merah Secondary School, we remain steadfast in our belief that every Merahan is academically capable and has the potential to be a force for good — resilient, caring and self-directed. The words and actions of every Merahan can help shape a kinder, better world.

In Semester One, our Merahans journeyed through a rich tapestry of experiences designed to stretch them beyond the classroom. Our [GROW Week Camp](#) challenged them to step out of their comfort zones, building grit and teamwork in less familiar settings. [FESTIVO VIII](#) celebrated the vibrancy of our school community, giving students a platform to express their aesthetic talents and take pride in their shared identity. Through our [Global Merahan Programme to China](#), our hosting of Thai students from Samakkhithayakhom School, and our [engagement with American trainee teachers from Marian University](#), our Merahans broadened their horizons and deepened their appreciation for diverse cultures and perspectives — an invaluable grounding for young people in our interconnected world. These experiences are deliberate investments in the character and values of every Merahan, reflecting our deep belief that who our Merahans become matters just as much as what they achieve.

Anchored in this same belief is our unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of every Merahan in our care. Our school maintains a zero-tolerance stance on bullying in all its forms — physical, verbal, social and online. Bullying refers to **repeated or persistent behaviour intended to cause hurt, distress or humiliation to another person**. When cases are reported, we investigate each one fairly, with due care given to all parties involved. Where bullying is established, appropriate consequences will be meted out in accordance with school and Ministry of Education guidelines, and support will be extended to both the affected Merahan and those whose behaviour needs to be corrected. Should your child experience or witness bullying, do encourage them to speak up — to a trusted teacher, our school counsellor, or to you — and we will act.

We believe that the partnership between home and school is a powerful force in a child's development. We invite you to continue conversations at home — about resilience when things get hard, about empathy for others who are struggling, and about taking ownership of one's learning and actions. When home and school walk alongside each other, our Merahans feel it, and they rise to it.

Together, let us nurture Merahans who lead with heart, face challenges with courage, and make a positive difference wherever they go.

In Semester 2, we would like to share that the following colleagues – Mr Eric Lim and Mr Praveen Kumar -- will be embarking on new chapters and adventures. We would like to welcome Ms Kogila Vani (School Staff Developer) and Mr Joseph Wee who will be joining us to nurture and enable our Merahans who need us the most.





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Yours faithfully,

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Principal



Annex A

2026 BMSS Term 3 Events

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
June			
29 Jun	All	First Day of Term 3 – Semester 2 reopening programme	Special programmes for the first 3 hours, followed by timetabled classes
July			
6 Jul	All	School Holiday for Youth Day	School holiday
7 Jul	Sec 4 & 5	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension Paper 3 (PM)	
9 Jul	Sec 4N(A)	Social Studies Source-Based Questions (SBQ) Workshop (PM)	After school
13 to 17 Jul	Sec 4 & 5	GCE O/N-Level English Language Oral Paper 4 and Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3	
14 to 16 Jul	Sec 1 to 3	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days	Students do not need to report to school.
20 to 24 Jul	Selected S3 students	Global Merahan Programme – Hosting of students from Jiangnan Middle School, Wuxi, China	
21 Jul	All	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	
	Sec 4E5N	Social Studies Source-Based Questions (SBQ) Workshop (PM)	After school
22 to 27 Jul	Selected S2 students	20 th Singapore-Hong Kong Student Exchange Programme	
30 Jul	Sec 1 & 2	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day	Students do not need to report to school.
	Sec 3G1 & 3G2	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3	
	Sec 3G3	School End-of-Year Examination - English Language Oral Paper 4	
August			
5 Aug	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examination - English Language Listening Comprehension Paper 3 (PM)	After school
7 Aug	All	58th Speech Day and National Day Commemoration	For all students: early dismissal at 1040hrs.
10 Aug	All	National Day	Public holiday

12 Aug	Sec 1 & 2	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day	Students do not need to report to school.
	Sec 3G1 & 3G2	School End-of-Year Examination - English Language Oral Paper 4 (PM)	
	Sec 3G3	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3	
	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examination - CPA Practical and Combined Science Practical	
17 to 28 Aug	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examinations - Written	
18 Aug	Sec 2G1 & 2G2	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3 (PM)	After school
19 Aug	Sec 3	School End-of-Year Examination – Make -up for English Language Oral Paper 4 (PM)	After school
21 Aug	Sec 2G3	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3 (PM)	After school
	Selected S3 students	School Visit by Students from Manno Secondary School, Kagawa Prefecture, Japan	
31 Aug	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examination - Higher Chinese Language Paper 1 (PM)	After school
September			
1 Sep	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examination - Higher Chinese Language Paper 2 (PM)	After school
2 Sep	Sec 4 & 5	Milestone Programme	
3 Sep	All	Teachers' Day Celebration	For all students: early dismissal at 1030hrs due to teachers' day celebration.
4 Sep	All	Teachers' Day	School holiday
5 to 13 Sep	All	School Vacation	
10 & 11 Sep	Sec 4G1 & 4G2	Study Programme	

2026 BMSS Term 4 Events

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
September			
14 to 24 Sep	Sec 4 & 5	GCE N-Level Examination Part 1	
15 Sep	Sec 4 & 5	School Preliminary Examination – Express Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 (PM)	After school
16 Sep	Sec 1G1 & 1G2	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3 (PM)	After school
	Sec 4 & 5	Preliminary Express Mother Tongue Language Paper 2 (PM)	After school
18 Sep	Sec 1G3	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3 (PM)	After school
21 to 24 Sep	Sec 2	School End-of-Year Examination - English Language Oral Paper 4	
22 Sep	Selected students	School End-of-Year Examination – Make-Up Mother Tongue Language Oral Paper 3 (PM)	After school
23 Sep	Sec 3	School End-of-Year Examination - Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension Paper 3 (PM)	After school
	Sec 4 & 5	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Language B Oral Paper 3(PM)	After school
25 Sep	Sec 4 & 5	Graduation Ceremony	After school
	Sec 2	School End-of-Year Examination – Make-Up English Language Oral Paper 4	
29 Sep to 8 Oct	Sec 1 to 3	School End-of-Year Examinations - Written	
October			
5 to 13 Oct	Sec 4 & 5	GCE N-Level Examination Part 2	
9 and 12 Oct	Sec 1 to 3	Marking Days	Students do not need to report to school.
8 to 11 Oct	Selected S3 students	F1 Work Experience Programme with Mandarin Oriental	8 to 11 Oct
13 & 14 Oct	Sec 1 to 3	Script Check Days	
14 Oct	Sec 3	NFS Learning Journey (PM)	After school

15 Oct	Sec 1 to 3	Post Examination Programme Part 1	
	Sec 4 & 5	GCE O-Level English Language Listening Comprehension Paper 3 (PM)	After school
16 Oct	All	Progression Exercise	Students do not need to report to school.
19 Oct onwards	Sec 4 & 5	GCE O-Level Examinations	
19 to 21 Oct	Sec 1 to 3	Post Examination Programme Part 2	
22 Oct	All	Last Day of School Programme	
	Sec 1 to 3	End-of-Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (PM)	After school
23 Oct	Selected students	BM Fest 2026	
	Sec 1 to 3	End-of-Year Parent-Teacher Meeting	
26 & 27 Oct	Selected students	Support Programme	
27 Oct	Sec 2	Subject Option Exercise - Deadline to submit subject option choices online	By 5pm
November			
2 to 7 Nov	Selected S3 students	Global Merahan Programme (GMP) - Overseas Trips to 1. Samakkhithayakhom School (SWK) in Chiang Rai, Thailand; and 2. Srinagarindra the Princess Mother School (SWPY) in Phayao, Thailand	
6 Nov	Sec 2	Subject Option Exercise - Deadline to hardcopy appeal form to General Office	By 5pm
11 to 17 Nov	Selected S2 students	Singapore-Hong Kong Student Exchange Programme (based in Singapore)	
15 to 19 Nov	Selected S3 students	Morgan Stanley Work Experience Programme with Mandarin Oriental	
21 Nov	Selected students	BMSS Open House 2026	
21 Nov onwards	All	School Vacation	