



26 June 2023

Principal's Message - Semester 2 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 2 started and ended with a resounding bang. Three key highlights that your child/charge would have undergone include:

- **GROW Week** in Week 1 where our Merahans built camaraderie and acquired important life-skills, knowledge, and competencies, beyond the classroom, through a series of curated experiential learning from outdoor adventure camps, learning journeys to workshops.
- **55th Speech and Prize-Giving Day** on 12 May where we recognised the various achievements of Merahans and school the past year. The event was held in conjunction with the **Raya Reunion**, where partners, alumni and pioneer colleagues of our school were invited to bond and rekindle ties through food and activities.
- **Merahan Olympics Day** in Week 10 where our Merahans demonstrated their physical and mental adeptness, as well as teamwork, to challenge and compete with one another in various sporting and mind games in the name of excellence, respect, and friendship.

Semester 2 is going to be another eventful term with Racial Harmony Day, National Day, and Teachers' Day celebrations. At this point, Merahans will typically also be switching gear and getting themselves ready and psyched for the milestone assessments coming up. The S4/5s will be sitting for their national examinations as early as July while the S1 – 3s will be sitting for the bulk of their end-of-year examinations from October. Please refer to the **Annex** for the list of upcoming events, programmes, and activities.

By now, most of you would have met our Form Teachers and received feedback on your child/charge's progress. Soren Kierkegaard, a Danish philosopher, proffered that '**Life can only be understood backwards but must be lived forwards**'. As much as we would like to reminisce and rationalise what could have been better, it is equally important for us to encourage our Merahans to:

- Look ahead with hope and resilience,
- Tap on what we have learnt from our past and
- Be courageous in trying different strategies to face life's challenges so we can make progress and history is less likely to repeat itself.

We appreciate and look forward to your partnership in nurturing our Merahans to not only take responsibility for the choices they make but very importantly, to guide and encourage them to persevere and adapt themselves in their pursuit of excellence.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Darren Chong
Principal
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Annex

2023 BMSS Term 3 Events

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
JUNE			
27 Jun	Sec 3E	Science (Biology) Learning Journey (PM)	For selected students
	Sec 4E/5NA	MTL Oral Practice (PM)	After school
29 Jun	All	Public Holiday: Hari Raya Haji	
30 Jun	Sec 4E/5NA	MTL Oral Practice (PM)	After school
JULY			
3 Jul	All	School Holiday: Youth Day	
4 Jul	Sec 4/5	GCE O-Level MTL and MTLB Listening Comprehension	School dismissal at 2pm for other students
6 Jul	Sec 4/5	GCE O-Level MTLB Oral Exam (PM)	
7 – 17 Jul	Sec 4/5	GCE O-Level MTL Oral Exam (PM)	
11 – 17 Jul	Sec 4NA/NT	GCE N-Level EL Oral Exam (PM)	
14 Jul	Sec 1 – 3	Blended Learning	Sec 1 – 3 students do not need to report to school
18 Jul	All	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	During school hours Students are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes that day
	Sec 4E/5NA	Source-based Questions Workshop (PM)	
19 Jul	Sec 4NA	Source-based Questions Workshop (PM)	After school
25 Jul – 3 Aug	Sec 4/5	GCE O-Level EL Oral Exam (PM)	
25 Jul	Sec 1, 2 & 3NA/NT	Blended Learning	Sec 1, 2 & 3NA/NT students do not need to report to school
	Sec 3E	ECG World Skills ASEAN Fair	Sec 3E students to report to school by 7.45am
25 – 27 Jul	Sec 4NA/NT	GCE N-Level MTL and MTLB Oral Exam (PM)	
AUGUST			
1 Aug	Sec 3	Social Studies Virtual Learning Journey (PM)	After school
2 Aug	Sec 4/5	Prelim EL Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
3 & 4 Aug	Sec 2NT	Experience ITE Programme	Details will be shared with the classes
7 Aug	Sec 1 – 3	Blended Learning	Sec 1 – 3 students do not need to report to school
	Sec 4NT	Prelim CPA Practical	
	Sec 4E/5N	Prelim Combined Science Practical	
8 Aug	All	National Day Celebrations	Programme will end by 10.30am Students are encouraged to wear red tops that day
9 Aug	All	Public Holiday: National Day	
10 Aug	All	School Holiday: National Day	

11 – 23 Aug	Sec 4/5	Prelim N-Level & O-Level	
14 Aug	Sec 3NA/NT	MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
15 & 18 Aug	Sec 3E/NA	SBB MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
21, 22 & 25 Aug	Sec 2	MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
23 Aug	Sec 3	NRIC Registration	Including eligible students from Sec 1 & 2
	Sec 4E/5N	Prelim Pure Chemistry Practical	
28 & 29 Aug	Sec 4NA/4E/5	Prelim MTL and MTLB Exam (PM)	After school
30 Aug	Sec 4/5	Milestone Celebration Staff Team Building (PM)	School dismissal at 12.30pm
31 Aug	All	Teachers' Day Celebration	School dismissal by 11am
SEPTEMBER			
1 Sep	All	School Holiday: Teachers' Day	
7 & 8 Sep	Sec 4NA/NT	Study Programme	Details will be shared with the classes.

2023 BMSS Term 4 Events

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
SEPTEMBER			
11 – 18 Sep	Sec 4NA/NT	GCE N-Level Written Exam	
11 & 12 Sep	Sec 4NA/NT	GCE N-Level EL, MT and MTLB Listening Comprehension	School dismissal at 2pm for other students
12, 14 & 15 Sep	Sec 1	MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
19 & 21 Sep	Sec 4NT	GCE N-Level CPA Practical	
22 Sep	Sec 1 – 3	MTL Oral Exam	Make-up session
	Sec 4/5	Graduation Ceremony (PM)	Details will be shared with the classes later
25 Sep	Sec 4E/5N	GCE O-Level MTLB Oral Exam	
27 Sep	Sec 3	End-of-Year MTL and MTLB Listening Comprehension (PM)	After school
29 Sep	Sec 1 – 3	Blended Learning	Sec 1 – 3 students do not need to report to school
OCTOBER			
2 – 10 Oct	Sec 4NA/NT	GCE N-Level Written Exam	
2 – 11 Oct	Sec 3	End-of-Year Exam	
4, 9, 12 & 17 Oct	Sec 4E/5N	GCE O-Level Science Practical Exam	
4 – 11 Oct	Sec 1 – 2	End-of-Year Exam	
12 & 13 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Marking Days	Students do not need to report to school
16 & 17 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Script Checking Days	
18 Oct	Sec 4E/5N	GCE O-Level EL and MTLB Listening Comprehension	
18, 20 – 25 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Post-Exam Programme	
19 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Promotion Day	Students do not need to report to school
19 Oct – 10 Nov	Sec 4E/5N	GCE O-Level Written Exam	
26 & 27 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PM)	Selected students

26 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	Last Day of School	
27 Oct	Sec 1 – 3	BMFest	Selected students
30 & 31 Oct	Sec 3E	Bridging Programme	Details will be shared with the classes later
	Sec 1, 2 and 3N	Intervention Programme	
NOVEMBER			
1 & 2 Nov	Sec 3E	Intervention Programme	Details will be shared with the classes later