



BARTLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Greetings from Bartley Secondary School! I hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable break.

The focus for last school term (Term 2) continued to be about establishing a disciplined and vibrant school tone to nurture Bartleyans as Leaders for Others and Learners for Life. It gives me great pleasure to share with you that Bartleyans have been observed to demonstrate good attitude towards learning and have shown the determination to succeed in their endeavours. We want to continue to build on their positivity and nurture them to achieve their personal best.

Our Sec 1 students finally received their Personal Learning Devices (PLD) on 28 Mar 2023, with much anticipation and excitement, and they had their first Learners for Life Day on 11 Apr 2023. Our graduating cohort of students had their CCA Passing Out on 20 Apr 2023, a significant milestone in their journey at Bartley Sec. As part of the school's effort to promote healthy living, the school initiated Fruit Days on 28 Apr and 22 May 2023. We are grateful for the support provided by the parents in our Parent Support Group to prepare and distribute the fruits. The event was well-received by the students and the school will be organising more Fruit Days in the Semester 2, and I hope more parents can come forward to support the event.

In this letter, I would like to provide you with some updates on our school events in Term 2 as well as important notices for the upcoming Term 3.

UPDATES ON TERM 2

1. ELHUMANATION WEEK

ELhumanation Week was held from 27 – 31 Mar 2023. This is a collaboration between the English Language and Literature Department and the Humanities Department with the objectives to allow our students to engage in real life application of what they have learnt in the classroom and to be inspired to appreciate the English Language and the Humanities. A variety of activities were organised for the students. The school invited the National Library Board to do a Book Buzz and introduced our students to local mystery books. We also invited a speaker, Mr John Cheng, to share about how he has reinvented his traditional sugar manufacturing business to cater to the current food landscape of innovation and sustainability. There were also interactive activities such as a treasure hunt around the school for students to rediscover Singapore through virtual tours and a kahoot quiz to consolidate their learning throughout the week. Overall, students were very positive about the experience and immersed themselves in authentic learning through the activities.

2. COMMENDATION DAY

The school held our Commendation Day on 12 May 2023. This was a day when we celebrated our Bartleyans' achievements and we took the chance to showcase our students' talents to our BSS community. A percussion performance by our students from the Be Brave programme kick-started the programme. Our National Police Cadet Corps then led the other Uniformed Groups in the parade. Besides the presentation of the academic awards, we also celebrated our students' achievements in the areas of their Co-Curricular Activities and Character Development. Our Performing Arts Groups also entertained us with their performances. It was certainly a day to remember.

3. CCA ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1. Our Sports Groups successfully completed the Division 'B' Games at National School Games (NSG). Our student athletes have trained hard to prepare for the competitions and we are inspired by the courage and optimism they have demonstrated even when they had to face strong opponents. The teachers have observed an improvement in their skills mastery and teamwork. Our Sepak Takraw Division 'B' boys were featured in NSG Profile Special at <https://www.activesgcircle.gov.sg/national-school-games-2023/watch/national-school-games-2023-sepak-takraw-profile>

3.2. Our Performing Arts Groups participated in the SYF Arts Presentation between 29 Mar 2023 and 26 Apr 2023. Our students have demonstrated a strong pursuit for excellence and made improvements from their last Arts Presentation, achieving the following results:

- Certificate of Distinction for Modern Dance
- Certificate of Accomplishment for Concert Band, Guzheng Ensemble and Choir

We are also heartened to note that a group of students came forward to form a team to participate in the Malay Dance category and they achieved the Certificate of Accomplishment.

3.3. Our Uniformed Groups have continued to sustain the legacy of their seniors and achieved excellent outcomes as follows:

- Distinction for NPCC, NCC (Land) and NCC (Air)
- Gold for Red Cross Youth

Our senior students were also identified to receive top cadet awards for their dedicated participation and leadership to their CCA.

We are very encouraged by our Bartleyans' commitment to learning and giving their best.

NOTICES FOR TERM 3

4. STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS

4.1 We will continue to promote the well-being of our students through guiding them to build a sense of positivity and resilience. We also highlighted that the students should interact respectfully and graciously with one another as members of the Bartley family. We encourage parents to work with us, reiterating to our children the importance of healthy habits, respectful interactions and a growth mindset.

4.2 It is also important that our students practise responsible use of their mobile devices and Personal Learning Devices (PLDs). We would like to highlight that teachers expect mobile phones to be kept away during curriculum time and other school programmes, including CCA. Any use during these times must be with explicit permission from the teacher-in-charge. The PLDs are also to be used only for learning purposes. We emphasised to our students that mobile devices and PLDs should not be used for undesirable activities. We will continue to educate our students to be safe and responsible users of technology and would like to work closely with parents/guardians to manage device usage. Parents/Guardians could refer to pages 22 to 27 for our Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Agreement in the Student Organiser distributed at the start of the school year.

4.3 The digital environment is very much a part of our students' lives. As a school, we endeavour to provide a positive learning environment and encourage all our students to be positive peer influences. We seek support and assistance from parents/guardians to actively supervise and monitor your child's/ward's use of mobile devices and online platforms to ensure these are used meaningfully and healthily.

5. ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

- 5.1. For students to do well in school, it is important that they attend school regularly and punctually so that they do not miss out on the lessons and teachers' instructions. Students who are absent from school are to submit the relevant document(s) excusing their absence on the day they return to school. Students who fail to submit the document(s) supporting their absence within 5 working days of their return to school may face disciplinary action. **Per semester**, the school will accept up to a **maximum of 4 days of absence** covered by parents'/ guardians' letter(s).
- 5.2. It is also important for students to participate actively in CCA so that they have a full learning experience. We seek continued support from parents to ensure that your child comes for school and CCA regularly and punctually.
- 5.3. Please note that your child/ward will be considered late for school should he/she arrive at the class or assembly area after 7.45 am. He/She will be directed to report his/her attendance at the General Office. An SMS will be sent to the registered official guardian by 9.30 am on days that your child/ward is absent from school.

6. SCHOOL SAFETY

The school will continue to monitor the weather conditions (e.g. heat, haze) as we implement our school curriculum, programmes and activities. Daily reminders are given to students to ensure they monitor their physical well-being and remain hydrated. Students are also asked to approach their teachers or the General Office if they feel unwell during their time in school or during activities. Students should also inform their teachers if they are ill with flu-like symptoms or COVID-19.

7. KEY ACTIVITIES IN TERM 3 AND TERM 4

The key Sec 4 and 5 school activities scheduled for Term 3 and Term 4 can be found in **Annex A**. We seek your cooperation in ensuring your child/ward's participation in and/or preparation for the various activities the school has planned for them.

8. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS FOR SEC 4 & 5 STUDENTS

- 8.1. The graduating cohort will be sitting for their Preliminary Examination during the following periods:
- 28 Jul to 07 Aug 2023: Sec 4NA, 4NT students
 - 14 Aug to 30 Aug 2023: Sec 4E, 5NA students
- 8.2. Details of the Preliminary Examinations will be issued to your child/ward on the following dates:

Date for Release of Schedule	Levels
30 Jun 2023	Sec 4N
14 Jul 2023	Sec 4E and 5N

- 8.3. As part of our collaborative effort with you in developing and nurturing your child/ward, we would be grateful if you could supervise your child/ward in his/her revision, and ensure that he/she prepares himself/herself adequately for the examinations.

9. LEARNERS FOR LIFE DAY AND T.E.A.M. DAY

Learners for Life Day will continue for Sec 2 and 3 students on 24 & 25 Jul 2023. The lesson instructions will be disseminated via the school website. There will be no Learners for Life Day for Sec 1, 4 & 5 in Term 3.

The school has initiated T.E.A.M. Day this year to promote and enhance student well-being through fostering positive interactions between student-student and student-teacher. Through T.E.A.M Day, we hope to deepen a sense of optimism and belonging amongst members of the school community, and also impart social-emotional competencies to our students. The dates for T.E.A.M. Day in Term 3 will be:

- Sec 2 to 5: 26 Jul 2023 and 31 Aug 2023
- Sec 1: 04 Jul 2023 and 31 Aug 2023

Further details about each T.E.A.M. Day will be provided in a separate notification to parents/guardians.

10. NATIONAL DAY & TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The school will be celebrating National Day on 08 Aug 2023 and Teacher's Day on 31 Aug 2023 respectively. All students are to attend school that day and the school programme will end at 11.30am that day.

11. PARENTING RESOURCES

We appreciate the challenges of parenting and would like to introduce parenting resources to you. MOE has launched a parenting-focused Instagram account, @parentingwith.moesg, as part of MOE's efforts to engage and partner parents. MOE hopes to connect with parents better via the account by sharing tips and MOE resources, celebrating the ups and downs of your parenting journey, and growing with you as a community by inspiring and supporting each other through shared experiences. Do follow the account, share your experiences and invite your parent friends into this community. You may also find more useful parenting resources through MOE Parent Kit available at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit>.

12. STAYING CONNECTED WITH SCHOOL

We invite you to stay connected with us by visiting our school website and social media sites at Facebook (www.facebook.com/OfficialBartleySecondarySchool), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bartleysecsg>) and Instagram (@bartleysecondarieschool) to see updates about the school. You can also view the school calendar of events published through our school calendar at <https://www.bartleysec.moe.edu.sg/information/students/school-calendar/>

We would like to inform parents/guardians that photographs or video images of students or their parents/legal guardians may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps or school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs or video recordings in school publications, the school's website, social media channels or other communication channels. If you have any concerns, please approach the school through your child's/ward's Form Teacher or Year Head.

13. CONCLUSION

13.1. We believe that it takes a community to nurture our young minds. A strong home-school partnership will contribute greatly to the child's success in school. Therefore, we hope to work closely together with parents to provide our children the best opportunities to learn and grow. I welcome parents to contact the school to discuss your concerns or provide your feedback. Together, we can nurture every Bartleyan as **Leaders for Others** and **Learners for Life**, grounded in our **C.O.R.E. values**.

13.2. We request for you to complete and return the acknowledgement form (**Annex D**) via your child/ward's Form Teacher by Fri 30 Jun 2023. You may also submit your acknowledgement via Parent Gateway (PG) for parents who have a PG account. Should you have any questions or need any clarifications, please contact us at 62889013 or email: bartley_ss@moe.edu.sg.

13.3. We look forward to a fruitful and meaningful Term 3 with our students. Thank you for your continued support as we work towards empowering every Bartleyan to be Leaders for Others and Learners for Life.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Britta Seet
Principal

**Secondary 4 & 5
Key Activities for Term 3, 2023**

S/No.	Date	Activity	Remarks
1.	30 Jun	Inter-class Volleyball Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only for students who are participating in the competition • Report to Upper ISH at 1.30 pm in PE attire • 1.00 – 4.00 pm • Classes who did not qualify for the later stages of competition will be dismissed earlier
2.	29 Jun	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
3.	3 Jul	Youth Day	School Holiday
4.	4 Jul	GCE 'O' Level Listening Comprehension Exam (MTL/MTLB)	Students not taking the examination will be dismissed at 1.15pm.
5.	6 Jul	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students to bring a working thermometer.
6.	6 Jul	GCE 'O' Level Oral Mid-Year Exam (MTLB)	
7.	7 – 17 Jul	GCE 'O' Level Oral Exam (MTL/MTLB)	
8.	11 – 17 Jul	GCE 'N' Level Oral Exam (EL)	
9.	25 – 27 Jul	GCE 'N' Level Oral Exam (MTL/MTLB)	
10.	26 Jul	TEAM Day	
11.	25 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE 'O' Level Oral Exam (EL)	
12.	28 Jul – 3 Aug	GCE 'O' Level Oral Exam (HMTL)	
13.	28 Jul – 7 Aug	Sec 4NA/NT Preliminary Examinations	
14.	8 Aug	National Day celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 11.30am.
15.	9 Aug	National Day	Public Holiday
16.	10 Aug	Day after National Day	School Holiday
17.	21 – 30 Aug	Sec 4E5NA Preliminary Examinations	
18.	31 Aug	T.E.A.M Day and Teachers' Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 11.30am.
19.	1 Sep	Teacher's Day Holiday	School Holiday
20.	4 – 8 Sep	Term Break	School Holiday

**Secondary 4 & 5
Key Activities for Term 4, 2023**

S/No.	Date	Activity	Remarks
1.	11 – 12 Sep	GCE 'N' Level Listening Comprehension Exam (EL & MTL)	Students not taking the examination will be dismissed at 1.15pm.
2.	11 Sep – 6 Oct	Night Self-Study Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms will be opened for students who wish to conduct independent revision in school. • 5 – 6.30pm • More details to be shared later
3.	14 – 18 Sep 2 – 10 Oct	GCE 'N' Level Written Examinations	
4.	25 Sep	GCE 'O' Level Oral Year-End Exam (MTLB)	
5.	29 Sep	Farewell Assembly for Sec 4/5 Graduates	More details to be shared later.
6.	19 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCE 'O' Level Listening Comprehension Exam (EL) • GCE 'O' Level Listening Comprehension Exam (MTLB) 	Students not taking the examination will be dismissed at 1.15pm.
7.	20 Oct – 10 Nov	GCE 'O' Level Written Examinations	
8.	13 Nov	Deepavali	Public Holiday
9.	14 Nov	Graduation Lunch for Sec 4/5 Students	More details to be shared later

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT FORM

From:

The Parent/Guardian* of _____ (Sec _____)

2023 Secondary 4 and 5 Principal's Letter (Term 3)

Thank you for keeping me informed regarding the above-mentioned.

We can be reached at the following contact numbers:

Name of Parent /Guardian*		
Relationship to Pupil	Father / Guardian *	Mother / Guardian *
Home Telephone No.		
Handphone No.		
Office No.		

**delete where appropriate*

Remarks (if any)

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date