



## **BARTLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We began Term 1 with a focus on establishing a disciplined and vibrant school tone to nurture our student as Leaders for Others and Learners for Life. To this end, two key school activities were implemented: Bartley Charity Run and Learners for Life Day. Recognising a strong home-school partnership contributes greatly to the child's/ward's success in school, we started our parent engagement sessions earlier this year so that parents/guardians could have the opportunity to meet and interact with their child's/ward's form teachers. As a finale to the school term, we organised our first TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) Day to strengthen positive interactions amongst Bartleyans and their teachers.

In this letter, I would like to provide you with some updates on our school events in Term 1 as well as important notices for the upcoming Term 2.

### **UPDATES ON TERM 1**

#### **1. BARTLEY CHARITY RUN**

We held our Bartley Charity Run 2023 on 27 Jan 2023. In support of the Walk for Rice initiative by the South East Community Development Council (CDC) and NTUC FairPrice, the school planned and organised our annual run with a 300m track run, K-Pop Mass Dance and inter-class games. At the end of the day, the total distance covered by our staff, students and parents enabled the school to donate a grand total of 19320 bowls of white rice, brown rice and oatmeal for the underprivileged residents living in the South-East District. Through this initiative, we aim to not only promote a healthy and active lifestyle, but to also foster a sense of community and empathy among our students. We also want to thank our Parent Support Group for their active support and participation.

#### **2. T.E.A.M. (TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE ) DAY**

The Sec 4 & 5 students participated in dragon boating, an activity that encouraged teamwork and working together with their peers and their teachers took the opportunity to participate in the activity with the students. The spirit of teamwork and camaraderie built would be essential elements to enable our students to continue to excel in their school life. Through this activity, our students now share a common experience where peers from different backgrounds and fitness levels come together to achieve new heights and surpass team goals, creating special memories that bond and inspire.

#### **3. MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT**

The MTL Fortnight was held between 28 Feb and 10 Mar 2023 with the objective to engage students in the learning of their respective MTL through interactive and experiential learning in cultural and language activities. A variety of activities were organised for the students. The school invited the Singapore Chinese Orchestra to put up a live performance and introduced Chinese handicrafts such as Chinese masks and Chinese architecture to the Chinese Language students. Our Malay Language students learnt batik painting through Zentangle method and tried out a DIY gasing making activity. The Tamil Language students were engaged in an interactive kolum competition, as well as an Indian fashion show and a drama and speech workshop. Overall, students were very positive about the experience and immersed themselves in authentic learning of their MTL through the activities.

#### **4. NATIONAL SCHOOLS GAMES (DIVISION 'B')**

Our Upper Sec student athletes from Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Football and Sepak Takraw participated actively in the Division 'B' games since 19 Jan 2023. They fought hard in their games and demonstrated the spirit of optimism, resilience and excellence. Most notably, our Sepak Takraw boys emerged as national champions on 09 Mar 2023. We are proud of our boys' achievements and their sportsmanship during the highly intense finals. Our supporters were also well-behaved throughout the game. Our Sepak Takraw was featured on Straits Time on 10 Mar 2023 (<https://www.straitstimes.com/sport/school-sports-after-20-year-wait-bartley-secondary-coach-rithwan-kassim-gets-his-sepak-takraw-gold>).

#### **5. APPOINTMENT CEREMONY FOR STUDENT LEADERS AND 26TH STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE**

The appointment ceremony for our class leaders was held on 03 Feb 2023. They were presented the leadership badges by their form teachers as a sign of trust in and affirmation for stepping forward to lead. They also recited the leadership pledge. On 06 Mar 2023, we held the Student Council Investiture for the newly appointed student councillors. At the same ceremony, we also thanked our final-year student councillors at Sec 4 for their years of service to the school. We were very pleased that the parents of our student councillors were able to join us to witness this meaningful ceremony.

### **NOTICES FOR TERM 2**

#### **1. STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS**

1.1 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 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.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

2.1 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).

- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.

3. **KEY ACTIVITIES IN TERM 2**

The key Sec 4 & 5 school activities scheduled for Term 2 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.

4. **TERM 1 PROGRESS REPORT**

All students will receive their Progress Report for Term either on 20 or 21 Mar 2023. Your child/ward's teachers may be contacting you to discuss with you on your child/ward's progress. When your child/ward gives you the Progress Report, we would deeply appreciate if you could use the opportunity to discuss his/her progress, and to plan how he/she could better prepare for the upcoming assessments.

5. **NON-WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

5.1 The Non-Weighted Assessment schedule for Term 2 will be published on the school website by Thu 16 Mar 2023. The schedule will also be sent together with this letter in the same notification. In line with MOE's new directive, there will be no Mid-Year Examinations for Sec 4 & 5 students this year. Feedback about your child's/ward's learning will be provided through Term 2 Non-Weighted Assessment and at the BSS Community Day on 26 May 2023.

5.2 In preparation for the 'O' Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue Language Examinations, Sec 4/5 students offering 'O' Level Chinese Language (CL) / Malay Language (ML) / Tamil Language (TL) will be sitting for their CL/ML/TL Preliminary Examinations on 08 May 2023. Sec 4/5 students who do not offer this subject will continue to follow the lesson timetable and attend school that day.

6. **'LEARNERS FOR LIFE' DAY FOR SEC 4 & 5**

The 'Learners for Life' Day initiative for Sec 4 & 5 has concluded in Term 1. All Sec 4 & 5 students will continue to attend lessons face-to-face in school from Term 2 onwards.

7. **BSS COMMUNITY DAY (26 MAY 2023)**

The BSS Community Day will take place on Fri 26 May 2023. On that day, you will get the opportunity to interact with your child/ward's teachers to find out more about your child/ward's progress. We hope you can make yourselves available for the event. More details of the event will be given to you nearer to the date.

8. **FIRST WEEK OF JUN TERM BREAK**

There will be supplementary lessons for Sec 1 SBB new entrants, and Sec 4 & 5 students between 30 May 2023 and 01 Jun 2023. If your child/ward is scheduled to return for academic lessons and/or CCA training, a notification letter will be provided to you prior to the start of the activity.

## 9. 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>.

## 10. 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](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialBartleySecondarySchool)), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bartleysecsg>) and Instagram (@bartleysecondaryschool) to see updates about the school. 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.

## 11. CONCLUSION

11.1 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**.

11.2 We request for you to complete and return the acknowledgement form (**Annex B**) via your child/ward's Form Teacher by Wed 22 Mar 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](mailto:bartley_ss@moe.edu.sg). We also invite you to visit our school website and social media sites at Facebook ([www.facebook.com/OfficialBartleySecondarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialBartleySecondarySchool)), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bartleysecsg>) and Instagram (@bartleysecondaryschool) to see updates about the school. Do note that

11.3 We look forward to a fruitful and meaningful Term 2 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 Four and Five  
Key Activities for Term 2, 2023**

S/No.	Date	Activity	Remarks
1.	21 Mar	Release of Term 1 Progress Report	For parent/guardian's signature and conversations with child/ward
2.	7 Apr	Good Friday	Public Holiday
3.	10 Apr	Course Advising at Nanyang Polytechnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.00 to 5.00 pm</li> <li>Students will be dismissed from school by approx. 500pm</li> </ul>
4.	10 Apr	Learning Journey to Park Royal Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.00 to 4.00 pm</li> <li>Students will be dismissed from school by approx. 4.30pm</li> </ul>
5.	11 Apr	EL Oral Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4E1, 4E2, 5E1</li> <li>Reporting time: 3.30pm</li> <li>Venue: respective classroom</li> <li>Students will be dismissed after to their turn for the oral assessment</li> </ul>
6.	12 Apr	EL Oral Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4E3, 4E4, 4E5</li> <li>Reporting time: 3.15pm</li> <li>Venue: respective classroom</li> <li>Students will be dismissed after to their turn for the oral assessment</li> </ul>
7.	20 Apr	CCA Stand Down	Only for Sec 4 & 5 students
8.	24 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa (off-in-lieu)	School Holiday
9.	1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
10.	8 May	Sec 4E/5N/Syllabus B MTL Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4E/4NA OOS/5N/Syllabus B MTL students</li> <li>From 7.30 am to 1.30 pm</li> <li>Hall (O Level MTL)</li> <li>Computer Labs 3 &amp; 4 (Syllabus B)</li> <li>Report in School Uniform (Beige)</li> </ul>
11.	12 May	Commendation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Sec 4 and 5 Students</li> <li>1430 – 1830h (estimated)</li> </ul>
12.	24 May	Inter-Class Games	Selected students from Sec 4 & 5
13.	26 May	Community Day	More details will be released through your child/ward & PG at a later date.
14.	29 May	GCE 'O' MTL Examinations	
15.	30 May	GCE 'O' MTL (B) Examinations	
16.	30 May – 1 Jun	Academic Support Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For selected students</li> <li>More information will be given at a later date</li> </ul>
17.	2 -23 June	June Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Holidays</li> </ul>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &amp; CONSENT FORM

From:

The Parent/Guardian\* of \_\_\_\_\_ (Sec \_\_\_\_\_ )

**2023 Secondary 4/5 Principal's Letter (Term 2)**

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)

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Signature of Parent / Guardian\_\_\_\_\_  
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