



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 14 May 2024, with much anticipation and excitement, and they will be having their first Learners for Life Day on 03 Jul 2024. Our graduating cohort of students had their CCA Passing Out on 11 Apr 2024, a significant milestone in their journey at Bartley Sec. As part of the school's effort to promote healthy living, the school continued with Fruity Friday this year. 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 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 25 – 28 Mar 2024, a collaboration between the English Language and Literature Department and the Humanities Department. The event aimed to allow students to engage in real-life applications of classroom learning and inspire an appreciation for the English Language and Humanities. A variety of activities were organised, including a Book Buzz by the National Library Board, introducing students to books about courage. The National Organ Transplant Unit (NOTU) shared insights on organ transplants in Singapore, alongside an essay writing competition for Secondary Three Express and Normal (Academic) students. There were also other activities such as a Geography game show where teachers competed against students, a movie screening and shape poetry writing for Secondary One students. Overall, students responded positively and immersed themselves in authentic learning experiences through the diverse activities.

2. COMMENDATION DAY

The school held our Commendation Day on 10 May 2024. This was a day when we celebrated our Bartleyans' achievements and we took the chance to showcase our students' talents to our BSS community. Our National Cadet Corps (Air) 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. Our invited guests were also treated to coffee made by our very own Bartleyan baristas. It was certainly a day to remember.

3. CCA ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1. Our Uniformed Groups have continued to sustain the legacy of their seniors and achieved excellent outcomes for their units:

- 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:

CCA	Student	Award
NPCC	Ryan Loh Wen Yao (4E2)	SPF-NPCC Badge
Red Cross	Edwin Paul (4E1)	Red Cross Youth Director Award
NCC (Land)	Yeow Ding Xun (4E3)	NCC Outstanding Cadet Award
NCC (Land)	Chen Weilong Vincent (4E1)	NCC Outstanding Cadet Award
NCC (Air)	Kenju Heng Kian Yu (4E6)	NCC Outstanding Cadet Award
NCC (Air)	Wang Si Ying (4E2)	NCC Outstanding Cadet Award

3.2. 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.

CCA	Division	Achievement
Football	B Division	NSG League 1 (Top 16)
Volleyball		Participation in NSG
Netball		Participation in NSG
Basketball		Participation in NSG
Takraw		Participation in NSG

3.3. The school continues to support our students' passion in their individual sporting endeavor. We would like to congratulate the following students:

NSG Taekwondo Poomsae	
C Division Male Green	
Ezra Goh Jit Ching (201)	3rd Place
B Division Female Poom/Black 2	
Daycia Low Xin Er (4E4)	Champion
NSG Taekwondo Kyorugi	
C Division Boys Poom Belt Under 42kg	
Ho Kai Hong Jeston (1C4)	3rd Place
B Division Girls Poom/Black Belt Under 60kg	
Daycia Low Xin Er (4E4)	Champion

- 3.4. The school is also very pleased the following students are awarded the Singapore Olympic Foundation – Peter Lim Scholarship 2024:

Sport	Student
Pencak Silat	Muhammad Eydrian Putra Bin Soffian (2O3)
Football	Muhammad Faizan Ali Bin Muhamad Zameer Ali (3R8)
Taekwondo	Daycia Low Xin Er (4E4)
Sepak Takraw	Mohamad Haziq Putra Bin Mohamad Hisham (4E8)

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

NOTICES FOR TERM 3

4. COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE – SELF-DISCIPLINE

4.1 At Bartley, we would like to nurture our children to be self-disciplined individuals who are able to monitor and control their own behaviour. Studies have shown that students who possess a strong sense of self-discipline not only perform better academically, but also behave better, have fewer absences, and do homework more regularly than that of their less-disciplined peers.

4.2 The school rules, which can be found on the school website (<https://www.bartleysec.moe.edu.sg/information/students/school-rules-n-regulations/>), are meant to help our students to develop self-discipline, as well as create a conducive, safe and orderly environment in school where learning can take place effectively. Please take some time to go through the school rules with your child/ward, so that he/she can work on his/her Commitment to Excellence accordingly.

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. We also seek parents'/guardian's understanding that the school strongly discourages students to travel overseas during school term time except for compassionate reasons or for national representation at endorsed international competitions. If there is a critical need to travel overseas, we seek parent's/guardian's assistance to contact the school as early as possible to apply for approved absence for your child/ward.

5.3. 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.

5.4. Please note that your child/ward will be considered late for school should he/she arrive at the class or assembly area after 8.15 am on Mondays and 7.45 am on other weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays). 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 9.30am on days that your child/ward is absent from school.

6. STUDENT WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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 the school webpage (<https://www.bartleysec.moe.edu.sg/information/students/acceptable-use-policy/>) for our Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Agreement.
- 6.3. 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.

7. KEY ACTIVITIES IN TERM 3 AND 4

The key school activities scheduled for Term 3 and 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. BARTLEY ROAD RUN

The school will be organising the annual Bartley Road Run on Thu 27 Jun 2024, 7.30 am to 11.00 am at OCBC Square. We had conducted our first round of briefing for students before Term 2 closed and another briefing on Mon 24 Jun 2024. The notification had been sent to all parents/guardians via Parent Gateway on 05 Jun 2024. Students will be instructed to return home after the Run. There will be no CCA or NSG games on that day.

9. TEMPERATURE-TAKING EXERCISE

As part of maintaining emergency readiness, the school will be conducting the half-yearly Temperature-Taking Exercise on Wed 03 Jul 2024. Students will be expected to take their temperature using the oral digital thermometer (ODT) and report their reading and well-being status to their Form Teachers. We seek your assistance to remind your child/ward to get his/her ODT ready for this exercise and bring it with him/her on Tue 02 Jul and Wed 03 Jul 2024.

10. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS FOR SEC 4 & 5 STUDENTS

10.1. The graduating cohort will be sitting for their Preliminary Examination during the following periods:

Sec 4NA, 4NT students	15 Jul to 19 Jul 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4NA: EL Listening Comprehension and MTL Listening Comprehension• 4NT: EL Listening Comprehension and MTL
	30 Jul to 07 Aug 2024	All written papers
Sec 4E, 5NA students	05, 07, 13 & 15 Aug 2024	Science Practical
	06 Aug 2024	EL Listening Comprehension
	19 Aug to 28 Aug 2024	All written papers

10.2. The detailed schedule for Preliminary Examinations will be issued to your child/ward on the following dates:

Date for Release of Schedule	Levels
02 Jul 2024	Sec 4N
15 Jul 2023	Sec 4E and 5N

10.3. 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.

11. NATIONAL DAY & TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The school will be celebrating National Day on 08 Aug 2024 and Teacher's Day on 29 Aug 2024 respectively. All students are to attend school that day and the school programme will end at 11.00 am that day.

12. 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>.

13. 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.

14. **CONCLUSION**

14.1. 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**.

14.2. We request for you to complete and return the acknowledgement form (**Annex B**) via your child/ward's Form Teacher by Fri 28 Jun 2024. 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.

14.3. 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, 2024**

S/No.	Date	Activity	Remarks
1.	27 Jun	Bartley Road Run	Refer to the PG notification sent on 5 June 2024, title Bartley Road Run 2024
2.	1 Jul	Youth Day	School Holiday
3.	3 Jul	O Level MTL/MTLB Listening Comprehension Exam	Students not taking the examination will be dismissed from school at 12.15pm
4.	4 - 12 Jul	O Level MTL Oral Exam	Students will be informed of their schedule by their MTL teachers.
5.	22 – 26 Jul	O/N(A)/N(T) Level EL Oral Exam	Students will be informed of their schedule by their EL teachers.
6.	23 – 25 Jul	N(A) Level MTL Oral Exam N(T) Level BMTL Oral Exam O Level MTB (MY) Oral Exam O Level HML Oral Exam O Level HTL Oral Exam	Students will be informed of their schedule by their MTL teachers.
7.	23 – 26 Jul	O Level HCL Oral Exam	Students will be informed of their schedule by their MTL teachers.
8.	30 Jul – 7 Aug	4N Preliminary Exams	
9.	8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 11 am
10.	9 Aug	National Day	Public Holiday
11.	19 – 28 Aug	4E/5N Preliminary Exams	
12.	29 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 11 am
13.	30 Aug	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
14.	31 Aug - 8 Sep	Term Break	School Holiday
15.	9 - 19 Sep	GCE N Level Examinations (Window 1)	
16.	25 Sep	GCE O Level MTL B Oral (Year End) Examination	

Key Activities for Term 4, 2023

S/No.	Date	Activity	Remarks
1.	30 Sep - 8 Oct	GCE N Level Examinations (Window 2)	
2.	2 Oct	GCE O Level Practical (Chem)	
3.	7 Oct	GCE O Level Practical (Physics)	
4.	10 Oct	GCE O Level Practical (Combined Sciences)	
5.	15 Oct	GCE O Level Practical (Biology)	
6.	16 Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension	
7.	17 Oct - 11 Nov	GCE O Level Written Papers	
8.	12 Nov	Graduation Lunch	As communicated to students at the start of the year, this is for students with Conduct Grade of Good or better, and no serious offences this year.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT FORM

From:

The Parent/Guardian* of _____ (Sec _____)

2024 Secondary Four and Five 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