

IBA Youth Development presents

RBS 2024

Residential Bible School



MASTERPIECE

Identity. Significance. Purpose.

**Where does yours lie? Discover who you are in God's eyes.
Get serious with God. Get anchored in his Word.**

**For we are God's masterpiece.
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

15 April – 25 May 2024

**Highlands Christian Centre
Tanah Rata, Cameron Highlands**

Closing date: 15 February 2024

WHAT IS RBS ALL ABOUT?

RBS is an annual short-term school run by the Brethren Assemblies of Malaysia, as a ministry of Inter Brethren Assemblies Youth Development (IBAYD). It is designed for Christian young people interested in growing in their relationship with God, equipping themselves with a better knowledge of God's Word, and learning skills to serve God more effectively. The focus is on **discipleship** based on the **Word of God** as the foundation for all aspects of our life.

The RBS curriculum is designed to:

- **INSPIRE** you to a heartfelt and committed devotion to God;
- **INSTRUCT** you in his Word in the fundamentals of your faith, so that you might grow to become a mature, thinking Christian rather than a spoon-fed one;
- **INVOLVE** you in practical service for God through the missions trips.

The RBS programme includes:

- Lectures and workshops
- Assignments and journaling
- Communal worship, prayer and daily devotions
- Weekend mission trip to the Orang Asli villages
- Mission trip to small churches throughout Malaysia
- Games and outdoor activities
- Graduation Ceremony

WHO CAN ATTEND RBS?

RBS is targeted at students in their late teens, specifically those who have just completed Form 5 and 6 and are waiting for their exam results, or are on college break. Others may apply and will be considered on an individual basis. Preference will be given to youth from Brethren churches in Malaysia. Non-Brethren youth may apply but will only be accepted on a standby basis. After the closing date, any remaining places will be allocated to non-Brethren applicants on a first-come-first-served basis. If places still remain thereafter, any latecomers will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis regardless of their denominational affiliation.

You must be a born-again Christian and the leaders of your church must endorse your application to attend RBS.

Please note that if you are accepted, you must attend the entire duration of the school (exceptions will only be provided for family emergencies and scholarship/entrance interviews).

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

THE BIBLE

The Bible is our foundation for life, but we very often have a very shallow understanding of it. You'll discover what the **big story** of the Bible is all about, as well as gain a more in-depth understanding of both **Old and New Testaments** and the key **doctrines** taught in the Bible. You'll learn **how to study** the Bible more effectively on your own and with others. and live in the light of its truths.

YOUR WALK WITH GOD

Our faith is about relationship – with God and with others. You'll learn about your true **identity** as a child of our Father God, how to **worship** him, and how to **pray** and maintain **spiritual disciplines** in your life in order to grow your relationship with him. You'll also learn how to **discern his will** for your life. Finally, you'll discover what the Bible really teaches about what '**church**' is supposed to be, and what your role should be within your local church community.

YOUR FAITH LIVED OUT

Our faith should inform and shape the way we live our lives in this world that God has placed us in. You'll look at **creative expression** and the **media** you consume, as well as your relationships with your **family**, your **country** and your **world**. You'll also be exploring issues of **gender and sexuality** and how to relate in **romantic relationships**. You'll also learn about dealing with **anger** in a godly way.

REACHING OUT

Our faith is not meant to be kept to ourselves. RBS will help you learn to **share your faith** with others in a natural and clear way as well as broaden your mind about being involved in local or even foreign **missions** in some way. You'll study **what people of other religions believe** as well as **how to defend your faith against objections** non-Christians may have. You'll also learn how to reach out to children in **children's ministry**.

ORIGINS

Why are there so many **denominations and church practices** and how did they come about? What actually is the difference between Catholics and Protestants? Where did the **Brethren** come from and what was important to them? These are some of the questions you'll get answered as we look at the fascinating story of how God's hand has moved across **history** in the past 2,000 years in order to build His Church.

And there's **so** much more! You will also learn many lessons outside of your classes, in your times of personal devotion with God, your experiences at RBS and your interactions with your staff and fellow students.

Note: For those of you have attended 3HC, rest assured that any similar topics will be covered at a more in-depth level at RBS. 3HC was just an appetiser before the main course!

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- **RM1,600 per person** for applicants from **Brethren** churches (You will be required to pay RM800. The balance of RM800 will be paid by your church.)
- **RM1,900 per person** for applicants from **non-Brethren** churches

(Student fees alone are never enough to cover the costs of running RBS. Both Brethren and non-Brethren students are heavily subsidised by funds contributed by Brethren churches in order to make the student fees affordable, the subsidy being of course higher for those from Brethren churches.)

The fee covers all materials, accommodation and food during the length of the school, personal accident insurance and transport to and from your mission trip destinations. The fee does not cover your own transportation to Cameron Highlands at the start of RBS and your transportation home after RBS ends (which you will have to organise on your own). You will also need to bring some spending money for other expenses you may incur during RBS (e.g. laundry, own food, book purchases, etc), typically in the region of RM150-250. Please take note that all students are required to purchase one book (approximately RM40-55) for a book report during RBS. Should you choose to make use of laundry services, you should allocate about RM60 for this.

Financial constraints should not stand in the way of those who truly desire to attend RBS. Contact your church leaders to see if they might be able to help. If you still require assistance, then contact the school administration below, letting us know of your financial situation.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

To register for RBS 2024, visit our website www.rbs.org.my, and submit the necessary forms online. There are 4 parts to an application and all parts must be completed for the application to be considered complete. Please read the detailed instructions on the website before making your application.

Remember the closing date for RBS 2024 is **15 February 2024**. Applications received after this date may be rejected.

There is a maximum enrolment for RBS, and places fill up very quickly, so don't delay! All applications will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you have any enquiries or comments, please contact **Tan Tze Yang** at **012-6801542** or e-mail us at **ibaydooffice@gmail.com**.