



15 March 2024

## INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we continue our partnership to nurture and bring out the best in your child, we would like to share with you on the key school programmes and activities for Term 2. For your convenient reference, a summary of the programmes is presented in table form on the last page of this letter.

### 1. School Upgrading Works

The school is embarking on the MOE Lift Installation Programme from Mar 2024 to July 2025 as part of MOE's efforts in making facilities in school inclusive and accessible to all students and staff. During this period of time, the school would work closely with the contractors to minimise noise and dust pollution, to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of staff and students, and that lessons and school activities carry on with minimal disruption.

### 2. Home Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 2

We will be having our HBL days on 12 April, 26 April, and 10 May 2024. Navalites will not need to report to school on these days and will be expected to do their work independently at home. To prepare them for the day of learning ahead, we will also require them to meet their form teachers online via Zoom at the start of each HBL Day.

### 3. International Friendship Day Commemoration: 5 April 2024 (Friday)

NBSS commemorates International Friendship Day on 5 April 2024 (Friday). This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. Navalites will be able to appreciate the importance of maintaining good international relations through assembly sharing, as well as game-based and discussion activities during the designated CCE periods in class.

### 4. Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC): 23 May 2024 (Thursday), 8.00am to 4.30pm

As a closure to the end of Semester 1, parents will be invited to participate in a SPTC session with their child/ward.

This face-to-face session will be led by your child/ward who will share about his/her experiences in school and current progress in semester 1. This format of Student-Led Conferences places students at the centre of the process, with the benefit of:

- encouraging students to accept personal responsibility for their own development,
- guiding students to reflect, self-evaluate and share on their personal growth,
- increased parental understanding of their child's holistic development, and
- creating an authentic opportunity to practice real-life skills of organisation, communication and leadership.



As your child will be given time to present his/her growth during SPTC, you may want to contact the Form Teachers separately if you have specific concerns. Form Teachers will send details of how to book appointment slots via Parents Gateway nearer the date. In view of SPTC, students need not report to school on 23 May 2024 (Thursday).

## 5. Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Teaching and Learning

Many generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have recently emerged, which are able to generate new content such as images, 3D objects and music in response to text input from users. One prominent example of such tools is ChatGPT, a chatbot launched by OpenAI in November 2022. It is based on a large language model, which is built by ingesting huge quantities of training data. Technological advancements like these are not new, and bring about exciting enhancements to teaching and learning, as well as its accompanying challenges. With responsible use, we will be better able to harness its benefits.

However, in producing original work both for formative and summative assessment purposes, we value integrity. This applies to all work produced by Navalites. As a school, we take a strong stance towards plagiarism and the production of content that is not original. Navalites are to ensure that all of their work is done by them. Should there be a need to quote content from other people's work (e.g. interviews or research findings), proper citations are necessary.

As per our current practice, the school reserves the right to conduct investigations and adjust the grades of students who commit plagiarism or employ the assistance of AI chatbots to produce their work, which could have further implications on promotion and progression.

## 6. Schoolbag Article Spotlight: 'I'm trying to change my teen's mind about going to JC'

What do you do when your teenager has rigid ideas of academic success? This article covers a mother's journey with her daughter, who took her O-Level exam last year, through various post-secondary school options possible, and explains from personal experience why the path to success may not always follow a straight route, and that there are several considerations one should make. Click [here](#) to find out more. If you require more information pertaining to post secondary education, please approach your child's form teacher.

## 7. Academic Intervention Programme for Graduating Students

The 4A/4E/5A Academic Intervention Programme is planned for the graduating students in Term 2 and includes timed practices and intervention sessions. Students involved will be informed by their teachers accordingly. The detailed schedules for 4E5NA and 4NA Academic Intervention Programme will be provided via Parents Gateway.



## 8. Departmental / Programme-Level Matters

The following school programmes will be organised for your children in Term 2. We seek your understanding that information for some of the programmes will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

**(a) S4/5 EL and MTL Oral Exam (Prelim)**

- i. **4NT and 4NA EL and MTL Prelim Oral Exam: 24 May**
- ii. **4E / 5A EL and MTL Prelim Oral Exam: 29 May**

More details on reporting times and exam venues will be provided nearing the exam dates.

**(b) Applied Learning Programme in Art**

i. **NBSS Art Exhibition 2024**

Our annual NBSS Art Exhibition showcases artwork done by past and current Navalites. All Navalites will be rostered to visit the exhibition in Terms 2 to 4. Lower secondary students will visit the exhibition during their Art lessons while upper secondary students will visit the exhibition during CCE or other designated periods.

More information will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

**(c) Humanities Department – Learning Journeys and Enrichment Programmes**

i. **Geographical Investigation – 22 Mar (Friday), 2.30pm to 5.30pm**

An integral part of the Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation (GI) is a form of geographical inquiry where students are required to investigate a geographical phenomenon and its related issues. Each GI presents new learning dimensions of the geographical phenomena that students have studied in class. It extends the scope of each topic and provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding of 'sustainability' and stimulate their thinking about the actions they can take in response to the primary data they collect.

The Secondary 4 students will be embarking on the Tourism GI to Kampong Glam to understand in greater details on why Kampong Glam remains as an attractive place for tourists to visit.

ii. **Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz and Greenwave 2024**

As part of environmental education for students to gain increased awareness of the greenery surrounding us, students will be guided in exploring and identifying the greenery within the school and the parks around the school. The aim is to help our Navalites recognise the greenery around us and promote students' awareness of the biodiversity in our living environment. Selected students will also have the opportunity to be involved in tree planting as part of the annual GreenWave project in collaboration with NParks.



This effort to plant 1 million trees is a nationwide effort to boost the greenery in the country and the school continues to support such efforts this year. These events will take place in May as part of students' learning experiences beyond the classroom.

iii. **Earth Day 2024 – “Planet vs Plastics”**

This year's Earth Day theme – Planet vs Plastics – continues the theme in raising awareness for humans to do more to protect our precious Earth. Our Eco-Councilors will take on the task of rallying Navalites to raise awareness and change their lifestyle revolving around the following themes: Deepen Climate Literacy, Tackle Single-use Plastic and Encourage Sustainable Fashion. The Secondary 3 Eco-Councilors, who also underwent training with NEA recently, will take the lead in working with the Eco-Ambassadors from all classes to work on these initiatives. More details will be shared nearer the events.

(d) **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Languages**

i. **Hari Raya Celebration: 16 April 2024**

To celebrate the cultural diversity within the school community and promote inclusivity and appreciations of different culture, NBSS will celebrate Hari Raya during school morning assembly followed by class bonding activities in class. The students will learn about the significance, traditions, and customs associated with Hari Raya, promoting respect and empathy for diverse cultures.

ii. **MT Fortnight Part 2: 29 April to 8 May 2024**

The Mother Tongue Fortnight part 2 will continue to, to create an immersive environment for our students to learn and appreciate their respective Mother Tongue Languages and Cultures. Students will be engaged in fun-filled activities ranging from traditional ethnic games, competitions to food tasting. Please take note that some of the activities will be conducted after school. More details of the programme will be provided nearing the dates.

iii. **GCE O MTL And MTL 'B' Mid-Year Exam: 27 May 2024**

Prior to the GCE 'O' level MTL Written exam on Monday, 27 May 2024, Sec 4E, 4NA OOS and S5NA students will be engage in 5 days of MT Intensive Programme to prepare them for the national exam. More details will be shared with the students nearing the dates.

(e) **Physical Education**

i. **National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Sec 4 and 5: 7 (Tuesday) & 9 May (Thursday), 2.30pm to 5.45pm**

The NAPFA involves a series of series of five stations and a 2.4-km Walk-Run for secondary school students. It is a measure of both health and performance-related fitness. NAPFA has been identified by the Singapore Sports Council to be safe, reliable, and representative measures of the different important components of overall fitness. All Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students have to take NAPFA, and their results will be recorded in their Report Books and School Graduation Certificates.



The 2.4km Walk-run assessment will be conducted during the students' PE lessons while the 5 Items assessment will be on 7 & 9 May. Exemption from NAPFA needs to be supported by medical practitioners.

ii. **2024 Road Run: 30 April (Thursday)**

Our annual Road Run will take place on 30 April at Marina Barrage & Gardens by the Bay (East Gardens). This is a school event highly anticipated by Navalites, and attendance is compulsory for all students. More information will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

**(f) Science – Enrichment Programmes**

i. **Signature STEM ExCEL Programme**

Our STEM ExCEL Programme is an enrichment programme that aims to strengthen the interest and capabilities of our students in STEM. We want our students to be curious about the world around them, to think creatively and critically in solving problems and to be concerned citizens who make positive difference to the life of others.

Some of the activities have kickstarted in Term 1 and we are continuing with more exciting activities in Term 2, Students involved will be informed nearer the dates and more information will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

**(g) Student Leadership**

The Student Leaders' Investiture is an important school event where we recognise the hard work and dedication of our outgoing Sec 4 student leaders (including CCA leaders and student councillors), as they step down from their leadership positions this term. During this event, Sec 3 students who have been selected as incoming CCA leaders and student councillors, as well as Sec 1 – 5 class leaders will also be officially invested with their respective leadership positions.

Date	Programme
26 March 2024 (Tuesday)	Student Leaders' Investiture: Student Council
28 March 2024 (Thursday)	Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders

With our longstanding partnership with the Navy, officers from the Navy will be invited to attend the ceremony and engage in conversations with some of our student leaders.





## 9. OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES AND DATES

Programme	Date/Period/Time
Geographical Investigation	22 March (2.30pm to 5.30pm)
Student Leaders' Investiture: Student Council	26 March
Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders	28 March
International Friendship Day Commemoration 2024	5 April
Home Based Learning (HBL) Days	12 April, 26 April, 10 May
Hari Raya Celebration	16 April
Mother Tongue Fortnight (MTF) Programme Part 2	29 April to 8 May 2024
2024 Road Run	30 April
National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA)	7 and 9 May (2.30pm to 5.45pm)
Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)	23 May
4NT and 4NA EL and MTL Prelim Oral Exams	24 May
GCE 'O' MTL and MTL B Mid-Year Exams	27 May
4E / 5A EL and MTL Prelim Oral Exams	29 May

This termly letter can be downloaded from the Parents Gateway (PG) and the school's website:  
<https://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to: [nbss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg)