



27 June 2025

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 - SECONDARY 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to Semester 2 Term 3. We hope that your child / ward has had a good school holiday with family and friends and is ready to make a positive start to a new term.

We would like to take the opportunity to update you on school operations and programmes for Term 3.

1. [New Feature: Student Absence Feature on Parents Gateway](#)

We are pleased to introduce a convenient new feature on Parents Gateway that allows you to:

- Submit absence notifications for your child
- Upload medical certificates (MC) and supporting documents
- Track absence records

How to Access:

1. Open Parents Gateway app
2. Tap on 'Services'
3. Select 'Student Absence'

This streamlined process replaces the need for physical documents and helps us maintain accurate attendance records. For a step-by-step guide and more information, please refer to our detailed announcement in Parents Gateway.

2. [Temperature Taking Exercise \(9 July 2025\)](#)

The school will conduct a temperature taking exercise on the morning of 9 July 2025. Students are reminded to bring along their working digital oral thermometer for the exercise. Students are encouraged to keep it in their school bags daily for self-monitoring when they feel unwell.

3. [National School-Based HPV Programme \(30 and 31 July 2025\)](#)

Female students who received their first HPV dose in Secondary 1 will be scheduled for their second (final) dose on 30 or 31 July. Students who are unable to attend on these dates will be informed of alternative vaccination locations and arrangements.

4. [School Programmes and Events](#)

a. [School Early Dismissal Due to Conduct of GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination 8 July 2025\)](#)

To provide a conducive environment for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination taking place in the afternoon of 8 July 2025, students not sitting for the examination will be dismissed from school at 1.05pm.



b. [Home-Based Learning \(HBL\) Days for Term 3](#)

HBL will be conducted on 15 - 17 July, 25 July and 22 August 2025. Students will not be required to report to school on these days and are expected to do their work independently at home. Should students be required to meet their teachers online via MS Teams during any of these HBL days, they will be informed earlier by their teachers.

c. [Racial Harmony Day Commemoration \(22 July 2025\)](#)

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) marks the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots and celebrates Singapore's harmonious multicultural society. This year's theme, "Our People, Our Tapestry", reflects how our diverse cultural threads—representing unique identities, traditions, and practices—are beautifully interwoven. While these connections may occasionally face challenges, our commitment to mutual understanding and respect helps strengthen our social fabric. Through our collective efforts to appreciate and honour our different ethnic and religious communities, we ensure our multicultural tapestry remains resilient, showcasing the strength and beauty of Singapore's shared heritage. Students can expect a series of activities as part of our RHD programme.

d. [National Day Celebrations \(8 August 2025\)](#)

National Day marks our separation from Malaysia in 1965, and our emergence as an independent country in a community of nations. National Day Celebrations will be held on 8 August 2025, commemorating Singapore's independence in 1965. This year's theme, "Majulah Singapura", holds special significance as we mark our nation's 60th year of independence. It calls on all Singaporeans to reflect on our shared achievements while embracing future challenges with resilience and optimism. Drawing inspiration from our National Anthem, the theme emphasizes the importance of trust, inclusivity, and mutual support in our continued progress.

Students can look forward to school celebrations including our very own ND Observance Parade featuring our Uniformed Group students and band, recitation of the recollections as well as other exciting lead-up and celebration activities. Further details, if any, will be provided at a later date.

e. [Teachers' Day Celebrations \(4 September 2025\)](#)

Teachers' Day is a day when our students can express their appreciation and show their gratitude to their teachers through simple words and gestures. We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday 4 September 2025. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

f. [Applied Learning Programme in Art](#)

(i) [NBSS Art Exhibition 2025 \(23 July 2025\)](#)

The NBSS Art Exhibition 2025 will take place this term, showcasing over 160 artworks created in 2025 by both current and former Navalites. First launched in 2002, the exhibition is a longstanding annual tradition that celebrates our students' artistic talents and provides them with a platform to share their work with the wider school community.



This year's exhibition was fully curated by the Secondary 3 students in the Art Talent Development Programme, as part of their application of skills learned through the Learn to Curate Programme. This initiative, developed in collaboration with the National Gallery Singapore since 2016, continues to offer students authentic opportunities to engage with the arts beyond the classroom.

The exhibition launch will include an in-person segment open to the parents of participating students.

All Navalites will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition between Terms 2 and 4. Lower secondary students will do so during their Art lessons, while upper secondary students will attend during designated periods.

5. [2026 Secondary 3 Subject Combination Briefing \(29 August 2025\)](#)

We invite parents to attend our Secondary 3 Subject Combination Briefing on **Thursday, 29 August 2025, from 5pm to 6.30pm**. This crucial session will provide you in supporting your child through the subject selection process. Besides presenting the various subject combinations offered, we will highlight recent updates to entry requirements for Junior Colleges, Polytechnics, and ITE courses where relevant. This ensures you have the latest information to make informed decisions. The session will include a Q&A segment to address your specific concerns. To facilitate planning, we will send an invite through Parents' Gateway nearer the date for you to indicate your attendance.

6. [Selection of Subjects for Secondary 3: 'Putting interest before popularity'](#)

For many Secondary 2 students and their parents, choosing their subject combinations at the end of the school year is still a significant exercise. The former Director for MOE's Sciences Branch, Mdm Lee Lin Yee is aware that some subject combinations are perceived to be "better" than others. She shares on how full-subject-based banding (FSBB) has also created different pathways for post-secondary education. Click [here](https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/choosing-subjects-for-secondary-3-put-interest-before-popularity) to find out more (<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/choosing-subjects-for-secondary-3-put-interest-before-popularity>).

7. [Overview of Programmes and Dates](#)

Programme	Date/ Period/ Time
School Early Dismissal Due to Conduct of GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination	8 July
Temperature Taking Exercise	9 July
Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days	15 - 17 July, 25 July and 22 August
Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	22 July
NBSS Art Exhibition 2025	23 July
National School-Based HPV Programme	30 - 31 July
National Day Celebrations	8 August
2026 Secondary 3 Subject Combination Briefing	29 August
Teachers' Day Celebrations	4 September



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This termly letter can be downloaded from the Parents Gateway (PG) and the school's website:

<https://www.navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to:

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