



19 March 2026

## INFORMATION ON SCHOOL MATTERS, PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you and your child/ward had a restful and enjoyable March break, filled with meaningful family time. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.

As our partners in education, we would like to share with you on key school matters, programmes and events for Term 2. An overview of these programmes and activities is presented in table form on the last page of this letter.

### 1. Emergency Preparedness Exercises

#### a. Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise: Wednesday 1 April 2026

The school will be conducting the Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise on 1 April to familiarise and refresh staff and students with emergency preparedness procedures in event of a pandemic. Students are reminded to bring their oral digital thermometers (ODTs) in working condition for the exercise. Faulty thermometers can be exchanged for new ones at the Admin Centre from 30 to 31 Mar.

#### b. Exercise Rhino: Friday 22 May 2026

The school will be conducting a fire incident emergency preparedness exercise called Exercise Rhino involving the school community on 22 May in partnership with MOE HQ, SCDF and SPF. During the simulated exercise, students will practise safe response and evacuation to the school field (assembly area). Students will be briefed prior to the exercise.

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

We will be having our HBL days on 17 April, 15 May and 29 May 2026. 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 MS Teams at the start of certain HBL Days.

### 3. International Friendship Day Commemoration: 7 April 2026 (Tuesday)

NBSS commemorates International Friendship Day on 7 April 2026 (Tuesday). 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): Thursday, 28 May 2026, 8am to 4pm

In alignment with the school's vision of building leaders of character, Navalites are actively engaged through our CCE curriculum and school programmes to develop them holistically. Students thrive when schools and parents work together to support their social-emotional learning competencies and build resilience as they take personal responsibility for their education.

This face-to-face session will be led by your child/ward who will share their 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 their personal growth,
- increasing parental understanding of their child's holistic development,
- creating an authentic opportunity to practice real-life skills of organisation, communication and leadership.

FTs will send details of how to book 15-minute appointment slots via PG closer to the date.

As the 15 min slot is meant for your child to share with you on their growth during SPTC, you may wish to contact FTs separately if you have specific concerns that require additional discussion.

Please note that in view of SPTC, students are not required to report to school as usual on Thursday, 28 May 2026.

#### 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. These technological advancements bring about exciting enhancements to teaching and learning with 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 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 a consequence, the school reserves the right to downgrade the scores of students who commit plagiarism or employ the assistance of AI chatbots to produce their work.

#### 6. Academic Intervention Programme for Graduating Students

Academic intervention is planned for graduating students in Term 2 and comprises timed practices, after-school intervention and/or consultation sessions. Students involved will be informed by their teachers accordingly. The detailed schedules of the Academic Intervention Programme will be provided via Parents Gateway.



## 7. 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 English Language and MTL Oral Exam (Prelim)**

i. **4NT and 4NA MTL and 4E/5A EL Prelim Oral Exam: 4 June 2026**

ii. **4E / 5A MTL and 4NT and 4NA EL Prelim Oral Exam: 5 June 2026**

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

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

i. **Geographical Investigation – 10 April (Friday)**

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. **World Water Day and Earth Hour 2026**

We believe that caring for our environment begins with awareness and grows through action. This term, our Eco-Councillors will be rallying fellow Navalites to mark two meaningful global observances: **World Water Day on 22 March**, which invites us to reflect on the value of clean water and the many around the world who still go without it, and **Earth Hour on 29 March 2026**, where communities worldwide switch off non-essential lights for one hour as a collective stand for our planet.

We encourage all Navalites to wear a school-based blue shirt on 26 March (Thursday) to commemorate World Water Day.

(c) **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Languages**

i. **MT Fortnight: 6 to 17 April 2026**

The Mother Tongue Fortnight will take place from 6 to 17 April 2026, 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 cultural workshops. Please take note that some of the activities will be conducted after school.



ii. **Hari Raya Celebration: 14 April 2026**

To celebrate the cultural diversity within the school community and promote inclusivity and appreciation of different cultures, 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.

iii. **GCE O MTL And MTL 'B' Mid-Year Exam: 2 June 2026**

Prior to the GCE 'O' level MTL & MTLB Written exam on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, Sec 4E, 4NA OOS and S5NA students will be engaged in the MT Intensive Programme to prepare them for the national exam.

(d) **Physical Education**

i. **National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Secondary 4 and 5:**

NAPFA is conducted annually for Sec 4/5 students and involves a series of five stations and a 2.4-km Walk-Run for secondary school students. It will be conducted during the students' PE lessons from 4 May onwards, and the results are recorded in the Student's Progress Report. All students must take NAPFA unless they are medically exempted.

ii. **2026 Road Run: 24 April (Friday)**

The school's annual Road Run will take place at Passion Wave@ Bedok Reservoir on 24 April and involves all students. Students who have valid reasons to be exempted from taking part in the road run, will be assigned supporting roles during the event.

(e) **Mathematics Enrichment Programmes**

i. **2026 Math Funthematics Week**

The annual in-house Math Funthematics Week 2026 will be held in Term 2 Week 2 (31 March to 2 April). Navalites will be engaged in a series of mathematical activities spanning across the term through online Math quizzes and hands-on activities booths during recess as part of the students' learning through games.

ii. **Ngee Ann Polytechnic Math Challenge**

On 2 April, our selected Secondary 4 students will participate in the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Math Challenge, an exciting competition hosted by the School of Engineering at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. In this high-energy event, students will work in teams to tackle real-world challenges that put their Mathematics and Engineering skills to the test. The competition encourages problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration, showing how STEM concepts are applied beyond the classroom.



(f) **Student Leadership**

The Student Leaders' Investiture is an important school event where we recognise the hard work and dedication of our Secondary 4 student leaders (including CCA leaders and student councilors), as they step down from their positions at the end of Term 1. During the ceremony, Secondary 3 students who have been selected as CCA leaders and student councilors will also be officially invested with their respective leadership positions. This includes the Secondary 1 to Secondary 5 class leaders and the investiture serves as a formal recognition of their commitment to serving their peers and the school community. This event is a significant milestone in the personal growth of our students as they take on leadership roles within the school community.

Date	Programme
10 March (Tuesday) [Completed]	Student Leaders' Investiture: Student Council
27 March (Friday)	Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders

### 8. NBSS Formative Assessment (FA)

Assessment is an important part of the teaching and learning process and helps our students develop into self-directed learners. At Naval Base Secondary School, assessments are designed with clear intent – to gather evidence of students' learning progress and to provide timely and meaningful feedback that supports them in improving and progressing in their learning.

In Term 2, the school will conduct FA2 for the different subjects from Week 4 to Week 8 (13 April to 14 May).

If your child/ward is absent for a formative assessment due to an illness, the absence must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

Students have been informed that during WAs, they should not have in their possession any unauthorized electronics, communication, entertainment, or gaming devices capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/or transmitting visual, audio or verbal information. Examples of prohibited items include mobile phones, cameras, tablets, smart watches/glasses, pens with image capturing capabilities, etc. All such devices, if brought to school, must be switched off fully (including timers and alarms) and kept in students' bags. Any violation will be treated as an examination irregularity which may lead to disciplinary action. For more details, please refer to the **Navalite Handbook 2026** (Pages 26-30)

### 9. Student Movement During School Hours and After-School Hours

We would like to inform you of our school's policy regarding student movement during school hours and after-school activities.

For their safety and security, students are **not** permitted to leave the school premises during school hours without prior permission. Additionally, students are **not** allowed to leave the school premises if they have school activities such as CCAs or enrichment programmes in the afternoon after lessons. An exception to this policy is made on Fridays for Muslim male students who need to leave for mosque prayers.



Please be assured that our school canteen remains open and offers sufficient food options for students in between lessons and after-school activities.

Should your child/ward need to leave the school before returning for after-school activities, please contact the school office directly.

### 10. Schoolbag Article Spotlight: Does your child seem stressed? Let's chat... in the kitchen

How do we help our children cope with everything from friendship troubles to social media pressures? Psychiatrist Dr Jared Ng offers 7 practical strategies and the importance of open communication – anytime, anywhere. Click [here](#) to read the full article on how you can also support your child/ward.

### 11. Overview of Programmes and Dates

Programme	Date/Period/Time
Commemoration of World Water Day & Earth Hour 2026	26 March
Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders	27 March
Math Funthematics Week	31 March to 2 April
Ngee Ann Polytechnic Math Challenge <i>*Selected Sec 4 students</i>	2 April
Mother Tongue Fortnight (MTF) Programme	6 to 17 April
International Friendship Day Commemoration 2026	7 April
Geographical Investigation	10 April (2.30pm to 5.30pm)
FA2	13 April to 14 May
Hari Raya Celebrations	14 April
Home Based Learning (HBL) Days	17 April, 15 May and 29 May
Annual Road Run	24 April
National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA)	4 May onwards
Exercise Rhino	22 May
Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)	28 May
GCE 'O' MTL and MTL 'B' Mid-Year Exams	2 June
4NT and 4NA MTL and 4E / 5A EL Prelim Oral Exams	4 June
4E / 5A MTL and 4NT and 4NA EL Prelim Oral Exams	5 June

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)

Yours sincerely,

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