



# NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 (SEC 2)

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### 1 Happy New Year & Welcome back to School!

Greetings from Naval Base Secondary School! With the beginning of the new school year, we would like to inform you about our programmes and activities for Term 1. This is so that, together, we can nurture and maximise the potential of all Navalites.

### 2 Secondary 2 Level Camp 2023 - *Embarking on a New Journey (Camp Valour)*

As a start to our new academic year, your child/ward will be going for a **3 day non-residential camp** in our school premises from **10 January (Tuesday) to 12 January (Thursday) 2023**.

The level camp aims to bring together personal experiences and intellectual growth to promote self-discovery. Through the camp experiences, we aim to meet the following objectives:

- Create a sense of identity unique to our school.
- Provide Navalites with a tailored programme to challenge their limits and reinforce school's values.
- Enrich Navalites' overall school experiences by exposing them to activities beyond school to reinforce the competencies needed for future successes.
- Equip Navalites with the necessary life skills to better prepare them to meet future challenges.
- Forge camaraderie and social bonds through challenging common experiences.
- Develop positive teacher-student relationships and student-student relationships through out-of-classroom interactions.

The camp programme and packing list is at Annex A for your reference so that you can assist your child/ward in their preparation for the camp.

If you have further queries, please e-mail Ms Rosabel Mah at mah\_kok\_teng\_rosabel@schools.gov.sg or Ms Chia Xiaoyun at chia\_xiaoyun@schools.gov.sg, or contact our Admin Centre at 62571996.

### 3 Fortnightly Home-Based Learning Days

In line with the National Digital Literacy Programme, MOE has included Blended Learning as a regular feature of the curriculum. Beyond preparing students for school closure, students and teachers now view

Blended Learning as a pedagogical strategy. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) days are part of the overall effort to encourage students to be self-directed and independent learners, and to develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners.

In NBSS, fortnightly HBL days generally take place on Even Fridays. Navalites are expected to learn from home under minimal supervision; they will meet their form classes virtually via Zoom at the start of the day, before going on to complete their assigned work at their own time. HBL Day expectations include a Student-Initiated Learning component where they pursue their own interests. For a start, Term 1 HBL days are as follows:

<b>Term 1 HBL Day</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Day 1	13 Jan (Fri)
Day 2	27 Jan (Fri)
Day 3	10 Feb (Fri)
Day 4	24 Feb (Fri)
Day 5	10 Mar (Fri)

#### **4 Departmental Matters**

(a) English Language and Literature Department – Reading Programme

The school aims to develop good reading habits and a love for reading in Navalites through its reading programme. When Navalites read widely, they develop competency and confidence in using the English language, as well as widen their general knowledge.

All Navalites will be scheduled for school library visits and participate in related reading activities throughout the year, as part of the reading programme. With their Personal Learning Devices (PLD), Navalites are also encouraged to access free e-books via the National Library e-book application – Libby. Hence, all Navalites should have a book with them every day, as time will be set aside for reading in the morning.

Beyond curriculum hours, Navalites are strongly encouraged to read the books/articles recommended in their English Language Resource Packages.

(b) Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Department

*Language Mother Tongue Fortnights (MTF)*

In order to provide Navalites with opportunities to learn and use MTL in novel and exciting ways, the MTF Part 1 will be held from 16th to 20th January, coinciding with the Chinese New Year and Pongal Celebrations. During this period, Navalites will be engaged in a wide range of activities related to Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages and cultures during and after school hours.

*Chinese New Year Celebrations (CNY)*

The school will celebrate Lunar New Year on 20 January (Friday). However, since 20<sup>th</sup> January is not the eve of Lunar New Year, school will function according to normal school hours.

(c) Humanities Department – Out-of-Classroom Learning Experiences

*Geographical Investigation*

An integral part of the Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation (GI) offers Navalites the opportunity to carry out geographical inquiry and participate in fieldwork. In doing so, Navalites learn to transfer what they have learnt from their geography lessons to real world issues. These

activities will be conducted towards the end of Term 1 and more details will be shared closer to the date of the activities.

*Social Studies Learning Journey and Activities*

Social Studies aims to develop the citizenship competencies among our Navalites and a key component is to understand the workings of our government. Activities will be arranged in conjunction with the release of the Singapore Budget 2023 in February for the students to be discuss as part of their learning. More details will be provided nearer to the date of these activities.

(d) Character and Citizenship Education

*Chingay NE Show (14 January, Saturday)*

The Chingay Parade started in 1973 as a street parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Since then, it has evolved into an annual iconic event that showcases Singapore's rich and unique multi-ethnic and cosmopolitan cultures. This year, about 150 Navalites are invited to attend the Chingay NE Show on 14 January, at the F1 Pit Building this year to experience the vibrance of Singapore's diversity. Participants will receive more information from their teachers and parental consent will be sought through Parents Gateway (PG).

*Chingay Assembly Programme (31 January, Tuesday)*

All Navalites will also enjoy a live entertainment show - Embrace Tomorrow, during CCE periods on 31 January, Tuesday, which aims to rally everyone feel a sense of pride and instill a great sense of fearlessness for what is to come and build a brighter future for Singapore. Students will also learn about the history of Chingay and its role in multi-cultural Singapore, as well as how Chingay has evolved since its beginning in 1973.

*Total Defence Day (15 February, Wednesday)*

Total Defence Day is commemorated annually to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese on 15 February 1942, to remind us about the importance of Total Defence in protecting our sovereignty as a nation through the six pillars of Total Defence. This meaningful occasion will be marked on 14 and 16 February during CCE periods through an engaging assembly programme, thoughtful discussions on contemporary issues facing Singapore today as well as various lead-up activities.

*Sec 2 Cohort Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore*

All Secondary 2 students in Singapore will visit the National Museum of Singapore (NMS) for a Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) cohort Learning Journey, where they will learn about, reflect on, and connect with the people, places and experiences in Singapore's history. This is also aligned to the Secondary 2 History or Social Studies syllabuses. This term, 2-6, 2-7 and 2-8 will be visiting the NMS on 22 February, Wednesday, in the afternoon. More details will be provided through Parents Gateway (PG).

## **5 Administrative Matters**

(a) SMS Notifications to Inform Parents / Guardians of Student Absence

When students are absent, an automated SMS will be sent in the morning to the main guardian as reflected in School Cockpit. This is to ensure that parents/guardians are promptly updated about your child/ward's absence. Please make sure that your child/ward returns to school with the relevant documents explaining their absence. If you **do not** wish to receive SMS alerts or if there are changes to your contact number, please inform the school promptly at [nbss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg).

(b) Photographs / Images Taken During School Events

Please note that photograph(s) and video image(s) of your child/ward may be captured during school events. These images may be published in school publications, websites, social media and other school communication channels. If you do not wish to have these photographs and images published, you may write to the school at [nbss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg).

(c) Parents Gateway (PG)

The dissemination of important information to parents/guardians will be done through Parents Gateway (PG). We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to download the PG app if you have not done so, as this will enable you to receive timely information regarding your child/ward. Please refer to Annex B for the PG User Installation Guide.

## **6 Looking Ahead**

We look forward to an enriching partnership with you as we approach 2023 with renewed energy!

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

## Sec 2 Camp Programme Overview

	Tuesday, 10 January									
	GROUP A				GROUP B					
	2-2	2-5	2-4	2-7	2-1	2-6	2-3	2-8		
0735-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (ISH)									
0800-0835	<b>Videography Module</b> (8.15am-10.15am)  2-1 Classroom	<b>Videography Module</b> (8.15am-10.15am)  2-6 Classroom	<b>Tag Archery</b> (8.30am-10.00am)  MPH	<b>Tag Archery</b> (8.30am-10.00am)  ISH	Travel to Venue Bus Pick-up: 7.50am			<b>CYCLING</b> (9.00am - 11.00am)  ECP Carpark C4		
0835-0910					<b>Photography Module</b> (9.00am - 11.00am)  Objectifs - Centre for Photography & Film					
0910-0945										
0945-1020										
1020-1055	RECESS (10.15am - 10.55am)		RECESS (10.00am - 10.55am)		<b>CYCLING</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  ECP Carpark C4					
1055-1130	<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  ISH	<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  MPH	<b>Videography Module</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  2-3 Classroom	<b>Videography Module</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  2-8 Classroom				Travel to Venue		LUNCH @ ECP CP C4
1130-1205								LUNCH @ ECP CP C4		Travel to Venue Bus Pick-up: 12.00pm
1205-1240					<b>CYCLING</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  ECP Carpark C4		<b>Photography Module</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  Objectifs - Centre for Photography & Film			
1240-1315										
1315-1350	LUNCH (1.00pm - 2.00pm)									
1350-1425	<b>Tag Archery</b> (2.00pm - 4.00pm)  Plaza	<b>Tag Archery</b> (2.00pm - 4.00pm)  Pavilion	<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (2.00pm - 4.00pm)  ISH	<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (2.00pm - 4.00pm)  MPH	<b>CYCLING</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  ECP Carpark C4					
1425-1500										
1500-1535										
1535-1610					Back to school Bus Pick-up: 3.30pm					
1610-1645	REFLECTION									

	Wednesday, 11 January							
	GROUP A				GROUP B			
	2-2	2-5	2-4	2-7	2-1	2-6	2-3	2-8
0735-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (ISH) Mass Temperature Taking Exercise							
0800-0835	Travel to Venue Bus Pick-up: 7.50am			<b>Videography Module</b> (8.15am-10.15am)  2-1 Classroom	<b>Videography Module</b> (8.15am-10.15am)  2-6 Classroom	<b>Tag Archery</b> (8.30am-10.00am)  MPH	<b>Tag Archery</b> (8.30am-10.00am)  ISH	
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0945-1020								
1020-1055	RECESS (10.15am - 10.55am)		RECESS (10.00am - 10.55am)					
1055-1130	Travel to Venue Bus Pick-up: 11.30am		LUNCH @ ECP CP C4		<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  ISH	<b>Bubble Soccer</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  MPH	<b>Videography Module</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  2-3 Classroom	<b>Videography Module</b> (11.00am-1.00pm)  2-8 Classroom
1130-1205	LUNCH @ ECP CP C4		Travel to Venue Bus Pick-up: 12.00pm					
1205-1240	<b>CYCLING</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  <b>ECP Carpark C4</b>		<b>Photography Module</b> (1.00pm - 3.00pm)  Objectifts - Centre for Photography & Film		LUNCH (1.00pm - 2.00pm)			
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1315-1350								
1350-1425								
1425-1500								
1500-1535	<b>Back to school</b> Bus Pick-up: 3.30pm		<b>REFLECTION</b>					
1535-1610								
1610-1645								

	Thursday, 12 January							
	GROUP A				GROUP B			
	2-2	2-5	2-4	2-7	2-1	2-6	2-3	2-8
0735-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (ISH)							
0800-0835	MENTAL WELLNESS TALK (7.50am - 8.20am) ISH							
0835-0910	YOGA (8.30am - 9.30am) ISH				YOGA (8.30am - 9.30am) MPH			
0910-0945								
0945-1020	R E C E S S (9.30am - 10.10am)							
1020-1055	WATER SOCCER (10.30am - 1.30pm) Field/Plaza							
1055-1130								
1130-1205								
1205-1240								
1240-1315								
1315-1350	P L A N T W A T E R I N G							
1350-1425	R E F L E C T I O N / C L O S U R E / D I S M I S S A L							

### PACKING LIST

Tuesday, 10 January							
GROUP A				GROUP B			
2-2	2-5	2-4	2-7	2-1	2-6	2-3	2-8
<b>Reporting Attire:</b> Half-uniform  <b>Compulsory items:</b> English Storybook Fully-charged iPads School PE attire Water bottles (at least 600ml)  <b>Optional:</b> Personal medications				<b>Reporting Attire:</b> Half-uniform  <b>Compulsory items:</b> English Storybook Fully-charged iPads School PE attire Water bottles (at least 600ml)  <b>Optional:</b> Personal medications Sun Protection (Cap, Sunscreen etc.) Poncho/Rain coat			



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GROUP A				GROUP B			
2-2	2-5	2-4	2-7	2-1	2-6	2-3	2-8
<b>Reporting Attire:</b> Half-uniform  <b>Compulsory items:</b> English Storybook Fully-charged iPads Water bottles (at least 600ml) Large Towel (approx. 120cm by 70cm) or Yoga/Exercise Mat Extra PE T-shirt or Level Camp T-shirt Extra set of undergarments  <b>Optional:</b> Personal medications Sun Protection (Cap, Hat, Sunscreen etc)							

## Parents Gateway (PG) User Installation Guide

- Step 1: SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for on-boarding. If you have not registered for a SingPass or have not set up the 2FA, please visit the SingPass website <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>. Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.
- Step 2: Download the PG app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app.
- Step 3: Refer to the detailed guide below on the one-time on-boarding process.

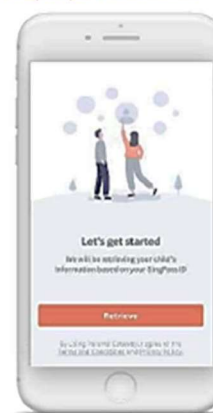
**1. Tap on "Log in with SingPass"**



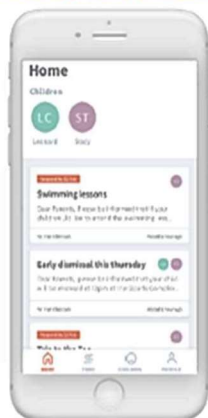
**2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)**



**3. Tap on "Retrieve" to retrieve your child(ren)'s information**



**5. You should see your child(ren)'s school announcements and activities (if any)**



**4. Tap on "Done" to complete on-boarding**

