



23 June 2023

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 - SECONDARY 4 and 5

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 well-refreshed 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. Student Attire for School Days

In view of the warm days expected for the rest of June going into July, students will be allowed to report to school daily in half-uniform (PE / level t-shirt, with school pants / skirt). This will take effect from 26 June 2023, until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottles daily for hydration.

2. Temperature Taking Exercise (5 July)

The school will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on the morning of 5 July 2023. Students are reminded to bring along their working digital oral thermometer for the exercise. Students are encouraged to keep it in their school bags on a daily basis for self-monitoring.

3. Introduction of Contactless E-Payments at School Canteen

The school has implemented a contactless e-payment system in our school canteen in partnership with POSB Smart Buddy Programme. Students can now make their purchases for food and beverages at the canteen using EZ-Link cards or debit/atm cards with the NETS contactless logo.



You may also apply for the POSB Smart Buddy card or watch for your child and download the POSB Smart Buddy mobile app to top up and track your child's purchases. The POSB Smart Buddy card / watch can only be used to make purchases at the school canteen, and not outside of school. More information about POSB Smart Buddy can be found at POSB's website.

Please note that students can still make purchases using cash.

4. School Programmes and Events

a. School Early Dismissal Due to Conduct of GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination (4 July)

To provide an environment conducive for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination taking place in the afternoon of 4 July, students not sitting for the examination will be dismissed from school at 1.50pm.



b. **Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days for Term 3**

We will be having our HBL days on 7 July, 21 July, 4 August, 18 August and 22 September. Students will not need to report to school on these days and will be expected to do their work independently at home. At the start of each HBL day, students will meet with their form teachers online via Zoom.

c. **Academic Intervention Programme for Graduating Students**

The 4A/4E/5A Academic Intervention Programme is planned for the graduating students in Term 3. The programme includes.

- timed practices,
- intervention sessions,
- MTL lessons converted to other subjects such as EL/Math/Hum/Sci lesson, and
- sign-up consultations

Students involved will be informed by their subject teachers accordingly. The detailed schedule is attached as annex A.

d. **Preliminary Examinations**

This is a reminder of the dates for the preliminary examinations. The full timetable is available at our school website.

Level	Exam Dates
4 Normal Academic and 4 Normal Technical	26 July to 3 Aug, and on 7 Aug
4 Express and 5 Normal Academic	21 to 30 Aug and from 11 to 12 Sep

e. **Racial Harmony Day Commemoration (20 July)**

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) marks the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots. Schools commemorate RHD for our students to celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures, requiring collaborative efforts from all to promote social cohesion and harmony.

This year's Racial Harmony Day theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic, reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterizes life in Singapore. Students from the various levels can expect a series of activities as part of our RHD programme, such as contemporary issues discussions, virtual learning journeys and games.

f. **National Day Celebrations (8 August)**

National Day marks our separation from Malaysia in 1965, and our emergence as an independent country in a community of nations. This year's NDP theme, "Onward As One" calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people.



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.

g. **Teachers' Day Celebrations (31 August)**

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 31 August. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

5. **Parenting Hack for the Term - 7 Things Parents Can Do to Keep Kids Cyber-Safe**

The Internet may have transformed how children learn and connect with others, but it also exposes children to risks like cyberbullying, harmful content, and digital addiction. What can parents do to keep their kids safe online? Schoolbag spoke to four fathers who work in the technology industry for some tips. These include:

- 1) Assume your kids can disable settings.
- 2) Stay updated on parental control tools and don't be afraid to discipline.
- 3) Keep the lines of communication open.
- 4) Don't give unrestricted access to technology.
- 5) Reinforce cyber wellness lessons from school.
- 6) Set aside time to unplug.
- 7) Model to them what healthy electronic use means.

Click here to find out more.

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/7-things-every-parent-can-do-to-keep-kids-cyber-safe-a-tech-dads-special>

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



Annex A - Academic Intervention Programme Schedule

	Mon (3.30 - 5.30 pm)	Tues (3.30 - 5.30 pm)	Wed (3.30 - 5.30 pm)	Thurs (3.30 - 5.30 pm)	Fri (2.30 - 4.30 pm)
T3W1	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun
				Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
T3W2	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul
	Youth Day School Holiday	O Level MTL LC		4-5 & 4-8 SOVA Curriculum lessons (1535 - 1645) PM: 4A4E5A EL	HBL (Optional sign-up zoom consultation: Math)
T3W3	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul
	4-5 Art Curriculum lesson (1500 - 1755)	PM: 4A4E5A EL (Timed Practice)	PM: 4A4E5A Math	4-5 & 4-8 SOVA Curriculum lesson (1500 - 1610)	PM: 4A4E5A Sci 4E5A Comb Sci Mock Practical 4E Pure Sci Intervention 4A Sci Intervention



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T3W4	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul
	4-5 Art Curriculum lesson (1500 - 1755)	PM: 4A4E5A Math	MTL lesson converted to Math (0810 - 0910)	MTL lesson converted to Hum (0835-0945)	HBL (Optional sign-up consultation: Sci)
	PM: 4A4E5A EL		PM: 4A4E5A Hum (Geo/His) (Timed Practice)	4-5 & 4-8 SOVA Curriculum lessons (1535 - 1645)	
T3W5	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul
	MTL Lesson converted to EL 0910 - 1020	PM: 4E5A Hum (SS)	MTL Lesson converted to Sci: 4E5A Timed Practice (Pure & Sci P/B) (1130 - 1350)	4-5 & 4-8 SOVA Curriculum lessons (1500 - 1610)	PM: 4E5A Sci 4E Pure Chem Mock Practical 4E5A Sci Intervention



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T3W6	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug
	Hari Raya Holiday	PM: 4E5A Math (Timed Practice)	MTL Lesson converted to Hum (0810-0910)	MTL lesson converted to EL (0835-0945)	HBL (Optional sign-up consultation: Hum)
			PM: 4E5A Sci Intervention 4E Pure P/B Mock Practical	4-5 & 4-8 SOVA Curriculum lessons (1535 - 1645)	
				PM: Coursework/POA/A Math [4-8, 5-1: Coursework/POA] [4-6: A Math] [4-7: POA]	
T3W7	7 Aug	8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug
	4-5 Art Curriculum lesson (1500 - 1755)	National Day School Celebrations	National Day Public Holiday	National Day School Holiday	PM: 4E5A Math
	PM: 4E5A Sci				
T3W8	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug
	4-5 Art Curriculum lesson (1500 - 1755)	Sign-up consultation PM: 4A4E5A EL	MTL Lesson converted to Math (0810 - 0910)	MTL Lesson converted to Math (0835-0945)	HBL (Optional sign-up consultation: EL)

* PM denotes afternoon