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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 – SECONDARY 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- 1 Welcome back. We hope your child/ward has had a good break. We would like to inform you about our programmes and activities for Term 3, so that together, we can continue to nurture and maximise the potential of all Navalites.

Starting this term, we will be disseminating termly letters to parents/guardians by cohort levels, in an effort to better communicate important information concerning your child/ward more clearly.

2 Safety Management Measures (SMMs) for COVID-19

SMMs remain largely unchanged from where we left off in Term 2:

- Students should continue to keep their masks on except for physical/permitted activities and consumption of food.
- Students should continue to inform the school if they test Ag+ for monitoring purposes.
- Temperature taking exercise will be conducted on the first week of the new term. Students are encouraged to continue to bring along their oral digital thermometers for self-checks everyday as part of personal and social responsibility.
- The school will continue to follow closely guidelines from MOE on the conduct of school activities to enable students to participate meaningfully in school life for their holistic well-being and development.

3 Structured Blended Learning

In line with the National Digital Literacy Programme, MOE has included Blended Learning as a regular feature of the curriculum. One aspect of Blended Learning is the integration of home-based learning (HBL) as a regular feature of the schooling experience. Blended Learning can further strengthen our students' ability to be self-directed learners. By mainstreaming HBL, we aim to equip

our students with stronger abilities, dispositions and habits for independent and lifelong learning, which is in line with MOE's Learn for Life movement.

Through regular Home-Based Learning Days, we aim to:

- Nurture self-directed and independent learners, and
- Develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners

The following table shows the days in Term 3 when students will be having home-based learning. Your child/ward 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.

Home-Based Learning Dates (Odd Fridays)	Sessions
8 July	HBL Day 1
22 July	HBL Day 2
5 August	HBL Day 3
19 August	HBL Day 4
23 September	HBL Day 5

Please refer to your child's timetable for further details. A copy is available on the school website: <https://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/for-navalities/timetable-booklist-n-uniform/timetable-2022-term-3>

4 School Programmes and Events

(a) Racial Harmony Day Commemoration – 21 July (Thu)

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 characterises life in Singapore. As we work towards strengthening our collective sense of belonging, we must recognise that candid and heartfelt conversations on diverse cultures and multicultural communities can enrich our lives if they are conducted respectfully and sensitively. By reflecting on their experiences and engaging in respectful conversations, both online and offline, our youths can play a part to protect the common space, strengthen trust and friendships among the communities, in order to emerge stronger as a more caring, cohesive and resilient nation.

Navalites 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 model Town Hall meetings.

Further details, if any, will be provided at a later date.

(b) **National Day Celebrations – 8 August (Mon)**

National Day marks our separation from Malaysia in 1965, and our emergence as an independent country in a community of nations. Since 1998, schools have celebrated National Day for students to reflect on the historical importance and solemnity of National Day. This year's NDP theme, "Stronger Together, Majulah!" is a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. "Stronger Together" reminds Singaporeans that unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger. Communities, families and friends coming together form the bedrock of our nation's strength and resilience, and enable us to overcome challenges. "Majulah", which means "onward", encapsulates our hopes and spirit as a nation since our independence 57 years ago, and is a rallying call for Singaporeans to strive for a better future, and grow from strength to strength as we emerge from COVID-19. This year, our school will celebrate National Day on **8 Aug (Mon)**.

This year (barring any changes in safe management guidelines), Navalites can look forward to school celebrations including our very own Navalite parade featuring our Uniformed Group students and band, recitation of the recollections as well as other exciting lead-up and celebration activities.

(c) **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for Female Students – 11 & 12 August**

All Secondary 1 female students will be offered the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination, on an opt-in basis. A briefing will be held prior to provide more information to the students, and parents will also be receiving a letter for consent.

More details on the HPV Vaccination will be made available nearer the dates via Parents Gateway and through your child.

(d) **Health Promotion Board (HPB) Annual Health Check – 16 to 25 August**

The HPB annual health check for students will take place from **16 August (Tue) to 25 August (Thu)**.

- New international students must produce their immunization certificates to the nurses for record purposes.
- All students are to bring their spectacles along for the eye check (if applicable).

Further details and instructions will be made available nearer the dates via Parents Gateway and through your child.

(e) **Teachers' Day Celebrations – 1 September (Thu)**

Teachers' Day, a day where students honour and express appreciation for their teachers who have in many ways inspired and taught them important life lessons, will be on 2 Sep (Fri) this year.

The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on **1 Sep (Thu)**, with the detailed programme pending the prevailing Safe Management Measures at that time.

Further details on the school celebrations will be shared through Parents' Gateway when available.

5 Supporting Our Navalites - Tips for Parents

Parenting teenagers can be a delicate dance. They are at the age where they are learning to exert their independence and individuality, but that is not to say that the guidance that parents give is no longer valuable.

As parents, how do you help your teenagers to build their resilience while still padding their falls sufficiently? Three parents – Mr Richard Ching, father of two, Ms Yusnizan Bte Mohd Taib, mother of two, and Ms Delphine Ang, mother of four – share the lessons they learnt through navigating difficult situations together with their teenagers. Click here to learn more: <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/getting-through-tough-times-with-our-teens>

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:
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