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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 (SEC 4 & 5)

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 4 & 5 Level Camp 2023 – *Looking Forward, Staying Connected*

As a start to our new academic year, all our students will be going on their respective level camps from **10 January (Tuesday) to 12 January (Thursday) 2023**. Your child/ward will be attending a **3-day Level Camp, with one night's stay in school on 11 January**.

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:

- enrich Navalites with the right mindset, skills and attitude to excel
- equip Navalites with etiquette skills to present themselves confidently in their behaviour, speech, dining and relationship with others
- forge camaraderie and social bonds through common experiences to stay connected to the school and peers.

This is a 3-day camp, and on the second day (11 January), your child/ward will be required to stay overnight in school. The camp programme and packing list is at [Annex A](#) for your reference so that you can assist your child/ward in preparing for the camp.

If you have further queries, please email Mdm Faridah Abdul Hamid at faridah_abdul_hamid@moe.edu.sg, or call the 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:

Term 1 HBL Day	Dates
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 20th 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 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.

5 Academic / Assessment Matters

Registration for the 2023 GCE N and O level Examinations

School registration will commence in February. The examination fees are waived for candidates who are Singapore Citizens. Singapore Permanent Residents and International Students will be required to pay the fees and confirm their GIRO options. More information will be disseminated pending SEAB announcements.

6 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.

(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.

(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.

7 Looking Ahead

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

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to:
nbss@moe.edu.sg

Secondary 4 & 5 Camp Programme 2023

Reporting Time : 7.20am (10 & 11Jan)
 Dismissal Time : 5.30pm (10 Jan); 12.30pm (12 Jan)
 Attire : Naval Base Secondary School PE T-shirt and shorts/skirts

Time / Day	10 Jan (Tue)	11 Jan (Wed)	12 Jan (Thu)
0500			Rise and Shine Wash up/ Pack up
0615			Morning Assembly & warm-up exercises
0630			Walk to Lower Seletar Reservoir Sunrise Watching Circle Time Reflections Breakfast Walk to NBSS
0645			
0720	Report to School @ Hall for morning assembly		Walk to Lower Seletar Reservoir Sunrise Watching Circle Time Reflections Breakfast Walk to NBSS
0740	P Address & Admin Briefing	Briefing on the day's programme and expectations	
0800	FT Time	Personal Mastery/Business Etiquette/Attire Preparation Recess @ Canteen	@0845 Goal Setting Consolidation of learning
0830	Personal Mastery/Business Etiquette		
0930	Recess @ Canteen		Team Bonding Activities
1000	Personal Mastery/Business Etiquette		@1145 Area Cleaning
1200	Lunch	Dining Etiquette (DE) Workshop with lunch at Orchid Country Club	Pack up Closing address
1240	Team Bonding Activities		1230 Dismissal
1340	Personal Mastery/Business Etiquette		
1540	Tea Break		
1600	Personal Mastery/Business Etiquette	Briefing in school hall Shower/Reflection on DE/Prep for Campfire performance	
1700	Reflection of Day 1		
1730	Dismissal		
1845		Dinner	
1930		Campfire	
2100		Supper and Reflection	
2200		Retire for the Night & Lights out	

Packing List

Day Pack	ITEM:	
	Water bottle Writing materials iPad Personal medications (if necessary).	
For Overnight stay on Wednesday 11 January 2023	ITEM:	Recommended Quantity
CLOTHING:	School T-Shirt Comfortable Shorts (or PE Shorts) Undergarments Socks	} 2 sets/pairs
SHOWER ITEMS:	Towel Shampoo Soap Conditioner Facial Wash Sandals/Slippers Plastic bag for wet/soiled clothes	} 1 set
TOILETRIES:	Toothpaste Toothbrush	1 set 1 set
SLEEPING GEAR:	Comfortable T-shirts Shorts/Sweatpants Sleeping Bag	} 1 set
OTHERS:	Personal Medication (if required) Thermometer (working)	As required

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.

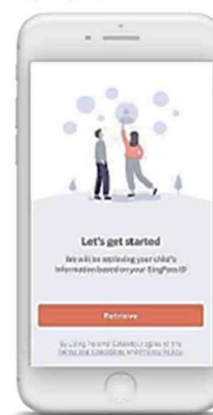
1. Tap on "Log in with SingPass"



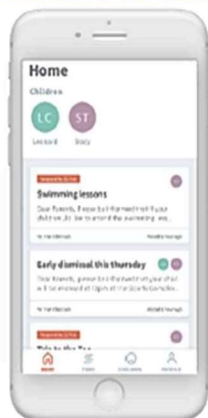
2. Log in with your SingPass (2FA)



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

