



NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1 Happy New Year & Welcome to the Navalite Family!

Greetings from Naval Base Secondary School, and a warm welcome to our Navalite family! 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 One Orientation Programme 2023

Our Secondary One Navalites will attend an orientation programme in school from 03 January to 05 January 2023. The programme is designed to help your child:

- **Assimilate** Secondary One students into their new learning environment
- **Bond** with classmates and Form Teachers
- **Celebrate** NBSS' rich legacy

Reporting Time: 7.20am @ School Hall

Dismissal Time: 1.15pm

Programme Outline:

3 January (Tue)	4 January (Wed)	5 January (Thu)
1. Principal's address 2. Form Teacher Time 3. Familiarisation with canteen 4. School Tour 5. Team Building 6. Learn how to tie school tie 7. Reflection & Debrief	1. Year Head and Guidance Head address 2. Form Teacher Time 3. School Heritage & School Song 4. Team Building 5. Art Trail 6. Reflection & Debrief	1. Form Teacher Time 2. Level Camp briefing 3. Road safety briefing 4. Team Building 5. Reflection & Debrief
Attire: Shirt/Blouse & Short Pants/Skirt	Attire: PE T-shirt and PE Shorts	Attire: PE T-shirt and PE Shorts
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3 **Parents Meet & Greet on 6 January 2023, 4.30pm to 6.00pm**

We warmly invite all parents to find out more about the school and the experiences your child will be going through in NBSS. We would like to share with you how we could work together to support your child in his/her learning and development. We are scheduling a Parents Meet & Greet in school on Fri 6 January, 4.30pm to 6.00pm. This Meet & Greet includes:

- Principal's Address
- CCA talk
- Meet & Greet with Form Teachers

4 **CCA Open House**

On 6 January 2023, the school would also be having a CCA open house from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Your child would be exposed to the various CCAs conducted in the school so that they can make an informed choice subsequently.

Parents are invited to join their child in this event from 3.00pm to 4.20pm before attending the Parents Meet & Greet in the school hall, where more information would be provided.

5 **Level Camp – *Embarking on a New Journey (Camp Victory)***

All Secondary 1 Navalites will embark on Camp Victory, a **3-day, 2-night residential camp** from **10 January (Tuesday) to 12 January (Thursday) 2023**.

The camp will include activities such as low elements, amazing race, dragon boating, rafting, kayaking, outdoor cooking and tent pitching, and a campfire.

We aim to bring together personal experiences and intellectual growth to promote self-discovery in our Navalites. 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 values.
- Enrich Navalites' overall school experience 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 packing list is added overleaf for your reference, so that you can support your child/ward in preparing for the camp. Further details will be provided during the Parents Meet and Greet on 6 January.

If you have further queries, please email Mr Andrew Lim at andrew_lim_swee_leong@schools.gov.sg or Mr Alfiyan Buhari mohammad_alfiyan_ahmad_buhari@schools.gov.sg, or contact the Admin Centre at 6257 1996.

PACKING LIST

ITEM:		Recommended Quantity
CLOTHING	Comfortable T-shirts (or School T-Shirts) Comfortable Shorts (or PE Shorts) Wet Attire (for water activities) Undergarments	3 sets 3 sets 2 sets 3 sets
FOOTWEAR	Sport Shoes Sandals or Slippers Extra pair of covered shoes or booties (for water activities) Socks	1 set 1 set 1 set 3 pairs
SHOWER ITEMS	Towel Shampoo Soap Conditioner Facial Wash	1 set
TOILETRIES	Toothpaste Toothbrush Toilet roll Comb	1 set
SLEEPING GEAR	Warm sleepwear Sleeping Bag	1 set 1 set
NON-DISPOSABLE UTENSILS	Cup Plate Bowl Fork Spoon Water Bottle (1.5 litres)	1 set
PERSONAL PROTECTION	Sunscreen Sunblock Lotion Insect Repellent Cap Poncho or Raincoat	1 set
OTHERS	Writing Material (pen and paper) Plastic Bags (for soiled clothing) Torchlight with spare batteries Wristwatch Personal Medication as required (eg. Panadol, medicated oil)	1 set

- The above-mentioned serves as a guide only. Please increase / decrease the quantity accordingly and pack everything in a backpack but not in a luggage.
- Students should label their personal items and be responsible for their own belongings.

6 Fortnightly Home-Based Learning Days & Personal Digital Learning Device

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)

To support secondary students' learning, every student will be eligible for a Personal Learning Device. NBSS has selected the Apple iPad as the school device. More information on the purchase, as well as the fortnightly HBL Days, will be provided to Navalites and parents at the start of the term.

7 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 enjoy a live entertainment show - Embrace Tomorrow, during CCE periods on 31 January, Tuesday, which aims to rally everyone to 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.

8 Administrative Matters

(a) Secondary One Students using Primary School's School Smart Cards

All 2023 Secondary 1 Navalites will be issued a new Secondary-level School Smart Card (SSC). While waiting for their Secondary-level SSCs, students can continue to use their Primary-level SSCs for concessionary travel till end-April 2023. Students can still purchase the Bus Concession Pass (BCP) using their Primary-level SSCs, but they will need to purchase the BCP for **Secondary School students**.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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 A for the PG User Installation Guide.

9 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

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.

