

21 June 2024

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 - SECONDARY 2

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 continue to be allowed to report to school daily in half-uniform (PE / level t-shirt, with school pants / skirt) until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottles daily for hydration.

2. Temperature Taking Exercise (3 July 2024)

The school will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on the morning of 3 July 2024. 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 when they feel unwell.

3. School Programmes and Events

a. School Early Dismissal Due to Conduct of GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination (3 July 2024)

To provide an environment conducive for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination taking place in the afternoon of 3 July 2024, students not sitting for the examination will be dismissed from school at 1.15pm.

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

We will be having our HBL days on 5 July, 23 - 25 July and 16 August 2024. 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 unless informed otherwise.

c. Racial Harmony Day Commemoration (19 July 2024)

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.



d. National Day Celebrations (8 August 2024)

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, "Together, As One United People" highlights the collective strength of our people and underscores the importance of every citizen rallying together to share our future and uplift those around us.

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.

e. Teachers' Day Celebrations (29 August 2024)

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 29 August 2024. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

4. Choosing subjects for Secondary 3: 'Putting interest before popularity'

For many Secondary 2 students and their parents, choosing their subject combinations at the end of the school year is still a significant exercise. The former Director for MOE's Sciences Branch, Mdm Lee Lin Yee is aware that some subject combinations are perceived to be "better" than others. She shares on how full-subject-based banding (FSBB) has also created different pathways for post-secondary education. Click here to find out more (https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/choosing-subjects-forsecondary-3-put-interest-before-popularity).

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

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