

29 Dec 2023

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 - SECONDARY 3

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming our Navalites back to school and would like to share some information with you for Term 1 of 2024.

1. Secondary 3 Level Camp 2024 - Camp Valour - Building Resilience and Endurance

As a start of the new academic year, our Sec 3 Navalites will be participating in a 3D2N residential camp at the Heritage Chalet @ Pasir Ris from Tuesday 9 Jan to Thursday 11 Jan.

Besides bonding the students and form teachers in their new Sec 3 classes, the camp aims to strengthen students' resilience to face present and future challenges through outdoor education. Students will be taking part in activities such as dragon boating, cycling, orienteering and team bonding.

Please refer to Annex A for the camp programme and the packing list for your reference.

For any queries, please contact your child's/ward's form teachers. Alternatively you can email Mdm Faridah at Faridah_abdul_hamid@schools.gov.sg or Mr Shawn Neo at shawn_neo_zhe_ming@schools.gov.sg.

2. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days

In secondary schools, fortnightly HBL days are part of MOE's efforts to develop students as self-directed and independent learners, and HBL lessons are considered as part of the school curriculum.

In NBSS, HBL days generally take place on Even Fridays. Navalites are expected to learn from home under minimal supervision and to complete any assigned work at their own time. Form teachers will check in with the class online.

The dates for HBL days for Term 1 are: 12 Jan, 26 Jan, 23 Feb, and 8 Mar.



3. Department Programmes

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 Department - Mother Tongue Fortnight and Chinese New Year Celebrations

In order to provide Navalites with opportunities to learn and use MTL in novel and exciting ways, the Mother Tongue Fortnight Part 1 will be held from 30 Jan to 9 Feb, 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.

The school will celebrate Lunar New Year on 9 Feb Friday. More details on the celebrations will be provided nearer to the day.

c) Humanities Department -Geographical Investigation

An integral part of the Upper Sec 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.



d) Character and Citizenship Education

Total Defence Day (15 Feb, Thursday)

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 during CCE periods through an engaging assembly programme, thoughtful discussions on contemporary issues facing Singapore today as well as various lead-up activities.

4. Table of Events for Term 1

Date	Programme / Activity
9 Jan - 11 Jan	Sec 3 Level Camp - Camp Valour
12 Jan	HBL Day
30 Jan - 9 Feb	Mother Tongue Fortnight
9 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations
15 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
23 Feb	HBL Day

5. Administrative Matters

a) First Day of School Attire

Navalites are to report to school, properly groomed according to school guidelines, on Tuesday 2 Jan at 7.20am at the multi-purpose hall in their PE t-shirt and school pants / skirts.



b) NRIC Registration Exercise (Monday 8 Jan)

Under the National Registration Regulations, all Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents are required to register for their NRIC in the year they attain the age of 15. ICA will conduct a biometrics enrolment in Naval Base Secondary School in the morning of 8 January 2024. To ensure that your child's biometrics are enrolled smoothly, **please complete the registration online before 5 January 2024.** Details for the online registration have been provided through Parents Gateway.

c) SMS Notifications of Student Absence from School

When students are absent, an automated SMS will be sent in the morning to the primary caregiver 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 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.

We look forward to a positive and collaborative school-parents partnership as your child/ward continues with their educational journey with NBSS in 2024. Thank you!

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 - Sec 3 Camp Programme and Packing List

Class/Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0745hrs	Camp Opening Trainers to take over for attendance taking							
0800hrs	Move out to Kallang		Move out to Heritage Chalet					
0830hrs	Dragon boating	Amazing Race						
0900hrs			Teambuilding/Master Chef		Cycling to Sengkang		Orienteering Hike to Lor Halus/Coney Island	
1030hrs	Amazing Race	Dragon boating						
1200hrs			Lunch + AM Debrief					
1230hrs	Move to Heritage Chalet							
1300hrs	Lunch + AM Debrief		Move out to Kallang		Lunch + AM Debrief			
1400hrs	Teambuilding/Master Chef		Dragon boating	Amazing Race	Orienteering Hike to Lor Halus		Cycling to Sengkang	
1600hrs			Amazing Race	Dragon boating				
1800hrs	Shower / Dinner + Debrief		Move back to chalet		Shower / Dinner + Debrief			
1830hrs			Shower / Dinner + Debrief					
1930hrs	Camp Fire Prep / Flag Making				Blinds Man trail / Animal Recall			
2030hrs	Blinds Man trail / Animal Recall				Camp Fire Prep / Flag Making			
2130hrs	Night Snack and Debrief							
2200hrs	Lights Off							





Packing List

Items		Recommended Quantity
Identification	Ez-link Card	-
Clothing	PE T-shirt and shorts – for water activities	1 set
	PE T-shirt (or school T-shirt) and shorts – to change after bath	3 sets
	Undergarments	4 sets
	Sleeping wear	1 set
	Jacket/Cardigan	1 set
	Track Pants	1 set
Footwear	Sports shoes	1 set
	Extra pair of shoes or booties for water-based activity	1 set
	Socks	3 sets
	Sandals or slippers – for use in accommodation only	1 set
Shower items and toiletries	Soap, shampoo and facial wash	1 set
	Toothbrush and toothpaste	
	Bathing towel	
	Comb	
Non-disposable utensils	Fork, spoon, plate, bowl, cup	1 set
	Water bottle (minimum 1 litre)	
Personal protection	Mask and mask holder	1 set
	Hand sanitizer	
	Sunscreen	
	Tissue paper	
	Poncho (in case of inclement weather)	
	Cap	
	Thermometer	
	Own medication (eg. asthma inhaler, panadol, medicated oil, eye drops etc)	
Others	Small towel – for drying off after water-based activity	1 set
	Small day backpack (to contain writing materials, water bottle, poncho/raincoat for outdoor activities)	
	Plastic bags to store wet or dirty clothing.	
	Pen	
	Sleeping bag	

- The above-mentioned serves as a guide only.
- Students are to label all their personal items where possible.
- Students are to take responsibility for their belongings.