

29 Dec 2023

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 - SECONDARY 4 and 5

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 4 Level Camp 2024 - Camp Valiant - Looking Forward, Staying Connected (9 - 11 Jan)

As a start to the new academic year, our Sec 4 Navalites will be participating in a 3 day camp from Tuesday 9 Jan to Thursday 11 Jan. On the second day 10 Jan, your child/ward will be staying overnight in school.

Besides building on the camaraderie and friendships forged from Sec 3 within the class, the camp aims to strengthen students' growth mindset and equip them with the skills to excel. Students will also be equipped with etiquette skills to be able to present themselves confidently in social settings such as dining. The camp programme and packing list is provided as Annex A for your reference.

As the Sec 5 Navalites have attended a similar camp in 2023, they would be supporting the Sec 2 Level Camp (non-residential) as facilitators to hone their leadership skills. They will thus be required to be in school from 7.20am - 5.30pm on 9 and 10 Jan, and from 7.20am to 3.00pm on 11 Jan.

For any queries, please contact your child's/ward's form teachers or email Mr Tharmendra at tharmendra_jeeyaraman@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 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 4 Level Camp - Camp Valiant
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) 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 - Camp Valiant Programme

Time / Day	9 Jan (Tue) <i>Tea & Lunch Provided</i>		10 Jan (Wed) <i>Lunch, Tea, Dinner & Supper Provided</i>		11 Jan (Thu) <i>Breakfast provided</i>
0500 - 0600					Rise and Shine Wash up/ Pack up
0600 - 0630					Morning Assembly & warm-up exercises
0630 - 0700					Walk to Lower Seletar Reservoir Watching Sunrise Circle Time
0700 - 0740	Report to School @ Hall for morning assembly		Report to Classroom to deposit bags		Reflections Breakfast Walk to NBSS
0740 - 0800	P Address & Admin Briefing		Morning assembly		
0800 - 0830	FT Time (mock results)		YH Briefing in Hall		
0830 - 0930	<i>Classes</i> <i>4-1,4-2, 4-3 & 4-4</i>	<i>Classes</i> <i>4-5,4-6, 4-7 & 4-8</i>	<i>Classes</i> <i>4-1,4-2, 4-3 & 4-4</i> Business Etiquette 2	<i>Classes</i> <i>4-5,4-6, 4-7 & 4-8</i> Personal Mastery 2	Goal Setting Consolidation of learning
0930 - 1030	Personal Mastery 1	Business Etiquette 1			Team Bonding Activities
1030 - 1100	Recess @ Canteen				
1100 - 1130	Business Etiquette 1	Personal Mastery 1	Personal Mastery 2	Business Etiquette 2	Recess
1130 - 1200					Area Cleaning & Pack up
1200 - 1230					Closing address & Dismissal
1230 - 1300					
1300 - 1345	Lunch		Lunch		
1345 - 1500	Dragon Boating		Team bonding (FTs)		
1500 - 1600			Business Etiquette 3 in Hall		
1600 - 1700			Getting ready		
1700 - 1730	Return to school & Dismissal		Departure to Temasek Club		
1730 - 1800			Arrival at Temasek Club		
1800 - 1830			Photo Opportunity/ Getting Seated		
1830 - 2030			Dinner		
2030 - 2130			Arrival in school		
			<i>Shower</i>	<i>Reflection,</i>	
2130 - 2200			4-1, 4-5, 4-6	4-2, 4-3, 4-7	4-4, 4-8
2200 - 2230			4-2, 4-3, 4-7	4-4, 4-8	4-1, 4-5, 4-6
2230 - 2300			4-4, 4-8	4-1, 4-5, 4-6	4-2, 4-3, 4-7
2300			Lights out		



Packing List

Day Pack	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water bottle• Writing materials• iPad• Personal medications (if necessary).	
For Overnight stay on Wednesday 10 January 2024	
CLOTHING:	School T-Shirt and PE shorts for 11 Jan Formal clothes for Fine Dining Undergarments Socks Formal shoes
TOILETRIES:	Towel Shampoo Soap Conditioner Facial Wash Sandals/Slippers Plastic bag for wet/soiled clothes Comb Toothpaste Toothbrush
SLEEPING GEAR:	Comfortable T-shirts Shorts/Sweatpants Sleeping Bag
OTHERS:	Personal Medication (if required) Thermometer (working) Insect repellent