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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3

1 Academic Matters

2018 GCE N and O Level Examination Dates

Subject	GCE N Level	GCE O Level
English Language Oral	5 Jul (Thu) to 12 Jul (Thu)	14 Aug (Fri) to 28 Aug (Fri)
Mother Tongue Languages Oral	31 Jul (Tue) to 3 Aug (Fri)	4 Jul (Wed) to 16 Jul (Mon)
Mother Tongue Languages (Syllabus B) Oral	3 Jul (Tue)	3 Jul (Tue)
Higher Mother Tongue Languages Oral	N.A.	23 Jul (Mon) to 27 Jul (Fri)
English Language Listening Comprehension	N(A): 14 Sep (Fri) N(T): 12 Sep (Wed)	25 Oct (Thu)
Mother Tongue Languages Listening Comprehension	N(A): 13 Sep (Thu) N(T): 17 Sep (Mon)	17 Jul (Tue)
Written and Practical	Part 1: 10 Sep (Mon) to 19 Sep (Wed) Part 2: 1 Oct (Mon) to 12 Oct (Fri)	4 Oct (Thu) to 19 Nov (Mon)

2 Department Matters

(A) Mother Tongue Languages Department

In conjunction with Racial Harmony Day celebrations and to provide exposure and appreciation of our ethnic culture, MTL department will be conducting ML & TL Fortnight Part 2 from 18 Jul (Wed) to 26 Jul (Thu). During the one-week programme, students will be engaged in fun-filled activities ranging from crafts work, traditional ethnic games, and food tasting. Please take note that such activities will be conducted after school.

(B) Humanities Department.

(i) Historical Investigation

An integral part of the Lower Secondary History curriculum, Historical Investigation offers students the opportunity to carry out a historical inquiry and engage with experiential learning as students go beyond the confines of the classroom to explore and examine relevant sources of evidence. In doing so, students will be able to apply their historical knowledge and skills to respond to an authentic historical issue.

The Secondary 2 students in the Normal Academic stream will embark on a Historical Investigation, to explore different aspects of life in Singapore before 1819 at various historical sites. The Historical Investigation will be conducted after school, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. More details will be provided nearer to the date of this Historical Investigation.

(ii) Geographical Investigation

An integral part of the Lower Secondary Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation offers students the opportunity to carry out a geographical inquiry and participate in fieldwork beyond the confines of the classroom. In doing so, students are able to transfer what they have learnt from their geography lessons to a real-world geographical issue.

The Secondary 1 students in the Express and Normal Academic streams will embark on a Geographical Investigation to explore a waterway or water body, its water quality and the impact of human activities on water quality. More details will be provided nearer to the date of this Geographical Investigation.

(C) CCE Department

(i) Racial Harmony Day (RHD) Commemoration - 19 Jul (Thu)

“Diversity Our Strength”

As we make the journey from tolerating differences in our early years to embracing our diversity today, our Singapore identity continues to develop and evolve. It is important that our diversity, and racial and religious harmony, is part of our collective identity and way of life as we continue to strengthen bonds across and amongst our many communities. Since the founding of modern Singapore in 1819, we have always been an immigrant community that has tapped on the strengths of our differences in the pursuit of a common goal to make Singapore our home. The narratives of our forefathers that reflect a strong sense of purpose and drive remain relevant to us as we celebrate our diversity.

The RHD programme will consist of an engaging assembly sharing and parade, and classroom and recess-time booth segments. An announcement will be made a week prior to the commemoration of RHD to our students regarding the guidelines and rationale of wearing various international traditional costumes to school for the day of the commemoration, which is strongly encouraged but not compulsory.

(ii) National Day Celebrations – 8 Aug (Wed)

“We Are Singapore”

This year, our nation celebrates its 53rd year of nationhood. Students can expect, as with the years before, an exciting lead-up and countdown to National Day, a spectacular parade featuring our uniformed groups and symphonic band, community singing and of course, our very own signature Sports Carnival.

Students will be given guidelines regarding the attire for the National Day celebrations. Students will be dismissed after the celebrations on 8 Aug (Wed).

A gentle reminder that 10 Aug (Fri) is a school holiday, so students need not report to school.

(D) CCA Department

There would be no CCA session on the following day in Term 3.

Dates	CCA Suspended
17 Jul (Tue)	O level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension

3 Administrative Matters

(A) Temperature Taking Exercise

The school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on 29 Jun (Fri) as part of our continued preparedness for National Emergencies. Please ensure that your child/ward brings his/her Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) for the exercise from 25 Jun (Mon) onwards and please ensure that his/her ODT is in working condition.

Students who have either damaged or lost their ODTs can purchase an ODT from the school bookshop at \$2.60 per piece.

(B) NRIC Registration for All Secondary 3 and Selected Students

ICA's mobile NRIC registration team will be visiting the school on 28 Jun (Thu) at 9:00am to perform the NRIC Registration for all secondary 3 students at The Compass. Students are to bring the following for the registration exercise:

- a. ICA's notification letter;
- b. Completed registration form;
- c. One recent passport-sized colour photograph (with dimensions 35 x 45 mm) taken against a white background with a matt or semi-matt finish (Note that **eyebrows should not be covered by hair**);
- d. Payment for registration fee (\$10 for Singapore Citizen and \$50 for a Singapore Permanent Resident can be made through the child's/ward's school smart card/ezlink card or credit card;
- e. For payment by credit card, the parent to provide the card details on the notification letter;
- f. Original and one photocopy of deed poll executed by both parents for change of name (including ethnic characters). If the deed poll was executed by only one of the parents, the other parent is required to go to ICA building to complete a declaration that he/she consents to the name change;
- g. Original and one photocopy of Baptism or Religious Certificate for insertion of religious name;
- h. Foreign passport, Certificate of identity (if any) with valid Re-entry Permit. (This item is for SPR only); and
- i. Birth certificate (one photocopy).

(C) School Annual Health Check

The annual health check for Secondary 1 to 4 will commence from 3 Jul (Mon) to 12 Jul (Fri), with the following details:

- a. New international students must produce their immunization certificates to the nurses for records purposes
- b. Details of the students' attire for health screening will be given at a later date
- c. All students are to bring their spectacles along for eye check (if applicable)
- d. Selected Secondary 3 students will be scheduled to see the nurse (name lists will also be given at a later date)

(D) Parent-Teacher Conference 3

There will be a parent-teacher conference (PTC) on 27 Aug (Mon) from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This PTC is intended for the Form Teacher together with the identified Secondary 1-3 students to discuss their progress in CA2 and their holistic development with their parents/guardian. A parent information slip will be made available through your child/ward for you to indicate your choice of time for PTC at a later date.

(E) Teachers' Day Celebration

NBSS will celebrate Teachers' Day on 30 Aug (Thu). It is a day where students honour and express appreciation for their teachers who have in many ways inspired and taught them important life lessons. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. We wish all our staff and education partners 'Happy Teachers' Day'.

This termly letter can be downloaded from the school's website.
<http://www.navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>