



18 March 2025

INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we continue our partnership to nurture and bring out the best in your child, we would like to share with you on the key school programmes and activities for Term 2. For your convenient reference, a summary of the programmes is presented in table form on the last page of this letter.

1. Home Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 2

We will be having our HBL days on 4 April, 2 May, 16 May, and 30 May 2025. Navalites will not need to report to school on these days and will be expected to do their work independently at home. To prepare them for the day of learning ahead, we may also require them to meet their form teachers online via MS Teams at the start of some HBL Days.

2. International Friendship Day Commemoration: 8 April 2025 (Tuesday)

NBSS commemorates International Friendship Day on 8 April 2025 (Tuesday). This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. Navalites will be able to appreciate the importance of maintaining good international relations through assembly sharing, as well as game-based and discussion activities during the designated CCE periods in class.

3. Navalite Learning Explorations Week in Term 2 Week 9 & 10: 19 – 28 May 2025

As part of our holistic whole-school experience, Secondary 1 to 3 students will be going through various out-of-classroom activities and learning journeys in the last two weeks of the semester during curriculum time. Activities will include opportunities for application of students' learning in real life contexts, as well as experiential learning. Further details will be given closer to the end of the term.

4. Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC): 29 May 2025 (Thursday), 8am to 4pm

In alignment with the school's vision of building leaders of character, Navalites are actively engaged through our CCE curriculum and school programmes to develop them holistically. Students succeed when schools and parents partner to support students in developing their social-emotional learning competencies and building resilience as they take personal responsibility for their education.

This face-to-face session will be led by your child/ward who will share their experiences in school and current progress in Semester 1. This format of Student-Led Conferences places students at the centre of the process, with the benefit of:

- encouraging students to accept personal responsibility for their own development,
- guiding students to reflect, self-evaluate and share their personal growth,
- increasing parental understanding of their child's holistic development,
- creating an authentic opportunity to practice real-life skills of organisation, communication and leadership.

As your child will be given time to present their growth during SPTC, you may want to contact the Form Teachers separately if you have specific concerns. Form teachers will send details of how to book 15-minute appointment slots via Parents Gateway closer to the date. In view of SPTC, students need not report to school on 29 May 2025 (Thursday).



5. Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Teaching and Learning

Many generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have recently emerged, which are able to generate new content such as images, 3D objects and music in response to text input from users. One prominent example of such tools is ChatGPT, a chatbot launched by OpenAI in November 2022. It is based on a large language model, which is built by ingesting huge quantities of training data. Technological advancements like these are not new, and bring about exciting enhancements to teaching and learning, as well as its accompanying challenges. With responsible use, we will be better able to harness its benefits.

However, in producing original work both for formative and summative assessment purposes, we value integrity. This applies to all work produced by Navalites. As a school, we take a strong stance towards plagiarism and the production of content that is not original. Navalites are to ensure that all their work is done by them. Should there be a need to quote content from other people's work (e.g. interviews or research findings), proper citations are necessary.

As per our current practice, the school reserves the right to conduct investigations and adjust the grades of students who commit plagiarism or employ the assistance of AI chatbots to produce their work, which could have further implications on promotion and progression.

6. Schoolbag Article Spotlight: Heard of the mixed form class? Here's how one teacher engages students of different abilities in the same class.

Mixed form classes are the norm. What does a class comprising students with varying strengths and interests look like, and how does a teacher bring out the best in all of them. Click [here](#) to read the full article on how you can also support your child/ward.

7. Departmental / Programme-Level Matters

The following school programmes will be organised for your children in Term 2. We seek your understanding that information for some of the programmes will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

(a) Arts Enrichment 2025

From Term 2, Secondary 1 to 3 students will engage in a structured art enrichment programme, comprising art workshops and art learning journeys. The programmes the students will be participating in are given below:

Level	Programme
Secondary 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Art Learning Journey to Art Science MuseumArts Enrichment Workshops (Cultural Art making during Mother Tongue Fortnight)
Secondary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arts Enrichment WorkshopsArt Learning Journey (Sculptural Walk)
Secondary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Art Learning Journey to Asian Civilizations Museum



(b) English and Literature

i. National Library Board (NLB) Electronic-book Borrowing Application – Libby

All Secondary One Navalites as well as new students to NBSS are encouraged to set up their NLB Libby accounts, which would require parental login and consent. Your child/ward's English teacher would be conducting a briefing in class at the start of Term 2. Thereafter, we seek your assistance in ensuring your child has his/her Libby account set up so that he/she is able to borrow e-books from the National Library using their iPads.

ii. Secondary 3 Literature Learning Journey (Theatre Experience)

As part of our effort to expose Navalites to the arts scene in Singapore, Secondary 3 Literature students would be watching a play or musical in Term 2. More details of this theatre experience would be made known to parents closer to the event.

(c) Humanities Department – Learning Journeys and Enrichment Programmes

i. Secondary 1 History Learning Journey and Historical Investigation

To provide an authentic experience in the learning of Singapore's rich history from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, the school will be bringing students on a learning journey to heritage sites for an on-site learning opportunity. This will be conducted by an external vendor together with the History Department during the Navalites Learning Exploration Week (Week 9). More information will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

ii. Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz and GreenWave 2025

As part of environment education for students to gain increased awareness of the greenery surrounding us, students will be guided in exploring and identifying the greenery within the school and the parks around the school. The aim is to help our Navalites recognise the greenery around us and promote students' awareness of the biodiversity in our living environment. Selected students will also have the opportunity to be involved in tree planting as part of the annual GreenWave project in collaboration with NParks.

This effort to plant 1 million trees is a nationwide effort to boost the greenery in the country and the school continues to support such efforts this year. These events will take place in May as part of students' learning experiences beyond the classroom.

iii. Earth Day 2025 – “It's Our Power, it's Our Planet”

This year's Earth Day theme – It's Our Power, it's Our Planet – continues the theme in raising awareness for humans to do more to protect our precious Earth. Our Eco-Councilors will take on the task of rallying Navalites to raise awareness and change their lifestyle revolving around the following themes: Energy conservation and changes to lifestyle. The Secondary 3 Eco-Councilors, who also underwent training with NEA recently, will take the lead in working with the Eco-Ambassadors from all classes to work on these initiatives.



iv. **Secondary 2 Community Cleanup Programme**

As part of our efforts to raise awareness among Navalites about their capacity to keep our environment clean and green for everyone, a community cleanup will be held during the Navalites Learning Exploration week. Students will be guided by our eco-board councilors and teachers to do our part in keeping our neighbourhood clean, and to witness first-hand how they can do their part for the environment as well.

(d) **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL)**

i. **MT Fortnight: 24 March to 4 April 2025**

The Mother Tongue Fortnight will take place from 24 March to 4 April 2025, to create an immersive environment for our students to learn and appreciate their respective Mother Tongue Languages and Cultures. Students will be engaged in fun-filled activities ranging from traditional ethnic games, competitions to cultural workshops. Please take note that some of the activities will be conducted after school.

ii. **Hari Raya Celebrations: 15 April 2025**

To celebrate the cultural diversity within the school community and promote inclusivity and appreciations of different culture, NBSS will celebrate Hari Raya during school morning assembly followed by class bonding activities in class. The students will learn about the significance, traditions, and customs associated with Hari Raya, promoting respect and empathy for diverse cultures.

(e) **Physical Education**

i. **National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Secondary 2:**

The NAPFA involves a series of five stations and a 2.4-km Walk-Run for secondary school students. It is a measure of both health and performance-related fitness. NAPFA has been identified by the Singapore Sports Council to be safe, reliable, and representative measures of the different important components of overall fitness. All Secondary 2 students have to take NAPFA, and their results will be recorded in their Report Books.

The NAPFA Test will be conducted during the students' PE lessons from 14 April onwards. Absence from NAPFA without a valid reason is a serious offence and punishment will be meted out according to the school's consequence for truancy.

ii. **2025 Road Run: 11 April (Friday)**

The school's Road Run will take place in the vicinity of Sports Hub. This is a school event eagerly looked forward to by all Navalites, and attendance is compulsory for all students.



(f) Science – Enrichment Programmes

i. STEM ExCEL Programme

Our STEM ExCEL Programme is an enrichment programme that aims to strengthen the interest and capabilities of our students in STEM. We want our students to be curious about the world around them, to think creatively and critically in solving problems and to be concerned citizens who make positive difference to the life of others.

Some of the activities have kickstarted in Term 1 and we are continuing with more exciting activities in Term 2.

(g) Mathematics Department –

i. 2025 Math Challenge

The annual in-house Math Challenge 2025 will be launched starting in Term 2. Navalites will be engaged in a series of mathematical activities spanning across the term through online Math quizzes and hands-on activities booths during recess as part of the students' learning through games.

ii. Secondary 1 STEM Enrichment

As part of developing students computational thinking and problem-solving skills in real life applications, students will have the opportunity to be engaged in using Internet of Things (IoT) to develop solutions and solve problems. This activity will be conducted by an external vendor together with the Math Department during the Navalites Learning Exploration Week (Week 9).

iii. Secondary 2 STEM Enrichment

As part of developing students computational thinking and problem-solving skills in real life applications, students will have the opportunity to be engaged through the design of coding to develop solutions and solve problems. This will be conducted by an external vendor together with the Math Department during the Navalites Learning Exploration Week (Week 9).

(h) Student Leadership

The Student Leaders' Investiture is an important school event where we recognise the hard work and dedication of our outgoing Secondary 4 student leaders (including CCA leaders and student councilors), as they step down from their positions this term. During the ceremony, Secondary 3 students who have been selected as incoming CCA leaders and student councilors, will also be officially invested with their respective leadership positions. This includes the Secondary 1 to Secondary 5 class leaders and the investiture serves as a formal recognition of their commitment to serving their peers and the school community. This event is a significant milestone in the personal growth of our students as they take on leadership roles within the school community.



Date	Programme
11 March (Tuesday) [completed]	Student Leaders' Investiture: Student Council
25 March (Tuesday)	Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders

8. OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES AND DATES

Programme	Date/Period/Time
Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders	25 March
Mother Tongue Fortnight (MTF) Programme	24 March to 4 April
Home Based Learning (HBL) Days	4 April, 2 May, 16 May and 30 May
International Friendship Day Commemoration 2025	8 April
2025 Road Run	11 April
National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Sec 2	14 April onwards
Hari Raya Celebration	15 April
Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz and Greenwave 2025	19 to 23 May
Navalite Learning Explorations Week	19 to 28 May
Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)	29 May
Arts Enrichment 2025 and Learning Journeys	More information will be provided via PG
Secondary 1 History Learning Journey and Historical Investigation	More information will be provided via PG
Earth Day 2025 – “It’s Our Power, it’s Our Planet”	More information will be provided via PG
Signature STEM ExCEL Programme	More information will be provided via PG

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