



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 will 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. 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).



#### 4. 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.

#### 5. Schoolbag Article Spotlight: 'I'm trying to change my teen's mind about going to JC'

What do you do when your teenager has rigid ideas of academic success? This article covers a mother's journey with her daughter, who took her O-Level exam in 2023, through various post-secondary school options possible, and explains from personal experience why the path to success may not always follow a straight route, and that there are several considerations one should make. Click [here](#) to find out more. If you require more information pertaining to post-secondary education, please approach your child's form teacher or make an appointment with the school's ECG counsellor via this [link](#).

#### 6. Academic Intervention Programme for Graduating Students

The 4A/4E/5A Academic Intervention Programme is planned for the graduating students in Term 2 and includes timed practices and intervention sessions. Students involved will be informed by their teachers accordingly. The detailed schedules for 4E5NA and 4NA Academic Intervention Programme will be provided via Parents Gateway.

#### 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) **S4/5 EL and MTL Oral Exam (Prelim)**

- i. **4NT and 4NA EL and 4E/5A MTL Prelim Oral Exam: 3 June 2025**
- ii. **4E / 5A EL and 4NT and 4NA MTL Prelim Oral Exam: 4 June 2025**

More details on reporting times and exam venues will be provided nearing the exam dates.



**(b) English and Literature Department**

i. Secondary 4 Literature Learning Journey (Theatre Experience)

As part of our effort to expose Navalites to the arts scene in Singapore, Secondary 4 Literature students would be watching a play or musical in Term 2.

**(c) Humanities Department – Learning Journeys and Enrichment Programmes**

i. **Geographical Investigation – 4 April (Friday), 2.30pm to 5.30pm**

An integral part of the Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation (GI) is a form of geographical inquiry where students are required to investigate a geographical phenomenon and its related issues. Each GI presents new learning dimensions of the geographical phenomena that students have studied in class. It extends the scope of each topic and provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding of 'sustainability' and stimulate their thinking about the actions they can take in response to the primary data they collect.

The Secondary 4 students will be embarking on the Tourism GI to Kampong Glam to understand in greater details on why Kampong Glam remains as an attractive place for tourists to visit.

ii. **Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz and Greenwave 2025**

As part of environmental 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.



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

**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 Celebration: 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.

**iii. GCE O MTL And MTL 'B' Mid-Year Exam: 2 June 2025**

Prior to the GCE 'O' level MTL Written exam on Monday, 2 June 2025, Sec 4E, 4NA OOS and S5NA students will be engage MT Intensive Programme to prepare them for the national exam.

**(e) Physical Education**

**i. National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Secondary 4 and 5:**

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 4 and 5 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. Signature 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  
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.

**(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
Geographical Investigation	4 April (2.30pm to 5.30pm)
International Friendship Day Commemoration 2025	8 April
2025 Road Run	11 April
National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA)	14 April onwards
Hari Raya Celebration	15 April
Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)	29 May
GCE 'O' MTL and MTL 'B' Mid-Year Exams	2 June
4NT and 4NA EL and 4E / 5A MTL Prelim Oral Exams	3 June
4E / 5A EL and 4NT and 4NA MTL Prelim Oral Exams	4 June
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
Academic Intervention Programme for Graduating Students	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](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg)