



31 Dec 2024

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 - SECONDARY 2

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 2025.

1. Secondary 2 Level Camp 2025 - Camp Vigour - Unleashing Talents, Developing a Zest for Life (7 January to 9 January)

As a start to the new academic year, our Sec 2 Navalites will participate in a 3 day non-residential camp from Tuesday 7 January to Thursday 9 January.

Besides building on the camaraderie and friendships forged from Sec 1 within the class, the camp aims to expose students to activities in the Arts (ALP), Sports & Healthy Living (LLP) and Digital Literacy to develop their dispositions towards a healthy and active lifestyle for the future.

The camp programme and to-bring list is provided as Annex A for your reference.

For any queries, please email Mr Andrew Lim at andrew_lim_swee_leong@schools.gov.sg or Ms Maybelline Tay at tay_ching_yee_maybelline@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 via MS Teams.

The dates for HBL days for Term 1 are as follows:

Term 1	Date (Fridays)
Week 1	10 Jan
Week 2	17 Jan
Week 4	31 Jan
Week 6	14 Feb
Week 8	28 Feb
Week 10	14 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 - Chinese New Year Celebrations

The school will celebrate Lunar New Year on 28 January Tuesday. More details on the celebrations will be provided nearer to the day.

c) Character and Citizenship Education

Total Defence Day (18 Feb, Tuesday)

Total Defence Day will be commemorated on 18 February 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.

Sec 2 Cohort Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore

All Secondary 2 students in Singapore will visit the National Museum of Singapore (NMS) for a Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) cohort Learning Journey, where they will learn about, reflect on, and connect with the people, places, and experiences in Singapore's history. This is also aligned to the Secondary 2 History or Social Studies syllabuses. More details will be provided through Parents Gateway.



4. Table of Events for Term 1

Date	Programme / Activity
7 January - 9 January	Sec 2 Level Camp - Camp Vigour
10 January	HBL Day
17 January	HBL Day
28 January	Chinese New Year Celebrations
31 January	HBL Day
14 February	HBL Day
18 February	Total Defence Day Commemoration
28 February	HBL Day
14 March	HBL Day

5. Excessive screen time and use of mobile phones in school

a) School Policy on the use of mobile phone

A large body of research has shown the relationship between smartphones screen time and mental health issues in youth. NBSS works closely with MOE and has put in place stringent policies to guide the use of mobile phones in school to maintain a conducive teaching and learning environment.

Navalites will be allowed to bring their mobile phones to school. A Navalite always switches off and keeps out of sight his/her mobile phones during curriculum hours (7:20 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.) on all days (except Friday, 12:30 p.m.) so as to create enabling spaces that nurtures meaningful interactions and social skill-building. The use or display of mobile phones is strictly prohibited during these hours including recess, lunch breaks and self-study periods.

If you need to contact your child during school hours, you could call the General Office at Tel: 62571996. For any situations, Navalites will be allowed to make telephone calls from the General Office to their parents or legal guardian.

In the event that your child/ward is found using or displaying his/her mobile phones during the restricted hours, the Form/ Guidance teacher would notify you and make the necessary arrangements for you to collect the mobile phone personally from school.

As the digital landscape continues to evolve, the focus remains on helping our youth foster a healthy balance between technology and real-life interactions, ensuring that they are both academically prepared, and socially and emotionally equipped for the future. Together with the school, parents as partners-in-education play a vital role in guiding your child in the use of mobile devices and online interactions.



b) 'My secret to curbing my kids' screen time: Go low'

Low-tech, that is. No smart phones for tech-savvy dad Ian Tan, who gave his kids basic phones which could only make calls. It was part of his plan to limit their exposure to the Internet and social media. Read on to find out some pointers to prevent your child from being addicted. <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/my-secret-to-curbing-my-kids-screen-time-go-low/>

6. Administrative Matters

a) First Day of School Attire

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

b) Absences from School

Students should submit a Medical Certificate (MC) to the form teacher on the immediate school day after the day of absence. If no MC is available, an official letter of excuse should be given restricted to ten per academic year, subjected to school leaders' approval. Failure to submit an MC or letter of excuse will deem the child to have played truant and subjected to disciplinary actions.

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.

d) 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 2025. Thank you!



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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:

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Annex A

Sec 2 Camp Programme Overview

	Tuesday, 7 January							
	GROUP A				GROUP B			
	2D	2E	2F	2G	2A	2B	2C	
0730-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (MPH) + Collection of Valuables							
0800-0830	Introduction to ALP & LLP Overview of the camp Briefing to end at 8.15am							
0830-0900	Art Videography Module (8.30am-11.30 am)				Travel to venue Bus Pick-up: 8.20am			
0900-0930					Photography Module (9.00am - 11.30am) Objectifs - Centre for Photography & Film 155 Middle Road		CYCLING (9.00am - 11.30am)	
0930-1000								
1000-1030								
1030-1100								
1100-1130	LUNCH @ Canteen (11.30pm - 12.30pm)				Travel to venue Bus Pick-up: 11.30am		LUNCH @ Sportshub (1130am - 1230pm)	
1130-1200	LUNCH @ Sportshub (12pm - 1pm)				Reflection Group vlog challenge			
1200-1230								
1230-1300	Travel to venue Bus Pick-up: 12.30pm				CYCLING (1.00pm - 3.30pm)		Travel to venue Bus Pick-up: 1pm	
1300-1330	Tag Archery (1pm - 2.30pm)		Bubble soccer (1pm - 2.30pm)				Photography Module (1.30pm - 4pm) Objectifs - Centre for Photography & Film 155 Middle Road	
1330-1400	Yishun Futsal Arena		Yishun Futsal Arena					
1400-1430	Bubble soccer (2.30pm - 4pm)		Tag Archery (2.30pm - 4pm)					
1430-1500	Yishun Futsal Arena		Yishun Futsal Arena					
1500-1530	Travel back to school Bus Pick-up: 4.15pm				Reflection Group vlog challenge			
1530-1600								
1600-1630	Travel back to school Bus Pick-up: 4pm				Travel back to school Bus Pick-up: 4pm			
1630-1700	REFLECTION + Returning of valuables							
1700-1730								



	Wednesday, 8 January							
	GROUP A				GROUP B			
	2D	2E	2F	2G	2A	2B	2C	
0730-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (MPH) + Collection of Valuables							
0800-0830	Mass Temperature Taking Exercise Dismiss at 8.15am							
0830-0900	Travel to venue Bus Pick-up: 8.20am							
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	Thursday, 9 January						
	GROUP A				GROUP B		
	2D	2E	2F	2G	2A	2B	2C
0730-0800	Morning Assembly / FTCT (MPH) + Collection of Valuables + Distribution of T-Shirts						
0800-0830	Aesthetics workshop (STOMP) (8am - 930am)				Nutritional workshop Sustainable food making (8am - 930am)		
0830-0900							
0900-0930							
0930-1000	Cohort Photo taking (9.30-9.45am)						
1000-1030	R E C E S S (9.45am-10.15am) Submission of vlog challenge by 10.15am						
1030-1100	Nutritional workshop Sustainable food making (10.30am to 12pm)				Aesthetics workshop (STOMP) (10.30am to 12pm)		
1100-1130							
1130-1200							
1200-1230	BUBBLE SOCCER (12pm - 2pm) Pavilion						
1230-1300							
1300-1330							
1330-1400	R E F L E C T I O N / V L O G C H A L L E N G E S H O W C A S E						
1400-1430							
1430-1500							
1500-1530	Returning of valuables + D I S M I S S A L						



To-Bring List

Tuesday, 7 January						
GROUP A				GROUP B		
2D	2E	2F	2G	2A	2B	2C
<p>Reporting Attire: Half-uniform</p> <p>Compulsory items: English Storybook Fully-charged iPads School PE attire Water bottles (at least 600ml)</p> <p>Optional: Personal medications</p>				<p>Reporting Attire: Half-uniform</p> <p>Compulsory items: English Storybook Fully-charged iPads School PE attire Water bottles (at least 600ml) Poncho/Rain coat/Umbrella</p> <p>Optional: Personal medications Sun Protection (Cap, Sunscreen etc.) Insect Repellent / Mosquito Patches</p>		

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Thursday, 9 January						
GROUP A				GROUP B		
2D	2E	2F	2G	2A	2B	2C
<p>Reporting Attire: Half-uniform (with 2024 Level T-shirts)</p> <p>Compulsory items: English Storybook Fully-charged iPads Water bottles (at least 600ml) Food plastic container Wallet (for recess) Extra PE T-shirt or Level Camp T-shirt Extra set of undergarments</p> <p>Optional: Personal medications Sun Protection (Cap, Hat, Sunscreen etc)</p>						