



29 Dec 2023

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 - SECONDARY 1

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our Navalite family!

As your child/ward embarks on his/her educational journey with us, we would like to share with you about the key programmes and activities for the start of Term 1.

1. Secondary 1 Orientation Programme (2 - 5 Jan)

2. For the first week of school, our Sec 1 Navalites will participate in an orientation programme in school. The programme is designed to help your child transit to the new environment with the following ABC goals:

- Assimilate the students into their new school environment.
- Bond with new classmates and form teachers.
- Celebrate the school's rich legacy.

Daily reporting time: 7.20am at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

Attire: PE t-shirt and school shorts / skirt

Programme outline:

2 January (Tuesday)	3 January (Wednesday)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Principal's Welcome Address2. Form Teacher Time3. Familiarization with canteen4. Year Head's Welcome Address5. School Tour6. Team Building Activities 17. Eco-Practices for Navalites8. Reflection & Debrief	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Guidance Head's Address2. Form Teacher Time3. School Heritage, School Song & Cheer4. How to tie school tie5. Team Building Activities 2 (1E, 1F, 1G)6. Art Trail (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D)7. Planning for Class Showcase8. Reflection & Debrief
Dismissal @ 1.15pm	Dismissal @ 1.15pm
Things to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book to read.• Pen	Things to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book to read.• Pen• School tie



4 January (Thursday)	5 January (Friday)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Level Camp Briefing2. Form Teacher Time3. Planning for Level Camp Performance4. Team Building Activities 2 (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D)5. Art Trail (1E, 1F, 1G)6. Reflection & Debrief <p>Dismissal @ 1.15pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Guidance Head's (Lower Sec) Address2. Form Teacher Time3. Camp Preparation: Packing Bag for Level Camp4. Team Building Activities 35. Reflection & Debrief6. Road safety briefing7. Orientation Wrap Up <p>Dismissal @ 12.30pm</p>
<p>Things to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book to read.• Pen	<p>Things to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book to read.• Pen

3. CCA Exhibition (5 Jan, 3.45 - 5.30pm)

There will be a CCA Exhibition organised for the Sec 1 Navalites on Friday, 5 Jan, with the timing as follows:

- 3.45pm Briefing to students
- 4.00pm CCA exhibition
- 5.00pm CCA talk
- 5.30pm Dismissal

Attendance is mandatory for your child/ward.

4. Parents' Meet and Greet (5 Jan, 5.00pm - 6.30pm)

We warmly invite parents / guardians to the school so that we could share with you on the experiences that your child/ward will go through in NBSS. We would also share with you on how we could partner together to support your child/ward in his/her learning and development.

The programme will include:

- (1) CCA talk,
- (2) Personal Digital Learning Device briefing,
- (2) Principal's Address and
- (3) Meet and Greet with Form Teachers.



5. Camp Victory - Embarking on a New Journey (9 - 11 Jan)

Sec 1 Navalites will participate in Camp Victory, a 3D2N residential camp from Tuesday 9 Jan to Thursday 11 Jan, at Passion Wave @ Sembawang campsite. The objectives of the camp are to:

- Develop the sense of identity and belonging as a Navalite
- Provide Navalites with outdoor experiences to develop their SEL competencies and inculcate school values
- Forge camaraderie and friendships within the class through team activities

The camp includes activities such as low obstacles, orienteering, cycling, rafting, kayaking, outdoor cooking, tent-pitching and campfire. More details will be provided during the Parents' Meet and Greet on 5 Jan.

The packing list is provided as **Annex A** for your reference. If you have any queries, please email either Mr Andrew Lim at andrew_lim_swee_leong@schools.gov.sg or Mr Alvin Tay at tay_shun_long_alvin@schools.gov.sg.

6. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days and Personal Digital Learning Device

In line with the National Digital Literacy Programme, MOE has included Blended Learning as a regular feature of the curriculum. Beyond preparing students for school closure, students and teachers now view Blended Learning as a pedagogical strategy. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) days are part of the overall effort to encourage students to be self-directed and independent learners, and to develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners.

In NBSS, fortnightly HBL days generally take place on Even Fridays. Navalites are expected to learn from home under minimal supervision; they will meet their form classes virtually via Zoom at the start of the day, before going on to complete their assigned work at their own time. HBL Day expectations include a Student-Initiated Learning component where they pursue their own interests. For a start, Term 1 HBL days are as follows:

Term 1	Date (Fridays)
Week 2	12 Jan
Week 4	26 Jan
Week 8	23 Feb
Week 10	8 Mar

To support learning, every Navalite is to purchase an Apple iPad as a personal learning device. More information about this will be provided later.



7. Department Programmes

a) English Language and Literature (ELL) 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 (MTL) 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 MTF 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.



8. Table of Events for Term 1

Date	Programme / Activity
2 Jan - 5 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation Programme
5 Jan	CCA Exhibition Parents' Meet and Greet
9 Jan - 11 Jan	Sec 1 Level Camp - Camp Victory
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

8. Administrative Matters

a) Sec 1 Students using Primary School's School Smart Cards (SSCs)

All 2024 Sec 1 Navalites can continue to use their primary school SSCs for concessionary travel till end Apr while waiting for their secondary level SSCs to be ready. They can still purchase the Bus Concession Pass (BCP) using their primary level SSCs, but they would need to purchase the BCP for secondary school students.

b) SMS Notifications to Inform Parents / Guardians of Student Absence

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.



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We look forward to partnering you as your child/ward embarks on their educational journey with NBSS. 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

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Annex A - Packing List for Camp Victory

ITEM:		Recommended Quantity
CLOTHING:	Comfortable T-shirts (or School T-Shirts)	3 sets
	Comfortable Shorts (or PE Shorts)	3 sets
	Wet Attire (for water activities)	1 set
	Undergarments	3 sets
FOOTWEAR:	Sport Shoes	1 set
	Sandals or Slippers	1 set
	Extra pair of covered shoes or booties (for kayaking and rafting)	1 set
	Socks	3 pairs
SHOWER ITEMS:	Towel	1 set
	Shampoo	
	Soap	
	Conditioner	
TOILETRIES:	Facial Wash	
	Toothpaste	1 set
	Toothbrush	
	Toilet roll	
Comb		
SLEEPING GEAR:	Warm sleepwear	1 set
	Sleeping Bag	1 set
NON-DISPOSABLE UTENSILS:	Cup	1 set
	Plate	
	Bowl	
	Fork	
	Spoon	
	Water Bottle (1.5 litres)	
PERSONAL PROTECTION:	Sunscreen	1 set
	Sunblock Lotion	
	Insect Repellent	
	Cap	
	Poncho or Raincoat	
OTHERS:	Small day bag	1 set
	Writing Material (pen and paper)	
	Plastic Bags (for soiled clothing)	
	Torchlight with spare batteries	
	Thermometer (working)	
	Watch	
	Personal Medication as required (e.g., Inhaler)	

- This list serves only as a guide. Please adjust the quantity accordingly.
- Students are to label all their personal items where possible.
- Students are to take responsibility for their belongings.