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Termly Update – Term 1 / 2019

1 The new school year has begun. This termly updater seeks to inform of the school's programmes and activities for Term 1, so that together, school and home can nurture and maximise the potential of all the Navalites.

2 Department Matters

(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 will develop competency and confidence in using the English language, as well as widen their knowledge. All Navalites should have a book with them every day as time will be set aside for reading in the morning and sometimes during lessons.

All Navalites will also receive copies of books throughout the year as part of the reading programme. These books belong to the school and will be collected back for exchange of titles every half a term. Hence, they should take good care of the books and not leave any markings behind so that the next student can enjoy the reading experience.

Beyond curriculum hours, Navalites are strongly encouraged to find time to read.

(b) Mother Tongue Languages Department – Language Fortnights for all levels

Tamil Language Fortnight	14 January 2019 (Monday) to 18 January 2019 (Friday) <i>(in conjunction with the Pongol Celebrations, a.k.a Indian Harvest Festival)</i>	Learning activities will be conducted during lessons and after school.
Malay Language Fortnight	18 February 2019 (Monday) to 1 March 2019 (Friday)	Activities include Pantun Competition, traditional games and Sahibba Competition conducted during lessons and after school.
Chinese Language Fortnight	28 January 2019 (Monday) to 8 February 2019 (Friday)	Learning the festive customs and traditions during Chinese lessons and after school.

(c) Humanities Department - Geographical Investigation (GI)

Geographical Investigation is an integral part of the Upper Secondary Geography curriculum, it offers students the opportunity to carry out geographical inquiry and

participate in fieldwork beyond the confines of the classroom. In doing so, students learn to transfer their geography lessons to a real world geographical issue.

The Secondary Express and Normal Academic 4 students will embark on a GI to explore the issue of global tourism - the reasons for the growth in global tourism, the challenges as well as the management of these challenges. More details will be provided nearer to the date of this Geographical Investigation.

3 Character and Citizenship Education

(a) Values in Actions (VIA) Projects

Secondary 1 and selected classes from Sec 3 will be carrying out their VIA projects this term. Details for each of the projects starting this term are summarised in the table below:

Level	Project	Key objective
Sec 1	C.A.L.M¹. Recycling Card	This project aims to develop in our Navalites an attitude of care towards their environment through recycling efforts with their family members.
Sec 3	Service Learning Champion Programme	This project aims to develop our students to be service learning champions to carry projects that identify and meet the needs of our community.

Details on the schedule for each class will be disseminated to parents by the respective Form Teachers at a later date

(b) Total Defence Day

Total Defence Day is commemorated annually to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. This year, it will be commemorated on 14 February 2019 (Thursday).

(c) Chingay Parade NE show

The Chingay Parade, the largest street performance and float parade in Asia, epitomizes the dynamism of Singapore's vibrant and multicultural society. The 2019 parade will take place, on 26 January 2019 (Saturday) and all of the Secondary Two students and selected Secondary Three NE ambassadors will be attending the event at F1 pit building.

More administrative details will be shared via the respective Form Teachers closer to the date of the event.

4 2019 Level Camps

Level Camps is one of the school's signature programmes that aim to promote joy in learning and inculcate sense of adventure and self-discovery in Navalites.

Letters to Sec 2 to 3 Parents had been issued on 26 October 2018 (Friday).

Letters to Sec 1 Parents can be found in the Secondary 1 Registration folder

¹ C.A.L.M. = *CA*ring citizen, *L*eader of self and others, and *M*oral individual

An overview of the level camps are as follows:

Level	Dates	Residential
Sec 1	9 to 11 January 2019	No
Sec 2 and 3	9 to 11 January 2019	Yes
Sec 4 and 5	8 to 11 January 2019	No

*Kindly take note that there will be no CCA on 8 January 2019 (Tuesday).

5 Administrative Matters

(a) Early dismissal on Lunar New Year Eve

Please be informed that the students will be dismissed by 11 am on 4 February 2019 (Monday) after the Lunar New Year Celebration in the school hall.

(b) Registration for the 2019 GCE N and O Level Examinations

Registration will commence on 25 February 2019 (Monday). Singapore citizens will be given a full waiver of the examination fees. International Students & Singapore Permanent Residents will be required to pay the fees and confirm their GIRO options. Collection of fees will be made in March.

(c) Secondary One Students using Primary School's School Smart Cards (SSCs)

All Secondary One students (joining the school in 2019) can continue using their primary level SSCs for concessionary travel till end of April 2019. They will be issued new secondary level SSCs in due course. Students 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.

(d) School Information and Notification App (Parents Gateway)

Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, the app allows parents to engage closely with schools, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions including giving consent for school trips.

Once parents have downloaded the app, just sign in with your SingPass 2FA and retrieve your child's information (across all government schools). Do remember to Enable Notifications on the app to allow push notifications to be sent to you.

We **strongly encourage** parents to download the **Parents Gateway** app from Play Store or App Store to enjoy the ease of receiving timely information pertaining to their child.

i. SingPass 2 Step Verification (2FA)

SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for **Parents Gateway**. If you do not have SingPass or yet to set up 2FA, please go to <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>. Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.

ii. Helpline

For school-based enquires, please contact our HOD ICT, Ms Chia Xiaoyun, at chia_xiaoyun@moe.edu.sg.

Please note that our school will cease the use of SNAAPP.

(e) SMS Notifications to Inform of Student Absence²

When students are absent, an automated SMS will be sent by 8 am in the morning (except for Wednesday, which will be 9 am) to the main guardian as reflected in School Cockpit. Please ensure that your child/ward returns to school with the relevant documents. If you do not wish to receive SMS alerts or if there are changes to your contact number, please inform the form teachers immediately.

6 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.

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

and also through **Parents Gateway**.

² If your child is unable to attend school due to medical reasons/other reasons, please inform the form teachers or call school at 62571996 before 7.15 am on the same day.