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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2

1 We would like to inform you of our programmes and activities for Term 2, so that together, we can nurture and maximise the potential of all our Navalites.

2 Academic / Assessment Matters

(a) Mid-Year Examination

Mid-Year Examination will be conducted for the Secondary 2, 4 and 5 on the following days:

Level	Date
Secondary 2	13 May 2019 (Monday) to 15 May 2019 (Wednesday)
Secondary 4 and 5	2 May 2019 (Thursday) to 17 May 2019 (Friday)

Letters to Parents had been issued on 15 March 2019 (Friday).

Please note that students need not attend school on 22 May (Wednesday) as it is Examination Administration Day.

(b) 2019 GCE O Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue (MT)/ Mother Tongue Syllabus B (MTB) Examination Dates

The examination date is as follows:

Subject	Date
MT/MTB Written Examination (Paper 1 & 2)	3 June 2019 (Monday)

(c) Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) English Language e-Oral Practice Session cum School-based Assessment

With effect from 2019, students sitting for the GCE N-Level 1190 English Language Examination will go through the e-oral examination. While the assessment criteria remains, a video stimulus will replace the picture in the Spoken Interaction component of the examination for better engagement.

To prepare our students for the change, the school has introduced the e-oral examination to the cohort in the 2018 End-of-year Examination. In addition, there will be another practice session cum school-based assessment this year.

	Session 1	Session 2
Date:	8 April 2019 (Monday)	12 April 2019 (Friday)
Time:	2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Classes:	S4-4 and S4-5	S4-2 and S4-3

Attendance for the two sessions is compulsory.

3 Department Matters

(a) Character and Citizenship Education

(i) Career Day Programme for Secondary 4 and 5

The Career Day Programme will be held on 3 April 2019 (Wednesday). It is a full day programme, which aim to equip our students with the necessary knowledge and values to make informed education decisions. This year, the programme includes collaborations with our Education and Career Guidance (ECG) partners such as Republic Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and ITE College Central. Students will report to school at their usual time and the programme will end at 2 pm.

(ii) ECG Learning Journey for Secondary 1

The ECG learning journey for Secondary 1 will be to Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) on 3 April 2019 (Wednesday). Launched in 2013, the LLI is one of two continuing education and training campuses by SkillsFuture Singapore. At LLI, the students will be exposed to various mode of learning experience which will engage them to explore viable education and career options available to them. Details regarding the learning journey will be disseminated through the respective form teachers.

(b) Historical Investigation

An integral part of the Lower Secondary History curriculum, Historical Investigation offers students the opportunity to carry out a historical inquiry and engage with experiential learning as students go beyond the confines of the classroom to explore and examine relevant sources of evidence. In doing so, students will be able to apply their historical knowledge and skills to respond to an authentic historical issue.

The Secondary 1 students in the Express and Normal Academic streams will embark on a Historical Investigation, to explore the life and experiences of early immigrants through studying the various historical sites along the Singapore River. The Historical Investigation will be conducted in two sessions after school, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm, on 8 April 2019 (Monday) and 11 April 2019 (Thursday). Each class will only need to attend one of the session. More details will be provided nearer to the date of this Historical Investigation.

(c) Geographical Investigation

An integral part of the Upper Secondary Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation offers students the opportunity to carry out geographical inquiry and participate in fieldwork beyond the confines of the classroom. In doing so, students are able to transfer what they have learnt from their geography lessons to a real world geographical issue.

The Secondary 3 students in the Express and Normal Academic streams will embark on a Geographical Investigation to explore the issue of climate change - the reasons, the impacts and strategies to mitigate these impacts. More details will be provided nearer to the date of this Geographical Investigation.

(d) Applied Learning Programme in Art

(i) NBSS Art Exhibition 2019

This year's edition of the NBSS Art Exhibition will be launched on 17 April 2019 (Wednesday). First held in 2002 to celebrate and showcase our Navalites' talents in the visual arts to the larger school community and public, the exhibition will feature over 150 artworks created by past and current Navalites. The exhibition will be wholly curated by the Secondary 3 Art Talent Development Programme members, as an application of the learning they acquired from the Learn to Curate Programme, which the school developed in partnership with the National Gallery Singapore in 2016. As part of the launch, we will also be presenting the NBSS Fashion Show 2019, a culmination of the fashion module that is part of our Secondary 3 Art curriculum, during which the students learnt the processes involved in designing an outfit and thereafter, how to realise their ideas into wearable outfits.

The details of the exhibition launch are as follows:

Date:	17 April 2019 (Wednesday)
Time:	3.30 – 5.30 pm
Venue:	Whitebox (Level 2) and Art Studio
Attire:	Smart casual

The exhibition launch is open to the public. Parents/guests of exhibiting students will receive invitations to the launch. For all other visitors, please register your attendance at tinyurl.com/nbssae2019registration.

(ii) Art Enrichment 2019

Over the course of the year, Secondary 1 to 3 students will engage in a structured art enrichment programme, comprising art workshops and art learning journeys. During Week 10 of this term, the students will participate in the following:

Level	Programme	Date(s)
Secondary 1	Art Enrichment Workshops Students will choose one of seven workshops organised, including batik painting, cyanotype printing, paper-cut and more.	Term 2 Week 8
	Art Learning Journey to Art Science Museum	Term 2 Week 8
Secondary 2	<u>Art Enrichment Workshops</u> Students will choose one of seven workshops organised, including batik painting, cyanotype printing, paper-cut and more.	Term 2 Week 8
Secondary 3	Art Learning Journey to LASALLE Show 2019	Term 2 Week 10

(e) Aesthetics Programme

(i) Arts Enrichment 2019

Over the course of the year, Secondary 1 to 3 students will engage in a structured arts (music, dance, drama) enrichment programme, comprising music, dance or drama workshops. During Week 8 of this term, the students will participate in the following:

Level	Programme	Date(s)
Secondary 3	Arts Enrichment Workshop Students will choose one of seven workshops organised, including flamenco dance, ethnic percussion, improvised drama and more.	Term 2 Week 8

(ii) Navalites Got Talent!

Navalites Got Talent! (NGT) is a platform for students to display their unique talents to the larger school community. Students audition to perform at the NGT showcase, and shortlisted students go through a series of practice sessions and even a music and performance masterclass to prepare them for the stage. This year's NGT showcase will be held on 31 May 2019 (Friday), as part of the school's end-of-semester celebrations.

(f) Physical Education Department

(i) National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) For Sec 2, 4 and 5

The Singapore Sports Council (SSC) has identified NAPFA to be a safe, reliable and representative measurement of the different important components of overall fitness, which involves a series of six test stations to measure both student's health and performance related fitness. NAPFA is compulsory for Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students. Their corresponding results will be recorded in both their Report Books and School Graduation Certificates. Please note that absence from NAPFA without a valid reason is a serious offence and punishment will be meted according to the school's consequence for truancy. The schedule for the five Stationary test stations (*Sit-ups, Standing Broad Jump, Sit and Reach, Pull-ups/Inclined pull-ups and Shuttle Run*) will be as follows:

Five Stationary Test Stations Schedule

Level	Date	Time
Sec 2 (Boys & Girls)	22 April 2019 (Monday)	3.00 - 5.30 pm
Sec 4/5 Boys	24 April 2019 (Wednesday)	
Sec 4/5 Girls	25 April 2019 (Thursday)	

(ii) 2019 Road Run

The details of the run are as follow:

Level	Date	Venue	Reporting Time	Estimated Dismissal Time
All	18 April 2019 (Thursday)	Bedok Reservoir Park	7:20am	11:30 am

Attendance is compulsory. Students are required to report to Bedok Reservoir Park at 7.20 am regardless of the weather condition. Those with existing medical conditions will be engaged as student helpers. Students are to be in their 2019 Level Camp T-shirts and proper running shoes.

In the event of inclement weather, the Road Run will be cancelled. You will be notified of its cancellation via WhatsApp and Parents Gateway.

If you have recently changed your contact details, please provide the form teacher with your updated information.

For any queries on the conduct of the Road Run, please contact:

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(g) CCA Activities

Date	Programme
6 May 2019 (Monday) - 17 May 2019 (Friday)	CCA stand down for Sec 2 students
7 May 2019 (Tuesday) & 14 May 2019 (Tuesday)	All Sec 1 and Sec 3 students have CCA cross module from 2.30 pm to 3.45 pm. They will be released at 3.45 pm.

(h) Student Leaders' Investiture

The Student Leaders' Investiture will be held on 10 April 2019 (Wednesday). Students are required to report at 7.20 am in the school hall with their school tie.

(i) Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)

A Student-Parent-Teacher Conference is scheduled on 30 May 2019 (Thursday), 8am to 3pm for all students. More details will be provided later.

(j) Home-Based Learning Day

Home-Based Learning (HBL), being an integral component of the MOE's Curriculum Continuity Plan (CCP), is part of the whole-school Emergency Plan for unscheduled school closure. The CCP aims to ensure continuity of learning, by minimising loss of curriculum time whilst keeping students meaningfully occupied at home. Home-Based Learning Day is scheduled to coincide with the SPTC on 30 May 2019 (Thursday). Instead of a formal timetable, students will be given the flexibility to complete their online assigned work on the day itself, enabling them to be present with their parents for SPTC.

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**