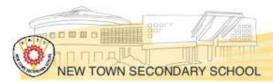
## 2024 Secondary 2 Parents Engagement Session

27 Jan 2024 (Saturday)



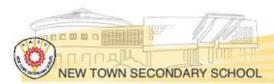
## Programme Outline

- Principal's address
- Level focus
- School programmes
  - Internationalisation Programme
  - ECG Experience Week
  - Applied Learning Programme
  - NTSS ASPIRE! Programme
  - CAPTSLAM
- Subject allocation exercise
  - Promotion criteria
  - Timeline
- Support at home
- Q&A
- Session with FTs



## Principal's Address

Principal: Mr Ari Manickam



Aspects which will be of interest to you.... Our Philosophy, Motto and Direction School discipline tone **Teachers** 

NEW TOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL

## **Our Philosophy**



# Everyone Is Unique, All Can Succeed



## **Our Motto**

## **To Forge Better Lives**



## **Our Vision**

## Confident Learners and Caring Leaders for a Better Tomorrow.

#### **Confident Learners**

New Towners are lifelong learners, resilient in their pursuit of knowledge, skills, and experiences for personal growth. They will grow into discerning individuals and effective communicators, driven by a sense of purpose and optimism for the future.

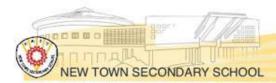
#### **Caring Leaders**

As leaders of self and others, New Towners are able to make responsible decisions to positively influence family, school, community, and the nation.

5 Aspects which will be of interest to you....

Our Philosophy, Motto and Direction School discipline tone **Teachers** 





## **Our School Values**

#### Respect

We value every individual and treat them with respect.

#### Integrity

We do what is right even when no one is looking.

#### Care

We build a supportive environment where individuals feel valued, respected, and cared for.

#### Resilience

We recognise that failures and challenges are opportunities to develop a growth mindset.

#### **Self-Discipline**

We manage our time effectively and prioritise tasks to meet deadlines.

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## Our Expectations of Newtowners

https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/ntss-shb/home

Refer to e-Student

handbook for

school rules,

expectation and

consequences.





## As a Self-Discipline Newtowner.....



POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDE



isten attentively



ncourage each other in learning



A sk relevant questions and answer appropriately



Respect self and others



N ever give up, do your



#### **CLEAN**

POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Clear all litter



eave all windows and doors open



= rase the whiteboard



A rrange tables and chairs



N eatly place bags under table



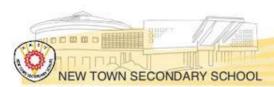
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## School's Mobile Phone Policy

- To ensure that students stay focused during lessons, they are required to place their handphones in their bags and ensure that the handphones are switched off or in silent mode.
- Handphones may be used during recess, lunch and after school, and only at the canteen and foyer areas. If a student violates this rule, the device will be confiscated for a week and parents/ guardians will have to come to school to claim the item.



## As a Self-Discipline Newtowner.....

## ZERO Tolerance to Bullying.

Bullying: <u>repeated</u> or <u>persistent</u> behaviours intended to cause hurt, distress or humiliation.



## As a Self-Discipline Newtowner.....

## ZERO Tolerance to Bullying.

- What can we do to create a caring and enabling school environment?
- What can we do to be an Upstander and not a Bystander?



## **Vaping**



Vaping, like traditional cigarettes is **harmful** and can lead to **lifelong addiction**. E-cigarettes contain harmful substances such as nicotine, benzene and formaldehyde.

Sale, purchase, use, advertisement or possession of vape (including vape refills) is **prohibited** by law in Singapore, **regardless of age**.

Frequency	Consequence		
1 <sup>st</sup> time	<ul> <li>Serious offence, Conduct Grade: Poor</li> <li>School-home conference</li> <li>Caning for boys</li> </ul>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> time	<ul> <li>Serious offence, Conduct Grade: Poor</li> <li>Referral to Health Science Authority</li> <li>Penalty of a monetary fine and/or 6 months jail for the offence</li> </ul>		

5 Aspects which will be of interest to you....

Our Philosophy, Motto and Direction School discipline tone **School Programmes Teachers** 

#### 2024: Timetable Structure with for Lower Secondary (LS)

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	0740 – 0800	Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly	Morning Assembly
1	0800 – 0830					
2	0830 – 0900					
3	0900 – 0930		Recess 1		Recess 1	Recess 2
4	0930 – 1000	Recess 1	Recess 4	Recess 1	Recess 4	Recess 4
5	1000 – 1030	Recess 4	Recess 2	Recess 4	Recess 2	Recess 3
6	1030 – 1100	Recess 2	Recess 3	Recess 2	Recess 3	Recess 1
7	1100 – 1130	Recess 3		Recess 3		
8	1130 – 1200					
9	1200 – 1230		Lunch 2		Lunch 4	
10	1230 – 1300		Lunch 1		Lunch 2	
11	1300 – 1330		Lunch 3		Lunch 1	
12	1330 – 1400		Lunch 4		Lunch 3	
13	1400 – 1430			HBL (even fortnights) /alternate enrichment weeks		CCA
14	1430 – 1500					
15	1500 onwards	AAC	CCA		AAC	anart Ma

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## **Blended Learning**

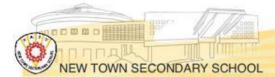
## **Home-Based Learning**



## NTSS **ASPIRE!** Programme

#### Opportunities to

- discover and pursue their interests through self-directed learning and exploration beyond the curriculum
- reflect on their learning experiences
- showcase and celebrate learning.
- develop the emerging 21st
   Century Competencies (21CC) to become confident persons and self-directed learners





## Desired student outcomes

#### CONCERNED CITIZEN

Communicate responsibly and effectively through digital technology.

#### SELF-DIRECTED

Access and operate in a digital environment safely and effectively, and critically evaluate information



ACTIVE
CONTRIBUTOR
Develop and create
digital content

# Applied Learning Programme

**Digital Communicators, Change Makers** 

# Learning for Life Programme

Every Newtowner, a confident and compassionate student leader

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## Approach to Student Leadership Development











Selection

**Provision** 

**Affirmation** 

Reflection

Knowledgeable others

## **Co-Curricular Activities**

- CCAs complete the school experience
- CCAs provide authentic platforms for students to develop skills, acquire knowledge, and to practice values and soft skills

It is important that your child turns up for CCA sessions
 regularly and participates actively.

## Strategies for academic SUCCESS

Focus... Clarify Conducive place **Consistent work** Good balance

Parental Support

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## Strategies for academic SUCCESS





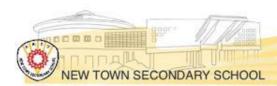
Adopt the Growth Mindset OFFICIAL (CLOSED) \ NON-SENSITIVE



## Communicating with Teachers

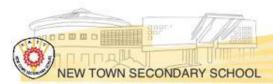
• In line with Ministry of Education's Five-Day Work Week, parents are advised that teachers can be contacted during weekdays between 7:30am and 6pm.

 All teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for parents' convenience. Parents can also contact the General Office (tel. 6775 4140) for further assistance.



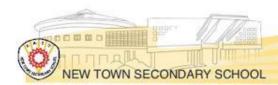
## Focus for 2024

Year Head: Mr Eric Yue

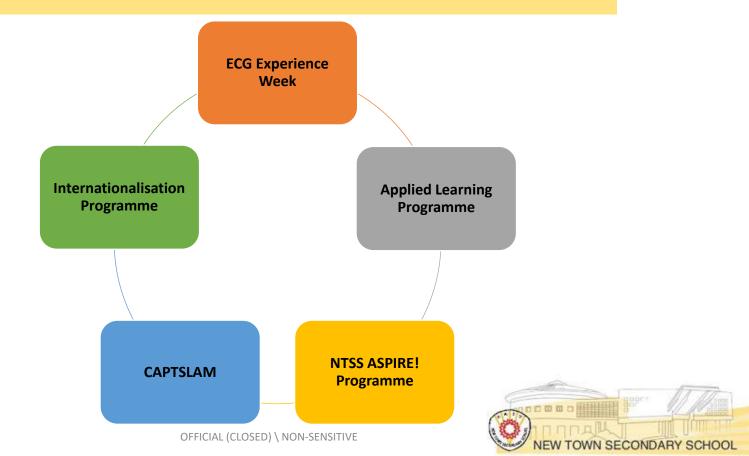


### Focus for the Year

Level	Theme
Secondary One	Building Foundations
Secondary Two	Exploring Possibilities
Secondary Three	Harnessing Strengths
Secondary Four/Five	Pursuing Aspirations

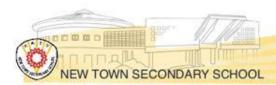


## Exploring Possibilities – School Programmes



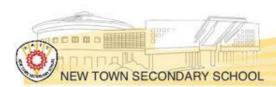
## ECG Experience Week

- Activities include
  - Applied Learning Modules @ School
  - Creative Thinking Skills Workshop
  - Student Leadership Workshop
  - Learning Journey to museum
  - Mother-Tongue Fortnight



## NTSS **ASPIRE!** Programme

- Component of HBL days where time is set aside for students to pursue their own interests and learn outside the curriculum
- Encourage students to be more curious and selfdirected in learning



## NTSS **ASPIRE!** Programme

arts & Aesthetics	Learn a new language (e.g., foreign languages, sign language), play new musical instruments (e.g., piano, ukulele), work on projects related to visual arts, crafts, and design (e.g., scrapbooking, hand lettering)
gports & Wellness	Learn about different types of sports (e.g., how to improve physical and mental health, including topics on food and nutrition (e.g., different types of diets)
personal Development and Leadership	Learn about ways to improve personal effectiveness, self-leadership, time management, better study skills and develop good habits.
Innovation through Digital Literacy Skills*	Develop digital competencies as outlined in the EdTech Masterplan 2030, including learning to code, programme, develop apps or use other digital platforms and tools to connect, collaborate and contribute in a safe and responsible way (e.g., cyberwellness)
esearch & Inquiry	Research and delve deeper into various subjects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) and propose innovative solutions or ideas.
<b>c</b> nvironment & Sustainability	Learn about sustainable practices and engage in environmental projects

## Secondary 1 & 2

Term	Key Activities
1	Week 3 (one morning after FRC): Common briefing for Sec 1 – 3 classes in hall or via Zoom Week 4 (HBL#1): Complete Know Yourself tool on "Learning Styles" on My SkillsFuture student portal; Complete an All Ears survey form on their preferred learning styles and indicate 2-3 areas of interests Week 6 (HBL#2): Submission of Proposals via All Ears Survey Form Week 10 (HBL#3): Students will refine their proposals based on feedback or start their ASPIRE project.
2	Weeks 2, 6 & 10 (HBL#4-6): Students will work on ASPIRE project and post their responses to reflection questions on the class Padlet. They can also read their classmates' posts and comment.
3	Weeks 2 & 5 (HBL#7-8): Students will work on ASPIRE project and post their responses to reflection questions on the class Padlet. They can also read their classmates' posts and comment.  By the end of Term 3: Selection of projects for showcase in T4
4	Week 6/7: Showcase of ASPIRE Projects

## Internationalisation Programme: Learning beyond Singapore

- Provides an opportunity for authentic learning and a way to broaden students' learning experiences through interactions with peers beyond Singapore.
- Programme: 2D1N Cultural Immersion Trip
- <u>Destination</u>: Johor, Malaysia
- Period: 4 8 Nov 2024
- <u>Highlights</u>: Immersion programme at local school, Educational Learning journey
- Parent's information/consent via PG: End of Term 2 or Start of Term 3 2024
- Parent's Briefing: Sep 2024 (Tentative)
- Note: Ensure passport validity of 6 months before departure (Nov 2024 – May 2025)





## **CAPTSLAM: Leadership Programme**

- CAPTSLAM (College of Alice and Peter Tan, Student Leadership Action Mentorship) is a collaboration with NUS to develop our potential CCA leaders.
- Identified CCA leaders will embark on this programme at the end of Sec 2, where they will be guided by the undergraduates from CAPT to develop their leadership skills
- The mentoring programme will start with an introduction in early September, with the weekly sessions taking place in October and November period at CAPT (just across the road in University Town)





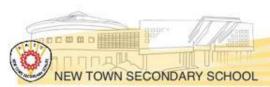


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# Applied Learning Programme

SH/Aesthetics: Ms Siow Xing Yu





Digital
Communication
Literacies

Ability to lead, communicate and work with others

## Digital Communicators, Change Makers

Leaders who actively contribute to the society

#### **CONFIDENT PERSON**

Solve problems creatively

### **Desired** student outcomes

#### **CONCERNED CITIZEN**

Communicate responsibly and effectively through digital technology.

#### **SELF-DIRECTED** LEARNER

Access and operate in a digital environment safely and effectively, and <u>critically</u> evaluate information



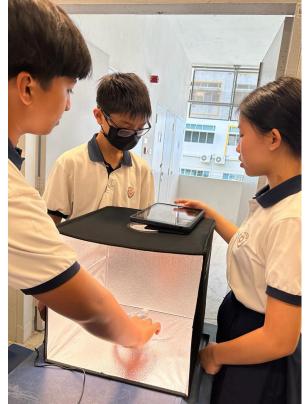
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# **2023: Telling a story in a single frame**Sec 1 students learnt about mobile photography techniques





**2024: Telling a story over multiple frames**Sec 2 students learning about animation techniques

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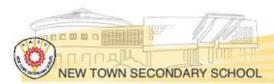


#### **Events in 2024**

Timeline	Tier 1	Tier 2
T1	WK2 - 10 Stop Motion ALP Animation Workshops [6 hours per class] (During Art curriculum time)	WK6: Launch of ALP "Our School Community / Priceless Moments" Photography Competition (Sec 1-5) (Sign-up basis)
T2	WK10: ALP "History & Today" National Day Stop Motion Animation Competition (Sec 2) (During cohort activity week) (In conjunction with Learning Journey to National Museum of Singapore (T1W8) & National Day celebrations)	WK6: Exhibition - ALP "Our School Community / Priceless Moments" Photography Competition (Winning Entries) (In conjunction with School Speech Day)
Т3	WK5: Exhibition - ALP "History & Today" National Day Stop Motion Animation Competition (Winning Entries)	OFFICIAL (CLOSED) \ NON-SENSITIVE

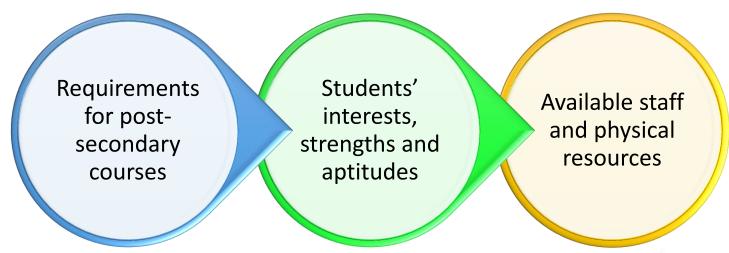
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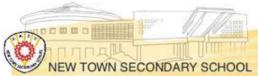
HOD/Science: Mr Evan Ng



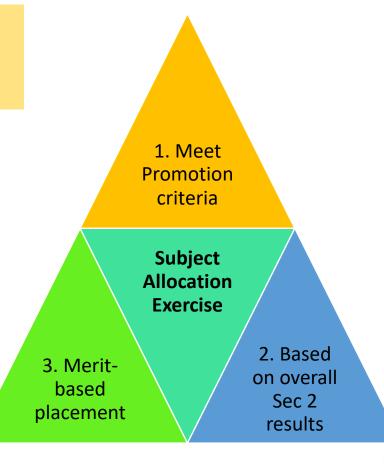
## Subject Allocation Exercise

 Subjects offered and combinations are reviewed annually based on:





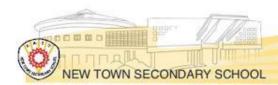
# Subject Allocation Exercise



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## Promotion Criteria (Sec 2 Express)

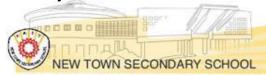
Promotion Criteria	Meet Requirement	
Promotion Criteria	Yes	No
Pass (50%) in English Language + Pass (50%) in overall percentage of all subjects combined	Promote to Sec 3 Express	Laterally transferred to Sec 3NA



## Promotion Criteria (Sec 2 Normal Academic)

	Meet Requirement		
Promotion Criteria	Yes	Yes + Meet Lateral Transfer Guidelines*	No
Pass (Grade 5 or better) in:  • English  Language + two other subjects  or  • Four subjects	Promote to Sec 3 Normal Academic	Lateral transfer to Sec 3 Express	Retain at Sec 2 Normal Academic

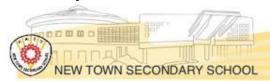
\*70% or better for overall percentage of all subjects combined

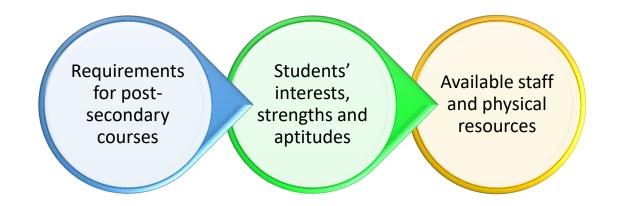


## Promotion Criteria (Sec 2 Normal Technical)

	Meet Requirement		
Promotion Criteria	Yes	Yes + Meet Lateral Transfer Guidelines*	No
Pass (Grade D or better) in:  Two subjects (one of which is English Language or Mathematics)	Promote to Sec 3 Normal Technical	Lateral transfer to Sec 2 Normal Academic	Retain at Sec 2 Normal Technical

\*70% or better for overall percentage of all subjects combined





# Subjects Offered Previously

As a proxy based on 2024 Secondary Three cohort



# Subjects in 2024 Secondary Three Express

English	English Language	
Language		
Mother Tongue	Mother Tongue Language	
Language	141061161 10118	Suc Early auge
Elementary	Elementary Math	
Math		
Science	Pure Chem	SC(Phy/Chem) <u>or</u> SC(Chem/Bio)
	SS/Hist <u>or</u>	
Humanities	SS/Geog	
6 <sup>th</sup> subject	Two elective subjects	
7 <sup>th</sup> subject	Two elective subjects	

Compulsory subjects

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## Elective Subjects Offered to 2024 Sec 3 Express

#### Pure Science

- Physics or
- Biology

#### Coursework

- D&T
- NFS
- Art
- Art (EAP)
- Electronics

#### Others

- Literature
- Additional Mathematics



## Subjects in 2024 Secondary Three Normal Academic

English		
	English Language	
Language		
Mother Tongue	Mother Tongue Language	
Language	Wiother Torigue Language	
Elementary		
Math	Elementary Math	
Caianaa	SC(Phy/Chem) or	
Science	SC(Chem/Bio)	
Llumanitias	SS/Hist <u>or</u>	
Humanities	SS/Geog	
6 <sup>th</sup> subject	One elective subjects	

Compulsory subjects

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#### Elective Subjects Offered to 2024 Sec 3NA

## Coursework

- D&T
- NFS
- Art

#### Others

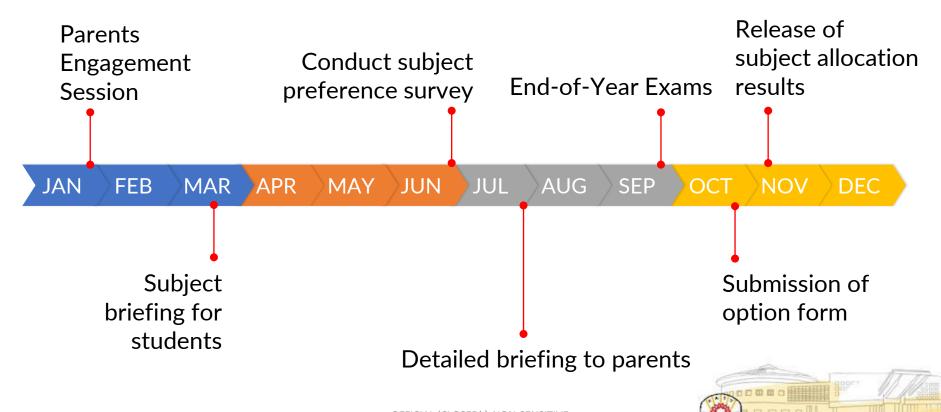
Additional Mathematics



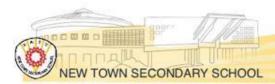
## Subjects in Secondary Three Normal Technical

English Language	English Language
Mother Tongue Language	Mother Tongue Language
Elementary Math	Elementary Math
Science	Science
СРА	Computer Applications
6 <sup>th</sup> subject	Smart Electrical Technology

## Subject Allocation Exercise Timeline



# Support at Home



# Engage your Child with SAFE and TAD





Support



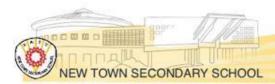
Affirm



**F**amiliarise



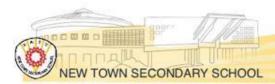
**E**mpathise



Talk to him/her



Ask questions, it's about him/her



## TIPS TO HELP EASE TRANSITIONS



**S**upport

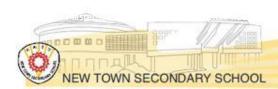


**A**ffirm



**F**amiliarise



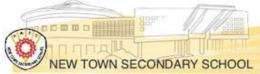


# **S**upport

- Find out how your child's preferences are changing.
   Show interest by asking openended questions.
- Make a habit of chatting at a fixed time each day

E.g. Dinner time





# **A**ffirm



Remember your child's strengths.
 Build his/her self-esteem in those areas.

E.g. "You seems to be doing exceptionally well in D&T!"

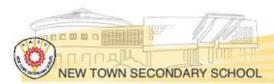
 Praise and affirm efforts in front of relatives and friends.

E.g. "She has been very focused in her studies this year."

# **F**amiliarise



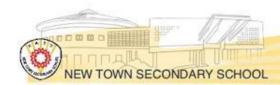
- Find out what type of post-sec institution and courses he/she is interested in.
- Excite him/her about opportunities each course can lead him/her to.
- Encourage him/her to also spend time learning a new hobby or hone skills in outdoor sports.



# **E**mpathise

- Acknowledge your child's emotions.
  - E.g. "You seemed anxious about the upcoming WAs. Are you coping well?"
- Encourage your child to share thoughts and feelings about themselves.
- Prioritise sufficient sleep.





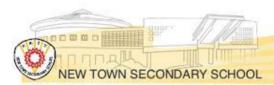
**Keep talking to him/her** 



## Keep asking questions about him/her

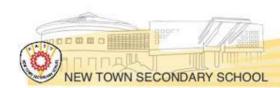


# Expectations of a Newtowner



#### 1. A Self-Disciplined Newtowner reports to school on time.

Reporting time to	Mon to Fri
FRC Venue	7.35 am
(Parade	(After which, students will be
Ground/Hall/Classrooms)	considered <u>late</u> for school)
Flag Raising Ceremony	7.35 am
Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> period	8.00 am



#### 1. A Self-Disciplined Newtowner reports to school on time.

# **Punctuality**

No. of times Late	Consequence	
1 to 2	<ul> <li>Warning</li> </ul>	
3 to 5	<ul> <li>Minor Offence, Detention</li> </ul>	
6	<ul> <li>Minor Offence, Detention</li> <li>Conduct grade @ Good</li> <li>In-house reflection</li> <li>School-home conference</li> </ul>	
7 and above	<ul> <li>Serious Offence,</li> <li>Detention</li> <li>Conduct grade @ Fair</li> <li>In-house reflection</li> <li>School-home conference</li> </ul>	

Daily Reporting Time



#### **Zero Late-coming Day**

Recognition for a <u>collective effort</u> by the whole school to be punctual to encourage the good habit of being punctual.



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#### 2. A Self-Disciplined Newtowner is <u>responsible</u> for his/her learning.

#### **Absence from school**

- Must be covered by Medical Certificate (MC) or parent letters.
- Hardcopy MC:
  Submit to Form Teacher.
- Digital MC:Forward url to FormTeacher via sms or email.

#### **Parent's Letter**

- □ A max of 2 parent or guardian letters per semester will be accepted.
- □ Any student who submits the 3<sup>rd</sup> letter would be referred to the Student Management Committee.
- ☐ A student who submits a letter for absence that is rejected will have to serve detention and conduct grade would be affected



Please do not come to school and see a doctor if you are unwell!

#### **Absence from exams and Weighted Assessments (WAs)**

- only an MC is acceptable.
- Zero will be awarded to paper if there is no MC.



#### 2. A Self-Disciplined Newtowner is <u>responsible</u> for his/her learning.

# **Overseas Travel during Term Time**



to take leave for overseas travel during the school term, otherwise it may be considered as truancy (serious offence).



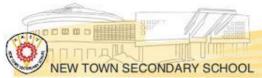
Parents / Guardians are to meet with Vice Principals to seek approval for overseas travel <a href="before">before</a> making any travel arrangements.

Inform Form Teachers (FTs) if there is such a need.

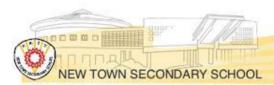


#### **Help-Seeking and Providing Support**

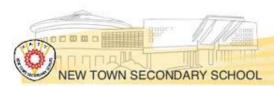
- Changes can be overwhelming at times so do encourage your children to seek help if they need a listening ear
- Every student is a peer supporter and we want to encourage our students to develop great friendships so that they can support one another
- We also want to encourage our students to talk to trusted adults around them who are able to provide that helping hand
- In school, these will be their Form Teachers (FTs) and/or Subject/CCA Teachers, Year Heads and School Counsellors
- At the same time, we also want a close partnership with you, parents, so do alert us early if you have concerns regarding your child

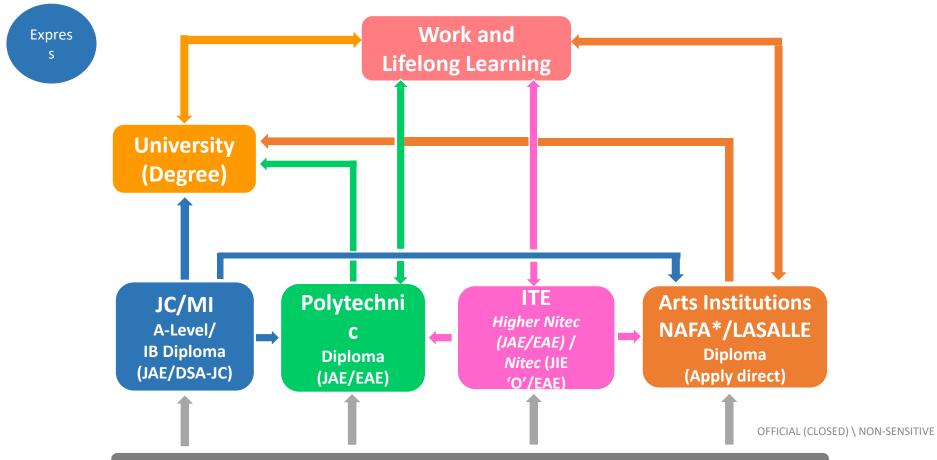


# Classroom Slides



# General Post Secondary Pathway





#### **Secondary School (GCE O-Levels)**

JAE: Joint Admission Exercise
JIE: Joint Intake Exercise

EAE: Early Admission Exercise (\*includes NAFA)

**DSA-JC**: Direct School Admission-JC



NEW TOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL

N(A)

#### Education Pathways available for students in 4N(A) Course

#### **PFP**

Polytechnic Foundation Programme

#### **DPP**

Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme

#### Sec 5N GCE 'O' Level

Nitec/ Higher Nitec Courses

#### NFP

NAFA Foundation Prorgramme

#### **ELMAB3 ≤ 12**

Polytechnic

1 yr Foundation

+

3 yrs Diploma

#### ELMAB3 ≤ 19

<u>ITE</u> 2 yrs + 10 wks *Higher Nitec* 

GPA ≥ 2.5 or GPA ≥ 3.0

Polytechnic
2-3 yrs Diploma

#### ELMAB3 ≤ 19

Sec School
1 yr
Sec 5 O-level

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<u>Various</u>
ITE / JC / Poly /
Arts Institutions

#### Best 4 N-level

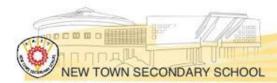
<u>ITE</u>
2 yr Nitec/
3-yr Higher Nitec



<u>Various</u> ITE *Higher Nitec*/Poly

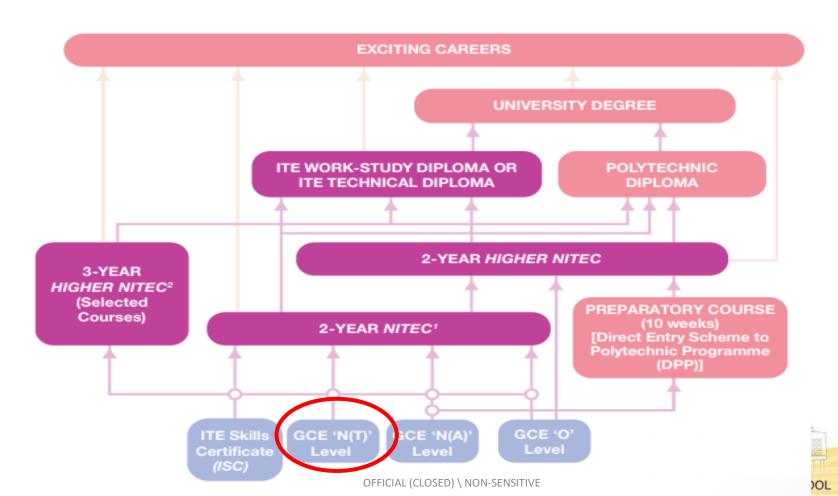
#### ELMAB3 ≤ 15

NAFA
35 wks
Foundation
+
3 yrs Diploma



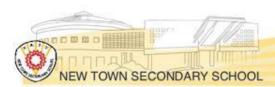


#### **Education Pathways available for students in 4N(T) Course**



# Subject Allocation Exercise:

# Prerequisite for 2024 Sec 3 Course

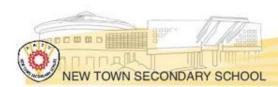


## Prerequisites for 2024 Sec 3 Express Subjects

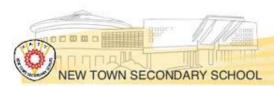
Sec 3 Subjects	Prerequisite Criteria (based on overall results)
Additional Mathematics	Attained at least 60% in Mathematics
Art / Art EAP (Enhanced Art Programme)	Attained at least <b>50</b> % in Art Attained at least <b>50</b> % in Art + pass entrance exam
Design & Technology (D&T)	Attained at least 50% in D&T
Nutrition & Food Science (NFS)	Attained at least 50% in FCE
Electronics	Attained at least 55% in Science
Pure Literature	Attained at least 50% in Literature
Pure Sciences	Attained at least 65% in Science

## Prerequisites for 2024 Sec 3 NA Subjects

Sec 3 Subject	Prerequisite Criteria (based on overall results)
Additional Mathematics	Attained at least 60% in Mathematics
Art	Attained at least 50% in Art
Design & Technology (D&T)	Attained at least 50% in D&T
Nutrition and Food Science (NFS)	Attained at least 50% in FCE



# Supporting your child/ward in the Subject Allocation Exercise



#### **ECG Counsellor Contact Details**

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**Venue**: Dance Studio (along HOD Staff room corridor, Level 2)

**Day**: Every Monday and Thursday

Time: 8am to 5pm

#### How to make an appointment?

- 1. Fill up booking form via link/QR code: https://go.gov.sg/ecgapptlink
- 2. Email me directly (including phone/videocall options) (Note: state your name, school and class)
- 3. Go through your Teachers
- 4. Walk-in (if I am available)

