



20 March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

2 We hope your child/ward had a restful and enriching term break and he/she is rejuvenated for Term Two!

3 The theme for the year, ***R.I.S.E. as One***, was curated by our student leaders for the merger year. The acronym, RISE, stands for Respect, Inclusivity, Strength, Empathy, is a set of goals and beliefs that encapsulates the goal of the school community. In Term 1, two key programmes provided the platforms for our students to actualise the beliefs – the Orientation Week in week one and the Cohort Experience Week in week eight. The Orientation Week aimed to foster a sense of belonging through activities that bonded and enhanced student-student and teacher-student relationships. The Cohort Experience Week provided not only activities that are customised to the learning of students at each level, but it also allowed students to recognise the strength of each other, and be inclusive to friends in the class, thus forging a stronger friendship and class identity.

4 Two of our students did our school proud in Term 1 – Siti Nur Syaidah binte Abdull Razak (S3-11), offered her spare mask to a member of the public as he forgot to bring one to board the MRT in January; Kwek Guang Yang (S1-01), used his umbrella to shelter commuters to board and disembark from the public bus in the heavy rain. The members of the public wrote to the school to commend them on their exemplary deeds!

5 In Term 2, we will continue to focus on the theme and enable your child/ward to flourish and live to his/her potential. The Student Leaders' Investiture will be held on 18 April during the Assembly period. It is an important milestone as we celebrate the successful term for the outgoing student leaders and invest in the start of the leadership journey for the incoming student leaders. On 28 April, we are delighted to come together as a school to prepare for and commemorate the successes of our students, staff, and the sustained partnerships with the community at New Town's 58th Commendation Day. As part of our continuing efforts to ensure effective learning takes place while strengthening our school's caring and enabling environment, your child/ward will also get to experience a specially curated Cohort Learning Week that will take place at the end of May. The semester will conclude with a Parent-Teacher Conversation (PTC) on 26 May.

School Attendance Policy

6 We would like to emphasise that learning is maximised through attending school. Please refrain from taking your child/ward away from school during term time. Students should not take leave during the school term for personal and family overseas travel. Approval from Principal / Vice-Principals need to be sought prior to the booking of any overseas trips for leave request with valid reason. Students who willfully travel overseas during term time will be marked absent without valid reason and their conduct grade will be capped at Good. Students are also to report to school punctually and be at the flag-raising ceremony venue before 7.35am.

CCA Stand-Down

7 All graduating students will officially stand down from their CCAs in preparation for their GCE 'O' and 'N' level examinations. Only a few selected students who will be representing the school in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) or National School Games (NSG) will continue till end of the performance and competition respectively.

Term 2 Timetable

8 There is no change to the timetable for Term 2. You may refer to the school website at <https://newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/others/announcements/class-timetable-2023> for the timetable for your child/ward.

Parent-Teacher Conversation

9 We look forward to strengthening the school-home partnership with you. There will be a Parent-Teacher Conversation (PTC) organised on 26 May (Friday) for a one-to-one conversation with your child/ward's form teacher. An invitation will be sent to you via the Parent's Gateway closer to the date.

10 If you have any further queries, please contact the school at 6775 4140 or via email: ntss@moe.edu.sg.

Yours sincerely,



Ari Manickam (Mr)
Principal



Annex A

Calendar of Events* – Term 2

Dates	Events	Remarks
20 Mar (Mon) 22 Mar (Wed)	Sec 2 Geographical Investigation @ Casa Clementi: - S2-02 & S2-03 - S2-01 & S2-04	3 – 6 pm 2 – 5 pm
22 Mar, 5 Apr, 19 Apr, 3 May, 17 May	VIA Action Days (Odd week Wednesdays)	2 – 5 pm (excludes some Sec 2 classes on 22 Mar and 5 Apr due to CCE Learning Journey)
22 Mar (Wed) 05 Apr (Wed)	Sec 2 CCE Learning Journey to National Museum of Singapore: - S2-02, S2-03 & S2-06 - S2-01, S2-04 & S2-05	2 – 6 pm
23 Mar (Thu)	NRIC Registration for Sec 3 students & selected Sec 2s	During curriculum time
27 Mar (Mon), 30 Mar (Thu)	Sec 3 EL & MTL School Oral Examinations	3 – 5.30 pm
29 Mar, 12 Apr, 26 Apr, 10 May	Home-Based Learning (HBL) (Week 2, 4, 6 & 8 Wednesdays)	There is no HBL on 24 May, students report in school for lessons
30 Mar (Thu)	Sec 4NA Geographical Investigation to Gardens by the Bay	2 – 5.30 pm
03 Apr – 04 May	Weighted Assessments 2 Period	Kindly refer to schedule sent via PG on 15 Mar
03 Apr – 19 May	Afterschool Academic Coaching (AAC) for graduating students	Mon, Thurs, Fri
04 – 05 Apr (Tue – Wed)	HPV Vaccination (for Sec 1 & 2 female students only)	During curriculum time
05 Apr (Wed), 19 Apr (Wed)	Sec 4E/5NA Physics Learning Journey to NUS Physics Department	3 – 6 pm
06 Apr (Thu)	Sec 1 Personal Learning Device (PLD) Roll-Out	3.15 – 4.45 pm
07 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday Public Holiday	
11 – 21 Apr	Sec 1 & 2 HPB Health Screening	During curriculum time
18 Apr (Tue)	Student Leaders' Investiture	During curriculum time
24 Apr (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu	
28 Apr (Fri)	58 th Commendation Day	3 – 5 pm

Dates	Events	Remarks
01 May (Mon)	Labour Day Public Holiday	
09 May (Tue), 16 May (Tue)	MTL O-Level Timed Practice (Students sitting for GCE O Level MTL examinations only)	3 – 5 pm
12 May (Fri)	School Cross Country @ West Coast Park	8 am – 12 pm
17 May (Wed)	Sec 2 NAPFA Testing	2 – 6 pm
22 – 25 May (Mon – Thu)	Cohort Learning Week - School dismissal per day may be different. - A separate letter will be sent nearer the time. - Last day of school for Term 2 is 25 May (Thu) .	
26 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversation	8 am – 3pm
27 May (Sat) – 25 Jun (Sun)	Term 2 School Holidays	
29 & 30 May (Mon – Tue)	GCE O Level MTL Examinations	As per national examination schedule

** Information is correct as at 14 Mar 2023. The list of events provided may not include all CCA trainings and/or any other programmes which your child/ward may be required to attend as the term progresses. Please look out for letters by the relevant teachers-in-charge via Parents Gateway (PG).*