



NEW TOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Our Motto: To Forge A Better Life

14 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

2 We hope your child/ward had a good break and spent their time meaningfully during the September Holiday.

3 Term 3 has been a very busy and eventful term for the NTSS family. Our students commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 18 July, and we were heartened to see many of them wearing their ethnic attire to school and shared their knowledge of their culture with their peers. On 8 August, our students came in red-coloured t-shirts, and the sea of red created much vibrancy in the school hall as we celebrated National Day. Just before the term ended, the Student Council led the celebrations of the school's inaugural Staff Appreciation Fiesta (commonly known as Teachers' Day). These activities have allowed your child/ward to continue to build camaraderie with his/her peers, foster a sense of pride and belonging to the country; and show gratitude to teachers and staff who have contributed to their learning and growth in school.

4 In Term 4, we will remain focused on our theme "**R.I.S.E. as One**" to enable your child/ward to flourish and live out his/her potential. We will continue to provide a caring and enabling environment as your child/ward prepares for the End-of-Year Examination (EYE) and the national examinations. A variety of enriching activities have also been planned as part of the End-of-Semester Programme to promote your child/ward's holistic development. Secondary Four and Five students will come together to commemorate and celebrate their growth during their time in NTSS on Graduation Day. You may refer to Annex A for the Calendar of Term 4 Events.

N-Level Examination

5 Due to the Presidential Election on 1 September (Friday), the Teachers' Day school holiday was shifted to 11 September (Monday). The examinations that were supposed to take place on 11 September has been rescheduled. The affected papers and the new dates are reflected in Annex B. Your child/ward has been informed of the new dates before the end of Term 3.

6 Secondary Three students from class S3-11 will be taking their Smart Electrical Technology (SET) practical examination on 20 September (Wednesday). They have been informed of the examination date and arrangements. Students from S3-11 taking Art as their elective subject do not have to report to school on that day. They are to stay home and revise for their end-of-year examination with the learning materials provided by their respective teachers.

End-of-Year Examination

7 The written examinations for the Secondary One to Secondary Three students will take place from 22 September (Friday) to 5 October (Thursday). 6 and 9 October (Friday and Monday) are designated as **Marking Days** and students do not need to report to school on both days.

Graduation Day

8 The Graduation Day will take place on 29 September (Friday) for the Secondary Four and Five students. The students from the graduating cohort will report to school at 8.20 am, and the event will end at 12.30 pm. The graduating cohort does not need to report to school from 2 October (Monday) as the N-Level examinations will start on 2 October, and the students involved in the O-Level examinations will go on study leave. Students may still contact their teachers for consultation as part of our academic support for all students.

End-of Semester Programme

9 The End-of-Semester Programme (ESP) will take place from 16 Oct (Monday) to 26 Oct (Thursday) for the Secondary One to Secondary Three students. During the two weeks, your child/ward will experience customised programmes such as Inter-class Games, Internationalisation Programme and Sports Education Programme. More details will be sent via Parents Gateway closer to the ESP.

School Attendance Policy

10 We would like to emphasise that learning is maximised through regular school attendance. Please refrain from taking your child/ward away from school before the start of school holidays (28 October onwards). 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.

Subject Allocation Exercise

11 The Secondary Two students will undergo the Subject Allocation Exercise at the end of October to choose their subject combinations for 2024 (see Annex A for the schedule for submission of the option form and results release). A final briefing will be conducted in Term 4 Week 7 (week of 23 October) for the students to share the processes and detailed timeline. The same details will be sent via Parents Gateway in the same week.

Parent-Teacher Conversation for Secondary One to Three Students

12 As we work towards strengthening the home-school partnership with you, there will be a Parent-Teacher Conversation (PTC) for selected students with their parent/guardian on 27 October (Friday). An invitation will be sent to you via the Parents Gateway closer to the date.

School Open House

13 Our school will be hosting an open house on 25 November (Saturday) to invite post-PSLE students and their parents/guardians to know our school better. Your child/ward might be invited as part of the team to help host the event. The open house will take place from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm.

14 We look forward to another fruitful term of working with your child/ward to develop his/her potential. If you have any further queries, please contact the school at 6775 4140 or via email: ntss@moe.edu.sg. We thank you for your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ari Manickam', with a small dot above the 'i' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal



Calendar of Events* – Term 4

Dates	Events	Remarks
11 Sep (Mon)	Teachers' Day School Holiday	
15 Sep (Fri)	MTL Oral Examinations (Secondary One students) EL Oral Examinations (Secondary Two students)	1.30 – 5.30 pm
19 Sep (Tue)	MTL Oral Examinations (Secondary Two students) EL Oral Examinations (Secondary One students)	3.15 – 5.30 pm
20 Sep (Wed)	GCE N-Level EL and MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	PM <i>*No early dismissal for all students, curriculum lessons will carry on as usual.</i>
20 Sep (Wed)	GCE N-Level Smart Electrical Technology (SET) Practical Examination	8.00 am – 12.00 pm <i>For Secondary 3NT students offering SET as elective subject only</i>
22 Sep (Fri) to 05 Oct (Wed)	End-of-Year Examinations (EYE) (Secondary One to Secondary Three students)	
29 Sep (Fri)	Graduation Day (Secondary Four and Five students)	8.30 am – 12.30 pm
06 Oct (Fri) 09 Oct (Mon)	Marking Days	<i>*Sec 1 to 3 students do not need to report to school.</i>
10 Oct (Tue) to 13 Oct (Fri)	Checking of EYE scripts	
10 Oct (Tue)	Resumption of CCA (for selected CCAs)	<i>Refer to the CCA schedule on the school website for more information on CCA days.</i>
16 Oct (Mon) to 26 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Semester Programme	
26 Oct (Thu) to 30 Oct (Mon)	Subject Allocation Exercise – Submission of Option Form	For Secondary Two students
27 Oct (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC)	8.00 am – 3.00 pm
28 Oct (Sat) onwards	School Holiday	<i>School reopens on 2 Jan 2024</i>
7 Nov (Tue)	Subject Allocation Exercise – Release of Results	For Secondary Two students
25 Nov (Sat)	School Open House	8.00 am – 1.00 pm

** Information is correct as of 5 Sep 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 across the term. The relevant teachers-in-charge will provide updates via Parents Gateway (PG).*

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Annex B

GCE N-Level Examination – Updated Dates for Affected Papers

Date	Time	Subject Code	Paper No.	Subject Name	Mode of Assessment
12/09/2023	08:00 – 09:45	2175	1	HUMANITIES (SS, GEOGRAPHY)	Written
12/09/2023	08:00 – 09:45	2176	1	HUMANITIES (SS, HISTORY)	Written
12/09/2023	08:00 – 09:45	2177	1	HUMANITIES (SS, LIT IN ENGLISH)	Written
20/09/2023	14:30 – 15:45	1195	3	ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS T	LC
20/09/2023	16:30 – 17:30	1196	3	CHINESE	LC
20/09/2023	16:30 – 17:30	1197	3	MALAY	LC
20/09/2023	16:30 – 17:30	1198	3	TAMIL	LC