



24 June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

2 We hope that your child/ward had time to recharge and engage in meaningful activities during the June holidays.

3 In Term 2, the school provided a variety of learning experiences for your child/ward as part of his/her holistic development. The annual school cross country was held in Week 8 at the West Coast Park to promote an active lifestyle and strengthen bonding among the students. During the Cohort Learning Week in Week 10, your child/ward had the opportunity to extend his/her learning beyond the classrooms through customised cohort programmes: Secondary One students visited the Singapore Botanic Gardens to conduct a geographical investigation on tropical rainforests; Secondary Two classes participated in a drama programme conducted by ACT 3 International and brought a script to life under the guidance of experienced instructors; Secondary Three students engaged in lively debates and sharpened their writing skills; Secondary Four and Five students honed their oracy skills through an oral communication workshop.

4 In Term 3, your child/ward can look forward to different enriching learning experiences. These include the commemoration of Racial Harmony Day, National Day celebration and Staff Appreciation Day. During these events, your child/ward will reflect on the importance of fostering social cohesion and harmony, deepen his/her sense of belonging to Singapore, as well as express gratitude to school staff who have contributed to his/her growth.

Semester Two Timetable

5 Semester Two commences on 24 June and ends on 24 October. The Semester Two Class Timetable can be accessed and downloaded from the school website at <https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/others/announcements/class-timetable/>.

School Attendance Policy

6 Regular school attendance is key to maximising the learning of your child/ward. We seek your understanding and support to **not** bring your child/ward overseas during term time (i.e., except for school holidays or public holidays). Students who are absent from school due to overseas travel during term time may have their attendance recorded as "Absent with No Valid Reason". Approval from the Principal / Vice-Principals need to be sought prior to the booking of any overseas trips for leave request with a valid reason.

Home-Based Learning Days in Term 3

7 Home-based Learning (HBL) days will take place on 3 July for Secondary One, Two and Three students. The students from the graduating cohort will return to school on 3 July for normal lessons following the Semester Two timetable.



8 From 23 July to 25 July, all students will have HBL. Secondary Four and Five students will need to report to school on **one** of the three days to sit for their GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examinations.

9 Please refer to the table in **Annex A** for the calendar of events in Term 3.

Early Dismissal Days

10 The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Listening Comprehension will be conducted on 3 July. Students will be dismissed earlier at 12.30 p.m. in view of Listening Comprehension from 2 p.m. onwards.

11 On 8 August and 29 August, the school will be celebrating National Day and Staff Appreciation Day respectively. Students will also be dismissed earlier at 10.45 a.m. on 8 August and 10.30 a.m. on 29 August. More information will be provided closer to the event date.

Examination Matters

12 Preliminary Examination Dates. Please refer to the table below for the dates of the written examination papers for 4N and 4E5N classes. The detailed examination schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway on a later date.

4N Written Examination	22 Jul – 05 Aug
4E5N Written Examination	13 – 27 Aug

13 National Examination Dates. Please refer to **Annex B** for the national examination schedules. Your child/ward should refer to his/her entry proof for specific details of the examination papers that he/she is sitting for. More details can also be found on the SEAB website (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/#>).

14 End-of-Year Examination for Secondary One to Three Students. The table below shows the dates of the End-of-Year Examinations for the Secondary One to Three students.

<u>Secondary One and Two</u> English Language and Mother Tongue Language Oral Examinations	13 and 20 Sep
<u>Secondary One to Three</u> Written Examinations	27 Sep – 10 Oct

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Academic Support during Term Time

15 After-school Academic Coaching. After-school Academic Coaching (AAC) will continue to be conducted for selected students from the graduating cohort in Term 3. Please refer to **Annex C** for the AAC schedule.

September Holiday Programmes

16 Academic Support Programme. Academic support programme will be conducted for all graduating classes from 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 5 and 6 September.

17 College of Alice and Peter Tan Student Leader Action Mentorship (CAPTSLAM). Selected Secondary Two students will be involved in CAPTSLAM on 5 September. More details will be sent out via Parents Gateway for the students involved.

Communication with Staff

18 In line with Ministry of Education's Five-Day Work Week, parents are advised that teachers can be contacted during weekdays between 7.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website at <https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/about-us/our-staff/>.

19 We look forward to another fruitful term of supporting your child/ward in fulfilling 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 continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ari Manickam'.

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal



Calendar of Events* – Term 3

Dates	Events	Remarks
26 Jun (Wed)	VIA Action Day (For Secondary Two, Three, Four and Five students)	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
01 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday	
02 Jul (Tue)	Music Experience @ Esplanade (For Secondary Two students)	1.00 – 4.00 p.m.
02 Jul (Tue) 09 Jul (Tue) 16 Jul (Tue)	<u>Timed Practice for Sec 4&5 students</u> - Social Studies (Sec 4Exp) - Mathematics (all Sec 4 and 5 students) - Geography / History (Sec 4E/4NA and Sec 5 students)	3.30 – 5.30 p.m. 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
03 Jul (Wed)	Home-Based Learning (HBL) (For Secondary One, Two and Three students only)	Secondary Four and Five students will report for lessons in school following the timetable.
	GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Secondary Four and Five students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.
	Attendance & Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEX) (Applicable to Secondary Four and Five students only due to HBL for Secondary One to Three)	Secondary Four and Five students are reminded to bring a working oral digital thermometer to school for the ATTEX.
10 Jul (Wed)	Class Leadership Training (For selected Secondary One to Three students from the Class Committee, details will be sent via Parents Gateway)	2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
11 Jul (Thu)	National Day celebrations: Table-top Exercise (For selected students, details will be sent via Parents Gateway)	3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
17 Jul (Wed)	CCA Leadership Training (For selected Sec 3 CCA leaders)	2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
19 Jul (Fri)	Experience ITE Programme (For Sec 2NT students only)	During curriculum time



Dates	Events	Remarks
19 Jul (Fri) 29 Jul (Mon) 2 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebrations Rehearsals (For selected students, details will be sent via Parents Gateway)	19 Jul: 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. 29 Jul: 3.00 – 5.30 p.m. 2 Aug: 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
22 Jul (Mon) to 16 Aug (Fri)	Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3)	The WA3 schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.
22 Jul (Mon) to 05 Aug (Mon)	Secondary 4 Normal Preliminary Examination	The exam schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.
23 Jul (Tue) to 25 Jul (Thu)	Home-Based Learning (HBL) (due to GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations)	For all students except for Secondary Four and Five students sitting for their GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examinations on one of the days
08 Aug (Thu)	National Day Celebration	School dismissal time at 10.45 a.m.
09 Aug (Wed)	National Day Public Holiday	
13 Aug (Tue) 21 Aug (Wed) – <i>tentative</i>	Experience ITE Programme (For Sec 3NA students)	8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
13 Aug (Tue)	Secondary 4 Express / Secondary 5 Normal Science Preliminary Practical Examination	During curriculum time
14 Aug (Wed) to 27 Aug (Tue)	Secondary 4 Express / Secondary 5 Normal Preliminary Examination	The exam schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.
29 Aug (Thu)	Staff Appreciation Day	School dismissal time at 10.30 a.m.
30 Aug (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday	

**Information is correct as of 21 June 2024. 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).*



National Examination Schedules

GCE 'O' Level Examination Dates

Oral Examination	
Chinese Language (CL) B / Malay Language (ML) B / Tamil Language (TL) B [Mid-Year]	23 – 25 Jul
CL / ML / TL	04 – 12 Jul
English Language (EL)	22 – 26 Jul
Higher CL / Higher ML / Higher TL	23 – 26 Jul
Foreign Languages	18 – 20 Sep
CLB / MLB / TLB [Year-End]	25 Sep
Listening Comprehension	
CL / ML / TL	03 Jul
CLB / MLB / TLB [Mid-Year]	03 Jul
EL	16 Oct
CLB / MLB / TLB [Year-End]	16 Oct
Practical Examination	
Chemistry	02 Oct
Physics	07 Oct
Biology	15 Oct
Science (Chemistry/Biology) / Science (Physics/Chemistry)	10 Oct
Written Examination	
Exam date range	09 Oct – 11 Nov

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GCE 'N' Level Examination Dates

Oral Examination	
CL / ML / TL / Basic CL / Basic ML / Basic TL	23 – 25 Jul
EL (Syllabus A) and EL (Syllabus T)	22 – 26 Jul
Listening Comprehension	
CL / ML / TL	12 Sep
Basic CL / Basic ML / Basic TL	10 Sep
EL (Syllabus A)	10 Sep
EL (Syllabus T)	12 Sep
Written Examination	
Phase 1 Exam date range	09 – 19 Sep
Phase 2 Exam date range	30 Sep – 08 Oct



After-school Academic Coaching (AAC) in Term 3

1. The AAC will be carried out for selected students from the graduating cohort during the following time slots:

4N Classes

Day	Date	Time
Monday	8/7, 15/7, 12/8, 19/8, 26/8 (5 sessions)	3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Thursday	4/7, 11/7, 18/7, 15/8, 22/8 (5 sessions)	
Friday	28/6, 5/7, 12/7, 19/7 (4 sessions)	1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

4E5N Classes

Day	Date	Time
Monday	8/7, 15/7, 29/7, 5/8 (4 sessions)	3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Thursday	4/7, 11/7, 18/7, 1/8 (4 sessions)	
Friday	28/6, 5/7, 12/7, 19/7, 26/7, 2/8 (6 sessions)	1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

2. In preparation for the upcoming 4N and 4E5N Preliminary Examinations, AAC aims to provide additional support for identified students by focusing on their core subjects or key areas for improvement.
3. Your child/ward, if selected to attend some or all sessions, will be notified of the relevant dates, time slots and venues by the end of Term 3 Week 1.
4. Attendance is compulsory for all sessions. Attendance of your child's/ward's participation during the AAC will be monitored. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be undertaken if your child/ward does not provide a valid explanation for his/her absence.