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Our Motto: To Forge A Better Life

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

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

3 Term 3 has been a 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 donning their ethnic attires and sharing their knowledge of their culture with their peers. On 8 August, our students turned up in their red-coloured t-shirts to celebrate National Day, forming a vibrant sea of red in the school hall as the concert segment culminated in community singing. Towards the end of the term, the Student Council led the student population in celebrating Staff Appreciation Fiesta. These activities have enabled your child/ward to strengthen friendships with his/her peers, foster a sense of pride and belonging to the country, and show appreciation to teachers and staff who have contributed to their learning and growth in school.

4 In Term 4, we will continue to provide a caring and enabling environment as your child/ward prepares for the End-of-Year Examination and the national examinations. A variety of enriching activities have also been planned as part of the End-of-Semester Programme (ESP) to promote your child's/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 Events in Term 4.

Update on Mpox Situation in Singapore

5 There is no change to existing measures in schools at this point in time. To ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and students, we will continue to take the following appropriate measures to manage communicable diseases in school:

- a. Continue daily visual screening of students in class.
- b. Advise unwell students and staff to stay away from school and to seek medical attention if necessary.
- c. Advise students and staff to maintain good personal hygiene and improve hand hygiene by making hand sanitizers and soap available in appropriate areas throughout the school.
- d. Ensure cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, including door handles, staircase railings, water coolers etc.
- e. Ensure classrooms are well and naturally ventilated.

6 While there is no travel advisory from MFA, MOH has issued a health advisory for travellers [<https://www.moh.gov.sg/diseases-updates/health-advisory-for-travellers>]. Travellers are strongly advised to adhere to the advisory, especially if they are travelling to and from affected countries. MOE is monitoring the situation closely and will adjust the response measures, when necessary, in alignment with MOH's advisory.

End-of-Year Examination (EYE) for Secondary One to Three Students

7 The written examinations for Secondary One to Secondary Three students will take place from 27 September (Friday) to 10 October (Thursday). Please refer to the Parents Gateway (PG) announcement sent on 28 August (Wednesday) to parents/guardians on the EYE dates. Do encourage your child/ward to consolidate his/her learning daily so that he/she is better prepared for the examinations.

8 11 October (Friday) and 14 October (Monday) are designated as *Marking Day* and *Exam Admin Day* respectively. Students do not need to report to school on both days.

Graduation Day for Secondary Four and Five Students

9 Graduation Day will take place on 26 September (Thursday) for the Secondary Four and Five students. The students from the graduating cohort will report to school at 7.35 am, and the event will end at 12.30 pm.

10 The graduating cohort do not need to report to school from 27 September (Friday) as the N-Level examinations will start on 30 September (Monday), 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. Do encourage your child/ward to spend his/her time wisely during the study leave period. If students do not have a conducive home environment to study during this period, they may return to school.

End-of-Semester Programme (ESP) for Secondary One to Three Students

11 ESP will take place from 21 October (Monday) to 24 October (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 and Sports Education Programme. More details will be sent via PG closer to the ESP.

12 Online Internationalisation Experience for Secondary Two Classes. To foster cross-cultural skills and global awareness, Secondary Two classes will be matched with our partner schools in China to engage in online interactions with their counterparts. Scheduled on 18 October (Friday) and 23 October (Wednesday) during curriculum time, students will gain insights into the diverse cultures of China and Singapore's role in the global community, as well as develop 21st Century Competencies. For more details, please refer to the PG letter sent on 21 August (Wednesday).

13 Humanities Overseas Learning Journey for Selected Secondary Three Students. Selected Secondary Three students will be embarking on an overseas learning journey to Hanoi, Vietnam, from 6 to 9 November. These students will hone their 21st Century Competencies through collaboration and networking with peers from diverse socio-cultural backgrounds beyond Singapore. This trip will also provide authentic learning experiences that broaden students' appreciation of history, geography and social context of another country. For more details, please refer to the PG letter sent on 26 August (Monday).

14 The last day of the school term is 25 October (Friday). Your child/ward may be involved in CCA activities or other enrichment programmes if he/she is available during the year-end holidays. Details of these activities will be provided by the respective teachers-in-charge through PG on a later date.

School Attendance Policy

15 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 before the start of school holidays

from 26 October (Saturday) onwards. Students who are absent from school due to overseas travel during the school term may have their attendance recorded as “Absent with No Valid Reason” and their conduct grade capped at “Good”. Approval from the Principal/Vice-Principals need to be sought prior to the booking of any overseas trips for leave request with valid reason.

Subject Allocation Exercise for Secondary Two Students

16 The Secondary Two students will participate in the Subject Allocation Exercise at the end of October to choose their subject combinations for 2025 (see Annex A for the schedule for submission of the option form and release of results). A final briefing will be conducted in Term 4 Week 7 (week of 21 October) for the students to share the processes and detailed timeline. The same details will be sent via PG in the same week.

Parent-Teacher Conversation for Secondary One to Three Students

17 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 25 October (Friday). An invitation will be sent to you via PG closer to the date.

School Open House

18 Our school will be inviting post-PSLE students and their parents/guardians to our open house on 16 November (Saturday) to know our school better. Your child/ward may be invited as part of the team to help host the event. The open house will take place from 8.00 am to 12.30 pm.

Workshops for Parents/Guardians of Secondary One to Three Students

19 We believe that a strong home-school partnership is essential for your child’s/ward’s success. As such, our school would like to support parents/guardians through a series of different workshops in 2025. To ensure these sessions address your needs and concerns, we would like to gather your input via an online survey by 27 September (Friday).

QR Code for the Survey:



Link to the Survey: <https://go.gov.sg/parentworkshopsurvey2024>

Travel Declaration for Year-End Holiday

20 To ensure that the school continues to be a safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling during the year-end holidays. To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via PG, go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS] and indicate both the country and city of travel by 25 October (Friday). No action is required if your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays.

21 For parents/guardians not onboard PG, please scan the QR code below to make the travel declaration:

QR Code for Parents/Guardians **Not** Onboard PG:



Link: <https://go.gov.sg/ntss-student-travel-declaration>

22 Secondary Two to Five students will report to school on 2 January 2025 (Thursday). Your child/ward may purchase learning materials from the school bookshop from 18 November 2024. The booklists and bookshop opening hours will be shared via PG on a later date.

23 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 be 'Ari Manickam'.

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal



Calendar of Events* in Term 4

Dates	Events	Remarks
10 Sep (Tue) and 12 Sep (Thu)	GCE N Level EL and MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	PM Students who are not taking the examination will be dismissed earlier at a) 12.30 pm on 10 Sep (Tue) b) 2.30 pm on 12 Sep (Thu)
13 Sep (Fri)	EL Oral Examinations (Secondary One students) MTL Oral Examinations (Secondary Two students)	2.00 – 5.30 pm CL & TL: 1.00 – 4.30 pm ML: 2.00 – 4.30 pm
20 Sep (Fri)	EL Oral Examinations (Secondary Two students) MTL Oral Examinations (Secondary One students)	2.00 – 5.30 pm CL & TL: 1.00 – 4.30 pm ML: 2.00 – 4.30 pm
26 Sep (Thu)	Graduation Day (Secondary Four and Five students)	7.35 am – 12.30 pm Secondary One to Three students will attend lessons following the timetable.
27 Sep (Fri) to 10 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Year Examinations (Secondary One to Three students)	Refer to the exam schedule sent via PG on 28 Aug.
11 Oct (Fri)	Marking Day	Secondary One to Three students do not need to report to school.
14 Oct (Mon)	Exam Admin Day	
15 Oct (Tue)	Resumption of selected CCAs (Secondary One to Three students)	Refer to the CCA schedule uploaded on the school website.
15 Oct (Tue) to 17 Oct (Thu)	Checking of End-of-Year Examination Scripts (Secondary One to Three students)	
21 Oct (Mon) to 24 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Semester Programme (Secondary One to Three students)	More details will be sent via PG.
24 Oct (Thu) to 28 Oct (Mon)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Submission of Option Form (Secondary Two students)	
25 Oct (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC) for selected Secondary One to Three students	8.00 am – 3.00 pm
26 Oct (Sat) onwards	School Holiday	School will reopen on 02 Jan 2025.
07 Nov (Thu)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Release of Results (Secondary Two students)	
16 Nov (Sat)	School Open House	8.00 am – 12.30 pm

* Information is correct as of 6 Sep 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 PG.