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Our Motto: To Forge A Better Life

15 September 2025

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 busy and meaningful one for the NTSS family. On 21 July, our students commemorated Racial Harmony Day, with many proudly donning their ethnic attire and sharing their cultural heritage with peers. The spirit of celebration continued on 8 August, where our students came together in a vibrant sea of red to mark National Day through a concert and community singing. This year, we celebrated the occasion together with the staff and children from Brighton Montessori (Sunset Way Branch), alongside the senior citizens from Lentor Health Senior Care Centre and SASCO@West Coast Active Ageing Centre. Towards the end of the term, the Student Council rallied the school in honouring our teachers and non-teaching staff at the Staff Appreciation Fiesta on 4 September. Through these activities, your child/ward not only deepened friendships with peers but also developed a stronger sense of pride and belonging to both school and nation, while learning to show gratitude to those who have guided and nurtured them.

4 In Term 4, we will continue to provide a caring and enabling environment as your child/ward prepares for the Secondary One to Three End-of-Year Examination and the Secondary Four and Five 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 on 26 September 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.

Graduation Day for Secondary Four and Five Students

5 Graduation Day will take place on 26 September (Friday) 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.

6 The graduating cohort do not need to report to school from 29 September (Monday) as the students involved in the N-Level and 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. Students attending consultations or self-study must be in proper school uniform and maintain appropriate grooming standards. They must register with the security guards and remain in the School Library.

CCA Stand Down and Resumption

7 All CCAs will stand down with effect from 15 September in view of the End-of-Year Examinations. They will resume on Tuesday, 14 October, for selected Secondary One to Three students. Please refer to the CCA schedule on the school website and/or information sent via Parents Gateway (PG) by relevant teachers-in-charge for further details.

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

8 The written examinations for the Secondary One to Secondary Three students will take place on 23 September (Tuesday), and from 29 September (Monday) to 8 October (Wednesday). Please refer to the Parents Gateway (PG) announcement sent on 22 August (Friday) to parents/guardians regarding the EYE dates. The Year Heads have sent a PG letter to parents and an email to their respective cohorts, providing guidance on study skills and a revision template. Do encourage your child/ward to consolidate his/her learning daily so that he/she is better prepared for the examinations.

9 9 October (Thursday) and 10 October (Friday) are designated as *Marking Day* and *Exam Admin Day* respectively. Students do not need to report to school on both days.

10 13 October (Monday) to 15 October (Wednesday) are script-checking days and students will receive their EYE examination scripts for checking of marks. Refer to Annex A for the dismissal times on these days.

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

11 ESP will take place from 16 October (Thursday) to 23 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 Cohort Games and Sports Education Programme. The daily dismissal times will be at 12.30pm as the O Level Examinations will begin on the 16 October. Please click on the following link from 8 October onwards to access the post-examination timetable: <https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/quick-links/for-students/>

Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for Secondary One to Three Students

12 As we work towards strengthening the home-school partnership, there will be a Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for selected students with their parent/guardian on 24 October (Friday). An invitation will be sent to selected parent/guardian via PG closer to the date.

Global Classroom Programme

13 We are pleased to organise the 2025 NTSS Global Classroom Programme, a signature programme for Secondary 2 students designed to develop global awareness and cross-cultural skills through overseas learning experiences. Through the programme, students will be exposed to Asia with a focus on ASEAN countries, helping them understand Singapore's place in the world whilst deepening their commitment and rootedness to our nation.

14 The Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) programme is a bilateral educational initiative that strengthens ties between schools in Singapore and Thailand through immersive cultural and academic exchanges. This programme provides students with invaluable opportunities to develop global perspectives, cross-cultural communication skills, and lasting international friendships. From our participation in the STEP programme from 6 to 11 July 2025, our ten student ambassadors had the wonderful opportunity to host ten Thai students and three Thai teachers from our partner school, Benchamarachuthit School, Thailand.

15 Through this meaningful cultural exchange, our students learnt about Thai culture directly from their new friends whilst sharing authentic Singapore experiences and showcasing the best of our local community with them. The visiting Thai students and teachers formed close bonds not only with our student ambassadors but also connected with many other students throughout the school during curriculum exchanges and guided tours. This enriching experience created an international learning environment that has left lasting memories and deepened cross-cultural understanding for everyone involved - students, staff, and the broader school community.

16 Besides the STEP programme, selected Secondary Two students will be visiting four exciting destinations: Hanoi, Vietnam (for students with a passion for Humanities), Beijing, China (for Student Leaders), Sabah, Malaysia (for students keen on diversity and multiculturalism), and Ipoh, Malaysia (for Sports CCA members) during the year-end holidays. Each trip accommodates a maximum of 30 students and runs for 4 days and 3 nights. In total, 105 students will be participating, representing 43.8% of the Secondary Two cohort. Refer to Annex A for the detailed dates of each trip.

School Attendance Policy

17 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 25 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 may be affected. Approval from the Principal/Vice-Principals need to be sought prior to the booking of any overseas trips for leave request with valid reason.

18 The last day of the school term is Thursday, 23 October 2025. Your child/ward may be involved in CCA activities or other enrichment programmes during the year-end holidays. Details of these activities will be provided by the respective teachers-in-charge through PG on a later date.

Subject Allocation Exercise for Secondary Two Students

19 The Secondary Two students will participate in the Subject Allocation Exercise at the end of October to choose their subject combinations for 2026 (see Annex A for the schedule for submission of the option form and release of results). A final briefing for the students will be conducted in Term 4 Week 6 (week of 21 October) to share the processes and detailed timeline. The same details will be sent via PG in the same week.

School Open House

20 Our school will be inviting post-PSLE students and their parents/guardians to our open house on 15 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 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. For the latest information on our school Open House, refer to our school website.

Workshops for Parents/Guardians

21 We believe that a strong home-school partnership is essential for your child’s/ward’s success. This year, our school has been committed to supporting parents through meaningful partnerships with Lakeside Family Service Centre, Touch Community Services, and Restorative Practices Singapore. Together, we organised a series of parenting workshops designed to address the evolving needs of families with teenagers.

- 22 This year's workshops have included the following:
- a. New Beginnings New Horizons – Smooth Transition and Thriving in Secondary 1,
 - b. I Can't Live Without IT! – Understanding and Engaging Our Digital Natives, and
 - c. Motivating Your Teens – For Success and Growth.

23 The response from parents for these three workshops was positive, with participants consistently rating the trainers' delivery as excellent and expressing keen interest in attending future sessions. More importantly, many parents have shared that they gained practical strategies which they will implement with their children, demonstrating the impact of these collaborative efforts in strengthening our school-home partnership.

24 We are pleased to announce that our fourth workshop, "Nurturing Future-Ready Children" will take place on 19 September 2025, Friday, and facilitated by Touch Community Services. More information about this workshop is available in the PG letter dated 22 August.

25 Moving forward, in 2026, our school would like to continue supporting parents/guardians through a series of different workshops. To ensure these sessions address your needs and concerns, we would like to gather your input via an online survey by 26 September, Friday.



QR Code for the Survey

Travel Declaration for Year End Holiday

26 To ensure quick contact tracing, 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 24 October, Friday. No action is required if your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays.

Road Safety

27 Please note that parents/guardians driving their child/ward to school should not drop them off outside the school gate, as this causes traffic congestion and inconvenience to other road users. For safety reasons, parents/guardians should drop their child/ward directly inside the school.

2026 Start of School and Expectations

28 Students will report to school on 2 January 2026, Friday. They are expected to be in full school uniform and maintain neat grooming in line with school guidelines. Proper attire and grooming reflect the school's standards and help students build pride and discipline as they begin the new academic year.

29 Your child/ward may purchase learning materials at the school bookshop from mid-November 2025. Parents/guardians will receive a PG notification on the 2026 booklist and bookshop operating hours in due course.

30 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', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal



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Annex A

Calendar of Events* in Term 4

Dates	Events	Remarks
16 Sept (Tue) 17 Sept (Wed)	GCE N Level EL and MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Dismissal times for the school: 16 Sept: 1.00pm 17 Sept: 1.30pm
26 Sept (Fri)	Graduation Day (Secondary Four and Five students)	7.35 am – 12.30 pm Secondary One to Three students will attend lessons following the timetable.
23 Sept (Tue), 29 Sept (Mon) to 8 Oct (Wed)	End-of-Year Examinations (Secondary One to Three students)	Refer to the exam schedule sent via PG on 22 Aug (Fri).
9 Oct (Thur)	Marking Day	Secondary One to Three students need not report to school.
10 Oct (Fri)	Exam Admin Day	
13 Oct (Mon) to 15 Oct (Wed)	Checking of End-of-Year Examination Scripts (Secondary One to Three students)	Dismissal times: 13 Oct: 1.00 pm 14 Oct: 2.00 pm 15 Oct: 1.30 pm
14 Oct (Tue)	Resumption of selected CCAs (Secondary One to Three students)	Refer to the CCA schedule uploaded on the school website. and/or information sent via Parents Gateway (PG)
16 Oct (Wed) to 23 Oct (Thur)	End-of-Semester Programme (Secondary One to Three students)	Daily dismissal: 12.30pm More details will be sent via PG.
23 Oct (Thur) to 27 Oct (Mon)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Submission of Option Form (Secondary Two students)	
24 Oct (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC) for selected Secondary One to Three students	8.00 am – 3.00 pm
25 Oct (Sat) onwards	School Holiday	School will reopen on 2 January 2026, Friday.
27 Oct (Mon) to 6 Nov (Thur)	<u>Secondary Two Global Classroom:</u> 27 Oct to 30 Oct: Ipoh, Malaysia 27 Oct to 30 Oct: Hanoi, Vietnam 28 Oct to 31 Oct: Beijing, China 3 Nov to 6 Nov: Sabah, Malaysia	Sports CCA members Sec 2 students Student Leaders Sec 2 students
4 Nov (Tue)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Release of Results (Secondary Two students)	a. Submission of Subject Option Form: 27 October b. Release of Sec 3 subject combination: 3 November c. Period of Appeal: 5 Nov – 7 Nov d. Release of Appeal Outcome: 13 Nov
15 Nov (Sat)	School Open House	8.00 am – 12.30 pm

* Information is correct as of 9 Sep 2025. 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 throughout the term. The relevant teachers-in-charge will provide updates via PG.