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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 is having a good break and spending his/her time meaningfully during the September Holiday.

3 Term 3 has been a vibrant and meaningful one for the NTSS community. On 21 July, our students commemorated Racial Harmony Day, coming together to appreciate Singapore's multicultural heritage through ethnic attire and sharing of cultural traditions. The spirit of togetherness continued on 7 August, when the school was awash in red as we celebrated National Day alongside the staff and children from Brighton Montessori (Sunset Way Branch). As the term drew to a close, our student leaders led the S.T.A.R. Fiesta on 3 September to recognise and thank our teaching and non-teaching staff for their dedication and contributions. Through these shared experiences, our students had valuable opportunities to strengthen friendships, deepen their sense of belonging to the school community, appreciate the diversity and unity that define our nation, and express gratitude to those who have guided, supported and nurtured them.

4 In Term 4, we will continue to provide a caring and enabling environment as your child/ward prepares to sit for the upcoming examinations. A variety of enriching activities have also been planned for Secondary One to Three students as part of the End-of-Semester Programme (ESP) to promote their holistic development. Secondary Four and Five students will come together to 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 and Study Leave for Secondary Four and Five Students

5 Graduation Day for our Secondary Four and Five students will take place on Friday, 25 September, from 7.35 am to 12.30 pm.

6 The graduating students will go on study leave from Monday, 28 September, to prepare for their national examinations. During the study leave period, students may return to school for consultations and/or self-study. Students who return to school must be in proper school uniform and adhere to the school's grooming standards. Upon arrival, they must register with the security guards and remain in the school library. We seek your support to encourage your child/ward to make good use of the study leave to prepare for their upcoming examinations.

7 Students are reminded to return all library books and clear all belongings from their lockers, including their locker locks, before the start of their study leave. Any items left behind will be disposed of as part of the school's cleaning efforts during the year-end break. We also seek parents'/guardians' assistance to settle any outstanding school bills and payments before the end of the school year.

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

8 The written examinations for the Secondary One to Three students will take place on 24 September (Thursday), and from 29 September (Tuesday) to 8 October (Thursday). Please refer to the Parents Gateway (PG) announcement sent on 25 August (Tuesday) to parents/guardians regarding the EYE dates.

9 As your child/ward prepares for the EYE, we seek your support to encourage him/her in applying the learning strategies introduced through the *Confident Learner Series*. These include planning his/her revision schedule, keeping learning materials organised, and employing strategies such as mind mapping, chunking, active recall and spaced repetition. An infographic outlining the strategies can be found in **Annex B**. You may also access the resources shared on the Confident Learner Series Padlet by clicking on this link (<https://go.gov.sg/ntsscfls>) or by scanning the QR code provided in the infographic.

10 Students do not need to report to school on 9 October (Friday) and 12 October (Monday), which have been designated as Marking Day and Exam Admin Day respectively.

11 Students will receive their EYE scripts for checking of marks from 13 October (Tuesday) to 15 October (Thursday). The dismissal times on these days will be disseminated through PG closer to the date.

CCA Stand-Down and Resumption

12 All CCAs will stand down with effect from Monday, 14 September, in view of the EYE. CCAs will resume on Tuesday, 13 October, for selected Secondary One to Three students. Please refer to the CCA schedule on the school website and/or information sent via PG by respective teachers-in-charge for further details.

13 The last day of the school term is Thursday, 22 October 2026. 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.

End-of-Semester Programme (ESP)

14 ESP will take place from 16 October (Friday) to 22 October (Thursday) for Secondary One to Three students. During the ESP, students will experience customised programmes such as Inter-Class Cohort Games and Sports Education Programme. The daily dismissal times will be at 12.30 pm as the O-Level Examinations will begin on the 15 October. Please refer to the school website (<https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/quick-links/for-students/>) from 12 October onwards to access the post-examination timetable.

Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC)

15 As we work towards strengthening home-school partnership, there will be Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC) on Friday, 23 October, for selected Secondary One to Three students. An invitation will be sent out to the parents/guardians of selected students via PG closer to the date.

Secondary Two Subject Allocation Exercise

16 The Secondary Two students will participate in the Subject Allocation Exercise at the end of October to choose their subject combinations for 2027 (see **Annex A** for the schedule for submission of the option form and release of results). A final briefing will be conducted for the students in Term 4 Week 6 (19 - 22 October) to share the processes and detailed timeline. The same details will be sent via PG in the same week.

Global Classroom Programme

17 We are pleased to organise the 2026 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.

18 From 26 October to 4 November, selected Secondary Two students will be visiting five 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); Ipoh, Malaysia (for Sports CCA members); and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (for Performing Arts CCA members) during the year-end holidays. Each trip runs for 4 days and 3 nights. A total of 143 students will be participating in the Global Classroom Programme, representing 44.3% of the Secondary Two cohort. Refer to **Annex A** for the exact dates of each trip.

19 Complementing the Global Classroom Programme, the Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) Programme provided further opportunities for our students to develop global perspectives and cross-cultural competencies through international exchange. From 5 to 11 July, 10 of our students travelled to Chanthaburi, Thailand, where they received a warm welcome at our partner school, Benchamarachuthit Chanthaburi School. Through school-based activities, cultural experiences and interactions with their Thai peers, our students gained first-hand insights into the Thai culture, built meaningful friendships and developed their cross-cultural communication and leadership skills, while strengthening the partnership between both schools.

School Expectations

20 To ensure a smooth and productive Term 4, we would like to highlight a few important matters:

a) School Attendance

Regular attendance is key to maximising your child's/ward's learning. We kindly request that family and personal trips be planned during the school holidays. Should there be an urgent need for overseas travel during term time, please seek approval from the Principal/Vice-Principals before making any travel arrangements. Please note that **students who travel overseas without approval during term time will have their attendance recorded as "Absent with No Valid Reason"**. Students are expected to report to school punctually every day and be at the flag-raising ceremony (FRC) venue by 7.35 a.m.

b) Grooming and Attire Checks

There will be a grooming check in **Week 1 of Term 4**. Proper school attire is important as it helps build a sense of identity and belonging. **Students are expected to wear the proper school attire during the national examinations**. We seek parents'/guardians' support in ensuring that your child/ward is properly attired and well-groomed for school each day. Information on grooming-related matters can be found on the school website.

c) Use of Mobile Phone and Electronic Device

There is no change to the school's handphone policy. As practised in Semester One, handphones must be switched off and stored in lockers before FRC until dismissal. Usage is allowed only before FRC and after school in designated areas. **Handphones will be confiscated overnight if students are found using them anywhere during curriculum time**. Parents/Guardians will be informed if their child's/ward's handphone is confiscated. For

learning purposes in the classrooms, only personal learning devices are allowed. We appreciate your continued support of our handphone policy.

d) Device Management Application (DMA)

Please ensure that your child/ward's Personal Learning Device (PLD) has a proper functioning Device Management Application (DMA) installed. This is important to support the effective use of the PLD for classroom learning and to safeguard students' cyber wellness. If your child/ward encounters any DMA-related issues, kindly remind them to have their PLD checked promptly at the Student Helpdesk to minimise disruptions to learning. The school will also conduct regular checks to ensure that students' learning is not compromised and that students adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy stated on page 30 of the Student e-Handbook.

e) Use of Student Lockers

Students are reminded to secure their lockers with their own lock and key. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from student negligence or misconduct. Students should clear out their lockers and remove their locker lock by Thursday, 22 October. Any items left behind will be disposed of as part of the school's cleaning efforts during the year-end break.

Road Safety

21 Parents/Guardians who drive their child/ward to school are reminded to drop them off within the school compound rather than outside the school gate. This will help to minimise traffic congestion, avoid inconvenience to other road users, and ensure the safety of our students.

22 As there is an ongoing construction project adjacent to the school, we seek the support of all parents and students in ensuring safety when travelling to and from school. Particular care should be taken near **the new access road at the construction site**, where construction vehicles may be entering and exiting throughout the day. Parents/Guardians who drive are advised to observe all traffic signs, follow the directions of traffic marshals, and use designated drop-off and pick-up points. Motorists should refrain from stopping, waiting, or making U-turns along the access road, as doing so may obstruct traffic, create blind spots and pose a risk to pedestrians.

23 Students walking to and from school are reminded to exercise extra caution when crossing the new access road, follow the directions of traffic marshals, and remain attentive to their surroundings by avoiding distractions such as the use of mobile phones while walking. We seek your support in reinforcing these safe practices with your child/ward as we work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Workshops for Parents/Guardians

24 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 Morning Star Community Services. Together, we organised a series of parenting workshops designed to address the evolving needs of families with teenagers.

25 This year's workshops have included the following:

- a) New Beginnings, New Horizons — Smooth Transition and Thriving in Secondary 1 by Lakeside FSC
- b) Building a Positive Digital Family Culture Together by TOUCH Community Services

- c) Unlocking Your Teen's Drive: Building Motivation and Connecting with Your Teen by Morning Star Community Services
- d) Social Media and Online Harms by TOUCH Community Services

26 The response from parents to these four 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.

27 Moving forward in 2027, our school would like to continue supporting parents and guardians through a new series of workshops. To ensure these sessions address your needs and concerns, we would like to gather your input via an online survey by 30 September 2026.



QR Code for the Survey

NTSS Art Exhibition: “Looking Through Our Eyes”

28 We are pleased to share that New Town Secondary School will be presenting “Looking Through Our Eyes”, an art exhibition at Alliance Française de Singapour from 27 to 30 October 2026. The exhibition celebrates the artistic talents and creativity of our students through a diverse range of works, including paintings, digital illustrations and animations. The works featured were created during curriculum Art lessons as well as by students from our Art and Crafts and Infocomm Technology CCAs, showcasing the breadth of artistic expression within our school community. Our Lower Secondary Aesthetics Ambassadors and Secondary 3 Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) students will also serve as student docents, sharing insights into the artworks and their experiences of learning Art at NTSS.

29 We warmly invite parents/guardians and students to visit the exhibition and support our young artists. “Looking Through Our Eyes” will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily, from 27 to 30 October 2026, at Alliance Française de Singapour, 1 Sarkies Road, Singapore 258130. Visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate our students’ creative works and participate in hands-on art workshops.

School Open House

30 Our school will be inviting post-PSLE students and their parents/guardians to our open house on 14 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’s Open House, refer to our school website.

Travel Declaration for Year End Holiday

31 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 23 October, Friday. No action is required if your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays.

2027 Start of School and Expectations

32 Students will report to school on 4 January 2027, Monday. 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.

33 Your child/ward may purchase learning materials at the school bookshop from mid-November 2026. Parents/guardians will receive a PG notification on the 2027 booklist and bookshop operating hours in due course.

34 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, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line and a loop.

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal

Calendar of Events* in Term 4

Dates	Events	Levels	Remarks
15 Sep (Tue) 16 Sep (Wed)	GCE N Level EL and MTL Listening Comprehension Examination	Sec 4	<u>Dismissal times for the school</u> 15 Sep: 1.00pm 16 Sep: 1.30pm (i.e., no early dismissal)
25 Sep (Fri)	Graduation Day	Sec 4 & 5	7.35 am – 12.30 pm Sec 1 to Sec 3 students will attend lessons following the timetable.
24 Sep (Thu), 29 Sep (Tue) to 8 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Year Examinations	Sec 1 to Sec 3	Refer to the exam schedule sent via Parents Gateway (PG) on 25 Aug (Tue). Only Sec 3 students taking Additional Mathematics (G2 and G3) or Literature (G3) need to report to school for examination on 8 Oct. Sec 3 students taking Computing (G3) should report to Clementi Town Sec School for examination.
9 Oct (Fri)	Marking Day	All levels	Students do not need to report to school.
12 Oct (Mon)	Exam Admin Day	All levels	
13 Oct (Tue) to 15 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Year Examination Scripts Checking	Sec 1 to Sec 3	More details will be sent via PG.
13 Oct (Tue)	Resumption of selected CCAs	Sec 1 to Sec 3	Refer to the CCA schedule uploaded on the school website. and/or information sent via PG
16 Oct (Fri) to 22 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Semester Programme	Sec 1 to Sec 3	Daily dismissal: 12.30pm More details will be sent via PG.
21 Oct (Wed) to 28 Oct (Wed)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Submission of Option Form	Sec 2	
23 Oct (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversations (PTC) for selected students	Sec 1 to Sec 3	8.00 am – 3.00 pm
24 Oct (Sat) onwards	School Holiday	All levels	School will reopen on 4 January 2027, Monday.
26 Oct (Mon) to 4 Nov (Thur)	<u>Secondary Two Global Classroom:</u> 26 Oct to 29 Oct: Ipoh, Malaysia 26 Oct to 29 Oct: Hanoi, Vietnam 26 Oct to 29 Oct: Beijing, China 26 Oct to 29 Oct: Sabah, Malaysia 1 Nov to 4 Nov: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Sec 2	Sec 2 Sports CCA members Sec 2 students Sec 2 Student Leaders Sec 2 students Sec 2 Performing Arts CCA members
2 Nov (Mon)	Subject Allocation Exercise - Release of results	Sec 2	Period of Appeal: 2 Nov – 6 Nov Release of Appeal Outcome: 12 Nov
14 Nov (Sat)	NTSS Open House	All levels	8.00 am – 12.30 pm

* Information is correct as of 8 Sep 2026. 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.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD for the End-of-Year Examinations



Good habits today. Confident learners for life.

Our school has equipped students with strategies to plan, organise their learning and study effectively. With your encouragement and support at home, your child can approach the examinations with confidence.



1 PLAN WELL

Good planning helps your child manage time and reduce stress.

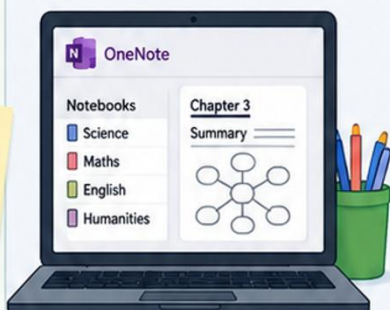


Plan ✓
Review ✓
Adjust ✓

- ✓ Encourage your child to note down exam dates and commitments.
- ✓ Help them break revision into small, achievable blocks.
- ✓ Remind them to review and adjust their plan regularly.

2 ORGANISE LEARNING

Getting organised helps your child find information easily and focus on learning.



- ✓ Encourage your child to keep notes and revision materials organised in OneNote.
- ✓ Help them create pages for summaries, mind maps and practice.
- ✓ Keep everything in one place so they can revise with ease.

3 THINK WELL

Using effective strategies helps your child learn better and remember longer.



CHUNKING

Break information into smaller, meaningful groups.



ORGANISING & CATEGORISING

Structure information to make it easier to understand and remember.



ACTIVE RECALL

Encourage your child to recall information from memory instead of just rereading notes.



SPACED REPETITION

Review at increasing intervals to strengthen long-term memory.



MIND MAPPING

Visualise ideas and connections to understand and remember more effectively.

HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT



ENCOURAGE

Encourage your child to follow their revision plan and use the strategies they have learned.



CHECK IN

Have regular, positive conversations. Focus on effort and progress, not just results.



ASK

Ask your child to explain what they have learned. This helps them recall and strengthen their understanding.



SUPPORT

Encourage short, focused revision sessions with regular breaks. Good rest, good food and hydration matter!



PROVIDE

Provide a quiet, comfortable space for them to study with minimal distractions.



WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Explore the Confident Learner Series for tips, strategies and resources shared with students throughout the year.



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Small steps today,
strong habits tomorrow,
confident learners
for life!



Thank you for partnering with us to help your child learn well, grow well and achieve their best.

