



30 June 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

2 We hope that you and your child/ward had a restful June break. As we begin the new term, we would like to update you on your child's/ward's school journey and upcoming activities.

### Looking Back at Term 2

3 It has been heartening to see our students thrive through various enriching activities last term. From engaging learning journeys to meaningful Values-in-Action projects, our students have shown tremendous growth and enthusiasm. A special highlight was our school's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, marked by our Commendation Day and a memorable road run at Marina Barrage. These events brought our school community together and created lasting memories for our students.

### Exciting Plans for Term 3

4 Your child/ward can look forward to several meaningful events this term. Our Racial Harmony Day activities aim to promote multicultural understanding and social cohesion, while Our National Day celebration helps strengthen students' sense of belonging to Singapore. Students will also have the opportunity to show their appreciation to teachers and staff members who have supported their growth during our Teachers' Day celebration, known as the STAR Fiesta.

5 As part of our Global Classroom programme, we are participating in the Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) programme from 6 to 11 July. Ten selected student ambassadors will host Thai students during the STEP Camp Experience, followed by shared lessons and cultural activities with our wider student body. This exchange will develop our students' global perspectives, cross-cultural understanding and leadership skills while fostering international friendships.

### School Calendar and Timetable

6 Semester Two runs from 30 June to 24 October. For an overview of Term 3 events, please refer to **Annex A**. You can access and download your child's/ward's timetable from our school website (<https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/others/announcements/class-timetable/>).

### Home-based Learning (HBL) Days

7 From 15 to 17 July, all students will have HBL. Secondary 4 and 5 students will report to school on their assigned day for GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examinations.

8 To ensure effective learning during HBL, all assigned work must be completed and submitted by the given deadlines.



## Early Dismissal Dates

9 On 8 July, all students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. in view of the GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Listening Comprehension from 2 p.m. onwards. There will not be co-curricular activities (CCA) in the afternoon.

10 On 8 August and 4 September, the school will be celebrating National Day and STAR Fiesta respectively. All students will be dismissed at 11.00 a.m. on 8 August and 10.45 a.m. on 4 September. More information will be provided closer to the event date.

## Examination Matters

11 Preliminary Examination. 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 Examinations   | 28 July – 07 August      |
| 4E5N Written Examinations | 20 August – 03 September |

12 National Examination. 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/important-dates-for-candidates/>).

13 End-of-Year Examination for Secondary 1 to 3 Students. The table below shows the dates of the End-of-Year Examinations for the Secondary 1 to 3 students.

| Level            | Mode of Assessment                            | Dates  |
|------------------|---|--|
| Secondary 1      | English Language (EL) Oral Examination        | 25 – 29 August                               |
|                  | Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Oral Examination | 28 August                                    |
| Secondary 2      | MTL Oral Examination                          | 25 August                                    |
|                  | EL Oral Examination                           | 28 August                                    |
| Secondary 1 to 3 | Written Examinations                          | 23 September,<br>29 September –<br>8 October |



## Supporting Your Child's Success

14 To ensure a smooth and productive term ahead, 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 am.

### b) 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 were 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.

### c) 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.

## Academic Support

15 During Term Time. We will continue to provide additional support through our After-school Academic Coaching (AAC) programme for selected students from the graduating cohort in Term 3. Please refer to **Annex C** for the AAC schedule.

16 During September Holidays. Supplementary lessons will be conducted for selected graduating classes on 11 and 12 September. A detailed schedule for this academic support programme will be sent to you via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

## Road Resurfacing Works at Dover Road

17 Road resurfacing works will be carried out along Dover Road from 23 June to 31 August. Works will take place daily from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., except on Sundays and Public Holidays. The schedule may be adjusted due to site constraints and weather conditions.

18 During this period, there will be partial lane closures. As a result, motorists may experience slower traffic and are advised to plan for additional travel time or consider alternative routes.

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Directional and information signs will be placed in advance to guide motorists and other road users. Please be cautious when approaching the work site. The Land Transport Authority has assured that noise barriers and monitoring system will be in place to minimise disruptions from noise, dust and lane closure.

### Communication with Staff

19 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/>. For general queries, please contact us at 6775 4140 or via email: [ntss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:ntss@moe.edu.sg).

20 Your partnership is invaluable in supporting your child's/ward's educational journey. We look forward to working closely with you this term to help your child/ward achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

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

Ari Manickam (Mr.)  
Principal



## Calendar of Events\* – Term 3

| Dates  | Events   | Students Involved  | Remarks  |
|--|--|--|--|
| 30 Jun (Mon)<br>03 Jul (Thu)                                 | Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) Programme Student Ambassador Training Sessions  | Selected Sec 2 and 3 students  | 3.15 – 5.00 p.m. on both days  |
| 01 Jul (Tue)<br>03 Jul (Thu)<br>09 Jul (Wed)<br>22 Jul (Tue) | Timed Practice for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EL</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Humanities (Social Studies)</li> <li>• Humanities (Electives)</li> </ul>   | <u>EL</u> : 4E/5N students only<br><u>Mathematics &amp; Humanities (SS)</u> : All Sec 4&5 students<br><u>Humanities (Electives)</u> : 4E students only | <u>01, 03 Jul &amp; 22 Jul</u> : 3.15 – 5.15 p.m.<br><u>09 Jul</u> : 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.      |
| 03 Jul (Thu)   | Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Writing Workshop  | Selected Sec 1 to 3 students   | 3.00 – 5.30 p.m.   |
| 06 Jul (Sun) to 11 Jul (Fri)                                 | STEP Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Centralised STEP Camp Experience (06 Jul - 09 Jul AM)</li> <li>- School-based Programme (09 Jul PM - 11 Jul)</li> </ul>  | Selected Sec 2 and 3 students  | Refer to PG letter sent on 30 May for more details.  |
| 07 Jul (Mon)   | Youth Day School Holiday   |  |  |
| 08 Jul (Tue)   | GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chinese, Malay B and Tamil B (2.00 – 2.30 p.m.)</li> <li>- Chinese B, Malay and Tamil (4.00 – 4.30 p.m.)</li> </ul> <p><i>Students must be seated in the assigned exam rooms, 30 minutes before the start time of the exam.</i></p> | Sec 4 and 5 students taking GCE 'O' Level MTL  | All students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.   |
| 09 Jul (Wed)   | Attendance & Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEX)   | All students   | Students are reminded to bring a working oral digital thermometer to school for the ATTEX. |



| Dates  | Events   | Students Involved   | Remarks   |
|--|--|---|---|
|  | National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) 5-Stations Testing   | Sec 2 students  | 2.00 – 5.30 p.m.  |
|  | Sec 3 Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) Masterclass   | Sec 3 EAP students  | 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.  |
| 10 Jul (Thu)<br>28 Jul (Mon)<br>04 Aug (Mon)<br>06 Aug (Wed) | National Day Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabletop Exercise</li> <li>• Rehearsal 1</li> <li>• Rehearsal 2</li> <li>• Full Dress Rehearsal</li> </ul> | Selected students   | <u>10 Jul:</u><br>3.30 – 5.30 p.m.<br><u>28 Jul &amp; 4 Aug:</u><br>3.00 – 5.30 p.m.<br><u>6 Aug:</u><br>3.30 – 5.30 p.m. |
| 14 Jul (Mon)   | GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations<br>- Chinese, Chinese B, English Language, Higher Chinese, Higher Tamil  | Sec 4 and 5 students sitting for their GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examinations | Starts at 2.15 p.m.<br>(Students involved will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.)<br><br>No CCA in the afternoon                 |
| 15 Jul (Tue)<br>16 Jul (Wed)<br>17 Jul (Thu)                 | GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations  | Sec 4 and 5 students sitting for their GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examination  |   |
|  | Home-Based Learning (HBL)  | All students except those sitting for GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examination   |   |
| 18 Jul (Fri)   | GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations<br>- Chinese, Chinese B, Malay, Malay B, Tamil, Tamil B  | Sec 4 and 5 students sitting for their GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examinations | Starts at 2.30 p.m.<br><br>No CCA in the afternoon  |
| 21 Jul (Mon) to<br>22 Aug (Fri)                              | Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3)  | Sec 1 to 3 students   | The WA3 schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.  |
| 23 Jul (Wed)   | Class Leadership Training  | Selected Sec 1 to 3 students from the Class Committee                         | 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.  |



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|--|---|---|--|
|  | Online Parent Engagement on Upper Secondary Subject Combination   | Sec 2 students  | 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.   |
| 23 Jul (Wed)<br>06 Aug (Wed)<br>18 Sep (Thu) | CCA Leaders' Training   | Selected CCA leaders  | 3.00 – 5.30 p.m.   |
| 28 Jul (Mon) to<br>07 Aug (Thu)              | Sec 4N Preliminary Examination  | Sec 4 students taking the GCE 'N' Level examinations  | The exam schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.  |
| 08 Aug (Fri)                                 | National Day Celebration  | All students  | School dismissal time at 11.00 a.m.  |
| 11 Aug (Mon)                                 | National Day School Holiday   |   |  |
| 20 Aug (Wed) to<br>03 Sep (Wed)              | Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination   | Sec 4 & 5 students taking the GCE 'O' Level examinations  | The exam schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.  |
| 25 Aug (Mon) to<br>29 Aug (Fri)              | Sec 1 EL Oral Examination   | Sec 1 students  | EL teachers will inform their respective teaching groups about specific examination dates. |
| 25 Aug (Mon)                                 | Sec 2 MTL Oral Examination  | Sec 2 students  | 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.   |
| 28 Aug (Thu)                                 | Sec 1 MTL Oral Examination  | Sec 1 students  | 3.15 – 6.00 p.m.   |
|  | Sec 2 EL Oral Examination   | Sec 2 students  |  |
| 20 Aug (Wed)<br>27 Aug (Wed)<br>03 Sep (Wed) | STAR Fiesta Rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearsal 1</li> <li>• Rehearsal 2</li> <li>• Final Preparations</li> </ul> | <u>Rehearsals:</u><br>Selected student leaders<br><br><u>Final preparations:</u><br>All student leaders | after curriculum time  |
| 04 Sep (Thu)                                 | STAR Fiesta   |   | School dismissal time at 10.45 a.m.  |
| 05 Sep (Fri)                                 | Teachers' Day School Holiday  |   |  |

*\*Information is correct as of 27 June 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 across the term. The relevant teachers-in-charge will provide updates via Parents Gateway (PG).*



## National Examination Schedules

### GCE 'N' Level Examination Dates

| <b>Oral Examination</b>          |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Malay / Tamil                    | 14 – 17 Jul |
| Chinese                          | 14 – 18 Jul |
| English Language (EL) Syllabus A | 14 – 18 Jul |
| <b>Listening Comprehension</b>   |             |
| EL Syllabus A                    | 16 Sep      |
| Chinese / Malay / Tamil          | 17 Sep      |
| <b>Written Examination</b>       |             |
| Phase 1 Exam date range          | 15 – 25 Sep |
| Phase 2 Exam date range          | 6 – 14 Oct  |

### GCE 'O' Level Examination Dates

| <b>Oral Examinations</b>                                  |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Mid-Year]                  | 14 – 18 Jul     |
| Chinese / Malay / Tamil                                   | 14 – 18 Jul     |
| English Language  | 14 – 18 Jul     |
| Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil              | 14 – 18 Jul     |
| Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Year-End]                  | 24 Sep          |
| <b>Listening Comprehension</b>                            |                 |
| Chinese / Malay / Tamil                                   | 08 Jul          |
| Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Mid-Year]                  | 08 Jul          |
| EL  | 08 Oct          |
| Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Year-End]                  | 08 Oct          |
| <b>Practical Examinations</b>                             |                 |
| Chemistry   | 01 Oct          |
| Physics   | 06 Oct          |
| Science (Chemistry/Biology) / Science (Physics/Chemistry) | 09 Oct          |
| Biology   | 14 Oct          |
| <b>Written Examinations</b>                               |                 |
| Exam date range   | 10 Oct – 10 Nov |



## **After-school Academic Coaching (AAC) in Term 3**

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

### 4N Classes

| Day      | Date   | Time                  |
|----------|--|-----------------------|
| Monday   | 21/7, 18/8 (2 sessions)                        | 3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 10/7, 24/7, 14/8, 21/8 (4 sessions)            |                       |
| Friday   | 4/7, 11/7, 25/7, 15/8, 22/8, 29/8 (6 sessions) | 1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. |

### 4E5N Classes

| Day      | Date                                    | Time                  |
|----------|---|-----------------------|
| Monday   | 21/7, 28/7, 4/8, 18/8 (4 sessions)      | 3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 10/7, 24/7, 31/7, 14/8 (4 sessions)     |                       |
| Friday   | 4/7, 11/7, 25/7, 1/8, 15/8 (5 sessions) | 1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. |

2. In preparation for the 4N and 4E5N Preliminary and National 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 and will be monitored. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be undertaken if your child/ward does not provide a valid explanation for his/her absence.