



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 60th 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.



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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, 29 September – 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.

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,

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Annex A

Calendar of Events* – Term 3

Dates	Events	Students Involved	Remarks
30 Jun (Mon) 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) 03 Jul (Thu) 09 Jul (Wed) 22 Jul (Tue)	Timed Practice for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EL Mathematics Humanities (Social Studies) Humanities (Electives) 	<u>EL</u> : 4E/5N students only <u>Mathematics & Humanities (SS)</u> : All Sec 4&5 students <u>Humanities (Electives)</u> : 4E students only	<u>01, 03 Jul & 22 Jul</u> : 3.15 – 5.15 p.m. <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"> Centralised STEP Camp Experience (06 Jul - 09 Jul AM) School-based Programme (09 Jul PM - 11 Jul) 	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"> Chinese, Malay B and Tamil B (2.00 – 2.30 p.m.) Chinese B, Malay and Tamil (4.00 – 4.30 p.m.) <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.



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	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) 28 Jul (Mon) 04 Aug (Mon) 06 Aug (Wed)	National Day Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabletop Exercise • Rehearsal 1 • Rehearsal 2 • Full Dress Rehearsal 	Selected students	<u>10 Jul:</u> 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. <u>28 Jul & 4 Aug:</u> 3.00 – 5.30 p.m. <u>6 Aug:</u> 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
14 Jul (Mon)	GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations - 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. (Students involved will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.) No CCA in the afternoon
15 Jul (Tue) 16 Jul (Wed) 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 - 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. No CCA in the afternoon
21 Jul (Mon) to 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) 06 Aug (Wed) 18 Sep (Thu)	CCA Leaders' Training	Selected CCA leaders	3.00 – 5.30 p.m.
28 Jul (Mon) to 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 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 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) 27 Aug (Wed) 03 Sep (Wed)	STAR Fiesta Rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehearsal 1 • Rehearsal 2 • Final Preparations 	<u>Rehearsals:</u> Selected student leaders <u>Final preparations:</u> 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

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

GCE 'O' Level Examination Dates

Oral Examinations	
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
Listening Comprehension	
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
Practical Examinations	
Chemistry	01 Oct
Physics	06 Oct
Science (Chemistry/Biology) / Science (Physics/Chemistry)	09 Oct
Biology	14 Oct
Written Examinations	
Exam date range	10 Oct – 10 Nov



Annex C

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.