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Our Motto: To Forge A Better Life

20 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from New Town Secondary School!

1 We hope your child/ward had a restful and enriching term break.

2 Looking back at Term 1, two key programmes helped strengthen our school community: the Start Right Programme in Week 1 and the annual cross country in Week 5. The Start Right Programme fostered a sense of belonging through team-building activities that strengthened relationships among students and teachers. The annual cross country also brought the school community together, and we were proud to be the first school to hold this event at the Kallang. In addition, the school commemorated Total Defence Day through a simulated power disruption experience, alongside a Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lesson where students discussed how they would respond during a national digital disruption. Students found the programmes enriching and relevant, equipping them with valuable skills and fostering deeper connections.

Key Student Development Experiences in Term 2

3 In Term 2, your child/ward can look forward to key events such as Cohort Experience Week and the school's 61st Commendation Day. These events provide opportunities to recognise and appreciate the collective efforts that have contributed to the school's continued growth and success. During Cohort Experience Week from 24 to 27 March 2026, students will participate in level-specific activities designed to help them recognise their strengths, embrace inclusivity, and strengthen friendships and class identity. The programme for each cohort was disseminated via PG on 13 March (Friday).

4 The school remains committed to nurturing your child/ward, empowering them to flourish and reach their full potential. A key upcoming event is the Student Leaders' Investiture, which will take place on Tuesday, 14 April 2026. This significant milestone recognises the contributions of outgoing student leaders while marking the beginning of a new leadership journey for the incoming cohort.

5 To nurture our students into caring leaders, opportunities will be provided for them to initiate class and group Values-in-action (VIA) projects in Term 2. These projects aim to empower students to become agents of change by actively contributing to the well-being of others. Students will plan and implement their projects during curriculum time and some after-school sessions.

6 Additionally, the school has organised a range of field trips and learning journeys tailored to different student groups. These experiences are designed to enhance cognitive development by providing real-life applications of classroom learning. The term will conclude with a Parent-Teacher Conversation (PTC) on Friday, 29 May 2026. Further details and an invitation will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) closer to the date.

7 Please refer to **Annex A** for the Calendar of Events in Term 2.

Term 2 Timetable & CCA Schedule

8 There are minor timetable adjustments for selected classes in Term 2. Please refer to the school website at <https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/others/announcements/class-timetable/> for your child's/ward's updated timetable.

9 Term 2 Weighted Assessment (WA2) will be conducted from 13 April to 15 May 2026. The schedule will be sent to your child/ward through his/her student iCON email.

10 There will be no CCA sessions in Term 2 Week 1 due to the Cohort Experience Week, which will take place from 24 March (Tuesday) to 27 March (Friday). CCA sessions will resume in Term 2 Week 2.

11 From 24 March (Tuesday), all graduating students will step down from their CCAs, allowing Secondary 3 students to assume key appointments within their respective CCAs. Subject teachers of graduating classes may use the available time slots (Tuesdays: 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, Fridays: 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm) for After-school Academic Coaching (AAC), and students are encouraged to schedule consultations during these periods. Graduating students involved in the National School Games (NSG) or external competitions will continue attending CCA sessions until their season concludes.

School Attendance Policy

12 To maximise your child's/ward's learning, we seek your support in ensuring that he/she attends school regularly and avoids absence from school during term time. Students should **not** take leave during the school term for personal or family overseas travel. Approval must be sought from the School Leaders before any overseas trip is booked if leave is required for valid reasons.

13 Students who travel overseas during term time without approval will be marked "**Absent without valid reason**". Furthermore, if a Weighted Assessment (WA) is conducted during the period of absence, it will be recorded as Absent Status (equivalent to zero marks) and reflected in the result slip as 'AB'. This will affect the end-of-year overall results.

14 In addition, students have been reminded and are expected to report to school punctually and be at the venue of the flag-raising ceremony (FRC) by 7.35 am daily.

Grooming Checks

15 The school will conduct two grooming checks in Term 2: the first in Week 2 and the second in Week 6. Proper school attire is important as it helps build a sense of identity and belonging. Students will be reminded one week before the grooming check. 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.

Guidelines on the Use of Smart Devices

16 Smart devices such as handphones and smart watches are allowed only before FRC and after all school programmes, and only within the canteen and foyer areas. With effect from 2026, handphones and smart watches must be switched off and safely kept in students' lockers before FRC until the end of all school programmes, including activities such as Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs). Students must have their own locker lock and key. Handphones and smart watches will be confiscated overnight if students are found using them anywhere during school hours. Parents/guardians will be informed via phone call or PG, and students may collect their devices from the General Office on the following school day after their school programmes end. For classroom learning purposes, only personal learning devices are permitted.

Timely Completion of Assignments

17 As we move into Term 2, we seek parents'/guardians' continued partnership in reminding your child/ward to complete assigned work punctually and to submit assignments on time. Timely completion of assignments supports more effective learning, helps students consolidate their understanding, and enables teachers to provide prompt feedback to guide further improvement. Consistent completion of quality assignments also helps students build positive learning habits and stay prepared for subsequent lessons and assessments. For students who require additional support in managing assignment completion, the school will continue to provide structured intervention through Assignment Completion Time (ACT) sessions to help them develop greater responsibility and strengthen their learning routines.

Parenting Seminar

18 Lakeside Family Services has been appointed by Ministry of Social and Family Development since 2019 to provide parenting support services to the school. The Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) Level 2 is an evidence-based parenting seminar series designed to reduce child behavioural challenges and strengthen parent-child relationships. An upcoming Zoom webinar titled "Healthy Screens, Healthy Minds" will help parents shift their role from "digital policing" to "digital mentoring." By the end of the webinar, parents will be equipped with realistic, age-appropriate strategies to foster self-regulation, digital wisdom, and healthy minds.

19 Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the webinar by signing up via go.gov.sg/3pseminar2026ab. More details can be found in **Annex B**.

Photography and Videography at School Events

20 Photographs or video recordings of your child/ward may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, and other programmes. The school may use selected photographs or video recordings in school publications, the school website, social media channels, or other communication channels. Some recordings may also be used for educational purposes, including assessment, instruction, professional development, and improving teaching and learning practices. All recordings will be stored securely and used only by authorised school personnel.

21 Please notify the school via <https://go.gov.sg/ntssphotovideo-nonconsent> if you do **not** wish for your child/ward to be featured.

Communication with Teachers

22 In line with the Ministry of Education's Five-Day Work Week, parents are advised to contact teachers during weekdays between 7.30 am and 6.00 pm. Teachers are not expected to respond to queries during weekends or after 6.00 pm on weekdays except for emergencies. Teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for parents' convenience. Parents/Guardians may also contact the General Office at 6775 4140 for further assistance.

23 We look forward to a fruitful and meaningful learning in Term 2 with your child/ward.

Yours sincerely,



Ari Manickam (Mr)
Principal

Calendar of Events* – Term 2

Dates	Events	Remarks
23 Mar (Mon)	Hari Raya Puasa School Holiday	
24 Mar (Tue) – 27 Mar (Fri)	Cohort Experience Week 2026 (No CCA training for all students)	Programme details have been shared via PG on 13 Mar (Fri).
30 Mar (Mon) - 1 Apr (Wed)	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for Sec 1 and 2 <u>female</u> students	During curriculum time Note: (a) All female students are to wear PE attire on the day scheduled for HPV Vaccination. (b) All foreign students are to bring immunisation certificates (hardcopy) for verification. (c) Students will inform their subject teachers and report to Deep Learning room in groups before the start of allocated slot. (d) Schedule will be put up on the class noticeboard.
1 Apr (Wed)	Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEEx)	All students are to bring their personal digital thermometer.
1 Apr (Wed) 9 Apr (Thu) 13 Apr (Mon)	Student Leaders' Investiture (SLI) Preparation Sessions	1 Apr: 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm 9 & 13 Apr: 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm For selected students
2 Apr (Thu)	Breakfast with School Leaders	8.00 am – 9.00 am For parents/guardians who signed up
	Outdoor Sketching	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm For Sec 3 G3 Art students
2 Apr (Thu) – 10 Apr (Fri)	Health Check for all Sec 1 and 2 students	During curriculum time Note: (a) All students are to wear PE attire on day scheduled for health check. (b) All foreign students are to bring immunisation certificates (hardcopy) for verification. (c) Students are to inform their subject teachers and report at ALP room in groups before the start of allocated slot. (d) Students are to bring PLD during the health check. (e) Schedule will be put up on the class noticeboard.
3 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday Public Holiday	
6 Apr (Mon)	NRIC registration for all Sec 3 students (except International Students)	During curriculum time Students are to bring: (a) ICA's notification letter (b) School smart card for verification purposes
	Sec 1 – 3 EL Speak Programme	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm
	Briefing for Academic Excellence Award recipients	For selected students • Sec 2: 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm • Sec 3 to 5 students: 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm
16 Apr (Thu) 20 Apr (Mon)	Commendation Day Rehearsals	3.30 pm – 6.00 pm For selected students

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8 Apr (Wed)	Chinese Cultural Performance	Programme details will be shared via PG closer to the date. For selected Sec 1 students
	Sec 2 Drama Enrichment	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm For all Sec 2 students
	Sec 4 & 5 VIA Action Day 2	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
9 Apr (Thu)	Sec 3 Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) Masterclass #1	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm For Sec 3 EAP students
	Sec 3 VIA CAPTSLAM	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm For selected students
10 Apr (Fri)	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	During curriculum time
	Sec 3 EL School Oral Examinations (No CCA training for Sec 3 students)	1.00 pm – 5.30 pm
	Sec 4 & 5 MTL School Oral Examinations	
11 Apr (Sat)	Theatrical Production Enrichment	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm For Sec 2 G2 and G3, and Sec 3 Literature students
13 Apr (Mon) 27 Apr (Mon) 4 May (Mon)	Sec 1 VIA Ambassador Training	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
13 Apr (Mon) – 15 May (Fri)	Weighted Assessment 2 Period	During curriculum time
13 Apr (Mon) – 21 May (Thu)	After-school Academic Coaching (AAC) for graduating students	Every Monday and Thursday 3.15 pm - 5.00 pm
14 Apr (Tue)	Student Leaders' Investiture	During curriculum time
15 Apr (Wed) 22 Apr (Wed) 29 Apr (Wed) 20 May (Wed)	Sec 4 & 5 Coursework AAC	1.30 pm – 4.30 pm
15 Apr (Wed)	Home-Based Learning (HBL)	
17 Apr (Fri)	Sec 3 MTL School Oral Examinations (No CCA training for Sec 3 students) Sec 4 & 5 EL School Oral Examinations	1.00 pm – 5.30 pm
21 Apr (Tue)	Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony	During curriculum time
22 Apr (Wed)	Sec 3 Artificial Intelligence Literacy Workshop	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm For all Sec 3 students
	GCE O/N-Level Coursework Practical Exam: Execution	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm For NFS students in S4-CF, S4-SD, S5-CA
22 Apr (Wed) 7 May (Thu) 20 May (Wed)	CCA Leaders' Training	Wed: 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Thu: 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm
24 Apr (Fri)	NTSS 61st Commendation Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will end at 10.30 am. Selected students will be attending the event as audience. 	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
29 Apr (Wed)	Sec 4 Pure Physics Nuclear Radiation Workshop	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm For Sec 4 Pure Physics students
30 Apr (Thu)	Tamil Language Festival @ NTSS	Selected students Programme details will be shared via PG closer to the date.
1 May (Fri)	Labour Day Public Holiday	
4 May (Mon) 11 May (Mon)	Sec 2 NAPFA 5-Stations Testing	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

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6 May (Wed)	Sec 1 – 3 VIA Action Day 1	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
	Sec 4 & 5 NAPFA 5-Stations Testing	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
8 May (Fri)	Sec 4 & 5 MTL Preliminary Examination	During curriculum time Lessons continue as usual for Sec 4 students not taking O-Level MTL.
	GCE O/N-Level Coursework Practical Exam (S4-IT, S4-RP, S4-RS NFS students):	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm For NFS students in S4-IT, S4-RP and S4-RS
13 May (Wed)	HBL	
	Sec 1 – 3 VIA Action Day 2	2.00 pm – 5.30 pm
14 May (Thu)	Sec 1 – 3 MTL Creative Writing Workshop	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm For selected Sec 1 to 3 students
15 May (Fri) 22 May (Fri)	New Town Got Talent Rehearsals	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm For selected Sec 2 to 5 students
18 May (Mon)	Class Phototaking	During curriculum time
	CCA Phototaking	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm
18 May (Mon) 19 May (Tue) 21 May (Thu) 22 May (Fri) 25 May (Mon) 28 May (Thu)	Sec 4 & 5 MTL O-Level Revision Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students sitting for GCE O-Level MTL examinations only. Students taking MTLB, HMTL, and those who are exempted from MTL do not need to attend. 	3.15 pm – 5.00 pm (1.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Fri only)
20 May (Wed)	National Digital Explore (NDE) Practice & Certification Test	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm For Sec 1 – 3 ICT Ambassadors
	NUS Wonders of Science Demo Workshop	3.30 pm – 6.00 pm For Sec 4 & 5 G3 Science(Physics) students
25 May (Mon)	Sec 1 Music Performance Platform	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm For selected Sec 1 students
27 May (Wed)	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
28 May (Thu)	Student Council and Peer Support Leaders' Board Exco Bonding Activity	For selected Sec 3 student leaders
29 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Conversation	8.00 am – 3.00 pm For selected students
30 May (Sat) – 28 Jun (Sun)	School Holidays	
1 Jun (Mon)	Vesak Day Public Holiday	
2 Jun (Tue)	GCE O-Level MTL Examinations	As per national examination schedule
2 Jun (Tue) & 3 Jun (Wed)	First Aid and AED Certification	Sec 1 & 2 selected students in Uniformed Group and other CCAs
2 Jun (Tue) – 4 Jun (Thu)	4N Holiday Academic Support Programme 4E5N Holiday / Coursework Academic Support Programme Detailed schedule for the academic support programme will be sent via PG closer to date.	Parents are requested to plan holiday travel after 4 Jun.
3 Jun (Wed) – 5 Jun (Fri)	3D2N Girl Guides Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp	Sec 1 – 3 Girl Guides
4 Jun (Thu)	Combined Sports Camp	Sec 1 – 3 selected students in Sports CCAs
25 Jun (Thu) – 26 Jun (Fri)	Student Leadership Summit	All Student Councillors and Peer Support Leaders

Dates	Events	Remarks
29 Jun (Mon)	Start of Term 3	All students

** Information is correct as of 20 Mar 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 as the term progresses. Please look out for letters by the relevant teachers-in-charge via Parents Gateway (PG).*

Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) Level 2

Triple P Level 2 is an evidence-based parenting seminar series designed to help reduce child behavioural challenges and strengthen parent-child relationships. Join our Zoom webinars to enhance your skills and to gain evidence-based tools for everyday parenting challenges.

"Healthy Screens, Healthy Minds" is designed to help parents shift their role from "digital policing" to "digital mentoring." By the end of the webinar, parents will be empowered with realistic, age-appropriate strategies to foster self-regulation, digital wisdom, and healthy minds—so screens become tools for growth rather than sources of stress or harm.

Session	Seminar Topics	Time & Date	Registration Link
1	A. Raising Responsible Teenagers B. Raising Competent Teenagers	14 April 2026, Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 9:30pm OR 18 April 2026, Saturday, 9:00 am - 11.30am	go.gov.sg/3pseminar2026ab
2	C. Getting Teenagers Connected	21 April 2026, Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 9:00pm OR 25 April 2026, Saturday, 9:00 am - 11:00am	

Kindly refer to the attached flyer for more details.

Quick Notes:

- You have the option to attend **either** the **Tuesday 7 pm** (14 & 21 April 2026) **OR Saturday 9 am** (18 & 25 April 2026) sessions, both of which will be held via Zoom
- Sign up for free via this BookingSG link: go.gov.sg/3pseminar2026ab
- Registration closes on 13 April 2026.