



25 June 2026

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 the many enriching experiences last term. From engaging learning journeys to meaningful Values-in-Action projects, our students have demonstrated tremendous growth, enthusiasm, and school spirit. A special highlight was our school's 61st Anniversary celebration, which brought our community together in celebration and reflection. Another memorable event was our Cross-Country run held at the National Stadium in Kallang, where students came together in a spirit of camaraderie and resilience, creating lasting memories for all.

Exciting Plans for Term 3

4 Your child/ward can look forward to several meaningful experiences this term. Our Racial Harmony Day activities will provide opportunities for students to deepen their appreciation of Singapore's multicultural heritage and strengthen social cohesion. Our National Day celebrations will also help foster a stronger sense of identity and belonging to our nation. In addition, students will have the opportunity to express their appreciation to the teachers and staff who have supported them in their growth during our Teachers' Day celebrations, including the much-anticipated STAR Fiesta.

5 As part of our Global Classroom programme, we are participating in the Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) programme from 12 to 18 July. Ten selected Secondary 2 student ambassadors can look forward to an enriching and meaningful STEP 2026 experience in Thailand. Through cultural immersion, cross-cultural interactions, and shared learning experiences with Thai students, they will gain a deeper appreciation of Thailand's culture while developing greater global awareness, independence, and resilience. As ambassadors of both our school and Singapore, students will also have the valuable opportunity to build friendships, broaden their perspectives, and create lasting memories through this unique international exchange.

School Calendar and Timetable

6 Semester Two runs from Monday, 29 June to Friday, 23 October. For an overview of Term 3 events, please refer to **Annex A**. You can access and download the school calendar of events and class timetable from our school website (<https://www.newtownsec.moe.edu.sg/quick-links/for-students/>).

Home-based Learning (HBL) Days

7 From 14 to 16 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 7 July, in view of the GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Listening Comprehension from 2 pm onwards, all other students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m. There will not be co-curricular activities (CCA) in the afternoon.

10 On 7 August and 3 September, the school will be celebrating National Day and STAR Fiesta (Teachers' Day Celebration) respectively. All students will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m. on 7 August and 10.45 a.m. on 3 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 to parents of graduating students at a later date.

4N Written Examinations	28 July – 06 August
4E5N Written Examinations	19 August – 02 September

12 National Examination. Please refer to **Annex B** for the Secondary 4 and 5 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 & 2	English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Oral Examination	24, 26, 28 August
Secondary 1 to 3	Written Examinations	24 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 a.m.

b) Grooming and Attire Checks

The school conducts two grooming checks each term: the first in Week 1 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.

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.

f) Parenting Workshop

Our next parenting workshop, "Social Media and Online Harms", will be held on 3 July 2026, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. via Zoom. This workshop is organised by the school in partnership with TOUCH Community Services. Through this session, parents will gain insights into common online risks faced by youths, including cyberbullying, online scams, inappropriate



content, excessive screen use, and the impact of social media on mental well-being. Parents will also learn practical strategies to guide their children towards safe, responsible, and positive online behaviour. Interested parents may register via the attached link in the main PG message.

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 10 and 11 September. A detailed schedule for this academic support programme will be sent to you via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

Safety Measures in View of Construction Project adjacent to NTSS

17 As there is an ongoing construction project adjacent to the school, we seek the support of all parents and students in maintaining a safe environment 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 who drive are advised to observe all traffic signs, comply with the directions of traffic marshals, and use designated drop-off and pick-up points. For safety reasons, motorists should not stop, wait, or make U-turns along the access road, as these actions may create blind spots, impede traffic flow, and place pedestrians at risk.

18 Students walking to and from school are reminded to be extra vigilant when crossing the new access road, obey traffic instructions from traffic marshals, and avoid distractions such as using mobile phones while walking. We seek parents' support in reinforcing these safety habits with your child, as the safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority.

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. 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,

Ari Manickam (Mr.)
Principal



Calendar of Events* – Term 3

Dates	Events	Students Involved	Remarks
30 Jun (Tue) 03 Jul (Fri)	CCA Photo-taking	All CCA students	3.00 – 6.00 p.m. 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.
02 Jul (Thu) 09 Jul (Thu) 17 Aug (Mon)	Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Creative Writing Workshop	Selected Sec 1 to 3 students	3.00 – 5.30 p.m.
02 Jul (Thu) 15 Jul (Wed) 13 Aug (Thu)	CCA Leaders' Training	Selected CCA leaders	3.00 – 5.30 p.m. 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. 3.00 – 5.30 p.m.
03 Jul (Fri)	Online Parent Workshop: Social Media and Online	Nil	Interested parents. Registration link on main PG message
06 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday		
07 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.) <i>Students must be seated in the assigned exam rooms, 30 minutes before the start time of the exam.</i>	Sec 4 and 5 students taking GCE 'O' Level MTL	All students will be dismissed at 12.30 p.m.
08 July (Wed)	School-Wide Leadership Training	Sec 1 – 3 Class Committee, SCs, PSLs	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
09 Jul (Thu)	Sec 3 Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) Masterclass	Sec 3 EAP students	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
	Commencement of After-School Academic Coaching (AAC)	Sec 4/5 students	3.15pm onwards
09 Jul (Thu) 23 Jul (Thu) 27 Jul (Mon) 31 Jul (Fri) 03 Aug (Mon) 05 Aug (Wed)	National Day Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabletop Exercise Breakout Session Rehearsal Technical Rehearsal Rehearsal 1 Full Dress Rehearsal Wet-Weather Programme Rehearsal 	Selected students	3.15 – 4.15 p.m. 3.15 – 5.30 p.m. 3.15 – 5.30 p.m. 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. 3.00 – 4.30 p.m.
12 Jul (Sun) to 18 Jul (Sat)	Singapore-Thailand Enhanced Partnership (STEP) Programme	Selected Sec 2 students	Trip to Thailand



Dates	Events	Students Involved	Remarks
13 Jul (Mon)	GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) 	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 1.00 p.m.)
14 Jul (Tue) 15 Jul (Wed) 16 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	Refer to Exam schedule
	Home-Based Learning (HBL)	All students except those sitting for GCE 'N' or 'O' Level oral examination	Refer to HBL schedule nearer the date
15 Jul (Wed)	Online Student Leadership Training (Class Committee, SCs, PSLs)	Selected Sec 1 to 3 student leaders	2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
17 Jul (Fri)	GCE 'N' Level and 'O' Level Oral Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) 	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
20 Jul (Mon) to 21 Aug (Fri)	Weighted Assessment 3 (WA3)	Sec 1 to 3 students	The WA3 schedule will be sent via Parents Gateway.
21 Jul (Tue)	Racial Day Harmony Commemoration	Whole school	More details will be given to students
	Mathematics Timed Practice Paper	All Sec 4 & 5 students except 4NT	3.15 – 5.15 p.m.
22 Jul (Wed)	Student Leadership Training	Sec 1 – 3 Student Councillors & Peer Support Leaders	2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
	Online Parent Engagement on 2026 Sec 2 Subject Allocation Exercise	Sec 2 students and parents	6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Details will be sent via PG.
	Science Learning Journey for Sec 3	Sec 3 Science students	2.00 – 6.00 p.m.
28 Jul (Tue) to 06 Aug (Thu)	Sec 4N Preliminary Examination	Sec 4 students taking the GCE 'N' Level examinations	The exam schedule will be sent via PG



Dates	Events	Students Involved	Remarks
29 Jul (Wed)	Secondary 2 Level-Wide Music Experience Programme	All Sec 2 students	1.00 – 4.30 p.m. More info will be sent via PG
	Science Learning Journey for Sec 4	Sec 4 Physics students	2.00 – 6.00 p.m. More info will be sent via PG
07 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebration	All students	School dismissal at 10.30 a.m.
10 Aug (Mon)	National Day School Holiday		
12 Aug (Wed) 13 Aug (Thu) 20 Aug (Thu)	CCE Learning Journey to National Museum	All Sec 2 students 12 Aug: S2-IT, S2-RS, S2-SC 13 Aug: S2-CA, S2-GT, S2-CF 20 Aug: S2-RP, S2-SD, S2-HM	2.30 – 5.30 p.m. Schedule will be sent via PG
19 Aug (Wed) to 02 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.
24 Aug (Mon) 26 Aug (Wed) 28 Aug (Fri)	Sec 1 and 2 EL/MTL Oral Examination	Sec 1 and 2 students	EL and MTL teachers will inform their respective teaching groups about specific examination dates.
19 Aug (Wed) 26 Aug (Wed) 31 Aug (Mon)	STAR Fiesta Rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearsal 1 Rehearsal 2 Final Preparations 	Rehearsals: Selected student leaders Final preparations: All student leaders	2.00 – 5.30 p.m. 2.00 – 5.30 p.m. 3.00 – 5.30 p.m.
02 Sep (Wed)	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All staff	School dismissal time at 12 p.m.
03 Sep (Thu)	STAR Fiesta:	Whole school	School dismissal time at 10.45 a.m.
04 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday		
05 Sep (Sat) to 13 Sep (Sun)	September School Holidays		
10 Sep (Thu) to 11 Sep (Fri)	Holiday Academic Support Program Selected CCA training	Sec 4 and 5 students For CCAs with competitions only	More details will be sent via PG nearer the dates for both programs
14 Sep (Mon)	Start of Term 4 School Term		

**Information is correct as of 25 June 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 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	
English Language (EL) Syllabus A	13 – 17 Jul
English Language (EL) Syllabus T	
Chinese/ Malay / Tamil	
Basic Chinese / Basic Malay / Basic Tamil	
Listening Comprehension	
EL Syllabus A / Basic Chinese / Basic Malay / Basic Tamil	15 Sep
EL Syllabus T / Chinese / Malay / Tamil	16 Sep
Written and Practical Examination	
Phase 1 Exam date range	17 – 24 Sep
Phase 2 Exam date range	5 – 13 Oct

GCE 'O' Level Examination Dates

Oral Examinations	
Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Mid-Year]	13 – 17 Jul
Chinese / Malay / Tamil	
English Language	
Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil	
Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Year-End]	23 Sep
Listening Comprehension	
Chinese / Malay / Tamil	07 Jul
Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Mid-Year]	
English Language	15 Oct
Chinese B / Malay B / Tamil B [Year-End]	
Practical Examinations	
Chemistry	30 Sept
Physics	05 Oct
Computing	07 Oct
Science (Chemistry/Biology) / (Physics/Chemistry)	08 Oct
Biology	13 Oct
Written Examinations	
Exam date range	12 Oct – 10 Nov



Schedule of 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	20/7, 27/7, 17/8, 24/8 (4 sessions)	3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Thursday	9/7, 23/7, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8 (5 sessions)	

4E5N Classes

Day	Date	Time
Monday	20/7, 27/7, 3/8, 17/8 (4 sessions)	3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Thursday	9/7, 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, (5 sessions)	

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.