



# Northbrooks Secondary School

## Frequently Asked Questions (as of 18 Dec 2024)

### 1. Does my child/ward need to report to Northbrooks Secondary School when he/she receives the Secondary 1 posting results on 18 Dec 2024?

Students do not need to report to their posted secondary schools upon receiving their Secondary 1 posting results. Students should refer to the school website for more information such as Secondary 1 booklist, purchase of books and uniforms within the school, and other details that Secondary 1 students should take note of.

Parents/Guardians of the incoming Secondary 1 students who are on Parents Gateway (PG), will also receive information from the schools that their children are posted to, on 18 Dec 2024.

### 2. What are the reporting time on the first day of school and the activities for the first day of school (2 Jan 2025)? What does my child/ward need to bring?

The Secondary 1 students will undergo the Orientation Programme on 2 Jan, 9 Jan and 10 Jan 2025. Normal lessons according to their respective timetables will be held on 3 to 8 Jan 2025. They will be expected to bring relevant books and materials required for their lessons.

On 2 Jan 2025, students will be expected to report to school by 7.20 am in their half-uniform (school PE T-shirts with school shorts). They should bring writing materials, a water bottle, personal medication (where necessary) and sufficient money for recess.

For more information refer to [Sec 1 Orientation 2025 Details](#)

On 2 Jan 2025, Student Councillors will be stationed at the school foyer to guide the Secondary 1 students to their Form Classes from 7 am onwards.

Parents/Guardians will be informed of the form class allocation of their child/ward via PG on 30 Dec 2024. Students are encouraged to check their allocated form class **before** 2 Jan 2025.

### 3. Where can I find out about the sale of textbooks and uniforms?



You may refer to our school website for more information.

#### **4. What are the school hours like?**

Reporting time for school is 7.20 am daily except on Thursdays. Students report to their designated classrooms at 8.20 am on Thursdays. However, for the first week of school, do refer to the Orientation Programme for school hours and reporting attire.

#### **5. What is the school attire at Northbrooks Secondary School?**

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On Mondays, students report to school in full school uniform for flag-raising and morning assembly. On other days, students can report in their PE T-shirts and school pants/skirts. ☐ Students are to wear all-black canvas shoes with laces and all-black socks.

On Fridays, students are allowed to wear the school Polo-T shirts with school pants/skirts and sports shoes.

On 2 Jan 2025, Secondary 1 students can report in their school PE T-shirts and school pants/skirts.

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#### **6. What happens if I am unable to purchase the school uniform before 2 Jan 2025?**

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If your child/ward is unable to get a set of uniform or school PE attire before school starts on 2 Jan 2025, your child should report in his/her primary school PE attire. He/she should purchase the Northbrooks uniform and PE attire as early as possible.

#### **7. How many sets of school uniform/PE attire should we purchase?**

The number of sets of school uniform/PE attire which you should purchase is at your own discretion.

#### **8. What is the school's Handphone Usage Policy?**

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Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school. However, students are to ensure that their mobile phones remain switched off and are not visible during curriculum time (including recess).

Students are allowed to use their mobile phones after curriculum time and only at Handphone Zones designated within the school. The Handphone Zones are the school canteen and the Champions' Lodge.

It is the students' responsibility to keep their handphones safe.

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#### **9. How are Posting Groups different from the N(T), N(A) and Express streams?**

Posting Groups are only used for the purposes of admitting students into secondary schools

and to guide the initial subject levels that students offer at the start of Secondary 1.

Once in school, students will be organised in mixed form classes and will spend about a third of their curriculum time taking six Common Curriculum subjects together i.e, Art, Character and Citizenship Education (CCE), Design and Technology (D&T), Food and Consumer Education (FCE), Music and Physical Education (PE).

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#### **10. What are the compulsory subjects at the lower secondary level?**

All students are required to offer the following subjects in lower secondary:

- English Language (EL)
- Mother Tongue Languages<sup>1</sup> (MTL)
- Humanities<sup>2</sup> (HUM)
- Mathematics (MA)
- Science (SCI)
- Common Curriculum Subjects (Art, CCE, D&T, FCE, Music, PE)

<sup>1</sup>Eligible students may offer HMTL instead of MTL.

<sup>2</sup>G1 Humanities comprises Social Studies and Humanities Exposure Module (HEMs) in Geography, History and Literature in English. G2/G3 Humanities comprises three separate subjects in Geography, History and Literature in English.

#### **11. What are the subjects being offered at More Demanding Levels?**

At the start of Secondary 1, students will offer EL, MTL, MA and SCI at the subject level determined by their PSLE scores. Students who offer most subjects at G1 or G2 are eligible to offer EL, MTL, MA and SCI at a more demanding level from the start of Secondary 1 if they have performed well in these subjects at the PSLE. Parents will be informed of their children's eligibility via Parents Gateway.

Humanities subjects can only be offered at a more demanding level from Secondary 2.

#### **12. What do I need to do if my child is eligible to offer Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)?**

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The school will send a letter of offer for Higher Mother Tongue via PG. To accept the offer, parents/guardians need to accept the offer via PG (Click 'YES'). Parents do not need to submit the form physically at the school/language centre.

#### **13. My child is eligible to offer Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) but he/she has not received the letter of offer. What should we do?**

If your child/ward meets the criteria for HMT but did not receive the letter of offer, please email to HOD (Mother Tongue Languages)

Ms Loh Mew Chew ([loh\\_mew\\_chew@schools.gov.sg](mailto:loh_mew_chew@schools.gov.sg))

- ☐ Please submit the acceptance of Higher Mother Tongue offer through PG by **27 Dec 2024 12 pm.**

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**14. Where would the Higher Mother Tongue lessons be conducted?**

Please note that Higher Chinese Language lessons are held in school during curriculum time. Higher Malay Language lessons and Higher Tamil Language lessons are conducted at designated language centres (once a week) after curriculum hours (approximately 3 hours). More information will be given to your child/ward within the first two weeks of school.

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**For lessons that are conducted at external venues (HML, HTL, AEP, MEP, 3rd Language),** ample time will be given to students to ensure they are able to have their lunch and travel to the venues. Subject teachers will work with students to ensure they are supported for lessons that they miss.

**15. What do I need to do if my child is exempted from Mother Tongue Languages?**

If your child has been exempted from Mother Tongue Languages in primary school or did not sit for Mother Tongue during PSLE, please email our HOD (Mother Tongue Languages)

Ms Loh Mew Chew at [Loh\\_Mew\\_Chew@schools.gov.sg](mailto:Loh_Mew_Chew@schools.gov.sg) by **27 Dec 2024, 12 pm** with relevant supporting details (e.g. exemption letter from CPDD).

**16. What do I need to do if my child is offered a Third Language?**

A Letter of Offer will be sent to you via PG. Parents/guardians must then register online at MOELC (<https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/>) to accept the offer. There is no need to report to a language centre.

**17. I would like to understand more about the CCA structure. Where can I get the information?**

For more information and clarification on CCA, we encourage parents to attend the Parents' Seminar on the evening of 10 Jan 2025. Alternatively, you could visit the school website to find out more.

## 18. Non-medical appeal for transfer to Northbrooks Secondary School

The period for non-medical appeals will be opened from 19 Dec 9 am to 27 Dec 12 pm.

Please complete the online form found under

Section 2>Administrative Matters>Step 2f: Medical Appeal Exercises and Transfer Cases

School will need time to process the appeals, and the outcome may be available only from mid-January. Students should still report to Northbrooks Secondary School on 2 Jan 2025 when the outcome of the appeal is not determined.

While school has the discretion to consider appeals, such appeals may not be accepted due to limited vacancies.

## 19. Medical Appeal Exercise

Students with serious medical conditions (e.g. chronic heart condition) or severe physical impairments may apply for a transfer as part of the Medical Appeal Exercise (MAE). Applicants will need to provide documentation from a certified medical professional in order to apply. Applications must be made in person at Northbrooks Secondary School by 19 Dec 2024, from 8.30 am to 12 pm. No applications will be accepted beyond this timeframe.

## 20. Can my child/ward still use his Primary School EZ-Link card?

Your child/ward can continue to use his Primary School EZ-Link card till the new card is issued, however purchasing concession passes will need to purchase the concession passes for secondary school students.

## 21. MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) Enquiries

For students who are already on MOE FAS in their primary schools

- (a) Bring the following documents on the day that students are scheduled (Posting Group 1 and Posting Group 2 students on 19 Dec and Posting Group 3 students on 20 Dec) to get their books/PE Attire/school uniform at **Northbrooks Secondary School Learning Network Room (Level 1)**.
  - i. FAS Approval Letter issued by the student's primary school
  - ii. The student's Ez-Link Card
  - iii. Secondary 1 booklist (Refer to [Step 2b: Sales of books, uniform and PE Attire](#))
- (b) A FAS Approval Letter will subsequently be issued from Northbrooks Secondary School.
- (c) Bring this letter to the MOE FAS Counter at the school canteen to collect books/PE Attire/school uniform.

For students who wish to apply for MOE FAS

To apply for MOE FAS, download the [FAS Application Form](#) in Step 2d: MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS).

Bring the completed form and all the required supporting documents indicated in the form to Northbrooks Secondary School. Applications should be submitted in person by **27 Dec 2024. While pending for approval, do not collect any books/uniforms/PE attire.**

When the MOE FAS application is successful, the school will contact parents and students to collect the FAS Approval Letter from the General Office. They would then need to:

- (a) Bring the following documents to the school **General Office**:
  - i. The student's Ez-Link Card
  - ii. Secondary 1 booklist
- (b) A FAS Approval Letter will be issued from the school
- (c) Bring this letter to the MOE FAS Counter at the school canteen to collect books/PE Attire/school uniform