

Subject Option 2026 Student Briefing

April/ May 2025

2026 Sec 3 Form Class Structure

Full SBB

- Social-mixing
- Students can offer subjects at APPROPRIATE subject levels

Entering Sec 1 today Based on their PSLE scores, Elena, Tim and Hannah are allocated to the Express, N(A) and N(T) streams respectively. These academic streams largely determine students' access to subjects and programmes in secondary school, and post-secondary pathways. FORM CLASSES Elena PSLE Score: 14 Express PSLE Score 4-20 Mostly N(A)-level subjects N(A) PSLE Score: 23 N(T) PSLE Score: 26 N(T) PSLE Score 26-30 N(T) PSLE Score 26-30

From 2025 Upper Sec Form Class

 Social mixing: similar to Lower Sec – retain current form classes

Class 2025	Class 2026
2.1	3.1
2.2	3.2
2.3	3.3
2.4	3.4
2.5	3.5
2.6	3.6
2.7	3.7
2.8	3.8

Key Considerations:

- Student familiarity with their classmates, needs and aspirations
- Staff needs, strengths, resource availability
- Structure for subject teaching group option formation and generation of timetable



Background

• Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) implemented in secondary schools from 2024 will allow you to:

Choose to learn subjects at different levels based on your strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs

Develop a growth mindset and be motivated to keep learning

Have more opportunities to interact with friends of different strengths and interests

Have more options for post-secondary pathways, while ensuring you are prepared well for your chosen pathway

COS 2025: Thriving Together

Maximising the Potential of Education

Nurturing Students Holistically and Fulfilling their Potential

Revised Junior College Admission Criteria

From the 2028 Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE), the number of subjects required for JC admission will be reduced from 6 to 5.

Students will be able to recalibrate their curriculum load by offering one fewer subject and use the freed-up time to strengthen their development of 21st Century Competencies and pursue other interests.

Now

L1 **R5** ≤ 20

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From 2028 JAE

L1 **R4** ≤ 16

Cap on bonus points

The cap on bonus points will be lowered from a maximum of 4 to 3 points.



Revised Junior College (JC) Admission Criteria

Subject requirements for Junior College admission under revised L1R4 criteria

Component	Subjects	Now L1R5	2028 JAE L1R4
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue	√	✓
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities	✓	✓
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Mathematics or Science	✓	✓
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science	✓	✓
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subject	✓	✓
R5	Any 1 best-scoring subject	✓	

Millennia Institute (MI)'s L1R4 subject requirements will also be updated to require these three subjects, while the qualifying threshold will remain at L1R4 ≤20.

Subject requirements for Millennia Institute (MI) admission under revised L1R4 criteria

Component	Subjects	Now L1R4		2028 JAE L1R4
Lı	English or Higher Moth	er Tongue	English or Higher Mothe	er Tongue
R1	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subj Humanities, Mathemati	8	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subjet Humanities	ect from
R2	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science		Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subjet Mathematics or Science	
R3	Best-Scoring Any 1 best-scoring subject		Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subjet Humanities, Mathematic	
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subj	ect	Any 1 best-scoring subje	ect



Bonus Point System

The cap on bonus points for JC admission will be lowered from a **maximum of 4 to 3 points** to account for the reduction in the number of subjects included in the L1R4 aggregate computation.

The bonus points cap for admission to MI will also be aligned with that for JC admissions.

Type of Bonus Points	Points	Now
004.0	Excellent: 2	Now
CCA Grade	Good: 1	MAXIMUM OF
EL and HMTL Grade • A1 to C6 for both subjects	2	4 from any combination
Chinese/Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia Grade · A1 to C6	2	2028 JAE MAXIMUM OF Q from any
Affliated JC	2	o combination

PLMGS(Sec) is affiliated to ACJC



PL-Lites must put ACJC as their:

- 1st choice or
- 1st and 2nd choice,

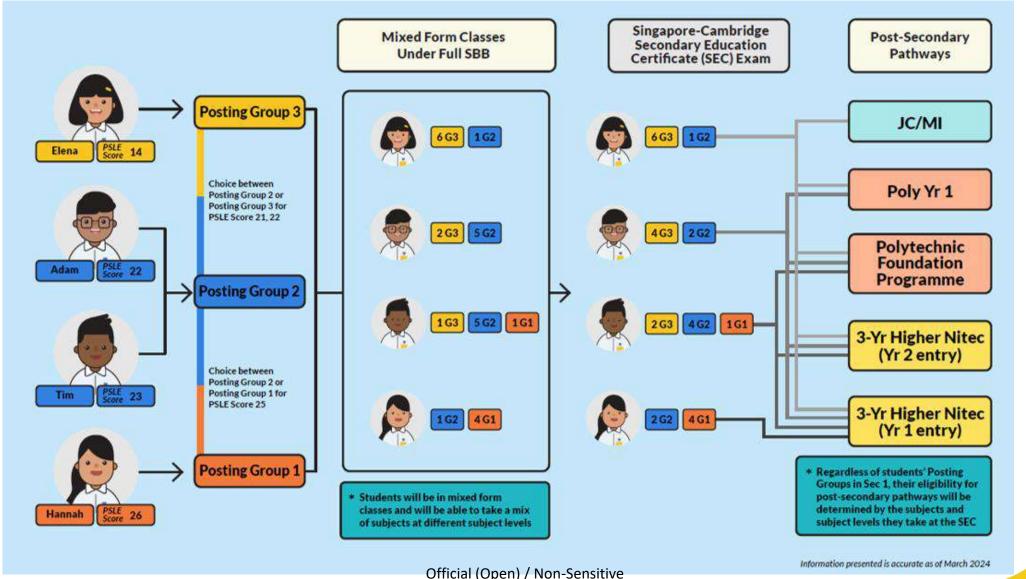
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ACJC 1st choice – Science ACJC 2nd choice – Arts



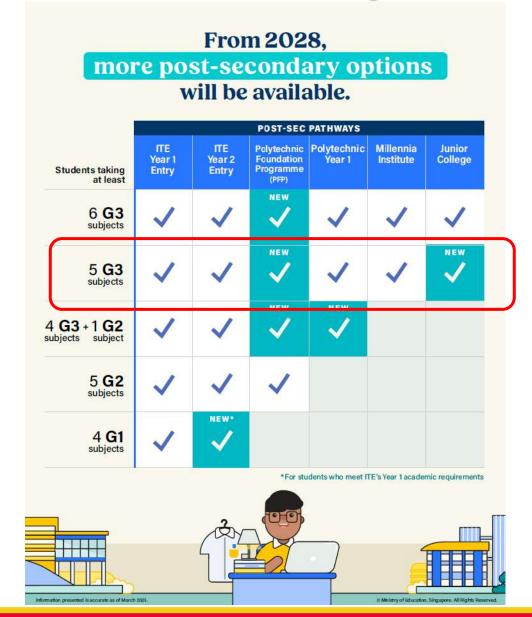


Secondary school experience under Full SBB





Overview of Post-Secondary Pathways





What's next?



Secondary 1 & 2

End of Secondary 2

Deciding on upper secondary subject combinations

All students will offer between 5 and 8 examinable subjects for upper secondary.

Secondary 3 & 4

Upper secondary

Students will continue to have flexibility to offer subjects at different subject levels, including elective subjects (e.g. Additional Mathematics, POA, NFS).



Offering Subjects at More Demanding Level (MDL) in Upper Secondary

- Students may offer subjects at MDL in Secondary 3 based on school's holistic considerations, which include students' subject-specific performance and their ability to cope with all subjects.
- For Humanities, students must **first offer the compulsory Humanities (i.e. Social Studies + Elective Humanities Subject i.e. Geog, Hist or Lit)** at a subject level that he or she is comfortable with. Depending on students' readiness and ability, students may offer a second Humanities subject of a different discipline at G2 or G3.



Progression to Secondary 3

At the end of Secondary 2...

Students who do not meet the following academic requirements are to re-calibrate curricular load:

- (a) Pass EL and 2 subjects, or
- (b) Pass at least half the total no. of examinable subjects offered.



Progression to Secondary 3



Calibrate Curricular Load ...

At the end of Sec 2	Outcomes
• Students who <u>do not meet</u> the academic requirement	 Scenario 1 Reducing number of Upper Secondary subjects (subjected to minimum subject policy – 5 Subjects) and/or
	 Scenario 2 Offering subjects at Less Demanding Level (G3 to G2 or G2 to G1) – case by case



Progression to Secondary 3

Calibrate Curricular Load ...



Scenario 3	
Obtained 75% or better for Overall (at End-of-Year) for	Offer EL, MTL, Math, Sci & Humanities subjects at More Demanding Level (MDL)
core subjects	• G2 to G3
Teacher's Recommendation	 G1 to G2 – for relevant subjects

Scenario 4	
Students offering most or all core subjects at MDL	Elective subjects (e.g. A Math, POA, 2 nd Hum, Art, Music, NFS etc.) may be offered
 Teacher's Recommendation 	at More Demanding Level (MDL) as well



How Subject Combinations are derived

Combinations are reviewed annually and modified based on

- Available Staff or Physical Resources
- Requirements for Post-Sec Courses
- Observations and discussions on the strengths, aptitudes
 & aspirations of students
- National Examination performance of previous batches

Lower Secondary Subject Offerings (with corresponding Upper Secondary Offerings) (PLMGS(Sec))

Examinable subjects (Lower Sec)	Examinable subjects (Upper Sec)	G1	G2	G3
English	English	\checkmark	√	√
Mother Tongue (CL, ML, TL)	Mother Tongue (CL, ML, TL)	\checkmark	√	√
Higher Mother Tongue (HCL, HML, HTL) *(For those who qualify)	Higher Mother Tongue (HCL, HML, HTL)			√
Science	Science (Chem /Phy), (Chem/Bio)	√	√	√
	Pure Science (Chem, Bio, Physics)			√
Mathematics	Mathematics	\checkmark	√	√
	A Maths		√	\checkmark
	Principles of Accounts		√	√
History	History		√	√
Geography	Geography		√	√
Literature in English	Literature in English		√	√
	Combined Humanities (SS/Geo, SS/Hist, SS/Lit)		√	√
Food and Consumer Education	Nutrition and Food Science		√	√
Art	Art			√
Design & Technology				
	Music (O level music)			√
Non-examinable subjects (Lower Sec)	Non-examinable subjects (Upper Sec)	G1	G2	G3
Music				
Physical Education	Physical Education	√	√	√
Character and Citizenship Education	Character and Citizenship Education	√	√	√
Social Studies (G1 Humanities) (for G1 Only)	Humanities Exposure Modules (HEM for G1)	√		



Subject Combi Allocation Principles

Merit

Overall Subject Percentage at Sec 2 and Subject Eligibility Criteria

Choice

Rank order – 1st Choice will be considered if the results meet the subject criteria

Vacancy

Availability of places in a particular subject option

Subjects offered depends on:

- Take-up rate a subject will not be offered if the take-up rate is not met
- Availability of teachers a subject will have a maximum class-size if too many students opt for it.



2026 Sec 3 Subject Combinations

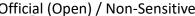
- students taking all subjects at G3

	Subject	
Compulsory Subject 1	English, G3	
Compulsory Subject 2	Mother Tongue, G3	
Compulsory Subject 3	Mathematics, G3	
Subject Cluster 1	SS/Geography, G3	
(Humanities)	SS/History, G3	
	*SS/Literature, G3	
Subject Cluster 2	Pure Chemistry and Pure Biology, G3	
(Sciences)	Pure Chemistry and Pure Physics, G3	
	C. Science (Chemistry/Biology), G3	
	C. Science (Chemistry/Physics), G3	
Subject Cluster 3	Additional Maths and POA, G3 (for students	
(Maths, Others)	opting for C. Science only)	
	Additional Maths, G3	
	POA, G3	
	NFS, G3	
Subject Cluster 4	Pure Physics, G3	
(Aesthetics, Science	Pure Geography, G3	
and Humanities)	Pure History, G3	
	*Pure Literature, G3	
	~Art, G3	
	~Music, G3	

Rank order your Subject Choices

^{*}Subjected to availability of staff resource. At maximum the school can offer 1 Pure Literature and 1 SS/Literature, G3 class. If additional teacher resource is available, we may extend to 2 SS/Literature G3 across all the classes.

[~]Students cannot offer both Art/Music and Nutrition and Food Science together.





2026 Sec 3 Subject Combinations

students taking all subjects at G2 or subjects at G2/G3

	Subject^
Compulsory Subject 1	English, G3
	English, G2
Compulsory Subject 2	Mother Tongue, G3
	Mother Tongue, G2
Compulsory Subject 3	Mathematics, G3
	Mathematics, G2
Subject Cluster 1 (Humanities)	SS/Geography, G3
	SS/Geography, G2
	SS/Literature, G3
	SS/Literature, G2
Subject Cluster 2 (Sciences)	C. Science (Chemistry/Biology), G3
	C. Science (Chemistry/Biology), G2
	C. Science (Chemistry/Physics), G3
	C. Science (Chemistry/Physics), G2
Subject Cluster 3 (Aesthetics,	Additional Maths, G2
Science and Humanities)	Pure Geography, G2
	NFS, G2
	POA, G2

Rank order your Subject Choices

^ Art/Music will be offered as the 6th or 7th subject (or 8th subject for some students taking mostly G3 subjects). Students cannot offer both Art/Music and Nutrition and Food Science together. Art/Music will be conducted after 230pm/310pm.

Criteria to offer subject at a more demanding level (G3) in Secondary 3	
Current students taking the subject at G3 Obtained a Pass grade for the subject for Overall (at End-of-Year)	
Other students	 Obtained 75% or better for Overall (at End-of-Year)
Other students	 Teacher's Recommendation



2026 Sec 3 Subject Combinations

- students taking at least one subject at G1

	Subject
Compulsory Subject 1	English, G2
	English, G1
Compulsory Subject 2	Mother Tongue, G2
	Mother Tongue, G1
Compulsory Subject 3	Mathematics, G2
	Mathematics, G1
Compulsory Subject 4	Elements of Business Studies, G1
Subject Cluster 1 (Humanities – non-	Humanities Elective Module, G1
examinable)	
Subject Cluster 2 (Sciences)	Science, G1
	C. Science (Chemistry/Biology), G2
	C. Science (Chemistry/Physics), G2
	C. Science (Chemistry/Biology), G3
	C. Science (Chemistry/Physics), G3
NFTE Programme (Non-examinal	ole)

Rank order your Subject Choices



Criteria to offer subject at a more demanding level (G2) in Secondary 3		
Current students taking the subject at G2 Obtained a Pass grade for the subject for Overall (at End-of-Year)		
Other students	 Obtained 75% or better for Overall (at End-of-Year) 	
Other students	 Teacher's Recommendation 	



Subject Criteria (G3 Subjects)



Subjects	S2 G3 (Academic Performance) Criteria		
Pure Sciences~ (Biology and/or Chemistry and/or Physics)	S2 G3 English AND Science (Overall)	65% (B3) or better for both subjects	
Additional Mathematics^	S2 G3 English AND Mathematics (Overall)	65% (B3) or better for both subjects	
Pure Humanities^ (Literature in English, History, Geography)	S2 G3 English AND Lit/Hist/Geog (Overall)	65% (B3) or better for both subjects	
Art/Music (at G3)	S2 Art, Selection Test/Audition AND Interview Music Selection Test/Audition AND Interview	Art - 65% (B3) or better Music - music theoretical knowledge and formal training in primary instrument	

[~] Eligible students who intend to take triple/double Pure Sciences

Note that: all options are subjected to **minimum** of **15** students and **maximum** of **40** students class size per subject. And offering of the **Pure Literature** subject is subjected to the availability of manpower resources for the year.

[^] Eligible students who intend to take the relevant G3 subjects



Subject Criteria (G2 Subjects)



Subjects	S2 G3/G2 (Academic Performance) Criteria		
Additional Mathematics, G2	S2 G2 English AND G3 Mathematics (Overall)	EL - 65% (Grade 3) or better Maths - 60% (B4) or better	
	S2 G2 English AND G2 Mathematics (Overall)	EL - 65% (Grade 3) or better Maths - 70% (Grade 2) or better	
Pure Humanities, G2 (Geography)	S2 G2 English AND G3 Geog (Overall)	EL - 60% (Grade 4) or better Geog - 60% (B4) or better	
	S2 G2 English AND G2 Geog (Overall)	65% (Grade 3) or better	
Art/Music (at G3)	S2 Art Selection Test/Audition AND Interview Music Selection Test/Audition AND Interview	Art - 65% (B3) or better Music - music theoretical knowledge and formal training in primary instrument	

Note that: all options are subjected to **minimum** of **15** students and **maximum** of **40** students class size per subject. And offering of the **Pure Geography** subject is subjected to the availability of manpower resources for the year.

Scenario Learning 1 – student taking all subjects at G3





LAAI	VIIIVAD		11 52
EL	G3	HIST	G3
MA	G3	LIT	G3
MTL	G3	ART	CMN
SCI	G3	D&T	CMN
GEO	G3	FCE	CMN

EXAMINABLE SUBLAT S2

 Met academic requirement Scored above 75% for EL, SCI and GEOG

S2 PERFORMANCE

- Intends to invest more time to pursue nonacademic interests (i.e. she will be serving on the EXCO in CCA) and expressed desire to explore sizing her curricular load (e.g., offering an elective at G2)
 - Has enjoyed Sciences, History and Mathematics lessons and is considering which related subjects to offer at US while weighing his overall curricular load

INTEREST

•	Aspires to go to JC/MI to offer mainly Humanities and Arts subjects or to study Business or Psychology in a Polytechnic

ASPIRATIONS

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	Offering 6 subject combination		Offering 7 subject combination	
Compulsory sub 1	EL	G3	EL	G3
Compulsory sub 2	MTL	G3	MTL	G3
Compulsory sub 3	MA	G3	MA	G3
Sub cluster 1	1. SS/Geog, 2. SS/Hist, 3. SS/Lit	G3	1. SS/Hist, 2. SS/Geog, 3. SS/Lit	G3
Sub cluster 2	1. P. CH P. BI , 2. P. CH P. PH, 3. C. CH/BI, 4. C. CH/PH	G3	1. P. CH P. BI , 2. P. CH P. PH, 3. C. CH/BI, 4. C. CH/PH	G3
Sub cluster 3	NIL		Add MA	G3
Sub cluster 4 & 5	NIL	Official	NIL (or P. PH as 8 th subject?)	

Post-Sec Options

- 1. JC / MI
- 2. Poly Year 1
- 3. PFP

Scenario Learning 2 – student taking subjects at G2 or G2/G3

EXA	MINAB	LE SUBJ A	AT S2	S2 PERFORMANCE	INTEREST	ASPIRATIONS
EL	G2	HIST	G2	Met academic Requirement	Enjoys learning about physical landforms in Geography Lessons	 'I don't know what I want yet'
MA	G2	LIT	G3	Scored slightly above	Likes to read books (English and MTL)	Uncertain about her
MTL	G3	ART	CMN	50% for Sci and Lit, G3	 Loves to solve mathematical problem and seeks out different methods of number 	post-sec options
SCI	G3	D&T	CMN	Scored above 65% for MA and GEOG	analysis	
GEO	G2	FCE	CMN			

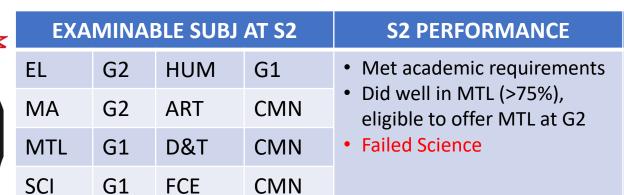
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	Offering 5 subject combination		Offering 6 subject combination	
Compulsory sub 1	EL	G2	EL	G2
Compulsory sub 2	1. MTL	G3	1. MTL	G3
	2. MTL	G2	2. MTL	G2
Compulsory sub 3	MA	G2	MA	G2
Sub cluster 1	1. SS/Geog, 2. SS/Lit G2		1. SS/Geog, 2. SS/Lit	G2
	3. SS/Lit	G3	3. SS/Lit	G3
Sub cluster 2	1. C. CH/BI , 3. C. CH/PH	G2	1. C. CH/BI , 3. C. CH/PH	G3
	2. C. CH/BI, 4. C. CH/PH	G3	2. C. CH/BI, 4. C. CH/PH	G2
Sub cluster 3	NIL	Offi	cial (Chenny A) of Spisitive og, 3. POA, 4. NFS	G2

Post-Sec Options

- 1. PFP
- 2. Higher Nitec(3 yr)
- 3. Higher Nitec(2 yr)

Scenario Learning 3 – student taking at least 1 subject at G1



INTEREST	ASPIRATIONS
 Likes to read books 	 Aspires to work with
(English and MTL)	younger children in
 Loves to solve 	early childhood
mathematical problem	education or
and able to interact well	hospitality operations
with younger kids	

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Possible Subject Combination			
Offering 6 subject combination			
Compulsory sub 1	1. EL	G2	
	2. EL	G1	
Compulsory sub 2	1. MTL	G2	
	2. MTL	G1	
Compulsory sub 3	1. MA	G2	
	2. MA	G1	
Compulsory sub 4	EBS	G1	
Sub cluster 1	SS/HEM	G1	
Sub cluster 2	Sci	G1	

Post-Sec Options

- Higher Nitec
 (3 yr)
- 2. Higher Nitec(2 yr)

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Subject classes

Points to note:

- There must be <u>15</u> or more students choosing this particular option before the school will consider opening the class.
- Student <u>cannot</u> be a school and private candidate at the same time. Therefore, student cannot sit for any subject at the national examinations as a private candidate.



Timeline @ a Glance

May 2025

2026 Sec 3
Combination
Info Booklet /
Information
(school
website)

Jul 2025

Trial-run of
subject
combination
selection
(based on Sem
1 results)

Oct 2025

2026 Sec 3
Combination
Briefing and
Option
exercise*
(students)

Oct 2025

Submit Option Forms based on 2025 Overall results

Oct-Nov 2025

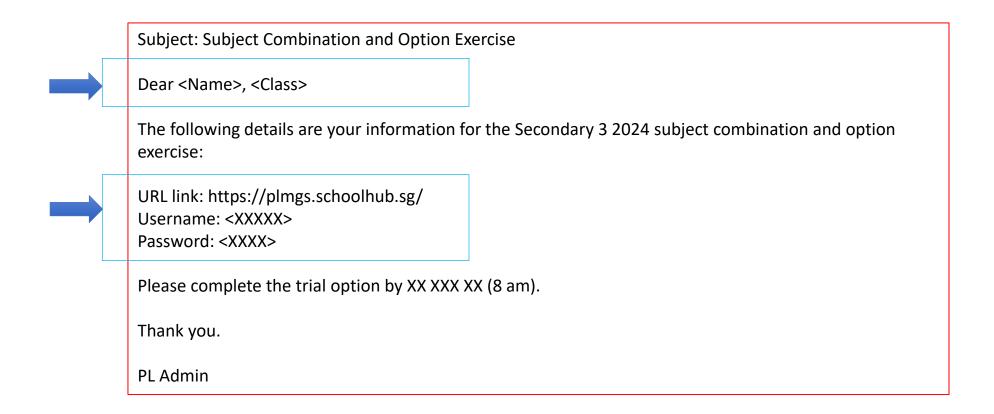
Notification of 2026 Sec 3 Subject Outcomes

*After EOY Results are released



Subject Option Online Portal (Actual)

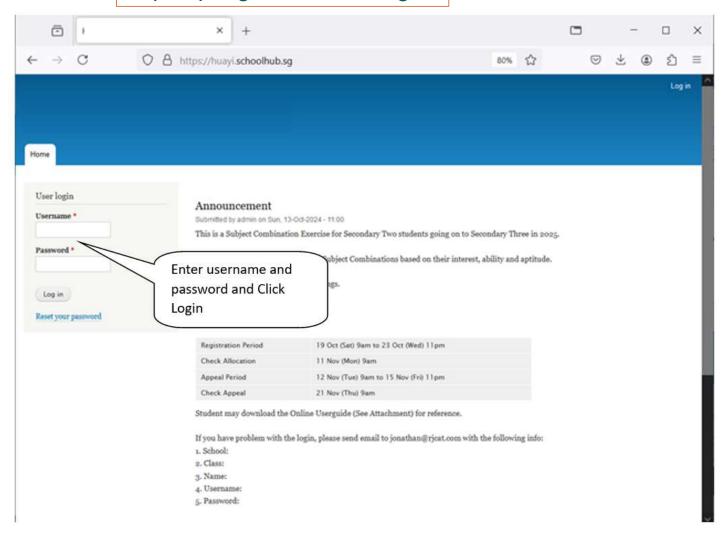
 You will be receiving an email via your plmgss email account





Subject Option Online Portal

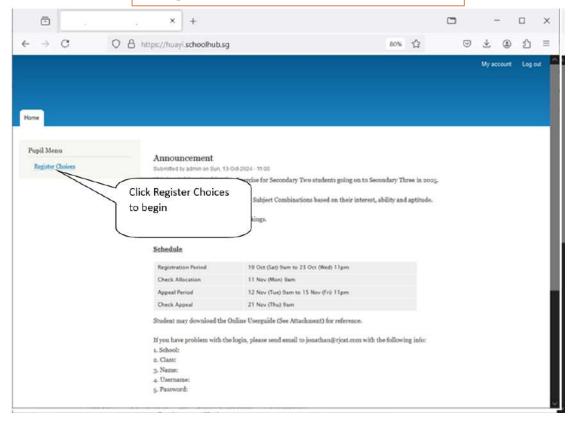
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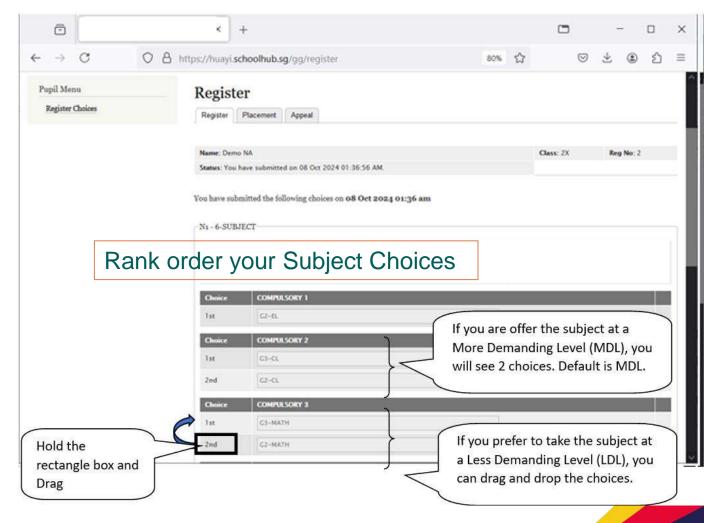




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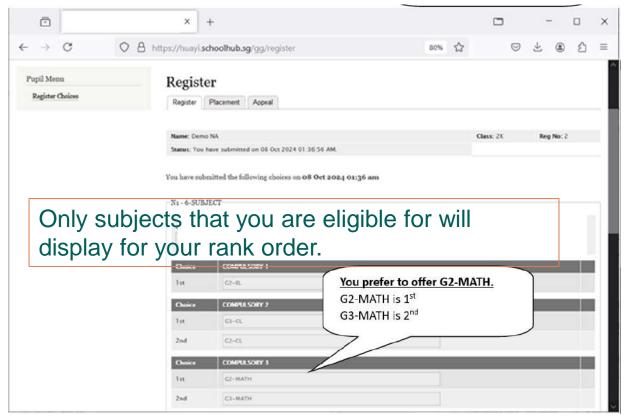
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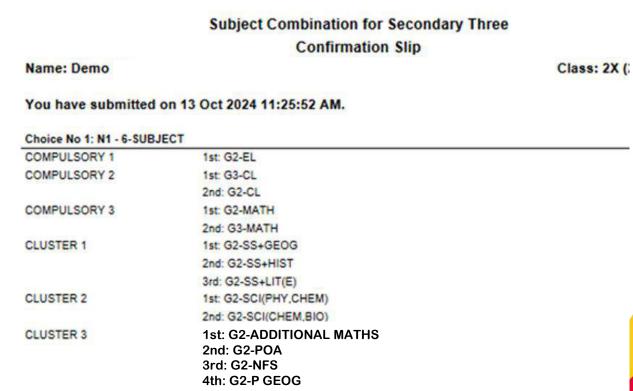




Subject Option Online Portal



Sample Confirmation Slip (for your reference)





Which are my interests and strengths/abilities?

How can I contribute meaningfully to my community?

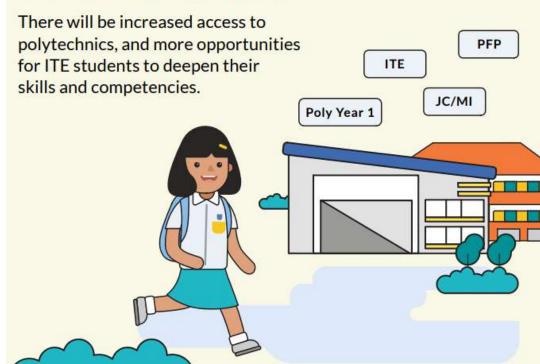
What are the available pathways for me?

ECG

What do I want to do after I graduate?

Post-secondary pathways under Full Subject-Based Banding

Students will have more options for post-secondary pathways





Start Planning for Post-Secondary Education

From 2028, more post-secondary options will be available.

	POST-SEC PATHWAYS					
Students taking at least	ITE Year 1 Entry	ITE Year 2 Entry	Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	Polytechnic Year 1	Millennia Institute	Junior College
6 G3 subjects	1	~	NEW 🗸	1	✓	1
5 G3 subjects	1	1	NEW 🗸	1	✓	NEW 🗸
4 G3 + 1 G2 ubjects subject	✓	1	NEW 🗸	NEW 🗸		
5 G2 subjects	1	1	✓			
4 G1 subjects	/	√ NEW.				

sciences to study Medicine course in the future?

Do I need triple

How do I learn best?

Would academic or

applied learning

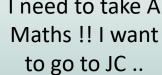
approach suit me

better?

How many subjects do I need to qualify for my desired post-sec course?

Do I have a specific talent or interest area? Would I want to apply for early admissions?

I need to take A





Must I take triple science to enter a science stream in a JC?

No you do not.

JCs do not offer triple sciences. In JC students are required to take 4 content subjects, of which one must be math and another contrasting subject (not science). Students should consider taking triple sciences only if they have **done well** in their science and **met the requirement** to qualify as triple sciences is a very demanding course. They should show a strong passion and aptitude in sciences.



Post Secondary Education

Shorter route to Higher Nitec for ITE students by 2026

More pathways to polys for ITE students from 2027

https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/defaultsource/admissions-docs/fulltime/publications/prospectus/ite-2021prospectus-full-time-education-andtraineeship.pdf

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Under the 'One ITE System, Three Colleges' Model, ITE's curriculum is delivered across three Colleges in Singapore. All Colleges promote multi-disciplinary and cross-level learning.

Each ITE College is equipped with high-tech learning spaces and digital learning approaches. Practical lessons are conducted in exciting, authentic learning environments that simulate actual work situations, from aircraft hangars, well-equipped training kitchens and restaurants to sound stages, AR/VR studios, retail and healthcare labs.



Timeline of activities

Activity	Dates		
Subject Option Trial Exercise (based on Sem 1 results)	11-14 Jul		
Subject Option Admin and ECG Briefing	15 Oct		
Subject requirement briefing (during subject lesson time)	15 – 24 Oct		
Subject Option Exercise:			
Start	21 Oct (10 am)		
End	24 Oct (8 am)*		
Release of Subject Option Allocation	5 Nov (12 noon)		
Appeal period	5 – 7 Nov		
Release of appeal results	12 Nov		
Release of Class Teaching Group	1 week before school re-opens via plmgss email		

*Do note that students who did not submit the option online by the deadline will be assigned to any available option after all the allocation for all students is completed.



Thank you



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