

(A) Administration**1. Will the presentation slides shown during Placement Briefing be provided to parents?**

The information will be provided on the school website.

2. How many choices can a student select in the subject combination option form?

In the option form, each student can submit up to four choices. The subject combination choices should be made carefully in order of preference, and consideration of student's eligibility and strengths.

3. Is the allocation of subjects based on subject merit of End of Year Exam only, or overall Sec 2 results?

Subject allocation by merit is based on overall Sec 2 results.

4. How will students know which subject combination they are eligible for?

After End-of-Year examinations, students will be shown their Overall percentage scores for all subjects. This will allow students to check if they have met the criteria for subjects such as A Math and Pure Sciences, thereby knowing which subject combination they are eligible for.

5. Do students remain in their current Sec 2 class regardless of which combination they choose?

Students will remain in their current form class as they progress into Upper Sec, regardless of the subject combination they are allocated.

6. Are the subject combinations offering enough subjects to allow students to be eligible for university courses?

The subjects offered in all combinations will meet the requirement of the R4 & R5 subjects to allow students to be eligible for entry to Junior Colleges and Polytechnic.

7. Are there any disadvantages in terms of L1R5 computation if the school were to offer combinations of only 7 subjects?

All subject combinations on offer allow students to meet the criteria of eligibility for JC/MI/Polytechnic. There is no statistical data to correlate number of subjects offered to the performance of aggregate score in L1R5.

8. Which type of combination gives students a higher chance of eligibility to enter the Junior College (JC)?

All subject combinations on offer will allow students to be eligible for application into JC provided they fulfil the requirements of $L1R5 \leq 20$.

9. Is going to JC a better option than Polytechnics?

Different pathways are designed to meet the diverse needs of all students. Students should explore the various options offered by each pathway and make an informed choice based on individual ability and passions.

(B) Nature of Subjects**1. If my child does not take Mother Tongue Language, does he/she have to take another subject to replace it?**

Students who are exempted from Mother Tongue will have one fewer subject in total compared to their peers.

2. If a child is exempted from Mother Tongue Language, will it affect his/her choice of subject combination?

It will not affect his/her choice of subject combination.

3. What does 'elective subject' mean?

Elective subjects mean under the option of the subject combination, the student will only select one of the subjects offered.

For example, in the elective subject of A Math/Art, students can select only one but not both subjects in the combination.

4. What is Science PC/CB?

This is the shortened form of the names of the elective subjects Science (Physics, Chemistry) and Science (Chemistry, Biology). Although this is an elective subject, students must select either one but not both.

5. What is the difference between Pure Science and Science (Physics, Chemistry) or Science (Chemistry, Biology)?

For Pure Science subjects such as Physics, Chemistry or Biology, each is graded as a standalone subject. For Science (Physics, Chemistry) or Science (Chemistry, Biology), the scores for the two components, e.g., Chemistry & Biology in Science (Chemistry, Biology), are combined for an overall grade.

6. Can students who take Science (Phy, Chem) or Science (Chem, Bio) still go to JC when they are not taking Pure Science subjects?

Students taking Science (Phy, Chem) or Science (Chem, Bio) can still go to a JC. Each JC has different requirements for taking Science at H1 or H2 levels. Please refer to specific JC websites to see the requirements.

7. What does SSGY and SSHY stand for?

These are the shortened forms of the elective subjects Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) and Humanities (Social Studies, History). As this is an elective subject, students will select either one but not both.

8. If my child chooses SSHY, does it mean the subject consists of half the content from Social Studies and the other half of the content from History?

Yes, SSHY is a combined subject, results from each half to make up combined score for SSHY or Humanities (Social Studies, History).

9. For the Humanities subject, must the student take the combination with Social Studies or can a student just take Pure Humanities subjects?

In Humanities, Social Studies is a compulsory half module. Students will choose either Elective Geography or Elective History as the other half module. Pure Humanities is offered only as a second Humanities subject and is optional. It cannot replace Social Studies and Elective Geography/History as the main Humanities subject.

10. What is the difference between Elementary Math (EM) and Additional Math (AM)?

EM is more focused on the basic fundamentals of Mathematics. Generally, workings involved in EM are shorter and simpler. AM is more abstract and requires a good knowledge and foundation in Algebra. Workings in AM require more in-depth understanding of algebraic rules, are longer and need more careful planning on the sequence of steps to proceed further.

11. What is POA?

POA stands for Principles of Accounts.

12. What do students study in POA or Art?

Details of subjects for Express course can be viewed from the MOE website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/courses/express/electives#subjects>

13. For POA students, do they get exemptions if they take up accounting modules in the Polytechnic?

Taking POA at the O-Levels does not mean your child will be exempt from accounting modules in Polytechnics.

14. Is Art at O-Levels difficult?

It is recommended that students who choose to take Art at O-Levels should have passion for the subject and be willing to spend time and effort on the coursework.

(C) Eligibility and Combination Selection**1. Is the Termly results taken into consideration for this placement exercise?**

Yes, results from Term 1-3 will be considered as part of Overall score for calculating Overall percentile. The breakdown is as follows: WA1: 15%, WA2: 15%, WA3, 15%, EYE:55%

2. Is Additional Mathematics (A Math) a compulsory subject for all Express classes?

No, it is not a compulsory subject.

3. What is the eligibility for A Math?

For students to apply for A Math, their overall Math grade should minimally be a B (B3 or B4). However, this does not guarantee that your child will be offered A Math. Being eligible does not mean that your child will be offered the subject. Priority will be based on merit.

4. If my child is eligible for the subject, does it mean that he/she will offer that subject? For e.g. If he/she scores B4 for Math, does that mean he/she will be offered A Math?

No, being eligible does not mean that your child will be offered the subject. Priority will be based on merit. If all the students who opted for A Math are scoring As, then there is a strong chance that your child will not be offered A Math.

5. Is Combination A offering Two Pure Science subjects?

Yes, students taking Combination A will study Chemistry and either Biology OR Physics.

6. For Combination C, is POA a mandatory subject?

Yes, all students will take POA in Combination C.

7. How many students will be offered Combination A/B/C/D respectively?

Each year, the number of students allocated to each combination will be dependent on students' choice and qualification for eligibility criteria. Past years' data might not necessarily be an accurate gauge of student allocation in current exercise.

8. If a student did not get his/her choice of subject combination, does he/she get to choose again?

All students are given multiple choices on the option form. It is encouraged that students and parents make strategic decisions by choosing from more than one combination type. In the scenario where the student does not meet the criteria for all choices submitted, the school will make the decision to allocate the combination that the student can qualify for.

9. Is there an appeal process in case my child does not qualify for one of the criteria?

Yes, the appeal process will be made known to students after the first Placement Exercise result is released. However, appeal cases are considered on a case-by-case basis.