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Subject Combination Briefing (Parents)

20 May 2026

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Programme Outline

Content		Time
1	Principal's Address	6:00pm to 6:05pm
2.1	Key Milestones & Information	6:05pm to 6:35pm
2.2	Tentative 2027 Sec 3 Subject Combination	
2.3	FAQ	
2.4	ECG appointment	
3	Q&A	6:35pm to 6:45pm

Date	Details	Remarks
✓ 19 May (Tue)	Subject Combination Briefing (students)	Students will complete Subjects Preference Survey on 19 May
✓ 20 May (Wed)	Subject Combination Briefing (parents)	Term 2 Week 9, 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
24 Sep – 5 Oct (Thu – Mon)	End-of-Year Exam	Term 4 Weeks 2 to 4
8 Oct (Thu)	Subject Combination Submission Briefing (students)	Term 4 Week 4
19 – 26 Oct (Mon – Mon)	Submission of Subject Combination (online portal)	PTM on 23 Oct (last day of school) Deadline: 26 Oct, 12 noon.
10 Nov (Tue)	Release of Subject Combination outcome (online portal)	Term 4 Week 9
10 – 12 Nov (Tue – Thu)	Appeal period (email)	Deadline: 3 pm with consent from parents. Student is required to inform his/her Character Coaches.
By 20 Nov (Fri)	Release of Appeal outcome (email)	

Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC)

- From 2027, students will sit for the new SEC examinations, comprising different papers for each subject level.
 - Students will offer the Full SBB equivalent of retired subjects (e.g. G1 Computing instead of CPA).
- SEC examination timetable will be harmonised to allow students to better pace their learning with all students taking their examinations in the same period
- Written examinations for English and Mother Tongue Language (MTL) will be conducted ~1 month ahead of other subjects, with only one sitting for MTL



Overview of Post-Secondary Pathways

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

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

*For students who meet ITE's Year 1 academic requirements

*Students who offer 4 G1 subjects will join Year 1 of Higher Nitec, and may be offered the accelerated pathway if they meet academic requirements during their Year 1 Semester 1 examinations. **This pathway will allow them to attain a Higher Nitec in a shorter duration of about two years.**



Admissions to JC/MI

- From 2028 JC1 cohort, JC admission criteria will be **revised from L1R5 to L1R4**;
 - This allows students to recalibrate curriculum load by offering one fewer subject, and use freed-up time to pursue their interest and strengthen development of 21st Century Competencies e.g. through CCA or school programmes

1) Qualifying threshold for JC revised to L1R4 ≤ 16 and retained at L1R4 ≤ 20 for MI

	Aggregate Scores (computed with G3 subjects)	Qualifying Threshold
Junior College	L1R4	≤ 16
Millenia Institute	L1R4	≤ 20

2) Minimum subject grade requirements will remain

Subject	Grade
English Language	1-6 at G3
Mathematics (Elementary/Additional)	1-7 at G3
Any one Mother Tongue Language	Higher Mother Tongue Language: 1-8 at G3 Mother Tongue Language: 1-7 at G3; 1-5 at G2; A-D at G1

Admissions to JC/MI

- **JC/MI aggregate score will include Language, Humanities and Mathematics/Science subjects**
 - This ensures that students continue to cope with the academic rigour of the A-Level pathway

JC/MI aggregate score composition	Subjects
First Language ("L1")	English or Higher Mother Tongue
Relevant Subject 1 ("R1")	Best-scoring subject from Humanities
Relevant Subject 2 ("R2")	Best-scoring subject from Mathematics or Science
Relevant Subject 3 ("R3")	Best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science
Relevant Subject 4 ("R4")	Any best-scoring subject except Religious Knowledge

- **Bonus points cap will be lowered from four to three**
 - Students who apply through the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) and are selected for Language Elective Programme (LEP) continue to be eligible for two bonus points on top of this cap for admission to respective JCs

Admissions to Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- **Students offering G3 subjects, or a mix of G2 and G3 subjects will be allowed to access PFP**
 - For purposes of admission to PFP, the requirements for English, Math, the 'Relevant' [R] subject and 'Best' [B] subjects will be mapped at the G2 level, instead of G3.
 - The minimum G2 grades are indicated in the table below.

Subject specific requirements for PFP	
G2 subjects	New grade requirement
English Language	3
Mathematics	3
Relevant Subject	3
Two "Best" Subjects	4

Grade Mapping Table from G3 to G2	
G3	G2
A1, A2, B3	1
B4, C5, C6	2
D7	3
E8	4
9	5
-	6

Admissions to Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- Admissions will be restructured to a cluster-based approach
- Students will enter one of the following three key broad clusters. At the end of the PFP year, students will then apply to a specific diploma course within the cluster, and posting will be based on their PFP performance and course choice:
 - Sciences
 - Humanities, Art, Media and Business
 - Design, Engineering & Technology (*NYP and TP offer two sub-clusters: (i) Design and (ii) Engineering & Technology*)
- Diploma-specific admission to PFP will continue for Nursing, Tamil Studies in Early Education and Early Childhood Development & Education courses as these courses are more specialised. Students who are keen on these specialised diploma courses can continue to gain admission through entering PFP for the specific diploma directly or through the cluster-based approach.

Admissions to Polytechnic Year 1

- From 2028, one 'Best' [B] subject can be fulfilled at G2 or G3 as part of the ELR2B2 aggregate score for admission to Polytechnic Year 1
 - Students who offer both [B] subjects at G3 will have the [B] subject with a lower grade mapped from G3 to G2 based on a grade mapping table.
 - Correspondingly, the net aggregate cut-off will be adjusted from 26 points to 22 points.

ELR2B2	
Subjects	Subject Level
English Language (EL)	G3
2 Relevant subjects (R2)	
One of the [B] subjects	
2 nd [B] subject	G2 (G3 subjects to be mapped to G2 grade)

Grade Mapping Table from G3 to G2	
G3	G2
A1, A2, B3	1
B4, C5, C6	2
D7	3
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ITE Curricular Structure

- By AY2026, ITE will transit all its Nitec courses to the enhanced **three-year** curricular structure leading directly to a Higher Nitec certification[^]
 - In Year 1, students will undertake broad-based foundation courses exposing them to fundamental skills needed for the relevant industry sector
 - In Years 2 and 3, they will take more specialised modules, leading to a Higher Nitec certification
 - Students are also exposed to two industry attachments (IA): a three-month IA in Year 2 and a six-month IA in Year 3, with the latter building on the learning outcomes and workplace competencies of the former

[^] Potential introduction of a 3-year Higher Nitec in Early Childhood Education (from the current 2-year Higher Nitec) under review

Admissions to ITE Year 1

- From AY2028 ITE intake, admissions requirements for entry to **Year 1** of **3-year** Higher Nitec courses will be set at G1
- ITE aggregate score will be computed based on four G1 subjects
- G3 and G2 grades will be mapped to G1 based on the grade mapping table

Grade mapping table (G3 to G2 to G1)			ITE Aggregate score
G3	G2	G1	
A1-B3	1	A	1
B4-C6	2	A	
D7	3	A	
E8	4	B	2
9	5	C	3
-	6	D	4
-	-	E	5

Admissions to ITE Year 2

- From AY2028 ITE intake, admission requirements for direct entry into Year 2 of three-year Higher Nitec courses will be set at G2
- Student must obtain an ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or better, based on G2 grades
- Students with G2 subjects, or a mix of G2 and G3 subjects will be able to apply for direct entry into Higher Nitec Year 2. G3 grades will be mapped to G2 based on the grade mapping table

Grade Mapping Table from G3 to G2	
G3	G2
A1, A2, B3	1
B4, C5, C6	2
D7	3
E8	4
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Progression from ITE to Polytechnics

- From the AY2027 Poly intake, all Higher Nitec graduates with a minimum raw GPA of 2.5 will be eligible to apply for admission to Polytechnics. This was revised from minimum raw GPA of 2.0, to ensure that ITE graduates can better cope with the academic rigour of a polytechnic education
- From the AY2027 Poly intake, polytechnic admission will be guaranteed to all Higher Nitec graduates with a minimum raw GPA of 3.5, for admission to poly courses that are mapped to ITE courses.



Purpose

At the end of Secondary 2, your child/ward will take part in the **online Subject Combination Exercise** to determine the subjects that he/she will sign up for his/her national examinations.



Factors to consider when selecting subject combinations

- ❖ Discuss with your child/ward.
- ❖ Choose a subject combination according to your **child's/ward's ability and interest** so that he/she can do well and move on to a **course of his/her choice** in Post Secondary Education in JC/Poly/ITE.

Process of Subject Combination Allocation

- ❖ Allocation of subject combination will be based on:
 - ✓ Choice
 - ✓ Merit (overall results for each subject)
 - ✓ Vacancy
- ❖ Being eligible for a particular course does not guarantee you will be offered the course. It depends on the vacancy that the particular course has. (e.g. 20 vacancies each for Design & Technology (D&T) and Nutrition and Food Science (NFS) due to safety requirements)



Process of Subject Combination Allocation

- ❖ In the event there is a high demand for a particular subject, **vacancies will be filled according to the order of merit.**
- ❖ There **must be a critical mass** for a subject to be offered.
- ❖ The Subject Combination allocation will be based on the **Overall results** and **not** just on the **End-of-Year Examination results.**

Computation of Overall Results

- End-of-Year Examination Dates:
24 Sep – 5 Oct 2026
- Assessment Weighting (page 34 of
Student Handbook)

2026 Assessment Modes and Weighting for Secondary 2

Subject	Term 1 WA	Term 2 WA	Term 3 WA	Term 4 WA	Term 4 (EOY)	Total
G1, G2, G3 English Language	10%	15%	15%	10% (AA)	50%	100%
G1, G2, G3 Chinese & Malay Languages	10%	15%	15%	10% (AA)	50%	100%
G1, G2, G3 Tamil Language	15%	15%	15%	0%	55%	100%
G2, G3 Literature	10%	15%	15%	10% (AA)	50%	100%
G1, G2, G3 Mathematics	15%	15%	15%	5% (AA)	50%	100%
G1, G2, G3 Science	15%	15%	15%	5% (AA)	50%	100%
G2, G3 History	10%	15% (HI)	15% (HI)	10%	50%	100%
G2, G3 Geography	10%	15% (GI)	15% (GI)	10%	50%	100%
Art (Common Curriculum)	15%	15%	15%	5% (AA)	50%	100%
Design & Technology (Common Curriculum)	15%	15%	NIL		70% (CWK+AA)	100%
Food & Consumer Education (Common Curriculum)	NIL		15%	15%	70% (AM + AA)	100%

Subjects Information

- <https://www.hougangsec.moe.edu.sg/subject-combination-matters-for-sec-2-2026/>

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Subject Combination Matters (for Sec 2 2026)

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For more information about the Secondary 3 subject offerings in 2027, please view the video presentations below (arranged according to alphabetical order of the subjects):

[G3 Additional Mathematics](#)

[G1 Art*](#)

[G2/G3 A...*](#)



Tentative* Subject Combination for G3- dominant students (Posting Group 3)

*Subject to demand, staff availability and timetabling constraints

Tentative Pure Science G3 Subject Combination (7 Subjects)

1.	English Language
2.	Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/Others)
3.	Mathematics
4.	Humanities (Social studies with History) or Humanities (Social studies with Geography)
5.	Pure Chemistry
6.	Additional Mathematics
7.	<u>Choose 1 Pure Science:</u> Pure Physics or Pure Biology

Tentative Combined Science G3 Subject Combination **(7 Subjects)**

1.	English Language
2.	Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/Others)
3.	Mathematics
4	Additional Mathematics
5.	Science (Chemistry with Physics or Biology)
6.	Humanities (Social studies with History) or Humanities (Social studies with Geography) or Humanities (Social studies with Malay Literature)
7.	<u>Choose 1 elective:</u> Pure Geography@ OR Computing OR Principles of Accounts

@ Student will not be allowed to take Humanities (Social Studies with Geography) in this combination.

Tentative Combined Science G3 Subject Combination (6 Subjects)

1.	English Language
2.	Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/Others)
3.	Mathematics
4.	Humanities (Social studies with History) or Humanities (Social studies with Geography) or Humanities (Social studies with Malay Literature)
5.	Science (Chemistry with Physics or Biology)
6.	<u>Choose 1 elective:</u> Principles Of Accounts OR English Literature OR Art* OR Design & Technology* OR Nutrition And Food Science*

*coursework subject

Criteria for Sec 3 G3 Subjects 2026

Subjects	Criteria
Pure Sciences	A strong foundation in Math and Science, a B3 or better in Math and Science
Additional Mathematics (for Combined Sciences)	A strong foundation in Math, a B4 or better in Math
English Literature	Strong in English Language, a B3 or better in either English or English Literature
Computing	A strong foundation in Math and English Language, B3 or better in Math. Selection interview (passion and interest)
Pure Geography	B4 or better in Geography
Note: • B3 : 65% or above for the subject (overall) • B4 : 60% or above for the subject (overall)	



Tentative* Subject Combination for G2- dominant students (Posting Group 2)

*Subject to demand, staff availability and timetabling constraints

Tentative Subject Combination for Students taking Predominantly G2 subjects (6 Subjects)

1	English Language
2	Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/Others)
3	Mathematics
4	Humanities (Social Studies with Geography) or Humanities (Social Studies with History)
5	Science (Chemistry, Physics)
6	<u>Choose 1 elective:</u> Principles of Accounts OR English Literature OR Computing OR Art* OR Design & Technology* OR Nutrition And Food Science*

*coursework subject

Students who meet the criteria below can take these subjects (EL, MT, Math, Sci, Humanities) at **G3** level:

Criteria: 75% or better in that subject (overall) at G2 level.



Tentative* Subject Combination for G1- dominant students (Posting Group 1)

*Subject to demand, staff availability and timetabling constraints

Tentative Subject Combination for Students taking Predominantly G1 subjects (6 subjects)

1	English Language
2	Mother Tongue Language (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/Others)
3	Mathematics
4	Science
5	G1 Humanities (non-examinable)
6	<u>Choose 1 elective:</u> *coursework subject Design & Technology* OR Nutrition & Food Science* OR Computing

Students who meet the criteria below can take EL, MTL, Maths, Science and Humanities at **G2** level.

Criteria: 75% or better in that subject (overall) at G1 level.

To take up G2 Humanities, students must obtain at least 75% overall in G1 English and a grade A for their G1 Humanities performance tasks.

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One to One or Group (max.4)





FAQs

Q1: What are the criteria for a Sec 2 student to be promoted to Sec 3?

A: All students generally progress to the next year of learning, guided by a common academic requirement that applies at the end of Secondary 2. At the end of Secondary 2, students need to meet the academic requirement to offer subjects at the same subject levels.

At secondary 2, students not meeting either of the following academic requirements may have its curricular load adjusted

- Passed English and 2 other subjects, or
- Passed at least half of examinable subjects

Students' curricular load for the following year can be adjusted based on the school's holistic considerations of what is educationally meaningful for each student, including adjusting the total number of subjects offered as well as offering individual subjects at a more demanding or less demanding subject level.

In general, students taking subject(s) at a more demanding level and have met the academic requirement are encouraged to continue regardless of the grades achieved for the subjects, as it generally takes time for students to adjust to a more demanding level of rigour.



Q2.What is the maximum and minimum number of subjects that students from G3, G2 and G1 can offer? Is it possible to drop any subjects after subject allocation has been confirmed?

A: Students taking predominantly G3 subjects will be offered 6 or 7 subjects and students taking predominantly G2 or G1 subjects are offered 6 subjects. Students need a minimum of 5 subjects to be registered for their national examination.

At the end of Secondary 3, the student's results will be reviewed and discussed with parents and subject teachers. Students are to consult their subject teachers and ECG Counsellor before they consider dropping any subject, as it may have an impact on his/her post-secondary options in terms of educational institutions or courses.



Q3. Can a student opt for lower demand Mother Tongue Language in Upper Secondary?

A: Students who face exceptional difficulties coping with their Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) will have the option to offer G1 or G2 MTL.

Students may offer MTL at a less demanding level, based on their performance and the school's holistic assessment, to calibrate their academic load.



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*Thank
you*

