

2024 SEC ONE REGISTRATION MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE MATTERS



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This briefing is for:

- a) Students interested in and eligible for Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL)
- b) Students considering Mother Tongue Language at Less Demanding Level (LDL)
- c) Students taking Tamil Language (TL)
- d) Students taking Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL), e.g., Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu
- e) Students who have applied to take Third Languages (L3)

HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES (HMTL)

Higher Mother Tongue Languages

- Our school conducts Higher Chinese Language (HCL) lessons for eligible Sec 1 students.
- Higher Malay Language (HML) classes are conducted at Anderson Secondary School (nearest to our school).
- Higher Tamil Language (HTL) classes are conducted at the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre (nearest to our school).
- Note: HML and HTL classes are conducted after curriculum hours between 3 to 6 pm, with days and timings decided by centres.

Why Study HMTL?

- HMTL offers students the chance to study their Mother Tongue language at a more advanced level
- Greater exposure to the Mother Tongue language and culture, to develop students' passion in the subject
- Note: Students offering HMTL will take the GCE O-Level MTL exam at the end of Sec 3, and the HMT exam in Sec 4

Why Study HMTL?

For JC/CI admission, students who obtain C6 and better for HMTL at O-levels will enjoy:

- 2 bonus points in L1R5 aggregate computation
- Able to use either HMTL or EL grade as L1 (better of the two)
- Note: HMTL has no direct impact on Polytechnic / ITE admission.

Eligibility for HMTL

- HMTL will be offered to all Sec 1 Express students who meet the criteria at PSLE
- For such students, parents will receive the MOE Eligibility Letter from our school via Parents' Gateway

Please acknowledge acceptance/rejection of the offer via Parents' Gateway by Tuesday, 26 December 2023, 12 pm.

Eligibility Criteria for Secondary School HMTL

(i) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better

OR

(ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain

- **AL1/AL2 in MTL or**
- **Distinction/Merit in HMTL**

Eligibility for HCL

- Students who do not receive the MOE Eligibility Letter for HCL but scored at least Merit in PSLE Higher CL, or AL1/AL2 in PSLE CL will be issued a letter of offer by the school via Parents' Gateway.

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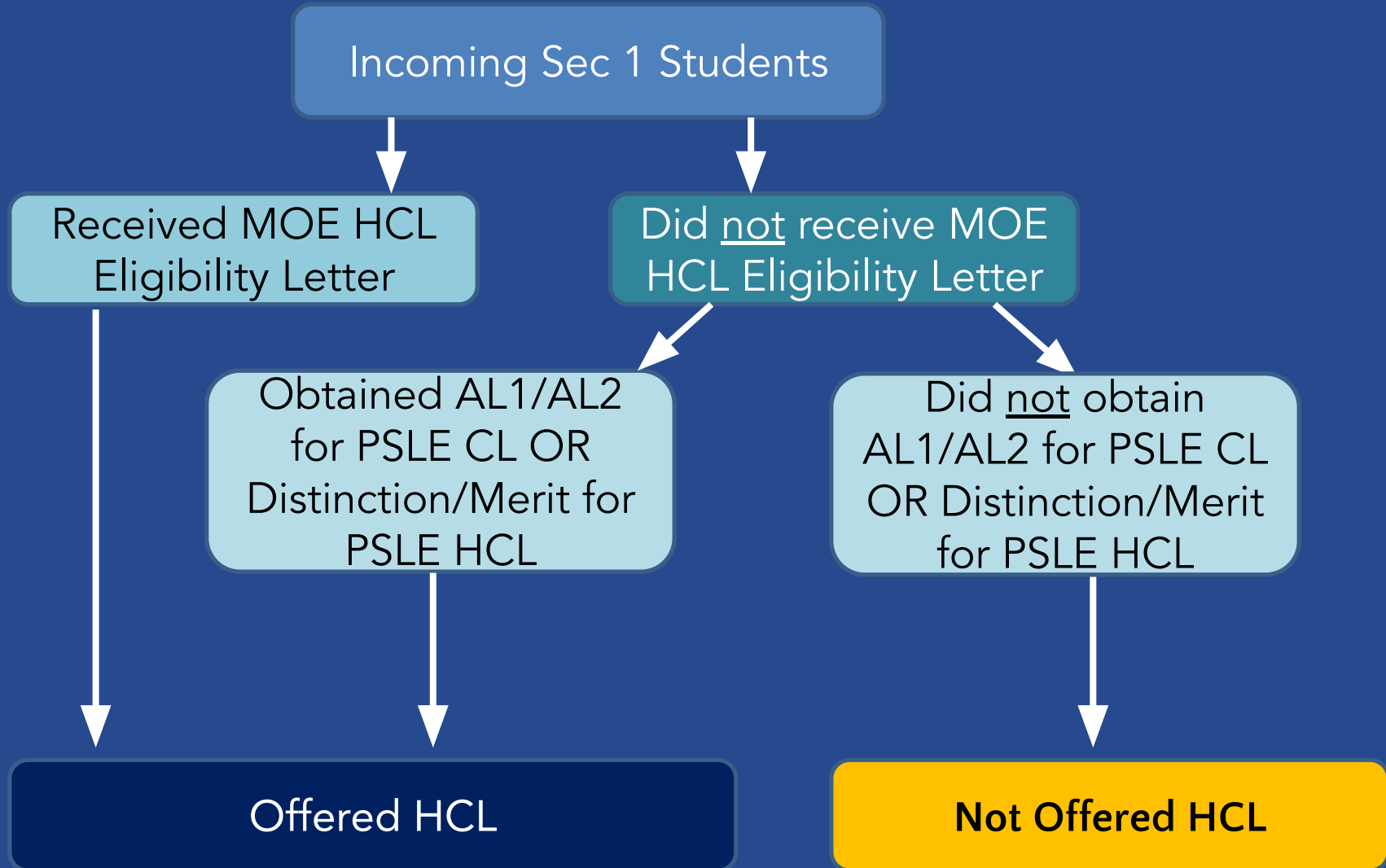
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(ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain

- **AL1/AL2 in MTL or**
- **Distinction/Merit in HMTL**

Sec 1 HCL Offer Process



MTL Textbooks & Workbooks

- Do not purchase the MTL books first if your child plans to take HMTL.
- If you have already bought them, keep the receipt and do not write their names on the books, so that you can exchange them at the bookshop if your child is offered HMTL.

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES at LESS DEMANDING LEVEL (LDL)



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Mother Tongue Languages at LDL

- Students with difficulties coping have the option to offer MTL at a less demanding level.

| Indicative Level of Most Subjects at S1 | PSLE AL for MTL | PSLE Foundation Grade | Option to Offer MTL at a Less Demanding Level |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|---|
| G3 | AL 6 | AL A | G2 |
| | AL 7-8 | AL B-C | G1 or G2 |
| G2 | AL 7-8 | AL B-C | G1 |

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TAMIL LANGUAGE (TL)



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Tamil Language (TL)

- Our school does not conduct TL lessons. Students taking TL will go to Seng Kang Sec (nearest to school) for their TL lessons.
- Timings:

| Courses | Days | Time |
|---------------|---------|--------------|
| Sec 1 G3 / G2 | Mondays | 3pm – 6pm |
| Sec 1 G1 | Mondays | 3pm - 4.30pm |

NON-TAMIL INDIAN LANGUAGES (NTIL)



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Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL)

- Students taking NTIL (such as Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu) are required to inform their Form Teachers the following matters on the first day of school:
 - a) The NTIL they are taking;
 - b) Venue - Centre where they attend lessons;
 - c) Day/Time of their lessons

THIRD LANGUAGES (L3)



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Third Languages (L3)

- Students who are eligible for Third Languages would have received their Eligibility Letter earlier and indicated their options.
- We shall inform parents who have applied earlier of the outcomes via Parents' Gateway.

If you have any MTL-related queries, please write in to hougang_ss@moe.edu.sg,
Attn: HOD/MTL



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THANK YOU