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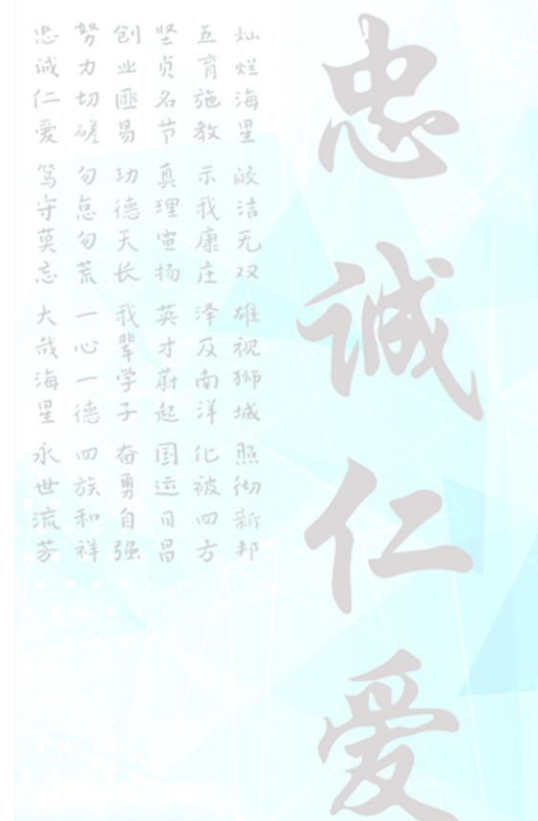
SECONDARY 1 REGISTRATION EXERCISE

OFFERING SUBJECTS AT

MORE DEMANDING LEVELS (MDL)

ONLINE BRIEFING FOR PARENTS

21 December 2023





WE WELCOME QUESTIONS

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- You may key in your questions in the chat function in webinar. We will do our best to respond to your questions.
- All responses will be compiled and released through the school website by next week.





OVERVIEW OF BRIEFING

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BACKGROUND

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- Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) is part of MOE's ongoing efforts to **nurture the joy of learning** and **develop multiple pathways** to cater to the different strengths and interests of our students.
- With Full SBB, we are moving towards a secondary school education where **students learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs.**



Rationale of Full SBB

Full SBB aims for students to:



Have **greater ownership of their learning** according to their strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs



Develop a **growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation** to learn for life



Have **more opportunities to interact with friends** of different strengths, interests, abilities and talents



Have **more options for post-secondary pathways**, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway



Subject Levels under Full SBB

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- Students can offer different subjects at different subject levels (i.e., G1, G2 or G3) **according to their strengths, interests and learning needs**, throughout their secondary school journey.
- These subject levels, G1, G2 or G3, are mapped from the standards of N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.





Benefits of offering subjects at MDL

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- It offers students more opportunities to **develop their strengths and interests** thus helping them stay motivated to learn.
- Starting these subjects at the lower secondary levels will give students time to **build a strong foundation** in the subject. This will stand them in good stead for their upper secondary and post-secondary education.



Offering Subjects at More Demanding Levels



- For **English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and/or Science**, students can offer them at the start of Secondary 1 at a more demanding level if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility criteria for <u>English Language, Mathematics, Science, Mother Tongue Languages</u>			
Posting Group	PSLE Standard grade	PSLE Foundation grade	Option to offer subject at
PG2	AL 5 or better	-	G3
PG1	AL 5 or better	-	G2 / G3
	AL 6	AL A	G2

Eligibility criteria for <u>Higher Mother Tongue Languages</u>
<p>An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better or An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AL 1/AL 2 in Mother Tongue Language; or Distinction/Merit in Higher Mother Tongue Language

- Students can offer **Humanities subjects** at a more demanding level from Secondary 2 onwards, based on their results in Secondary 1.

Subject Level Flexibility Throughout Secondary Education

- Beyond the start of Secondary 1, students may adjust their subject levels across their secondary school journey.
- Students are encouraged to continue with the subject offered at MDL until the end of Secondary 2, as students do need time to adjust to the higher academic demands.
- Teachers will check in with students and parents to discuss the subjects and respective subject levels that best suit the student.



*Offering subjects at
more demanding levels (MDL)*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE SUBJECT OFFERED AT MORE DEMANDING LEVEL (MDL)?

- Students are encouraged to continue with the subject offered at MDL until the end of Secondary 2, as students do need time to adjust to the higher academic demands.
- Our school will monitor students' progress in the subject offered at MDL as well as overall progress in all subjects.
- We are mindful of students' socio-emotional and academic needs and will provide the necessary support to students to help them cope with the demand.



CAN MY CHILD OPT TO DROP THE SUBJECT OFFERED AT MORE DEMANDING LEVEL (MDL) ANYTIME?

- While Secondary 1 students are encouraged to give themselves time to adjust to the demands of the subject offered at MDL, they (and their parents) can make the final decision to offer the subject at MDL or at level in consultation with the relevant subject teachers, Year Head or Heads of Department.
- This should be done after thorough review of students' formative as well as summative assessments results.



WILL THERE BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MY CHILD TO BE OFFERED SUBJECTS AT MDL?

- Beyond the start of Secondary 1, students who perform well in school-based assessments may be considered to take subjects at more demanding level (MDL) if found suitable to do so by the school.



WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR MY CHILD TO BE OFFERED ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS AT MDL BEYOND SEC 1?

The following are the criteria for your child to be offered subjects at more demanding level (MDL):

Subject	Qualifying Criteria
Mathematics	Overall Mathematics \geq 75%
Science	Overall Science \geq 75%
Mother Tongue	Overall Mother Tongue \geq 75%
English	Overall English \geq 75%



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Indicate clearly your option/response in Parents Gateway by **26 December 2023, Tuesday.**
- Purchase the textbooks for your child according to the booklist of the correct level, paying attention to subjects offered at MDL that your child is taking





For further queries, please email us at:

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*Thank
you*



Note: The power point slides will be uploaded on the school website and all collated Q&A responses will be shared through the Parent's Gateway.



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