

# **Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB)**

## **Information for Parents**



# What is Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB)?


- 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.

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## Providing Greater Flexibility with Subject-Based Banding

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Miss Donna Koh of CHIJ St Theresa's Convent shares about the importance of working in partnership with parents to provide opportunities for students to cope academically and emotionally.

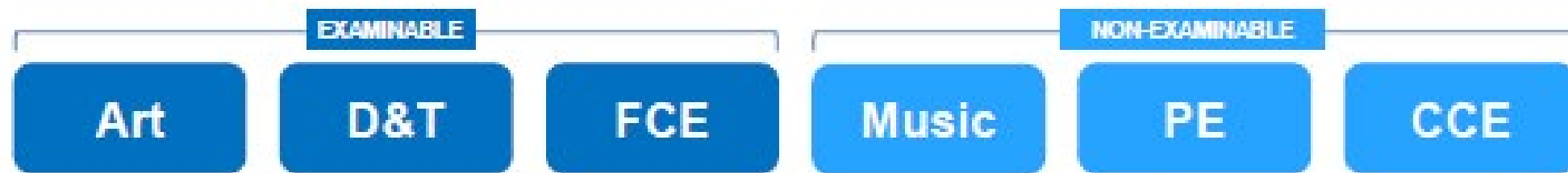
# Mixed Form Classes

- With Full SBB, a secondary school education allows students to learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs.
- Under Full SBB, there will no longer be separate Express, N(A), and N(T) classes, and students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of different strengths and interests.

# Common Curriculum at Lower Secondary

Students in the form class will take a set of common curriculum together.

These subjects are:




# Subjects offered at different levels at Sec 1 include

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Mother Tongue Languages
- Science

# Eligibility Criteria for more demanding level subjects

- Eligible N(A) and N(T) students should have received an offer letter (via PG) based on the following criteria:

Course	PSLE Standard Achievement Level	PSLE Foundation Achievement Level	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	AL5 or better	-	Express
N(T)	AL5 or better	-	Express/ N(A)
	AL6 or better	AL A	N(A)



# What if your child is not eligible for more demanding level now?

## Opportunities to Take More Demanding Level Subjects as Inserts at Mid-Year or End-of-Year

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students who do well in school-based assessments may be considered to take more demanding level subjects if found suitable to do so by our school.
- Eligible N(A) and N(T) students will receive an offer after the Sec 1 mid-year assessments (Term 1 & Term 2 Weighted Assessments) or at end-of-year assessments, based on the following criteria:
  - 75% or higher in the subject;
  - Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand
- Our school will provide support through bridging programmes for these new inserts.

# **Will my child continue with the higher-level subjects all the way to Sec 4?**

- Your child may continue with the corresponding higher-level subject at upper secondary if he/she meets our school's criteria at the end of Sec 2.



# What if my child struggles with the higher-level subject?

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

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## A struggle at first, but taking higher-level subjects helped boost confidence

By FARIS MOKHTAR



Jurong Secondary student Ismahani Azmi, 15, struggled with taking higher-level subjects when she first entered secondary school, but has seen her confidence blossom from the experience, with some help from her teachers, including Mdm Siti Hawa Zaini, her Malay language teacher (seated). PHOTO: FARIS MOKHTAR

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# Three important notes to take:

1. For students being offered subjects at more demanding level you would have to download at least two booklists based on the level your child has been offered as SBB subjects.
2. If you have yet to decide whether to take up the offer, please do not write your name on the textbook / workbook you are buying from Popular because Popular will only allow you to exchange for the correct book if the book you have bought is in its original state. So, for books that you will use only in Sem 2, don't write your name in case you are eligible for the Mid-Year Insert.
3. **Deadline** for submission of reply through PG - **27 December 2022**

# **Before you submit your reply (Accept or Reject) - SBB Letter of Offer:**

- For Normal Technical Stream, students may be offered to take the subject(s) at Normal (Academic) or Express. Please indicate clearly if you are accepting to read the subject at Normal (Academic) or Express level.

# **Thank you**

**Reminder: Reply PG mail by 27 Dec 2022.**