

# Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)

Parent Engagement (2025 Sec 1 Posting)

## What is Full Subject-Based Banding?

 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

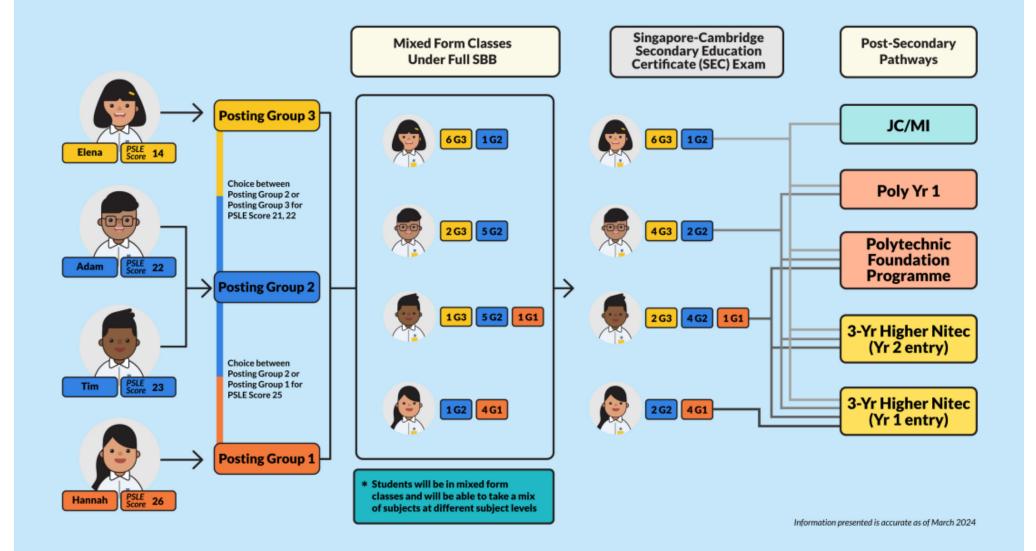


Have more options for postsecondary pathways, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway

## Secondary School Experience and Post-Secondary Pathways Under Full SBB



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#### Find out more about Full SBB

#### **Microsite**





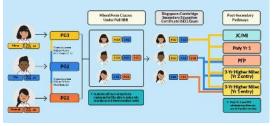
#### **Interactive Site**





https://go.gov.sg/my-fsbbpath

#### Infographic





https://go.gov.sg/fsbbpathways

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#### **MOE Explainer Video**





https://go.gov.sg/moe-fsbb-explainer

#### **CNA Singapore Tonight Video**





https://go.gov.sg/cna-fsbb

#### Secondary school experience under Full SBB

#### **Secondary school experience**

- 1. Mixed form classes upon entering secondary school
- Common curriculum subjects at lower secondary
   Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3
- 4. Greater flexibility to offer subjects at various subject levels
- 5. Shift away from stream-based subject offerings

After PSLE	Start of secondary school	End of secondary school	Post secondary
Entry to Secondary Through Postin (i.e., PG1, PG2 o	ng Groups	Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examination	Revised post-secondary admission criteria

#### **Posting Groups and Subject Levels**

 Students will be posted to Secondary 1 through three Posting Groups –
 Posting Group 1, 2, and 3.

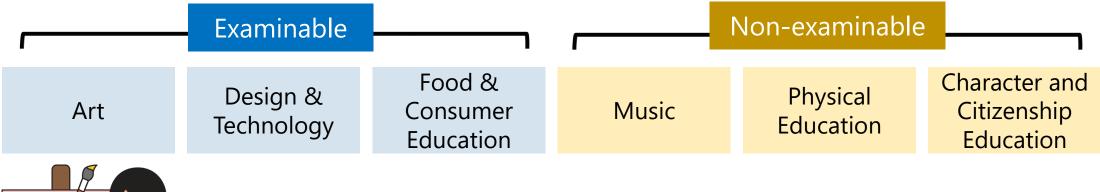
#### Posting Groups will only be used for:

- Facilitating entry into secondary school.
- Guiding the subject levels students offer at the start of Secondary 1.
  - They <u>do not</u> define students' identities, nor influence learning experiences and access to postsecondary pathways.

PSLE Score	Posting Groups	Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1
4 – 20	PG3	G3
21 and 22	PG2 or PG3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	PG2	G2
25	PG1 or PG2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	PG1	G1

#### **Common Curriculum Subjects**

 Students will take six common curriculum subjects with their form class classmates:





 These subjects take up approximately one-third of curriculum time, giving students time to interact with classmates of different strengths and interests.

### **Subject Levels under Full SBB**

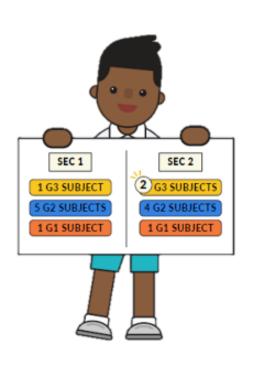
• Students can offer different subjects at different subject levels (i.e., G1, G2 or G3) according to their strengths, interests and learning needs, throughout their secondary school journey.

• These subject levels, G1, G2 or G3, are mapped from the standards of the former N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.

#### **Subject Levels under Full SBB**

- Students are required to take compulsory subjects at G1, G2 or G3.
- Subject level at the start of Secondary 1 is based on their PSLE Score and indicated by Posting Groups.

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### 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,</u> <u>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
PGT	AL 6	AL A	G2

## Eligibility criteria for <u>Higher Mother</u> <u>Tongue Languages</u>

An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better or

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

- 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.

# What are the possible benefits of reading subjects at a More Demanding Level (MDL)?

- Taking subjects at a MDL can help students <u>nurture their strengths</u> and be <u>more engaged in learning</u>.
- FSBB allows students to <u>challenge themselves</u> and <u>acquire deeper</u> <u>competencies</u> in their area(s) of strength.
- A strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and reasoning will help students be <u>better prepared</u> for various <u>post-secondary progression pathways</u>.

### Offering Subjects at Less Demanding Levels

 Students can offer to take subjects at a less demanding level based on the following considerations:

#### **Mother Tongue Languages:**

Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1	PSLE Grade (Standard Mother Tongue Language)	PSLE Grade (Foundation Mother Tongue Language)	Option to offer at
G3	AL 6	AL A	G2
G5	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1 or G2
G2	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1

## **English Language, Mathematics and/or Science:**

Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1	PSLE subject level for English Language, Mathematics and/or Science	Option to offer at
G3	Foundation level	G2

## What if my child struggles with the MDL subject?

Some students may find reading subjects at a MDL challenging. This is natural.

• Students are encouraged to continue reading the MDL subjects <u>until the</u> <u>end of Sec 2</u>, as students\* do <u>need time to adjust</u> to the higher academic demands.

<sup>\*</sup>especially for students who read the subject at Foundation level for PSLE

# What if my child struggles with the MDL subject?

- Our school will <u>monitor students' progress</u> in the MDL subjects, as well as overall progress in all subjects.
- Our school is mindful of students' <u>socio-emotional and academic needs</u> and will endeavour to provide the necessary support to students to help them cope.

## Subject Level Flexibility Throughout Secondary Education

- Beyond the start of Secondary 1, students may adjust their subject levels across their secondary school journey.
  - E.g. After Sec 1, eligible students can offer English Language at a more demanding level from Sec 2 Semester 1.

Current subject level	School-based results	Option to offer subject at
G1	≥75% in the specific subject	G2 starting from next semester
G2	≥75% in the specific subject	G3 starting from next semester

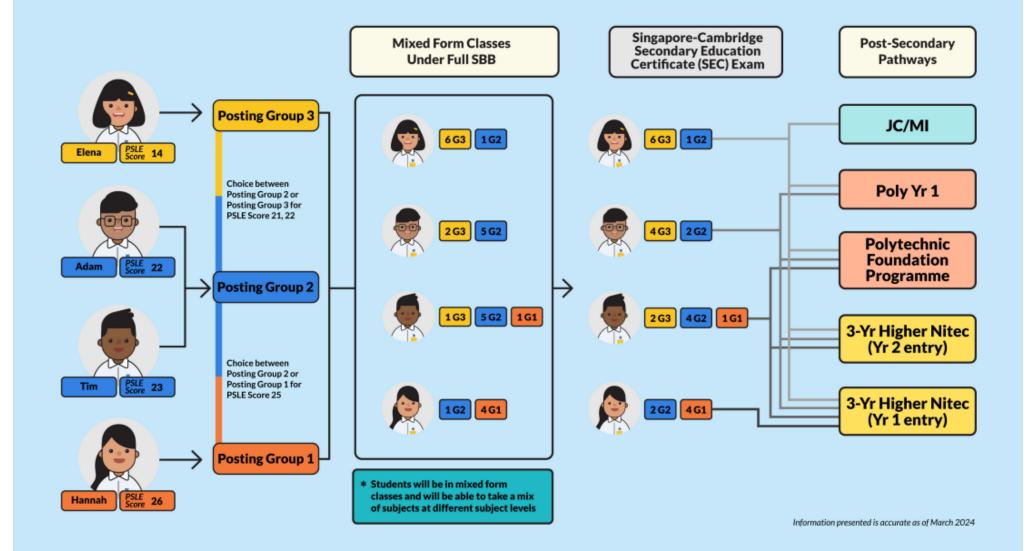
# Will my child continue with the MDL subjects all the way to Sec 4?

- The offer the read the subject at the MDL is currently for <u>Sec 1 and Sec 2</u>.
- Your child <u>may continue</u> with the corresponding MDL subject at <u>Upper Secondary</u> if he/she meets our school's criteria at the end of Sec 2.
- Criteria may vary among subjects, but generally:
  - 75% or higher in the subject;
  - Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand

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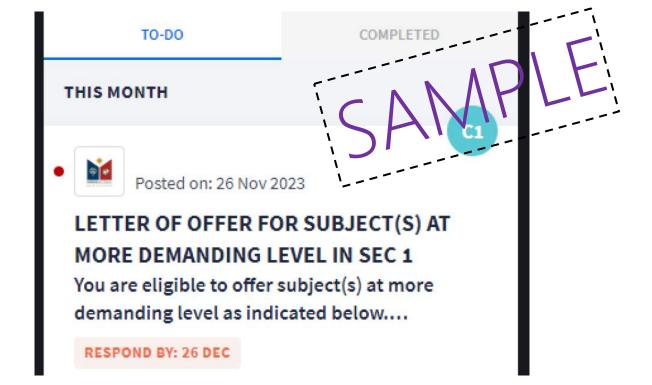
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1. Access details of the SBB Offer(s) via PG.

You can obtain details of your child's SBB offer(s) via Parents'

Gateway (PG).

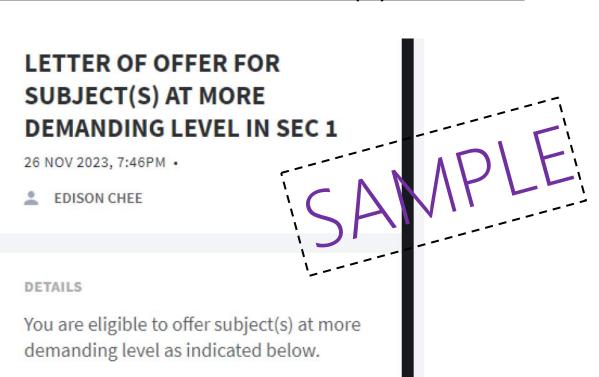


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Please complete this form to indicate if

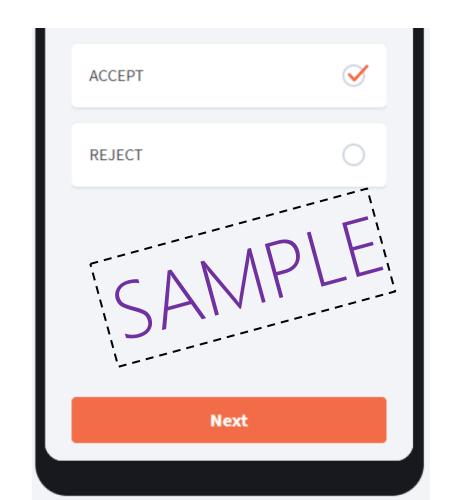
Choose YES to access the form.

you wish to do so by 26th December 2023.



2. Declare your decision to accept / reject the offer(s).

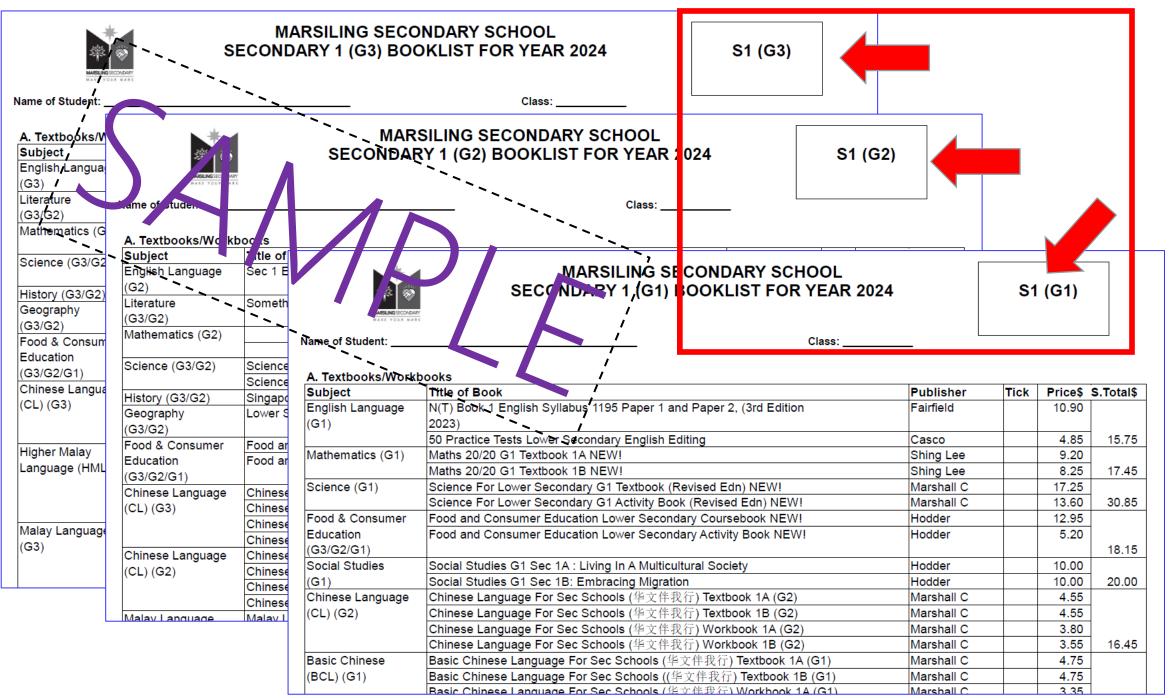
Please indicate if your child wishes to study / not study the subject(s) at a higher level by ACCEPTING / REJECTING each of the subject offer(s) by Tuesday 26 Dec, 1pm.



3. Ensure you buy the correct books.

There is a Sec 1 (G3) Booklist, Sec 1 (G2) Booklist, and Sec 1 (G1) Booklist.

Please use the correct booklists to buy the correct sets of books.



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e.g. If your child has been posted to <u>Posting Group 1</u>, and has chosen to accept his/her offer to read <u>English Language</u> at the <u>G2</u> level:

He/she should use the <u>Sec 1 (G1) Booklist</u> to buy all his/her books, except for English Language.

He/she should use the <u>Sec 1 (G2) Booklist</u> to buy his/her <u>English</u> Language books.

## If in doubt...

If you or your child have any questions about SBB, or any doubts about how to accept/reject the offer(s), please call:

Marsiling Secondary School (General Office) 68941413



## Thank you