

Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

Information for Parents

21 Dec 2022

Introduction

- This briefing is for parents of 2023 Sec 1 students eligible for Subject-Based Banding (SBB) (2023, 1st intake).
- The following information and instructions are meant only for eligible 2023 Sec 1 students and their parents.

What is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

- Subject-Based Banding (SBB) is a nation-wide initiative which allows students in the Normal (Academic)普通(学术)源流 and Normal (Technical)普通(工艺)源流 courses to read some subjects at a **more demanding** level.

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.

What are the possible benefits of taking higher-level subjects?

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

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Eligible N(A) and N(T) course students will receive an 'SBB Offer' based on the following criteria:

Course	PSLE Standard AL	PSLE Foundation AL	Sec 1: Option to offer subject* at
N(A)	AL 5 or better	-	G3
N(T)	AL 5 or better	-	G3 / G2
	AL 6 or better	A	G2

- *English Language, Mother Tongue, Mathematics, Science only

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

- Some students may find reading subjects at a higher-level challenging. This is natural.
- 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.

**especially for students who read the subject at Foundation level for PSLE*

TODAY

MENU ▾



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

- 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.

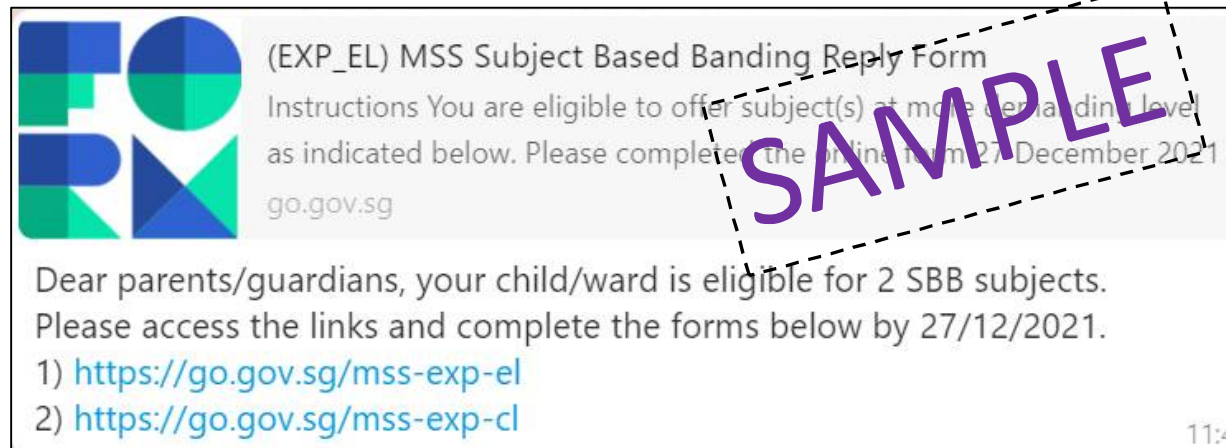
Will my child continue with the higher-level subjects all the way to Sec 4?

- The SBB offer is currently for Sec 1 and Sec 2.
- 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.
- Criteria may vary among subjects, but generally:
 - 75% or higher in the subject;
 - Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand

What do I need to do now?

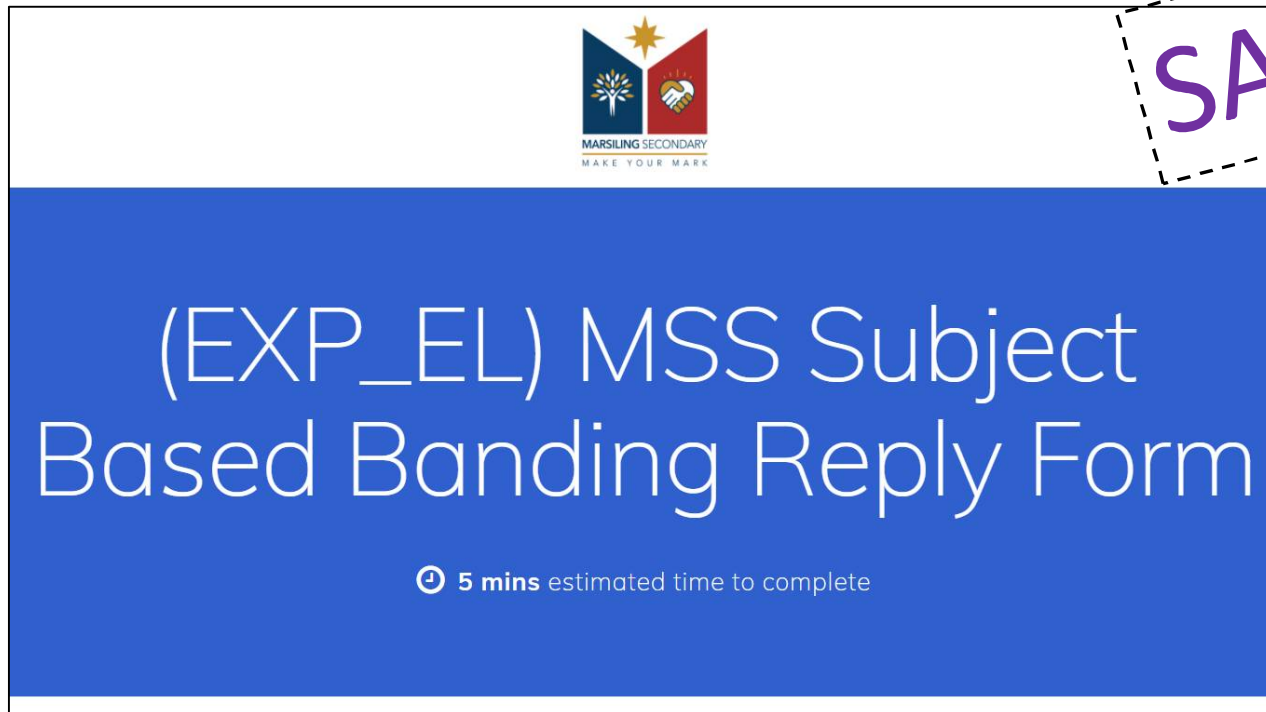
1. Access details of the SBB Offer(s) via FormSG.


You can obtain details of your child's SBB offer(s) via **FormSG** (access the FormSG hyperlink(s) via the **SMS** sent to you by the school).




What do I need to do now?

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




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MAKE YOUR MARK

**(EXP_EL) MSS Subject
Based Banding Reply Form**

 **5 mins** estimated time to complete

SAMPLE

What do I need to do now?

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

(EXP_EL) MSS Subject Based Banding Reply Form

2. Student's NRIC

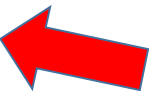
Enter NRIC or FIN

3. I accept / reject* ENGLISH LANGUAGE at the Express level.

☐ Accept

☐ Reject

SUBMIT

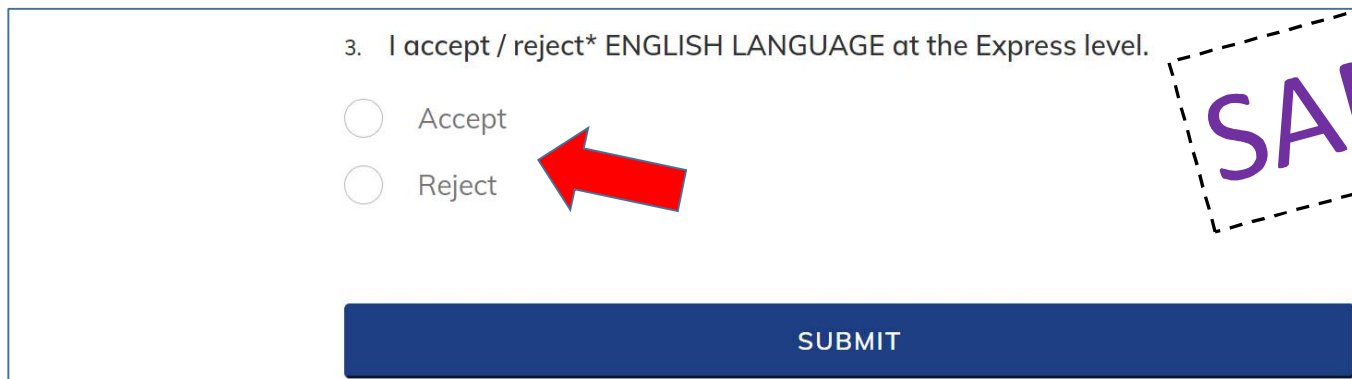


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What do I need to do now?

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 **Monday 26 Dec, 1pm.**



3. I accept / reject* ENGLISH LANGUAGE at the Express level.

☐ Accept

☐ Reject

SUBMIT

A red arrow points to the 'Accept' radio button. A purple 'SAMPLE' stamp is overlaid on the right side of the form.

What do I need to do now?

3. Ensure you buy the correct books.

There is a Sec 1 (EXP) Booklist, Sec 1 (NA) Booklist, and Sec 1 (NT) Booklist.

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



MARSILING SECONDARY SCHOOL SECONDARY 1 (EXPRESS) BOOKLIST FOR YEAR 2023

S1 (EXP)

Name of Student: _____



MARSILING SECONDARY SCHOOL SECONDARY 1 (NA) BOOKLIST FOR YEAR 2023

S1 (NA)

Name of Student: _____



MARSILING SECONDARY SCHOOL SECONDARY 1 (NT) BOOKLIST FOR YEAR 2023

S1 (NT)

Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

A. Textbooks/Workbooks

Subject
English Language
Literature
Mathematics
Science
History
Geography
Food & Consumer Education (FCE)
Chinese Language (CL) - Express
Malay Language (ML) - Express
Higher Tamil

A. Textbooks/Workbooks

Subject	Title
English Language	Sec
Literature	Sor
Mathematics	Ne
Science	Sci
History	Sin
Geography	Low
Food & Consumer Education (FCE)	Foc
Chinese Language (CL) - Express	Chi
Chinese Language (CL) - NA	Chi

A. Textbooks/Workbooks

Subject	Title of Book	Publisher	Tick	Price\$	S.Total\$
English Language	50 Practice Tests Lower Secondary English Editing	Casco		4.85	4.85
Mathematics	Maths 20/20 Normal (Technical) Textbook 1A	Shing Lee		8.70	
	Maths 20/20 Normal (Technical) Textbook 1B	Shing Lee		7.75	16.45
Science	Science For Lower Secondary Normal (Technical) Textbook	Marshall C		16.40	
	Science For Lower Secondary Normal (Technical) Activity Book	Marshall C		13.10	29.50
Food & Consumer Education (FCE)	Food & Consumer Education Textbook 1 (Express/NA) *	Star Pub		10.80	
Social Studies	Social Studies NT Sec 1A : Living In A Multicultural Society	Hodder		9.60	
	Social Studies NT Sec 1B: Embracing Migration	Hodder		9.60	19.20
Chinese Language (CL) - NA	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1A (NA)	Marshall C		4.20	
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1B (NA)	Marshall C		4.20	
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1A (NA)	Marshall C		3.40	
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1B (NA)	Marshall C		3.20	15.00
Basic Chinese (BCL)	Basic Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1A (NT)	Marshall C		4.40	
	Basic Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1B (NT)	Marshall C		4.40	
	Basic Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1A (NT)	Marshall C		3.00	
	Basic Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1B (NT)	Marshall C		3.00	14.80
Malay Language (ML) - NA	Malay Language For Sec Schools (JATI) Textbook 1A (NA)	Marshall C		4.10	
	Malay Language For Sec Schools (JATI) Textbook 1B (NA)	Marshall C		4.10	
	Malay Language For Sec Schools (JATI) Activity Book 1A (NA)	Marshall C		2.90	

What do I need to do now?

3. Ensure you buy the correct books.

e.g. If your child has been posted to the N(T) course, and has chosen to accept his/her offer to read **Mathematics** at the N(A) level:

He/she should use the Sec 1 N(T) Booklist to buy **all** his/her books, **except** for Mathematics.

He/she should use the Sec 1 N(A) Booklist to buy his/her **Mathematics** books.



MARSILING SECONDARY SCHOOL SECONDARY 1 (NA) BOOKLIST FOR YEAR 2023



Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

A. Textbooks/Workbooks

Subject	Title of Book	Publisher	Tick	Price\$	S.Total\$
English Language	Sec 1 (NA) English Language Editing	GLM		9.80	9.80
Literature	Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed	Star Pub		6.75	6.75
Mathematics	New Discovering Mathematics Textbook 1A (NA)	Star Pub		13.70	27.90
	New Discovering Mathematics Textbook 1B (NA)	Star Pub		14.20	
Science	Science For Lower Secondary Express/ NA Textbook 1A *	Marshall C		4.10	15.30
	Science For Lower Secondary Express / NA Textbook 1B *	Marshall C		3.90	
	Science For Lower Secondary Express / NA Activity Book 1A *	Marshall C		3.70	
	Science For Lower Secondary Express / NA Activity Book 1B *	Marshall C		3.60	
History	Singapore A Journey Through Time 1299-1970S Secondary 1	Star Pub		5.60	5.60
Geography	Lower Secondary Geography Coursebook One Express / NA	Marshall C		5.60	5.60
Food & Consumer Education (FCE)	Food & Consumer Education Textbook 1 (Express/NA) *	Star Pub		10.80	22.35
	Food & Consumer Education Textbook 2 (Express/NA)	Star Pub		11.55	
Chinese Language (CL) - Express	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1A (Express)	Marshall C		3.95	14.75
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1B (Express)	Marshall C		4.40	
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1A (Express)	Marshall C		3.00	
	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Workbook 1B (Express)	Marshall C		3.40	
Chinese Language (CL) - NA	Chinese Language For Sec Schools (华文伴我行) Textbook 1A (NA)	Marshall C		4.20	15.00
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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)
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Thank you