

Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB) Briefing

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YSS Commons



What will Sec 1 students experience in the new FSBB implementation?

Entry to Sec 1
– Post PSLE

Singapore-
Cambridge
Secondary Education
Certificate (SEC)
Examination after 4
years of education

- FSBB experience in school
- Mixed form class
 - Common curriculum subjects
 - Offering of More Demanding Level (MDL) subjects



Mixed Form Class Structure in YSS

Students are split into 2 Teaching Group (TG) with students mixed across posting group (G1, G2 and G3)

Both TGs are offering the same subject combination with comparable student's performance at PSLE

TG1

1 Seek

1 Soar

1 Strive

1 Innovate

TG2

1 Care

1 Respect

1 Resilience

1 Integrity



Subjects offered at Lower Secondary

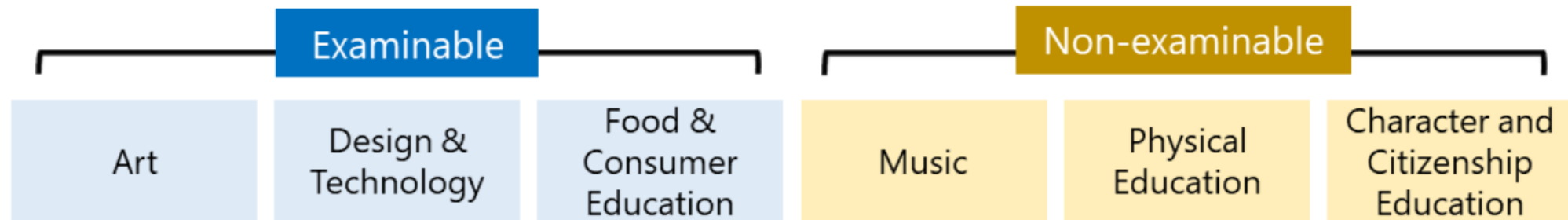
- English Language
- Mother Tongue Language
- Higher Mother Tongue Language (G3 only)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Literature (G2 and G3 only)
- Geography (G2 and G3 only)
- History (G2 and G3 only)
- G1 Humanities (SS, Lit, Geo and Hist)

Students will attend class with others taking the subject at the same subject levels (G1/G2/G3)



Subjects offered at Lower Secondary

Students will spend around one-third of their curriculum taking a set of six common curriculum subjects as a Mixed Form Class



3 Entry points for students to take MDL subjects

- Offered by MOE based on subject performance at PSLE;
- Mid-Year Insert (*Offered to EL, MTL, MA and SCI*), end of Semester 1;
- End-Year Insert (*Offered to EL, MTL, MA, SCI and Humanities*), end of Semester 2.



Support provided for students taking MDL

- MDL subjects will be offered to students at three key juncture in their Secondary School journey
- Students are recommended to take the MDL subjects for two years (Sec 1 – 2 and Sec 3 – 4) and a re-offer letter will be issued at Sec 3 to confirm on student's choice in taking the subjects at Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examination



Support provided for students taking MDL

1st juncture: Posting to school with good PSLE grade of the individual subjects

Eligibility criteria to offer English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and/or Science at a more demanding level			
Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard grade	PSLE Foundation grade	Option to offer subject at
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3
G1	AL 5 or better	-	G2 / G3
	AL 6	ALA	G2



Support provided for students taking MDL

2nd juncture: Mid-year and end-year inserts for Sec 1 students

- The school will assess student's suitability based on **(i)** Weighted assessment results, **(ii)** aptitude and **(iii)** subject teacher's feedback for the option to take MDL subjects at mid-year and end-year inserts.

To further support students for Mid-year inserts in YSS

- Students identified for Mid-year inserts will be **attending trial lessons after their WA2** to better understand the demand of the subject at MDL;
- **Weighting for WAs are adjusted** to help student ease into coping with the subjects offered in Secondary School



What's next after your child/ward takes up the offer?

- Currently your child/ward is placed in class/TG on the basis that the offer is taken up. E.g Offered G3 EL, placed in G3 EL class. Thus, there is **no change in class/TG if you have accepted the offer.**
- Parents who had rejected the offer, your child's TG will be updated, and your child will be joining the new class next week.



Question(s) asked by parents

Q: Can my child drop back to Lower Demand Level (LDL) after realising that they cannot cope with the More Demand Level (MDL)?

Response:

Yes. Your child can obtain a form to take the subject at LDL. However, we will advise students and parents to take the subjects for two years (E.g S1 – S2 and S3 – S4).



Question(s) asked by parents

Q: Is it a must for my child to attend the trial lessons? If I am not keen to take up the offer, can my child remain at his/her current subject class?

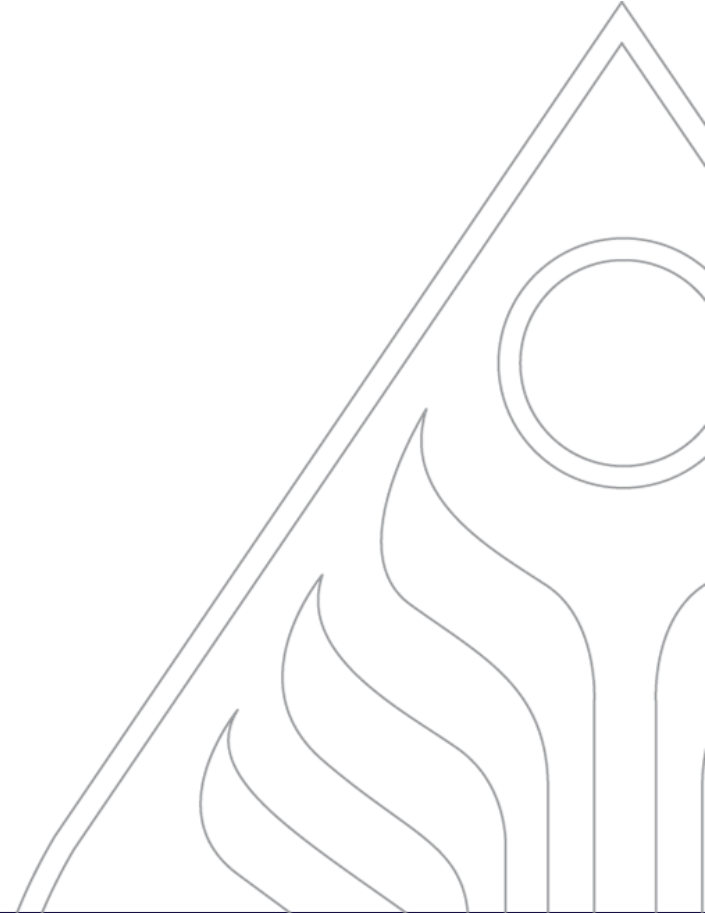
Response:

No. You can choose not to attend the trial lesson if you are very certain that you are not taking up the offer.

At every juncture that your child meets the subject requirement for MDL, the school will issue a letter of offer. Parents can then decide to accept/reject the offer.



Annex



For more information

MOE PSLE-FSBB Microsite



Offering of subject at Lower Demand Level (LDL)

- Applicable to students offered EL, MTL, MA and SC at foundation level in Primary School and eligible to take most of their subjects at G3 level
- Students who face difficulties coping with MTL will have the option to take the subject at G1/G2.

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Grade (Standard MTL)	PSLE Grade (Foundation Mother Tongue Language)	Option to offer MTL at
G3	AL 6	ALA	G2
	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1 or G2
G2	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1

