

23 September 2020, 5:30 pm

## Q &amp; A Session - Notes

Academic Matters		
	Questions	Responses
1.	Where can I find the subject combination for Secondary 3 in 2021?	You may find the subject combination in 2021 by visiting the following link:  <a href="https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/trial-posting-exercise/">https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/trial-posting-exercise/</a>
2.	Does the school have provisional promotion for students who missed the promotion criteria by a small margin?	For students who do not meet the promotion criteria, the school will handle this on a case-by-case basis.
3.	Will the school consider more flexible subject combination to cater to the interest of the students?	At this moment, the subject combination is approximately 80% fixed, but could be subject to changes due to constraints of available resources, facilities and manpower.  The school will roll out partial subject-based banding (SBB) for the Sec 1 students in 2021.
4.	Can the subject combination for different Sec 3 classes be adjusted or are they already fixed?	
5.	I heard that 3E2 is very popular, if it is really over-subscribed, will the school be considering opening 2 of the same classes that offer the same subjects?	
6.	Instead of opting for a combined Science class, can my child opt for only one pure Science?	Based on the current subject combination, we do not offer students to take only one pure Science.  This could potentially limit the variety of courses available in Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL).
7.	Can pure Science be a combination of Chemistry and Biology?	Students will have to take pure Chemistry and pure Physics in 3E1. Biology is offered as the 8 <sup>th</sup> subject in 3E1.
8.	If my child wants to change their elective in the middle of Sec 3, what is the procedure?	Students are discouraged from changing their elective mid-way through the year.  This could adversely impact certain coursework preparation. In addition, students may face difficulties in coping with the rigour of a new subject mid-way through the year.

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9.	What is the logic in learning both Additional Mathematics (A-Math) and Elementary Mathematics (E-Math)?	<p>They differ in the topics and types of questions and demand different skill sets. For A-Math, it focuses a lot on students' algebraic abilities and cognitive skill set, and requires deeper understanding of underlying concepts.</p> <p>The critical and logical thinking in A-Math builds a stronger foundation and better prepares students to cope with the rigour in Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL).</p>
10.	3E1 and 3E2 seem very popular. What is the enrolment for each class? If a class is over-subscribed, what will the school do?	<p>Students will be allocated to their class based on their overall result, followed by their choice.</p> <p>If a class is over-subscribed, the student will be offered a class based on his/her result, followed by their subsequent choices.</p>
11.	If a class is over-subscribed, will these students be sorted according marks rather than their preferred subjects?	
12.	My son is undecided to choose Biology or Geography. He topped the level in Geography but will he be put in Geography instead of Biology? He is keen to study medicine in future. Teacher encouraged him to go 3E1.	<p>Students will be allocated to their class based on their overall result, followed by their choice.</p> <p>For entry requirements to NUS School of Medicine, you may find more information by visiting the following links:</p> <p><a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/yong-loo-lin-school-of-medicine/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/bachelor-of-medicine-and-bachelor-of-surgery-m-b-b-s/admission-requirements/">http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/yong-loo-lin-school-of-medicine/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/bachelor-of-medicine-and-bachelor-of-surgery-m-b-b-s/admission-requirements/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus/polytechnic-diploma-from-singapore/subject-pre-requisites">http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus/polytechnic-diploma-from-singapore/subject-pre-requisites</a></p>

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13.	How does my child spend her Mother Tongue Language (MTL) during curriculum if he/she is exempted from MTL?	<p>If your child is exempted from studying MTL, he/she will report to the library during MTL to do assignments, self-revision or reading.</p> <p>If he/she is on learning support programme, allied educators may use the MTL periods to work with your child on supporting his/her learning needs.</p>

Student Development		
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1.	How do I refer my child to the school counsellor?	You may alert your child's Form Teachers or drop us an email at <a href="mailto:yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg">yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg</a> .
2.	Will there be any Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) experience for my child in Sec 3 next year?	Due to the COVID situation, we are not certain if there will be OBS next year. There will be other programmes and activities in place as part of the holistic development of your child.
3.	For Mother Tongue (MT) worksheets, why were some of the Chinese phrases translated into English?	There is no "one-size-fits-all" approach in the MT curriculum and teaching approaches. We adopt a more customised approach which recognises the different abilities and home language backgrounds of our students. This customised approach is designed to best suit the needs of every student and to better support the students in learning MT.
4.	Is it true that my child needs to take Additional Mathematics (A-Math) to enter local University?	<p>The pathway to enter a local University is either through Junior College (JC) or Polytechnic.</p> <p>While there are some courses that do not require A-Math, the critical and logical thinking in A-Math builds a stronger foundation and better prepares students to cope with the rigour in Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL).</p>

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5.	My child would like to pursue a Diploma in Mass Communication in Polytechnic. What would be the subject combination that best suits my child's needs?	<p>If your child's interest and strength are in language, he/she may consider taking Literature in English which is offered in 3E1 or 3E2.</p> <p>You may visit the various polytechnic websites for the entry requirement details. He/she may choose to apply for aptitude-based Early Admission Exercise (EAE) in mid-2022.</p> <p>To further support your child in making an informed decision on his/her pathway, your child may approach our education and career guidance (ECG) coordinator for a discussion.</p> <p>You may want to visit the following link to find out more courses related to Mass Communication in Polytechnic:</p> <p><a href="https://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/introduction/available-courses?search=communication">https://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/introduction/available-courses?search=communication</a></p>
6.	What subjects are needed to pursue a career in Computer-generated imagery (CGI)?	<p>In general, the entry requirements for CGI or digital visual effects-related course in polytechnic are English, Mathematics and two other subjects.</p> <p>You may visit the various polytechnic websites for the entry requirement details in fields related to CGI or digital visual effects.</p> <p>To further support your child in making an informed decision on his/her pathway, your child may approach our education and career guidance (ECG) coordinator for a discussion.</p> <p>You may want to visit the following link to find out more courses related to CGI in Polytechnic:</p> <p><a href="https://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/introduction/available-courses?cc=media---design">https://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/introduction/available-courses?cc=media---design</a></p>

HBL/ Blended learning		
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1.	Will the students need to procure a device for next year?	For the personal digital learning device initiated by the Ministry, every child will need to have a digital device. The digital device will be used for lessons and HBL.  More details will be given at a later date.
2.	How is blended learning different from Home-based Learning (HBL)? Is it a day of structured learning at home for HBL?	Blended learning will differ from HBL. There will be 2 approaches.
3.	For HBL, will it synchronous or asynchronous learning, or a combination of both?	It could be (i) a continuation of the curriculum, or (ii) a stand-alone module which is also part of the syllabus.
4.	Will there be a time limit for the assignment during online lesson?	
5.	Is it possible to have online assignment for my child to revise for his/her work?	The school aims to strike a balance between synchronous and asynchronous learning as we are mindful of the student's screen time. Students will be given ample time to complete their HBL assignments.  It will be 9 days of school day + 1 day of HBL. The day of HBL has yet to be confirmed. More details will be shared at a later date.
6.	How can we journey with the child in HBL?	Parents can help your child develop good habits by creating a conducive home environment for your child to learn effectively. Parents can guide your child in managing his/her time to do his/her HBL assignments and self-revision.  Parents can have regular conversations with teachers in both academic and non-academic areas to help you better guide your child's development.

<b>CCA Matters</b>		
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1.	My child is currently not attending his CCA due to a change of interest. Who can I seek assistance from with regard to changing of CCA?	<p>CCA is compulsory in secondary school as part of the holistic development of every student. Students are encouraged to remain in the same CCA to allow them to develop holistically.</p> <p>If your child chooses to change CCA due to a change of interest, he/she may approach his/her current CCA teachers-in-charge or Subject Head/PE &amp; CCA.</p>

<b>Administrative matters</b>
<p>End-of-Year Exam schedule can be found at:  <a href="https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/">https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/students/announcement-for-students/</a></p> <p>You may email the school if you have any further queries:            Email: <a href="mailto:yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg">yishun_ss@moe.edu.sg</a></p>