

SECONDARY 2 MEET-THE-PARENTS' SESSION
26 MARCH 2021
FAQs ON SUBJECT COMBINATION (Collated from parents' queries)

No	Question	Answer
1	I would like to speak to the subject teachers regarding the progress of my child. How can I do that?	<p>There are <u>two ways</u> to do it.</p> <p>Firstly, you may call the school at 6315 8616 and leave a message for the teacher to call you back.</p> <p>Secondly, you may email the teacher directly. The email addresses of the teachers can be found here or in the Letter to Parents (hardcopy) sent by our Class Mentors at the start of the year.</p>
2	My child is still not sure which subject combination to take. How can I help him/her?	<p>You can encourage your child to speak to his/her teachers who may be able to provide a more holistic perspective given their knowledge of your child's strengths.</p> <p>If your child requires more ECG guidance, he/she can make an appointment with our ECG counsellor, Ms Corrine to find out more.</p> <p>Booking form: https://go.gov.sg/gdlssecg</p>
3	Will the subject combination exercise be on a first-come-first-serve basis?	<p>The subject combination is NOT on a first-come-first-serve basis. The allocation will be based on <u>merit</u> (overall percentage in Sec 2), guided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student's choice, • specific subject criteria, and • available school resources.
4	My child is currently offered one SBB subject. Can he/she take on another subject next year?	<p>Yes, your child can take on another subject if he/she meets the criteria to be offered that particular subject at a more demanding level.</p> <p>The criteria can be found here.</p>
5	My child is in the NA course but he offers a few subjects at the Exp level under SBB. Can he continue to take these subjects at Exp level in Secondary 3?	<p>Your child can continue to take the subjects at Express level at Sec 3 <u>as long as he meets the criteria</u>.</p> <p>Please refer to the criteria in the slides here.</p>

6	My child is in the NA course but he/she offers Science at Exp level under SBB. Is he/she able to choose between Phy/Chem and Chem/Bio next year?	Your child MUST meet the criteria for continued offering of Science at a more demanding level before he/she gets the choice between the Phy/Chem and Chem/Bio.
7	If my child is not doing very well in Mathematics at Sec 2, should I push him/her to take Additional Mathematics at Sec 3?	First, try to understand why your child is not doing well in Mathematics. For students who may not be inclined towards certain subjects, demanding them to continue with these subjects may cause them to dislike learning. Instead, talk to your child to discover his/strengths and interests , encourage him/her to keep an open mind and develop a positive learning attitude.
8	What is the criteria for offering Additional Mathematics at Sec 3?	The criteria to offer Additional Mathematics as well as other subjects can be found here .
9	Is Additional Mathematics a pre-requisite for entering junior college?	Additional Mathematics is NOT a pre-requisite and your child will not be put at a disadvantage for admission to JC.
10	Can my child take Higher MTL at Sec 3?	Your child can be offered to study Higher MTL at Sec 3 based on her excellent overall MTL result in Sec 2 and upon recommendation by his / her MTL teacher. However, our school does not offer Higher MTL and your child will have to apply to study the subject in another school that is assigned as Higher MTL centre by MOE and attend the lessons after school for one or two afternoons a week.
11	If my child is weak in CL, can he/she offer CLB at Sec 3?	Our school does not offer MTL B at Sec 3. The rationale is to give our students the opportunity to try and improve on the learning of MTL before they decide to opt and sit for MTL B papers at the National Examinations at Sec 4.
12	Will MTL be counted in the calculation of overall percentage at the end of the year?	Yes, the calculation of overall percentage takes into account all examinable subjects.

13	My child is exempted from MTL. How will the overall percentage be calculated?	For students who are exempted from MTL, their overall percentage will be averaged from the rest of the examinable subjects they take.
14	Will my child be changing class at Sec 3?	Yes, the classes will be re-organised at Sec 3.