



# Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

## Information for Parents



# What is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

- Every student is unique and possesses different strengths.
- Taking subjects at a higher academic level can help students nurture their strengths and give them more opportunities throughout their educational journey, so that they are more engaged in learning.



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

- SBB allows the students to challenge themselves and experience joy of learning in a subject they have interest in.
- A strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and reasoning, would ensure students are better prepared for various post-secondary progression pathways (e.g. to ITE and Polytechnic).



# Eligibility Criteria

- Students who offer most subjects at G1 or G2 are eligible to offer EL, MTL, MA and SCI at a more demanding level from the start of S1 if they have performed well in these subjects at the PSLE.

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to offer subject at
<b>G1</b>	AL 5 or better	-	G3 / G2
	AL 6	AL A	G2
<b>G2</b>	AL 5 or better	-	G3



# Eligibility Criteria

- The school also offers SBB subjects at two other junctures:
  - End of Semester 1 (EL, MTL, MA, SCI);
  - End of Semester 2 (EL, MTL, MA, SCI, HUM).
- Eligibility criteria to offer SBB subjects are as follows:

Current Subject Level	School-based Results	Option to offer subject starting from the next semester
G1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 75% or higher in the specific subject</li></ul>	G2
G2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 75% or higher in the specific subject</li></ul>	G3



# SBB Subjects

- If students are unable to cope with the current subject level they are offering, they have the flexibility to initiate request to offer the subject(s) at a less demanding level beyond S1.
- By the end of S2, students can continue to offer the subject(s) at a more demanding level **only if they have obtained at least an overall pass in the subject(s).**



# Support for your child

- Students who are eligible to take the SBB subjects do require time to adjust and adapt to the higher academic demands and foster friendships with their peers from different classes.
- Our school will monitor students' progress in the higher-level subjects, overall progress in all subjects and their socio-emotional and academic needs to provide the necessary support.



# For more information

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