

Subject Combination Briefing (Questions and Answers)

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1	My child takes Higher Chinese and will be taking Chinese at the end of next year in Sec 3. If she gets A1 or A2, can she use it as one of the R4 if English is her L1?	Yes, HCL can be used as R4. However, CL and HCL cannot be used as two subjects for computation.
2	If my child is able to score all As for all G1 subjects, can he take all G2 subjects in Sec 3 ? Similarly in Sec 3, if he is able to score all A in his G2 subjects can he be offered G3 subjects?	No, there is no more lateral transfer from this batch onwards. Your child may be offered some subjects at a more demanding level, but not all subjects.
3	In slides 43 and 44, are these just a partial listing? I don't see ELT in any of the subjects combi codes.	Yes, these are partial lists. The complete lists can be found on our website.
4	In slide 44, based on the Legend colours, it looks like JC students are only able to go to the Science faculties in University, unless they take on an engineering scholarship? In contrast, Polytechnic students will be able to go to DET streams direct, which includes Engineering faculty in the University?	The colours are not indicative of the paths. We have updated our slides.
5	In slide 48, is there a reason R1 is highlighted? What does the "*" mean for MT description in the tables?	It is to highlight that one G3 subject from Humanities is needed for JC application. We have added a note in our slides.
6	If my child is thinking of taking Triple Science, what are the other subject combinations she can take?	For triple science combination, your child can only select social studies / elective humanities for subject 4. The rest of the subjects are fixed.
7	How does the school determine if a student can take Chemistry & Biology vs Chemistry & Physics. If many students opt for Chemistry & Biology. For example, Student A who scored 70% for Science vs Student B who scored 65%? Will the school give Student A his choice?	Yes. We will rank all students who apply and are eligible for the same combination by merit and then select the best performing students to fill the vacancies.
8	What's POA?	POA is Principles of Accounts. It is an elective subject offered in secondary schools, focusing on developing students' understanding of accounting principles and their application in business decision-making. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories.

9	If my child take Double Pure Science (Chemistry and Biology), but in Sec 3, he didn't do well for Chemistry. What is the implication for the child in Sec 4 and when they apply for JC?	We will do our best to guide your child to do well. If your child struggles for both pure sciences, one possible option is to drop to combined science. If your child is only struggling with one of the 2 pure sciences, then the only implication is the choice of science subjects in JC. Since double science combination is a 7 subject combination and JC admission requires just 5 subjects (L1R4), your child can still apply for JC.
10	Is Principles of Accounts considered as Humanities?	No. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories.
11	When do the students need to choose the subject combination, before or after their results?	After they received their End-of-Year results.
12	What kind of subject is ESS considered? Humanities?	No. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories. In our school, it falls under coursework by the PE department.
13	Can a student taking Triple Science drop one of the subjects later in the academic year if he/she is struggling to keep up?	It is not recommended as the time spent could have been used more fruitfully. If your child really cannot cope, dropping one of the pure sciences may be an option. However, we want to stress that your child should only opt for triple science if he/she is confident to do well with the added load and not treat the first year as a "trial period".
14	If the student decided on the JC path, how can G3 Music help as one of the subjects?	G3 music can be used as R4 for the computation of L1R4. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories.
15	Can I check if the affiliated points is now capped at 3?	If you are referring to bonus points for affiliated JC, it is 2 points. If you are referring to Bonus points for JAE admission, it is capped at 3 points for admission to JC in the academic year 2028.

16	How do we get an exception from MTL like Hindi which happens on weekend at external sites?	<p>You may apply for MTL exemption for your child at secondary school, if he/she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is returning from overseas and had no opportunity to learn an official MTL (Chinese Language, Malay Language or Tamil Language), a Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL) or an approved Foreign Language or Asian Language for a sustained period of time. • Has special educational needs, with severe difficulties in coping with overall learning. <p>For more information, you can visit https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages/exemption</p>
17	Is ESS considered R4?	Yes. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories.