



Welcome to Yishun Town Secondary School

*Secondary 1 Parents Engagement Session
27 December 2023*



**Welcome Address by Principal
Mr Ng Teo Heng**

Overview of Parent Engagement Sessions


| | Date | Focus |
|------------------|---|--|
| Session 1 | 27 December 2023, Tuesday Time: 8.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. The session is held via Zoom. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative & Safety Matters• Information on Full Subject Based Banding• Q&A Session with School Leaders & selected HODs |
| Session 2 | 5 January 2024, Friday Time: 6.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Venue: School Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional Support for students• Briefing on Personal Learning Devices, Secondary 1 Camp and Initiation Ceremony• Classroom interaction with Form Teachers |



Full Subject Based Banding



What is Full Subject-Based Banding?

- Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) is part of MOE's ongoing efforts to **nurture the joy of learning** and **develop multiple pathways** to cater to the different strengths and interests of our students.
 - With Full SBB, we are moving towards a secondary school education where **students learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs.**
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Rationale of Full SBB

Full SBB aims for students to:

Have **greater ownership of their learning** according to their strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs

Develop a **growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation** to learn for life

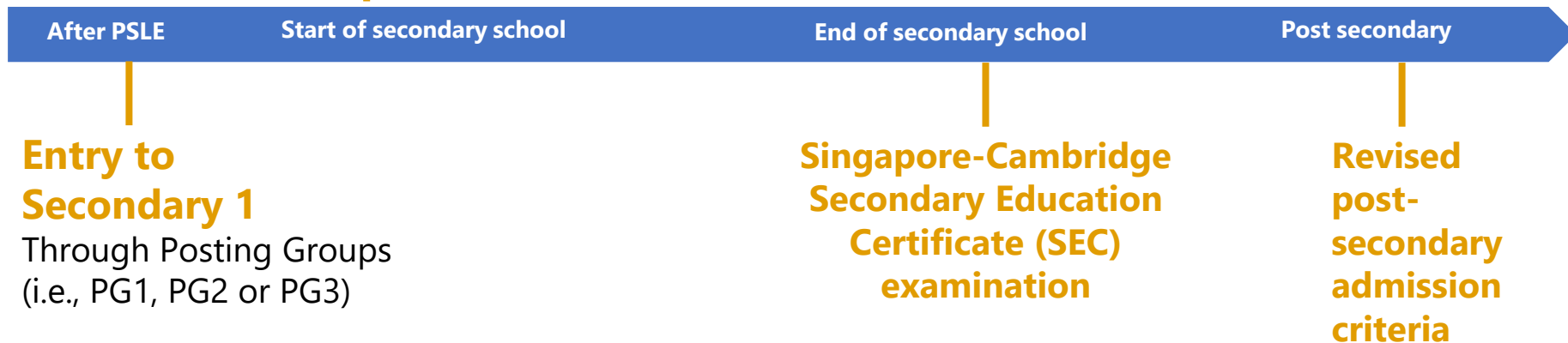
Have **more opportunities to interact with friends** of different strengths, interests, abilities and talents

Have **more options for post-secondary pathways**, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway

Secondary school experience under Full SBB

Secondary school experience

1. Mixed form classes upon entering secondary school
2. Common curriculum subjects at lower secondary
3. Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively
4. Greater flexibility to offer subjects at various subject levels
5. Shift away from stream-based subject offerings



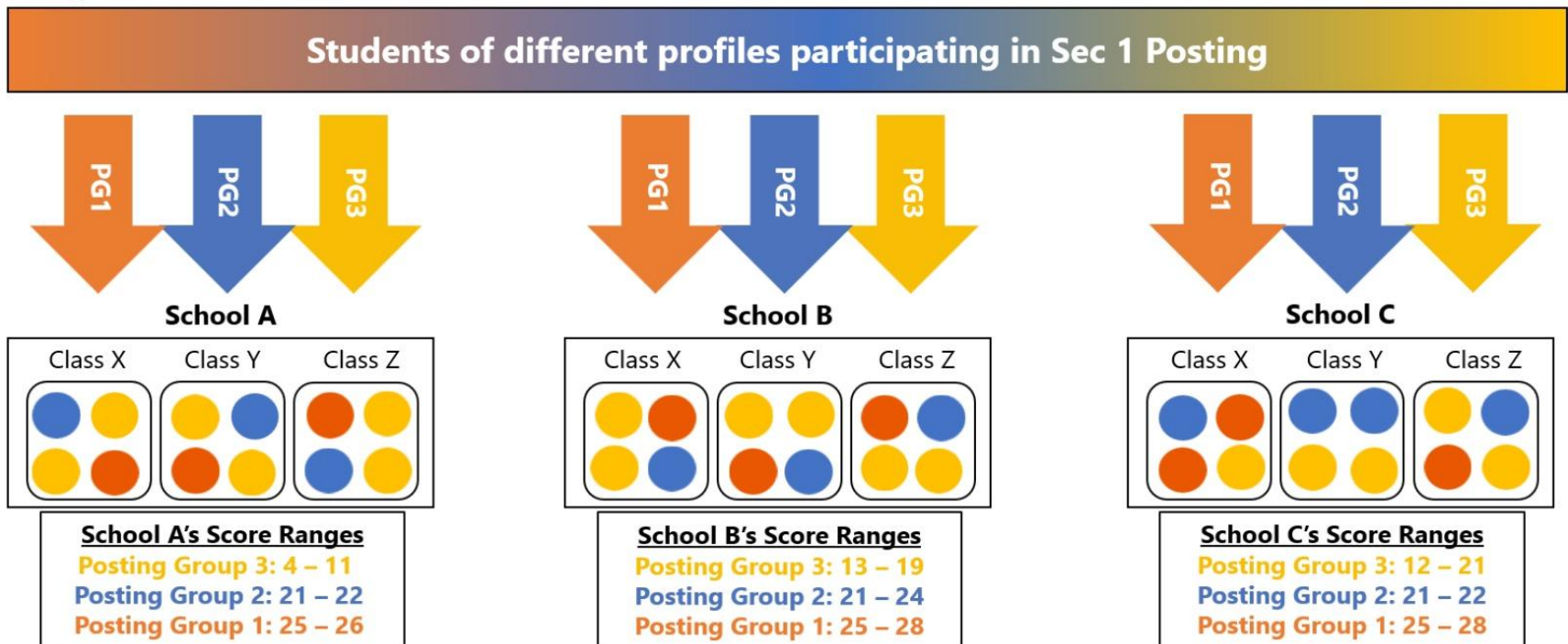
Posting Groups and Subject Levels

- Students will be posted to Secondary 1 through **three Posting Groups – Posting Group 1, 2, and 3.**
- **Posting Groups will only be used for:**
 - Facilitating entry into secondary school.
 - Guiding the subject levels students offer at the start of Secondary 1.
 - They do not define students' identities, nor influence learning experiences and access to post-secondary pathways.

| PSLE Score | Posting Groups | Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 4 – 20 | PG3 | G3 |
| 21 and 22 | PG2 or PG3 | G2 or G3 |
| 23 and 24 | PG2 | G2 |
| 25 | PG1 or PG2 | G1 or G2 |
| 26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA) | PG1 | G1 |

Mixed Form Classes in Lower Secondary

- With Full SBB, students will be placed in mixed form classes in lower secondary.
- More opportunities for students to interact with other students of different strengths.

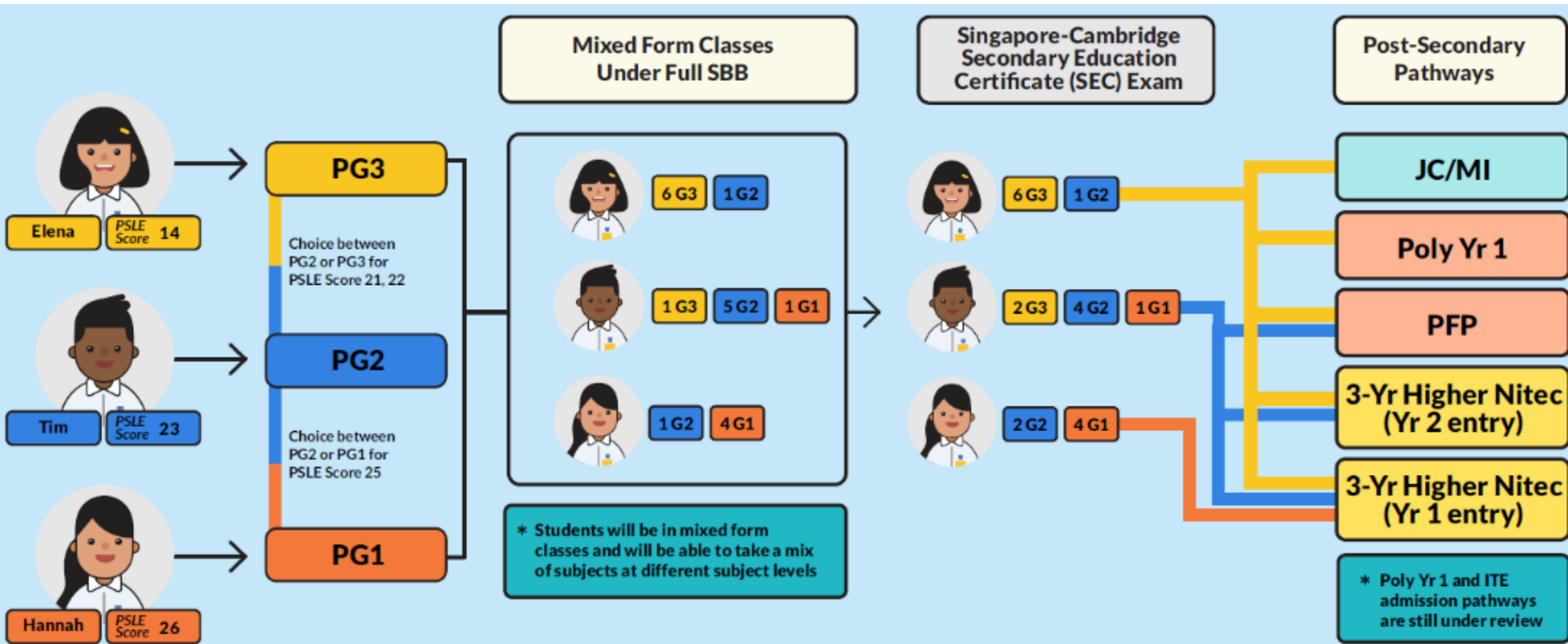


Subjects Offered to Sec 1 YTzens

| Common Curriculum (All students take these subjects) | Subjects offered at G1, G2 or G3 Level |
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| Physical Education* | English Language |
| Music* | Mother Tongue Languages |
| Art | Mathematics |
| Food & Consumer Education | Science |
| Design & Technology | Literature |
| | Geography |
| | History |
| | Social Studies (for G1 only)* |

*These subjects are non-examinable subjects.

Example: Secondary school experience under Full SBB



Subject Levels under Full SBB


- Students can offer different subjects at different subject levels (i.e., G1, G2 or G3) according to their strengths, interests and learning needs, throughout their secondary school journey.
- These subject levels, G1, G2 or G3, are mapped from the standards of N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.



Higher Mother Tongue Languages



MOE Criteria for Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL)

- PSLE scores of 8 or better and offer MTL at PSLE or PSLE score of 9 – 14 and obtained AL1 / AL2 in MTL or D/M in HMTL
 - Please indicate if your child will be accepting the HMT offer (or not) through the FormSG sent via PG app **by 28 December 2023, 5 p.m.**
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Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMT Languages)

- As an option for L1 subject (must pass English Language)
- Bonus points for Junior College admission (HMT D7 & above)
- Language Elective Programme (LEP) in Junior Colleges



HMTL Venues

| Subject | External Venue for Lessons |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Higher Chinese Language | Yishun Town Secondary School |
| Higher Malay Language Centre | Anderson Secondary School |
| Higher Tamil Language Centre | Marsiling Secondary School |





Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL)

Pupils who are **NOT** offered HMTL by MOE and yet wish to take up HMTL:

- Students may be offered to take HMT if they show interest and commitment in the subject.





Administrative & Safety Matters
By Mdm Ruziana, Sec 1 Year Master

Orientation Programme

| | Day 1 Tuesday, 2 Jan | Day 2 Wednesday, 3 Jan | Day 3 Thursday, 4 Jan | Day 4 Friday, 5 Jan |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Reporting Time to School | 7.30am | 7.30am | 8.30am | 7.30am |
| CCA Experience | Nil | 1.30pm to 4.30pm | 1.30pm to 4.30pm | 2.15pm to 5pm |
| Dismissal Time | 2 Jan (Day 1): 2pm 3 & 4 Jan (Days 2 & 3): 4.30pm | | | Parent-Teacher Rapport Session <i>(For parents to know the school and staff)</i> Time: 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p. m. |

Parent Teacher Rapport (PTR) Session: 5 Jan 2023

| | Date | Focus |
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CCA Bazaar

Annual event organised by our CCA leaders which will give students the opportunity to learn more about the various CCAs in YTSS.

- **Day/Date:** 12 January 2024, Friday
- **Time:** 2.15pm to 5.45pm

Parents are welcomed to join your child during this session.



School Hours



Curriculum Hours

Monday: 7.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday: 7.30 am. – 2.15 p.m.

Thursday: 8.30 a.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Friday: 7.30 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.*

**Students with Higher Mother Tongue (Chinese Language) will end later.*

General CCA days: Tuesday, Friday

(Some CCAs meet on other days)

Time: Most CCAs begin at 3.30 p.m. after the Upper Secondary dismissal times. CCAs last for about 2 hours.

Scan me to find out more information about the different CCAs and their programmes.

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Rules on Attire

The school uniform and PE attire must be worn smartly at all times with the shirts / T-shirts tucked in.

Only canvas (predominantly white) or sports shoes (any color) are allowed. No sneakers or dress shoes (leather, suede) or court shoes. White or black socks must be worn.





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School Uniform Guidelines



BOYS

- Slope at the back
- Hair not touching ears
- Sideburn not extended beyond earhole
- Neat and short haircuts, fringe above eyebrows

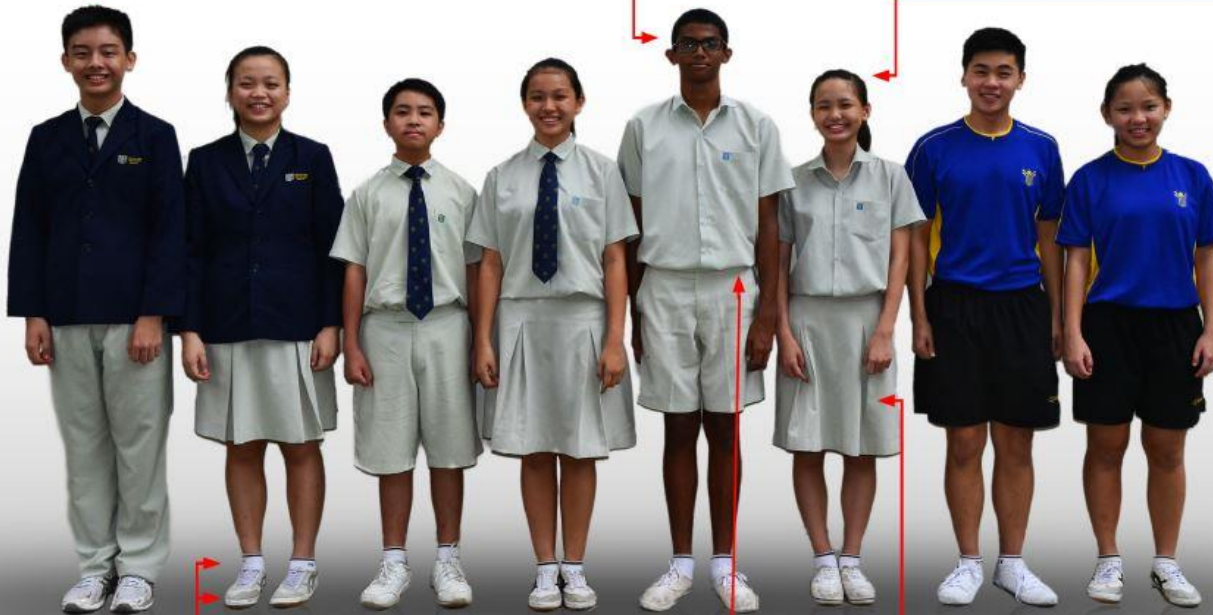


GIRLS

- Fringe tucked away neatly without hanging loosely in front
- Fringe properly pinned up and not touching eyebrows



- Dark-coloured headband / clip



Dark-framed spectacles.

Knee-length skirts.

Neatly-pressed and proudly worn uniforms with shirts tucked in at all times.

Black or white socks must be worn. YTSS socks is optional.



Note: All students should adhere to the uniform (including PE attire) guidelines stipulated in Stardate and no modification to the uniform should be made.

**Alteration of acceptable length of pants / skirts is allowed. Tapering of pants is not permitted.*



ICT & Handphone policy



Students are to use the following electronic items **ONLY** during recess or after curriculum hours unless otherwise instructed by the teacher:

- a) Mobile phone or any other communication device
- b) Portable audio equipment
- c) Computing devices (including PLDs)

The above devices must be switch off or turn to silent mode and kept out of sight during curriculum hours.



Safety Matters: Driving into YTSS (Morning Drop-off)




- For security reasons, only staff and students of YTSS may alight at the School Foyer.
- Drop-off point is at the school foyer (turn left after security barrier).
- For safety of our students and staff alighting at the foyer, drivers should not overtake another vehicle(s).





Safety Matters: Driving into YTSS (Morning Drop-off)

- Students are to alight only when vehicles come to a complete stop at the foyer's driveway.
 - Students should prepare their bags and alight promptly so as not to delay traffic flow.
 - No parking / waiting is allowed in the School Carpark in the mornings.
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Safety Matters: Driving into YTSS (Morning Drop-off)

- Vehicles exiting the School Gate **MUST** turn left from 6.30am to 7.30am during School Days.
- No alighting of passengers along the zigzag white lines outside YTSS along Yishun Street 21.

Violations of the above will be reported to Traffic Police for their action.



Beyond Classroom (BC) Week

29 January – 2 February 2024

(Term 1 Week 5)

| Date | Activities Planned | For Info |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 29 Jan - 30 Jan 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership Training• Camp Preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents' consent will be sent via Parents Gateway.• More details will be shared with you during our Secondary 1 PTR Session on 5 January 2024. |
| 31 Jan – 2 Feb 2024 | 3D 2N Camp | |

Important Reminders

| No. | Description | Where can I submit/ find the information? | Due Date |
|-----|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Acceptance of Higher Mother Tongue Offer | Submit through FormsSG via PG | 28 December 2023, 5pm |
| 2. | Choice of Subject-Based Banding Subjects | Submit through FormsSG via PG | 28 December 2023, 5pm |
| 3. | Exemption from Mother Tongue Languages | Email Mr Lim Teck Chye at lim_teck_chye@schools.gov.sg with supporting documents | 28 December 2023, 5pm |
| 4. | Registration of Third Language Studies for successful applicants | Online registration to be done on MOELC website. | 21 December to 4 January 2024, 5pm |
| 5. | Financial Assistance Scheme Application (for new applicants) | Refer to school website to download the form. Submit hardcopy to General Office. | 21 December 2023, 12pm |
| 6. | MOE's Art Elective and Music Elective Programme | Information will be uploaded on school website in Week 1. | To refer to information in website. |



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