

S/No	Category	Questions	Responses
1	G1	We would like to understand how she can pursue the polytechnic route directly from secondary school given her current G1 status.	A G1 student can pursue the polytechnic route by progressing to a 3-Year Higher Nitec course at ITE first. From AY2027 polytechnic intake, Higher Nitec graduates with net Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 may apply for progression to a related diploma course at the polytechnics while those who meet a GPA of 3.5 will be guaranteed admission to a polytechnic course mapped to their Higher Nitec course. https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20230721-changes-to-admissions-requirements-for-ite-upgraders-applying-to-polytechnics-from-ay2027
2	G1	Explain more about G1 student progression for post secondary	Refer to school website under link - For Parents - Parent Resources - Principal Address slides page 12. For students who continue to do well may progress to Polytechnic and then University
3	G2	Can a G2 student move up to G3?	Yes, if the student meets the criteria to do so. Please refer to Merahan Handbook page 35 on criteria to offer subjects at more demanding level.
4	G2	Can you please elaborate on the pathways for G2 students, particularly the PFP? What is the difference between the PFP and the typical polytechnic admissions?	The Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) is a one-year practice-based preparatory programme conducted at the polytechnics. It is an alternative to Secondary 5 for eligible Secondary 4 students. Students are admitted into PFP through broad course clusters, such as: Sciences Humanities, Art, Media and Business Design, Engineering and Technology After passing the PFP year, students will be posted to a specific Polytechnic Year 1 diploma course within their cluster. This posting is based on merit and course choice. This is different from direct Polytechnic admission, where students are admitted directly into a specific Year 1 diploma course after secondary school.
5	G2	For my son which currently have most subject in G2 level. Is it possible we request him to take G3 level for all subject in either Sec 2 semester 2 or in Sec 3?	There is no mid year insert for Sec 2. It is possible for students to take more demanding level at the beginning of Sec 3 if they meet the criteria. Please refer to Merahan Handbook page 35 on criteria to offer subjects at more demanding level.
6	G2	My child is G2 but taking 1 G3 subject... How does it work for the post secondary education	The post-Secondary pathways will be the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP), 2-Year or 3-Year Higher Nitec in ITE. The G3 subject grade can be mapped to equivalent G2 grade to compute the aggregate score for PFP. There is also the option of a 5th year in secondary school to take subjects at a more demanding level (G3) to access more post-secondary pathways. Only students with a gross ELMAB3 (at least Grade 5 for all subjects computed at G2) of 19 points or better can offer all their subjects at G3 in the 5th year.
7	G2	If a G2 student does not qualify for the PFP, do they continue on to Sec 5? What happens thereafter in terms of their pathway?	Only students with a gross ELMAB3 (at least Grade 5 for all subjects computed at G2) of 19 points or better can offer all their subjects at G3 in the 5th year. They will then have the same available pathways for G3 cohort.
8	G2	Is the A Maths option available to G2 students who are taking the G3 syllabus?	There is no G2 A Maths option. Sec 2 G2 students offering G3 Mathematics can continue to offer G3 Maths at Sec 3, if they pass the subject. Students who would like to build on their strength in Math can consider taking G2 Computing.
9	G2	Is there a possibility of moving to G3 subject this mid year if criteria results are met?	There is no mid-year insert for Sec 2. G2 students who meet the criteria to offer more demanding level subjects at the end of the year can qualify to take G3 subjects in Sec 3.
10	G2	If I am a G2 student for science, am i still able to take triple science?	We do not offer triple Science option for G2. G2 Science students who have done well to meet the criteria to take on the subject at a more demanding level can offer Combined Science at G3 level.
11	G3	What are the differences between physics, chemistry, and biology?	Refer to 2027 Subject Combination Information Kit - on school website under Link - Parents - Parents Resources
12	G3	After taking up pure science, my child realise that she/he cannot catch up, can my child change to combined science at a later date?	A change may be considered, but is not guaranteed. This depends on whether there is another subject group offering the exact subject combination, vacancy in the subject class, as well as timetable, staffing, and resource considerations. Parents and students should also note that moving from Pure Science to Combined Science would usually mean taking one fewer subject, as Combined Science is counted as one subject with two science components, such as Combined Science Chemistry & Biology. For Category B students, such a change is unlikely, as they would already be offering Combined Science for the science subjects not taken as Pure Science. For example, a student taking Pure Chemistry with Combined Science Physics & Biology. This is why Pure Science has additional requirements. These help ensure that students are appropriately placed, able to manage the demands of the subject, and more likely to grow and flourish over time.
13	G3	Can the chosen subjects be changed if the student find them hard to cope with? What will be the impact on grades? What subjects combination is recommended for the students preferring to go JC.	A change may be considered, but is not guaranteed. This depends on whether there is another subject group offering the exact subject combination, vacancy in the subject class, as well as timetable, staffing, and resource considerations. All our subject combinations in G3 will enable will allow students to progress to JC.
14	G3	'Hi, my child is in G3, she failed her Maths in WA1. Owing to the requirements of pure science & A. Maths is 65% & above, (1) Does it mean that she is only limited to Cat C, 6 subjects ? (2) Can she choose both Principles of Accounts and Nutrition & Food Science, or any 2 subjects in item 6 options in order to make up total 7 subjects? This is because she has been good in Science since young & we hope she can further develop science-related subject in her pathway to Polytechnic	WA1 is 15% of overall weightage. If she intends to offer Cat A/B, she can work hard to improve her results for subsequent assessments. Choosing option C will also enable students to continue their post secondary pathways in Junior College / Millennia Institute / Polytechnic / ITE. Refer to school website under link - For Parents - Parent Resources - Principal Address slides page 12 A 6-subject combination will enable students to have more time to deepen their understanding and mastery of the subjects. As mentioned, entry to JC is based on 5 G3 subjects under the new system.

15	G3	How and when will we know whether our children are eligible for G3 subjects? And what criteria or grades are required for them to qualify for G3?	Eligibility to take G3 subjects in Sec 3 will be communicated after the year-end examinations. Please refer to Merahan Handbook page 35 on criteria to offer subjects at more demanding level.
16	G3	What are the requirements to be eligible for JC?	Please refer to https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/pse/ic-and-mi
17	G3	Will there be a class for pure biology?	The school's ability to open a class for any subject is dependent on resource availability, as well as whether there is a sufficient number of students who meet the eligibility criteria and wish to offer the subject.
18	G3	May I know where to take the computer class outside the school?	Computing at the G3 level will take place at Clementi Town Secondary School
19	Others	What is the connection between choosing subjects now and the choice of major in the future?	Your subject choices act like a pathway—they shape your options, prepare you with the right skills, and help you discover what you want to pursue in the future. For example, certain university or diploma courses require specific subjects:- If you want to study engineering, you usually need Mathematics and Physics. If you aim for business or finance, Mathematics is often important. For medicine or life sciences, Chemistry and Biology are typically required. For example, in NUS medicine, a good H2 pass in Chemistry and H2 pass in either Biology or Physics is required.
20	Others	How to know which subjects combination is suitable for our child?	Discuss with your child on his or her passion and interest. Advise him or her to book an appointment with our ECG Counsellor to explore further. His email is lum_kah_wai_andrew_a@schools.gov.sg
21	Others	What are the subjects combinations? And how do our results affect our choices?	Refer to 2027 Subject Combination Information Kit - on school website under Link - Parents - Parents Resources where the various subject combinations and mapping of the grades are indicated.
22	Others	Very poor knowledge to understand about subjects combination. Please guide us to choose the right way.	You can also refer to our school website, https://www.bukitmerahsec.moe.edu.sg/ Under the tab LINKS - For Parents - Parents Resources where you can find these 4 files below "2026 Upper Sec Subject Combination 1. Principal Address Upper Sec Subj Comb Briefing 2. Slides for Upper Sec Subject Combination 3. ECG Counsellor Briefing 4. Sec 2 Subject Combination Information Booklet" Do reach out to your child Form Teacher if need to or you can also reach out to our ECG Counsellor to understand the pathways and subject combination.
23	Others	What if my child didn't get promoted, will he still be required to take part of the subject combination exercise?	He will be retained in Sec 2 and continue to take the same subjects in lower secondary
24	Others	What are the criteria for subjects offered?	Refer to school website under link - For Parents - Parent Resources - Sec 2 Subj Comb slides
25	Others	Can I know roughly for my son which subject will be offered at G3 level?	Refer to Merahan handbook page 34 to 37 - Subject-based Banding
26	Others	1) If a student is G2 Chinese, can he attend G1 foundation Chinese instead? 2) If a popular elective such as computing is overbooked, can student appeal?	1) For MTL, do speak to the relevant MTL teacher and the teacher will advise you further. Our teachers' email can be found in the school website. 2) For G1 or G2 Computing, a child can appeal but may not be successful if there are no more vacancies in the subject class. For G3 Computing offered at designated centres, the final allocation is determined by MOE.
27	Others	When do we need to pick the subjects as we may need to transfer schools next year as we are moving at the end of the year. And how to help my child to make this transition smooth?	Selection is done on the last day of school, 22 October. Refer to 2027 Subject Combination Information Kit - on school website under Link - Parents - Parents Resources
28	Others	Are the subject combinations allocated purely based on student's results - overall throughout Sec 1 to 2, or only based on Sec 2 final year? What happens if my child struggles midway, are there options to switch?	Subject allocation is allocated based on the choices submitted by your child if they need the subject requirements. For subjects which are over-subscribed, results will be used to determine allocation. Generally, we look at overall Sec 2 results, but may also look at results from Sec 1 to 2 on case-by-case circumstances. Options to switch midway is not advisable as the curriculum for the National Examination is from Sec 3-4. The runway to National Examination is short and may impact post-secondary options
29	Others	What subjects does my son need to pass to be promoted to Sec 3?	Pass English Language and 2 other subjects OR Pass at least half of the total number of examinable subjects offered. Please refer to Merahan Handbook page 36.
30	Others	How is the Full SBB beneficial for my kids?	Please refer to https://www.moe.gov.sg/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/main
31	Others	Pls give some possible pathways should students take certain subject combination	All our subject combinations will enable our students to continue their post-secondary pathways in Junior College / Millennia Institute / Polytechnic / ITE. Refer to school website under link - For Parents - Parent Resources - Principal Address slides page 12
32	Others	"What are the main differences between current O level and new SEC grading effective from next year 2027 batch? How does the subject combination and overall SEC grading work for JC/poly enrolment?"	Under the SEC examination, students will sit the subjects at the respective subject level (i.e. G1, G2, G3). At the subject level, the G1, G2 and G3 subjects adopt the same grading structure as the N(T)-, N(A)- and O-Level examinations respectively. G1 - Grades A, B, C, D and E G2 - Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 G3 - Grades A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, E8, 9 Grade mapping is only used when there is a need to compute aggregate scores using grades of subjects taken at more demanding levels for purposes of post-secondary progression, e.g. ELMAB3 for admission to Year 2 of Higher Nitec (HN) and Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP), ELR2B2 for polytechnic admissions. (https://www.seab.gov.sg/secondary-education-certificate-sec/)

33	Others	Does the total scores affect the final selection of the subjects combination?	Allocation of subject combination will be based on the overall outcome of Sec 2 results and specific subjects results for certain subjects.
34	Others	How many students is minimally required for each subject?	A minimum number is 10 for optimal deployment of resources.
35	Others	Can be more detailed when explaining the path for SEC 3s, eg what can we learn for computing, and which path is smoother and not tiring or which one is more advanced etc.	Refer to 2027 Subject Combination Information Kit - on school website under Link - Parents - Parents Resources. All our subject combinations will enable our students to continue their post secondary pathways in Junior College / Millennia Institute / Polytechnic / ITE. Refer to school website under link - For Parents - Parent Resources - Principal Address slides page 12
36	Others	It would be better to have separate session for g2/g1 since so much information was covered only for g3 pathways	Thank you for your suggestion. We can arrange for a separate session/s with the G1 and G2 students if schedules permit to go through the information in detail and clarify any queries.
37	Others	Explain more about polytechnic foundation course (PFP).	<p>The Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) is a one-year practice-based preparatory programme conducted at the polytechnics. It is an alternative to Secondary 5 for eligible Secondary 4 students who have done well.</p> <p>For PFP, students are first admitted into one of the broad course clusters, such as Sciences, Humanities, Art, Media and Business, or Design, Engineering and Technology. After passing the PFP year, students will then be posted to a specific Year 1 diploma course within their cluster, based on merit and course choice.</p> <p>This is different from direct Polytechnic admission, where students are admitted straight into a specific Year 1 diploma course after secondary school. Direct Polytechnic admission is generally for students offering mostly G3 subjects, while PFP provides a Polytechnic pathway for eligible students offering mainly G2 subjects.</p> <p>In summary, PFP is a preparatory year at the polytechnic before the diploma, so students typically take 1 year of PFP plus about 3 years for the diploma. Direct Polytechnic admission means the student enters Year 1 of the diploma directly, and the diploma typically takes about 3 years.</p>