

# **Upper Secondary Subject Combination Briefing**

**Friday, 4 March 2022**



# Agenda

- ❖ How school has been managing the COVID-19 situation
- ❖ To update parents on the post-secondary pathways
- ❖ Parents-School Partnership
- ❖ Information about subjects to be offered in Sec 3



# **SCHOOL LEADER'S ADDRESS**





# Welcome Back To School! – A Safe 2022!

Bukit Merah Secondary School



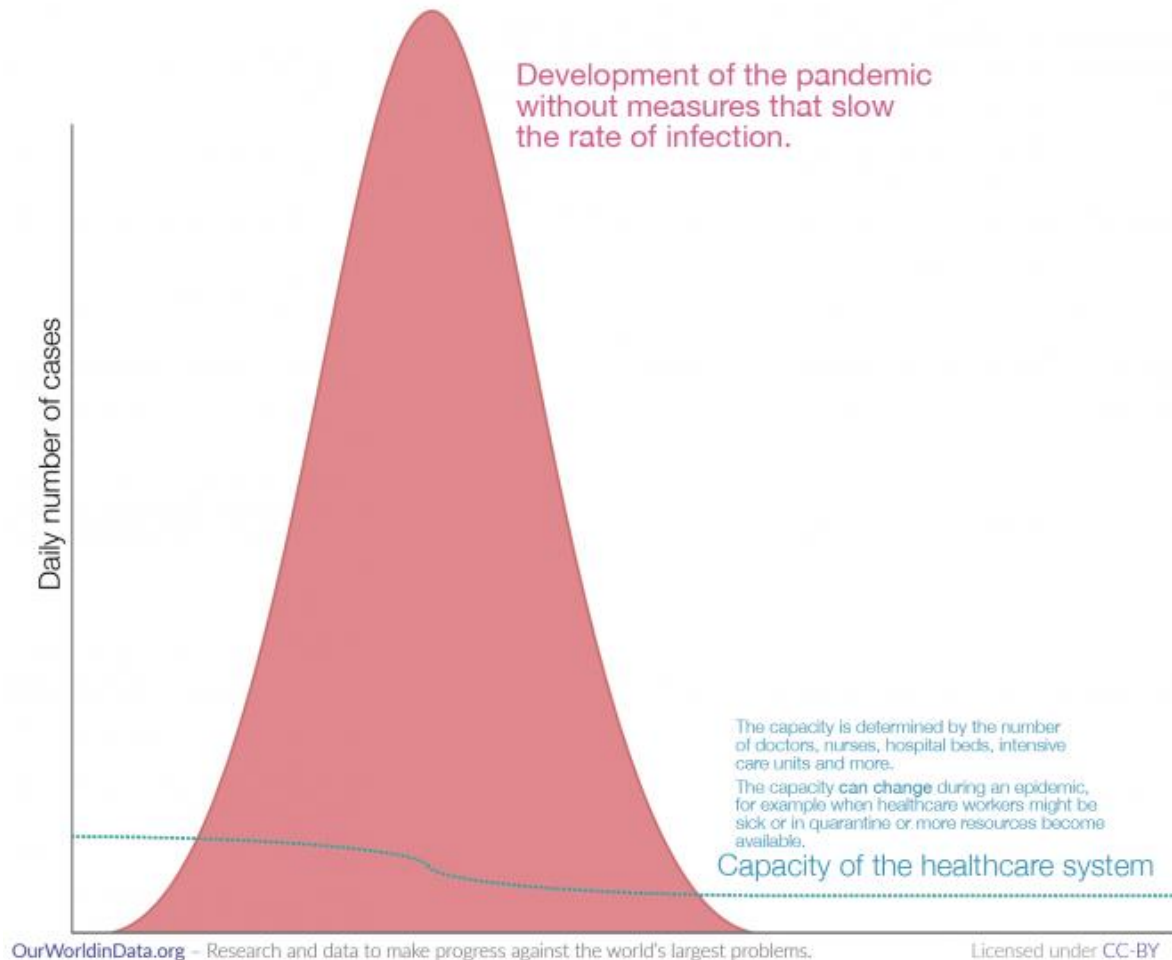
**SAFE BMSS**



**CoronaVirus**

One Infection  
away from  
another  
Outbreak!

Omicron is  
more  
transmissible!



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# Singapore reports 24,080 new COVID-19 cases, 11 deaths



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(Updated: 01 Mar 2022 10:34PM)



People wearing protective face masks are seen along Orchard Road in Singapore on Jan 5, 2022. (Photo: CNA/Gaya Chandramohan)

# Social Responsibility AND SMMs



# Social Responsibility

- Personal Hygiene and Responsibility
- Protocols from MOH

# Personal Hygiene and Responsibility

- **Staying Away when Unwell:** Students and staff who are unwell with flu-like symptoms, are required to stay away from school. They should seek medical attention immediately and be tested for COVID-19 if required.
- **Wipe Down Routines:** All students will wipe down their desk areas and common/shared equipment each time they need to move to a different classroom/venue.
- **Wearing of masks/shields properly:** Masks will still be a default protection for all in the BMSS community.
- **Clean hands!:** Students will be reminded by the school to resume the practice of washing their hands with soap and water on arrival in school, before recess/break time, and after wipe-downs. Hand sanitisers will also be available around the school, including classrooms for students to use.

# Personal Hygiene and Responsibility

- **Reinforcing good habits:**
  - **Thermometers and Trace Together Tokens**
  - Students **must** bring their working thermometers and TT Tokens **daily**.
  - Daily morning temperature-taking and visual screening for all students and staff.
  - TraceTogether Tokens: Students should have their TraceTogether token or app with them throughout the school day to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise. (Vending machines around SG for you to change your tokens, ensure it is working!)

# Follow MOH Protocol

# Health Protocols

as of 18 Feb 2022

# 1

## You are unwell

See a doctor. If positive:

- Inform close contacts
- Recover at home, COVID-19 treatment facility or hospital, depending on your GP's advice

## You are well, but test positive

Inform close contacts

- First 72 hours: Isolate at home. No need for MC if well
- Thereafter, take ART. End isolation when negative
- Or if still positive, end isolation on
  - Day 7, if fully vaccinated or aged below 12
  - Day 14, if not fully vaccinated
- If at risk (e.g. elderly, pregnant) or feel unwell, see **1**

# 3

## Received Health Risk Notice, or informed by infected person of exposure

- Take ART. Go out only if negative
- If negative after **Day 5**, no further test needed
- If ART is positive, see **2**



More information at: [covid.gov.sg](https://covid.gov.sg)

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# PG Message on COVID Updates

- For more information on the latest COVID19 measures and SMMs in BMSS, please refer to letter attached in PG Message dated 3 Mar 2022 'Updates on COVID Matters and SMMs'



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3 Mar 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has announced further streamlining of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) and management of positive cases and close contacts on 16 February 2022.
2. This letter updates on management of School Attendance and SMMs.

#### **Managing School Attendance as a Ring-fencing Measure**

3. Managing school attendance is an important ring-fencing measure that will help keep BMSS students and staff, as well as their families and the larger community safe. Students must inform their Form Teachers if they meet any of the conditions in the table below. They are to fully heed the instructions in the SMMs column. This is aligned to the recent changes announced by the MultiMinistry Taskforce with effect from 16 February 2022.

Category	Condition	SMMs
A	Students who are unwell, with fever and/or flu-like symptoms (for high risk individuals or those with severe significant symptoms.)	<u>MOH Protocol 1</u> High-risk individuals or those with severe significant symptoms  To undergo both ART and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Those with severe symptoms: the doctor will



# Preventing Potential Spread in Schools

**SMMs**

# Key SMMs (updated 24 Feb 2022)

- More student activities and large scale student events will resume in line with national guidelines on group sizes and event sizes.
- All activities to be grouped by class, with the exception of banded classes for MTL, Subject-Based Banding. Secondary schools, including SPED schools and JCs/MI will also be allowed to group activities by CCA.
- For schools including SPED schools and JCs/MI, masked activities in groups of up to five persons will be allowed, subject to existing SMMs.
- Maximum of 50 persons for all activities.
- Safe distancing of 1m spacing during recess. If not possible, students to eat in classrooms with 1m spacing.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>

# Key SMMs (Assemblies)

Flag-raising level assemblies may resume with a cap of around 300 persons from the same level per venue with 1m safe distancing between all individuals, and zoned by classes with 2m between classes.



# Key SMMs (Learning Journey)



CCAs held at external venues and learning journeys can proceed with controlled use of venue and with an overall activity cap of 50 persons.

Teachers and students would be subject to external venue's Safe Management Measures (SMMs) and Vaccination Differentiated SMMs (VDS) requirements.



Observe Safe  
Distancing  
Rules both in  
and outside of  
school!



- Return home after school, do not loiter outside of school (for e.g. NTUC, Gong Cha)
- Support our law enforcement agencies and Safe Distancing Ambassadors by listening to their advices





**Together,**  
**we can keep our school safe.**

# Begin with the end in mind

End of tertiary education  
The career they aspire

End of Sec 4/5  
The courses they can select

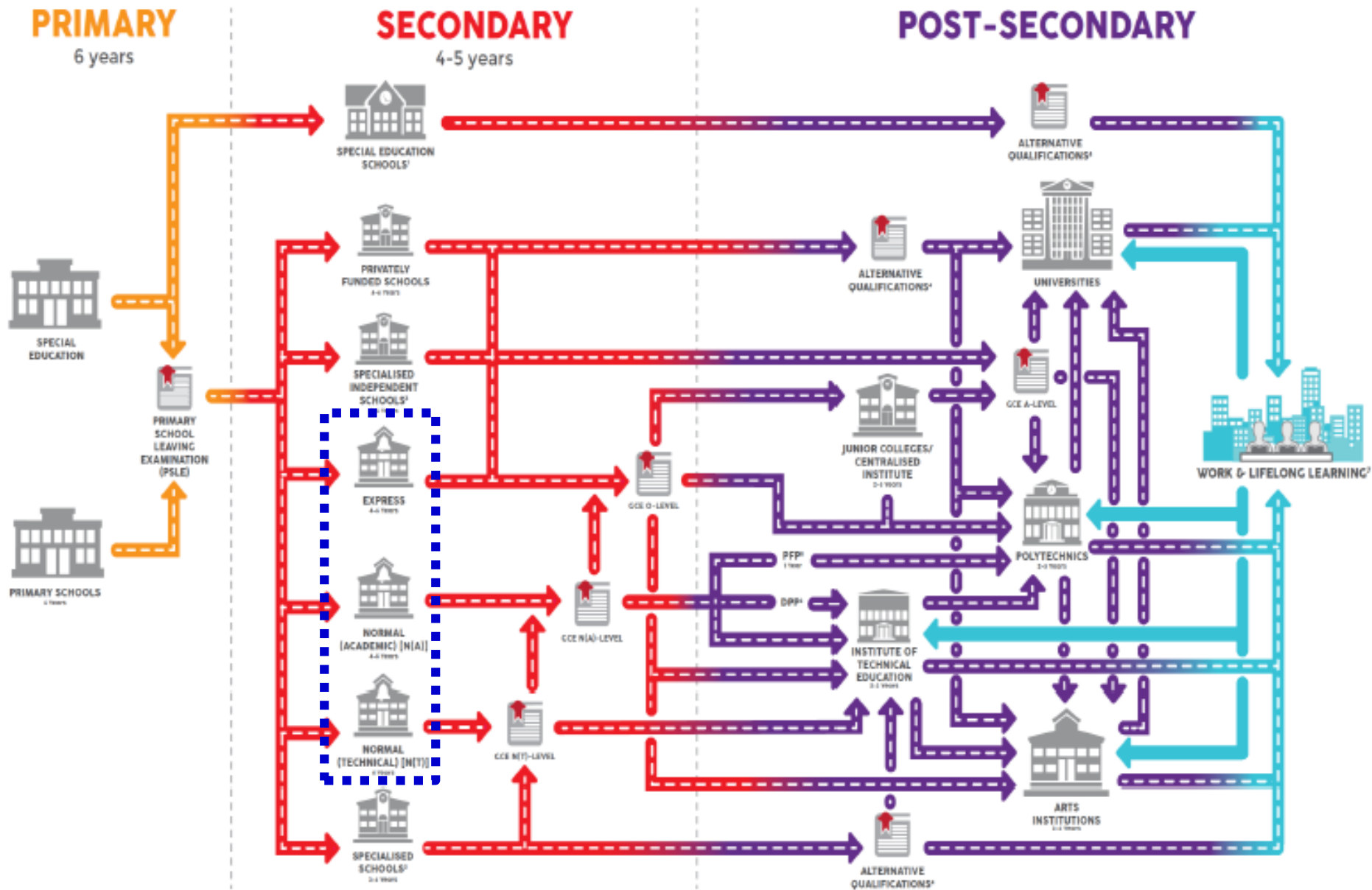
End of Sec 2  
The subjects they can select

Start of Sec 1

Putting in consistent effort...



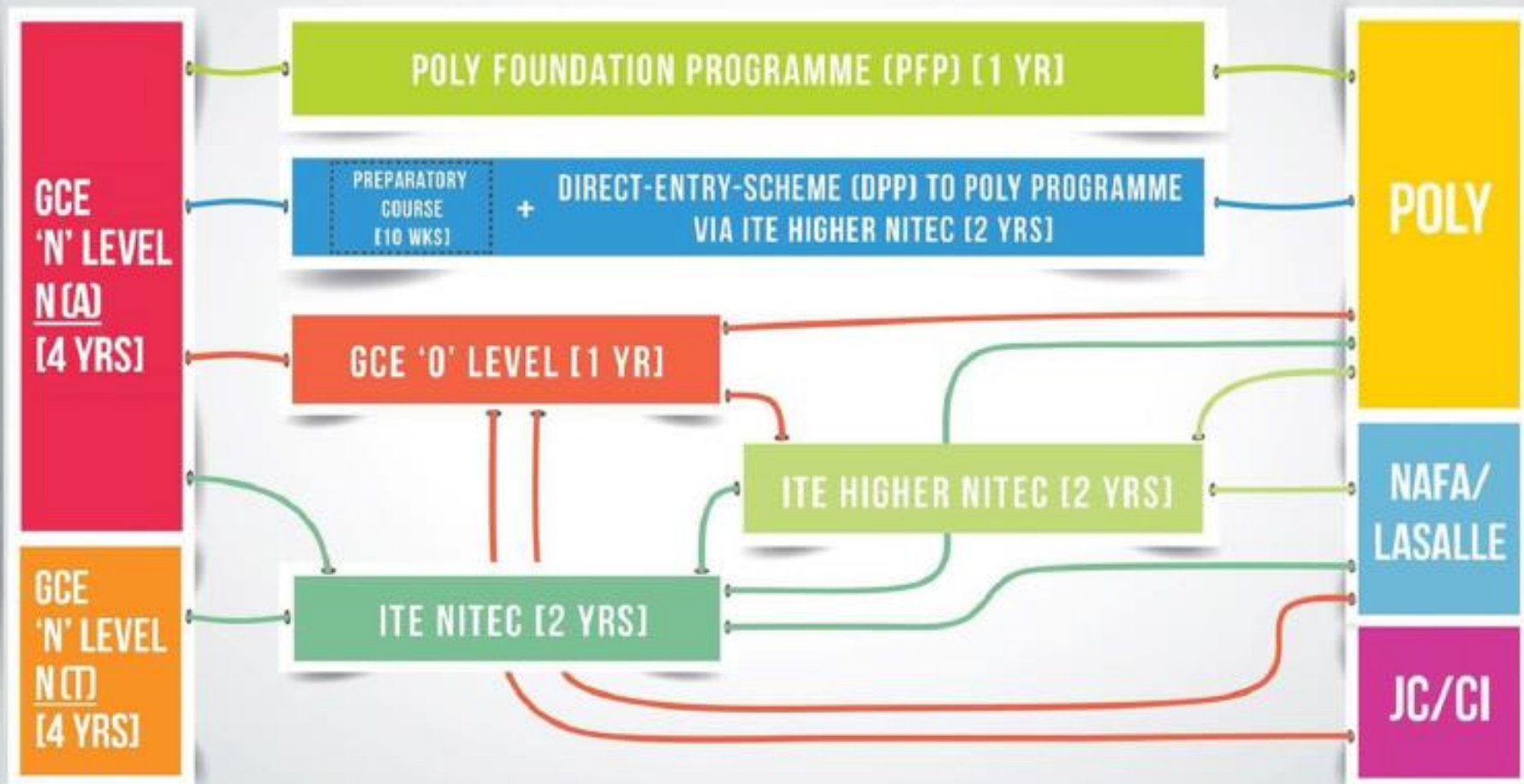
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# MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR N(A) AND N(T) STUDENTS



For more information on the DPP and the PFP, please visit these websites:

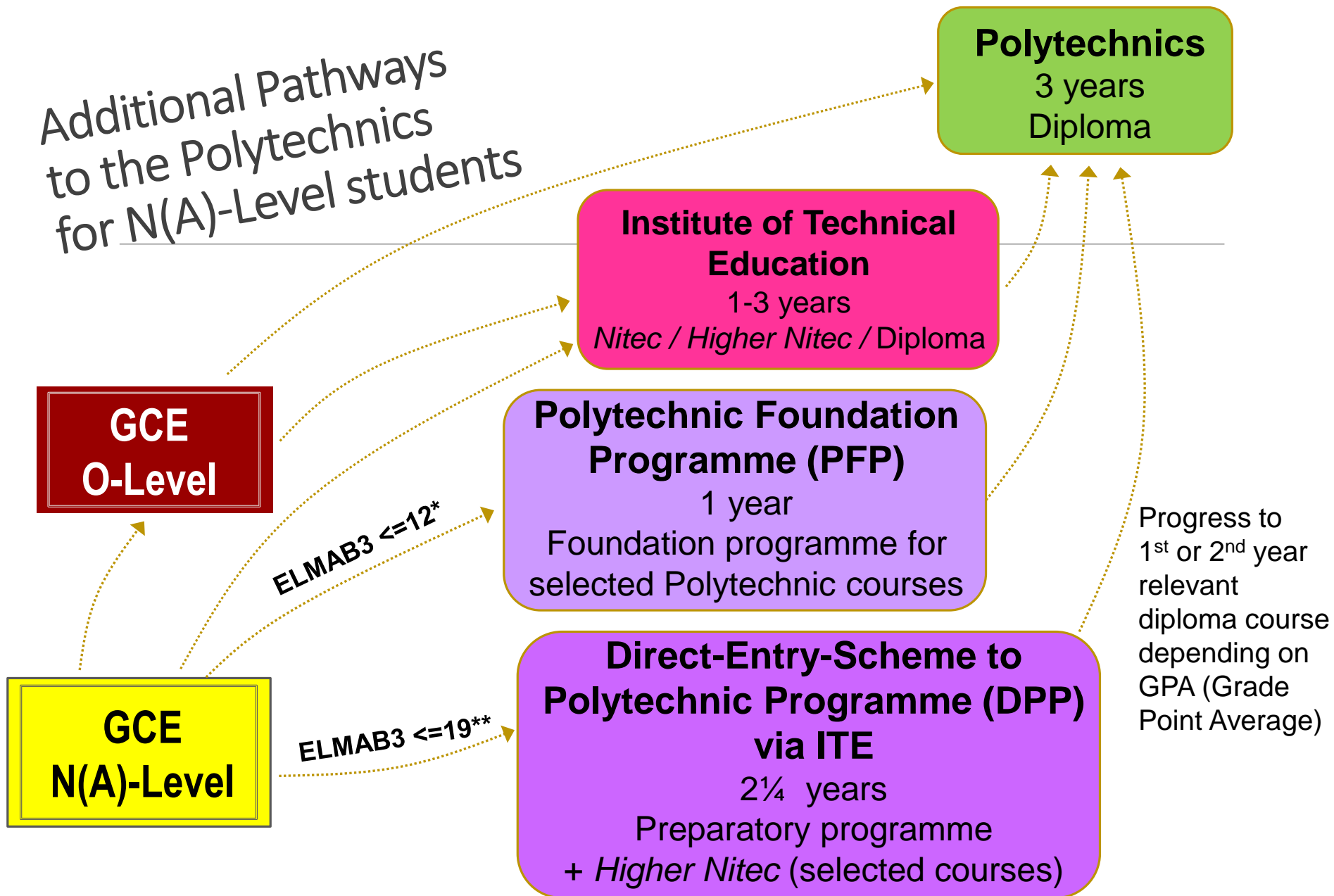
• Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Programme (DPP)  
[www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des](http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des)

• Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)  
[www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp)



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Singapore

# Additional Pathways to the Polytechnics for N(A)-Level students



\* Also obtained Grade 3 or better for all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3. Certain PFP courses require an EL grade of 2. CCA not included.

**\*\* Also met course-specific entry requirements.**



# Different Pathways to Poly/Uni for 4 Normal (Academic) Students

Year	To 5NA	To PFP	To DPP	
2021	4NA	4NA	4NA	
2022	5NA – O Lvl	PFP	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2023	Poly Yr 1	Poly Yr 1	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2024	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 2	*Poly Yr 2 (GPA≥3.5)	Poly Yr 1 (GPA≥2.5 or 3)
2025	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 2
2026	Move on to University Yr 1			Poly Yr 3
				University Yr 1

# Progression Pathway for 4 Normal (Academic) Students

No	Item	Eligibility Criteria
1	Polytechnic Foundation Programme(PFP)	<b>ELMAB3 <math>\leq</math> 12</b> (Excluding CCA pts) + course entry requirement
2	Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Prog (DPP) – Higher NITEC	<b>ELMAB3 <math>\leq</math> 19</b> (Excluding CCA pts) + course entry requirement
3	Progression to ITE for 2-yr NITEC & 3-yr Higher NITEC	3 GCE 'N' Level Passes in EL/Maths/Science or other subjects (Minimum Entry Requirements apply for the different courses)

# Courses available

- [https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp\\_courses.html](https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html)

## Courses

For eligibility criteria of the polytechnic diploma courses<sup>#</sup> offered under Polytechnic Foundation Programme, [Click here for more information](#).

Before you make an application, please check out the medical requirements (e.g. colour vision, hearing, etc) of the courses offered by the polytechnic.

### Course Group

- ☐ GROUP 1
- ☐ GROUP 2

### Course Category

- ☐ Applied Sciences
- ☐ Built Environment
- ☐ Business & Management
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Health Sciences
- ☐ Humanities
- ☐ Information & Digital Technologies
- ☐ Maritime Studies
- ☐ Media & Design

### Polytechnic

- ☐ Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP)
- ☐ Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP)
- ☐ Republic Polytechnic (RP)
- ☐ Singapore Polytechnic (SP)
- ☐ Temasek Polytechnic (TP)

↕ Poly	↕ Course Code	↕ Course Name	↕ Course Group	↕ Course Category
NP	N51	Accountancy	GROUP 2	Business & Management
SP	S75	Accountancy	GROUP 2	Business & Management
NYP	C98	Accountancy & Finance	GROUP 2	Business & Management
TP	T02	Accountancy & Finance	GROUP 2	Business & Management
NYP	C62	Advanced & Digital Manufacturing	GROUP 1	Engineering
NYP	C51	Aeronautical & Aerospace Technology	GROUP 1	Engineering
SP	S88	Aeronautical Engineering	GROUP 1	Engineering
SP	S90	Aerospace Electronics	GROUP 1	Engineering
TP	T50	Aerospace Electronics	GROUP 1	Engineering

# GCE 'O'/'N' Level Preparation

- 2 year of journey of preparation and examination
- Focus on rigour in subjects especially **English Language & Mathematics**
- Increased width and level of difficulty of subjects (eg coursework and pure sciences)
- New subjects and strong foundation is important for examination success.

# Assessment Weighting

## Non-Coursework Subjects

Subjects	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	WA1 (%)	WA2 (%)	WA3 (%)	Year-End Exam (%)
<b>All Non-Coursework Subjects</b>	15	15	15	55

## Coursework

Subject	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	WA1 (%)	WA2 (%)	WA3 (%)	WA4 (%)
<b>Art</b>	25	25	25	25
<b>D&amp;T (Sem 1)</b>	60	40		
<b>FCE (Sem 2)</b>			60	40



**For FCE and D&T, results for the Semester will be results for the whole year.**

**No mid-year examinations**



# Promotion Criteria

	<b>Criteria for Promotion</b>
2E	- Pass EL AND Overall 50%
2N(A)	- Grade 5 or better in EL and Two other subjects, OR - Grade 5 or better in Four subjects
2N(T)	- Grade D or better in Maths or EL, AND - Pass in one other subject

# In Bukit Merah Secondary.....



# Parents as Partners

- **Aspiration**

- Where does your child/ ward want to be at the end of Sec school?



Talk to  
your  
child



Monitor  
your  
child

- **Attendance**

- Ensure that they have a valid reason for absence



Talk to  
teachers

- **Attention**

- Communicate with teachers

# Parents as Partners

- **Assignments**

- Write homework in Student Handbook
- Assigned homework to be completed daily



Monitor  
your  
child

- **After-school Activities**

- Sufficient time to study and play (use Revision Timetable)
- Study groups (4 to 5 people) with friends
- Organised room & study table / desk at home



Monitor  
your  
child





**GOOD HABITS  
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DIFFERENCE.**

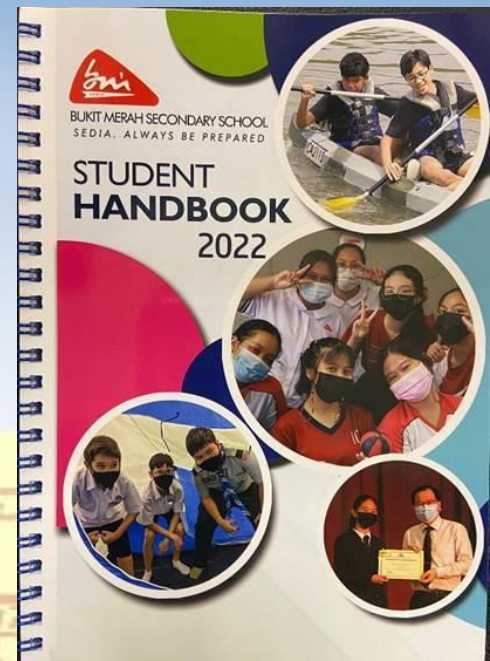
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# Parents as Partners

- Communications
  - Letter to parents (Parents Gateway and on School Website)
  - <http://www.bukitmerahsec.moe.edu.sg>
  - Student Handbook
  - Annual School Magazine
- Contact Us
  - 6474 8934
  - Email addresses of all staff can be found in school website




# BMSS Website

<https://bukitmerahsec.moe.edu.sg>

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Dear Parents / Guardians, Registration for 2021 Secondary 1 will take place over ...  
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