

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



PROGRAMME

Time	Session	Express	Normal (Academic)	Normal (Technical)
5.30 – 6.10pm	SL's Address	Principal Mr Timothy Cheng	Vice-Principal Ms Sharon Yap	Vice-Principal Mr Daryl Koh
6.10 - 6.30pm	Briefing	Streaming Briefing HOD/Science Mr Teo Weihong	Streaming Briefing HOD/English Mdm Leow Ser Leng	Streaming Briefing HOD/ICT Ms Huang Wen Qing
6.30 – 7.00pm	Breakout Session One	Pure and Combined Science HOD/Science Mr Teo Weihong	POA and AMath HOD/Mathematics Mr Wun Boon Leng, POA IC Ms Ng Hsueh Mei	Coursework HOD/Craft and Technology Mr Dennis Lim, NFS Coordinator Mr Hisham
7.00 - 7.30pm	Breakout Session Two	POA and AMath HOD/Mathematics Mr Wun Boon Leng, POA IC Ms Ng Hsueh Mei	Coursework HOD/Craft and Technology Mr Dennis Lim, NFS Coordinator Mr Hisham	EBS and Science HOD/Humanities Mdm Kua See Hong, SH/Chemistry Ms Jacqueline How
7.30 – 8.00pm	Breakout Session Three	Coursework HOD/Craft and Technology Mr Dennis Lim, NFS Coordinator Mr Hisham	-	-

SCHOOL LEADER'S ADDRESS



Welcome Back To School! – A Safe 2022!

Bukit Merah Secondary School



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Singapore

Singapore reports 18,162 new COVID-19 cases, 9 deaths



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Social Responsibility AND SMMs

Social Responsibility

- Personal Hygiene and Responsibility
- Protocols from MOH

Personal Hygiene and Responsibility

- **Staying Away when Unwell:** Students and staff will be reminded to remain at home if they are feeling unwell. (Flu like Symptoms, fever >38 deg)
- **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**.
 - TraceTogether Tokens. As contact tracing is TT-based for Sec Schools, students are to carry their TT tokens with them. (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

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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.)	<p><u>MOH Protocol 1</u> High-risk individuals or those with severe significant symptoms</p> <p>To undergo both ART and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Those with severe symptoms: the doctor will</p>

Preventing Potential Spread in Schools

SMMs

Key SMMs

The following school activities would resume for Sec with effect from **31 Jan 2022**:

- a. Intra-school activities beyond class/CCA, subject to an overall activity cap of **50 persons, in sub-groups of up to 5**. This includes intra-level (between classes in a level) and inter-level (across-level) activities.
- b. Inter-school activities with fixed intermingling (i.e. same group of students), subject to an overall activity cap of 50 persons, and aligned to prevailing national sub-group size of 5 (e.g. Strategic Partnership (SP)-CCA, Combined CCAs, HQ Uniform Group activities and Self-Help Groups (SHG) tuition). However, inter-school activities without fixed intermingling (i.e. different groups of students) remain suspended, e.g. CCA friendlies.
- c. External Values-in-Action activities with controlled use of venue (i.e. minimal intermingling with public), subject to an overall activity cap of 50 persons, and aligned to prevailing national sub-group size of 5.

Key SMMs (Assemblies)

Large-scale school activities: Only flag-raising level assemblies may resume with the following parameters:

- 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;
- Schools may organize the flag-raising assemblies for different levels each day. Sec schools with large student numbers per level would have to split the level into multiple sessions; and
- Duration should not exceed 30 minutes and all individuals should be masked. Pledge taking and singing of national anthem is permitted. Singing of school song is not permitted.



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

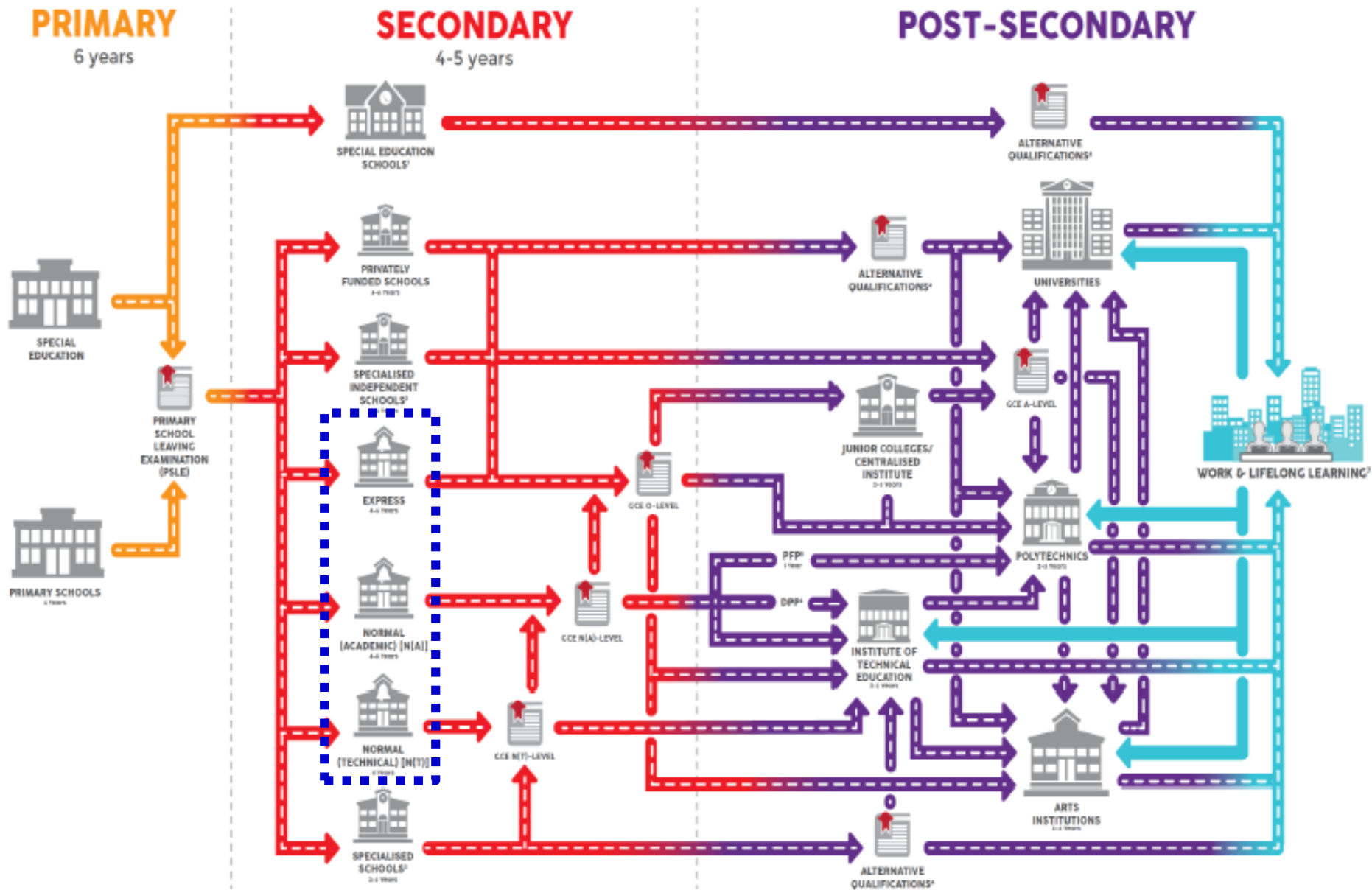
End of Sec 2
The subjects they can select

Start of Sec 1

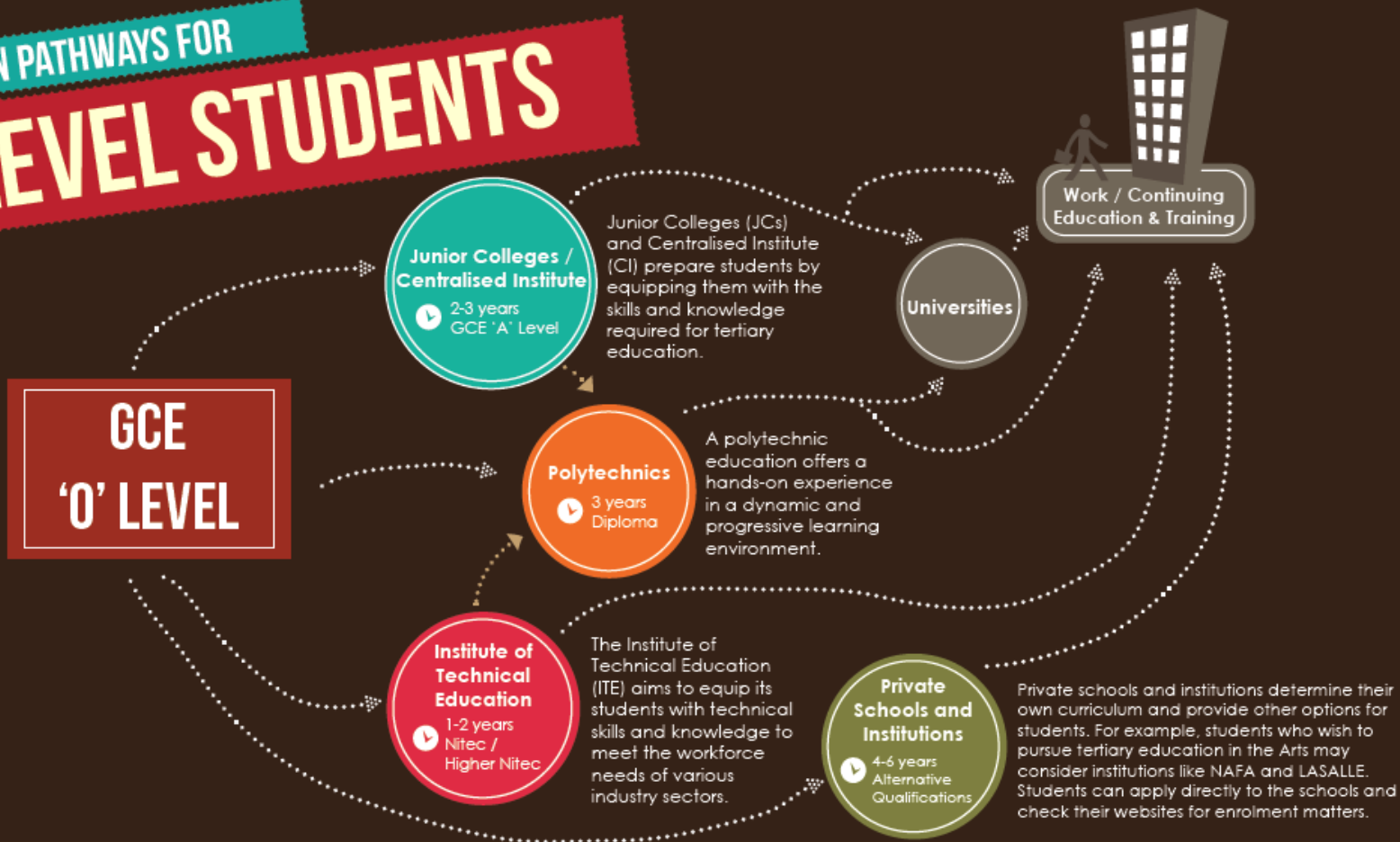
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EDUCATION PATHWAYS FOR 'O' LEVEL STUDENTS



HOW TO APPLY



**L1R5
AGGREGATE**

**20 OR LESS
for JCs**

Students may apply through:

- * Joint Admission Exercise (JAE); or
- * Direct School Admission-JC (DSA-JC) Exercise for those with greater range of student achievements and talents.

**JUNIOR COLLEGES /
CENTRALISED
INSTITUTE**

**L1R4
AGGREGATE**

**20 OR LESS
for CI**



POLYTECHNICS

HOW TO APPLY

Students may apply through:

- * Joint Admission Exercise (JAE);
- * Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE) for students with special aptitude and talents; or
- * Direct Polytechnic Admission (DPA) Exercise which gives the polytechnic the flexibility to select students based on criteria other than exam results.



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TECHNICAL
EDUCATION**

HOW TO APPLY

* For Nitec courses, students can participate in the Joint Intake Exercises (JIE) conducted by ITE.

* For Higher Nitec courses, students can take part in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE).

For more information, visit

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/>



Aggregate Computation for Admission into various Tertiary Institutions

O Level Students

- 2-Year Junior College course : L1R5 (≤ 20)
- 3-Year Millennia Institute course : L1R4 (≤ 20)
- Poly course based on ELR2B2 (≤ 26)
- ITE Higher Nitec course – 3 GCE 'O' Level grades
- ITE Nitec Course – 2 GCE 'O' Level grades



Computation of L1R5 (for O-Level students entry to JC)

L1	First Language	English / Higher Mother Tongue
R5	Relevant Subject 1	Humanities
	Relevant Subject 2	Mathematics/ Science
	Relevant Subject 3	Humanities / Mathematics / Science
	Relevant Subject 4	Any GCE 'O' Level subjects (except Religious Knowledge)
	Relevant Subject 5	Any GCE 'O' Level subjects (except Religious Knowledge)

COMPUTATION OF L1R4 (for O-Level students entry to Millennia Institute)

L1	First Language	English / Higher Mother Tongue
R4	Relevant Subject 1	Humanities
	Relevant Subject 2	Humanities / Mathematics / Science
	Relevant Subject 3	Any GCE 'O' Level subjects (except Religious Knowledge)
	Relevant Subject 4	Any GCE 'O' Level subjects (except Religious Knowledge)

COMPUTATION OF ELR2B2 (for O-Level students entry to Polytechnics)

EL	English Language	English Language			
R2	Two Relevant Subjects	Two group of relevant subjects from four categories of courses:			
		A	Humanities or Media courses	B	Business courses
		C	Engineering, Science, Facility Management or IT courses	D	Architecture or design courses
B2	Two Best Other Subjects	Best 2 other subjects			

COMPUTATION OF ELR2B2 (for O-Level students entry to Polytechnics)

Aggregate Type		ELR2B2-A	ELR2B2-B	ELR2B2-C	ELR2B2-D
Types of Courses		Humanities, Media	Business	Engineering, Science, Facility Management, IT	Architecture, Design
EL		English			
R2	1st Group of Relevant Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Combined Humanities • Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Mathematics • Additional Mathematics 		
	2nd Group of Relevant Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Mathematics • Art • Chinese • Combined Humanities • Design & Technology • Elementary Mathematics • Food & Nutrition • Higher Chinese • Higher Malay • Higher Music • Higher Tamil • Malay • Music • Principles of Accounts • Tamil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Combined Humanities • Higher Art • Higher Music • Music • Principles of Accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • Combined Science • Design & Technology • Food & Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • Combined Science • Design & Technology • Food & Nutrition • Higher Art
B2		Best 2 Other Subjects (Excluding CCA)			

COMPUTATION OF ELR2B2 (for O-Level students entry to Polytechnics)

NEW

From **2024**, students applying for admissions to the polytechnics will generally need to meet **three subject-specific MERs** (Minimum Entry Requirements)

- In general, the subject-specific MERs will comprise three subjects*:

EL a. English Language

R2 b. Two relevant subjects drawn from the R subject list for the associated course type

** Exceptions may be made in special circumstances, especially for regulated courses with specific requirements*

COMPUTATION OF ELR2B2 (for O-Level students entry to Polytechnics)

For example:

NYP Diploma in Mass Media Management
2022 COP: 9 to 12 points

Type

B

Current Subject-Specific Entry Requirement

English: C6

Mathematics: C6

Any three other subjects: C6

To be eligible for selection, student must also have sat for one subject listed in the 2nd group of relevant subjects for the ELR2B2-B Aggregate Type.

5 subject
requirements

New MER (from AY2024)

EL English: C6

R1 Mathematics: C6

R2 **Any one of the 2nd group of Relevant Subjects for the ELR2B2-B Aggregate Type: C6**

3 subject
requirements

Clarification #1

Now there is fewer subjects that I need to meet grade requirements, is it easier for me to enter the polytechnics?

- As the subject-specific MERs will be more aligned to the R subjects lists, you will need to do well in the R subjects to be eligible for the course, and also obtain a net ELR2B2 aggregate score of 26 points or better for non-Nursing courses. For example, you will need to do well in your science subjects for courses in category C.
- Admissions will continue to be based on merit in open competition with other applicants, as well as available vacancies in each course.

Clarification #2

There is still a lot of time and I do not need to look at the subject-specific MERs now?

- You are encouraged to look at the polytechnic course requirements for the courses you are interested in, to have a better understanding of what the courses require.
- You may wish to choose your subject combination based on the course requirements. You should take into consideration your interests and aptitude in your secondary school subjects as well.

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.

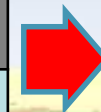
Assessment Weighting

Non-Coursework Subjects

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

Coursework

Subject	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	WA1 (%)	WA2 (%)	WA3 (%)	WA4 (%)
Art	25	25	25	25
D&T (Sem 1)	60	40		
FCE (Sem 2)			60	40



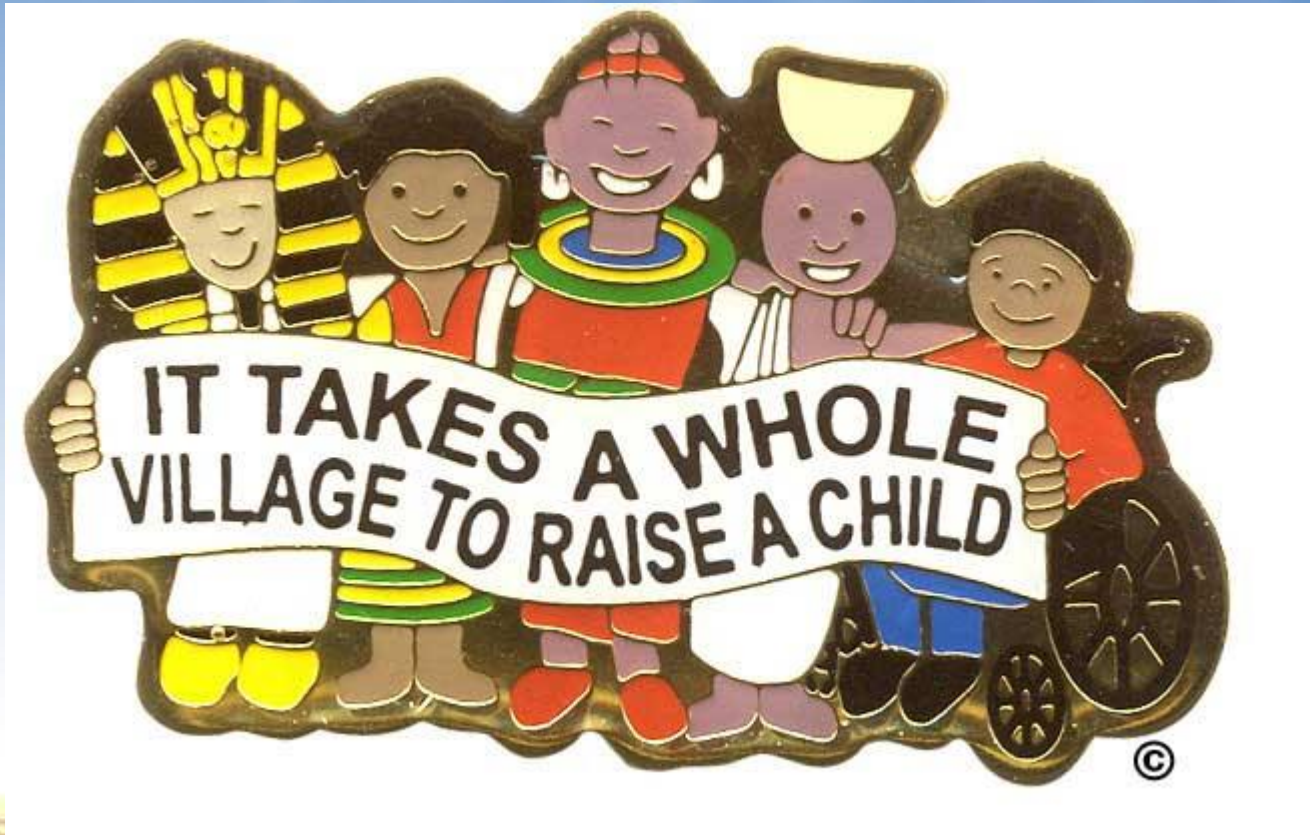
For FCE and D&T, results for the Semester will be results for the whole year.

No mid-year examinations

Promotion Criteria

	Criteria for Promotion
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

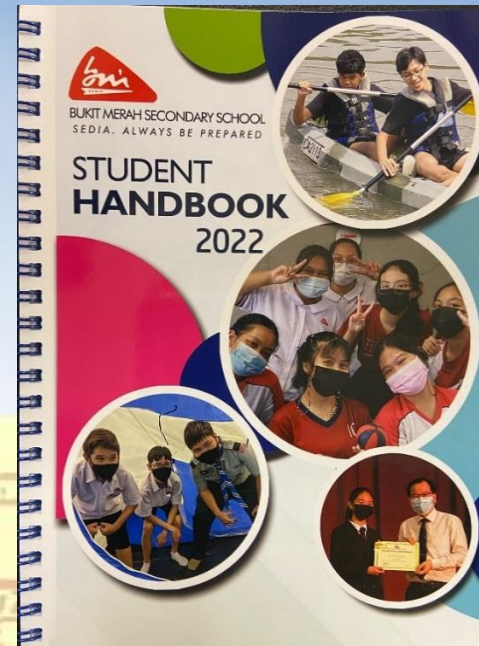


**GOOD HABITS
FORMED AT YOUTH
MAKE ALL THE
DIFFERENCE.**

Aristotle

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

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