



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

19 Oct 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Sec 2 Express Classes

SEC 2 SUBJECT OPTION EXERCISE (SOE) 2017

Your child/ward will be participating in the Subject Option Exercise (SOE) to opt for the academic subjects he/she will be taking in Upper Secondary. The list of subject combinations can be found in Annex A.

2. A briefing on the subject combinations and subjects which the school will be offering was conducted on 19 Oct 2017.

Instructions for opting for subjects

3. Please follow the following steps to complete the SOE Exercise:-

i. Review the available subject combinations with your child, taking into consideration his/her strengths and academic performance for 2017. You can refer to the following sources for more information as you discuss his/her choices:-

- SOE Subject Briefing Slides
 - <http://tinyurl.com/cwss-soe> (requires logging into your child's CWSS Google account)
- Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board on details of subjects
 - https://www.seab.gov.sg/pages/nationalExaminations/GOL/School_Candidates/syllabus.asp
- Entry requirements to Institutes of Higher Learning
 - <https://www.moe.gov.sg/docs/default-source/document/education/admissions/jae/files/jae-info.pdf>

ii. Log in to the Asknlearn portal at <https://lms.asknlearn.com/CWSS> with your child's/ward's CWSS Google account to complete the SOE and submit your choices online **between 20 to 24 October 2017**. Please refer the user guide available at our SOE site.

iii. Print the summary, endorse and submit to the respective class mentors **on 25 October 2017**.

4. If your child does not have access to a computer, internet connection at home or printing facilities, he/she can use the facilities in the school's Computer Laboratory 2 from 23 to 24 Oct 2017, 1330 to 1630.

Release of SOE 2017 Results

5. The provisional results of the SOE 2017 will be released on 3rd Nov 2017, 1200hrs via the Asknlearn portal.

6. Any appeal must be made by the parent/guardian in writing using the SOE 2017 Appeal Form available via the SOE website <http://tinyurl.com/cwss-soe> and submit in person to the General Office by 7th Nov 2017, 1200hrs.

7. The finalised results of the SOE 2017 will be available from 13th Nov 2017, 1200hrs via the Asknlearn portal.

Enquiries

8. If you have any questions or clarifications, please feel free to contact Mr Wayne De Roza via email at soe@commonwealthsec.moe.edu.sg .

Yours sincerely

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Principal

**SUBJECT OPTIONS EXERCISE 2017
EXPRESS COURSE**

Key Information

1. Please note that all Express stream students will offer the following 5 standard subjects:-
 - English Language
 - Mother Tongue / Higher Mother Tongue
 - Mathematics
 - Additional Mathematics
 - Combined Humanities (Social Studies and History/Geography Elective)
2. In addition, Express stream students will offer additional 3 Subjects.
3. All subjects are included in the computation of average score (including those completed in Semester 1). D&T, Art, and Food & Consumer Education are consolidated and counted as 1 unit. **You can see view child's overall performance for each subject in the school's Asklearn portal.**
4. Allocation is in order of performance, preference and vacancies.
5. Subjects allocated are subject to manpower constraints.

Subject Combinations

Code	Elective Subjects	Subject Criteria/ Remarks
A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Humanities (SS+History)• Chemistry,• Physics,• Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must pass S2E Geography• Must pass S2E Maths
A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Humanities (SS+History)• Chemistry• Biology• Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must pass S2E Geography
A3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Humanities (SS+History)• Chemistry• Physics• English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must obtain B3 in S2E English and Literature• Must pass S2E Maths
A4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Humanities (SS+History)• Chemistry• Biology• English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must obtain B3 in S2E English and Literature

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B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Physics • Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must obtain A2 for S2E Maths and Science • Must obtain B4 for S2E History.
B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+Geog) • Chemistry • Physics • Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must obtain A2 for S2E Maths and Science • Must obtain B3 for S2E Geography.
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Physics • Computing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass S2E Maths
C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Physics • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass S2E Maths • Must attend interview for Art
C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Biology • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must attend interview for Art
D1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Geography • English Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must obtain B3 in S2E English, Literature, History and Geography
D2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Geography • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass S2E Geography • Must attend interview for Art
E1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Physics • Design Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass S2E Maths • May need to attend interview for Design Elective
E2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Chemistry • Biology • Design Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May need to attend interview for Design Elective
E3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Humanities (SS+History) • Physics • Computing • Design Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass S2E Maths • May need to attend interview for Design Elective

* Please note that Art and Computing cannot be used as an R1 subject (i.e. Combined Humanities must be used). However, Art and Computing can be used as part of the computation of L1R5/L1R4 for admission to JCs/Polys. Design Elective is not an O level subject. Geography and Literature in English can be used as an R1 subject.