



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

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Dear Parents /Guardians,

Sec 2 Express Preliminary Subject Options Exercise (SOE) 2017

The Preliminary SOE enables students to familiarise themselves with the process by which they will select their subject combinations. It also provides an opportunity for you to discuss with your child/ward his/her aspirations, interests, strengths and options. The final selection of subject combinations will be carried out at the end of Semester 2. **Students will have to indicate their options for the Preliminary SOE online by 30 May 2017.**

2. Parents/guardians should use this opportunity to discuss with their child/ward on their SOE options. You can use the following questions as a guide to your discussion:

- What are my child's career aspirations?
- What are my child's strengths and interest?
- What are the subjects my child enjoys or is good at?
- What are the post-secondary options that can best maximise my child's potential?
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3. The school will be offering a new **Design Elective** option to all Secondary 3 Express students starting from 2018. This Design-centric, Problem- and Project-Based learning is non-examinable and spans across one and a half years (6 Terms or 3 semesters). Students will have a chance to dive deep into the various modes of **Design Thinking** to develop them into **human-centred problem solvers**. In Secondary 3, students will work in small teams to solve mini projects in areas such as sustainable living, health care, and environmental issues. In Secondary 4, students will work in groups with an assigned mentor to complete a capstone project which they will conceive, design and prototype to solve real world challenges.

4. Please refer to the information uploaded on our SOE site for more information:- <https://sites.google.com/a/commonwealthsec.moe.edu.sg/sec-2-soe>. Please feel free to contact us at soe@commonwealthsec.moe.edu.sg if you need any clarifications.

Yours Sincerely,

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