



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
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27 May 2019

Dear Parents /Guardians,

Sec 2 Express Preliminary Subject Options Exercise (SOE) 2019

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 31 May 2019, 6 pm.**

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?
- What are the requirements for post-secondary courses of his choice?

3. All Sec 3 Express students will offer 6 compulsory subjects which are English, Mother Tongue, Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Humanities (Social Studies and History Elective) and Chemistry. In addition to the 6 compulsory subjects, they will take 2 additional subjects. Please refer to attached Annex A for the recommended criteria for the subject combinations.

4. Please refer to the our SOE site for instructions to login to ASKnLearn Portal for Preliminary SOE :- <https://sites.google.com/commonwealthsec.moe.edu.sg/cwss-soe-2019/home>.

5. Please feel free to contact us at soe@commonwealthsec.moe.edu.sg if you need any clarifications.

Yours Sincerely,

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Annex A: Recommended Criteria for the subject combinations

Code	Subject 7	Subject 8	Recommended Criteria
BAL01	Biology	Geography	- Recommended B4 for Geography
BAL02	Physics	Geography	- Recommended B4 for Geography
BAL03	Biology	English Literature	- Recommended B4 for English - Recommended B4 for Eng Literature
BAL04	Physics	English Literature	- Recommended B4 for English - Recommended B4 for Eng Literature
BAL05	Computing	English Literature	- Recommended B4 for English - Recommended B4 for Eng Literature - Recommended B4 for Maths
BAL06	Computing	Geography	- Recommended B4 for Maths - Recommended B4 for Geography
BAL07	Art	Biology	- Recommended B4 in Art
BAL08	Art	Computing	- Recommended B4 in Art - Recommended B4 for Maths
BAL09	Biology	Tamil Literature	- Recommended B3 for Higher Tamil or A2 for Tamil
BAL10	Computing	Tamil Literature	- Recommended B4 for Maths - Recommended B3 for Higher Tamil or A2 for Tamil
BAL11	Physics	Tamil Literature	- Recommended B3 for Higher Tamil or A2 for Tamil
DE01	Physics	Design Elective	
DE02	Computing	Design Elective	- Recommended B4 for Maths
DE03	Biology	Design Elective	
DE04	Art	Design Elective	- Recommended B4 in Art

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HUM01	Art	English Literature	- Recommended B4 in Art - Recommended B4 for English - Recommended B4 for Eng Literature
HUM02	Art	Geography	- Recommended B4 in Art - Recommended B4 for Geography
HUM03	Art	Tamil Literature	- Recommended B4 in Art - Recommended B3 for Higher Tamil or A2 for Tamil
SC01	Physics	Biology	- Recommended A2 for Maths - Recommended A2 for Science
SC02	Physics	Computing	- Recommended B4 for Maths
SC03	Biology	Computing	- Recommended B4 for Maths
SE01	Physics	STEM Elective	- Recommended A2 for Maths - Recommended A2 for Science
SE02	Biology	STEM Elective	- Recommended A2 for Maths - Recommended A2 for Science