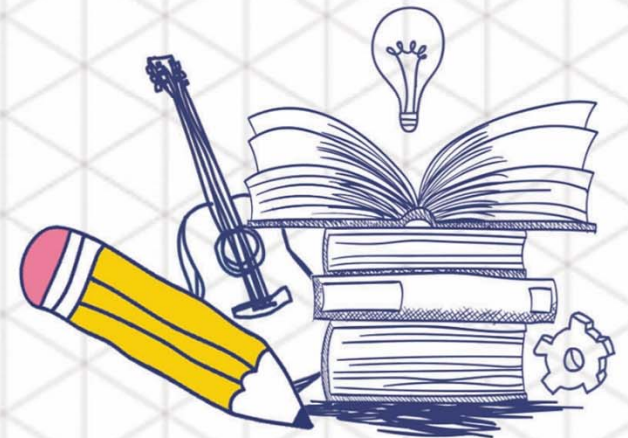




# Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

## Information for Parents



# What is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

- Every student is unique and possesses different strengths. Taking subjects at a higher academic level can help students **nurture their strengths** and give them **more opportunities** throughout their educational journey, so that they are **more engaged in learning.**



# What are the possible benefits of taking higher-level subjects?

- SBB allows the students to challenge themselves and experience joy of learning in a subject they have interest in.
- A strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and reasoning, would ensure students are better prepared for various post-secondary progression pathways (e.g. to ITE and Polytechnic).



# Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible N(A) and N(T) students have the flexibility to take up SBB Subjects during Secondary 1 Registration if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

| Option to take a subject at: | PSLE Subject Grade under the AL system:  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Express level                | AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject                                       |
| N(A) level                   | AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject or AL A in a Foundation level subject |



# SBB Subjects

- The following SBB subjects are offered at a more demanding level for students posted to N(A) or N(T) course i.e. English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science.



# Support for your child

- Students who are eligible to take the SBB subjects do require time to adjust and adapt to the higher academic demands and foster friendships with their peers from different classes.
- Our school will monitor students' progress in the higher-level subjects, overall progress in all subjects and their socio-emotional and academic needs to provide the necessary support.



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# Higher level subjects

## For students posted to N(A) or N(T) course only

- For **subsequent** higher level subject intakes for EL/Math/Sci/MTL, N(A) or N(T) students have the flexibility to take subjects (i.e. EL, MTL, Math, Sci) at a more demanding level, if they meet the eligibility criteria as follows:

| Course | School-based Results (Overall)   | Option to offer subject at                |
|--------|--|---|
| N(A)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deemed able to cope with the demands of the respective subject at higher level; <b>and</b></li><li>• 75% or higher in the specific subject</li></ul> | Express level from the following semester |
| N(T)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deemed able to cope with the demands of the respective subject at higher level; <b>and</b></li><li>• 75% or higher in the specific subject</li></ul> | N(A) level from the following semester    |



# For more information

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