



10 Oct 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

SECONDARY THREE SUBJECT COMBINATION SELECTION EXERCISE

The upcoming Secondary Three Subject Combination Selection Exercise aims to match students' choices and abilities with opportunities which would enable them to pursue future career aspirations. All Secondary 2 students who are **promoted or advanced** to Secondary 3 will be **eligible to participate** in the exercise.

1. Subject Combinations for 2019

- 1.1 Details on promotion criteria and the available subject combinations for each stream can be found in the **annexes** to this letter. There are no changes made to what was shared in the briefing conducted on 9th March 2018 and also the parents' letter sent in August 2018.

2. Procedure for the Subject Combination Selection Exercise

- 2.1 The placement of a student to a class will depend on his/her Secondary 2 End-of-Year Examination Results and choice of subject combination. If a student fails to obtain placement to a class of his/her choice, he/she will be posted to a class with vacancies.
- 2.2 The exercise is conducted online. Online submission commences from **18 October 2018 (Thursday)**. All option forms must be submitted **electronically** via the online Google Form **by 21 October 2018 (Sunday)**. If a student fails to submit his/her Subject Combination choices by the time stated, placement will be decided by the school.
- 2.3 Should your child/ward encounter any problems with the exercise, he/she should call the school for assistance. (**Helpdesk: 65638704, Mon – Fri: 7.30 am to 5 pm**)
- 2.4 Students who do not have internet access at home may use the internet facilities in school.

3. Release of Outcomes of the Exercise

- 3.1 The results will be released via email from **10 am, 30th October 2018 (Tuesday)**.
- 3.2 Alternatively, students can check their allocated subject combination on the notice board outside the General Office from **10 am, 30th October 2018 (Tuesday)**.

4. Appeal

- 4.1 The school will only consider appeals for changes in combination **after** the release of the outcomes of the Subject Combination Selection Exercise. Such changes are subject to availability of vacancies.
- 4.2 Submission of Appeal will be done using the printed form available at the General Office **from 30th October 2018 (Tuesday)**.
- 4.3 The Appeal Form must be **submitted by hand** to the General Office **by 4 pm, 1 November 2018 (Thursday)**. Late submissions received after 1 November 2018 **will not** be entertained.
- 4.4 **Appeal outcomes** will be released **from 8th (Thursday) to 9th (Friday) November 2018** through a phone call.

5. Exercise Briefing for students

- 5.1 Over and above the parent briefing conducted in March and the student briefing cum trial run conducted in August, students will be given final briefings on various subjects and combinations from **17th (Wednesday) to 18th (Thursday) October 2018** within school hours.
- 5.2 As subjects allocated determine the child's curriculum over at least the next two years of his/her journey, we encourage you to discuss the options carefully with him/her.

6. Schedule of the Exercise

The schedule is shown below for your convenient reference.

Date	Activity	Remarks
17 – 18 Oct (Wed – Thu)	Subject Combination Selection Exercise Briefing to all Sec 2 pupils	
18 – 21 Oct (Thu – Sun)	Submission of online Google Form	Students who do not have internet access at home may use the internet facilities in school. The form may also be filled up via mobile phone.
30 Oct (Tue)	Release of outcomes	Students can check their posting via email or by referring to the notice board outside the General Office.
30 Oct – 1 Nov (Tue – Thu)	Submission of Appeal Form to change subject combination	Appeal Form must be submitted BY HAND to the General Office no later than 4pm, 1 November 2018 (Thursday)
8 to 9 Nov (Thu to Fri)	Notification of outcomes of appeal to Parent/Guardian	

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Flora Ong
Principal

Subject Combinations
for 2019 Secondary 3 EXPRESS Classes

	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
1	English Language	English Language	English Language	English Language	English Language	English Language	English Language
2	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT	MT / Higher MT
3	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)
4	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths	Elementary Maths
5	Additional Maths	Additional Maths	Additional Maths	Additional Maths	Additional Maths	D & T / F & N / Art	POA / D& T / F & N / Art
6	Pure Chemistry	Pure Chemistry	Pure Chemistry	Pure Chemistry	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)
7	Pure Physics	Pure Physics	Pure Physics	Pure Phy/Bio	Electronics / POA	POA	-
8	Pure Biology	Electronics	POA	-	-	-	-

The school reserves the right to make changes to the above subject combinations based on actual academic performance and choice of pupils

Criteria for Promotion, Retention and Transfer of Pupils

Sec 2 Express	Promoted to 3 Express	Passed English and pass percentage in the average of all subjects.
	Transferred to 3 Normal (Academic)	Has not met minimum attainment level.

Subject Combinations
for 2019 Secondary 3 NORMAL (ACADEMIC) Classes

	A1	A2	A3
1	English Language	English Language	English Language
2	MT N(A) / MT O	MT N(A) / MT O	MT N(A) / MT O
3	Maths N(A) / Maths O	Maths N(A) / Maths O	Maths N(A) / Maths O
4	POA	D & T / F & N / Art	Additional Maths
5	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)	Com. Humanities (SS, Geog/Hist)
6	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)	Combined Science (Chem, Phy/Bio)

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Criteria for Promotion, Retention and Transfer of Pupils

Sec 2 Normal (Academic)	Transferred to 3 Express	At least Grade 5 in English and 70% or higher in the average for all other subjects.
	Promoted to 3 Normal (Academic)	At least Grade 5 or better in a) English and 2 other subjects, OR b) 4 subjects
	Retained at 2 Normal (Academic)	Has not met minimum attainment level. Note: Below maximum age

Subject Combinations
for 2019 Secondary 3 NORMAL (TECHNICAL) Classes

	T1	T2
1	English Language	English Language
2	Basic MT / MT N(A)	Basic MT / MT N(A)
3	Maths T	Maths T
4	Computer Application	Computer Application
5	Science	Science
6	Smart Electrical Technology	D & T / EBS / Art

The school reserves the right to make changes to the above subject combinations based on actual academic performance and choice of pupils

Criteria for Promotion, Retention and Transfer of Pupils

Sec 2 Normal (Technical)	Transferred to 2 Normal (Academic)	At least Grade 5 in English and 70% or higher in the average for all other subjects and deemed able to cope with the Normal (Academic) course.
	Promoted to 3 Normal (Technical)	At least Grade 5 or better in 2 subjects, one of which should be English or Mathematics.
	Retained at 2 Normal (Technical)	Has not met minimum attainment level. Note: Below maximum age