

## Focus For The Day

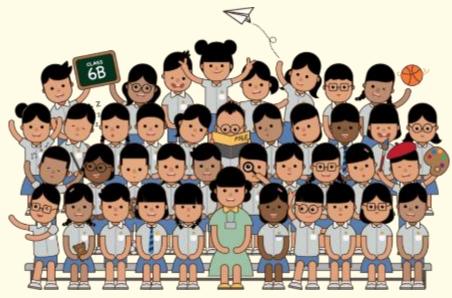
- PSLE 2023
- Secondary 1 2024 FSBB (Full Subject Based Banding).
- Affiliation to CHIJ Katong Convent Secondary School.
- Direct School Admission.
- P6 Mid Year Timed Practices.
- June and September Holiday Supplementary lessons.
- Additional Friday booster/supplementary sessions in Term 3
- Post PSLE Programme.
- P6 level meeting with School Leaders areas of concern raised by the girls.



# The PSLE SCORING and S1 POSTING

#### SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN MAKING INFORMED SCHOOL CHOICES FOR PSLE

Briefing Deck to P5 and P6 Parents

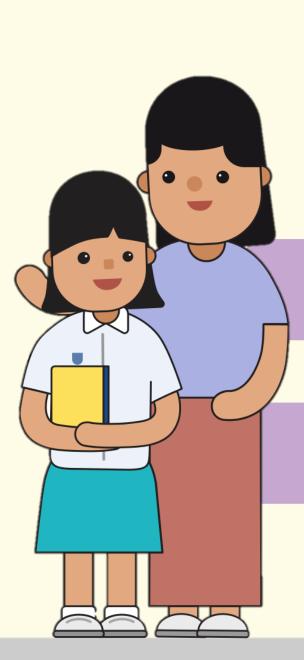


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#### From today's session, you will walk away with...

- A better understanding of the support that your child may need in the transition journey from primary to secondary school
- Understanding Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)
- Information on what to expect in secondary school





# Sharing About PSLE Matters

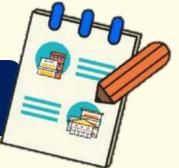
#### How does the PSLE Scoring & S1 Posting work?

How are students posted to secondary schools?

## WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE PSLE?

A useful checkpoint at the end of primary school

#### A fair way to determine secondary school posting



Over the years, we have been changing the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths, interests, abilities and talents while moving away from an overemphasis on academic results. Our PSLE Scoring system reduces the over-emphasis on academic results by:



PSLE

Reducing fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age.



Recognising a student's level of achievement, regardless of how his/her peers have done. 3

Encouraging families to choose secondary schools holistically based on students' strengths, interests and learning needs.

#### WHAT ARE ACHIEVEMENT LEVELs (AL)? WHY ARE THE BANDS UNEVEN?

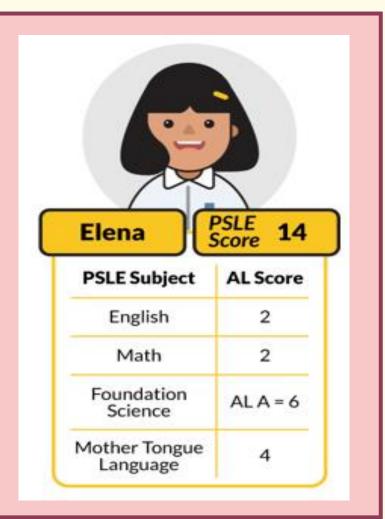
- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.
- AL bands and mark ranges are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum, and mirror the way we learn.

When we learn something new, after some initial practice, we often find ourselves improving significantly. As we get better, the improvements become small steps, and finally, as we reach a high level, we inch just a little further, even after much learning and practice. The ALs were designed to reflect this reality of learning. They help educators, students, and parents know how ready students are to access the curriculum at the next level.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

## HOW DOES THE PSLE SCORING SYSTEM WORK?

- The overall PSLE Score is made up of 4 subject Achievement Levels (ALs).
- The PSLE Score can range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.



#### **GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES**

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from <u>AL A to C</u>.
- To derive a student's overall PSLE Score for S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are **mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively**.
- This mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of how ready they are for the curriculum in secondary school.

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
А	75 – 100	6
В	30 – 74	7
С	< 30	8

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (HMTL)

• The eligibility criteria for taking HMTL ensures that students can cope with the higher academic load.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HMTL	
(i) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better <u>Or</u> (ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain • AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL <u>or</u> • Distinction / Merit in HMTL	

For students who do not meet the above criteria, secondary schools will have the flexibility to
offer HMTL to students if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are
able to cope with the learning load required.

## HOW DOES THE S1 POSTING WORK?

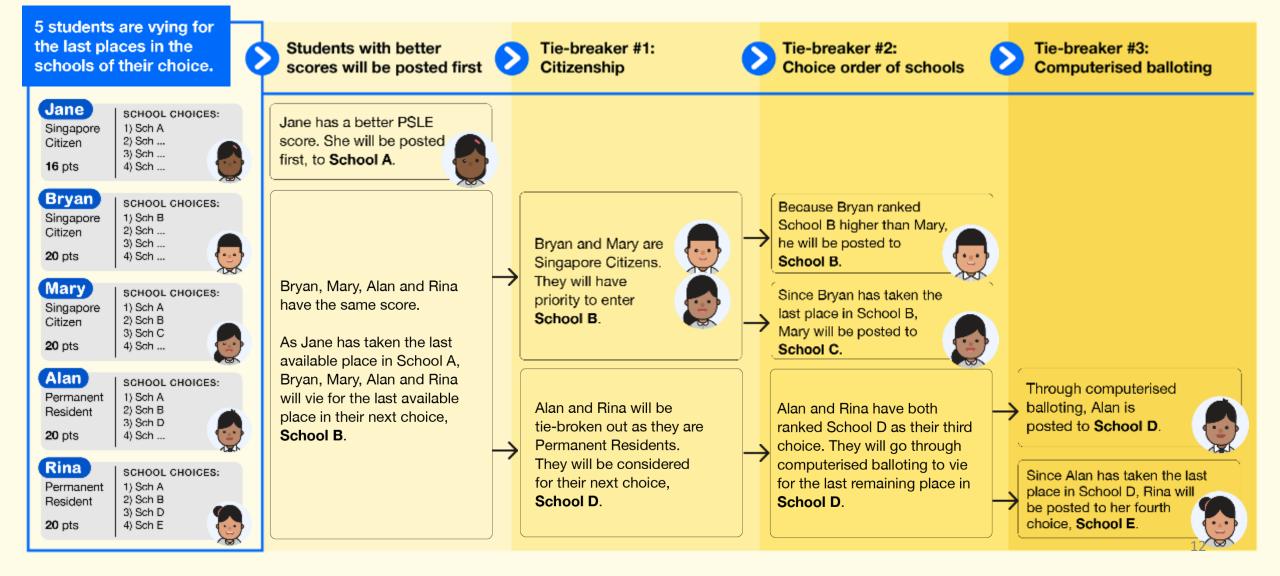
- Your child has **six choices** in selecting their secondary schools.
- Your child will be posted to a secondary school based on <u>academic merit, i.e., PSLE Score</u>, and their <u>choice order of schools</u>.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place(s) in a school, the following tie-breakers are used in the following order:
  - 1. CITIZENSHIP
  - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
  - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING
- The tie-breaker based on school choice order recognises the different considerations that families have in making school choices.



#### **Tie-breakers** in the new S1 Posting System

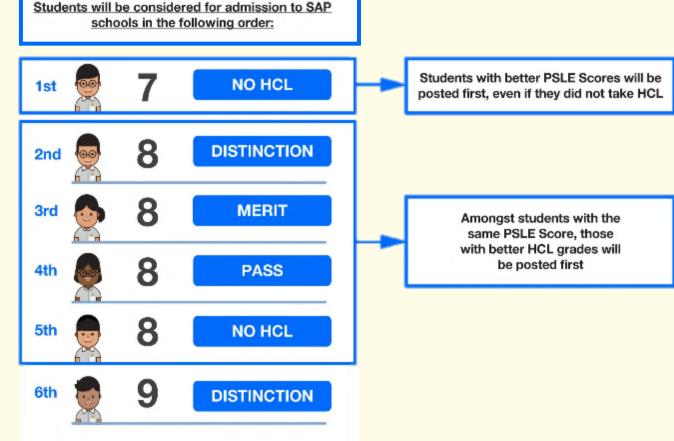
Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school.

#### Here's a simplified example.



#### HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE TO SAP SCHOOLS

Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.



- Students' HCL results are denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students who obtain (i) a Distinction / Merit / Pass in HCL and (ii) a PSLE Score of 14 or better are eligible for posting advantage to SAP schools.
- Students are ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

# Full Subject Based Banding (2024 onwards)



# Understanding Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)



#### What is Full SBB?

### WHAT IS FULL SBB?

• Full SBB will be implemented in secondary schools from 2024, and aims for students to:



Have greater ownership of their learning according to their strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs.



Develop a growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation to learn for life.

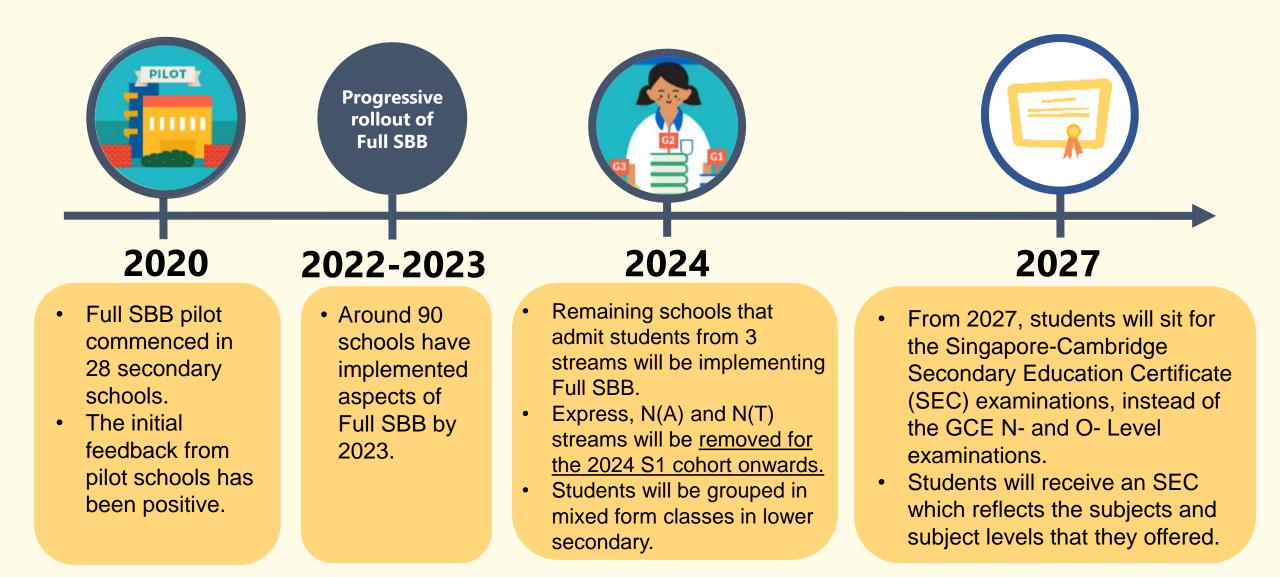


Have more opportunities to interact with friends of different strengths, interests, abilities and talents.



Have more options for post-sec pathways, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway.

#### FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)



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#### Secondary school experience under Full SBB

- Mixed form classes and common curriculum subjects at Lower Secondary.
- Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.
- **Greater flexibility** to customise students' learning by offering subjects at various subject levels.
- Shift away from stream-based subject offerings.

After PSLE	Start of Sec	End of Sec	Post Sec	
From 2023: Entry to S1 through 1 of 3 osting Groups	Singapore-Can Secondary Ed Certificat	ucation	Updated post secondary admis criteria	

#### **FULL SBB: S1 POSTING**

Three Posting Groups to ensure schools are accessible to diverse learners

From the 2024 S1 cohort, MOE will facilitate the admission of P6 students into S1 through 3 Posting Groups: **Posting Group 1, 2 and 3.** 

Objective: Ensures that schools continue to admit a **diverse profile of students** and students have **access to a wide range of schools.** 

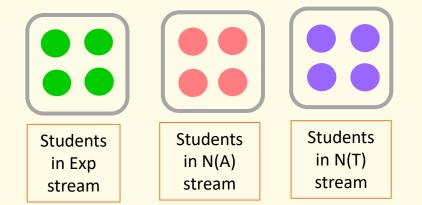
Unlike the-academic streams of Express, N(A) and N(T), Posting Groups will only be used for the purposes of facilitating entry into secondary school and to guide the subject levels students offer at the start of S1.

- Posting Groups assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.
- PSLE Scores provide a good gauge of the subject levels that students can offer at the beginning of S1.

PSLE Score	Posting Group	Subject level for most subjects
4 – 20	3	G3
21 and 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	1	G1

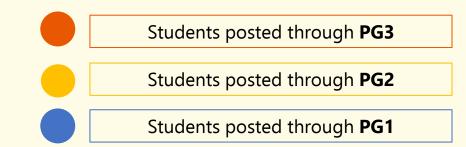
### FULL SBB: MIXED FORM CLASSES IN LOWER SECONDARY

Form classes arranged by academic stream in schools yet to implement Full SBB



# With Full SBB: Mixed form classes

- Under Full SBB, students will be placed in mixed form classes in Lower Secondary to ensure a **mix of learner profiles**.
  - Provides students with **more opportunities** to interact with other students of different strengths and interests.
  - Enables students to build meaningful friendships and learn to value different perspectives.



## FULL SBB: COMMON CURRICULUM

Common Curriculum Subjects taken in mixed form classes (~1/3 curriculum time)

#### **Examinable Subjects:**

- Art
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Food & Consumer Education (FCE)

#### Non-examinable Subjects:

- Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)

- The six common curriculum subjects would each have a single syllabus for all students at Lower Secondary levels.
  - These subjects will be taught and assessed at a common level that is accessible to all students.
  - Teachers will adopt a range of approaches to cater to the different learning needs of their students.
- For other subjects, students attend classes with others taking the subject at the same subject level.

#### OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A MORE DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF SEC 1

 Students posted to schools through PG1 and PG2 can offer English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science at a more demanding level based on their PSLE AL for each subject.

FOR STUDENTS POSTED TO SCHOOLS THROUGH PG1 AND PG2			
SUBJECT	PSLE SUBJECT LEVEL	PSLE AL FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT	OPTION TO TAKE THE S1 SUBJECT AT :
• English Language	Standard	AL 5 or better	G3 or G2
Mother Tongue     Language		AL 6	G2
Mathematics     Science	Foundation	AL A	G2

## OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF S1

- For students who offered English Language, Mathematics and/or Science at Foundation level at PSLE, but are otherwise eligible to take most of their subjects at G3 when entering secondary school, they may choose to take these subjects at a less demanding level (LDL; i.e., G2), in consultation with their secondary schools.
- Students have the option to offer Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) at LDL based on their PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for the subject:

POSTING GROUP (PG)	PSLE AL FOR MTL <sup>^</sup>	OPTION TO OFFER MTL AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL
PG3	AL 6	G2
	AL 7-8	G1 or G2
PG2	AL 7-8	G1

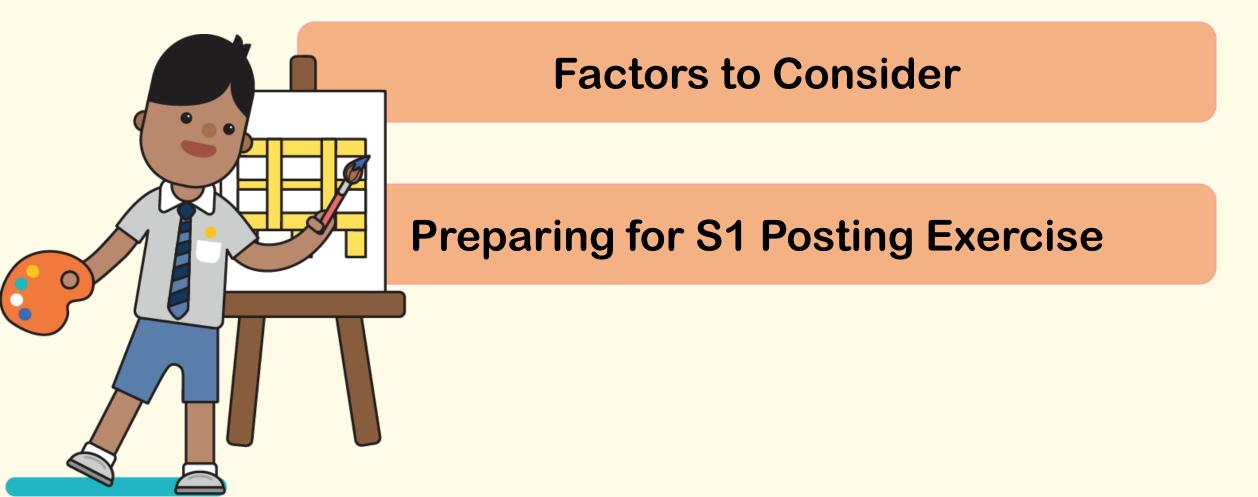
<sup>^</sup> Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.

• Students who are eligible to offer MTL at LDL can still choose to offer MTL at-level if they prefer.

## SUBJECT LEVEL FLEXIBILITY **BEYOND THE START OF S1**

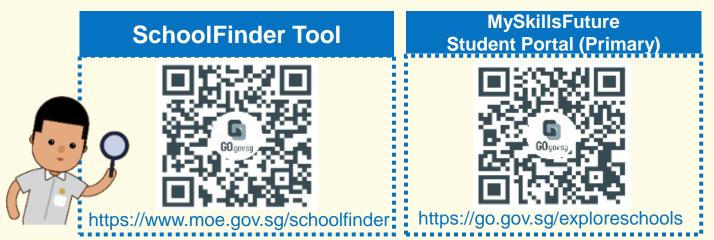
- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students may adjust their subject levels across their secondary ٠ school journey.
  - Students may offer subjects, including English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics, Science and Humanities subjects at a **more demanding level** if they meet the criteria and based on the school's holistic considerations
  - Students who are not coping well may offer subjects at a less demanding level, based on their school-based performance and school's holistic considerations, to calibrate their curricular load.
  - In upper secondary, students may offer elective subjects (for example, Additional Mathematics, Art, • Design & Technology) at a subject level suited to their strengths, interests and post-secondary aspirations, to allow them to pursue their interests without adding unduly to their overall curriculum load.
- Schools will consider students' learning progress and developmental needs when helping them determine their subject choices.

# **Choosing Suitable Secondary Schools**



#### PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Use the PSLE Score ranges as a reference alongside other important factors, such as the school's distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), culture, ethos, and proximity to home when shortlisting school choices that would best fit a student's educational needs.
- The PSLE Score ranges for individual secondary schools will be available for your reference on <u>https://moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder</u> and <u>https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools</u>. They reflect the PSLE scores of the students posted into these schools at the previous year's S1 Posting Exercise.
- A school's PSLE Score range (including Cut-Off-Point) for a particular year is not pre-determined before the posting, and vary from year to year, depending on the cohort's PSLE results and their school choices in that year's S1 Posting Exercise.

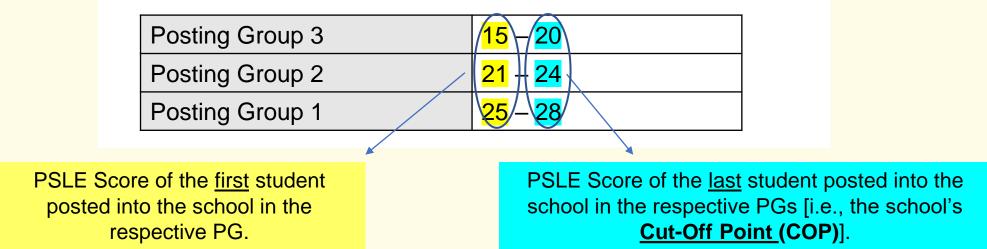


#### HOW DO WE INTERPRET THE PSLE SCORE RANGES?

The PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of the <u>first and last student</u> admitted to a particular school in the previous year via the S1 Posting Exercise. This shows the range of student profiles who enter each school.

#### **Example**

XX Secondary School PSLE Score range of 20XX (previous year's S1 Posting Exercise)

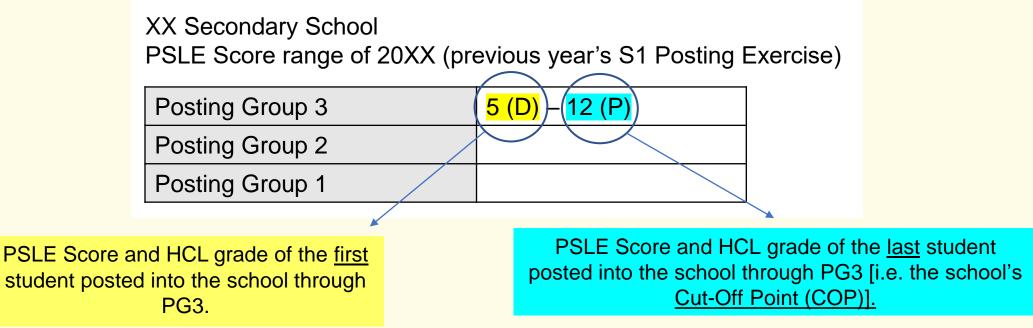


Note: Posting Groups will be assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.

#### EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL's PSLE SCORE RANGE

While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.

#### **Example**



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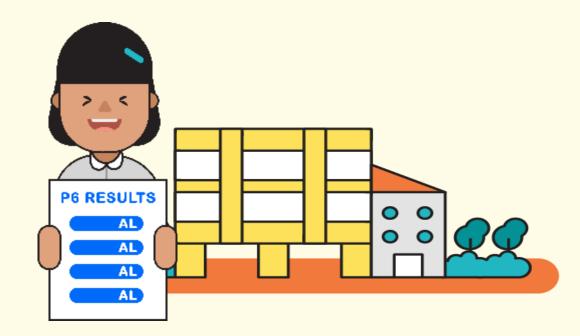
#### **SCHOOL CHOICE JOURNEY**

- The PSLE Score ranges are a **useful starting point** for parents and students to consider secondary schools.
- Use this information, together with other **important factors** such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, CCAs, ethos and cultures, to shortlist schools that would best fit the educational needs of the student.



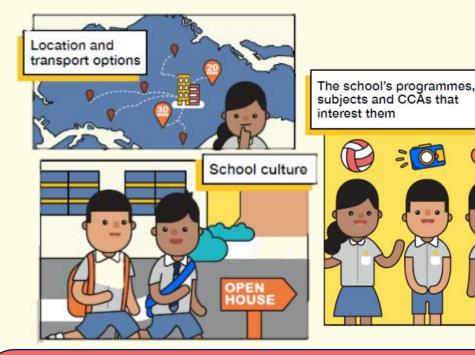
#### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**

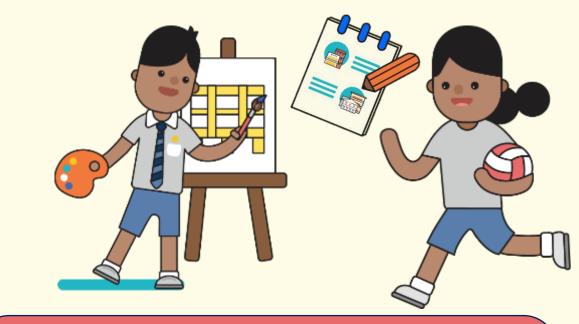




Use all <u>6 options</u> with a range of Cut-off Points as this will increase your child's chances of being posted to a school of their choice. Take reference from schools' PSLE Score ranges, which serve as a guide for you and your child to shortlist school choices. <u>Consider at least 2-3 schools</u> where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-off Point.

#### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**





Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to your child's <u>strengths</u>, interests, abilities, <u>talents and learning needs</u>, as well as provide suitable learning environments. Rank your child's preferred school higher in the choice order of schools. This will increase your child's chances of being posted to that school, if they need to undergo tie-breaking.

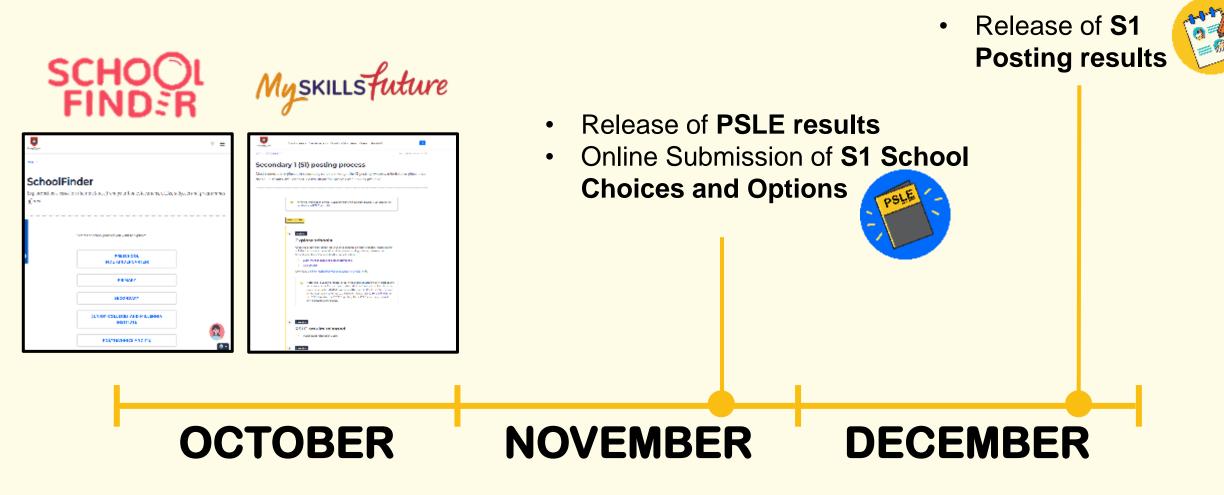
#### **TIPS FOR PARENTS!**

Be open and flexible when discussing your child's preferences, needs and choices. Manage your own expectations and do not project these expectations onto your child.

Have regular conversations with your child to understand more about his/her strengths, interests, abilities, talents and aspirations.

Affirm your child and offer support when he/she shares his/her plans with you.

#### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**



# **Useful resources**

Quick tips on shortlisting secondary schools

Tools to use to explore secondary schools

## How-to-Guides to equip parents on how to use the tools







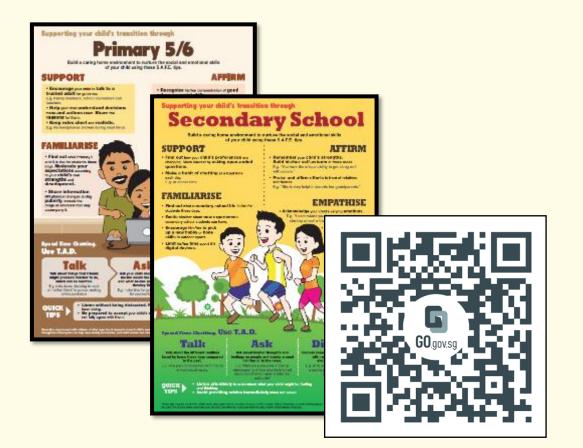
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## Useful resources

#### **Transition Materials**



#### **Resilience Boosters**



#### FIND OUT MORE ON THE PSLE-FSBB MICROSITE



https://go.gov.sg/pslefsbb



## **EXPLORE YOUR FULL SBB PATH**





https://go.gov.sg/my-fsbb-path

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

#### **SchoolFinder Tool**





https://go.gov.sg/ secschoolfinder "Welcome to Secondary School" video





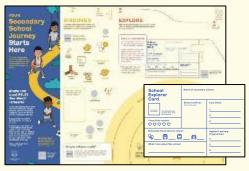
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https://go.gov.sg/ psle-sec-schbrochure

#### Student Journey Map and School Explorer Card





https://go.gov.sg/ psle-studentjourney

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

#### ECG **Tips For Parents**





https://go.gov.sg/ tips-for-parents

#### **MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary)**







https://go.gov.sg/mysfpri

#### **ECG What's Next**





https://go.gov.sg/what s-next-psle



Affiliation to CHIJ Katong Convent Secondary School





## **CHIJ KATONG CONVENT AFFILIATION FOR S1**

## Katong Convent Sec 1 Intake: **80%** Affiliates (reserved for KCP) and 20% Non-Affiliates

## To enjoy affiliation, KC must be indicated as first choice.





## **ENTERING SCHOOLS THROUGH DSA-SEC**

- There is <u>no change</u> to the application and selection process with the shift to Full SBB.
- If your child has specific talents and strengths beyond the PSLE (e.g. areas such as sports, performing arts and leadership), consider the Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) as an alternative admission pathway to access secondary schools that have talent development programmes in these areas.



## What is DSA – Sec?

- DSA-Sec allows Primary 6 (P6) students an opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).
- Each participating school offers distinctive programmes and sets its own selection process and criteria to admit students who can be further developed by these programmes.





# Should my child apply for DSA-Sec?

- Your child may consider applying for DSA-Sec if they are able to identify a school that offers a programme in their area of strength. Alternatively, they may continue to participate in the Secondary 1 (S1) Posting Exercise in November and be admitted to a secondary school based on their PSLE score.
- □ If your child is successfully allocated to a school through DSA-Sec, she will not participate in the S1 Posting. As she has committed to the school, she will also not be able to seek a transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.





## Which school should my child apply to?

- □ Finding a suitable school will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace, and benefit from the school's programmes. When selecting a DSA-Sec school, you should consider the following:
  - Schools with talent areas that match your child's strengths and interests,
  - Pace of learning, and
  - Other programmes offered by the school.
  - Details are available at the secondary schools' websites.





## How can my child apply for DSA-Sec?

- □ Apply online via the DSA-Sec Portal (more information to come).
- For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.
- □ Of the three choices, a maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school (i.e., under two different talent areas).
- This is to cater for your child's multiple interests, and to encourage your child to consider different schools that can develop his/her strengths and interests.
- Make your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/interviews conducted by the school(s).





# Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

- There is no need to submit additional hardcopy testimonials and documents via the DSA-Sec Portal.
   Your child's primary school information will be shared with the secondary schools that you have applied to.
- This includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, and other information from P4 to P6, i.e., Co-curricular Activities, Values in Action involvement, School-based achievements/awards such as Edusave awards, Junior Sports Academy and National School Games participation.

- There is no need to: 1. Request for additional testimonials from teachers/the school.
- Request of the school to sign your daughter up for multiple competitions and enrichments.



# **School Preparation**



# **P6 MY Timed Practices**

## 1. Objectives of the Timed Practices:

- To provide teachers with information on where students are in terms of their learning in EL, MT, Math and Science.
- To provide students with a platform (under timed conditions) to demonstrate their learning thus far.
- To be formative teachers will use the information to plan strategies for students to continue to improve in their learning.
- 2. What it is NOT:
- □ It is not a mid year examination.
- □ It is not meant to be a 'wake up' call for the girls.



# P6 MY Timed Practices

- Will be conducted in Week 8.
- Students have been informed of the dates and content that will be covered in the practice papers.
- Students who are absent for the timed practices will be given the papers to be done at home under timed conditions.
- Completed work may be submitted to their respective subject teachers.





# June and September Holiday and Additional Friday Supplementary lessons

## 1. Objectives of the supplementary lessons:

- To provide whole class and small group support for PSLE preparation and to reinforce concepts and skills
- PG Form with schedule will be sent to parents once confirmed.
- Dates: Monday & Tuesday (29 & 30 May) Thursday & Friday (7 & 8 Sept)
- Time: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
- Fridays: 7, 14, 21, 28 July & 4 August (Time: 2.15 4.00 pm)

Students are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions.





# Term 3 Monday and Wednesday After-school Programme

## ASP Small – group booster support:

### **Objectives:**

- To provide small group/one to one attention to girls who need academic support.
- □ Identified students and parents will be informed of the schedule.

## ASP Optional Workshops:

## **Objectives:**

- □ To stretch students who are academically strong in the subject.
- Advertisements and sign up will be done via SLS.



# Post-PSLE Programme





# **Post-PSLE Programme**

Programme will be planned for and with our students:

- For them to have fun learning and bonding.
- Gives them the opportunity to have a voice and be empowered in the planning and participation of engaging activities

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Students are expected to attend school as usual.







# **Post-PSLE Programme**



ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Code-For-Fun (ICT) Enrichment Workshop	<ul> <li>Students will learn coding concepts</li> </ul>
Cultural Dining Experience	<ul> <li>Students will learn about food &amp; dining etiquette of the different cultural groups.</li> </ul>
Managing Change & Transition Workshop	<ul> <li>Students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to dea with stressors and anxiety associated with transitions as the prepare for secondary school.</li> </ul>
Student Leadership / Values-in-action (VIA) Project	<ul> <li>Students will be involved in project work to promote a green environment with focus on reducing the use of plastics a home, in school and in the community.</li> </ul>
Floorball Clinic & Dance Workshop with KC Seniors; Student-initiated interest group activities	<ul> <li>Students will be actively engaged in fun class bonding sessions through sports and games.</li> </ul>
*Graduation Party (10 November)	<ul> <li>The Graduation Party for our students (Class of 2023) mark the end of their primary school journey as they recollect thei fond memories made through their years at CHIJ (Katong Primary and spend time with their friends and teachers.</li> </ul>

P6 level meeting with School Leaders: Areas of concern raised by the girls







Greatest stress Parents' expectations Tuition and Enrichment Friendships

P6 level meeting with School Leaders Areas of concern raised by the girls.

school homework and assignments are manageable Love recess programmes, CCAs, Learning Journeys, ASP workshops, engaging lessons

Areas that can be improved: canteen and toilet cleanliness, fans and projectors, WIFI access





# **To Conclude**

SYF2023AE\_CHIJ (Katong) Primary: Category C

Artwork Title: I'm Feeling.....

#### **Artwork medium: Ceramics**



- 1. This artwork is based on the upcoming PSLE and how we feel about graduating.
- The rainbow describes our happiness of walking into the next chapter of our lives, yet the broken heart represents how solemn and forlorn we are to have to graduate from the school that has shaped us to be the students we are today.
- The heart expresses the love and support we have received from our families, school and friends throughout this stressful time.
- The fire represents our burning passion for art. Although we went through ups and downs this year, art allowed us to express our emotions to calm down.
- The two blue faces describe how overwhelmed we are by the PSLE. PSLE makes us nervous as it is the most important examination in the primary school level.



## To conclude

#### In 2022

#### Your Daughter

She was your daughter long before there was a PSLE. She laughs, she cries, she plays, she smiles. She still hugs, holds hands and gives kisses.
She has many different hopes, talents, interests, dreams. Academic grades will never define who she truly is. She is still a child, your baby, your pride and joy.

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#### And So.

We will be their biggest fan, their champion, their protector, their confidant and friend. We will always be proud of them. We will celebrate and honour who they truly are. This will have no end. She was your daughter long before there was a PSLE. And she will still be long after examinations come and go.

"No matter what happens, be at peace and trust in God." Blessed Nicholas Barre CHIJ (Katong) Primary is praying for your daughter and your family Sincerely, Mrs. Simon September 2022

