



# Subject-Based Banding

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# 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**.
- Previously, students in N(A) and N(T) courses can take higher-level subjects starting from Secondary 3. With SBB, your child can start doing so from the start of Secondary 1, to **build a stronger foundation** in subjects that they are good at.

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Providing Greater  
Flexibility with Subject-  
Based Banding

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Miss Donna Koh of CHIJ St Theresa's Convent shares about the importance of working in partnership with parents to provide opportunities for students to cope academically and emotionally.

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

- Some students (and parents) have shared that SBB allows the students to challenge themselves, and to have more options for Sec 3 subject combinations and post-secondary courses.
- 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 and Opting into SBB

- Eligible N(A) and N(T) students should have received an application form, based on the following criteria:

Course	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	A*, A	-	Express
N(T)	A*, A	-	Express/ N(A)
	B, C	1	N(A)

- Each student should take no more than 3 higher-level subjects so as to ensure that he/she can cope with the overall academic demands.
- Please complete the form to indicate the subjects your child wishes to take (or not to take) at a higher level. Submit the completed form to the **SBB Booth today, before noon, or the General Office by 27 Dec 2018 (Thursday), 5 pm.**

# Other Opportunities to Take Higher-Level Subjects

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students who do well in school-based examinations may be considered to take higher-level subjects if found suitable to do so by our school.
- Eligible N(A) and N(T) students will receive an application form after the Sec 1 mid-year or year-end examinations, based on the following criteria:
  - 75% or higher in the subject;
  - 60% or higher in the overall average; and
  - Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand
- Our school will provide support through bridging programmes for these new SBB students.

# What if my child struggles with the higher-level subject?

- Students are encouraged to continue with the higher-level subjects until the end of Sec 2, as students do need time to adjust to the higher academic demands.
- Our school will monitor students' progress in the higher-level subjects as well as overall progress in all subjects.
- Our school is mindful of students' socio-emotional and academic needs and will endeavour to provide the necessary support to students to help them cope.

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## A struggle at first, but taking higher-level subjects helped boost confidence

By FARIS MOKHTAR



Jurong Secondary student Ismahani Azmi, 15, struggled with taking higher-level subjects when she first entered secondary school, but has seen her confidence blossom from the experience, with some help from her teachers, including Mdm Siti Hawa Zaini, her Malay language teacher (seated). PHOTO: FARIS MOKHTAR

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# **Will my child continue with the higher-level subjects all the way to Sec 4?**

- Your child may continue with the corresponding higher-level subject at upper secondary if he/she meets our school's criteria at the end of Sec 2.

# Success Story – Lim Cheng Teck

Teen hopes his dream course is within reach



Seventeen-year-old Lim Cheng Teck and his sister, Brenda, who helped coach him in mathematics for his N-level exams. ST PHOTO: NG SOR LUAN

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- **Partner with us**
- **Support the School**
- **Lead by example**
  - **Support our less fortunate students (for example support for Principal's Challenge, Food Night)**
  - **Support charitable drive**

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**Principal's Message**

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Swiss Cottage is recognised as a MCCY-MOE Pilot School for Community Youth Leadership. Our Distinctive Programmes in Thoughtful Leadership and Applied Learning, together with our rigorous Instructional and comprehensive Student Learning Programmes, are integral components of the Total Curriculum we deliver to lay a firm foundation for intellectual and character excellence for our students, and nurture them to be LEADERS who THINK, CARE and LEAD with P.R.I.D.E. (Passion, Resilience, Integrity, Dare to Dream)

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