

**(A) Administration**

**1. Will the presentation slides shown during Placement Briefing be provided to parents?**

*The information will be provided at the school website.*

**2. If my child does not have Mother Tongue, does he/she have to take another subject to replace it?**

*Students who are exempted from Mother Tongue will have one fewer subject in total compared to their peers.*

**3. If a child is exempted from Mother Tongue, will it affect his/her choice of subject combination?**

*It will not affect his/her choice of subject combination.*

**(B) Nature of Subjects****1. What is Science PC/CB?**

*This is the shortened form of the names of the elective subjects Combined Science (Physics/Chemistry) and Combined Science (Chemistry/Biology).*

**2. What is the difference between Pure Science and Combined Science?**

*For Pure Science, each subject is graded as a standalone subject while for Combined Science, the scores for the two subjects (e.g., Chemistry & Biology) are combined for an overall grade.*

**3. What is the difference between Elementary Math (EM) and Additional Math (AM)?**

*Unlike Math in lower secondary, Elementary Math (EM) and Additional Math (AM) are 2 different subjects. In examinations, students will have to sit for 2 papers for each subject and that's 4 different papers for both E and A Math.*

*EM is more focused on the basic fundamentals of Mathematics. Generally, workings involved in EM are much shorter and simpler. AM is more abstract and requires a good knowledge and foundation in Algebra. Workings in AM require more in-depth understanding of algebraic rules, are longer and need more careful planning on the sequence of steps to proceed further.*

**4. What does SSGY and SSHY stand for?**

*These are the shortened forms of the names of the elective subjects Combined Humanities (Social Studies/Geography) and Combined Humanities (Social Studies/History).*

**5. What is POA?**

*POA stands for Principles of Accounts.*

**6. What do you do in Principles of Accounts?**

*Details of what you do in POA can be viewed from MOE website:*

*[https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/national-examinations/syllabus/olevel/2022syllabus/7087\\_y22\\_sy.pdf](https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/national-examinations/syllabus/olevel/2022syllabus/7087_y22_sy.pdf)*

**7. For POA students, do they get exemptions if they study some accounting modules in the Polytechnic?**

*Taking POA at the O-Levels does not mean your child will be exempt from accounting modules in Polytechnics.*

**8. Are there other Craft and Tech subjects offered for the Sec 3 Express students besides Art? For e.g., D&T?**

*D&T will not be offered at the Express Stream in 2024.*

**9. What is covered in Art at O-Levels?**

*For introduction to what each subject (including ART), can refer to this website:*

*<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-o-level/o-level-syllabuses-examined-for-school-candidates-2024>*

**10. Is Art at O-Levels difficult?**

*It is recommended that students who choose to take Art at O-Levels should have passion for the subject and be willing to spend time and effort on the coursework.*

**(C) Eligibility and Combination Selection****1. Are there any disadvantages in terms of L1R5 computation if the school were to offer combinations of only 7 subjects?**

*All subject combinations on offer allow students to meet the criteria of eligibility for JC/MI/Polytechnic. There is no statistical data to correlate number of subjects offered to the performance of aggregate score in L1R5.*

**2. Which type of combination gives students a higher chance of eligibility to enter the JC?**

*All subject combinations on offer will allow students to be eligible for application into JCs provided they fulfil the requirements of  $L1R5 \leq 20$ .*

**3. Is going to JC a better option than poly?**

*Different pathways are designed to meet the diverse needs of all students. Students should explore the various options offered by each pathway and make an informed choice based on individual ability and passions.*

**4. Does the school have the breakdown of students entering JCs for various Combinations?**

*The school does not offer such data for public consumption.*

**5. Do all subject combinations fulfil entry requirement for polytechnics?**

*All subject combinations on offer will allow students to be eligible for application into polytechnics provided they fulfil the requirements of  $ELR2B2 \leq 26$ .*

**6. For Combination B, is POA a mandatory subject?**

*Yes, all students will take POA in Combination B.*

**7. Is Combination A offering Two Pure Science subjects?**

*Yes, students taking Combination A will study Chemistry and either Biology OR Physics.*

**8. Is there an option for students to take Pure History or Pure Geography?**

*There is no offering of Pure History or Pure Geography in any of the subject combinations at the moment.*

**9. Is A Math a compulsory subject for all Express classes?**

*No, it is not a compulsory subject.*

**10. How many classes will be offered Combination A/B/C respectively?**

*Due to Mixed-Course-Form-Class arrangements, all form classes will comprise students taking different subject combinations - inclusive of all O and N-level subject combinations.*

**11. For the Humanities subject, must the student take the combination with Social Studies or can a student just take pure Humanities subjects?**

*In Humanities, Social Studies is the compulsory module and the student chooses either Elective Geography or Elective History as the other half module. Pure Humanities is not offered for 2024.*

**12. If my child chooses SSHY, does it mean the subject consists of half the content from Social Studies and the other half of the content from History?**

*Correct, it is a combined subject, results from each half to make up combined score for SSHY (Combined Humanities: Social Studies- History)*

**13. Can students taking Combined Science still go to JC since they are not taking Pure Science subjects?**

*Students taking Combined Science still can go to a JC. Each JC has different requirements for taking Science at H1 or H2 levels. Please refer to specific JC websites to see the requirements.*

**14. What does ELRB2 stands for (in aggregate computation for poly)?**

*ELRB2 = EL + one relevant subject + best 2 subjects*

**15. Is the Termly results taken into consideration for this placement exercise?**

*Yes, results from Term 1-3 will be considered as part of Overall score for calculating Overall percentile. The breakdown is as follows: WA1: 15%, WA2: 15%, WA3, 15%, EYE:55%*

**16. Will the school relook the Timetable again to cater to wider choice for students?**

*No, we have deliberated at length taking into consideration students' educational pathways as well as school resource allocation.*

**17. If my child is eligible for the subject, does it mean that he/she will offer that subject? For e.g. If he/she scores B4 for Math, does that mean he/she will be offered A Math?**

*No, being eligible does not mean that your child will be offered the subject. Priority will be based on merit. If all the students who opted for A Math are scoring As, then there is a strong chance that your will not be offered A Math.*

**18. Is there an appeal process in case my child does not qualify for one of the criteria?**

*Yes, the appeal process will be made known to students after the first Placement Exercise result is released. However, appeal cases are considered on a case-by-case basis.*