

Full Subject-Based Banding

For students posted to PG1 and PG2



Overview of Full Subject-based Banding (Full SBB)

Secondary school experience

1. Mixed form classes upon entering secondary school
2. Common curriculum subjects at lower secondary
3. Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively
4. Greater flexibility to offer subjects at various subject levels
5. Shift away from stream-based subject offerings

After PSLE

Start of secondary school

End of secondary school

Post-secondary

Entry to Secondary 1

Through Posting Groups
(i.e., PG1, PG2 or PG3)

Singapore-Cambridge
Secondary Education
Certificate (SEC)
examination

Revised post-
secondary
admission
criteria



Rationale of Full SBB

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-secondary pathways**, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway



How are SBB offers determined?

- Applicable to English Language, MTL, Mathematics and Science
- Parents of eligible students would have received an offer based on the following criteria:

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard grade	PSLE Foundation grade	Option to offer subject at
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3
G1	AL 5 or better	-	G2 / G3
	AL 6	AL A	G2

EXAMPLE: MARY FROM 1 ANGELA

After PSLE

- Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1: G2
- Scored AL5 for English at PSLE

Note: SBB works the same for students with an indicative level of G1, they will then be offered specific subjects at G2.

1 SBB subject at the start of Sec 1



Subjects to be taken in Sem 1 of Sec 1

G2 Math	G2 MTL
G2 Science	G2 Science
G2 Humanities (Geography, History, Literature)	
Common Curriculum Subjects	



Are there other junctures beyond the PSLE?

How does SBB work?

➔ Three 'stages'



Subjects offered:
English Language,
Mother Tongue,
Mathematics,
Science

**Students will
be offered only
one additional
SBB subject at
each insertion
exercise.*

Subjects offered:
English Language,
Mother Tongue,
Mathematics,
Science,
History,
Geography,
Literature

EXAMPLE: MARY FROM 1 ANGELA

Sec 1 Mid Year Juncture

- Showed consistently good performance in WA 1 and WA 2 for Science
- Decided to take up G3 Science



2 SBB subjects from Semester 2

Subjects to be taken in Sem 2 of Sec 1

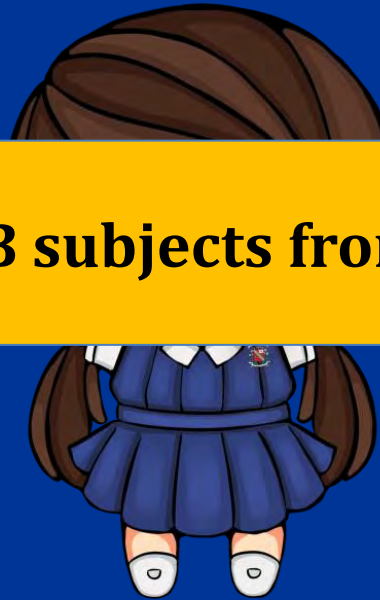
G2 Math	G2 MTL
G2 English	G3 Science
G2 Humanities (Geography, History, Literature)	
Common Curriculum Subjects	



EXAMPLE: MARY FROM 1 ANGELA

Sec 1 End of Year juncture

- Showed consistently good performance over the year for History
- Decided to take up G3 (Humanities only offered in Sec 2)



3 SBB subjects from Sec 2

Subjects to be taken in Sec 2

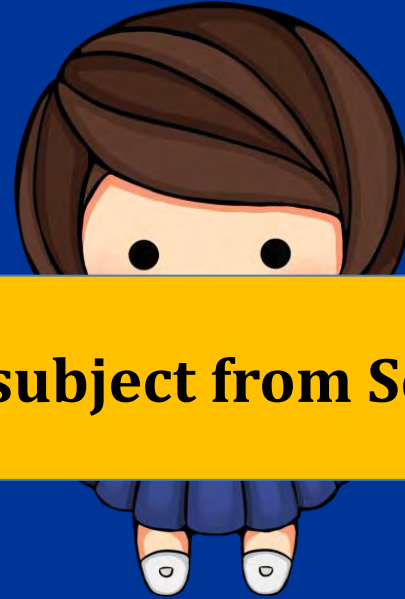
G2 Math, MTL	G3 Science
G2 English	G3 History
G2 Humanities (Geography, Literature)	
Common Curriculum Subjects	



EXAMPLE: MARY FROM 2 ANGELA

Sec 2 End of Year juncture

- Did not meet criteria to continue with G3 History but met criteria for G3 English and Science
- Decided to take up G2 English
- However, chooses to take up Upper Sec Science at G2



1 SBB subject from Sec 3

Subjects to be taken in Upper Sec

G2 Math	G2 History/SS
English	G2 Science

Note: Eligibility to offer G2 subjects for students with an indicative level of most subjects at G1 is only applicable in Sec 1. There is no end of year inserts to G2 subjects at Sec 2.



What is the criteria to offer Humanities at a more demanding level?

Offering G3 Humanities (Geog OR Lit OR History)

- Good performance in EOY results and overall results in **two** Humanities subjects
- Good performance in EOY results and overall results in English Language

Note:

Student will choose between the 2 best Humanities subjects to offer at G3, depending on her interests

Offering G2 Humanities (Geog OR Lit OR History)

- a) Good performance in EOY results and overall results in English Language
- b) Good performance in G1 Humanities
- c) Graded class work

Note:

Maximum of one Humanities subject offered



How will my child's eligibility for these subjects be determined?

- via school-based assessment, after Sec 1 WAs or year-end examinations, based on:

- (a) Excellent and consistent performance in the subject;*
- (b) Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand; and*
- (c) Teachers' recommendations*



What are the support systems in place if my child takes up the offer?

- Students to **continue SBB until the end of Secondary 2** ('adjustment' period)
- **Constant monitoring of students' progress, socio-emotional and academic needs**
- Provision of **necessary support to students** to help them cope, e.g. bridging lessons will be conducted for all SBB inserts



Will my child continue with the subject at Upper Sec?

- Entry into SBB at Secondary 1 **does not automatically guarantee transition** to subjects at the more demanding level at Sec 3.
- Child's performance needs to meet the **school's criteria** at the end of Secondary 2 (*subject combination criteria applies*), and offering of subjects at the more demanding level will depend on minimum class size and school resourcing.



Offering Subjects at the Less Demanding Level

Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1	PSLE Grade (Standard Mother Tongue Language)	PSLE Grade (Foundation Mother Tongue Language)	Option to offer at
G3	AL 6	AL A	G2
	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1 or G2
G2	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1



EXAMPLE: Amy FROM 1 BRIDGET

- Indicative level of most subjects at start of Secondary 1: G3
- Scored AL6 for MTL at PSLE



Subjects to be taken in Sem 1 of Sec 1

G3 Math	G2 MTL
G3 English	G3 Science
G3 Humanities (Geography, History, Literature)	
Common Curriculum Subjects	



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