



2026 Sec 2 ECG & Subject Combination Talk

15 May 2026 (Friday)
6.00pm-7.15pm



Sec 2 ECG & Subject Combinations Talk Programme Overview

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Question & Answer Segment



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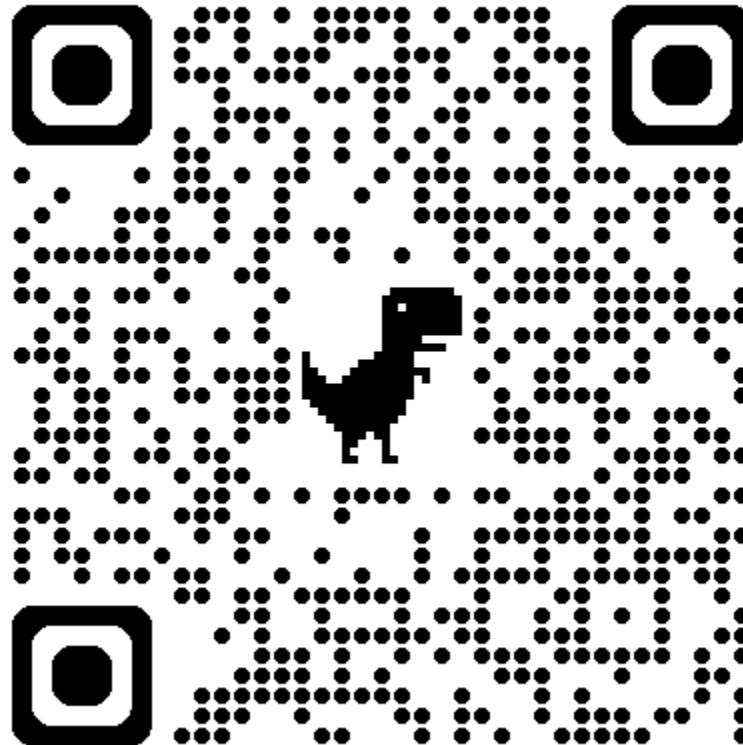
Sec 3 Subject Options FAQs



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Materials for 2027 Secondary 3 Subject Combinations



<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/2027-secondary-3-subject-options/>



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Subject Combination & Requirements



What are the mandatory subjects?

- Students will need to read the following subjects - English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue, Humanities and Sciences under 'Compulsory subject' and 'Subjects from Cluster 1 and 2'
- Students can take 5-6 subjects and indicate **Not Taking** (as their first rank order) for 'Subjects Cluster 3 and/or 4'



What is the maximum & minimum number of allowable subjects at N & O Levels?

- Students taking mostly G3 subjects takes between 5 and 8 subjects.
- Students taking mostly G2 subjects takes between 5 to 6 subjects.
- Students taking at least one G1 subject take between 4 to 6 subjects.
- Please take note of the entry requirements to post secondary education institutions.



Is there a standard subject combination that the students can choose?

- Students have the flexibility of doing the subjects based on her eligibility.
- The mandatory subjects that take must take will be English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue, Humanities and Sciences.



Are there subject combination options unique to PL (e.g. Computing, Arts electives)?

- We do have Art and Music, G3, offered in the subject combination option, there will be selection test/audition and Interview.
- Do note the subject criteria for the offering of the subject.



With the new changes to JC entry criteria in 2028, can this cohort of students continue to take 8 G3 subjects?

- Students who have performed well in her subjects (overall results), they will be still eligible to take 8 G3 subjects.
- However, parents and students should consider the latest changes in post-secondary pathways (JC, MI, Poly, PFP, Higher Nitec admissions).
- Do also note that students need not offer triple science for course like Medicine or have 7-8 subjects as "buffer" for aggregate computation.



Is there any chance of appeal or are the cutoff marks strictly applied?

- Students can appeal for their preferred subject option, however, this is subjected to the available spaces in the subject option after all the allocations have been assigned.



What are the pros and cons of different subject combinations?

- Parents and students to consider subject combination options in relation to:
 1. **Students' strength and interests** - to have conversation on the areas learning that you are interested in and have done well in.
 2. **Students' aspirations** - to look into the latest changes to post-secondary pathways (JC, MI, Poly, PFP, Higher Nitec admissions) and to consider that students need not offer triple science for course like Medicine or have 7-8 subjects as "buffer" for aggregate computation.
 3. **Students' well-being** - students will have later school end-times if they are taking more subjects and need to consider the readiness of taking up the different subjects together.



I would like to know if MEP is considered an 8th subject and can be used as one of the R4? Can it be considered as a 9th subject also?

- Students wishing to participate in MEP lessons must apply to study Higher Music (G3) at either Dunman High School or Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) when they are admitted to PLMGS(S) in Sec 1.
- This program spans four years, contingent upon students successfully completing the selection process. PLMGS(S) also offers Music (G3)/Higher Music (G3) within the school for Sec 3 students.
- Students taking this subject can continue taking it as the 9th subject. Do note that the school will not be able to adjust the timetable to accommodate the external schedule.



Does the Music count towards a Humanities subject?

- Music subject does not count towards a Humanities subject for the computation of aggregates L1R4.
- Music is offered under the elective subjects (Arts/Aesthetics).
- Higher Music can be used as a direct replacement for a Humanities subject when calculating your L1R4 (for Junior Colleges/MI), however you will still need to do the mandatory humanities (Social Studies with Elective Humanities) subject for the SEC examinations.



Are there any restrictions in the subject combinations allowed if the girls are taking other subjects outside (e.g., 3rd Lang, MSP, etc.)?

- The maximum number of subjects that can be taken at SEC is 9, this includes the other subjects taken outside (e.g. 3rd lang, MSP, etc.)



My child is interested in taking Art as an examination subject. How will the lessons be conducted as most of the pupils in PL do not take Art?

- Art (G3) at the Upper Secondary level takes place on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.
- Students wishing to take Art (G3) must achieve at least a B3 in their Sec 2 Art and successfully pass an Art Selection Test and Interview.



Is there any science combination without chemistry?

- The school does not offer any combination without Chemistry as Chemistry is a key science prerequisite for many courses at JC and many university science courses.



What implications are there on future prospects in the medical field if the girls take Pure Chem & Bio instead of Pure Chem & Physics?

- For entry into Medicine in NUS / NTU, students are required to have good pass in Chemistry and either Biology/Physics.

<https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/nus-medicine-pre-requisites/>

[https://www.ntu.edu.sg/medicine/education/bachelor-of-medicine-and-bachelor-of-surgery-\(mbbs\)/entry-requirements](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/medicine/education/bachelor-of-medicine-and-bachelor-of-surgery-(mbbs)/entry-requirements)



What is the requirement for my child to be offered Pure Sciences and A Math?

- The student must attain a minimum B3 grade in English for her to be offered Pure Sciences and Additional Mathematics.
- This criterion is put in place to better ensure that students are equipped to manage the cognitive and language demands of these subjects and to support their overall success.
- While a student may demonstrate strong ability in Mathematics and Science, these subjects particularly at a more rigorous level which require students to interpret complex questions, understand terminology, and articulate their reasoning clearly.



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Subject Option Processes



How are students streamed into Sec 3 subject combination?

- Firstly, students must meet the requirements for the various subjects.
- After which, students will rank order their subject option based on their eligibility and based on the subject attainment merit.
- Students will be streamed into their Sec 3 Combination according their ranked choices if they have met the requirements for the various subjects.



Do the students have a "trial" term in Sec 3, where they are given a chance to change their subject combination?

- There will not be any trial term. Students should spend time considering their subject combination in consultation with their parents and teachers.
- There are also no trial lessons for students. Most of the subject content (EL/Math/Humanities/Science/Mother Tongue) will be a continuation from the lower secondary course.
- For new subjects like Additional Maths/POA, you may refer to the subject combination booklet on the upper secondary subject content for the different subjects.



Can a Secondary 3 student drop either Additional Mathematics or Principles of Accounts in the middle of their Sec 3 year?

- Students should consider their choice of subjects carefully before taking up the options. All students should have at least 5-6 examinable subjects for their SEC examinations. Should they struggle and unable to cope with the learning demands, students can re-evaluate their performance at the end of Sec 3. They can consult their teachers on the possible re-caliberation of subject reading before the SEC subject registration.



Can students opt for G2 or G3 in specific subjects if they know they can take on the challenge?

- Students will be offered to take specific subjects at a G3 Level if they meet the following criterias:
 - Obtained 75% or better for Overall (at End-of-Year) for core subjects
 - Teacher's Recommendation



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Post-Secondary Pathways



How can students make an informed decision in about their subject combination and implications on career prospects?

It is important to:

- have a long-term outlook on the possible careers or industries that align to your daughter's strengths and interests.
- take note of the next stage's pre-requisites in post-sec institutions and courses <https://www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder>



For students taking mostly G2 subjects, what is the eligibility criteria for Polytechnic?

- Students taking mostly G2 subjects can apply for Poly Foundation Programme (PFP) with 5 x G2 subjects (including G2 EL and G2 Math).
- To be eligible for Poly Year 1, students should have 4 G3 (including G3 EL and G3 Math).

What is the minimum number of G3 subjects required for Poly or JC qualification?

Students taking at least	POST-SEC PATHWAYS							
	3-Year Higher Nitec	2-Year Higher Nitec	NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP)	Arts Institutions	Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	Polytechnic Year 1	Millennia Institute	Junior College
5 G3 subjects	✓	✓	NEW ✓	✓	NEW ✓	✓	✓	NEW ✓
4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	✓	✓	NEW ✓	NEW ✓	NEW ✓	NEW ✓		
5 G2 subjects	✓	✓	✓		✓			
4 G1 subjects	✓	NEW* ✓						



Where can students taking mostly G1 subjects after Secondary school?

- Students who off 4 G1 subjects will join Year 1 of Higher Nitec
- Students who meet the academic requirements during the Year 1 Sem 1 Examinations, may be offered the accelerated pathway.
- Students eligible for the accelerated pathway will be able to attain a Higher Nitec Certificate in a shorter duration of 2 years.



What are the jobs that will not be replaced by AI?

- Rather than seeing AI as a threat that replaces or eliminates jobs, we can consider AI to be reshaping jobs and increasing job productivity. This means new job roles will be introduced over time, and our future job-seekers will need to have transferrable skills and the tenacity to pivot to a different industry where necessary. Having multiple jobs in our career journey may be a new norm that we have to get used to.



How can a student choose a subject combination if she is still exploring and undecided about what she wants to do in the future?

- Students who are still exploring possible career options are not disadvantaged when choosing subject combinations. Multiple post-secondary pathways are available which will ultimately and eventually lead to the desired career options. What is important in subject combination decision is to maintain the joy of learning in the subjects that the student enjoys which would translate to a higher chance of doing well in the subject. This also means that the overall student academic load should be taken into consideration in this decision too, to ensure well-being of the student.



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New Scoring System



For the new L1R4 requirement, what are the relevant subjects?

- The four relevant subjects are Math, Science, Humanities and any other best-scoring subject.
- Please note that students cannot use Mother Tongue as part of their R4 if Higher Mother Tongue was used as L1.



How does the new structure of L1R4 scoring will affect the students intending to apply for JC or Poly in year 2028 onwards?

- The new L1R4 does not affect admissions to Polytechnic.
- It will only affect JC & MI admissions. L1R4 is calculated the same way for both JC & MI, except JC is $L1R4 \leq 16$ and MI is ≤ 20 .



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Other administrative questions



Will there be a recorded session for the Sec 2 Subject Combination Briefing?

- The slides and the information booklet has been posted on the school website for your easy reference.