



## 2022 Sec 1 Posting Exercise

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is the PLMGS's Cut-Off AL Scores for Sec 1 in 2022?

The PSLE scoring system from this year has been changed from the T-Score to Achievement Levels (ALs).

Course	Affiliated	Non-Affiliated
Express	20	11
Normal (Academic)	25	23
Normal (Technical)	28	28

For your reference, please see MOE's criteria for placement of students into the respective academic courses.

Course	Placement Criteria
Express	4 – 20
Express / N(A) Option	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) Option	25
N(T)	26 – 30 with AL7 or better in both English Language <u>and</u> Mathematics

You may wish to visit MOE's information site for more details on the AL scoring system: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/new-psle-scoring-system.html>

## **2. Your school is on Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB), what does it mean to me?**

PLMGS(Sec) was one of the 28 secondary schools selected by the Ministry of Education to start piloting aspects of Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) from 2020 onwards.

The 2021 Secondary 1 cohort was our first batch of students who experienced having a mix of students from different academic courses in the same form class. This allowed students of different backgrounds and academic courses to learn and play together. The girls built meaningful friendships with others from different backgrounds and learn to value different strengths and perspectives.

PLMGS(Sec)'s incoming 2022 Secondary 1 cohort will continue to benefit from this arrangement.

At the end of 2022, the school will also offer to Secondary 1 students in the N(T) course Humanities at the N(A) level in Secondary 2, if they have met the school criteria.

## **3. How many Express, Normal Academic and Normal Technical course classes will there be in Sec 1 2022?**

For Sec 1 2022, there will be 6 to 8 classes of students, with a mix of students from different academic courses in the same form class.

## **4. With the offering of Full SBB, will there still be lateral transfers to a more demanding course?**

Yes. Students can be laterally transferred to a more demanding course if they show a strong overall performance and the ability to cope with the rigours of the more demanding course.

Full SBB (Sec) was introduced by MOE to allow for greater flexibility in subject offerings at lower secondary levels, to better cater to the strengths of N(A) and N(T) students in English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Language. Students who had performed well in these subjects at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) may be offered the subjects at a higher level starting from Secondary 1.

## **5. What is the process for appealing to be admitted to PLMGSS when the student was not posted to PLMGSS?**

Applicants who are considering appeals into PLMGS(Sec) - the school can only consider appeal applications if there are vacancies in the school and if the applicants **meet the school's cut-off-point**.

The period for appeals will be from **Posting Day till 5pm on Registration Day**.

## **6. Does the school offer Higher Mother Tongue?**

Yes, we offer Higher Chinese in PL. Lessons are conducted in school during curriculum time. However, Higher Tamil and Higher Malay Language will only be offered subject to a minimum number.

For other languages, students will have to take the lessons at the language centre (at Newton and Bishan).

## **7. Does the school offer Syllabus B for Mother Tongue?**

Students who are eligible for MTLB will have to attend the lessons outside of PL in other schools as the school does not conduct MTLB lessons.

## **8. What is the niche of the school?**

- Performing arts – Guzheng, Handbell, Harp, Concert Band, Choir, Guitar, International Dance, English Drama, Chinese Drama
- Sports – Badminton, Rhythmic Gym, Netball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Track and Field
- Student Leadership

We also have strong programmes such as ACE(Maths & Science), Enhanced Enrichment Robotics, Global Scholars Programme to stretch students who are strong in Maths, Science and Robotics.

## **9. Can Successful DSA students accepted by another school appeal for admission into PL?**

Successful DSA students are not allowed to participate in the S1 Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools.