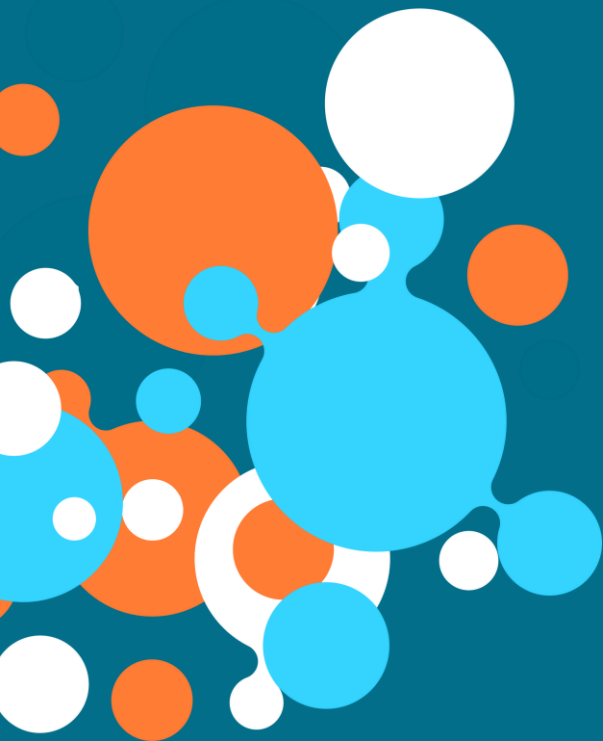




Subject Combination Exercise 2026

(for Sec 3 2027)

Pre-collected Questions from parents

(info from this segment will help answer the following questions)

- What are the electives offered?
- What are the Humanities subjects offered?
- Is English Literature offered at the upper secondary level?
- What are the different subject combinations available?
- Which Subject Combination(s) would help my child articulate to the Junior Colleges and subsequently, medical school?
- What is the criteria to qualify for Additional Mathematics or Pure Science combinations?

Subject Combinations for Sec 3s 2027

- The subject combinations offered are optimized to help our students **articulate to the post secondary pathways**, yet provide ample space and time for them to develop in other areas:
 - Majority G3 students would take **6 – 7 subjects**
 - Majority G1/G2 students would take **6 subjects**
- Breadth vs. Depth: Since the PFP and Poly criteria are more flexible, some students would be more successful with 5 G3s and 1-2 G2s than 6 – 7 G3 subjects.

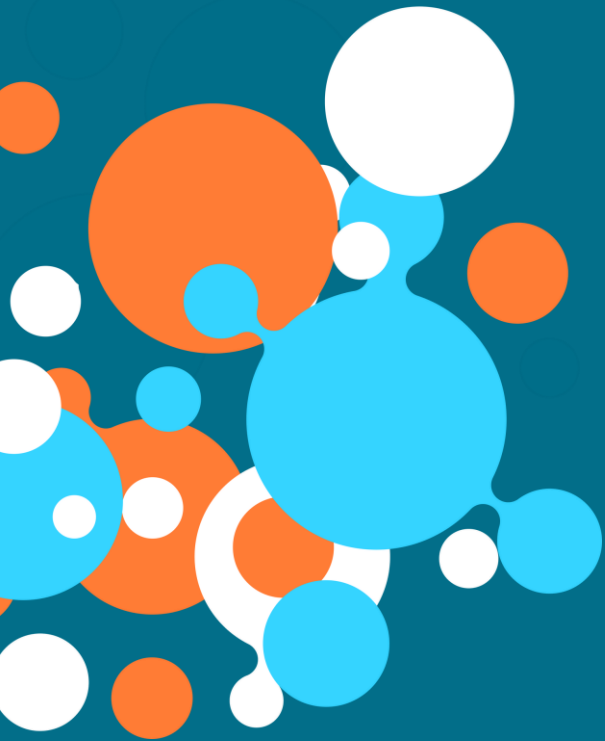
Guiding Principles in subject allocation

- **Merit:** Overall Sec 2 academic performance AND subject specific criteria
- **Choice:** Subject combinations will be considered based on rank order of preference, e.g., 1st choice will be considered if results meet eligibility criteria
- **Vacancy:** Subject allocation is also subject to the take up rate* and availability of places for particular subject combination. The availability of teachers/support staff and capacity of our workshops/laboratories/classroom space are factors for consideration

**Note: Minimum of 10 students to form a class*

Subjects available based on current resources

SEC 3 2027	G1	G2	G3
ART	YES	YES	YES
D&T	YES	YES	YES
FCE/NFS	YES	YES	YES
MUSIC	YES	NO	External
COMPUTING	YES	YES	External
PURE BIO	NA	NA	YES
PURE PHY	NA	NA	YES
PURE CHEM	NA	NA	YES
COMB SCI (PHY/CHEM)	NA	YES	YES
COMB SCI (BIO/CHEM)	NA	NO	YES
Additional Mathematics	NA	YES	YES
POA	NA	YES	YES



Possible Combinations

For students taking
majority G1 subjects

Sec 3 (Predominantly G1) Subject Combinations for 2027

- **Compulsory:** English Language, Basic Mother Tongue, Mathematics, G1 Computing and Science.
- The compulsory subjects are also offered at a more demanding level (MDL) if the student qualifies.
- For coursework (Art/NFS/D&T), students can take them at G1, G2 or G3 levels depending on their relevant subject results at Sec 2 and Teachers' recommendations.

Sec 3 (Predominantly G1) Subject Combinations for 2027

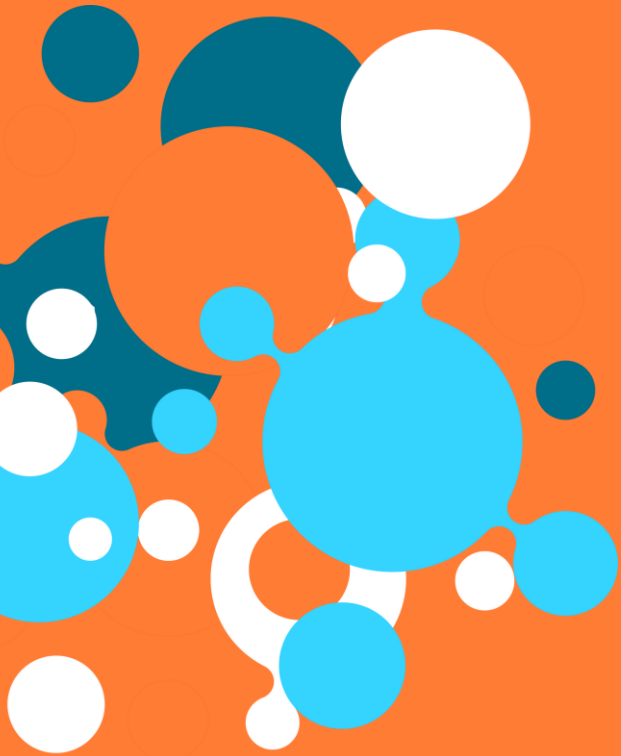
Combination	1	2	3	4	5	6
G1	*English Language	*Mother Tongue	*Mathematics	*Science	G1 Computing	Art or NFS or Design & Technology or Music

Total of 6 subjects (G1/G2)

Criteria

G2 EL/ MT/ Math/ Sci $\geq 75\%$ @G1 level + **Teachers' recommendation**

**Offered at More Demanding Level (MDL)*



**For students
taking majority
G2 subjects**

Sec 3 (Predominantly G2) Subject Combinations for 2027

- **Compulsory:** English Language, Mother Tongue, Mathematics, Humanities and Combined Science.
- The compulsory subjects are also offered at a More Demanding Level (ie G3) if the student qualifies.
- For Humanities, **Social Studies is compulsory**. Students **choose** between Elective History and Elective Geography.
- For elective subjects, students **MUST** pass the relevant subject at secondary 2 level.
- The relevant Secondary 2 subjects for Principles of Accounts and G2 Computing is **Mathematics**.
- For G2 Additional Mathematics, the qualifying score is 70% for **G2 Mathematics**.

Sec 3 (Predominantly G2) Subject Combinations for 2027

Option	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	*English Language	*Mother Tongue	*Mathematics	*Social Studies + Elective History Or Elective Geography	*Science (Physics / Chemistry)	Art or Design & Technology (D&T) or Nutrition & Food Science (NFS)
B	*English Language	*Mother Tongue	*Mathematics	*Social Studies + Elective History Or Elective Geography	*Science (Physics / Chemistry)	Principle of Accounts (POA) or Additional Mathematics or G2 Computing

**Total of 6
subjects
(G2/G3)**

Criteria

G3 EL/ MT/ Math/ Sci/Hum: **≥ 75% + Teachers' recommendation**

G2 POA: Math **≥ 50%**

G2 A Math: Math Overall and EOY **≥ 70%**

**Offered at More Demanding Level (MDL) where applicable*



**For students
taking majority
G3 subjects**

Sec 3 (Predominantly G3) Subject Combinations for 2027

- **Compulsory:** English Language, Mother Tongue, Mathematics, Humanities and 1 Science subject
- For Humanities, **Social Studies is compulsory**. Students **choose** between Elect History and Elect Geography.
- For Science, depending on results and preferences, students can choose between 1) Sci(Phy/Chem) OR Sci(Bio/Chem) OR 2) Pure Chem + Pure Bio 3) Pure Chem + Pure Phy.
- **Pure Sci combinations comes with A Math** so students must qualify for BOTH Pure Sci AND Additional Maths, and in general do well for the other subjects.
- For elective subjects, students **MUST** pass the relevant subject at sec 2 level.
 - The relevant Sec 2 subject for Principles of Accounts (POA) is Mathematics.

Sec 3 (Predominantly G3) Subject Combinations for 2027

Option	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	English Language	Mother Tongue/ Higher Mother Tongue	Mathematics	Social Studies + Elective Geography or Elective History	Science (Physics / Chemistry) or Science (Biology / Chemistry)	ART or D&T Or NFS	
B	English Language	Mother Tongue/ Higher Mother Tongue	Mathematics	Social Studies + Elective Geography or Elective History	Science (Physics / Chemistry) or Science (Biology / Chemistry)	Principle Of Accounts or Additional Mathematics	(External Subjects) G3 Computing or G3 Music
C	English Language	Mother Tongue/ Higher Mother Tongue	Mathematics	Social Studies + Elective Geography or Elective History	CHEMISTRY	Additional Mathematics	PHYSICS or BIOLOGY

CRITERIA

Combo C criteria: 70% for EOY and Overall in Sec 2 SCI AND MATH at G3 level

A Math criteria: 70% for EOY and Overall in Sec 2 G3 Mathematics

POA criteria: A pass in Sec 2 G3 Mathematics

Other electives: Generally, a pass in the relevant subject at Sec 2 G3 level

**Total of 6 - 7
subjects (G3)**

Sec 3 (Predominantly G3) Subject Combinations for 2027

- With the changes in the education pathways requirements, the maximum number of subjects taken at upper sec has been calibrated accordingly.
- Total number of subjects taken (**including those outside of sch**) MUST NOT EXCEED 7.
- Triple Sci is no longer offered at Junior colleges and most secondary schools and is **NOT a requirement** for entry to Medical School in Singapore.
- Successful appeal cases (incl MDL) would be placed on conditional subject probation and be monitored accordingly.

Timeline

Term / Month	Key Milestone	Action Item
Term 2 (Apr/May)	Initial Briefing for students (11 May)	ECGC/PSE brief
Term 3 (Jul)	Parents Briefing (17 Jul)	Parent briefing on the Subject combination exercise 2026.
Term 3 (Jul)	PTM (24 Jul)	Parents can consult ECGC, IP Heads and Teachers on ECG matters. 
Term 4 (Oct)	EOY Exams	Final results determine eligibility for G3/G2/G1 levels.
Term 4 (Oct/Nov)	Final Selection	Students submit ranked choices via the <i>AllEars</i> .
Term 4 (Nov)	Allocation & Appeal	Release of results. 3-day window for appeals.
After school closes	Final allocation/ results	Release of appeal results and formation of S3 classes.

Pre-collected Questions from parents

- Can students take subjects not offered by the school, such as Computing, at another school? – Yes, some students do take external subjects, but the maximum number of subjects must not exceed 7. Do note that enough time needs to be set aside to travel to these external venues and students may miss the last period lesson or afternoon remedial/enrichment programmes.
- For students taking Computing or other subjects at another school, what happens if their CCA schedule clashes with the external lesson? – Students will be given 'VR' for CCA attendance should the lessons clash with their CCA schedule.
- Can students change subject combinations after Sec 3 begins? In general, no because the classes would have been formed and vacancies filled.

Start with the end in mind

- Students should be familiar with the pathways and start discussions with parents on the **pathways and courses** they are keen on.
- Explore their **interests and aptitude** when planning for post-secondary pathways.
- It is important to know the requirements and how the scores are tabulated.
- Look out for the **requisite subjects** needed at Secondary level and work towards the relevant combinations.
- Speak with our ECG counsellors and teachers during next week's Sec 2 PTM.
- Explore various websites and resources for more information.

Students should start exploring their options today

- Explore the available pathways and what appeals to their academic interests and personal preferences.
- Students should also apply for their Singpass by Dec 2027 for seamless access to the Post-Sec Portal in Jan 2028.



[Post-Secondary Admissions
Exercise \(PSE\) | MOE](#)

PSE Website

(for information on Post-Secondary
Admissions Exercise)



[Singpass - Register for
Singpass](#)

Apply for Singpass early

(for access to Post-Sec Portal)



[SchoolFinder | MOE](#)

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References

- **MOE Official Portal (Explore Pathways):** [Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise \(PSE\)](#) - This is the primary landing page for the 2028 intake.
- **Links to various Admissions criteria 2028:**
 - [Higher Nitec Admissions criteria](#)
 - [Polytechnic Admissions criteria](#)
 - [JC/MI Admissions criteria](#)