

Sec 3 Parent Engagement

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MAYFLOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

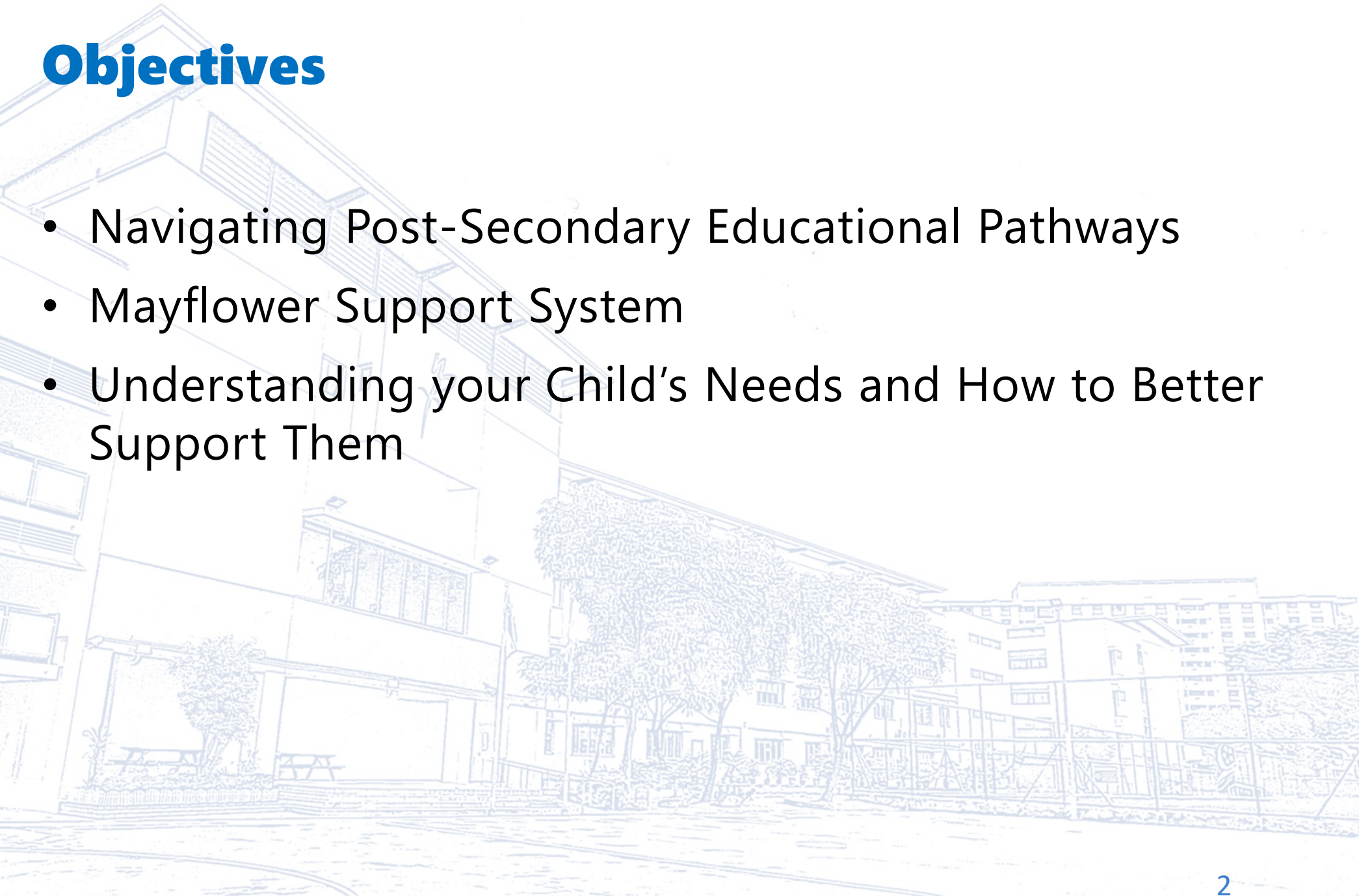
MIGHTY IN THOUGHT AND DEED

ZEST FOR LIFE • CURIOUS MIND • GENEROUS SPIRIT



Objectives

- Navigating Post-Secondary Educational Pathways
- Mayflower Support System
- Understanding your Child's Needs and How to Better Support Them



Developing **Future Ready Mayflowerians**

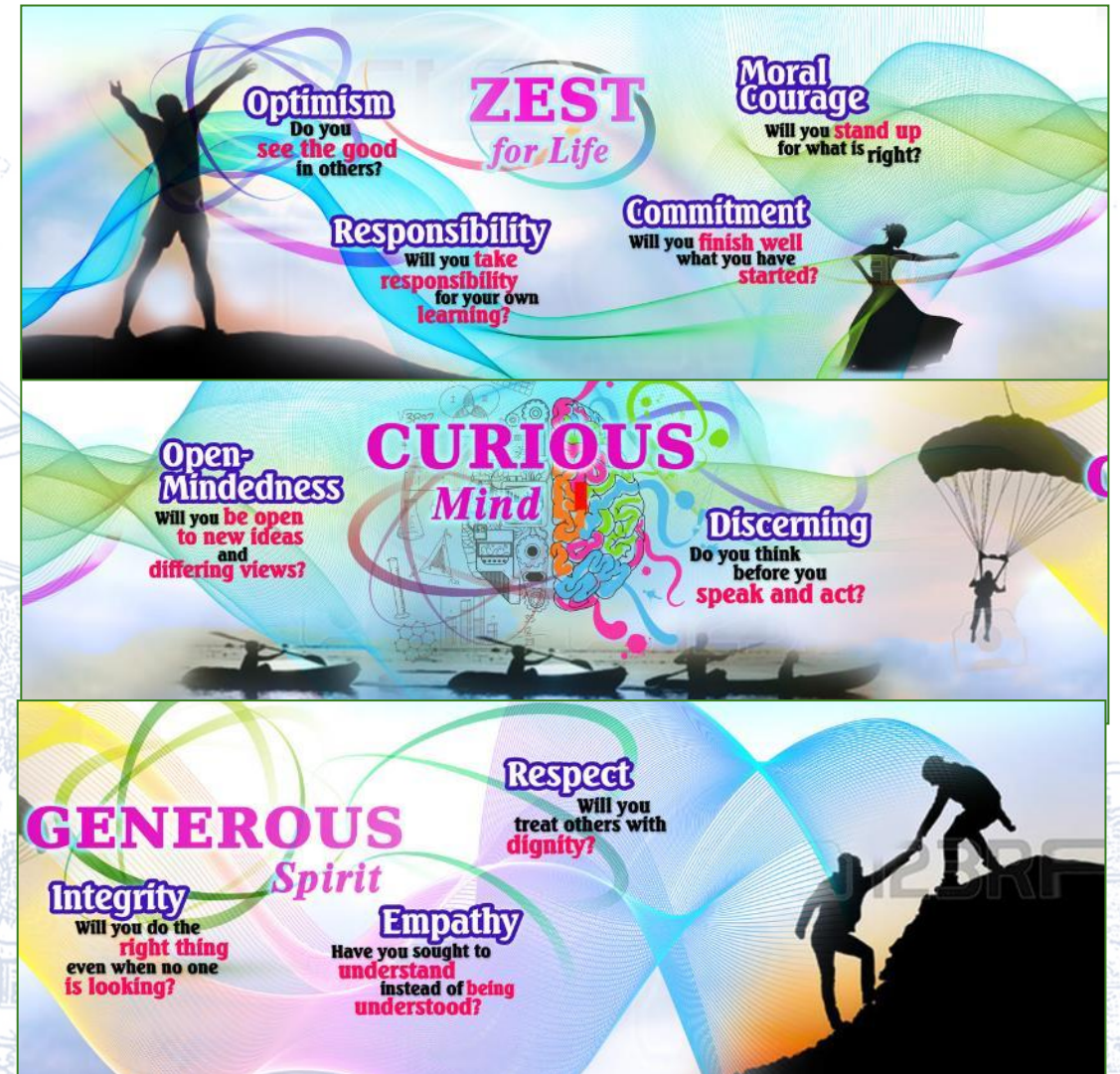
Mayflower Mission

Every Mayflowerian
Mighty in Thought and Deed



School Motto

Mighty in Thought
and Deed



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MAYFLOWER PROMISE

**Future Ready Mayflowerians with
a Zest for Life, a Curious Mind and a Generous Spirit**

Zest for Life

*Moral Courage •
Responsibility • Optimism •
Commitment*

1. Mayflowerians have a strong sense of purpose, and pursue their passion and interests.
2. Mayflowerians are resilient and confident to face challenges.
3. Mayflowerians strive for excellence with humility.

Curious Mind

Discerning • Open-Minded

1. Mayflowerians are inquisitive, self-directed and lifelong learners.
2. Mayflowerians demonstrate critical, adaptive and inventive thinking.
3. Mayflowerians are digitally literate, using technology effectively and responsibly.

Generous Spirit

Respect • Empathy • Integrity

1. Mayflowerians are effective communicators with good interpersonal skills and able to work collaboratively with others.
2. Mayflowerians embrace inclusivity and celebrate diversity.
3. Mayflowerians are civic-minded global citizens who have the will to act.

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Navigating Post-Sec Educational Pathways



Education & Career Guidance

Lim Ser Yee
Senior ECG Counsellor

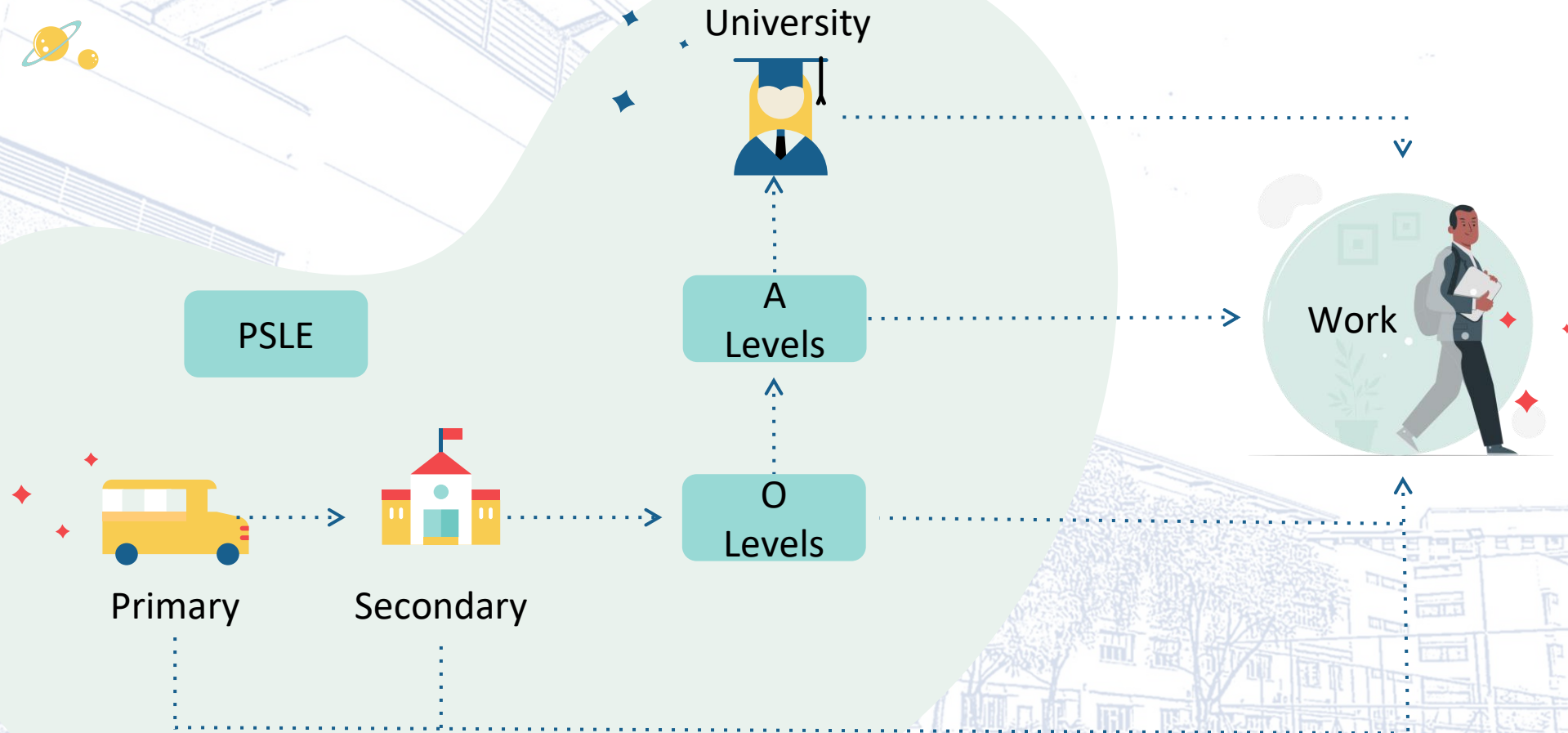


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Changes in the Educational Landscape



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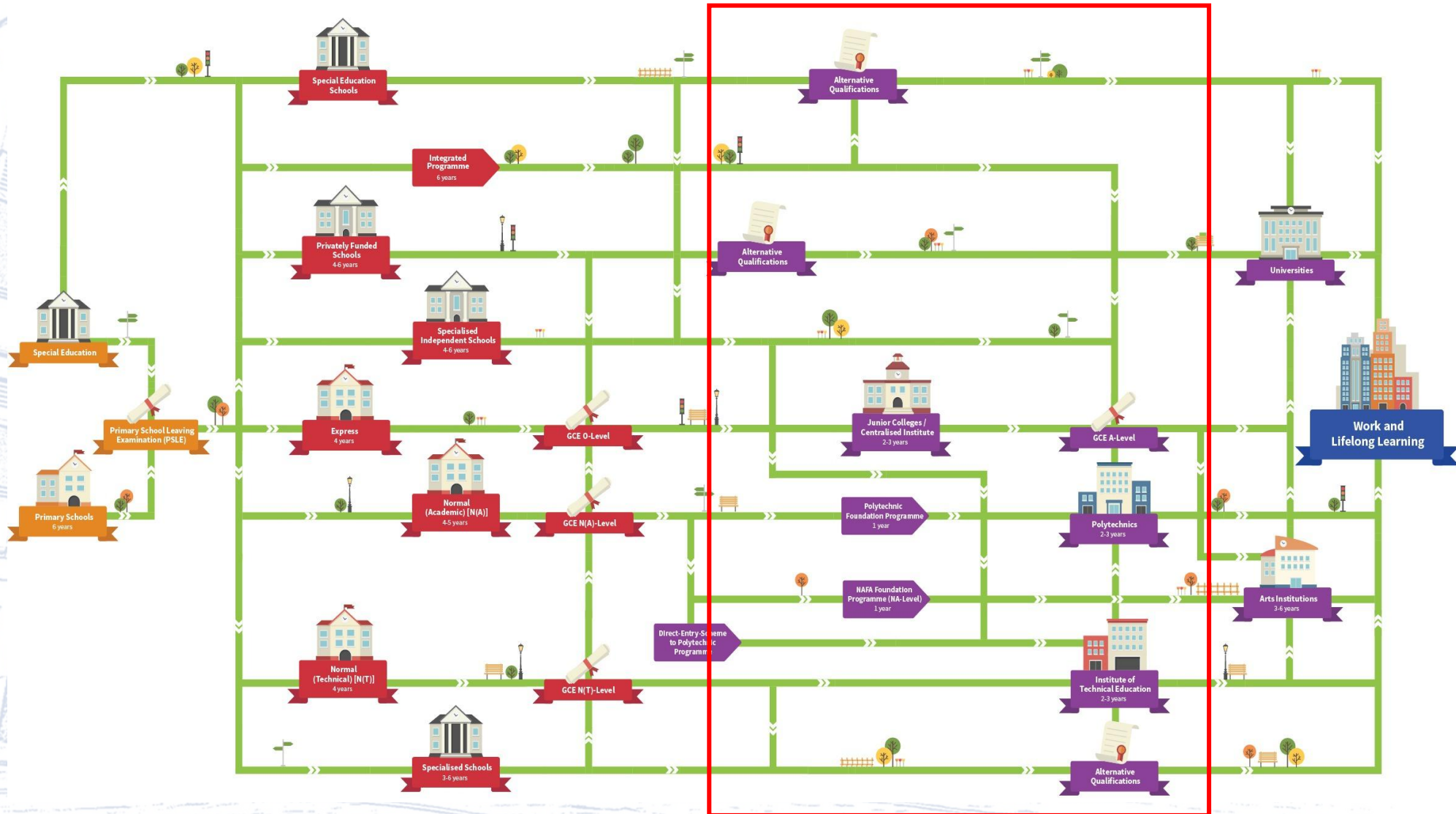
Primary

6 years

Secondary

4-5 years

Post-Secondary



Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examinations

- AY2027 graduating students will sit for SEC examinations at their **respective subject levels (G1, G2, G3)**
- SEC examination **timetable will be consolidated into a single sitting**
- Written examinations for **EL and MTL** will be conducted in **September**
- Other subjects from **October to November**

Post-Sec Admissions Exercise (PSE)

- With the common Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examination from 2027, secondary students can apply for various post-secondary pathways at the same time when they receive their SEC results in Jan 2028. This is done through the **Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise (PSE)** - a single, centralised admissions platform.
- **Purpose:** Replace multiple post-secondary admissions exercises (such as Joint Admissions Exercises (JAE), Polytechnic Foundation Programme Admissions Exercise (PFPAE) and ITE Joint Intake Exercises (JIE) (2-Year and 3-Year *Higher Nitec*)) to provide a more streamlined application process through a one-stop Post-Sec Portal and a common timeline.
- **Who it is for:** Eligible candidates who have sat for the SEC examinations at any subject level (G1, G2, G3).

Overview



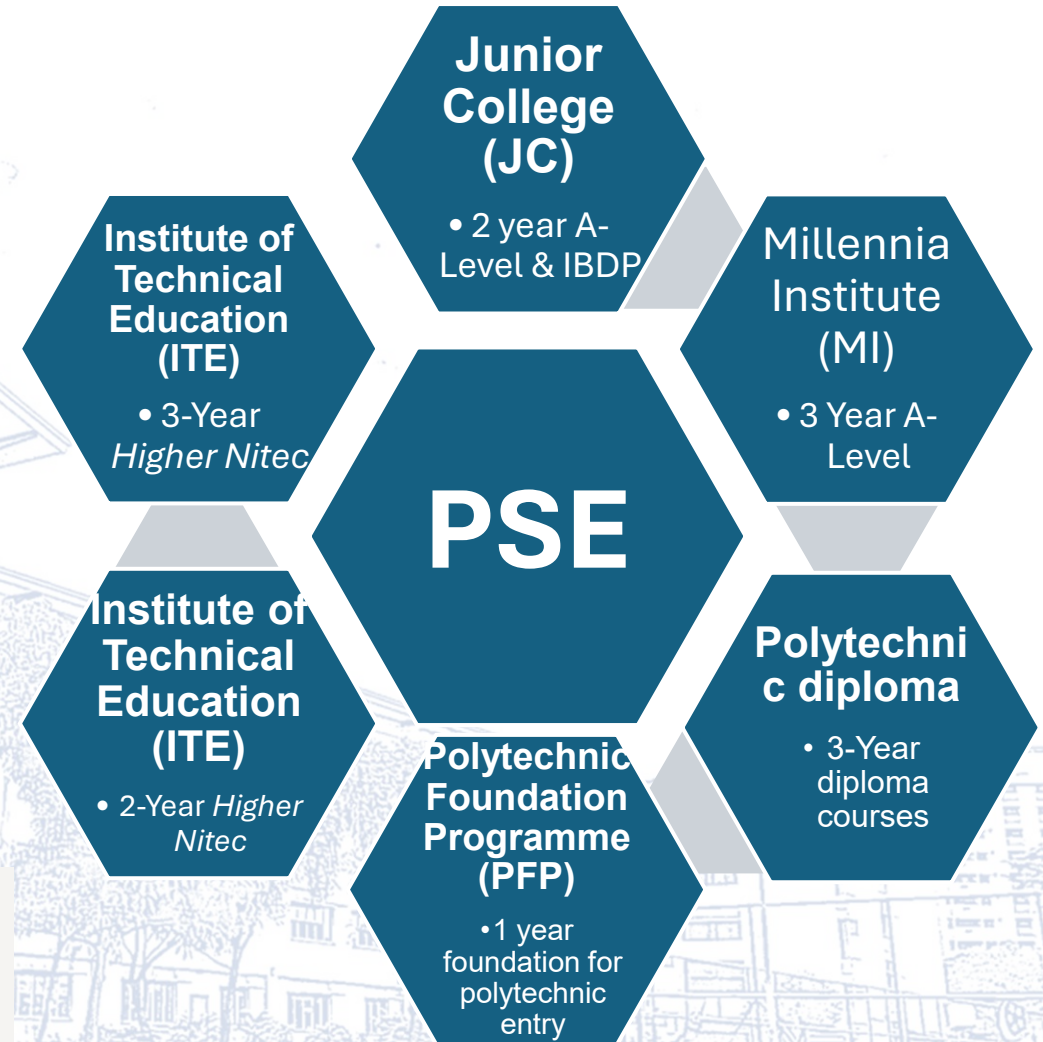
The illustration shows a male student with brown hair sitting at a desk with a laptop, and a female student with blue hair standing next to him, holding a smartphone. Above them is a thought bubble containing a digital application form. The form is titled 'Application' and has two columns of choices, each with a '< Select course >' button. A 'Submit' button is located below the choices. The background of the illustration is a light pink cloud shape.

Application	
Choice 1 < Select course >	Choice 7 < Select course >
Choice 2 < Select course >	Choice 8 < Select course >
Choice 3 < Select course >	Choice 9 < Select course >
Choice 4 < Select course >	Choice 10 < Select course >
Choice 5 < Select course >	Choice 11 < Select course >
Choice 6 < Select course >	Choice 12 < Select course >

Submit

Available Pathways

- Junior Colleges (JC)
- Millennia Institute (MI)
- Polytechnic Diploma programmes
- Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
- ITE 2-Year *Higher Nitec*
- ITE 3-Year *Higher Nitec*



 The option of 5th year in secondary school will continue to be made available for eligible students, who can apply directly at the secondary schools.

More Post-Secondary Options

For students taking at least:

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
ITE	Higher Nitec Certification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)	Progression to Poly Yr 1		✓		NEW ✓	NEW ✓
Poly Yr 1	Diploma				NEW ✓	✓
JC/MI	A Levels					NEW ✓
Arts Institutions (AIs)	Diploma		✓	NEW ✓	✓	✓

Overview of Post-Sec Pathways



**Institute of
Technical Education**

**Higher Nitec
Certification**
(2/3 years)



Polytechnic

Diploma
(3 years)
Poly Foundation Programme
(+1 yr)



**Junior College/
Millennia Institute**

A-Levels
(2/3 years)



**Arts
Institutions**

Art Diploma
(3 years)
NAFA Foundation
(+1 yr)

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

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Programme Admission Requirements

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
ITE	Higher Nitec Certification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- **3-yr Higher NITEC:** 4x G1 subjects* [admission based on G1]
- **2-yr Higher NITEC:** Combination of at least 5x G3/G2 subjects
Raw ELMAB3 ≤ 19 * [admission based on G2]

* + subject grade requirements depending on course

Note

Students who offer mostly G1 subjects may first progress to Year 1 of the 3-year Higher Nitec. If a student scores a GPA of 3.7 or better in Year 1 Sem 1, they can progress to Year 2 Sem 2 after a 3-month bridging programme. Course duration is reduced to 2 years 3 months



Downward grade mapping table from G2 to G1	
G2	G1
1	A
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	C
6	D
	E

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

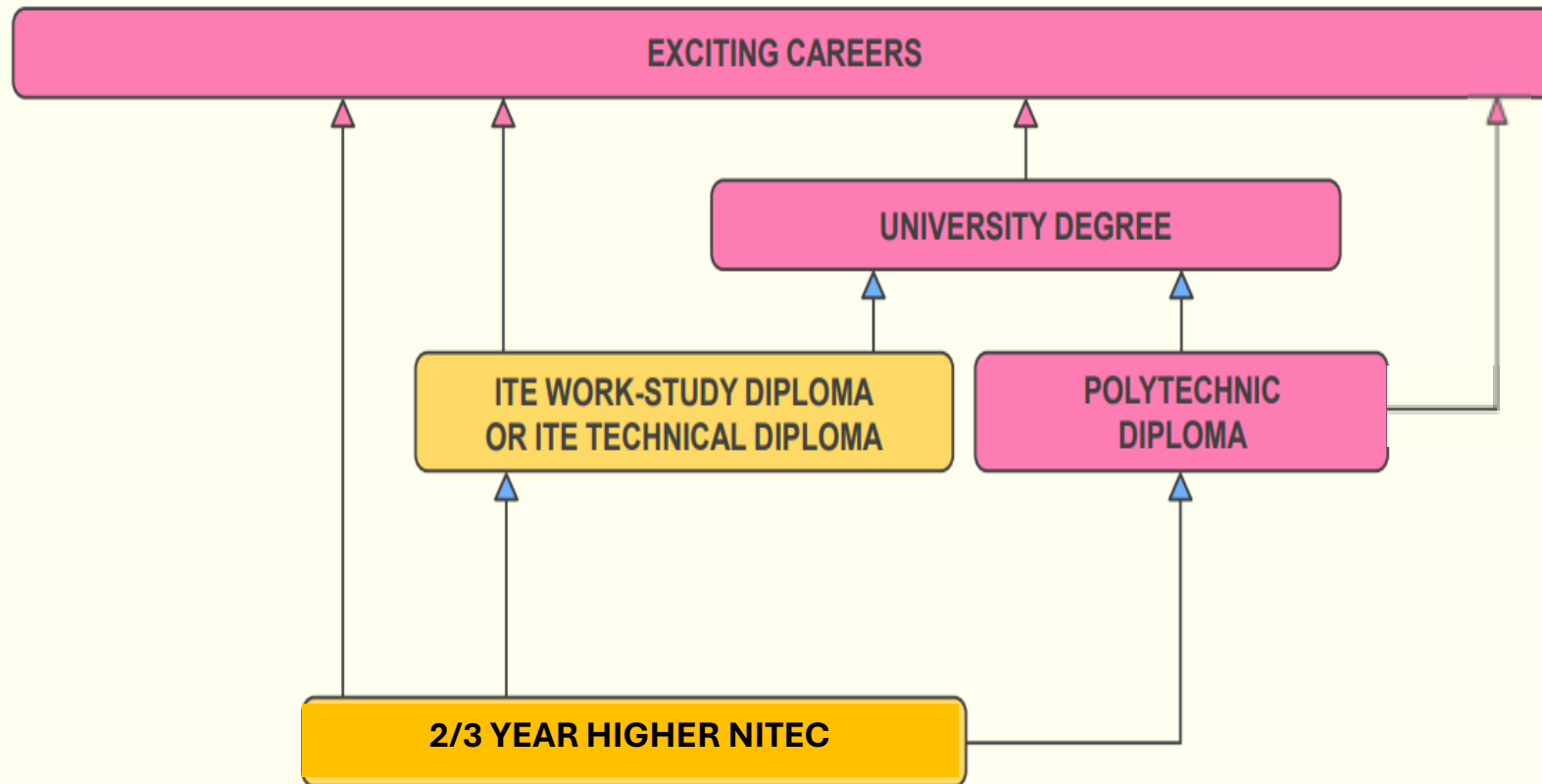
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Who is it for?

- For students with an aptitude for more **hands-on/applied learning**
- Learn **technical skills & knowledge** for various industries
- **Interest in specific areas**
- Good **foundation for courses mapped to polytechnic**
- Popular ITE courses are difficult to enter - some courses require students to get almost all Grade As for four subjects.

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS



Progression from ITE

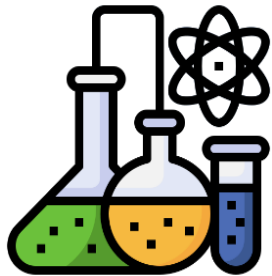
- From the AY2027 poly intake
- ➔ Higher NITEC students with a **GPA of 3.5** will be **guaranteed admission to a polytechnic course** mapped to their current Higher NITEC course
- ➔ **the minimum entry requirement** for ITE students to progress to polytechnics will be **GPA 2.5**
- ITE Work-Study Diploma and Technical Diploma, NAFA and LASALLE diplomas

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

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Programme

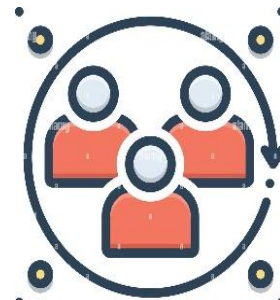
- 1yr foundation programme + 3yr Poly Diploma
- PFP students will enter **ONE** of these clusters:



i) Sciences



ii) Design, Engineering,
Technology



iii) Humanities, Arts,
Media & Business

before posting to a specific diploma course based on their interest
and PFP performance.

* Except for **Nursing, Early Childhood**



Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

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Admission Requirements

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)	Progression to Poly Yr 1		✓		 ✓	 ✓

- ✓ Min requirement: **5 G2 subjects**
- ✓ **EMB3 ≤ 12** + subject grade requirements

Subject Requirements for PFP	
G2 Subjects	Min Grade Requirement
English Language	3
Mathematics	3
Relevant Subject	3
Two “Best” Subjects	4

- Students taking **G3 or a mix of G2/G3** subjects will be allowed to apply to PFP [admission based on G2]

Polytechnic Year 1

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Admission Requirements

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
Poly Yr 1	Diploma				 ✓	✓

- ✓ Min requirement: **4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects**
- ✓ **Net ELR2B2 $\leq$ 22*** + min entry requirements (MER) of each course
- ✓ One G2 subject can be counted as a [B] subject
- ✓ Students who offer both [B] subjects at G3 will have their [B] subject with a lower grade mapped from G3 to G2

*For Nursing, net aggregate cut-off admission will be 24

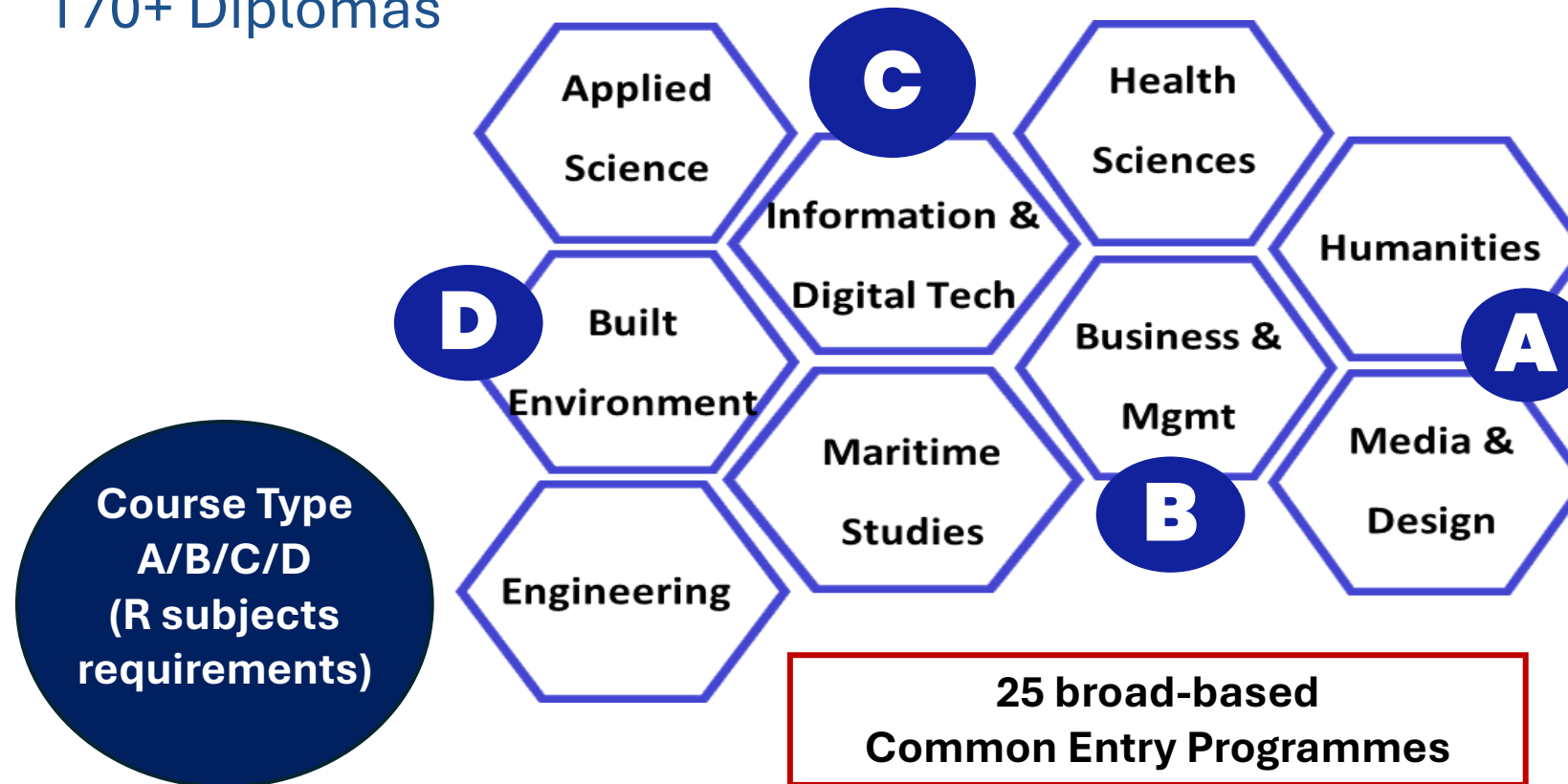
Downward grade mapping table from G3 to G2	
G3	G2
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7	3
E8	4
9	5
	6

Polytechnic Year 1

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Programme

- 3 years of Skills-building Education leading to a Diploma
- 170+ Diplomas



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THE INNOVATIVE POLYTECHNIC

NGEE ANN
POLYTECHNIC

REPUBLIC
POLYTECHNIC
DISCOVER. TRANSFORM. ACHIEVE

SINGAPORE
POLYTECHNIC **SP**

Temasek
POLYTECHNIC

Life of a Polytechnic Student



Get Ready for the Real World: An Industry-Driven Education



Life & Career Competencies



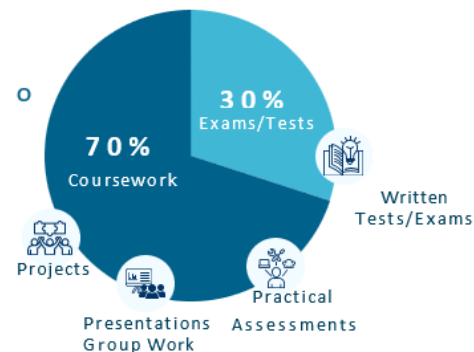
Knowledge & Innovation



Industry Skills

Applied Assessments for Real Life

- Continual Assessments
- Grade Point Average (GPA) – no major exam

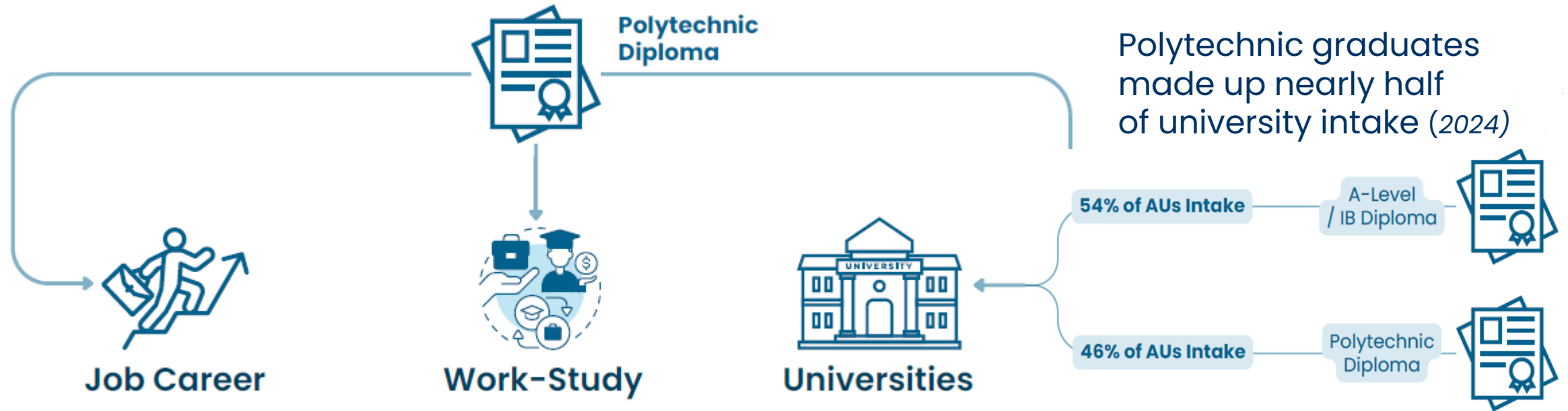


Student Life



- Competitions, Workshops
- Overseas internships, immersion, community
- CCAs

Progress Beyond Polytechnic



2 in 3 polytechnic graduates begin their careers, and 1 in 3 enter universities.

Poly



Junior College / Millennia Institute

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Admission Requirements

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
JC/MI	A Levels					 ✓

- ✓ JC: 5x G3 subjects (raw L1R4 ≤ 16)
- ✓ MI: 5x G3 subjects (raw L1R4 ≤ 20)



Subject requirements under revised L1R4 criteria

Component	Subjects	JC:	Now L1R5	2028 JAE L1R4
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue		✓	✓
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities		✓	✓
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Mathematics or Science		✓	✓
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science		✓	✓
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subject		✓	✓
R5	Any 1 best-scoring subject		✓	

Component	Subjects	MI:	Now L1R4	2028 JAE L1R4
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue	English or Higher Mother Tongue		
R1	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities		
R2	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Mathematics or Science		
R3	Best-Scoring Any 1 best-scoring subject	Relevant Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science		
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subject	Any 1 best-scoring subject		

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Grade requirements for specific subjects

Subject	Grade
English Language	1-6
Any 1 Mathematics	1-7
Any 1 Mother Tongue Language (MTL): - MTL: Chinese, Malay, Tamil - MTL approved by MOE in lieu of an official MTL (MTL-in-lieu): Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, French, German, Japanese, Arabic, Burmese, Thai	HMTL: 1-8 at G3 MTL: 1-7 at G3 1-5 at G2 - A-D at G1

Junior College / Millennia Institute

Revised Bonus Point System

Type of Bonus Points

Points

CCA Grade	Excellent: 2
	Good: 1
EL and HMTL Grade ◦ A1 to C6 for both subjects	2
Chinese/Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia Grade ◦ A1 to C6	2
Affiliated JC	2

Now

MAXIMUM OF
4 from any combination

2028 JAE

MAXIMUM OF
3 from any combination

No change

Additional 2 bonus points are still awarded if a student has applied and is selected for the Chinese, Malay, or Tamil Language Elective Programme.

Junior College / Millennia Institute

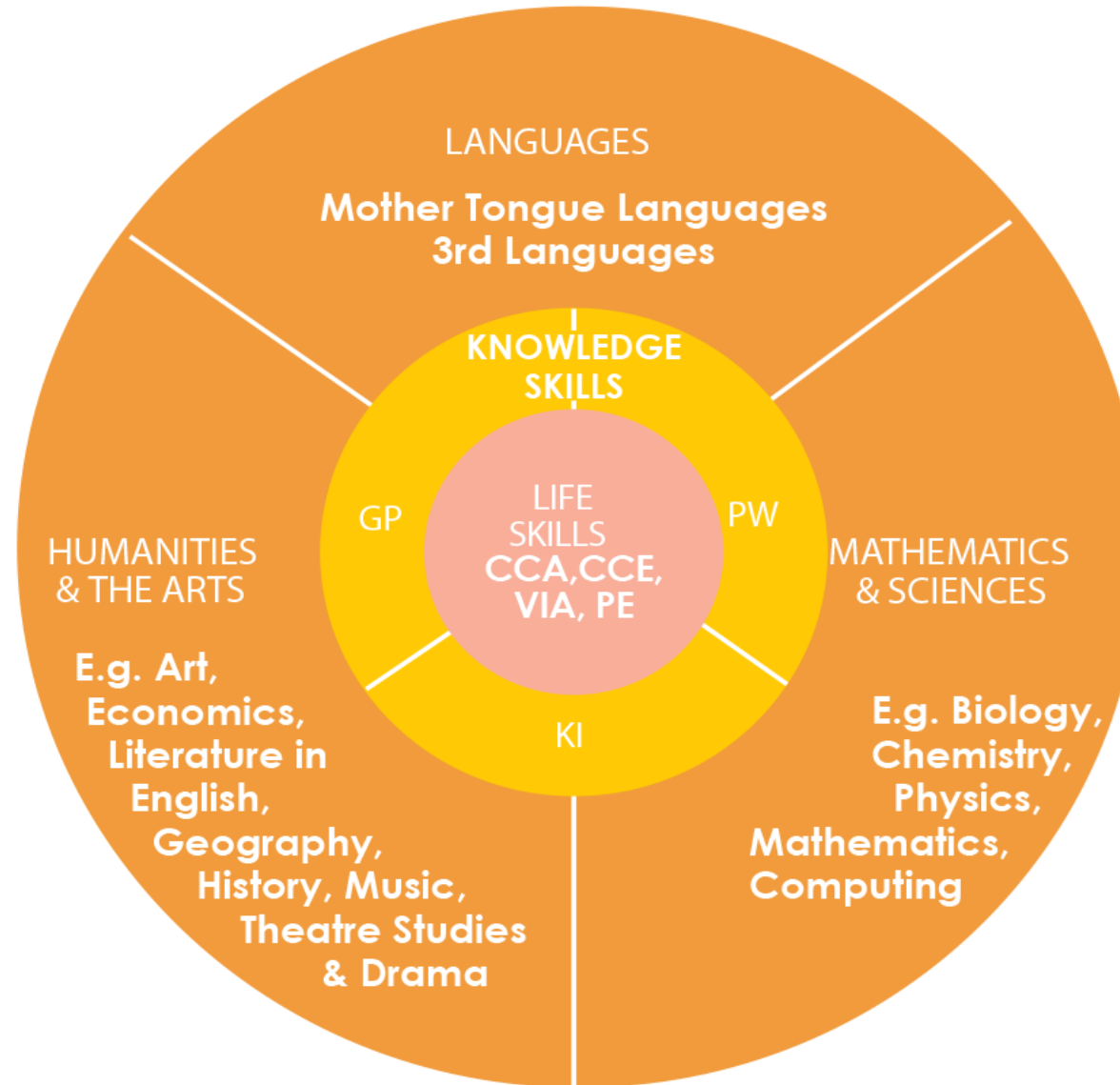
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Programme

GCE A Levels

JC: 2yr

MI: 3yr



Life of a Junior College / Millennia Institute Student

Fuel Your Curiosity: A Journey Through Discovery



Life Skills



Knowledge Skills



Subject Disciplines

Assessments: Designed for Growth

JC/MI uses a range of assessments to support learning and development.

Some examples include:

- Assignments
- Examinations
- Project work
- Fieldwork
- Laboratory work
- Performative tasks
- Research essays



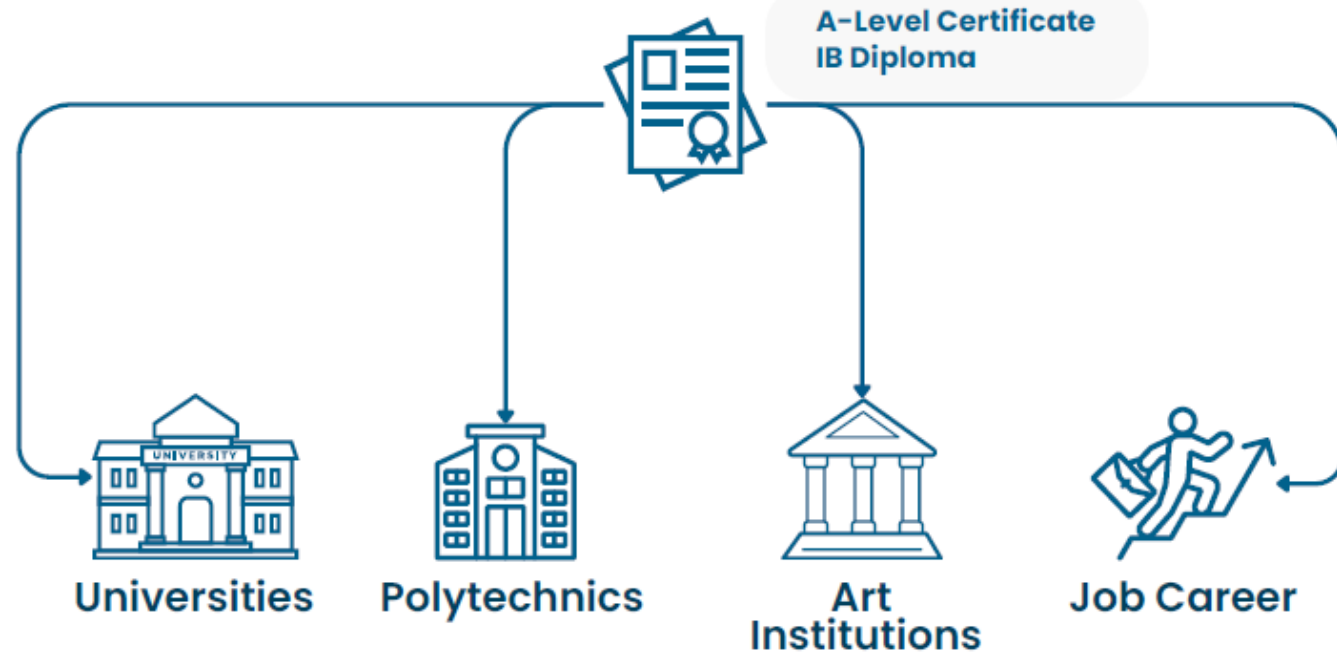
Deepening Your Experience

Rigorous academic experience that emphasizes **deep understanding of subject foundations** through independent, **self-directed** learning and **critical thinking**.

Structured time-tables with **teacher guidance**
Pre-lecture readings may have to be completed online.



Progress Beyond JC/MI



4 in 5 A-Level and IB graduates enrol in local universities.

** IB offers a different suite of subjects from A-Level.*



JC/MI

Arts Institutions

1 Admission Requirements

Pathway		4 G1 subjects	5 G2 subjects	3 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects	5 G3 subjects
Als	Diploma		✓	 ✓	✓	✓

✓ **3 G3+1 G2 subjects* (Raw ≤ 21)**

*exclude English (min C6)

✓ **NAFA Foundation**

5 G2 (raw ELMAB3 ≤ 15)

UAS University of the Arts Singapore

2 Programme

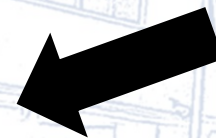
- **3-yr Diploma**
- **NAFA Foundation: 1+3 years Diploma**



- Art & Design
- Performing Arts
- Arts Management
- 1-yr Foundation programme



- Fine Arts
- Film & Animation
- Design Communications
- Interior Design
- Fashion
- Music/Dance & Theatre
- Arts Management



5th Year

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Admission Requirements

- ✓ **ELMAB3 (computed at G2)** will be used to determine students' eligibility for the 5th year
- ✓ Sec 4 students offering mostly G2 subjects progressing to 5th year
 - if **ELMAB3 $\leq$ 19** → can **upgrade to all G3 subjects at 5th year**
 - if **ELMAB3 $\leq$ 21** → may access 5th year (in 2028) but students will **continue to offer most subjects at G2 level**

Aptitude-based Admissions

	What is it?	Who Can Apply?	Main Criterion	Application
DSA-JC	Direct School Admission (DSA-JC) allows students to apply to DSA school <u>before</u> SEC exams.	Sec 4/5 Students (5G3)	Based on talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas that may not be demonstrated at the O-Level examinations.	Early May
Poly EAE	Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE) allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to Poly <u>before</u> SEC exams.	Sec 4/5 Students (4G3+1G2)	Based on students' aptitude and interest in a field related to the diploma course they are applying for.	Jun
ITE EAE	Institute of Technical Education Early Admission Exercise (ITE EAE) allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE <u>before</u> SEC exams.	Sec 4/ 5 Students (G1/2/3)		Mid May

Aptitude-based Admissions

APPLICATION



SELECTION



INTERVIEW

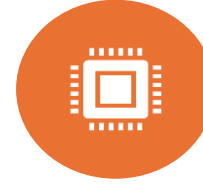


OFFER
ACCEPTANCE



WITHDRAWAL

✓ **Write-up**
✓ **Portfolio**



LEARNING
JOURNEYS/
TALKS BY
ITE/POLY/JCS



DSA/ EAE
BRIEFINGS



EAE WRITE-UP



INTERVIEW
PREPARATION



ECG
CONSULTATION
AND SUPPORT
FOR DSA/EAE
APPLICANTS



ECG CHECK-
IN/ ADVICE ON
DSA/EAE
OFFERS

Supporting Our Children in their Post-Sec Pathway

Which pathway should I choose?



Recognise that our children are unique

- **Strengths** – Which subjects do they understand without difficulty?
- **Interests** – Which subjects interest them the most? What activities do they enjoy?
- **Aspirations**



Be aware of the various pathways

- Purpose of qualifications?
- Learning Environment?
- Student Life?



Guide them to set targets in working towards their goals. Encourage them to embrace mistakes/failures as opportunities for growth.

Resources



Post-Secondary Admissions
Exercise (PSE) | MOE

PSE Website

(for information on Post-Secondary
Admissions Exercise)



SchoolFinder | MOE

SchoolFinder

*(The current JC and MI course information is for
students entering these institutions before 2028.
2027 SEC graduating cohort should check back
in mid-2027 for updated information.)*



Singpass - Register for
Singpass

Apply for Singpass early
(for access to Post-Sec Portal)



CourseFinder | MOE

CourseFinder

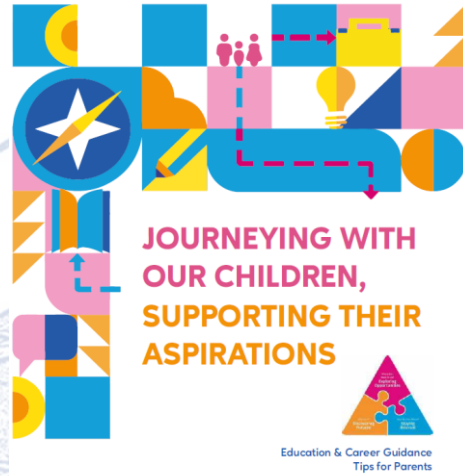
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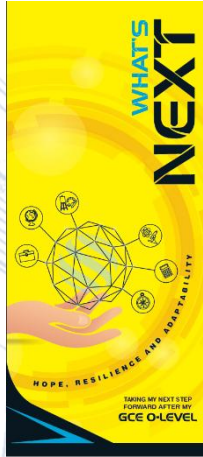
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**MOE
Infographics –
Post Sec
Pathways**

Resources



This parent resource contains tips and advice on ECG and how parents can support their children throughout their key education stages. Parents can access the soft copy at: <https://go.gov.sg/tips-for-parents>



This ECG pamphlet <https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-olevel> helps to scaffold the decision-making process for students at key education stages. Assist your children in the exploration of the interactive microsite.



Leverage the *Education Guide* feature in the MySkillsFuture portal <https://go.gov.sg/MySFSec> to help your students plan their next step forward after their secondary education.

Start Your Education & Career Journey Now!



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CHAT WITH YOUR ECG COUNSELLOR



Wednesday
Thursday



8AM - 4PM



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For Appointment Booking

