

Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)

General Information

Dear Parents, Guardians and our newly-posted Secondary 1 Students,

A warm welcome to Geylang Methodist School (Secondary).

Under Full Subject-Based Banding or Full SBB, Secondary 1 students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of different strengths and interests. With Full SBB, we are moving towards a secondary school education where students learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs. Under Full SBB, MOE will expand Subject-Based Banding (SBB) beyond the four PSLE subjects, to allow eligible students to offer Humanities subjects at a more demanding level from Secondary 2. Other subjects such as Art, Design and Technology, Food and Consumer Education, PE, CCE and Music will be offered as an accompanying set of Common Curriculum subjects at lower secondary. More information will be provided at the Secondary 1 Meet-the-Parents session.

To help you settle into the new school environment, you may find it useful to note the following:

1. School Attire

School uniform must be purchased from our school supplier only.

The uniform can be purchased in school on the following dates:

Date	Day	Level/ Stream	Time	Venue
23 Dec 2021	Thurs	Walk-in purchase / Self-Collection for online purchase & FAS Collection for Sec 1 2022	9 am - 4 pm	Classroom (Level 1)
27 Dec 2021	Mon			
28 Dec 2021	Tue	Walk-in purchase / Self-Collection for online purchase		
29 Dec 2021	Wed			
30 Dec 2021	Thurs			

We seek your cooperation to have only **one** parent and/or student to be in school for the pick-up or purchase of uniforms. Due to safe distancing measures in view of Covid-19, online purchase of uniforms is strongly encouraged. In addition, please note that there will be no trying of uniforms for walk-in purchase in the school.

As such, we strongly encourage parents to make your purchase via Bibi & Baba's online platform (<https://www.schooluniforms.sg/geylang-methodist-secondary-school>).

Alternatively, school uniforms can also be purchased directly from the school supplier, BiBi & BaBa, at #02-28, Far East Shopping Centre, Orchard Road.

Guidelines on Socks & Shoes

Only white socks, at least of ankle length are allowed.

Track shoes of at least 70% white may be worn (front, tongue, back must be white)

Coloured Track shoes may be worn on Fridays only.

2. Books and Materials

Books can be purchased from the school bookshop or via the online platform. Please refer to the Sec 1 booklist 2022 on the school website for more details.

The books can be purchased in school on the following recommended dates:

Date	Day	Level/ Stream	Time	Venue
22 Dec 2021	Wed	Walk-in purchase for 2022 Sec 1 FAS students and parents only	9 am - 3 pm	Classroom (Level 1)
23 Dec 2021	Thu		9 am - 3 pm	
24 Dec 2021	Fri	Self-collection for online purchase Sec 1 only	9 am - 12 pm	
27 Dec 2021	Mon		9 am - 3 pm	
28 Dec 2021	Tue		9 am - 3 pm	
29 Dec 2021	Wed		9 am - 3 pm	

We seek your cooperation to have only **one** parent and/or student to be in school for the pick-up or purchase of textbooks and materials. Due to safe distancing measures, online purchase of textbooks and materials is strongly encouraged.

We strongly encourage parents to make your purchase via the Pacific Bookstores' online platform (<https://www.pacificbookstores.com>). Home delivery or Self-Collection is available for all online purchases.

3. Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

Secondary 1 students posted to the N(A) and N(T) courses may be offered English/ Mathematics/ Science/ Mother Tongue Language at a higher level, based on their PSLE AL Score for each subject. Students can choose to accept or reject the offer.

PSLE eligibility criteria for offering higher level subjects:

PSLE subjects offered under SBB (Sec)	PSLE subject level	PSLE AL Score for the specific subject	Option to take the Secondary 1 subject at
English Language	Standard	AL 5 or better	Express/ N(A) level
Mathematics		AL 6	N(A) level
Science	Foundation	AL A	N(A) level
Mother Tongue Language			

Eligible students will receive SBB Offer Letters stating that they qualify for SBB in the subject area via PG. Parents/guardians are reminded to give consent via PG by 27 December 2021 (Monday).

For further enquiries, please contact Miss Wendy Wong at wong_yoke_chan_wendy@moe.edu.sg.

4. Higher Mother Tongue Language

Please note that students who took Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) in Primary Six are not automatically eligible for HMT in secondary school.

Eligibility criteria to offer HMTL in secondary school:

Students with a PSLE Score of 8 or better and offer MTL at PSLE, **or** students with a PSLE Score of 9-14 and obtained AL1/AL2 in MTL or D/M in HMTL.

- The student would have received an MOE offer letter stating that the student qualifies for HMTL in secondary school. Students can choose to accept or reject the offer.
- Eligible students will receive HMTL Offer Letters stating that they qualify for HMTL via PG. Parents/guardians are reminded to give consent via PG by 27 December 2021 (Monday).
OR
- Based on the student's Secondary One results, the school and language centre will select and recommend nominated students to study HMTL in secondary school.
 - Higher Chinese Language: Student's Semester 1 and Semester 2 Chinese Language results
 - Higher Malay and Tamil Language: According to the requirements of the Language Centres

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Li Ping at li_ping@moe.edu.sg.

5. MTL "B"

Eligibility criteria to offer MTLB in secondary school:

for students offered Express or N(A) course: AL7 or 8 in Standard MTL OR AL B or C in Foundation MTL

The students will have to study MTL 'B' at a centre of their choice outside curriculum time.

Students, who are successful in their application, will receive PG notification from school that they qualify for MTLB.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Li Ping at li_ping@moe.edu.sg.

6. 3rd Language (L3)

- The L3s which students are eligible for are indicated on their S1 Option Form. If a particular L3 is not indicated, it means they are not eligible for that L3.
- Students to indicate the choices of L3 via (i) the S1 Internet System or (ii) through his/her primary school.

Eligibility criteria to offer L3:

Category	Language	Remark
1	Malay (Special Prog)	Offered at zonal centres. Student must not have offered ML/Higher ML at PSLE.

	Chinese (Special Prog)	Offered at zonal centres. Student must not have offered CL/Higher CL at PSLE.
2	Arabic	Offered only at MOELC Bishan. Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better. For Bahasa Indonesia, students must not have offered ML/HML as their MTL at PSLE. SC/PR or children of SC/PR.
	Bahasa Indonesia	
3	French	Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 8 or better. If number of applicants more than vacancies, applicants are selected based on PSLE results. SC/PR or children of SC/PR Offered CL/ML/TL/NTIL at PSLE. To offer Japanese, students must have offered Chinese/Higher Chinese at PLSE.
	German	
	Japanese	
	Spanish	

*Students who have been assigned M(SP) / C(SP) zonal centres must register online at the respective zonal centres websites to accept the offer.

*Students who have been offered an Foreign Language must register with MOELC to accept the offer.

Students, who are successful in their application, will receive PG notification from school that they qualify for specific 3rd Language and registration matters.

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7. School Hours

Reporting Time: 7.15 am

Dismissal Time: According to class timetable

* *Dismissal time on 4 January 2021, Tuesday will be at 1.15pm.*

There is a silent reading programme every day from 7.15 am to 7.30 am at the assembly ground / classroom. Students should bring an English book to school for this.

Students will be considered late if they are not at the assembly ground / classroom by 7.25am.

8. Sec 1 Orientation 2-Day Non-Residential Camp

Date: 6 and 7 January 2022 (Thursday and Friday)

Venue: Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)

Time: 7.15am – 5pm (both days)

9. Photograph-Taking

The school will arrange for a photographer to be present on 11 January 2022 (Tuesday), during curriculum or after school hours. It is compulsory for photographs to be taken by the school in order to facilitate school administration matters.

10. Secondary 1 CCA Trials

Date	Day	Time
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10 January 2022	Monday	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm
12 January 2022	Wednesday	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm
14 January 2022	Friday	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Attire: PE attire

* Attendance is compulsory