

Pathways and Subject Combination Briefing (FAQ)

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1	My child takes Higher Chinese Language and will be taking Chinese Language at the end of next year in Sec 3. If he/she gets A1 or A2, can he/she use it as one of the R4 if English Language is his/ her L1 subject?	Yes, HCL can be used as R4. However, CL and HCL cannot be used as two subjects for computation.
2	If my child scores all As for all his/her G1 subjects, can he/she take all G2 subjects in Sec 3? Similarly in Sec 3, if he/she scores all As in his/her G2 subjects, can he/she be offered all G3 subjects?	No, there is no more lateral transfer. Your child may be offered some subjects at a more demanding level, but not all subjects.
3	If my child is thinking of choosing Triple Science combination, what are the non-science subjects he/she can take?	For triple science combination, your child can only select Social Studies / Elective Humanities as the 4 th subject. The rest of the subjects are fixed.
4	How does the school determine if a student can take Chemistry & Biology or Chemistry & Physics, if these combinations are over-subscribed?	We will rank all students who apply and are eligible for the same combination by merit and select the best performing students to fill the vacancies.
5	What does POA stand for? Is it a Humanities subject?	POA stands for Principles of Accounts. It is an elective subject offered in secondary schools, focusing on developing students' understanding of accounting principles and their application in business decision-making. It is not a Humanities subject. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories.
6	If my child does not do well in his/her Pure Science subjects in Sec 3, what is the implication for him/her in Sec 4? How will it affect his/her application to Junior Colleges?	We will do our best to guide your child to do well. If your child struggles for both pure sciences, one possible option is to drop to combined science. If your child is only struggling with one of the two pure science subjects, then the only implication is the choice of science subjects in JC. Since double science combination is a 7 subject combination and JC admission requires just 5 subjects (L1R4), your child can still apply for JC.
7	When do the students need to choose their preferred subject combination?	They will choose after they received their End-of-Year results release.
8	What does ESS stand for? Is it a Humanities subject? Can it be considered as R4?	ESS stands for Exercise and Sports Science. The subject is under the purview of the Physical Education department as a coursework subject. It is categorised as 'Others' in GCE 'O' level subject categories and can be considered as R4.

9	Can a student taking Triple Science drop one of the subjects later in the academic year if he/she is struggling to keep up?	It is not recommended as the time spent could have been used more fruitfully. If your child really cannot cope, dropping one of the pure sciences may be an option. However, we want to stress that your child should only opt for triple science if he/she is confident to do well with the added load and not treat the first year as a “trial period”.										
10	If the student decides on the JC path, how can G3 Music help as one of the subjects?	G3 Music can be used as R4 for the computation of L1R4. It is categorised as ‘Others’ in GCE ‘O’ level subject categories.										
11	How do Bonus Points for affiliated JC admission work?	<p>If you are referring to bonus points for affiliated JC, it is 2 points. If you are referring to Bonus Points for JAE admission, it is capped at 3 points for admission to JC.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="954 703 1279 955"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Bonus Points</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CCA Grade</td> <td>Excellent: 2 Good: 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EL and HMTL Grade ◦ A1 to C6 for both subjects</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinese/Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia Grade ◦ A1 to C6</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Affiliated JC</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div data-bbox="1312 718 1502 814" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Max. 3 Bonus points from any combination</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1312 829 1502 966" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Additional 2 Bonus Points For students who has applied and is selected for the Chinese, Malay, or Tamil Language Elective programme.</p> </div> <p>You can refer to: https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae/junior-colleges-and-millennia-institute</p>	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
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12	How can we get an exemption from MTL like Hindi which happens on weekends at external sites?	<p>You may apply for MTL exemption for your child at secondary school, if he/she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is returning from overseas and had no opportunity to learn an official MTL (Chinese Language, Malay Language or Tamil Language), a Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL) or an approved Foreign Language or Asian Language for a sustained period of time. • Has special educational needs, with severe difficulties in coping with overall learning. <p>For more information, you can visit https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages/exemption</p>										