



Subject Combination Briefing 2027

For Students

Timeline



Month	Event
17 April	Briefing to students
17 April	Subject Combination slides to parents/guardians via PG and school website
23 April	Briefing to parents/guardians
End July	Subject Combination Survey Briefing to students
Mid October	Final briefing to students and briefing slides to parents/guardians via PG and school website
Mid October	Subject Combination Selection Exercise
Early November	Release of results for Subject Combination Allocation Exercise
Early November	Appeal Period
End November	Release of Final Appeal Results

Objectives of this Briefing



- To facilitate conversation between parents and child for greater clarity on their child's interests, strengths, and to better understand the requirements and demands of the respective subject combinations and the possible post-secondary pathways.
- To ensure that students are aware of the **selection criteria**.

PREDOMINANT SUBJECT LEVEL



English, Math, Science and one Humanities Subject are used to determine the predominant subject level.

Student A

G3 English

G2 Chinese

G3 Math

G2 Science

G2 Geography

G2 Literature

G2 History

Predominantly **G2** Subjects

Student B

G3 English

G2 Chinese

G3 Math

G3 Science

G3 Geography

G2 Literature

G2 History

Predominantly **G3** Subjects

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS



Compulsory subjects

- G1 English Language (G1 EL)
- Mother Tongue (MT) **unless exempted by MOE*
- G1 Elementary Mathematics (G1 Math)
- G1 Science (G1 Sc)
- G1 Computing (G1 Com)

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS



Elective Subjects (Choose 1)

- G1 Elements of Business Skills (EBS)
- G1/G3 Nutrition and Food Science (NFS)
- G3 Design and Technology (D&T)
- G3 Art

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS

Subject Combination **A** for 2027



	Combi A 6 subjects (Predominantly G1 in Sec 2)	
Sub 1	G1 EL	compulsory
Sub 2	* H/G3/G2/G1 MT	compulsory
Sub 3	G1 MATH	compulsory
Sub 4	G1 SC	compulsory
Sub 5	G1 COM	compulsory
Sub 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G1 EBS• G1 NFS• G3 NFS• G3 D&T• G3 ART	choose one

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi A)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
G1 Element of Business Skills	At least <u>50%</u> in G1 EL
G1 Nutrition and Food Science	At least <u>50%</u> in Sec 2 FCE
G3 Nutrition and Food Science	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 FCE & pass G2 EL
G3 Design and Technology	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 D&T
G3 Art	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 ART

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students taking predominantly G1 subjects in Secondary 2 will take 6 subjects when they progress to Secondary 3.

Note: Students who are officially exempted from Mother Tongue may take 5 subjects.

- Students will rank their choices of the 6th subject using the ALL EARS platform (where 1st choice is the most preferred and 5th choice is the least).
- Being eligible for a combination does not guarantee that you will get the combination. It is also dependent on your choice and the vacancies in each subject combination.

PREDOMINANTLY G1 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students taking predominantly G1 subjects in Secondary 2 will select from **Combination A** (for the 6th subject) even if they are currently taking some subjects at more demanding level (MDL). The school will inform those who are eligible to continue to take these subjects at MDL in Sec 3 **separately**.
- Students who do very well in G1 subjects may be eligible to offer these subjects at MDL in Sec 3. Eligible students will be informed **separately**.

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Compulsory subjects

- G2 English Language (G2 EL)
- Mother Tongue (MT) **unless exempted by MOE*
- G2 Elementary Mathematics (G2 Math)
- G2 Combined Science
Physics & Chemistry [G2 Sc(PC)] or Biology & Chemistry [G2 Sc(BC)]
- G2 Humanities
Social Studies with Elective Geography (G2 SS/EGY)
Social Studies with Elective History (G2 SS/HIS)
Social Studies with Elective Literature (G2 SS/LIT)

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Subjects offered in Secondary 3

- **G2 Combined Science**

Physics & Chemistry [G2 Sc(PC)]

Biology & Chemistry [G2 Sc(BC)]

- **G2 Humanities**

Social Studies with Elective Geography
(G2 SS/EGY)

Social Studies with Elective History
(G2 SS/HIS)

Social Studies with Elective Literature
(G2 SS/LIT)

- **G2 Additional Mathematics** (G2 A Math)

- **G2 Principles Of Accounts** (G2 POA)

- **G3 Art**

- **G3 Design and Technology** (G3 D&T)

- **G3 Nutrition and Food Science** (G3 NFS)

- **G3 Exercise and Sports Science** (G3 ESS)

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS

Subject Combination B



Combi B 6 or 7 subjects (At least G2 in EL, MA, SC and 1 Hum in Sec 2)		
Sub 1	G2 EL	compulsory
Sub 2	* H/G3/G2/G1 MT	compulsory
Sub 3	G2 MATH	compulsory
Sub 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">G2 SS/EGYG2 SS/EHYG2 SS/ELT	choose one
Sub 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">G2 Sc(BC)G2 Sc(PC)	choose one
Sub 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">G2 POAG3 D&TG3 NFSG3 ARTG3 ESS	choose one
Sub 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">G2 A MATH	optional

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi B)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
G2 A Math	At least <u>65%</u> in Sec 2 G2 Math
G3 Art	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 Art
G3 D&T	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 D&T
G3 NFS	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 FCE
G3 ESS	To offer Exercise and Sports Science: (i) At least <u>B grade for 2.4km run</u> , or to represent the school in a <u>competitive sport</u> (ii) <u>60%</u> in G2 Science (iii) <u>50%</u> in G2 EL

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students taking predominantly G2 subjects in Secondary 2 will take **6 or 7** subjects when they progress to Secondary 3.

Note: Students who are officially exempted from Mother Tongue may take 5 – 6 subjects.

- The 7th Subject (G2 A Math) is optional.

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students will rank their choices of subject combinations using the ALL EARS platform (where the 1st choice is the most preferred combination and the 5th choice is the least).
- Being eligible for a combination does not guarantee that you will get the combination. It is also dependent on your choice and the vacancies in each subject combination.
- Minimum enrolment to open a class for a specific subject: **15** students.

PREDOMINANTLY G2 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students taking predominantly G2 subjects in Secondary 2 will select from **Combination B** even if they are currently taking some subjects at G3 level. The school will inform those who are eligible to continue to take these subjects at G3 level in Sec 3 **separately**.
- Students who do very well in some G2 subjects may be eligible to offer these subjects at G3 level in Sec 3. Eligible students will be informed **separately**.
- The school will engage both students and parents when there is a need to consider taking certain subjects at less demanding level (LDL).

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Compulsory subjects

- G3 English Language (G3 EL)
- Mother Tongue (MT) **unless exempted by MOE*
- G3 Elementary Mathematics (G3 Math)
- G3 Pure Science/ Combined Science
- G3 Humanities
 - Social Studies with Elective Geography (G3 SS/EGY)
 - Social Studies with Elective History (G3 SS/HIS)
 - Social Studies with Elective Literature (G3 SS/LIT)

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Subjects offered in Secondary 3

- **G3 Chemistry** (G3 CHEM)
- **G3 Physics** (G3 PHY)
- **G3 Biology** (G3 BIO)
- **G3 Combined Science**
Physics & Chemistry [G3 Sc(PC)]
Biology & Chemistry [G3 Sc(BC)]
- **G3 Geography** (G3 GEO)
- **G3 History** (G3 HIS)
- **G3 Combined Humanities**
Social Studies with Elective Geography (G3 SS/EGY)
Social Studies with Elective History (G3 SS/HIS)
Social Studies with Elective Literature (G3 SS/LIT)
- **G3 Additional Mathematics** (G3 A MATH)
- **G3 Principles Of Accounts** (G3 POA)
- **G3 Art**
- **G3 Design and Technology** (G3 D&T)
- **G3 Nutrition and Food Science** (G3 NFS)
- **G3 Exercise and Sports Science** (G3 ESS)

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students taking predominantly G3 subjects in Sec 2 can take a range of 6 to 8 subjects.

Note:

Students who are officially exempted from Mother Tongue may take 5 – 7 subjects.

- Students are advised to select 8 subject combinations **only if they are confident that they can manage the demands for all 8 subjects.**

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

Students applying to JC from 2028 to use LIR4 score, requiring five O-level subjects instead of six

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With this change, students will need to get 16 points or fewer for their LIR4 score, which stands for one language and four relevant subjects, to qualify for JC.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/students-applying-to-jc-from-2028-to-use-l1r4-score-requiring-five-o-level-subjects-instead-of-six>

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

With this change, which will apply to those in this year's Secondary 2 batch, students will need to get **16 points** or fewer for their **L1R4** score, which stands for one language and four relevant subjects, to qualify for JC.

Currently, students must achieve an **L1R5** score of **20** or lower across six subjects to be eligible for JC admission.

“For students exploring the pre-university pathway, we want to create more time and space to build on their strengths and develop them holistically,” said Education Minister Chan Chun Sing.

“They will thus be able to devote more time and effort to pursue their interests, deepen their communication and collaboration skills through CCAs (co-curricular activities), and uncover new strengths through school programmes.”

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Students who are offered G3 Music should consider applying for 6 or 7 subjects in school.
- If your G3 Music lessons clash with your other lessons in school, the music lessons will take precedence.
- Students who sign up for the G3 Music are expected to follow through the programme for 2 years.

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Subject Combination C

	Combi C 6 or 7 subjects (combined science) (G3 in EL, MA, SC and 1 Hum in Sec 2)	
Sub 1	G3 EL	compulsory
Sub 2	* H/G3/G2/G1 MT	compulsory
Sub 3	G3 MATH	compulsory
Sub 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 SS/EGY• G3 SS/EHY• G3 SS/ELT	choose one
Sub 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 Sc(BC)• G3 Sc(PC)	choose one
Sub 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 A MATH• G3 POA• NIL	choose one
Sub 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 A MATH• G3 GEO• G3 HIS• G3 ESS• G3 D&T• G3 NFS• G3 ART• NIL	choose one

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi C)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
Additional Mathematics	At least <u>55%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Math
Geography	At least 2 G3 Humanities in Sec 2 and at least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Geo
History	At least 2 G3 Humanities in Sec 2 and at least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 G3 His
Art	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 Art
D&T	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 D&T
NFS	At least <u>60%</u> in Sec 2 FCE
ESS	At least <u>B grade for 2.4km run</u> , or to represent the school in a <u>competitive sport</u>

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Subject Combination D

	Combi D 7 subjects (2 Pure Sciences) (G3 in EL, MA, SC and 1 Hum in Sec 2)	
Sub 1	G3 EL	compulsory
Sub 2	* H/G3/G2/G1 MT	compulsory
Sub 3	G3 MATH	compulsory
Sub 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 SS/EGY• G3 SS/EHY• G3 SS/ELT	choose one
Sub 5	G3 CHEM	compulsory
Sub 6	G3 A MATH	compulsory
Sub 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 BIO• G3 PHY	choose one

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi D)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
<p>Double Pure Sciences Chem & Phy / Chem & Bio</p>	<p>At least <u>65%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Science and at least <u>55%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Math</p> <p>Students <u>MUST</u> take G3 A Math</p> <p>Students will <u>NOT</u> be taking an 8th subject (Geo, His, Art, D&T, NFS, ESS)</p>

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Subject Combination E

	Combi E 8 subjects (3 Pure Sciences) (G3 in EL, MA, SC and 1 Hum in Sec 2) or 8 subjects (2 Pure Sciences with 1 Core Humanity) (G3 in EL, MA, SC and 2 Hum in Sec 2)	
Sub 1	G3 EL	compulsory
Sub 2	* H/G3/G2/G1 MT	compulsory
Sub 3	G3 MATH	compulsory
Sub 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 SS/EGY• G3 SS/EHY• G3 SS/ELT	choose one
Sub 5	G3 CHEM	compulsory
Sub 6	G3 A MATH	compulsory
Sub 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G3 BIO• G3 GEO• G3 HIS	choose one
Sub 8	G3 PHY	compulsory

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi E)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
3 Pure Sciences	<p>At least <u>70%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Science and at least <u>55%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Math and MSG of G3 EMS & Best G3 Hum ≤ 2 and pass all subjects.</p> <p>Students <u>MUST</u> take G3 A Math</p> <p>Students taking Triple Pure Sciences are advised <u>NOT</u> to add on G3 Music.</p>

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Criteria for Eligibility (Combi E)

Subject	Minimum criteria for eligibility (<i>tentative</i>)
<p>2 Pure Sciences with 1 Core Humanities</p>	<p>At least <u>65%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Science and at least <u>55%</u> in Sec 2 G3 Math and at least 2 G3 Humanities subjects in Sec 2 with at least <u>60%</u> in chosen Humanities subject and MSG of EMS & Best Hum ≤ 2 and pass all subjects.</p> <p>Students <u>MUST</u> take G3 A Math</p> <p>Students taking 8 subjects are advised <u>NOT</u> to add on G3 Music.</p>

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Calculation of MSG for EMS and best Hum

SUBJECT	End-of-year Exam		SEMESTER 2		OVERALL	
	Mark	Grade	Mark	Grade	Mark	Grade
English Language	63	B4	62	B4	57	C5
Chinese Language	66	B3	66	B3	66	B3
Mathematics	97	A1	96	A1	92	A1
Science	80	A1	83	A1	78	A1
Humanities (Geography)	75	A1	77	A1	78	A1
Humanities (History)	77	A1	76	A1	73	A2
Humanities (Literature in English)	68	B3	70	A2	70	A2
Art	74		72		69	
Design & Technology	91		88		88	
Food & Consumer Education	VR	VR	VR	VR	72	
Music	-	-	-	-		A
Physical Education	-	-	-	-		-

BG = Beginning; DV = Developing; CP = Competent; PF = Proficient

$$\text{MSG} = (5 + 1 + 1 + 1) / 4 = 2.00$$

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



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- Minimum enrolment to open a class for a specific subject: **15** students.

PREDOMINANTLY G3 SUBJECTS



Important things to note

- Parents of identified students will be informed if there is a need to consider taking certain subjects at less demanding level (LDL).



Q&A



Thank You

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