

2025 SEC ONE REGISTRATION

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE MATTERS



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This Information is for:

- a) Students interested in and eligible for **Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL)**
- b) Students considering **Mother Tongue Language at Less Demanding Level (LDL)**
- c) Students taking **Tamil Language (TL)**
- d) Students taking **Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL)**, e.g., Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu
- e) Students who have applied to take **Third Languages (L3)**

HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES (HMTL)

Higher Mother Tongue Languages

- Our school conducts **Higher Chinese Language (HCL)** lessons for eligible Sec 1 students.
- **Higher Malay Language (HML)** classes are conducted at Anderson Secondary School (nearest to our school).
- **Higher Tamil Language (HTL)** classes are conducted at the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre (nearest to our school).
- Note: HML and HTL classes are conducted after curriculum hours between 3 to 6 pm, with days and timings decided by centres.

Why Study HMTL?

- HMTL offers students the chance to study their Mother Tongue language at a more advanced level
- Greater exposure to the Mother Tongue language and culture, to develop students' passion in the subject
- Note: Students offering HMTL will take the GCE O-Level MTL exam at the end of Sec 3, and the HMT exam in Sec 4

Why Study HMTL?

For JC/CI admission, students who obtain C6 and better for HMTL at O-levels will enjoy:

- 2 bonus points in L1R5 aggregate computation
- Able to use either HMTL or EL grade as L1 (better of the two)
- Note: HMTL has no direct impact on Polytechnic / ITE admission.

Eligibility for HMTL

- HMTL will be offered to all Sec 1 Express students who meet the criteria at PSLE
- For such students, parents will receive the **MOE Eligibility Letter** from our school via **Parents' Gateway**

Please acknowledge acceptance/rejection of the offer via Parents' Gateway by Tuesday, 24 December 2024 12 pm.

Eligibility Criteria for Secondary School HMTL

(i) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better

OR

(ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain

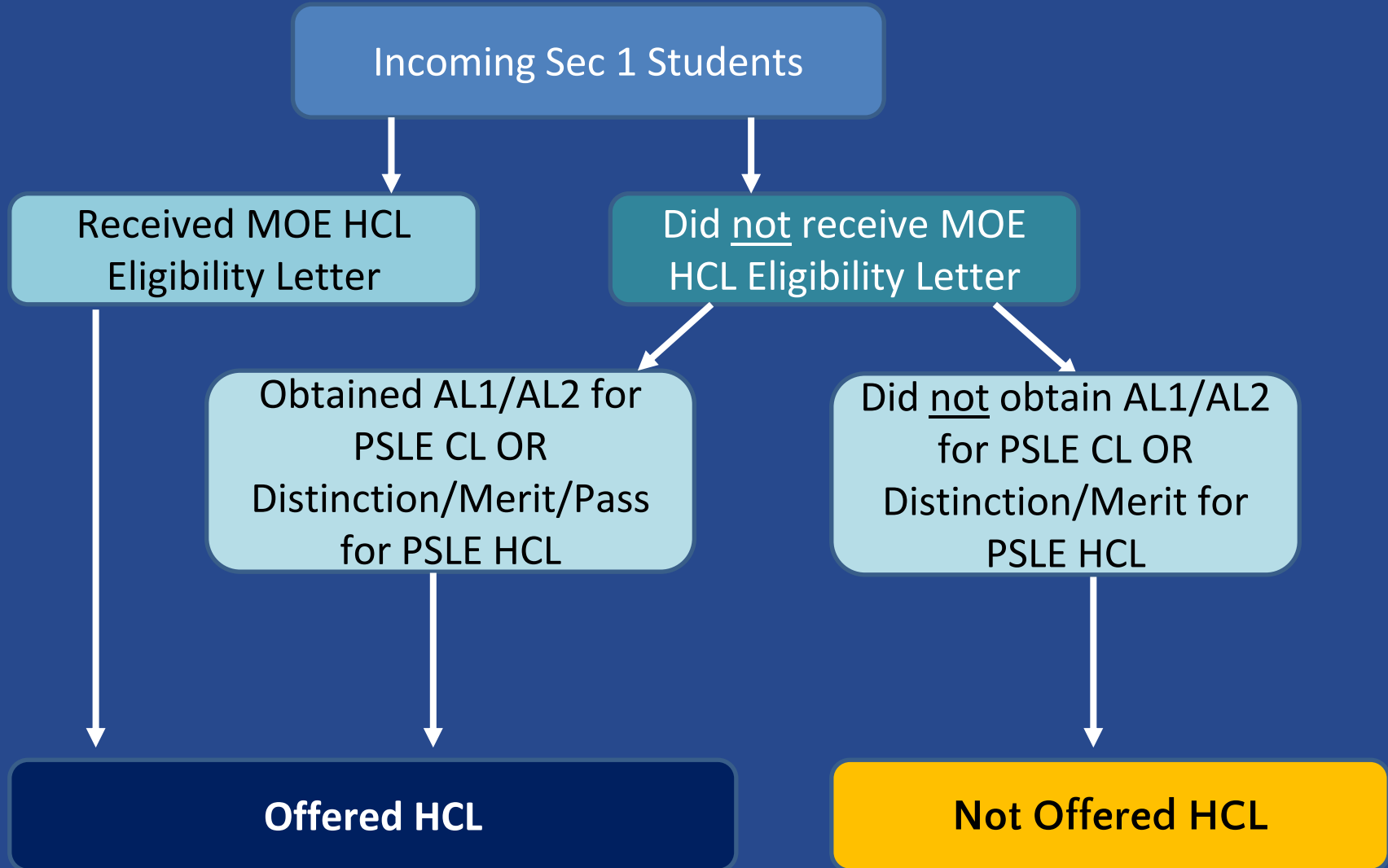
- **AL1/AL2 in MTL or**
- **Distinction/Merit in HMTL**

Eligibility for HCL

- Students who do not receive the MOE Eligibility Letter for HCL but scored at least Pass in PSLE Higher CL, or AL1/AL2 in PSLE CL will be issued a **letter of offer by the school via Parents' Gateway**.

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Sec 1 HCL Offer Process



MTL Textbooks & Workbooks

- **Do not** purchase the MTL books first if your child plans to take HMTL.
- If you have already bought them, keep the receipt and **do not** write their names on the books, so that you can exchange them at the bookshop if your child is offered HMTL.

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES at LESS DEMANDING LEVEL (LDL)



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Mother Tongue Languages at LDL

- Students with difficulties coping have the option to offer MTL at a less demanding level.

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at S1	PSLE AL for MTL	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to Offer MTL at a Less Demanding Level
G3	AL 6	AL A	G2
	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1 or G2
G2	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1

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TAMIL LANGUAGE (TL)



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Tamil Language (TL)

- Our school does not conduct TL lessons. Students taking TL will go to Seng Kang Sec (nearest to school) for their TL lessons.
- Timings:

Courses	Days	Time
Sec 1 G3 / G2	Mondays	3pm – 6pm
Sec 1 G1	Mondays	3pm - 4.30pm

NON-TAMIL INDIAN LANGUAGES (NTIL)



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Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL)

- Students taking NTIL (such as Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu) are required to inform their Form Teachers the following matters on the first day of school:
 - a) The NTIL they are taking;
 - b) Venue - Centre where they attend lessons;
 - c) Day/Time of their lessons

THIRD LANGUAGES (L3)



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Third Languages (L3)

- Students who are eligible for Third Languages would have received their Eligibility Letter earlier and indicated their options.
- We shall inform parents who have applied earlier of the outcomes via **Parents' Gateway**.

If you have any MTL-related queries, please
write in to hougang_ss@moe.edu.sg,
Attn: HOD/MTL



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THANK YOU