

# HOUGANG SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents' Briefing on Subject Combination (NA/NT)

5 July 2022 (Tuesday)

6.00 – 6.45 pm

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## Focus:

- Purpose
- Promotion Criteria
- Tentative Sec 3N Subject Combinations for 2023
- Process of Subject Combination Exercise
- Important Dates



# Purpose

At the end of Secondary 2, all students will take part in the online Subject Combination Exercise to determine the subjects that they will sign up for their national examinations.





# Promotion Criteria

Level	Criteria ( min requirement)
Sec 2 Normal (Academic)	Passed EL and 2 other subjects or Passed 4 subjects
Sec 2 Normal (Technical)	Passed 2 subjects, including EL or Maths



# Tentative Sec 3NA Subject Combinations for 2023

NO.	SUBJECTS		
1	English Language		
2	Mother Tongue ( Chinese / Malay / Tamil / Others)		
3	Mathematics		
4	Combined Science ( Physics / Chemistry)		
5	Humanities	Social Studies & Geography	Choose 1
		Social Studies & History	
6	Elective (non coursework/coursework)	Principles of Accounts	Choose 1
		English Literature	
		Art*	
		Design & Technology*	
		Nutrition and Food Science*	

\* coursework subjects



# Tentative Sec 3NT Subject Combinations for 2023

NO.	SUBJECTS		
1	English Language		
2	Basic Mother Tongue ( Chinese / Malay / Tamil)		
3	Mathematics		
4	Computer Applications		
5	Elective 1	Science	Choose 1
		Elements of Business Skills*	
6	Elective 2	Art *	Choose 1
		Design & Technology*	
		Nutrition and Food Science*	
		Music*	

\* coursework subjects



## Important Information (NA)

1. Out-of-Stream Subjects (OSS)\* that are currently offered are English Language, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science. NA students will be offered OSS subjects if they meet the school-based criteria of 75% or better for the subject (overall) and 60% or better for overall percentage. Students can take up to a maximum of 3 OSS subjects.
2. For current SBB students who are taking higher level subject(s), they would need to score 50% or better for the higher level subject to be eligible for the OSS in Secondary 3

***\*OSS are offering of subjects at a higher level, for example NA students taking Exp Math or NT students taking NA EL.***



## Important Information (NT)

1. Out-of-Stream Subjects (OSS)\* that are currently offered are English Language, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science. NT students will be offered OSS subjects if they meet the school-based criteria of 75% or better for the subject (overall) and 60% or better for overall percentage. Students can take up to a maximum of 3 OSS subjects.
2. For current SBB students who are taking higher level subject(s), they would need to score 60% or better for the higher level subject to be eligible for the OSS in Secondary 3

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# Important Information

3. Sec 3 NT Music is capped at a capacity of 10 students. Sec 2 NT students are required to score a Grade B or better to be eligible for the subject; **and attend a selection interview.**



## Factors for parents to consider when selecting subject combinations

- Discuss with your child.
- Do not decide for your child.
- Select a subject combination according to your child's ability and interest so that he/she can do well and move on to a course of his/her choice in Post Secondary Education.



## Process of Subject Combination Allocation

- Allocation of subject combination will be based on:
  - ✓ **Merit**
  - ✓ **Choice**
  - ✓ **Vacancy**
- Being eligible for a particular course does not guarantee your child will be offered the course. It depends on the vacancy that the particular course has. (e.g. 20 vacancies for D&T, Nutrition and Food Science due to safety requirements)



## Process of Subject Combination Allocation

- In the event there is a high demand for a certain combination, **vacancies will be filled according to the order of merit.**
- There must be a critical mass for a subject combination to be offered.
- The **Subject Combination Exercise** will be based on the **Overall results** and not just on the End-of-Year Examination results.



## SUBJECT COMBINATION EXERCISE (28 Oct to 31 Oct)

- Students will need to log in to MOE forms portal and submit their selection from **28 – 31 Oct 2022**.
- Outcomes of the Subject Combination Exercise will be made available from **11 Nov 2022**.
- ***Your child can log into the MOE forms portal to check on the subjects assigned.***
- *Students will be briefed after their EOY Exam on the procedures to log into the MOE forms portal to participate in the Subject Combination Exercise.*



# MOE Forms Portal



## Welcome!

STUDENTS



STAFF





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## 2021 Subject Combinations SAMPLE PAGE

Refer to the form you were given for the course codes and rank your choices accordingly.

Stream	Subjects			Code	
<b>Exp</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language</li> <li>Mother Tongue</li> <li>Elementary Mathematics</li> <li>Pure Chemistry</li> </ul>	Pure Physics	Additional Mathematics	Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Hist</del> )	E - C01
				Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Geog</del> )	E - C02
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language</li> <li>Mother Tongue</li> <li>Elementary Mathematics</li> <li>Pure Chemistry</li> </ul>	Pure Biology	Additional Mathematics	Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Hist</del> )	E - D01
				Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Geog</del> )	E - D02
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language</li> <li>Mother Tongue</li> <li>Elementary Mathematics</li> <li>Combined Sciences (<del>Chem/Phy</del>)</li> </ul>	Principles of Accounts	Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Hist</del> )	Additional Mathematics	E - A01
				F & N	E - A02
				EL Literature	E - A03
			Combined Humanities (SS/ <del>Geog</del> )	D&T	E - A04
				Art	E - A05
				Additional Mathematics	E - A06
			Combined Humanities (SS/Malay Lit)	F & N	E - A07
				EL Literature	E - A08
				D&T	E - A09
				Art	E - A10
				Additional Mathematics	E - A11
F & N				E - A12	
EL Literature				E - A13	
D&T	E - A14				
Art	E - A15				



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Rank your choice of Subject Combination accordingly \*

1st choice



2nd choice



3rd choice



4th choice



5th choice



6th choice



Submit Form





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- After submitting the form, you will see an acknowledgement message.
- You can submit the form again as long as the form is still published. Only the latest responses will be recorded.

Your form has been  
successfully submitted!

Thank you for your submission.

Enter your email to receive a copy of your response:

Send



# IMPORTANT DATES



Date	Details	Remarks
19 May	Briefing to Sec 2	Subjects Preference survey <b>DONE</b>
20 May to 24 May	Students complete Subjects Preference Survey	<b>DONE</b>
5 July	Subjects Combination briefing to parents	<b>DONE</b>
3 Oct – 11 Oct	End of Year Exam	
13 Oct	Briefing on Subject Combinations for students	
28 Oct	Last day of school	Commencement of Actual Subject Combination Exercise from 28 Oct to 31 Oct
11 Nov	Release of Subject Combination outcome	
11 Nov – 14 Nov	Appeal period	Deadline, 3 pm with consent from parents and CCs are to be informed.



For further clarifications, please contact the following personnel:

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Thank  
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