## **Briefing for Parents**

Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) for Secondary One students.





#### **Overview**



- I. Background Information on Full SBB
- 2. How does Full SBB look like in Hua Yi Secondary School?





## Why Full SBB?



- Full SBB is part of MOE's ongoing efforts to nurture the joy of learning and develop multiple pathways to cater to the different strengths and interests of our students.
- We want to:

Customise learning to your child's strengths and interests

Help your child build confidence and an intrinsic motivation to learn for life

Reduce
stigmatisation
associated with
streaming and
strengthen social
mixing

Facilitate access
to post-secondary
pathways that
cater to students
with different
strengths





## How will Full SBB be implemented?



Hua Yi FSBB Next phase of schools

Final phase of schools

**Year 2020** 

**Year 2022** 

**Year 2023** 

**Year 2024** 

Full SBB pilot commenced in 28 secondary schools and will be rolled out in phases till 2024.

The initial feedback from pilot schools has been positive.

Our school has implemented Full SBB from 2022.

- Mixed form classes with students of different academic abilities.
- Eligible Sec 2 students may take <u>Humanities subjects at a more</u> <u>demanding level</u>.

From 2024,

The Exp, N(A) and N(T) courses will be <u>phased</u>
 <u>out</u>. Students will be able to study subjects at different levels.

From 2027,

 Students will sit for the <u>common national</u> <u>examination</u> and receive a <u>new national</u> <u>certification</u> with subjects at different levels.





# How does Full SBB look like in Hua Yi?





#### How does FSBB look like in Hua Yi?



- Implementing mixed form class with the provision of a common curriculum
  - Offering of English, Math, Science and Mother Tongue at more demanding level or less demanding level.

 Offering Humanities subjects at more demanding level or less demanding level to students when they are in Sec 2.







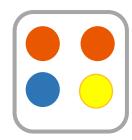
#### Mixed Sec 1 form classes

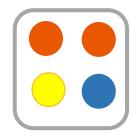
Illustrative Example:

## With Full SBB: Form Class Permutations









- In order to create more opportunities for students of different backgrounds and academic courses to learn and play together,
  - We organise mixed form classes to ensure a **good mix of student profiles**.
  - Every class will be assigned a House.
- This enables students from different backgrounds to build meaningful friendships and learn to value different perspectives.





#### Mixed Sec 1 form classes

Illustrative Example on banded classes:

With Full SBB:
Subject classes (EL,MA,MTL,SCI,
Humanities)



Subject at G3 Level



Subject at G3 Level



Subject at G2 Level



Subject at G1 Level

- Students in the same form class will learn a common curriculum for six subjects comprising ~1/3 of curriculum time:
  - Art
  - Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
  - Design & Technology (D&T)
  - Food & Consumer Education (FCE)
  - Music
  - Physical Education (PE)
- For other subjects (English Language, Humanities, Mathematics, Mother Tongue Languages and Science), students will attend classes with others taking the subject at the same subject level (G3/G2/G1).





#### **Common Curriculum Subjects**

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#### **Examinable Subjects:**

- Art
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Food and Consumer Education (FCE)

#### Non-examinable Subjects:

- Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)

The six common curriculum subjects would each have a single syllabus for all students at Lower Secondary levels.

- Content and learning outcomes of these subjects are taught at a common level that is accessible by all students.
- Teachers adopt a range of approaches to teach the subjects catering to the different learning needs of their students.
- Students will learn the basics of the subjects from Secondary One and deepen their learning over the two years. They will also have opportunities to learn from different tasks and assignments tailored to their learning progress.





**Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Provisions** 

(A) Students who offer most subjects at G1 or G2 are eligible to offer English Language (EL), Mother Tongue Languages (MTL), Mathematics (MA) and Science (SCI) at a more demanding level from the start of S1 if they have performed well in these subjects at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).







#### **Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Provisions**

Eligibility of students to offer subject(s) like EL, MTL, MA, SCI at a more demanding level at the start of Sec 1

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to offer subject at
61	AL 5 or better	-	G3 / G2
G1	AL 6	AL A	G2
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3





#### **Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Provisions**

Eligibility of students to offer HMTL instead of MTL at the start of Sec 1, should they meet the following criteria

#### **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
  - AL 1/AL 2 in MTL or
  - Distinction/Merit in HMTL







**Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Provisions** 

(B) For <u>EL, MA and/or SCI</u>, students who offered the subject(s) at Foundation level at PSLE and are eligible to offer the subject(s) at G3 based on their overall PSLE Score will have the option to offer the subject(s) at the <u>less demanding G2</u> level.







#### **Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Provisions**

(C) For MTL, students with difficulties coping with the subject have the option to offer MTL at a <u>less demanding</u> level based on their MTL performance at the PSLE as shown in below:

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard MTL Grade	PSLE Foundation MTL Grade	Option to offer MTL at
G3	AL 6	AL A	G2
	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1 or G2
G2	AL 7-8	AL B-C	G1





### **Opting into SBB**

- If your child meet the eligibility criteria for the subjects (ie. EL, MTL, MATH, SCI) at the more demanding level, he/she will be offered the subject(s) at the more demanding level. You and your child will be informed of the SBB offer via the Parent Gateway.
- Please indicate the acceptance of the offered subject(s) that your child wishes to take (or not to take) at the more demanding level via the Parent Gateway by 27 December 2023.





### **Opting into SBB**

• If your child meets the eligibility to take the subject(s) at a less demanding level and would like to exercise the option to take the subject(s) at less demanding level, please inform us via email to Mdm Suzanne Lye at lye\_yoke\_pheng@schools.gov.sg by the same deadline of 27 December 2023.







If your child is not eligible for SBB now, there are still other opportunities to take the subjects (EL,MTL,MA, SCI) at a more demanding level...

- At Mid-year or End-of-Year Semestral Reviews, based on the following eligible criteria:
  - Overall result of 75% or higher in the subject;
  - > Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand
  - Teachers' Recommendation
- For these new students who take up the SBB subjects at mid year or end of year, there will be follow-up bridging sessions for them.



# Offering Humanities subjects at a more demanding level at Secondary Two (2025)

Current Subject Level	School-based Results	Option to offer subject starting from S2 Sem 1
G1	<ul> <li>Students who offered G1 Humanities in S1 can offer G2 Humanities in Geography, History and/or Literature in English in S2 if they obtained</li> <li>≥ 75% overall in G1 English Language (or ≥50% overall in G2 English Language); AND</li> <li>A Pass with Distinction grade for both G1 Humanities (Social Studies component) Performance Tasks in Semesters 1 and 2.</li> <li>Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand</li> <li>Teachers' Recommendation</li> </ul>	G2
G2	<ul> <li>Students offering G2 Humanities in S1 can offer G3 Geography, History and/or Literature in English in S2 if they obtained</li> <li>≥75% overall in G2 History, Geography or Literature in English.</li> <li>Positive learning attitude to cope with the higher academic demand</li> <li>Teachers' Recommendation</li> </ul>	G3



#### For more information

# You may also visit MOE's PSLE-Full SBB microsite via the QR code below.





