

# WHAT'S NEXT



**Education & Career Guidance**

TAKING MY NEXT STEP  
FORWARD AFTER

**GCE O-LEVEL**

What's Next after the GCE O-Level examination?

Use this brochure to help you in your decision-making! Start your journey by:

### Discovering Purpose

- Who am I?

### Exploring Opportunities

- Where do I want to go?

### Staying Relevant

- How do I get there?



As you consider these questions, you will have a deeper understanding of your strengths and interests to make an informed decision regarding your choice of post-secondary education institutions and courses.

## DISCOVERING PURPOSE –

### WHO AM I?

Knowing more about myself helps me make better decisions about how I can meaningfully contribute to the community.

**To find out more about myself, I can think about these questions:**

- What are some of the things that I enjoy doing?
- How would I describe my strengths and interests?
- What is important to me? What motivates me?
- How do I want to contribute to my school and community through my goals and aspirations?



Find out more about your career interests, skills confidence and work values on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec-knowyourself>



# EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES –

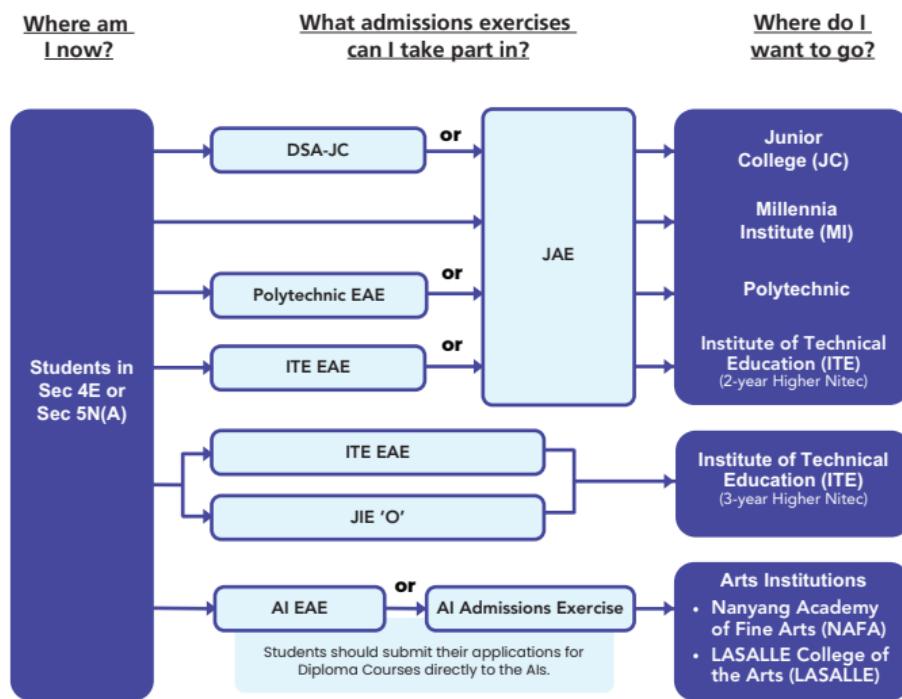
## WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

There are many education and career opportunities which I can confidently explore, while respecting the value of all occupations.

### To explore my post-secondary education pathways, I can think about these questions:

- What type(s) of education institutions is/are suitable for me to progress to?
- What are the learning programmes, subjects and Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) offered that I can confidently take up? What are the requirements?
- How will the programmes offered by education institutions further develop my strengths and interests?

Explore possible education pathways, institutions and courses that align to your strengths and interests as well as career aspirations.



DSA: Direct School Admission

JAE: Joint Admissions Exercise

AI: Arts Institution

EAE: Early Admissions Exercise

JIE: Joint Intake Exercise



Find out more about the various education pathways and institutions after GCE O-Level.

<https://go.gov.sg/overview-psei>



Explore Your Next Step Forward after GCE O-Level for an overview of the possible pathways.

<https://go.gov.sg/pathways-olevel>

Find out more about Admissions Exercises and Programmes.



Joint Admissions Exercise  
(JAE)

[https://go.gov.sg/  
admissions-jae](https://go.gov.sg/admissions-jae)



Other Admissions Exercises and  
Programmes (e.g. DSA, Poly EAE,  
ITE EAE, JIE)

<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-olevel>

*For admissions exercises conducted by the Arts Institutions  
(e.g. AI EAE), please visit the respective institutions'  
websites for more information.*



Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type  
of education institution and area of interest.

<https://go.gov.sg/coursefinder>

*For Arts Institutions, please visit the respective institutions' websites  
for more information.*



Explore education institutions using **Education  
Guide** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/explorepostsec>

**To consider retaking my GCE O-Level examinations or enrolling  
in a private education institution, I can think about these  
questions:**

- What will I do differently to achieve a better outcome?
- What can I do to manage the demands of the course?
- What do I have to consider if I want to enrol in a private  
education institution?
- Have I considered the 3Rs?

**Reasons** – What will furthering my studies in this course  
allow me to achieve?

**Readiness** – How ready am I to further my studies?

**Risks** – Do I know the possible drawbacks?



Find out more here:  
<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>

## To consider entering the workforce, I can think about these questions:

- Am I ready to enter the workforce? What are the benefits and trade-offs?
- What are other factors that could influence my decision?
- What are some of the industries or occupations I can consider that are related to my skills, strengths and interests?
- What are the skills required to enter and do well in those roles?

## There are opportunities to upgrade your skills through:

- Part-time full qualification programmes such as:
  - Higher Nitec offered by ITE
  - Diploma offered by the polytechnics
- Industry-relevant modular courses for bite-sized upskilling at polytechnics and ITE, as well as private training providers



<https://go.gov.sg/upskillingcourses>

- Workforce Skills Qualification courses



## STAYING RELEVANT – HOW DO I GET THERE?

By staying adaptable and resilient, I can continuously pursue opportunities for learning to develop myself.

## To achieve my goals and aspirations, I can think about these questions:

- How can I work towards my goals and aspirations and be resilient in pursuing them?
- What can I do and who can I turn to when I am facing challenges?
- How can I keep developing myself and pursue my goals and aspirations through various courses, programmes or activities for lifelong learning?



Set goals and make plans for your education and career journey using *My Goals* on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec>





Find out more about the resources available to support you in your journey after GCE O-Level.



Fees, Assistance, Awards and Scholarships  
<https://go.gov.sg/faas>



Financial Assistance  
<https://go.gov.sg/moefinassist>



Post-Secondary Education Account  
<https://go.gov.sg/pseaccount>



Make an appointment to speak with your ECG Counsellor in school if you need more guidance and assistance to make an informed decision.



The ECG Centre @ MOE also offers online or phone counselling support via  
<https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>



**As you think through your options, remember that there are people around you whom you can turn to for support. Speak to your parents/guardians, teachers and seniors to learn about their perspectives and experiences.**

**Connecting with your peers can also offer valuable emotional support and shared insights. Visit open houses by post-secondary education institutions to find out more so you can make an informed decision.**

**Be hopeful, resilient and adaptable as you explore the possibilities after GCE O-Level!**



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