

Chung Cheng High School (Yishun)

e-Open House 2021: Q&A Sessions

Dear Parents,

The questions below were compiled from our Question and Answer Sessions.

Admission

1. How many normal technical, normal academic and express classes are there?

We have 1 Normal Technical (NT) class, 2 Normal Academic (NA) classes and 4 Express classes in our current Sec 1 cohort. However, the total number of classes would still be dependent on the intake posted to CCHY by MOE. So, in 2022, the number of classes may vary.

2. What is the average class size for each stream?

The class size can range from 36 to 44 students.

3. Is this school an autonomous school?

No. CCHY is not an autonomous school.

4. What are CCHY's cut-off points (COP) or indicative AL ranges?

Stream	COP 2020	Highest T-Score	2021 AL Range
Express	242	257	6-11
Normal (Academic)	185	199	21-23
Normal (Technical)	143	158	25-27

Affiliation

5. In what way is CCHY similar or different from Chung Cheng High Main (CCHM)?

CCHY and CCHM share the same School Management Committee as we are government-aided. CCHY, unlike CCHM, offer 3 different streams of education (Express, Normal Academic and Normal Technical).

6. How does the affiliation with NYJC benefit CCHY students?

CCHY students will receive a bonus of 2 points for their L1R5 score, in the post sec school Joint Admission Exercise (JAE), if he or she indicate NYJC as:

- 1) 1st choice or,
- 2) 1st and 2nd choices (both Art and Science).

CCA

7. How are CCAs conducted during this pandemic?

We follow national SMM guidelines where trainings are conducted with safe distancing. Teachers will be at CCA training sessions to ensure prevailing SMM guidelines are adhered to, including temperature checks and safe distancing between groups. Teachers will actively look out for the well-being of all students.

8. What is the latest end-timing for CCAs?

As the last lesson ends at 3.35pm, CCA begins at 3.45pm and ends around 6.45pm (3 hours per session, about 6 hours per week).

9. What is the maximum number of CCAs a student can take?

Students are advised to participate in one CCA, which requires students to commit around 6 hours per week. This is based on the consideration that the academic rigour and demands in secondary school are higher (e.g. more subjects). A student can, however, consider joining our student leader groups (Student Council or Peer Support Leaders) for a holistic co-curricular experience.

10. What is the selection criteria for CCAs such as Wushu? Does the child have to go for trials?

All students are encouraged to attend trials and auditions before they select their CCAs. This is generally done in January. They are encouraged to attend more than 1 trial/audition.

11. What is the chance of getting into a CCA that a student is interested in learning but not strong at?

It is dependent on the specific CCA the student is keen in. For popular CCAs, there will be a selection process (e.g. due to cap in number of students who can compete in National Schools Games). For CCAs with large membership size, such as Chinese Orchestra, students will stand a better chance to be selected as most students do not have prior experience.

12. Would there be any extra cost for the sports gear/uniform if my child choose Fencing as his CCA?

The cost of fencing gear will have to be borne by student as they are personal items and hygiene is an important consideration. Fencing gear generally cost about \$600 to \$800, but an installment plan can be arranged with the Fencing vendor.

13. Is there an Art Club or Art-related CCAs in the school?

We do not have an Art Club (CCA). However, students take the Art subject when they are in Sec 1 and 2.

14. Is there a Photography Club in the school?

We do not have a Photography Club CCA. However, students from Multimedia Club and Journalism Club attend photography workshops during their Lower Sec CCA involvement.

HMT/Third Language

15. Is HCL compulsory?

No.

16. Apart from Chinese Language, is Malay or Hindi language offered in the school?

No. Students who wish to take up Malay and Hindi will need to attend lessons in an assigned language centre.

17. If my child is exempted from Chinese Language, does it affect the chance of getting selected or posted to the school?

You may use MOE's score-calculator to work out your PSLE score to determine your chances,

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/resources/score-calculator.html>

18. My child is not eligible for Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) based on his PSLE AL score, will he be able to take up HMT along the way?

Students who scored 75% for Express MTL and overall result of 60% and above in Sec 1 and Sec 2, will be offered HCL in the following year.

19. For students exempted from Chinese Language (CL), will they be able to participate in Chinese programme or activities organised by the school?

Yes, students exempted from CL will be able to participate in CL programme and activities.

Academic/ Science Related Questions

20. Does the school offer combined science?

Yes, Combined Science is offered for NA Science, or NA Science (Out of Stream).

21. Does the school offer double science or triple science?

Yes, the combinations are: 1) Pure Biology and Pure Chemistry, 2) Pure Physics and Pure Chemistry, and 3) Pure Physics, Pure Chemistry and Pure Biology.

22. Do all Express students take Additional Maths?

Yes, all our Sec 3 Express students will be taking A Maths. It is a compulsory subject that they will be taking.

23. Does the student need to take Social Studies or similar electives in Sec 3?

All Sec 3NA and 3 Express students will be required to take a compulsory subject known as Humanities. This is an examinable subject at the GCE N and O Levels. Humanities is made up of Social Studies (50%) and Elective Humanities (50%). For the current cohorts, Elective History and Elective Geography are offered.

24. Does CCHY allow student in NT to take a subject in NA level, given the student has obtained an AL6 in PSLE?

For NT student taking NA subjects at Sec 1 (Subject-Based Banding), the initial offer is determined by MOE during Sec 1 Posting Exercise. Subsequently, there are 2 more offers at Mid-Year and End-of-Year, if they meet the criteria (75% for subject and 60% for subjects' overall).

25. What is the educational pathway for 4NA students?

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

PFP is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, to better prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses.

This is an alternative to the Sec 5 year. The PFP caters to students of the Sec 4 N(A) cohort in the preceding year. The PFP will have about 1,200 places set aside each year. It will be offered by all five Polytechnics. More than 80% of Polytechnic Diploma courses will be offered under the PFP.

Criteria for PFP:

- $EMB3 \leq 12$
- Obtained Grade 3 or better for all subjects used in the computation of your ELMAB3 aggregate
- Use of conversion table from MOE for students taking Express subjects ('O' Level CL, Mathematics and Combined Science are offered to N(A) students)

Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

The Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) is one of two N(A) through-train pathways that were launched in 2013. It aims to prepare well-performing Secondary 4 N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a two-year Higher Nitec programme at ITE.

DPP students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec courses at ITE and attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.

Criteria for DPP:

- Obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or better
- $EL \leq 4$ for Applied science courses and $EL \leq 3$ for Business courses
- Use of conversion table from MOE for students taking Express subjects ('O' Level CL, Mathematics and Combined Science are offered to N(A) students)

Promotion Criteria for 5NA students

Includes 5 subjects in the computation of the aggregate score.

Promotion Criteria:

- $EL \leq 5$, Maths ≤ 5
- $EL\text{-}Maths\text{-}B3 \leq 19$ (EL-Maths-B3 refers to the aggregate score of English Language, Mathematics and best 3 subjects at the 'N' level examinations)
- Use of conversion table from MOE for students taking Express subjects ('O' Level CL, Mathematics and Combined Science are offered to N(A) students)

Special Programmes and Overseas Immersion Experience

26. What are some school-based approaches/initiatives organised by the school that develop students holistically?

- a. Cross Cultural Programmes
- b. Student Leadership Programmes including the Suzhou G5 Youth Leader Summit
- c. Global Classrooms Programme where students visit countries like Vietnam, Beijing, Kyoto, Taiwan for cultural immersion, leadership programmes and talent development.

School Distinctive Programmes offered by CCHY

- d. Applied Learning Programme (ALP) focusing on Food Science and Technology for Secondary 1 and 2 students
- e. Learning for Life Programme (LLP) cultivating values through Aesthetics for all levels (Secondary 1 to 5).

Learning Beyond the Classroom (or Overseas Virtual Exchange) Programmes

- f. Learning Journeys (Humanities, NE etc.)
- g. Sports Enrichment Programmes.

27. Does CCHY offer opportunities for our students to go overseas?

Yes. Our Global Classroom Programme includes:

- Sec 2/3 Bicultural Learning and Exchange Programme to China
- Sec 2/3 Bicultural Learning & Cultural Immersion to Central Vietnam or Indonesia
- Sec 3 Cultural Immersion to Taiwan
- Sec 2/3 Student Leaders Cultural Learning and Leadership Development
- Sec 2/3 Talent Development and Cultural Immersion to Kyoto
- Sec 3 G5 International Youth Leader Summit

28. Are the Applied Learning Programme (ALP) and Learning for Life Programme (LLP) for students from all levels?

Yes, ALP and LLP are school's distinctive programmes for students from all levels (non-examinable subject).

29. Is the Young Scientist Programme open to all students including the Normal Academic Stream students?

Young Scientist Programme is currently open to Express Students. However, we have the Science Ambassador Programme that is catered for more students with different capacity and are passionate in Science.

School Discipline

30. May I know how school handles bullying case, if any?

The school does not tolerate bullying, theft and defiance as communicated to the students. Immediate action like suspension or even caning is meted out if it is required. The school practises positive discipline. Though strict discipline is enforced in the school, we also ensure that students learn by teaching and counselling them after each behaviour/offence occurs.

31. Is it a must to wear white school shoes every day?

The school attire requires students to wear white school shoes. However, if their CCA requires, they can change into their sports shoes during their CCA.

32. May I know the policy of hand phone usage in school?

Students are allowed to bring their phones to school but they must use it responsibly. During curriculum hours, phones should be kept in their pockets or bags in silent mode. However, during ICT lessons, students can use their phones to participate in the activities as instructed by their teachers.

Students can use their phones during break time but they are strongly encouraged to use the phone for learning and responsible communication instead of gaming.

Canteen Food/ Bookstore

33. Is there vegetarian food provided in the canteen?

Yes. There is a vegetarian stall in the school canteen. Our recess or lunch break is about 35 minutes.

34. Does CCHY have a bookstore?

Yes, we have a bookstore run by Popular Book Co Pte Ltd. The opening hours are from Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm (during school term). The bookstore facilitates year-end textbook orders online via <http://textbook.popular.com.sg/>

School Reporting Hours

35. Are there late start days for CCHY?

There are no late start days in CCHY.

Parent and Teacher Meetings (PTM)

36. How often does the school have parent-teacher meetings?

We believe in partnering parents/guardians in our students' education journey. PTM can take place over various platforms. Teachers contact parents via Zoom, telephone calls or face-to-face meetings. PTMs are scheduled at least twice a year.

37. How to contact us?

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