

Commonwealth Secondary School
Mother Tongue Language Department
MTL Factsheet

Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)

- Students who meet the MOE criteria to offer HMT at Secondary level will receive the HMT Offer Letter upon registration. Please submit the HMT Offer Letter Reply Slip via email by **26 Dec 2025 (Friday), 1200 hrs.**
- Students who do not meet the MOE criteria to offer HMT at Secondary level but wish to offer the subject will be given the opportunity to take up HMT in **Secondary 2** if they have performed very well for MT in Secondary 1.
- Students will only need to offer either HMT or MT at Secondary level.

Exemption of Mother Tongue (MT)

- Students who have been exempted from MT at Primary level will continue to be exempted from MT at Secondary level.
- Students exempted from MT will do self-directed learning in the school library during MT lesson.

Non-Tamil Indian Languages (Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, and Urdu)

- Students who offered Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) at Primary level will continue to offer NTIL at Secondary level. Do note that Higher NTIL is not available.
- Our school hosts Hindi lessons as in-school parallel programme. Please check Hindi Society website (<http://www.hindi-society.com>) for more information.
- Other NTIL lessons will be conducted at the respective language centres. The list of NTIL centres can be found on the official BTTSAL website at www.bttSal.com

Asian/Foreign Language (AL/FL) as Mother Tongue In-lieu

(AL: Arabic, Burmese and Thai; FL: French, German and Japanese)

- Students who offered AL/FL as MT In-lieu at Primary level will continue to offer the language at Secondary level.
- Students are required to learn the AL/FL privately at the Primary, Secondary and Pre-university levels, as instruction is not provided by MOE.
- Students are required to **provide documentation** (e.g., marked assignments, result slip, payment receipt) to the school to indicate that they are learning AL/FL regularly. Please submit the documentation to our General Office by end of January.

- Secondary 1 **FL** students who would like to be on the waiting list to be considered for admission to the MOE Language Centre (MOELC) may submit application through school. Students will be informed through school to sit for a readiness test. Admission to MOELC is subject to passing the test. Students who have not been notified to sit for the readiness test or did not pass the test are required to continue with their private study arrangements. There are limited vacancies at MOELC. Please proceed to the General Office to obtain an application form.
- While there is no PSLE paper for AL/FL, students are required to take the AL/FL papers at the SEC examination and the FL papers at the GCE A-Level (H1) examination.
- Students are required to fulfil the MTL requirement by attaining the minimum grade for admission into a junior college or centralised institute (HMTL: E8; G3: D7; G2: 5; G1: D) or into a full-time publicly funded undergraduate programme in the local universities (S grade or above for GCE A-Level H1).

Third Language (Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese Special Programme and Malay Special Programme)

- Student would have applied for third language at Secondary level upon release of PSLE results.
- The list of successful applicants would have been informed by the school.
- Successful applicants will also receive MOE notification letter on third language registration upon Secondary 1 Registration today.

List of Third Language Centres/Zonal Centres

Third Language	Language Centre/Zonal Centre
Arabic	MOE Language Centre (Bishan)
Bahasa Indonesia	MOE Language Centre (Bishan)
Chinese Special Programme	Clementi Town Secondary School
Malay Special Programme	Bukit Batok Secondary School

For further information on MTL matters, pls contact Mr Cheon Chee Yong (HOD/MTL) at cheon.cheeyong@cwss.moe.edu.sg.