Overview of the Subject Options Exercise (SOE) – Subject Combinations A to C (4 G3 subjects or less)

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1. Subjects Offered

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2026 Sec 3 Subjects Offered - Overview

Languages	Mathematics	Humanities	Sciences	Applied Studies	Others
• English Language • Mother Tongue Language	• Mathematics	• Social Studies with either: ➢ Elective Geography ➢ Elective History ➢ Elective Literature in English • Social Studies with Humanities Exposure Module	• Science G1 • Science (Chemistry, Biology) • Science (Physics, Chemistry)	• Nutrition and Food Science • Design & Technology • Elements of Business Studies	• Computing • Principles of Accounts

2026 Sec 3 Subjects Offered

Subjects	Code	Cat	G1	G2	G3	Subject Requirements
English Language	EL	L1	✓	✓	✓	Students to be offered these subjects at the same subject level unless they meet the criteria for these subjects to be offered at a More Demanding Level (MDL).

e.g. A student who is currently taking Science G1 and meets the criteria to be offered Science at G2 can choose between Science (Phy/Chem) or Science (Chem/Bio).

e.g. A student who is currently taking Social Studies / HEMs G1 and meets the criteria to be offered Humanities at G2 can choose between Social Studies / Elective Geography or Social Studies / Elective History or Social Studies / Elective Literature in English. |
Mother Tongue Languages	MTL	OTH	✓	✓	✓	
Mathematics	MA	MA	✓	✓	✓	
Science (Chem, Bio)	SC (C,B)	SC		✓	✓	
Science (Phy, Chem)	SC (P,C)	SC		✓	✓	
Social Studies, Elective Geography	SS, EG	HUM		✓	✓	
Social Studies, Elective History	SS, EH	HUM		✓	✓	
Social Studies, Elective Literature in English	SS, E.LIT	HUM		✓	✓	
Social Studies, HEMs	SS, HEMs	HUM	✓			
Science	SC	SC	✓			

2026 Sec 3 Subjects Offered (with criteria)

Subjects	Code	Cat	G1	G2	G3	Subject Requirements
Principle of Accounts	POA	OTH		✓	✓	G2: At least 5 subjects at G2 (EL, MA, SC, HUM) **and** Good performance in English Language G2 and Math G2 G3: At least 4 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM) **and** Good performance in English Language G3 and Math G3
Computing	COM	OTH	✓		✓	G1: To be offered by students taking SS / HEMS G1 G3: At least 5 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM1, HUM2) Strong foundation in S2 Math G3 and English Language G3
Elements of Business Studies	EBS	OTH	✓			Offered to students who are taking 4 G1 to 4 G2 subjects
Design and Technology	D&T	OTH	✓	✓		Placement to G2 D&T/NFS: Competent (60 to 69 marks)
Nutrition and Food Science	NFS	OTH	✓	✓	✓	Placement to G3 NFS: Proficient (≥ 70 marks)

2026 Sec 3 G3 Subjects Offered (with criteria)

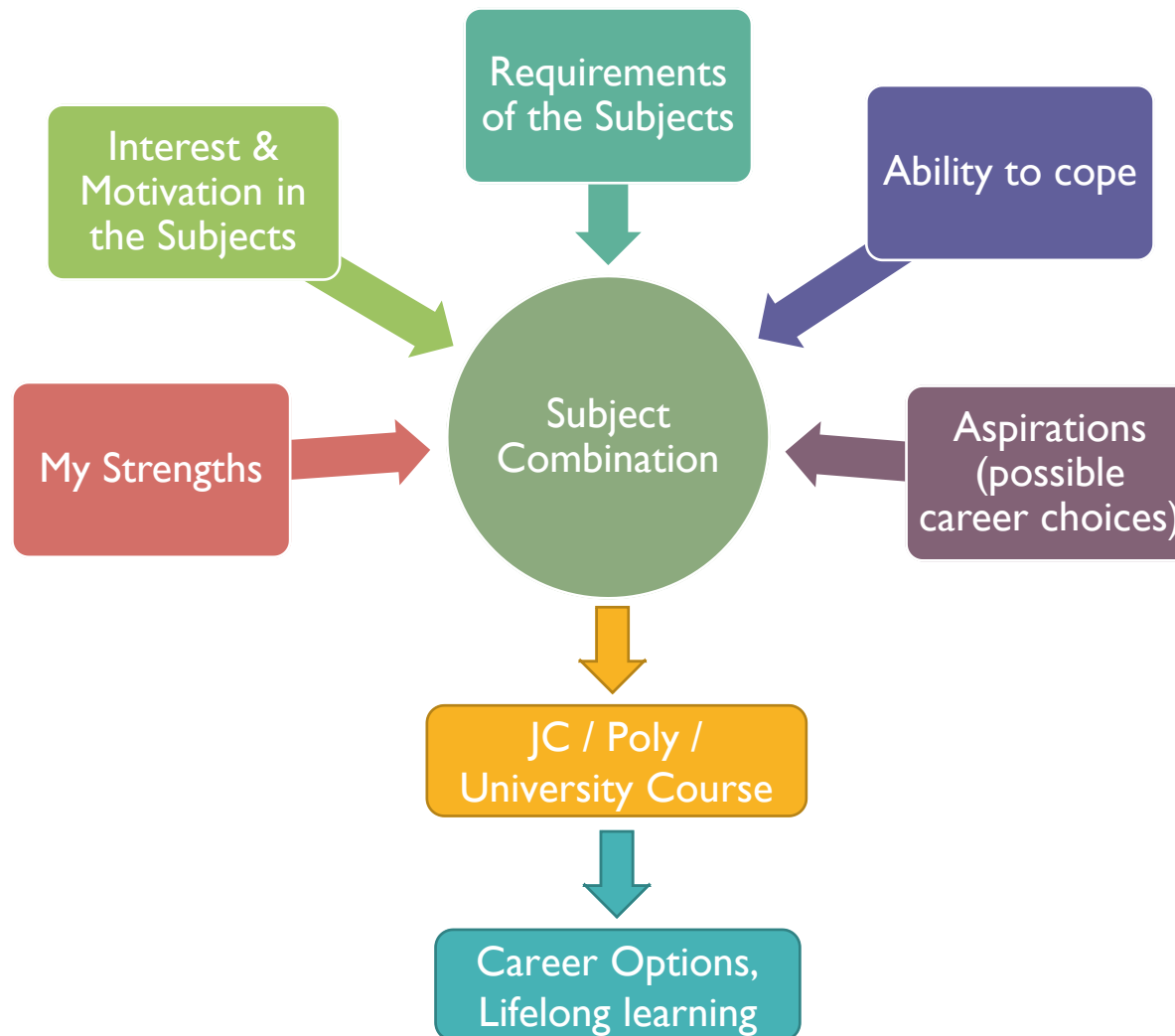| Subjects	Code	Cat	G1	G2	G3	Subject Requirements
Additional Mathematics	AM	MA			✔	At least 4 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM)
Chemistry	CHEM	SC			✔	At least 5 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM1, HUM2) Strong foundation in S2 Science G3
Biology	BIO	SC			✔	
Physics	PHY	SC			✔	
Literature in Chinese	LIT CL	HUM			✔	At least 5 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM1, HUM2) Strong foundation in S2 Chinese Language G3
Geography	GEO	HUM			✔	At least 5 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, GEO, HUM) Strong foundation in S2 Geography G3 **and** taking S2 History G3 or S2 Literature in English G3
Higher Mother Tongue Language	HMT	OTH			✔	At least 5 subjects at G3 (EL, MA, SC, HUM1, HUM2) Strong foundation in S2 Mother Tongue Language G3

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2. Subject Combinations and the Minimum Subject Levels

Subject Combinations – dependent on Post-Sec pathways

Students taking at least	ITE Year 1 Entry	ITE Year 2 Entry	Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	Polytechnic Year 1	Millennia Institute	Junior College
POST-SEC PATHWAYS						
5 G3 subjects	✓	✓	NEW ✓	✓	✓	NEW ✓
4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects subject	✓	✓	NEW ✓	NEW ✓		
5 G2 subjects	✓	✓	✓			
4 G1 subjects	✓	NEW* ✓				

*For students who meet ITE's Year 1 academic requirements

Considerations for Subject Combination

Requirements of the Subjects

Interest & Motivation in the Subjects

Ability to cope

My Strengths

Subject Combination

Aspirations (possible career choices)

JC / Poly / University Course

Career Options, Lifelong learning

2026 Subject Combinations and the Minimum Subject Levels

- A total of 7 subject combinations
- 3 combinations are for students taking up to 4 G3 subjects including the core subjects EL, MA, SC, HUM

Subject Combination	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Minimum Subject Numbers and Levels	4 G1	4 G1	5 G2	5 G3	5 G3	5 G3	5 G3
No. of Subjects	6	6	6	6	7	7	7 7+1

- The Minimum Subject Levels will include the offering and taking of subjects at a More Demanding Level (MDL) at the end of the year.

2026 Subject Combinations and the Minimum Subject Levels

Subject No.	Subject Combination	A	B
	Minimum Subject Numbers and Levels	**4 G1**	**4 G1**
1	English	o EL G1/ G2/ G3	o EL G1/ G2/ G3
2	Mother Tongue Language	o MTL G1/ G2/ G3	o MTL G1/ G2/ G3
3	Mathematics	o MA G1/ G2	o MA G1/ G2
4	Science	o SC G1 o SC (P, C) G2/ G3 o SC (C, B) G2/ G3	o SC G1 o SC (P, C) G2/ G3 o SC (C, B) G2/ G3
5	Humanities	o SS, HEMs G1$^\#$ **AND** o COM G1	o SS, EG G2 o SS, EH G2 o SS, E.LIT G2
6	Electives / 2nd Humanities / 2nd Science	o EBS G1 o D&T G1/ G2 o NFS G1/ G2/ G3	o EBS G1 o D&T G1/ G2 o NFS G1/ G2/ G3

*for the subjects highlighted in Green, students are to choose one subject from the available subjects

Computing G1

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2026 Subject Combinations and the Minimum Subject Levels

Subject No.	Subject Combination	C
	Minimum Subject Numbers and Levels	**5 G2**
1	English	o EL G2/ G3
2	Mother Tongue Language	o MTL G1/ G2/ G3
3	Mathematics	o MA G2/ G3
4	Science	o SC (P, C) G2/ G3 o SC (C, B) G2/ G3
5	Humanities	o SS, EG G2/ G3 o SS, EH G2/ G3 o SS, E.LIT G2/ G3
6	Electives / 2nd Humanities / 2nd Science	o D&T G2 o NFS G2/ G3 o POA G2/ G3

*for the subjects highlighted in Green, students are to choose one subject from the available subjects

POA is offered

*If your child/ ward does well by the end of Sec 2 and is able to offer 5 G3 subjects or more, he/ she will be eligible for Subject Combinations D to G.

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2026 Subject Combinations and the Minimum Subject Levels

*If your child/ ward does well by the end of Sec 2 and is able to offer **at least 5 G3 subjects**, he/ she will be eligible for **Subject Combinations D to G**.

No. of Subjects	Subject Combination	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Minimum Subject Numbers and Levels	4 G1	4 G1	5 G2	5 G3	5 G3	5 G3	5 G3
1	English	○ EL G1/ G2/ G3	○ EL G1/ G2/ G3	○ EL G2/ G3	○ EL G3	○ EL G3	○ EL G3	○ EL G3
2	Mother Tongue Language	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3	○ MTL G1/ G2/ G3
3	Mathematics	○ MA G1/ G2	○ MA G1/ G2	○ MA G2/ G3	○ MA G3	○ MA G3	○ MA G3	○ MA G3
4	Science	○ SC G1 ○ SC (P, C) G2/ G3 SC (C, B) G2/ G3	○ SC G1 ○ SC (P, C) G2/ G3 ○ SC (C, B) G2/ G3	○ SC (P, C) G2/ G3 ○ SC (C, B) G2/ G3	○ SC (P, C) G3 ○ SC (C, B) G3	○ SC (P, C) G3 ○ SC (C, B) G3	○ CHEM G3	○ CHEM G3
5	Humanities	○ SS, HEMs G1# **AND** ○ COM G1	○ SS, EG G2 ○ SS, EH G2 ○ SS, E.LIT G2	○ SS, EG G2/ G3 ○ SS, EH G2/ G3 ○ SS, E.LIT G2/ G3	○ SS, EG G3 ○ SS, EH G3 ○ SS, E.LIT G3	○ SS, EG G3 ○ SS, EH G3 ○ SS, E.LIT G3	○ SS, EG G3 ○ SS, EH G3 ○ SS, E.LIT G3	○ SS, EG G3 ○ SS, EH G3 ○ SS, E.LIT G3
6	Electives / 2nd Humanities / 2nd Science	○ EBS G1 ○ D&T G1/ G2 ○ NFS G1/ G2/ G3	○ EBS G1 ○ D&T G1/ G2 ○ NFS G1/ G2/ G3	○ D&T G2 ○ NFS G2/ G3 ○ POA G2/ G3	○ GE G3 ○ LIT CL G3 ○ NFS G3 ○ POA G3	○ GE G3 ○ LIT CL G3 ○ NFS G3 ○ POA G3	○ PHY G3 ○ BIO G3	○ PHY G3 ○ BIO G3
7	Additional Mathematics					○ AM G3	○ AM G3	○ AM G3
7 + 1	Electives / 2nd Humanities							○ COM G3 ○ LIT CL G3

3. Subjects Allocation Criteria

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2026 Sec 3 Subjects Allocation Criteria

Your child's / ward's subject combination will depend on the following:

- attitude during lessons and aptitude for the subject via feedback from subject teacher(s)
- marks of the required subject(s) – preferably distinctions for subjects that require a strong foundation
- overall academic performance
- class sizes and timetabling constraints
- availability of teachers and venues