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**KENT RIDGE  
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will of an olympian**

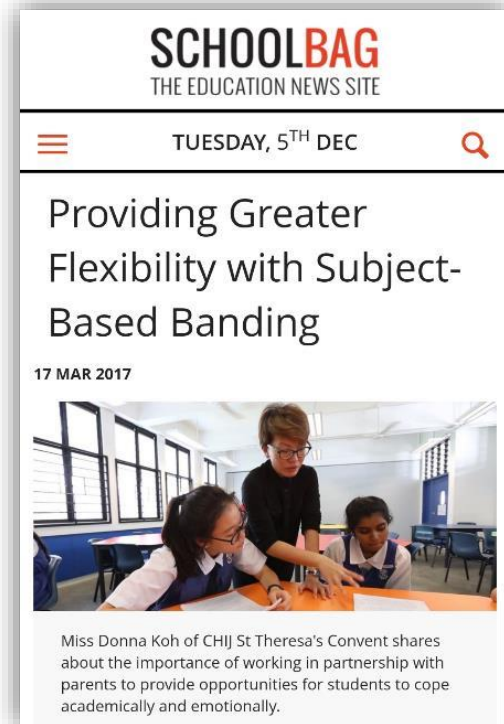
# **Subject-Based Banding (SBB)**

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# Why Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

- Every student is unique and possesses different strengths. Taking subjects at a higher academic level can help students nurture their strengths and give them more opportunities throughout their educational journey, so that they are more engaged in learning.
- Starting from Secondary 1 helps to build a stronger foundation in subjects that they are good at.



# Benefits of taking Higher-Level Subjects

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- Some students and parents have shared that SBB allows the students to challenge themselves, and to have more options for Sec 3 subject combinations and post-secondary courses.
- A strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and reasoning, would ensure students are better prepared for various post-secondary progression pathways (e.g. to ITE and Polytechnic).



# Eligibility Criteria

**Secondary 1 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical)** students can take **English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Languages** at a higher level if they meet the following criteria.

Option to take a subject at	PSLE Subject Grade
G3 or Express level	AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject
G2 or N(A) level	AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject or AL A in a Foundation level subject

Eligible students should have received an application form on Parent Gateway.

There is no cap on the number of subjects at a more demanding level that students can offer.



# Conversion of Grades at National Exams for Out-of-Stream Subjects (OOS)

O-Level/ G3		N(A)-Level/ G2	
Grades	Marks	Grades	Marks
A1, A2, B3	65 – 100	1	75 – 100
B4, C5, C6	50 – 64	2	70 – 74
D7	45 – 49	3	65 – 69
E8	40 – 44	4	60 – 64
9	0 – 39	5	50 – 59
		6 (U)	0 – 49

← G3 to G2 conversion

G2 to G1  
conversion →

N(A)-Level/ G2		N(T)-Level/ G1	
Grades	Marks	Grades	Marks
1, 2, 3	65 – 100	A	75 – 100
4	60 – 64	B	70 – 74
5	50 – 59	C	60 – 69
6 (U)	0 – 49	D	50 – 59
		E (U)	0 – 49



# Opting for SBB

- Students are strongly encouraged to give themselves ample time to adjust to the demands of the higher-level subject(s). Hence, upon accepting the SBB offer, you will continue with the higher-level subjects until the end of Secondary 2
- If students **pass** the SBB subject and meet the promotion criteria at the end of Secondary 2, you will be allowed to take the subject as Out-of-Stream (OOS) subject at upper secondary
- For Humanities, the offer for Out-of-Stream (OOS) subjects will depend on the student's EYE results and available subject combinations for upper secondary.





# What's Next?

- Parents, in discussion with the child, have to indicate if they **accept or reject the offer via Parents Gateway (PG) by 27 Dec (Tue)**.
- Purchase of Textbooks
  - **Purchase the correct books for the correct level of subject** that the child is taking. The booklist can be found on the school's website.
  - As the first week of school is orientation week, **parents may take until the end of the first week of school to purchase the books.**



# Other Opportunities to Take Higher-Level Subjects

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students who do well in school-based assessments may be considered to take higher-level subjects if he/she meets the school's criteria
- The school will provide support for new SBB students through bridging programme



# Our success stories

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*Student B from N(A) stream. For PSLE, she scored B for Math and C for Science. Offered Express Math at Sec 1 mid-year and Science at the end of Sec 2. For the O levels, she scored B3 for Math and A1 for Combined Science, and is undertaking O level via 5N(A).*



*Student A from N(A) stream. He scored B for PSLE Math and Science. Offered Science at Express level at mid-year, and Math end-of-year. For O levels, he scored A2 for Math, and A1 for Combined Science, and was accepted to Singapore Polytechnic through PFP.*

*Student C from N(T) stream. For PSLE, he scored C for EL, D for Science and E for Math. Offered N(A) EL after PSLE, Math at mid-year and Science at end-year. For N levels, he scored 3 for EL, 4 for Science and Math. Pursuing Nitec “Web Applications” Course.*



# Queries

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