



Promotion Criteria and Subject Option Exercise 2026

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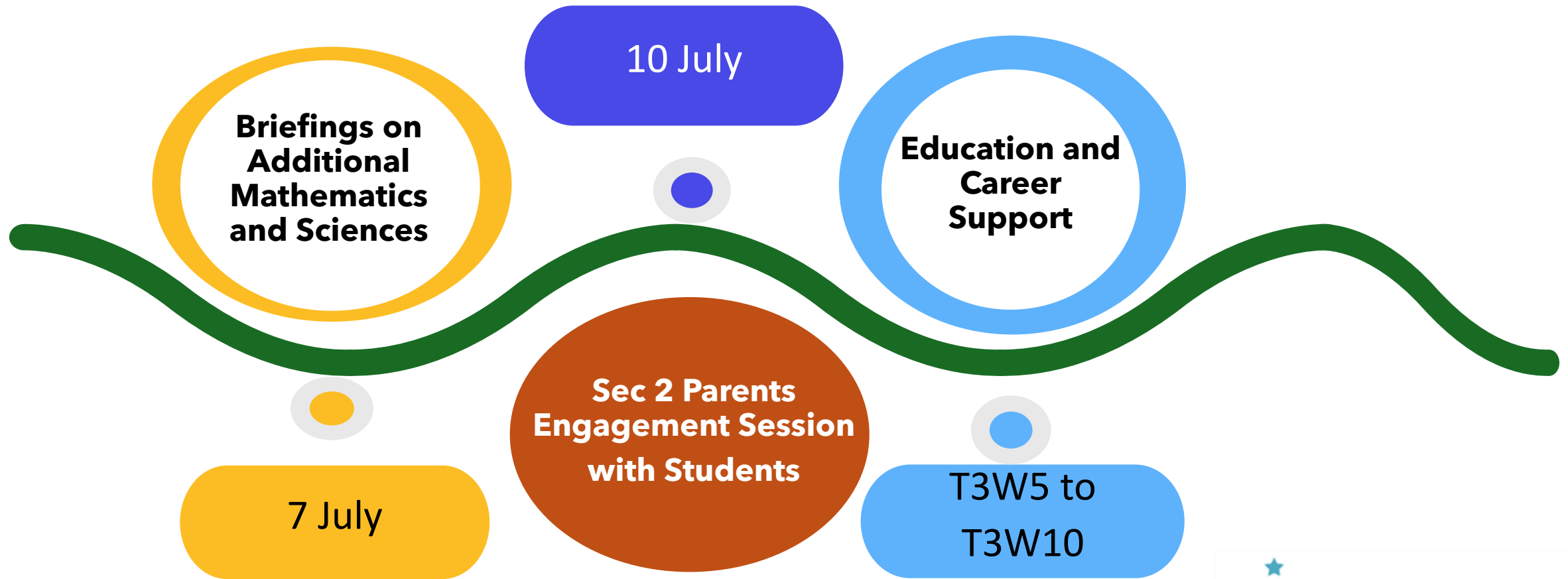


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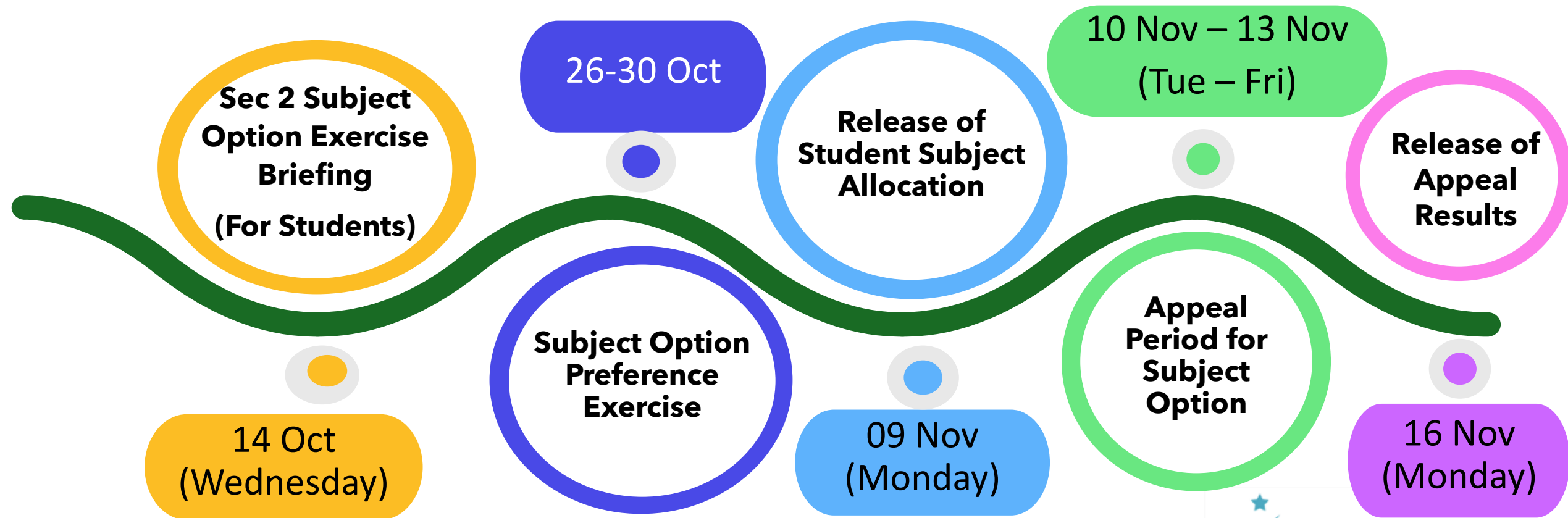
Objectives of Subject Option Exercise

At the end of the Sec 2 subject option exercise, students will be offered subject combinations that cater to their ability and aspirations / interests for articulation to post-secondary education.

Sec 2 Subject Option Exercise Timeline – TERM 3



Sec 2 Subject Option Exercise Timeline – TERM 4





Promotion Criteria

(refer to p. 41 of Student Handbook)

Promotion Criteria – G1

Grade D or better in 2 subjects, one of which should be EL or Mathematics

Promotion Criteria – G2

Grade 5 or better in:

- EL and 2 other subjects; or
- Any 4 subjects

Promotion Criteria – G3

Pass in EL and pass in overall
percentage of all subjects combined



2027 Sec 3

Subject Combinations



Considerations for Subject Combinations

- Provision of a range of combinations to support the aspirations / interests of students – Every combination has its merits.
- Cater to the strengths of students.
- Provision of relevant subjects and combination to articulate into post-secondary courses and the workforce.
- Aligned to the pre-requisites of post-secondary courses in JC/MI, polytechnics and ITE.

Subject Allocation

- Subject allocation is based on merit and choice.
- Number of classes for a subject combination is not fixed.
- Classes will be determined based on sufficient students with the ability and interest who opt for it, and based on availability of school resources.



Predominantly G1

	Subject Combinations	
Subject 1	English Language	
Subject 2	Mother Tongue Language	
Subject 3	Mathematics	
Subject 4	Computing / Science	
Subject 5	Social Studies (non-examinable)	
	Combination 1	Combination 2
Subject 6	Elements of Business Skills (EBS)	Design and Technology (D&T)

Predominantly G2

	Combination 1 (6 Subjects)						Combination 2 (5 Subjects)	
Subject 1	English Language					Subject 1	English Language	
Subject 2	Mathematics N/O Level					Subject 2	Mathematics N/O Level	
Subject 3	Mother Tongue Language					Subject 3	Mother Tongue Language	
Subject 4	Humanities (Social Studies + Geography / History)					Subject 4	Humanities (Social Studies + Geography / History)	
Subject 5	Science (Chem + Phy)		Science (Chem + Bio)			Subject 5	Science (Chem + Phy)	Science (Chem + Bio)
Subject 6	POA	History	D&T	NFS	A Math			

- *To opt for History / Literature (6th subject), students must choose a contrasting Elective Humanities*
- *Students with G1 Mother Tongue can not opt for Combination 2*



Revised JC Admission Criteria



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Revised Junior College (JC) admission criteria

Strengthening Holistic Development

From 2028, the number of subjects required for JC admission will be reduced from 6 subjects (L1R5) to 5 subjects (L1R4)

- Qualifying threshold for JC admission will shift from $L1R5 \leq 20$ to $L1R4 \leq 16$
- Subject requirements for Languages, Humanities and Mathematics/Science will remain unchanged for computation of the L1R4 aggregate score. Millennia Institute (MI)'s L1R4 subject requirements will be aligned to that of JCs
- Cap on bonus points for JC and MI admissions will be lowered from 4 to 3

Subject Requirements for JC

Subject Requirements for JC Admission under Revised L1R4 Criteria

Component	Subject	[Current] L1R5	[New] L1R4
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language	✓	✓
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Humanities</u>	✓	✓
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Mathematics or Science</u>	✓	✓
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Humanities, Mathematics or Science</u>	✓	✓
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subject	✓	✓
R5	Any 1 best-scoring subject	✓	
Qualifying Threshold for JC Eligibility		20	16

Subject Requirements for MI

Subject Requirements for MI Admission under Revised L1R4 Criteria

Component	Subject	
	[Current] L1R4	[Revised] L1R4
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language	
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Humanities</u>
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Mathematics or Science	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Mathematics or Science</u>
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <u>Humanities, Mathematics or Science</u>
R4	Any 1 best-scoring subject	
Qualifying Threshold for MI Eligibility	20	

Myth of Triple Sciences

NUS Medicine Pre-requisites

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

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A good H2 pass in Chemistry and H2 pass in either Biology or Physics.

The 4 content-based subjects can be of the following combinations:

- 4 H2 content-based subjects OR
- 3 H2 and 1 H1 content-based subjects

Myth of Triple Sciences

Admission Consideration for Revised A-Level Curriculum from AY2026



From AY2026, the following subjects will be taken into consideration for UAS (University Admission Score) computation:

- 3 H2 content-based subjects
- General Paper (GP)

H1 Mother Tongue Language and/or the fourth H1/H2 content-based subject may be considered if it improves the UAS.

Note: From AY2026, H2 Knowledge & Inquiry (KI) will no longer be considered in lieu of GP. If offered, H2 KI will be considered as a H2 content-based subject.

Entry to Polytechnics

From **2024** intake, students applying for admissions to the polytechnics will generally need to meet three subject-specific **Minimum Entry Requirements**

In general, the subject-specific MERs will comprise three subjects*:

- EL** a. English Language
- R2** b. Two relevant subjects drawn from the R subject list for the associated course type

To be admitted to polytechnic diploma courses....

You will need to take relevant subjects depending on the course type

There are **4** course types – A, B, C, and D, and courses are broadly categorised according to their nature

A Humanities or Media courses

B Business courses

C Engineering, Science, Facility Management or IT courses

D Architecture or design courses

* Exceptions may be made in special circumstances, especially for regulated courses with specific requirements

Post-Secondary Progression Data

Year	No. of Candidates	% Eligible for JC	%Eligible for Poly
2023	232	47.4	91.4
2024	230	44.4	92.6
2025	142	34.5	83.8

Predominantly G3

	Combination 1 Pure Sciences (7 Subjects)			
Subject 1	English Language			
Subject 2	Mathematics			
Subject 3	Mother Tongue Language / HMTL			
Subject 4	Humanities (Social Studies + Geography / History / Literature)			
Subject 5	Chemistry			
Subject 6	Biology / Physics			
Subject 7	Additional Mathematics	Principles of Accounts	Design & Technology	Nutrition & Food Science

	Combination 2 (6 Subjects)					
Subject 1	English Language					
Subject 2	Mathematics					
Subject 3	Mother Tongue Language / HMTL					
Subject 4	Humanities (Social Studies + Geography / History / Literature)					
Subject 5	Science (Chem + Phy)			Science (Chem + Bio)		
Subject 6	A Math	POA	D&T	History*	Literature	NFS

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Beyond the Bell Programme

New enrichment initiative for Secondary 3 students.

Aims to expose students to foundational knowledge and the real-world relevance of the STEM and Aesthetics domains, fostering appreciation and interest in these areas.

Short-term courses will be offered to the students after the curriculum time

Supported by Polytechnics

More details will be provided at the end of the year

Make Wise Choices...

Options should be based on:

Personal Interest

*Ability to cope with
academic rigor and
demands of subject*

*Future aspirations
and goals*