



# 海星天主教中学

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### Offering of subjects at a more demanding level (MDL)

#### Compiled questions and answers

1. Do G2 and G3 students attend lessons together? Or would the students still be banded according to their subject levels?

*For the four compulsory subjects – English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics and Science, students are banded according to their subject levels. For the common curriculum subjects, all PG1, 2 and 3 students attend lessons together in their form class.*

2. My child is in G3 but my child's Math PSLE result is AL 6. Will she be taking G3 or G2 math at Sec 1.

*Students who are posted through PG 3 will take most subjects at the G3 level.*

3. Are G1 students offered Humanities subjects like History, Literature and Geography?

*G1 students will be offered Humanities subject which comprises of mainly Social Studies with exposure modules in History, Literature and Geography.*

4. For some subjects, there are digital and hard copy textbooks. Which one do we order?

*The default lesson resource used will be hard copy textbooks. All students will need to purchase the hard copy. In the booklist, parents have the option of getting the digital copy as part of the bundle.*

5. Is MDL only offered to students posted through PG1 and PG2?

*Yes. Students posted through PG3 will take most subjects at G3 level so offering subjects at MDL is not applicable to them.*

6. My son is posted through PG1; his Math is AL6. Would he take the subject at G1 or G2 level? If my child is in PG2 but she got AL5 in English. Will she be taking G3 or G2 English?

*For PG1, AL6 would give him the option to take Math at G2 level. For PG2, an AL5 in English will give a student the option to offer English at G3 level.*

*You may refer to the table below for more details:*

<b>Eligibility criteria for English Language, Mathematics, Science, Mother Tongue Languages</b>			
<b>Posting Group</b>	<b>PSLE Standard grade</b>	<b>PSLE Foundation grade</b>	<b>Option to offer subject at</b>
PG2	AL 5 or better	-	G3
PG1	AL 5 or better	-	G2 / G3
	AL 6	AL A	G2





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7. How will the subjects offered at different levels affect the student admission to tertiary institution beyond secondary school?

*The Ministry of Education will provide more details on this in time to come.*

8. My son is in PG3, so we only need to purchase all G3 textbooks right?

*Students posted through PG3 will take most subjects at G3 level and will thus buy mostly G3 textbooks.*

9. If my child is in G3 in Sec 1, but subsequently did not do well in Sec1, will he be regrouped to G2 or G1 in Sec 2?

*It is a 2-year journey. Students will be given 2 years to adjust to the academic demands of the subject at the subject level assigned.*

10. Will G1 students be offered Humanities at a more demanding level in Sec 2 if they do well in Social Studies at Sec 1?

*G1 students will be offered to do Humanities at a more demanding level in Sec 2 if student obtains 75% or higher for English Language and a pass with Distinction grade for both G1 Humanities Social Studies Performance Tasks in Sem 1 and 2.*

11. For the qualifying criteria of 75% for students to be offered a subject at MDL, is this based on final year end results? Or is this reviewed based on every WAs?

*The 75% qualifying criteria is based on the overall percentage throughout the year, and this includes the three WAs and End-of-year examination.*

12. Can a student with AL6 for Math still choose G1 Math?

*If your child decides not to take up the offer to take Math at a more demanding level, i.e. G2, he/ she may choose to take it at level, i.e. G1.*

13. Is PG3 a 4-yr course and PG 1 and 2 a 5-yr course?

*All students will take the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examination at the end of their 4<sup>th</sup> year. The 5<sup>th</sup> year will continue to be available under Full SBB, to allow eligible students to pace their learning and offer subjects at a more demanding level to access more post-secondary pathways.*

14. Is English offered to G1 students? Based on booklist, there's only 1 literature book.

*English Language is a compulsory subject for all students. However, there is no hardcopy textbook. Teachers will upload digital instructional materials for the students.*

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