

Secondary 3 Subject Combination

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Changes in education landscape with FSBB

Then ...	Moving ahead	Remarks
Changes in subjects		
Express/Normal Academic/ Normal Technical Art/D&T/FCE	Lower Sec: Common Curriculum (CMN) subjects Upper Sec: G1/G2/G3 coursework options based on CMN performance at Lower Sec	Eg, Sec One student posted to G2 can take G3 D&T with good results in CMN subject at end of Sec 2
Normal Technical (Social Studies)	G1 Humanities (Social Studies, Humanities Exposure Modules)	G1 Humanities remain non-examinable and compulsory for 4 years
Mother Tongue B (GCE O-Level)	MTL B -> G1 MTL Higher MTL -> G3 HMTL	



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Changes in cut-off points for JC and Polytechnic	
Junior College	<p>Now: $L1R5 \leq 20^*$</p> <p>New: $L1R4 \leq 16^*$</p>
Polytechnic	<p>Now: $ELR2B2 \leq 26^\wedge$ (5 Express subjects)</p> <p>New: $ELR2B2 \leq 22^\wedge$ (4G3 + 1 G2)</p>

* Raw score, before deduction of any bonus points

^ Net score, after deduction of any bonus points



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Changes in the Post Secondary Education		
JC criteria: L1R5	JC Criteria: L1R4	
Poly: PFP for Sec 4 N(A)	Poly: PFP for students taking up to 5G2, or 4G3 + 1G2 or 5G3/6G3	Downward mapping of subject grade available from G3 -> G2



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Changes to Post-secondary School Admissions

Increased access to post-secondary pathways

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

- Changes to Entry to JC:** Students applying for JC will need only 5 G3 subjects instead of 6 G3 subjects to compute their L1R4 score
- Changes to Entry to Poly:** Students applying to Poly Year 1 can use a G2 subject to compute their ELR2B2 score for one [Best] subject
- Expansion of PFP:** PFP will be open to students taking all G3 subjects, or a mix of G3 & G2 subjects
- ITE Year 2 Entry:** Admission requirements for direct entry into Year 2 will be set at G2
- ITE Year 1 Entry:** Admissions requirements for entry to **Year 1** will be set at G1

Students who offer 4 G1 subjects will join Year 1 of Higher Nitec, and may be offered the accelerated pathway to graduate in about 2 years+ if they meet academic requirements during their Year 1 Semester 1 examination.



Students taking mostly G3 subjects

S/N	G3 Pure Science			G3 Pure Humanities		G3 Electives		
1	English Language			English Language		English Language		
2	Mother Tongue Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language			Mother Tongue Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language		Mother Tongue Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language		
3	Mathematics			Mathematics		Mathematics		
4	Chemistry			Science (Chemistry/ Biology) <u>or</u> Science (Physics/Chemistry)		Science (Chemistry/ Biology) <u>or</u> Science (Physics/Chemistry)		
5	Humanities (Social Studies + History) <u>or</u> (Social Studies + Geography)			Humanities (Social Studies + History) <u>or</u> (Social Studies + Geography)		Humanities (Social Studies + History) <u>or</u> (Social Studies + Geography)		
6	Additional Mathematics			Additional Mathematics (G2/G3)		Additional Mathematics (G2/G3)	Add Math (G2/3) <u>or</u> Exercise & Sports Science <u>or</u> Design & Technology	
7	Physics	Physics	Biology	Geography	Literature in English	Design & Technology	Exercise & Sports Science	
8	Biology							

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Students taking mostly G2 subjects

S/N	Subject	
1	English Language	
2	Mother Tongue Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language	
3	Mathematics	
4	Science (Chemistry/ Biology) <u>or</u> Science (Physics/Chemistry)	
5	Humanities (Social Studies + History) <u>or</u> (Social Studies + Geography)	
6	G2 Principles of Accounts	G2 Art <u>or</u> G2 Design & Technology <u>or</u> G3 Exercise & Sports Science
7	G2 Additional Mathematics (Optional)	

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Students taking mostly G1 subjects

S/N	Subject
1	English Language
2	Mother Tongue Language
3	Mathematics
4	Humanities
5	Computing
6	G1 Retail Operations <u>or</u> G1 Science



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When deciding how many and what subjects your child want to take, do consider the following:

- In which subjects do you find yourself **grasping concepts quickly** without needing extensive additional support?
- Which subject areas do you find yourself **demonstrating the most resilience** in when working on **challenging academic tasks**?

- How do you typically **manage your current study workload and time**?
- How much **time do you need** for rest, family, other commitments and social activities to **maintain good mental health**?

Strengths

Interests

Curriculum Load

1. How many subjects should I take?
2. What subjects should I take?

Well-being

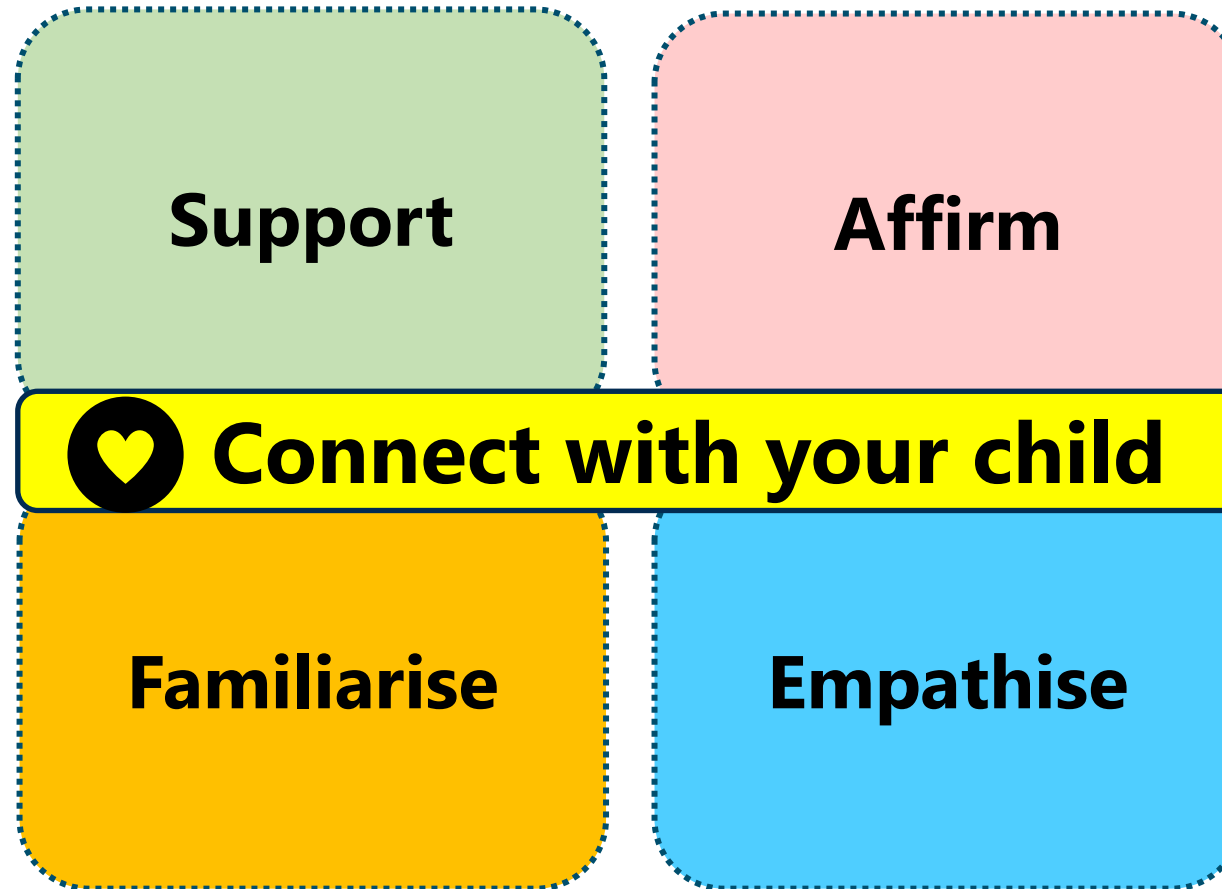
Aspirations

- Which **subjects** are you **interested** in?
- Outside of academics, what **personal interests** do/ would you like to pursue?

- Which **post-secondary pathway** are you aspiring to?
- Which **course** in a particular pathway do you hope to pursue?



How can you support your child?



Selection process and timeline for Sec 3 subject combination

