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# **P6CURRICULUM BRIEFING**

### AGENDA

# Ol WELCOME ADDRESS

#### **CHANGES TO THE PSLE** 02 SCORING & SI POSTING SYSTEMS

DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION





# **Ol** WELCOME ADDRESS



Miss Lo Yen Nie Principal

### **HGS School Leaders**



Mrs Lim Li Li Vice Principal



Miss Netty Salmiyati Senawi Vice Principal (Admin)

### P6 Student Development Team



Mdm Tng Shoo Ling Year Head (Lower Primary)



Mdm Marie Yong Assistant Year Head



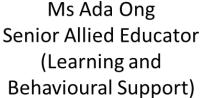
Miss Norasiken Mohd Noor P6 Assistant Year Head

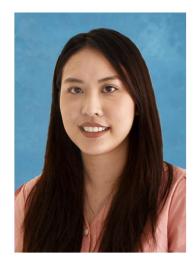
### P6 Student Development Team



Ms Chee Fei Wan School Counsellor







Mdm Nur Amni Allied Educator (Learning and Behavioural Support)

### **Key Personnel**



Mrs Charlotte Mok HOD Mathematics

Ms Lynne Huang HOD Aesthetics

Mr Ong Wee Leong HOD Science



Mdm Chua Boon Ling HOD Mother Tongue





Mrs Jeya Lawrence Level Head English Language



Mdm Rachel Ng Level Head MT Language

Mrs Clara Kang Level Head Science

Mdm Wan Alfida School Staff Developer





Mrs Sunita Singh Subject Head Character Education



Mrs Nikki Lin

Subject Head

**Citizenship Education** 



Mr Muhamad Ansar M Subject Head Information Communication S Technology

Mdm Zareena Kamarraj Subject Head Student Management

## **Presenters and Panellists**

English

**Ms Yeo Li Yen** Upper Pri EL Coordinator

Mathematics

Mrs Charlotte Mok Head of Department





Science

Mr Ong Wee Leong Head of Department



# **Presenters and Panellists**

Chinese Language

Mdm Rachel Ng Level Head



Malay Language

Mdm Norah Nordin Senior Teacher



Tamil Language

#### Mrs Subramaniam Prema TL Coordinator



# **Presenters and Panellists**

#### Physical Education (PE) **Mr Muhd Asyik** *PE Coordinator*



Music **Ms Esther Cheah** *Music Coordinator* 



Art **Mdm Anwara** Lead Teacher



Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)

**Mrs Nikki Lin** Subject Head Citizenship Education





Please post your questions in the Q&A tab.





### CHANGES TO THE PSLE SCORING & SI POSTING SYSTEMS

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN MAKING INFORMED SCHOOL CHOICES FOR PSLE

#### WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE PSLE?

A useful checkpoint at the end of primary school

A fair way to determine secondary school posting

Over the years, we have been changing the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results. Our PSLE Scoring changes reduce an over-emphasis on academic results by:

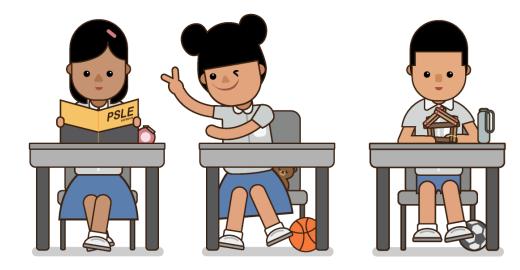
Reducing fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age.

PSLE

Recognising a student's level of achievement, regardless of how his/her peers have done.

3 Encouraging families to choose secondary schools holistically based on students' strengths, interests and abilities.

### **HOW THE PSLE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS**



#### **FROM T-SCORE TO SCORING BANDS**

- a) Reduces fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age
- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into wider scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.

#### b) Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

 Students' ALs for each subject reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE		
1	≥ 90		
2	85 – 89		
3	80 - 84		
4	75 – 79		
5	65 – 74		
6	45 – 64		
7	20 – 44		
8	< 20		

#### **GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES**

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from <u>AL A to C</u>.
- To derive a student's overall PSLE Score for S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.
- Similar to the PSLE T-score system, this mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of how ready they are for the curriculum in secondary school.

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
А	75 – 100	6
В	30 – 74	7
С	< 30	8

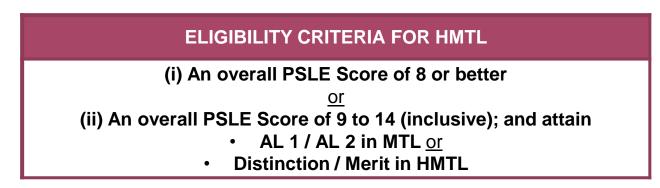
#### 4 SUBJECT ALS WILL BE ADDED TO FORM THE OVERALL PSLE SCORE

- The PSLE Score can range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- Students are placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE Score – Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical).

ENGLISH AL 3 LANGUAGE	PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
MOTHER TONGUE AL 2	EXPRESS	4 – 20
	EXPRESS / N(A) OPTION	21 – 22
MATHEMATICS AL 1	N(A)	23 – 24
SCIENCE AL 2	N(A) / N(T) OPTION	N 25
PSLE SCORE: 8	N(T)	26 – 30, with AL 7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA

Express, N(A) and N(T) courses will be phased out by 2024.

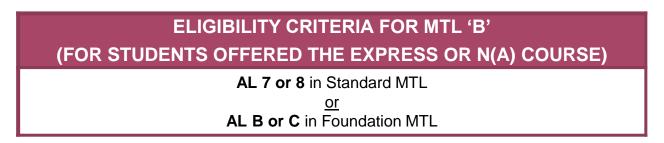
#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (HMTL)



- The eligibility criteria for taking HMTL takes reference from past criteria.
- It ensures students can cope with the higher academic load.
- Secondary schools continue to have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students who do not meet the criteria if they:
  - $\circ$  have high ability and interest in MTL, and
  - $\circ$  are able to cope with the learning load required.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (MTL) 'B' IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

• The MTL 'B' curriculum is designed to help students in the Express and N(A) courses who face exceptional difficulty coping with MTL.



- Schools have discretion to offer MTL 'B' to students who face exceptional difficulty with MTL but do not meet the eligibility criteria at Secondary 1 based on PSLE results.
- As students progress in secondary school, they may also take up MTL 'B' if they are assessed to be suitable by their schools.

#### SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY) [SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- SBB (Sec) provides students posted to the N(A) and (NT) courses with **greater flexibility** to take various subjects at a more demanding level based on their subject-specific strengths.
- Under the new PSLE Scoring System, the SBB (Sec) eligibility criteria is as follows:

FOR STUDENTS POSTED TO THE N(A) OR N(T) COURSE				
PSLE SUBJECT GRADE	OPTION TO TAKE SUBJECT AT			
AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject	Express level			
AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject <u>OR</u> AL A in a Foundation level subject	N(A) level			

- As students progress in secondary school, they continue to have opportunities at various junctures to take subjects at more demanding levels based on their performance in school.
- Students posted to the Express course will take all their subjects at the Express level.

#### SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY) [SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

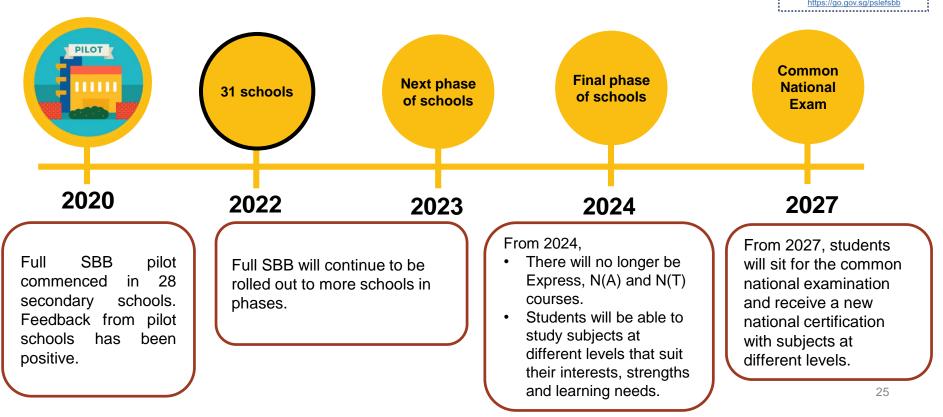
N(A)-Level	N(A)-Level	EXAMPLE:	
English	Mother Tongue	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	AL6
		MOTHER TONGUE	AL6
Express-	N(A)-Level	LANGUAGE	
Level	Science	MATHEMATICS	AL5
Math		SCIENCE	AL6
		PSLE SCORE: Offered N(A) cou	

#### FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)

•The following are changes that students will experience from Full SBB:

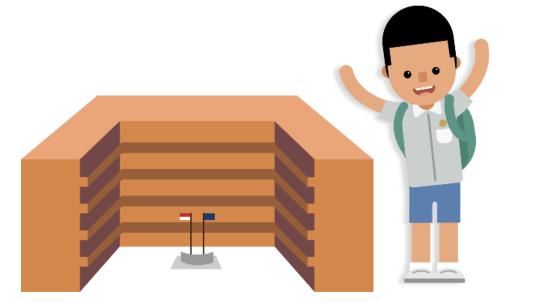
- Removal of Express, N(A) and N(T) courses
- Mixed form classes
- Common Curriculum subjects
- Offering subjects at a more demanding level, including Humanities subjects
- Common National Examinations
- Post-secondary Admissions (More information will be made available at a later date.)

#### FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB) TIMELINE



Link to PSLE-FSBB Microsite

### **HOW THE S1 POSTING SYSTEM WORKS**

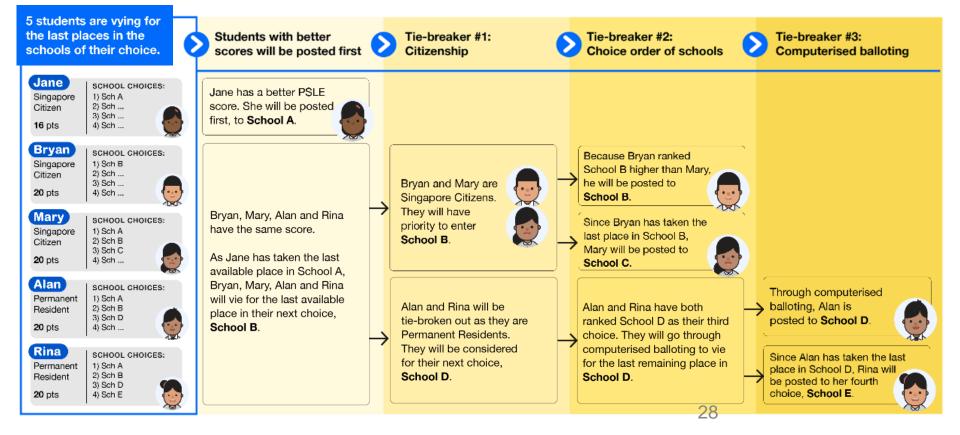


#### CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS MATTERS MORE

- Students continue to have **six choices** in selecting their secondary schools.
- Similar to past years, students continue to be posted to a secondary school based on academic merit, i.e., PSLE Score, and their school choice order.
- If there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last remaining place(s) in a school, the following tie-breakers will be used in the following order:
  - 1. CITIZENSHIP
  - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS (New tie-breaker from 2021 onwards)
  - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING
- The new tie-breaker based on school choice order recognises the different considerations that families have in making school choices.

#### **Tie-breakers** in the new S1 Posting System

Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school. Here's a simplified example.

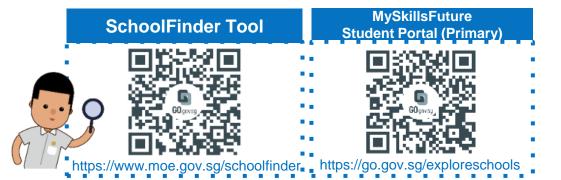


#### PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS



#### PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Use the PSLE Score ranges as a reference alongside other important factors, such as the school's distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), culture, ethos, and proximity to home when shortlisting school choices that would best fit a student's educational needs.
- The 2021 PSLE Score ranges for individual secondary schools will be available for your reference on <u>https://moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder</u> and <u>https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools by end March 2022</u>. They reflect the PSLE scores of the student posted into these schools at the 2021 S1 Posting Exercise.
- A school's PSLE Score range (including Cut-Off-Point) for a particular year is not pre-determined before the posting, and may vary from year to year, depending on the cohort's PSLE results and their school choices in that year's S1 Posting Exercise.



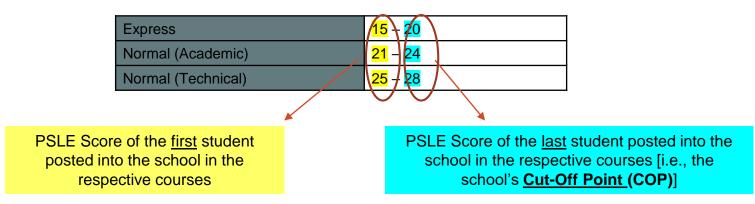
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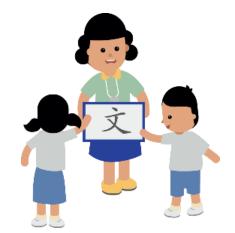
The PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of the <u>first and last student</u> admitted to a particular school in the previous year via the S1 Posting Exercise. This shows the range of student profiles who enter each school.

#### Example

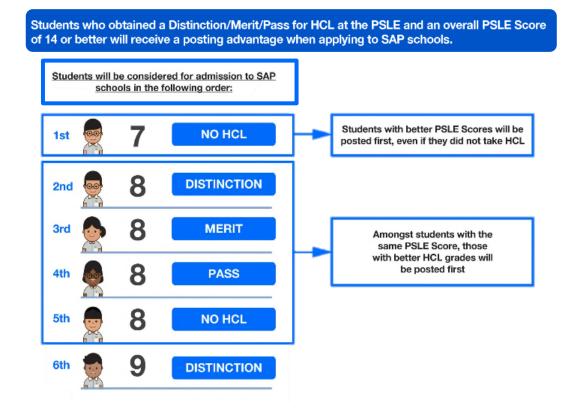
XX Secondary School PSLE Score range of 2021



#### USE OF HIGHER CHINESE LANGUAGE (HCL) FOR ADMISSION INTO SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (SAP) SCHOOLS



#### HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE FOR ENTRY TO SAP SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE



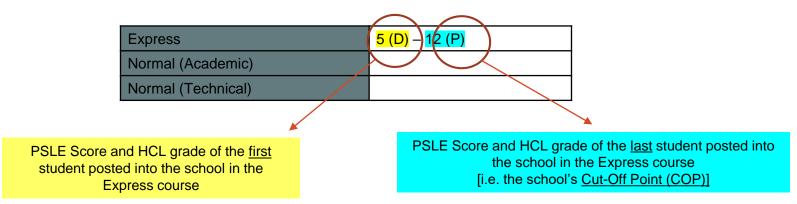
- Students' HCL results are denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students who obtain (i) a Distinction / Merit / Pass in HCL and (ii) a PSLE Score of 14 or better are eligible for posting advantage to SAP schools.
- Students are ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

#### EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL's PSLE SCORE RANGE

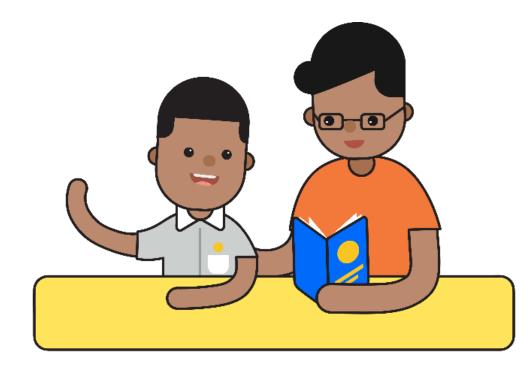
While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.

#### Example

XX Secondary School PSLE Score range of 2021



#### CHOOSING SUITABLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH YOUR CHILD



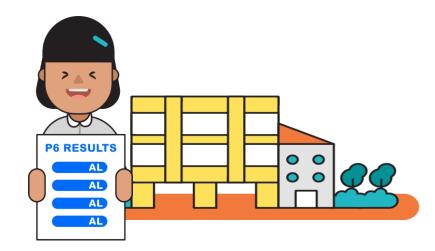
#### **SCHOOL CHOICE JOURNEY**

- The PSLE Score ranges are a **useful reference point** for parents and students to consider secondary schools.
- Use this information, together with other **important factors** such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, CCAs, ethos and cultures, to shortlist schools that would best fit the educational needs of the student.
- If your child has specific talents and strengths beyond the PSLE (e.g. areas such as sports, performing arts and leadership), consider the **Direct School Admission**-**Secondary (DSA-Sec)** as an alternative admission pathway to access secondary schools that have talent development programmes in these areas.



### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**





Use all <u>6 options</u> with a range of Cut-off Points as this will increase your child's chances of being posted to a school of their choice. Take reference from schools' PSLE Score ranges, which serves as a guide for you and your child to shortlist school choices. <u>Consider at least 2-3 schools</u> where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-off Point.

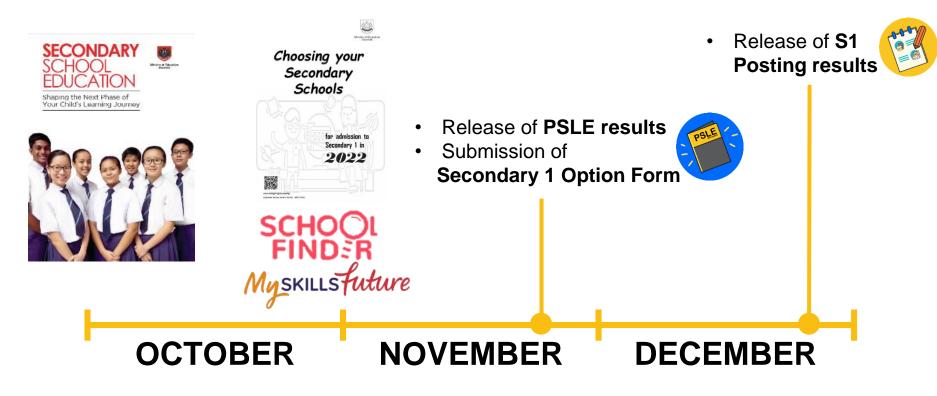
### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**





Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to the <u>your</u> <u>child's strengths and interests</u>, and that provide suitable learning environments. Rank your child's preferred school higher in the school choice order. This will increase your child's chances of being posted to that school, if tiebreakers are required.

### **PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE**



### **TIPS FOR PARENTS!**

Be open and flexible when discussing your child's preferences, needs and choices.

Have regular conversations with your child to understand more about his/her interests and aspirations. Manage your own expectations and do not project these expectations onto your child.

> Affirm your child and offer support when he/she shares his/her plans with you.

### FIND OUT MORE ON THE PSLE-FSBB MICROSITE!



https://go.gov.sg/pslefsbb



### **OTHER RESOURCES**



## **O2** DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION

### **Entering a secondary school**



### **PSLE/S1** Posting Process

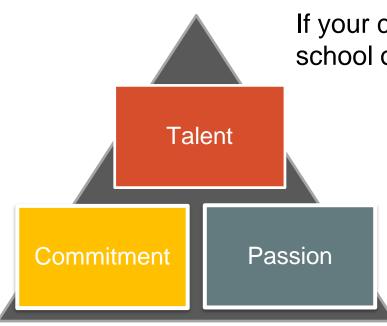
- Based on a student's **PSLE score**
- Most students enter secondary schools this way



### **DSA-Sec**

- Based on a diverse range of talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises
- Allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents

### Is the DSA-Sec right for my child?



If your child has specific **talents** which a school offers the DSA-Sec in,

and is **passionate** about and **committed** in developing her strengths and interests,

DSA-Sec can support her development in that talent area.

## Which school should my child apply to?

- Look for a school with programmes that match your child's strengths and interests
  - Schools are looking out for students whose interests and talents they can develop further
  - Learn more about the secondary school's pace of learning and overall range of programmes
- Get the latest information about what each school offers by:
  - Visiting schools' websites

**DSA-SEC APPLICATION** 

- Attending schools' Open Houses to also experience their environments and cultures
- Visiting the MOE's DSA-Sec website

### What if my child is admitted to DSA-Sec schools?

DSA-SEC APPLICATION

- Your child's PSLE results will still be **used to determine the secondary school course she is eligible** for [i.e. Express, Normal (Academic), Normal (Technical)].
- Even if she has a Confirmed Offer, she **must qualify for a course** offered by the school to be admitted to the DSA-Sec school.
- If your child is admitted to a secondary school through DSA-Sec, she is **not allowed** to:
  - Submit school choices during the Secondary 1 (S1) posting process.
  - Transfer to another school. She must commit to her chosen school for the duration of the programme.

### **Specialised Independent Schools**

- Students who have an aptitude for Mathematics and scientific inquiry, an inclination for applied learning and creativity, excel in sports or have a creative flair for the arts, can enrol in one of the Specialised Independent Schools.
- Admit students entirely or almost entirely through DSA
  - NUS High School of Mathematics and Science
  - School of Science and Technology
  - School of the Arts
  - Singapore Sports School

### What are schools looking for?

- The selection process differs across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories.
- Generally, schools are looking for candidates with:

## Talent, passion, commitment

- Schools may look at achievements and participation (e.g. in Junior Sports Academy).
- Schools may also conduct tests, trials or selection camps to identify students with strengths, or sound fundamentals and potential, in particular areas.

## Strong personal qualities

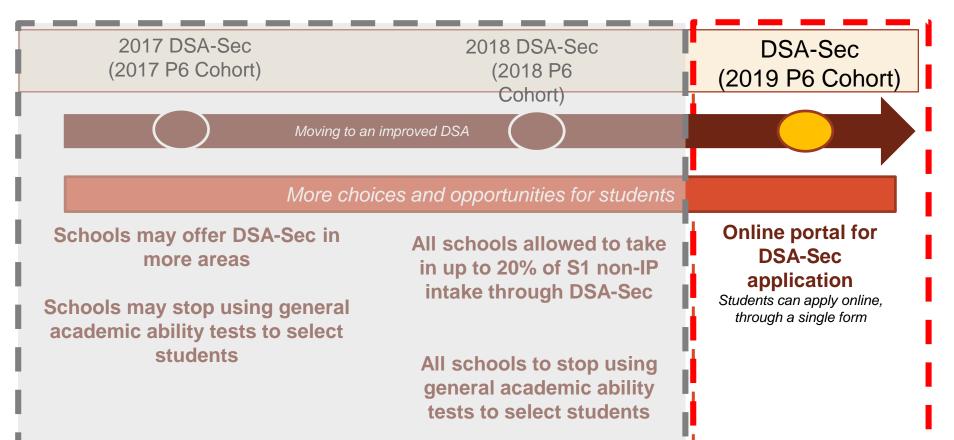
- Schools may look at CCA records and VIA participation.
- Schools may also conduct interviews.

### **Good academic fit**

 Schools may look at primary school results to ensure students can benefit from the school's pace of learning.

Students, be sincere, be genuine, and <u>be yourself</u> – if you are a good fit for the school, it <u>will</u> show.

### **Changes to the DSA-Sec**



### **Features of the DSA-Sec Portal**

- 1. Centralised online applications
- 2. Application using SingPass
- 3. No application fees
- 4. Making choices in the DSA-Sec portal

# What's in store for us with the DSA-Sec Portal?

### For schools

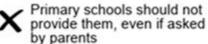
Less paper work as:



P5-P6 results and CCA records will be ported over directly from School Cockpit



Testimonials are no longer required



Secondary schools should not separately ask for personal essays, unless relevant to the DSA talent area

### For students and parents



#### Greater convenience with one standardised application form\*

- Submit one application form indicating up to three choices
- · Simplicity of one clear deadline



#### No fees for application nor selection

\*for application to all schools except School of the Arts (SOTA) & Singapore Sports School (SSP)

## O3 P6HGSEXPERIENCE

### COHORT MILESTONE EXPERIENCES

#### IPW

Advocacy: Environment Conservation

### MUSIC

Learn to Play Ukulele & Song Writing VALUE-BASED CREATIVITY PROJECT (ART) Ceramic & Core Drawing

CLASSBONDING, MOTIVATIONAL & SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

TRANSITION TO SEC SCH Sec Schools' Roadshows

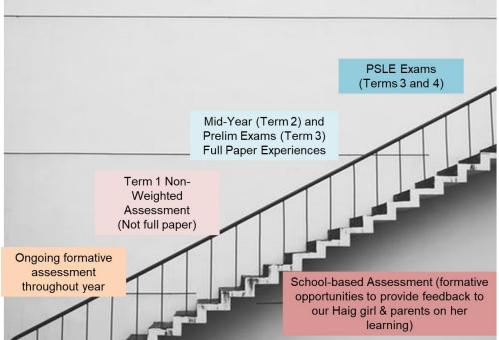
GROOMING & ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP



### We seek to nurture our Haig girls to

- see their journey as learning for life
- see each assessment and PSLE not as an end in itself
- see mistakes as learning opportunities to improve
- embrace a balanced education
- enjoy their learning and be passionate about what they are learning

## HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT PLAN



# How we can support our P6 Haig girls to give their best for PSLE

## PROVIDING FEEDBACKTO DEEPEN LEARNING

Ongoing - parents can email Form and Subject Teachers to better understand child's learning

End May - PCTC



## 2022 PSLE CALENDAR (tentative)

ORALTHURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2022 & FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2022LISTENING<br/>COMPREHENSIONFRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022WRITTEN<br/>EXAMINATIONTHURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 – WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022MARKING<br/>EXERCISEMONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2022 – THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2022

## OUR CARING & EXPERIENCED P6 TEACHERS ARE WITH YOU & OUR HAIG GIRLS

### Very experienced & dedicated team of teachers who have

- marked PSLE papers & are familiar with the expectations & finer points to approaching the questions and presenting their answers
- attended briefings by MOE HQ & SEAB about the expectations of the examination

## HOW HGS IS SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING FOR PSLE

Learning packages designed by our KP & experienced P6 teachers & catered to the needs of our Haig girls

- Closing of learning gaps from daily work marked by the teachers
- Exposure to a variety of questions & levels of difficulty; questions are reviewed & updated to be aligned with PSLE standards
- Provision of a conducive learning environment

## HOW HGS IS SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING FOR PSLE

Subject banding & small group teaching for students who need more learning support during curriculum time

One-to-one or small group consultation with subject teachers

Remedial for targeted groups of students

## HOW HGS IS SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) & Form Teacher (FT) Time Specially Curated FTGP lessons

Heart-to-Heart Talks with FTs

Goal Setting & Growth Mindset Strategies



## How **YOU** can **support** your daughter for PSLE

### 'I wish my parents would stop calling me *hopeless* coz I have been trying my best in my studies.' **P6 Haig Girl**



Know your daughter & manage your expectations

Let her live her dreams, not yours

Affirm her strengths & efforts

Unconditional love from you matters to your daughter – articulate your love & assure her

'I wish you would stop comparing me with everyone else for I do have my strengths and you should be looking at them and not focussing on my weaknesses only.'



We all hate being compared to others & we may have done so unknowingly to our loved ones.

Recognise the efforts, not just the results, & the improvements made by your daughter. This will sustain and inspire her to do better.

Refrain from using words that would make her feel small.

Recognise that each child is different with varied strengths and talents.

'I wish you do not give me so much work. I have to work even late at night and all these tuition classes and homework are causing me to lose sleep and I can't concentrate in class.'



Manage the tuition & enrichment classes planned to ensure that there are rest breaks for your daughter

Advise the tutor not to assign additional homework or teach ahead of time

Manage the number of assessment books and additional exercises given to your daughter

# What happens if your daughter doesn't know how to do her homework or practice paper?

- Do not do the homework for your daughter
- Guide your daughter and ask her questions
- If you provided assistance, indicate next to the answer 'Guided by parent.'



Provide a conducive study environment

Monitor your daughter's use of social media

Ensure that your daughter is fully participative in school

- Adequate rest & exercise
- Balanced diet

### Trust our teachers & work with us

## Make appointment with or email our teachers to discuss your daughter's progress and how to work together

- Contact teachers during school hours (7am to 5pm) via official communication channels
- Be patient as our teachers may not be able to answer your queries on the day itself

### 'I wish my parents can spend a little more quality time with me during the weekend because I really love to be with them.'



Take an interest in your daughter's life – school & personal

Spend quality time with your daughter



'I appreciate that they want to bring the best of me and support me all the way.'

'My parents are my pillars of support and I can look for them whenever I need help.'

'They have supported me all their lives and I want to support them when they grow older.'

'I appreciate the hugs and kisses they give me and for taking care of me every day.'

### How we can work together to support our P6 Haig girls to give their best for PSLE

### HOW YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH THE SCHOOL Be there for them. Spend quality time with them.

Encourage them and be their cheerleaders. Your words of encouragement are critical and matter deeply to them.

Affirm their efforts and improvements.

Manage your expectations.

### HOW YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH THE SCHOOL

Resilient – the ability to bounce back from adversity

Focused – the ability to focus despite distractions & unexpected circumstances

Prepared – the ability to anticipate situations ahead of time & be prepared

Visionary – the ability to see the end goal & visualise it

Open – the ability to learn & be open to possibilities

# THANKYOU!

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