

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SBB)

BRIEFING TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



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Offering of SBB Subjects

- Congratulations!
- Opportunity to do some subjects at a more demanding level
- Nurture their strengths, provide more opportunities, better engagement in learning
 - Better prepared for post-secondary progression pathways



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Eligibility Criteria

Subjects offered	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to take at
English Maths Science MTL	AL 5	--	Express /N(A) level
	AL 6	--	N(A) level
	--	AL A	N(A) level

You will receive an offer letter.



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Some Pointers:

- Students can accept or reject the offer.
- Students are encouraged to take up the SBB subjects until the end of Sec 2.
- There are Mid-year inserts and End-of-year inserts
- At the end of Sec 1, a Humanities subject can be offered as a SBB subject



Some Pointers:

- SBB is for lower secondary only.
- Students may continue to do the subject at a more demanding level at Upper Secondary if they meet the criteria set by the school



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Full SBB

- There is social mix in the classes. Each class consists of about 22/23 students from Express course, 9/10 from NA course and 4/5 from NT course.
- Common Curriculum: CCE, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology, Food Consumer Education – the boys will attend the lessons as a class
- Other Subjects: The boys will attend the lessons by teaching groups.



Our Approach to SBB

- Have lesson together for the more demanding subject
- Pull-out – students are split into a separate group on its own (e.g. NT SBB Sci)
- Some lessons (e.g. NT SBB MT) may be held after curriculum hours on its own
- Marks for higher-level subjects will be converted accordingly to take into account the higher standards and rigour



Coping with SBB

- Bridging support – will be provided where necessary
- Consultations – students have opportunities to consult teachers after school
- Emotional support – Teachers will help students manage stress and peer relations



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LETTER OF OFFER FOR SUBJECT(S) AT MORE DEMANDING LEVEL IN SEC 1

Instructions

- You are eligible to offer subject(s) at more demanding academic level as indicated below.
Please complete this form to indicate if you wish to do so.
- Please return the completed form to your principal by **Monday, 27 December**

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER FOR SUBJECT(S) AT MORE DEMANDING LEVEL IN SEC 1

Name of Student :
NRIC/FIN No. :
School : ST. ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
Sec 1 Course : NORMAL STREAM (TECHNICAL)

1. I accept / reject* ENGLISH LANGUAGE at the **NORMAL (ACADEMIC)*** level.
2. I accept / reject* MATHEMATICS at the **NORMAL (ACADEMIC)*** level.
3. I accept / reject* SCIENCE at the **NORMAL (ACADEMIC)*** level.

Submission of Offer Letter

- FTs will inform you the SBB subject(s) being offered to your son and obtain your response.
- Please collect the offer letter at the General Office, indicate your response to the offer and return the completed form to the General Office by **27 Dec 2022 (Tuesday) 12 noon.**



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Purchase of Books

- You will need to look at two book lists
 - one from the stream your son is posted to
 - another for the SBB subject(s)
- You do not need to buy two sets of books for the SBB subjects. For example, if your son is in NT stream and taking SBB English, then you will buy the books for NT stream except for English. You will buy the need to buy NA English books.



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Questions?



SEE YOU ON 3 JANUARY 2023



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