



毅勤小学

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Dear Parents of P4 students

Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

Subject-Based Banding (SBB) was introduced as a refinement to the streaming process to help each child realise his potential, based on his strengths and needs.

Attached is a brochure on SBB that provides more information and the choices available.

FAQs:

1. What is SBB?

SBB provides greater flexibility for your child by offering him/her the option of a combination of standard and foundation subjects, depending on his strengths. The majority of our students will be taking four standard subjects. Students who need more support in any of the four main subjects can opt to take the subject at the foundation level.

2. How do I choose a combination that is best suited for my child?

Your child is now in Primary 4 and our school will recommend a subject combination based on the exam results of your child at the end of this year. You will be provided with an option form and the school will indicate our recommendation. Parents can indicate the preferred combination for your child, even if it is different from the school's recommendation. Parents are advised to opt for a combination that is based on your child's strengths and potential.

At the end of Primary 5, should your child be unable to cope with the combination that you have chosen, our school will decide on the best combination for your child and make the necessary changes, in consultation with you.

3. How can my child take up Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)?

For students who show strong interest and good ability in Mother Tongue, they may take up Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) as an additional subject provided they meet the following criteria:

- Pass all subjects for P4 End-of-Year Exams
- Does very well in MT (85 marks and above)

Do note that additional time has to be allocated to teach HMT after school hours and for this year, it is conducted every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. To continue with HMT at P6, students must attain the following:

- a) 65 marks (Merit) and above for their HMT at the P5 End-of-Year Exams.
- b) At least AL4 for Standard MT (overall score).
- c) At least AL5 for all other subjects (overall score).

For students who do not meet the above criteria, the school may offer HMT to students assessed to have strong ability and interest in Mother Languages.

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4. Can HCL be used for admission into a Special Assistance Plan (SAP) School?

USE OF HCL FOR ADMISSION INTO SAP SCHOOLS

Prior to 2021

Currently, for admission to SAP schools, students are awarded bonus T-score points based on their HCL grade:

- 3 points for Distinction
- 2 points for Merit
- 1 point for Pass



From 2021 Onwards

- Students with better PSLE scores will be posted first, even if they did not take HCL (the 1st child with 7).
- Amongst students with the same PSLE score, those with better HCL grades will be posted first. (the 2nd to 5th child with 8).
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 posting.

EXAMPLE:

Using HCL for Admission into SAP Schools

Students who take HCL will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools

Students will be considered for admission to SAP schools in the following order:

1st		7	NO HCL	Students with better PSLE Scores will be posted first, even if they did not take HCL
2nd		8	DISTINCTION	
3rd		8	MERIT	Amongst students with the same PSLE Score, those with better HCL grades will be posted first
4th		8	PASS	
5th		8	NO HCL	
6th		9	DISTINCTION	



SAP schools aim to deliver a bilingual and bicultural education, premised on strong national education and school ethos, through a learning environment steeped in Chinese culture and language. Examples of SAP schools are: Hwa Chong Institution, Catholic High School, CHIJ St Nicholas' Girls School and River Valley High School.



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5. Will there be a change of form classes for P4 students moving up to P5 in 2022?

Our key focus is to provide the best possible pace and support for different needs of students. There will be a total of six P5 form classes in 2021, which will consist of the following:

- Two classes for students who have displayed higher progress (based on English, Maths and Science);
- Two classes for students with lower progress in Maths;
- Two classes for the rest of the students.

For Mother Tongue, the students will be grouped according to their ability as what has always been done.

6. Can I consult my child's form teacher for a combination that best suits him/her?

There will be a Parent-Teacher Meeting in November 2021 (date to be confirmed) for your child's form teacher to meet up with you and discuss about SBB for your child. It may not be a physical meeting because of Safety Management Measures but a virtual meeting instead – we will keep you updated.

Together we endeavour all the way!

Mr Thomas Koh
Principal

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