

2026 Secondary 3 Placement Talk (G3)

(A) Administration

1. What is the weighting for Weighted Assessments?
For Secondary 2, each weighted assessment is 10%.
2. What is the Average L1R5 for past year graduated cohort?
The percentage of students who qualified for Junior Colleges and Polytechnics in past 4 years has been shared in the presentation slides shared during Placement Briefing held on 28 April.
This deck of slides has been published on our school website.
3. How many classes are allocated for Combination A, B, C and D?
There is 1 class for each combination, with each class having about 40 students.
4. Can students change subject/s if they realize they are struggling or not interested in the subject/s in Sec 3?
The school does not recommend changing of elective subjects once the new year begins and classes have started. Changing subjects may create unnecessary stress for students who need to catch up and learn new knowledge on their own.
Students should consider their options carefully during Placement Exercise. They may speak to subject teachers to better understand the respective elective subjects before making their choices.

(B) Nature of Subjects

5. What does the subject Humanities (Social Studies, Geography/History) mean?
This is one subject that combine both Social Studies with either Geography or History.

6. Which Humanities subject is most popular among students and which do students generally perform better in?
When choosing elective subjects, students should prioritise interests and individual choice of progression pathway over performance of past year students. The skills required and acquired in History closely align with those in Social Studies.
7. What is the recommended combination for Combined Sciences?
Students should explore their personal interests and choice of progression pathway which will help them make informed decision when choosing the combination of subjects. Students may speak to their Subject Teachers to understand the nature of each subject and choose based on personal inclination.

(C) Eligibility and Combination Selection

8. Is English Literature offered in any of the G3 subject combinations?
English Literature will not offered. Based on student survey conducted at the beginning of the year, English Literature was not popular among this year's cohort of students as an elective subject.
9. What are the criteria for subjects in Combination A and B that will be given based on merit?

To qualify for Combination A and B, students need to score minimum 60 marks Overall for Science and Mathematics. Meeting the minimum mark requirement does not guarantee placement as students are allocated based on merit and class capacity.

Allocation based on merit means students who attain stronger overall subject scores will receive priority placement.

- Students are first given their choices based on the Overall score of the relevant subject. However, for cases where tiebreakers are necessary, core subjects such as EL, Mother Tongue, then common curriculum subjects such as Art, FCE & DT may be taken into consideration.

10. Is it possible to take Combined Science and Pure Biology as a subject combination?

This subject combination is not offered because the current subject combination options allow students to take subjects of different discipline, to open as many pathways as possible.

11. If a student chooses Pure Geography in Combination D, does this mean the student should choose Humanities (Social Studies, History)?

Yes. Students are not allowed to opt for the same subject, e.g. Geography and Humanities (SS, Geography) within the same combination.

12. Is Principles of Accounts (POA) a compulsory subject?

No. Based on the subject combination offered for 2026 Sec 3 classes, POA is not compulsory in Combination A and Combination B.

13. Will there be more courses available in Junior College (JC) and then to university if students take Pure Chemistry and Pure Physics?

All subject combinations on offer are designed to allow students to qualify for (JC) regardless of whether they take Pure Sciences. Students are encouraged to do research on specific pre-requisite on post-secondary course.