

## **FAQ for Sec 3 Placement (Exp)**

### **(A) Administration**

**1. What is Millenia Institute?**

Millennia Institute offers a 3-year A level programme.

**2. What does 'elective subject' mean?**

Elective subjects mean under the option of the subject combination, the student will only one of the subjects offered. E.g. Between Art & POA, the student can only select one subject, and not both.

**3. Why are only 7 subjects being offered?**

The number of subjects offered is often limited by manpower and resources, so we are offering only these combinations based on our school's analysis of requirements to proceed to IHLs with the best options.

**4. When will we know if Art and Literature will be in the combination?**

They are both in Combination C, as a choice to take either POA or Art as the 7th subject in Combination C.

**5. How many slots are there for the subjects?**

In the option form, there will be 4 - 6 options.

**6. Is the allocation of subjects based on subject merit of End of Year Exam only, or overall Sec 2 results?**

It is based on overall Sec 2 results.

**7. What is class size needed to meet the requirement for elective subject to be set?**

Minimum of 15 students.

**8. What if we are unable to apply for A Math and Literature is not available as a subject due to a small number of applicants or lack of manpower?**

The school will ensure all students have at least 7 subjects offered, including students who do not meet criteria for popular subjects.

**9. Will the school send out a letter stating which combination students are eligible for?**

Students will be shown their overall results for all subjects so that they can gauge for themselves, which subject combination they are eligible for.

**10. Do students remain in their current Sec 2 class regardless of which combination they choose?**

Students will remain in their current form class as they progress into Upper sec, regardless of the subject combination they are allocated.

**11. Based on past 2 years, how many classes are there for combination A/B/C respectively?**

In past 2 years, there were two classes of students allocated Combination A, one class for Combination B and one for Combination C.

**12. Are our subject combinations offering enough subjects to allow students to be eligible for university courses?**

Yes. The subjects offered in all combinations will meet the requirement of R4&R5 subjects to allow students to be eligible for entry to JC and poly.

**13. Given 6 out of 7 for L1R5, I take it English and Mother Tongue to be inside? Students are left with 4 to select from remaining 5 subjects?**

Yes, L1 is EL, the other subjects are R5. For JC, the R5 does not need to include MT, but he/she must pass MT to qualify for JC.

**14. If you take combined Science in Upper Sec, is it harder to get into JC compared to those who take pure Sciences?**

JCs do have subject combinations that take in combine Science students. For details of pre-requisite subject requirement, please visit the JC website of your choice as the requirement differs in each JC.

**15. If students do not take Higher Mother Tongue in Sec 2, will they be offered in Sec 3 or 4 if eligible?**

For HMT, they will need to take the O levels at the end of Sec 3, so we only offer to students at end of Sec 1 or Sec 2.

**16. Is a pass for Mother Tongue compulsory for application to Polytechnic?**

No. There is no requirement to pass MTL for application to Polytechnic.

**17. How important is Mother Tongue in the L1R5 total? Can we omit it?**

MTL is a requirement for entry to JC. However, if students attain better grades in other subjects, they may use the grade in the L1R5 computation.

**18. Is Higher MT offered to students who score well in MT?**

Yes, only students who score well in MT at Sec 1 or 2 and deemed to be able to cope with other subjects will be offered HMT.

**19. Can we use the CCA and the Higher Mother Tongue to deduct from the raw score or is it only one of it?**

Bonus points from both CCA and Higher Mother Tongue can be utilised at the same time to reduce aggregate score for a student.

**20. If the student take 3rd language, can it be used to deduct points?**

This depends on the 3rd language subject as only some subjects can be used to deduct points. Students can check with their subject teacher for bonus points eligibility.

**21. How many CCA bonus points are they able to deduct from the raw score?**

Under CCA attainment, an Excellent grade is 2 bonus points and Good is 1 bonus point. However, if a student is also taking Higher Mother Tongue, he/she will get 2 bonus points. This student can use the bonus points from HMTL and CCA. (Maximum of 4 bonus points)

**22. Does representing the school in the Math Olympiad also contribute to CCA score? Is there regular checking of students' LEAPs?**

Participating in competition will allow students to gain points under Achievement in LEAPS 2.0. Students LEAPS records are shown in their result slips at the end of year.

**23. For the four ELR2B2 aggregate types, is it a need to take every subject in the list to be sure to enter the courses?**

No, students need to only take the 2 out of each category (Relevant 2 and Best 2)

**24. Can students who do not take Pure Geography at O Levels be able to cope with H2 Geography in the JC?**

There are no pre-requisites to take Geography at A Levels, though students who have taken Geography at O Levels may be more familiar with a few topics.

**25. For students enrolled in Science stream, are they able to proceed to Business or Accounting course in Tertiary, as they do not take Principles of Accounts in O Level?**

Yes, they can apply for Business or accounting courses in tertiary institutes.

**26. Does taking pure sciences/combined sciences have any impact on University selection?**

Regardless of the Science subjects, students will be eligible for JC/Poly courses and their eligibility to University is dependent on the results at these institutions.

**27. Do students have to take all the relevant subjects?**

Students need to only choose 1 of the Relevant subjects as indicated in the table of relevant subjects to qualify for the course.

**28. Is FCE/DNT considered as relevant subject?**

Yes, depending on the tertiary course the student intends to take.

## **(B) Nature of Subjects**

**29. Does Art includes Music?**

No. We do not offer Music at Upper Secondary Level. However, students with strong musical inclination can opt to do at O level in another school, on top of the subjects they are allocated in West Spring Sec.

## **(C) Eligibility and Combination Selection**

**30. What is the asterix beside Biology for?**

This refers to the bullet point on the presentation slides - Biology is an elective subject and so will be offered based on manpower & demand.

**31. What is the eligibility for A Math?**

For students to apply for A Math, their overall Math grade should minimally be a B (B3 or B4). However, this does not guarantee that your child will get to A math. Being eligible does not mean that your child will be offered the subject. Priority will be based on merit.

**32. If we did not get the subject we wanted, we need to choose another subject?**

All students are given multiple choices on the option form. It is encouraged that students and parents make strategic decisions by choosing from more than one combination type.

**33. How many classes of A Math and Pure Sciences are there?**

From the combination table, A Math is offered in Combi A & B, and C for half the class.  
There is a limit of 2 classes of Pure Science to be offered.

**34. For all combinations, there is Math as well as A Math?**

Yes for Math. A Math will not be offered if not eligible. Students may choose the other offered elective subject.

**35. Is A Math compulsory to be chosen in Combination A?**

Yes.

**36. For Combination A is there an option to swop Humanities with POA?**

No, Humanities is a compulsory subject.

**37. In Combination B, does it mean that the student will take both A Math and POA?**

Yes.

**38. How many classes will there be for Combination A, B and C respectively?**

Depends on the number of applicants for each combination at the end of the year.

**39. If the students score C6 for English and failed ART in Combination C, will the student likely be allocated to POA or Art?**

It will depend on their choice & merit.

**40. What happens if the Art and Literature subjects do not meet the class size requirement?**

If the class size is not met, students will be given their second choice in the elective subject.

**41. How do we choose whether we want to take FCE, D&T or Art?**

FCE & D&T are not offered to the Express stream.

**42. Does the school offer triple Sciences?**

No. The school does not offer triple Sciences. This is upon consideration of students' well-being and that in the subject courses offered in JC, there is no requirement for A level students to take triple Science.

**43. For Combination A, is Chemistry and Biology counted as pure or combined?**

For Combination A, Chemistry and Biology are taken as pure sciences.

**44. Does Biology/ Physics mean triple Science with Chemistry?**

No, it is Double Science: Chemistry with either Biology or Physics.

**45. Is it compulsory to take double sciences?**

No. Double Sciences is only for combination A. For combination B & C, they will take Combined Science, so Sc (Chem/Bio) or Sc (Chem/Phy) as one subject.

**46. What is the limit for the number of students who want to take double sciences?**

Students will need to meet the minimum requirement of the course (minimum B) and the limit is 2 classes.

**47. For Combination A, can students take both Biology and Physics or either one only?**

Either one only.

**48. Is the science in Combination B and Combination C combined science?**

Yes, both are Combined Sciences.

**49. Can the school offer Pure History and/or Pure Geography?**

No, Pure History & Pure Geography are not offered. Only Pure Literature is offered.

**50. What does SS represent within the combination group?**

Social Studies.

**51. SSGeo is a pure subject?**

It is a Combined Humanities subject.

**52. Hum (SSGeog/SSHist) - Do we choose one or student needs to take both Geo and Hist?**

Choose one of either SS Geog or SS Hist.