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FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FSBB)

22 JANUARY 2022 SECONDARY 1 BRIEFING



What is Full SBB?

- In Secondary schools from 2024 onwards:

Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal(Technical) labels will be removed.

Students of different backgrounds and academic abilities will be organised in the mixed form classes.

Suitable Sec 2 students may take Humanities subjects at a more demanding level, on top of English, Mathematics, Mother Tongue Language and Science.



Why Full SBB?

- Full SBB will shift our education system to a more **student-centric structure**, with **one secondary school education for all students**.

Customise learning to your child's **strengths and interests**.

Help your child build **confidence** and an **intrinsic motivation to learn for life**.

Guide your child to chart their **varied development pathways**.



Implementation of FSBB in JWSS

JWSS was one of 12 prototype schools to offer SBB subjects

Prototype schools

Year 2014

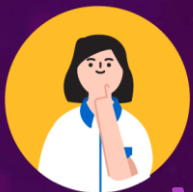


Year 2020

JWSS piloted FSBB, implementing mixed form classes & offering of Humanities at a more demanding level to Sec 2

Roll-out of FSBB in all schools

Year 2024



Offering of SBB Subjects?

When will it be offered?

- FSBB is only offered to students at:
 - ~~Secondary 1 upon posting (Based on PSLE results)~~
 - Secondary 1 Mid-Year (Based on Semester 1 performance)
 - Secondary 1 End-of-Year (Based on Overall performance)



Offering of SBB Subjects?

School criteria for offer of SBB

School Assessment	Criteria for offer
Mid-Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject CA performance > 75%• Must have taken T2WA
End-of-year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject overall performance > 75%• Must have taken EOY Exam



Offering of Humanities to 2N(A) & 2N(T) students at a more demanding level

- Sec 2 N(A) and N(T) students may offer **Humanities subjects** at a more demanding level, on top of English Language, Mathematics, Mother Tongue Languages and Science, if they meet subject-specific criteria.



Humanities subjects offered in Sec 2
Literature in English
History
Geography

- This will provide opportunities for these students to study subjects at a level **better suited to their strengths and interests.**



CONSIDERATIONS FOR TAKING UP SBB

WHY SHOULD I TAKE UP SBB SUBJECTS?

- You can pursue deeper learning in subjects of their interest and strength
- Strengthen foundation in the SBB subjects offered
- Better prepares you to continue offering these subjects at a more demanding level at the Upper Secondary
- Benefits at Post-Secondary level



CONSIDERATIONS FOR TAKING UP SBB

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER BEFORE I TAKE UP SBB SUBJECTS?

- **Demands** of SBB subjects is higher
 - Command of language required is higher
 - Thinking has to be more critical and deeper
 - More content to cover
- **Effort** needed from the student is greater
 - More time needed for homework & self-directed revision
 - More effort in seeking consultations
- **May or may not perform better** than remaining in the original level
- Need to **strike a balance** between what you are currently offering and the additional **academic load** you will experience upon accepting SBB subjects
- Expect to take the SBB subject till the end of Sec 2, **NO DROPPING OUT** halfway.



THANK YOU!