



**ST ANDREW'S  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

# **COHORT ENGAGEMENT**

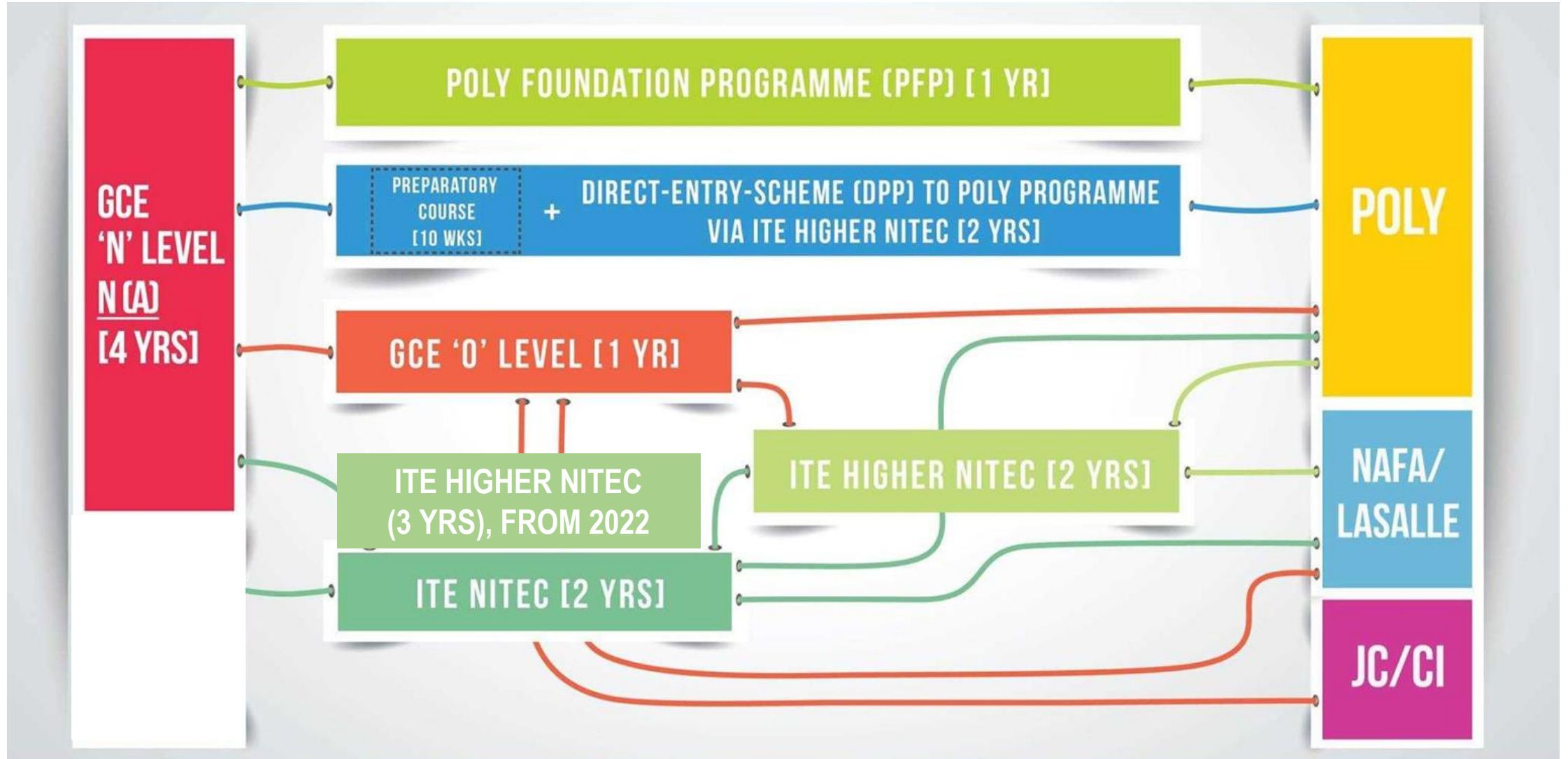
**Sec 2 N(A)**

**22 April 2024**

**Ms Agnes Teo, Vice Principal**



# Multiple Pathways for N(A) Students





# Course Selection: Timeline

Date	Event
4 Jan ✓	<b>Careers Exploration Day</b> [students explored 2 career choices and industry experts shared their insights]
4 April, 6 pm ✓	<b>Sec 2 Course Selection Talk for Parents by SLs &amp; KP (via zoom)</b>
<b>22 April</b>	<b>Cohort Engagement by SLs &amp; KP (face to face)</b>
2 May, 6 pm	Subject Talks for Parents and Students by IP Heads (via zoom)
23 May	Subject Experience conducted by Sec 4 Peer Support Leaders
23 – 27 May	Students' Interest Survey (online)

## Rationale of Students' Interest Survey

- Enable the school to better understand the needs and interests of our boys
- Data collected from the exercise will allow the school to finalise the set of subject combinations at year-end



# Course Selection: Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
17 October 7 am – 21 October 5 pm	Sec 2 Course-Selection Exercise (via All Ears)
30 October 5 pm	Release of Course Selection Results (via All Ears)
1 November 7 am – 4 November 5 pm	Appeal Period for Course Selection (via All Ears)
8 November 5 pm	Release of Appeal Results (via All Ears)



# Sec 2 Subject Experience conducted by Sec 4 Peer Support Leaders

Through this  
initiative,  
students will:



Have a better understanding of  
what the elective subject entails



Make informed decisions



Have the opportunity to interact with  
their peers and their seniors



## Sec 2 Subject Experience

Subject booths and ECG booth will be set up for our boys to explore

Students can interact with their seniors and find out about more than one elective they have interest in



# Subject Combinations for Sec 3N(A)

Number of subjects	6 subjects	7 subjects
<b>Common Subjects</b>	English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics	
<b>Combined Science</b>	Science (Physics & Chemistry)	
<b>Humanities (Choose 1)</b>	Humanities (Social Studies, History) OR Humanities (Social Studies, Geography)	
<b>Elective Subjects</b>	<b>Choose 1 Elective</b>	<b>Choose 2 Electives</b>

Elective 1		Elective 2
Art	O-Level Music	Art
Additional Mathematics	Nutrition & Food Science	O-Level Music
Design & Technology	Principles of Accounts	
Literature		



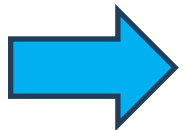
# Subject Combinations for Sec 3N(A)

## RATIONALE

- Broad-based education; next level of education at post-secondary

## COURSE SELECTION CRITERIA

- Final subject combinations offered at year-end are subject to changes, based on availability of manpower resources and interest indicated by students
- Elective subjects will only be offered if the minimum number of students necessary to make up a class is met
- Placement is based on merit and number of places for the subjects
  - (a) **Overall results** (whole year) will be considered for selection of course
  - (b) **Performance in Specific Subject** (EOY results)
    - Principles of Accounts [take reference from English and Mathematics]







# Course – Specific Criteria

Course	Criteria
7 Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>overall percentage</u> should be 60% and above</li></ul>
<b>* Note: The criteria only serves as a guide and the actual cut-off depends on the performance of the Sec 2 Normal (Academic) cohort and the demand for the various subjects.</b>	



# Subject Vacancies

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Number of Places</b>
Art (E1 + E2)	15
Design & Technology (E1)	20
Music (E1 + E2)	10
Literature (E1)	30
Nutrition & Food Science (E1)	12
Additional Mathematic (E1)	30
Principles of Accounts (E1)	30



# Criteria for Offering OOS Subjects

- Met eligibility for promotion to Secondary 3
- Subjects offered for Out-of-Stream Subjects (OOS)
  - EL, MTL, Math, Combined Sci, Humanities (SS/HS, SS/GE)

	EL	MTL	MATHS	SCI	HUMANITIES (SS/HS)	HUMANITIES (SS/GE)
For students doing SBB subjects (at G3)	C5 (55%) at EOY	C5 (55%) at EOY	C5 (55%) at EOY	C5 (55%) at EOY	C5 (55%) at EOY	C5 (55%) at EOY
For students not doing SBB subjects (at G2)	2 (70%) at EOY	2 (70%) at EOY	2 (70%) at EOY	2 (70%) at EOY	1 (75%) at EOY	1 (75%) at EOY



# Grade Conversion for OOS Subjects

GCE O-Level Grade	GCE N(A)-Level Grade
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3
E8	4
9	5



# Promotion Criteria

Outcome	Conditions
Promoted to Sec 3 N(A)	Pass in EL and 2 other subjects
Lateral Transfer to Sec 3 Exp	Overall percentage of at least 70% and at least 65% in EL and Maths (EOY results)



# General Guidelines to continue with OOS Subjects

Students taking OOS subjects at Sec 3 will be encouraged to revert to the appropriate level of study for that particular subject if they:

- Failed (<50%) in the OOS subject(s) they are offering and/or
- Failed overall (overall results <50%)

*Review of subject offerings will be based on Sec 3 year-end results.  
Students who are not managing well will be advised and  
recommendations made in consultation with parents.*



# Book an ECG Appointment

- Ms Nur, ECG Counsellor
- Availability: Every Monday and Tuesday
- Time: 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
- Location: ECG Room at St Andrew's House
- Email:  
[nurkhadijah\\_mustafa\\_bamadhaj@schools.gov.sg](mailto:nurkhadijah_mustafa_bamadhaj@schools.gov.sg)

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

Explore your potential,  
know your options.

**Speak with your ECG Counsellor Ms Nur!**  
(ECG room at boarding house)

**Book an appointment on  
MONDAY or TUESDAY**

<https://go.gov.sg/ecg-sass>

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ANNEX





# Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

## • Eligibility for PFP:

Starting from the Academic Year 2024 intake, the PFP will be expanded to allow a wider group of students to benefit from a practice-based preparatory pathway to a polytechnic education, while ensuring that they are able to cope with the curriculum.

- **ELMAB3** raw aggregate score of **12 points or better** (excluding CCA bonus points)
  - Grade 3 or better for **EL, MA** and **1 'Best'** subject (Grade 2 in EL for some courses)
  - Grade **4\*** or better for **2 other 'Best'** subjects (relaxed criteria)
- CCA bonus points are used in computing the ELMAB3 net aggregate score for course posting

Refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/pfp>





# Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

- Admitted directly into a 2-year Higher Nitec programme at the ITE without having to sit for the O-Level examination or undergo a Nitec programme.
- Assured of a place in a related polytechnic course, if student achieves the required minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) score in the Higher Nitec course.
- **Eligibility for DPP:**
  - i. **ELMAB3** raw aggregate score of **19 points or less** (excluding CCA bonus points)
    - CCA bonus points used in computing the ELMAB3 net aggregate score for course posting
  - ii. Grade **4** or better for **English & Maths** (Grade 3 in EL for some courses)  
Grade **5** or better for **3 other subjects**

Refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/dpp>





# 3-year Higher Nitec Programme

- Students attain a *Higher Nitec* qualification directly, in only three years instead of four years (Nitec → Higher Nitec).
- Students can apply using the existing *Nitec* entry requirements.  
English, Math or Science (depending on the course applied for) plus 2 other subjects;  
Grade 5 or better.

ITE is transitioning all its Nitec courses to the enhanced three-year curricular structure leading directly to a Higher Nitec certification.

ITE will continue to monitor the outcomes of this implementation and is on track to complete the transition **by Academic Year 2026**.



# Junior College Pathway

## *Sec 5 in 2027*

➤ ***No Change to Junior College (JC) Admission Criteria***

(i.e. L1R5 gross aggregate score of 20 or better, excluding bonus points)

➤ ***A-Level curriculum to be revised***

• From 2026, only 3 H2 content-based subjects will count towards the University Admission Score (UAS) by default. Fourth content-based subject included only if it improves score.

• No more mid-year exams for JCs and Millennia Institute progressively, starting with the cohort entering in 2024.

• Project Work will be a Pass/Fail subject.

• From 2024, all JC1 students will be required to study General Paper (GP), which will be delinked from Knowledge & Inquiry (KI).

• KI remains a H2 contrasting subject for both Arts and Science.



Thank You!