



RIVERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRIEFING FOR PARENTS P5 and P6

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Useful websites

- **School website – main events and school assessments**
<http://www.rivervalepri.moe.edu.sg/>
- **SEAB website - PSLE Exam matters**
<http://www.seab.gov.sg/>
- **MOE - Direct School Admission**
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec>
- **Secondary Schools**
<http://sis.moe.gov.sg/>



Outline of Presentation

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Subject-based Banding



P4 Subject-based Banding

At the end of P4

Based on student's exam results, school recommends a subject combination.

Parents complete an option form indicating preferred combination.



At P5, student takes combinations chosen by parents

English, Math, Science and Mother Tongue are available at standard & foundation levels.

MTL is also available at higher level.



P5 Subject-based Banding

At the end of P5

Based on student's results, school decides the subject combination. **School makes decision based on student's capability to cope P6 PSLE.**

- Most students continue with the same subject combination in P6.
- takes 4 standard subjects and has difficulty coping, may be asked to take 1 or more subjects at foundation level in P6
- takes HMT but failed any of the EMS subjects and are not coping and should drop HMT to focus on core EMSMT



P5 School Exam Dates

Date	Description
11 – 12 Apr	SA1 Oral and LC
26 Apr – 4 May	SA1 Written Paper
26 Sept	SA2 LC
11 Oct	SA2 Oral
13 Oct	SA2 HMT
25– 30 Oct	SA2 EL, MA, SC and MT



P6 School Exam Dates

Date	Description
11 Apr	SA1 LC
12 Apr	SA1 Oral (EL)
20 – 21 Apr	SA1 E-Oral (MT)
26 Apr – 4 May	SA1 Written Paper
27 – 28 Jul	Prelim Oral
21– 25 Aug	Prelim Written Papers
28 Aug	Prelim LC



PSLE Dates 2017

Date	Description
17- 18 Aug	Oral
15 Sep	Listening Comprehension
28 Sept – 4 Oct	Written Papers
22 Nov (Tentative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release of Results• S1 Option Exercise
Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release of Posting Results• Report to Secondary School

Marking Exercise : 19 - 24 Oct



PSLE – A Placement Examination

- ✓ Reflects the relative achievement level of students within the National P6 cohort
- ✓ Places students into different courses according to their academic ability
- ✓ Enables posting to secondary schools by merit and as far as possible into a school of their choice



Family Support

- ✓ **Be available for your child**
- ✓ **Help your child set realistic goals**
- ✓ **Encourage good study habits**
- ✓ **Provide a conducive study area**
- ✓ **Draw up a routine for studying:**
 - **How long?**
 - **When?**



Family Support

- ✓ **Work closely with the School Teachers**
- ✓ **Monitor daily work**
- ✓ **Balance study with play**
- ✓ **Watch your child's diet, sleep and health**

Encourage! Encourage! Encourage!



PSLE and Aggregate Score



PSLE Aggregate Score

- Not the raw scores obtained by the candidate in the PSLE
- It is the sum of the “T-Score” of each subjects i.e. EL, Math, Science and MT
- “T-Score” = Transformed score
- Computed by a formula using the raw scores obtained by the candidate



T-Score Calculation

candidate's mark for
the subject

average mark (mean)
scored by all candidates
for the subject

$$T = 50 + 10 \frac{(X - Y)}{Z}$$

spread of the marks around
the average mark for the
subject (standard deviation)

- **Aggregate T- score** = T-Score EL + T-Score Math + T-Score MT + T-Score Science
- **All 4 subjects are equally important**
- **Higher Mother Tongue is NOT included**

T- Score Explained

An example:

John scored 85% in both English and Mother Tongue in PSLE.

Will the T-Score of these two subjects be the same?



John's EL Score

$$T = 50 + 10 \frac{(X - Y)}{Z}$$

John's English mark = 85

Av mark (Y) of all students = 55

Spread of marks (Z) = 12

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 50 + 10 \frac{(85 - 55)}{12} \\ &= \underline{75} \end{aligned}$$



John's MT Score

$$T = 50 + 10 \frac{(X - Y)}{Z}$$

John's MT mark = 85

Av mark (Y) of all students = 70

Spread of marks (Z) = 12

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 50 + 10 \frac{(85 - 70)}{12} \\ &= \underline{62.5} \end{aligned}$$



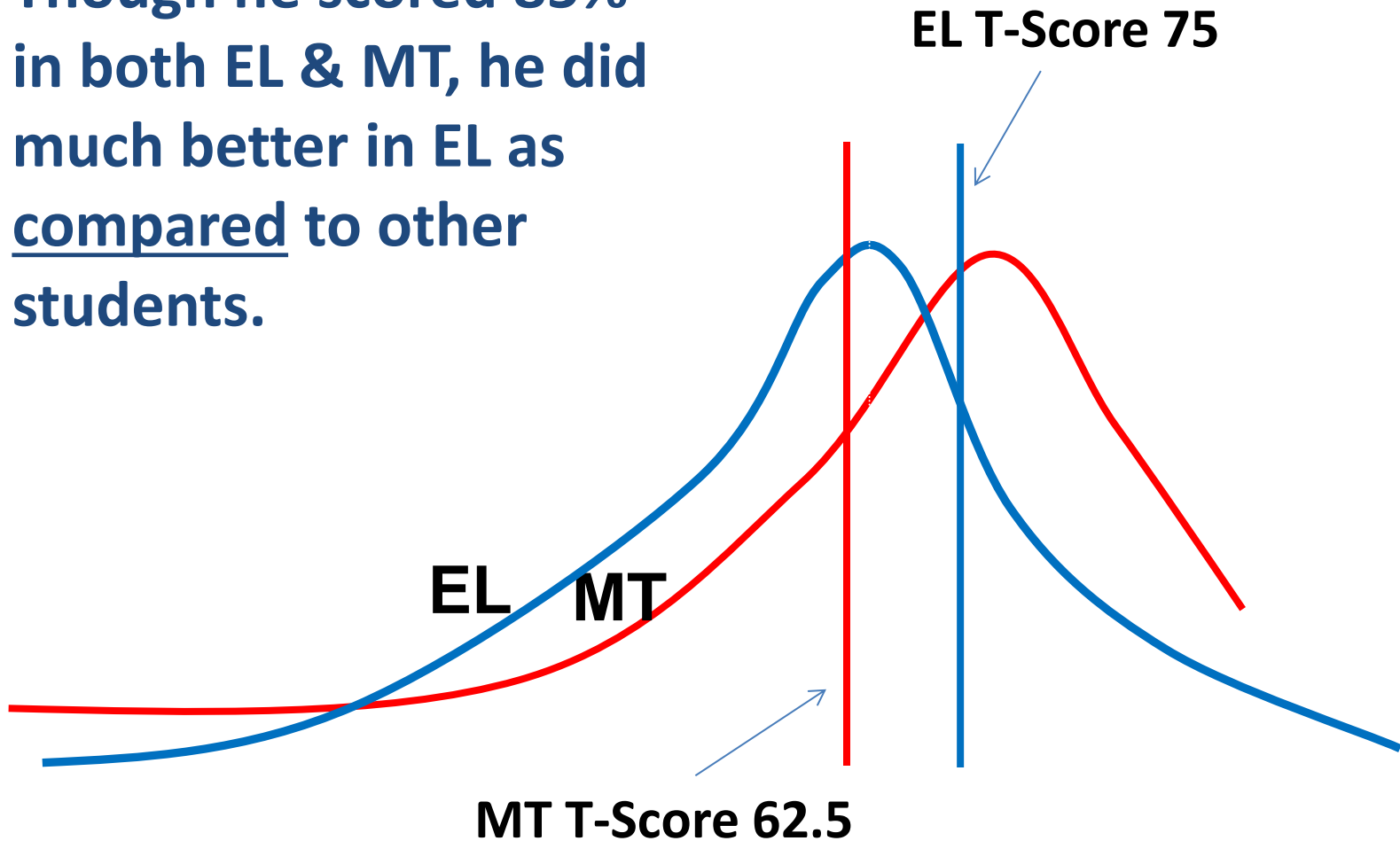
Why the T-score is used

- Different subjects have different levels of difficulty
- Raw mark – how good the student is in that subject
- T-score – how good the student is in that subject compared to other students



John scored 85% in both EL and MT

Though he scored 85% in both EL & MT, he did much better in EL as compared to other students.



Higher Chinese Language (HCL)

HCL Bonus Point is only applicable if a student is considering applying to a Special Assistance Plan (SAP) school

HCL Grade	Bonus Point
Distinction	3
Merit	2
Pass	1



Finally

All students are ranked according to their aggregate scores for posting to Secondary Schools



School Posting - Ranked by T-Score

By MERIT, then CHOICE

Example: Number of places available	School A 2 places	School B 1 place	School C 3 places
Child A (265) 1 st choice: Sch A	✓		
Child B (241) 1 st choice: Sch A	✓		
Child C (240) 1 st choice: Sch A; 2 nd choice: Sch C; 3 rd Choice: Sch B	✗		✓
Child D (200) 1 st choice: Sch A; 2 nd choice: Sch B; 3 rd Choice: Sch C	✗	✓	

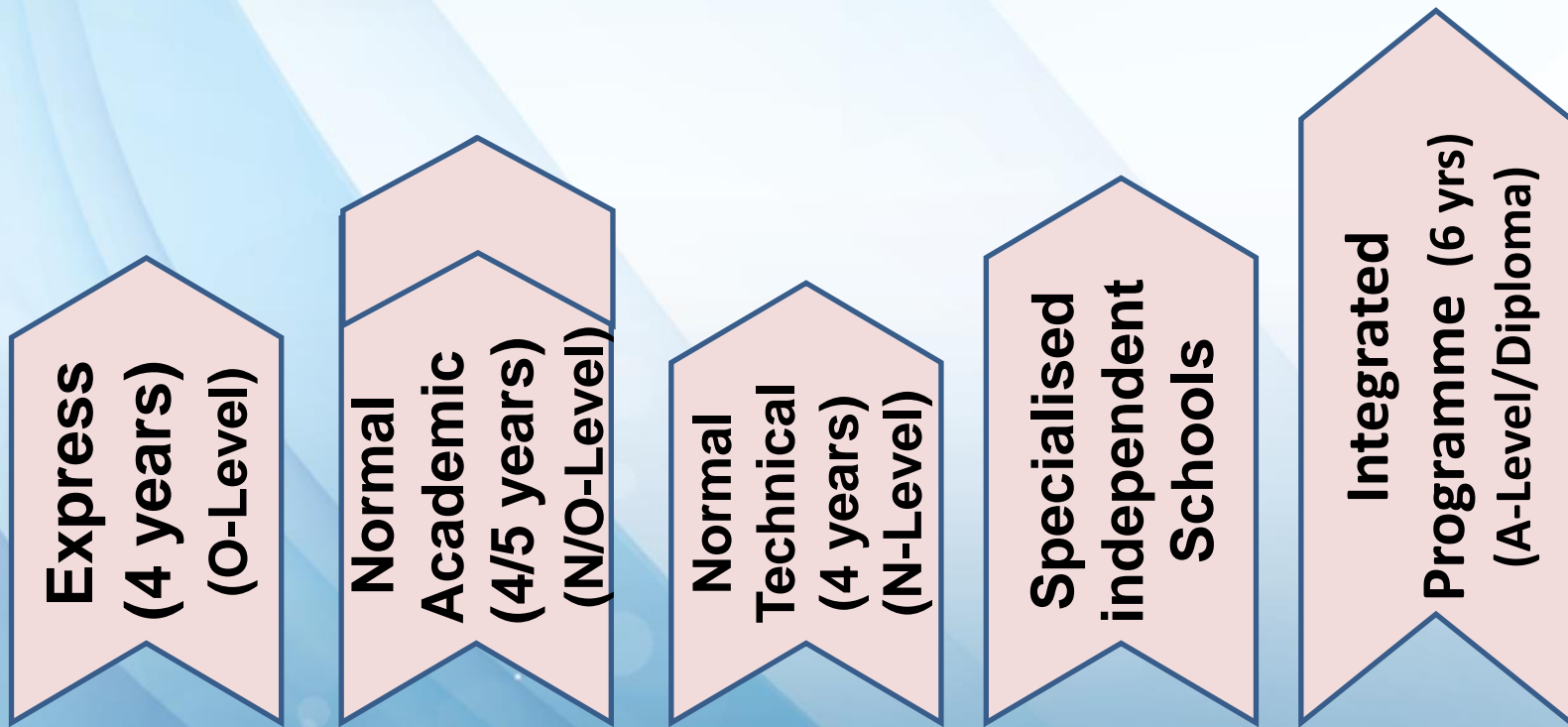


Secondary Education Information



Different Pathways

University Degree / Continuous Learning
Junior College/ Polytechnic / ITE



Primary School Leaving Examination



Express Course

- **4 years**
- **GCE O-Level Exam at the end of the fourth year**
- **Students may choose to study HCL, HML or HTL if they meet the following criteria:**
 - **top 10% of the cohort; or**
 - **top 11% to 30% of the cohort and achieve an A* in the MTL or at least a Merit in HMTL**



Normal (Academic) Course

- **Four or five years**
- **GCE N-Level** Exam at the end of the fourth year
- Those who do well will proceed to the fifth year for the **GCE O-Level** Exam
- Those who do not qualify could take up technical-vocational education in the Institute of Technical Education (ITE)



Normal (Technical) Course

- **Four years**
- English Language, Basic MT, and a range of other subjects
- **GCE N-Level Exam** at the end of the fourth year
- **Prepares** students for a technical-vocational education at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

**Specialised N(T) Schools: Crest Secondary
Spectra Secondary**



Integrated Programmes (IP)

- **Integrated six-year Secondary and JC education for academically strong students**
- **A-level or diploma at the end of sixth year**
- **Admit students at Secondary 1 or Secondary 3**



Choosing a Secondary School

<http://sis.moe.gov.sg>



Preparation

Discuss with your child and consider the schools holistically. Factors may include:

- **child's personality, learning style, strengths and interests**
- **distance between home and the school**
- **special needs of your child (if any)**
- **programmes offered by the school**
- **previous year's PSLE aggregate ranges**
- **DSA application**



Direct School Admission

- introduced in 2004
- promotes holistic education
- provides students an opportunity to demonstrate a more diverse range of achievements and talents
- secondary schools select some P6 students for admission based on their achievements and talents before the PSLE results are released



thank
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you!



Coming up...

1.15 to 2 pm

Sharing by Sec Schools

- ❖ **Raffles Girls' Sch - PAL Room**
- ❖ **Raffles Institution - Hall**

