



# RIVERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BRIEFING FOR PARENTS - P4

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# Outline of Presentation

- **Subject-Based Banding (SBB)**
- **Banding / Class Allocation from P4 (2018) to P5 (2019)**



# Why Subject-Based Banding?

- To recognise the different abilities of students and provide greater flexibility for them to concentrate on the subjects they are good at
- To encourage greater interaction among students with different strengths



# How does Subject-Based Banding (SBB) work?

School recommends a subject combination based on the student's P4 examination results. Parents select preferred combination.

## Performance

Passes all 4 subjects and performs very well in Mother Tongue Language

## Recommendation

4 standard subjects + Higher Mother Tongue Language



# How does Subject-Based Banding (SBB) work?

| Performance               | Recommendation                                       |
|---------------------------|--|
| Passes 3 or 4 subjects    | 4 standard subjects                                  |
| Passes 2 subjects or less | 4 standard subjects; or                              |
|                           | 3 standard subjects + 1 other foundation subject; or |



# How does Subject-Based Banding (SBB) work?

| Performance               | Recommendation   |
|---------------------------|--|
| Passes 2 subjects or less | 2 standard subjects +<br>2 other foundation subjects; or |
|                           | 1 standard subject +<br>3 other foundation subjects; or  |
|                           | 4 foundation subjects                                    |



# How does Subject-Based Banding work?

## At P4

Student sits for school-based examinations

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

**Parents fill up an option form indicating preferred combination**





# How does Subject-Based Banding work?

## At P5

Student sits for school-based examinations for subject combination chosen by parents

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

Mother Tongue is also available at higher level  
– Higher Chinese, Malay & Tamil



# How does Subject-Based Banding work?

## End of P5

Student who takes 1 or more foundation subject(s) and did very well in the subject(s).



School may allow him to upgrade to 1 or 2 subject(s) to standard level if school believes he can cope; or continue the same subject combination in P6



# How does Subject-Based Banding work?

## End of P5

Student who takes 4 standard subjects and has difficulty coping



School may allow him to take 1 or more subject(s) at foundation level in P6



# How does Subject-Based Banding work?

End of P5

All other students



School will allow them to continue with the same subject combination in P6



# What Parents Need To Know

- Progression to secondary school **depends** on the student's T-Score
- The different expectations of standard and foundation subjects will be taken into consideration when calculating a student's PSLE T-score



# Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)

- HMT lessons are conducted **after school hours**
- Students will take two sets of examination papers: one day for Standard MT and another day for HMT



# Important

- Option to take **HMT** at P5 is done after the year-end examination at P4
- Subsequent subject movement will be based solely on the student's performance and school's decision after the year-end P5 examination



# Important

- Marks for **HMT** are **not included** in the PSLE aggregate T-score
- HCL students will be given bonus points for admission to the Special Assistance School (SAP)

| Distinction | Merit    | Pass    |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| 3 points    | 2 points | 1 point |





# List of Current SAP schools

- Anglican High School
- Catholic High School
- CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School
- Chung Cheng High School (Main)
- Dunman High School
- Hwa Chong Institution (High School Section)



# List of Current SAP schools

- Maris Stella High School
- Nanyang Girls' High School
- River Valley High School
- Nan Hua High School
- Nan Chiau High School



# Class Allocation

- Subject-Based Banding at the end of P4 for P5.
- Class allocation will be dependent on student's results and subject combinations.



# ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING

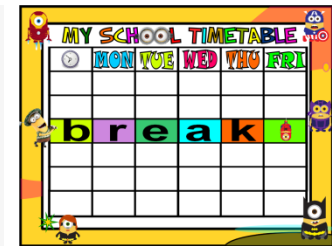
(Handbook – pg 14)

| Level     | Term<br>1 | Term<br>2  | Term<br>3 | Term<br>4  | Total       |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| <b>P4</b> | -         | <b>40%</b> | -         | <b>60%</b> | <b>100%</b> |



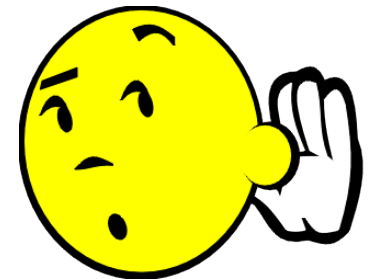
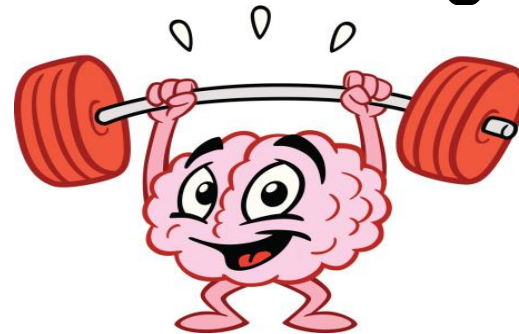
# How parents can help?

- Provide a conducive study and storage corner for your child at home
- Draw up study routines or a revision timetable for your child
- Ensure that your child has a balanced diet and enough rest daily



# How parents can help?

- Exercise regularly with your child
- Provide a listening ear to your child and acknowledge your child's feelings
- Teach your child stress management strategies  
eg breathing strategies



# 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



# Direct School Admission

## Discuss with your child

- What are your **strengths and/or interests**?
- Which strengths or interests would you **like to develop further** through the DSA school?
- Are you prepared to be **committed to the school for the entire duration of the course that you are admitted to**, if you take up the DSA?



# Direct School Admission

## Discuss with your child

- Which schools **offer a programme** that can **develop your strengths or interests?**  
Consider visiting the websites of a range of schools to find out more.
- What are the **courses offered** by the schools i.e. Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical)? (Note: You have to be **eligible to attend a course** offered by the school.)



# Direct School Admission

## Discuss with your child

- Considering the **school culture and all the school programmes**, which of the one or two shortlisted schools **best suit your learning pace, aptitude and strengths?**
- What other factors will affect your secondary school experience e.g. the **distance of the school** from home?



# Direct School Admission

Schools participating in the DSA-Sec in 2018 offer talent development programmes in the following categories:

- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship**
- **Languages and Humanities**
- **Leadership and Uniformed Groups**
- **Performing Arts**



# Direct School Admission

Schools participating in the DSA-Sec in 2018 offer talent development programmes in the following categories:

- **Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics**
- **Sports and Games**
- **Visual Arts, Design and Media**



# Direct School Admission

- Parents and students are encouraged to obtain more details on the schools' selection criteria by:
  - Visiting the schools' website
  - Visiting the schools



# Direct School Admission

- Students are encouraged to consider applying to one or two schools that best cater to their needs.
- 9 out of 10 students participating in last year's exercise applied to 3 schools or fewer.





# Direct School Admission

- Submit the DSA application form before the deadline. (Note: Please check the individual school website as the application period and procedures can vary from school to school.)



# 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/>



# Useful websites

- **MOE - Direct School Admission**

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec/overview>

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle/FAQs/dsa.html>

- **Secondary Schools**

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