

WESTWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL

Subject Options Briefing
Normal Academic Stream
2023

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Secondary School Education

- A Broad Base Education where students are able to articulate to next stage of their learning and development.
- Thus, secondary schools offer different courses which are pathways that help shape a student's school journey. Each course offers a suite of subjects catering to students' strengths and interests.
- At the 4th or 5th year of secondary education, students will then sit for the GCE (General Certificate of Education) Examination.



Key considerations in choosing subjects

Various progression pathways and careers that the student is interested in

Competency and ability to cope with the number of subjects and choice of subjects

Interests in learning the subjects of choice



When choosing subjects.....

- Discuss with your child his/her career aspirations and educational pathways
 - Keep an open mind
 - Explore a range of possibilities instead of deciding on one too early
- Know your child's strengths and interests
 - Actively explore a range of learning opportunities provided by the school
- Avoid imposing your aspirations on your child



Our School's approach to subject options

- Allocation to the desired subject choice depends on
 - Merit
 - Choice
 - Vacancy
 - Availability of resources



Merit Criteria

- For some subjects, students need to meet the criteria set out. It's important for students
 - to understand the criteria, set targets and work towards achieving them
 - to assess whether they can cope with the demands of the subject and overall combination
- Should there be overwhelming response for a particular subject, students will be offered the subject based on merit



Criteria for Promotion (2NA to 3NA)

- Obtain Grade 5 or better in EL and 2 other subjects
- OR
- Pass any 4 subjects

If students do not meet the above promotion criteria, they will be retained at 2NA.



Eligibility for Lateral Transfer (2NA to 3EX)

- **70% or higher** in the average for all subjects
- Teachers' recommendation



Subject Combinations for 2023

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Sec 3 (NA)

Compulsory subjects

1. English Language *
2. Mother Tongue*
3. Mathematics*
4. Combined Science (Physics & Chemistry) *
5. Combined Humanities
 - Social Studies & Geography Elective **OR**
 - Social Studies & History Elective



Sec 3 (NA)

Subject Options

6. Choose one:

- Art
- Design & Technology
- Food & Nutrition
- Principles of Accounts



Entry Criteria for 3NA Options

Principles of Accounts

- Obtain a good pass in Mathematics

D&T, F&N, Art

- Based on students' preference & merit
- Based on teachers' recommendation on student aptitude & attitude for the subject



Sec 3 Subject Combinations

- Subjects offered are subjected to changes depending on availability of resources and demand.
- A final briefing will be scheduled for students on 17 October. Letter to Parents will be issued informing parents of the subjects offered.



Trial Run on Subject Option

- There will be a trial run scheduled on 1 Aug 2023.
- The purpose of the trial run is to get a sensing of students' preference and to work out the requirement to best meet their needs.
- A briefing (students) for the trial run will be conducted on 25th July.



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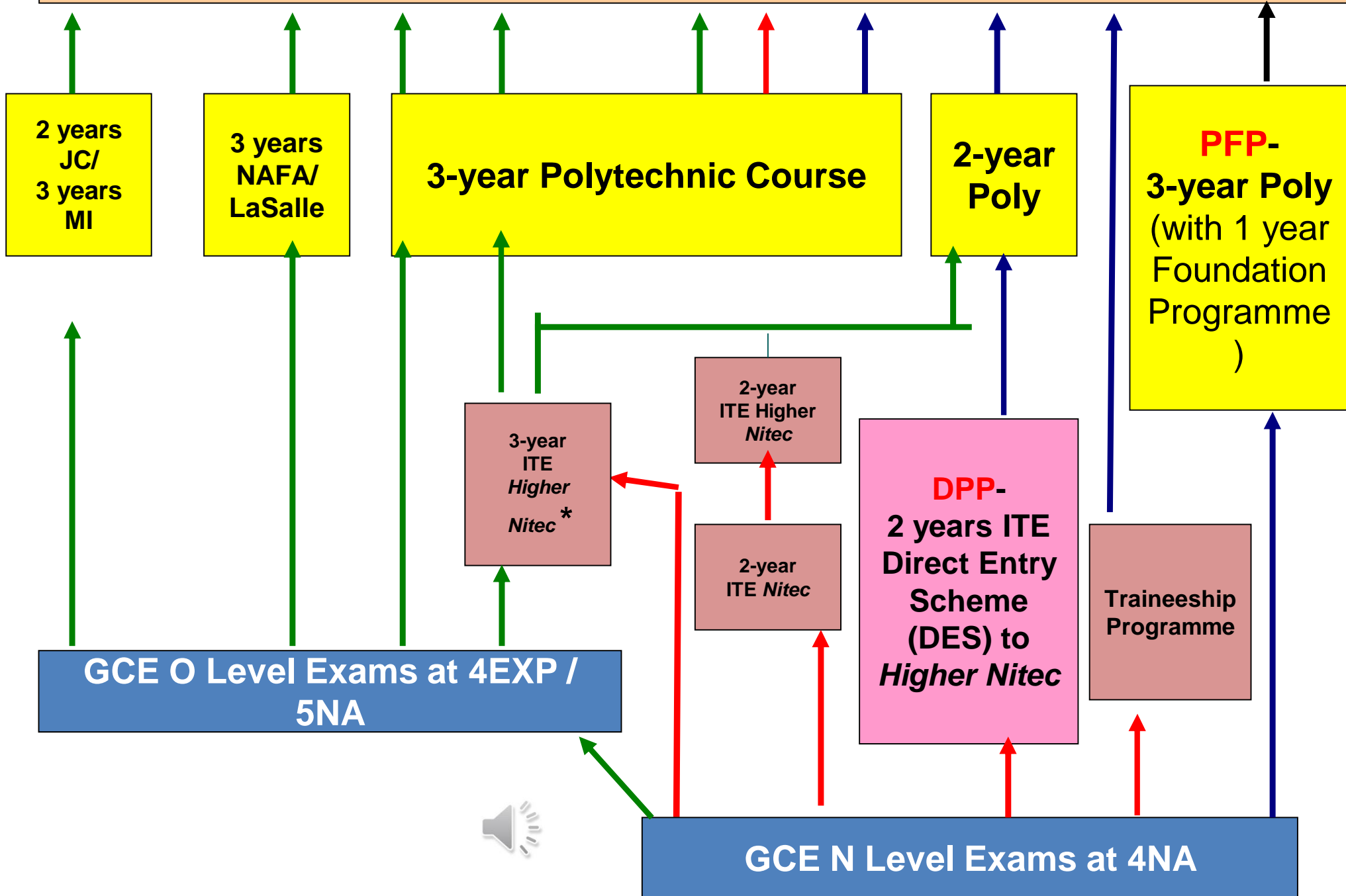
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Information about post-secondary pathways



University or Workplace



Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- Raw ELMAB3 aggregate score at the GCE 'N' Levels of 12 points or better.
- **ELMAB3** = English Language + Mathematics + Best 3 subjects (which also include one of the relevant subjects based on either Group 1 or Group 2 courses)



Group 1		Group 2	
Subject	Grade	Subject	Grade
English Language Syllabus A	3	English Language Syllabus A	2
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)	3	Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)	3
<p>One of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Nutrition • Design & Technology • Science (Chemistry / Biology) • Science (Physics / Biology) • Science (Physics / Chemistry) 	3	<p>One of the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Geography • History • Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) • Humanities (Social Studies, History) • Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) • Literature in English • Principles of Accounts 	3
Any two other subjects (excl. CCA)	3	Any two other subjects (excl. CCA)	3
Applies To: All Diploma Courses offered for PFP except those listed in Group 2.		Applies To: Accountancy, Business Administration, Banking & Finance, Common Business Programme, Human Resource Management with Psychology	



Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

- Applicants must obtain a total of 19 points or less for English Language, Mathematics and 3 other subjects (ELMAB3), excluding CCA bonus points, in the GCE 'N(A)' Level examinations.



DPP Eligibility

For Higher Nitec Courses in:

- Applied Sciences
- Engineering
- Info-Communications Technology

Subject	Required Grades
English Language	1 - 4
Mathematics	1 - 4
Any 3 other subjects	1 - 5

For Higher Nitec Courses in:

- Business & Services

Subject	Required Grades
English Language	1 - 3
Mathematics	1 - 4
Any 3 other subjects	1 - 5



More information

- Polytechnic Foundation Programme

[https://www.sp.edu.sg/sp/admissions/admissions-exercises/polytechnic-foundation-programme-\(pfp\)/home](https://www.sp.edu.sg/sp/admissions/admissions-exercises/polytechnic-foundation-programme-(pfp)/home)

- DES-to-Poly Programme

<http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des>

- JAE Information Booklet
- JC/CI websites
- Polytechnics websites
- ITE website




Important dates to take note




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<p>Subject Options Briefing for students (Brief on final subject combinations offered and online submission of subject options) <i>* A letter to parents will be issued to students</i></p>	<p>17 Oct</p>
<p>Submission of subject options (Students submit subject options through e-streaming portal using PLDs in their classrooms)</p>	<p>24 Oct</p> 
<p>Acknowledgement of subject options by Parents/Guardians (Parents/Guardians to sign on hardcopy subject options form)</p>	<p>27 Oct</p>

Important Dates

Release of streaming results (Refer to noticeboard outside General Office or check online through e-streaming portal)	8 Nov 9 am
Deadline for appeals (Submit appeal slips through General Office or online appeal via the school website)	9 Nov 5 pm
Release of appeal results (Refer to noticeboard outside General Office or check online through e-streaming portal)	15 Nov 9 am 

Make your choices based on
ability and **interest** in
subjects **NOT** on your
friends' choices!



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Thank you



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