

Northbrooks Sec. School

Progression of students with Full Subject-based Banding (FSBB) [Applicable from 2024 Secondary 1 intake onwards]

With Full SBB, all secondary school students will generally progress to the next year of learning. They have the flexibility to adjust their subject levels at appropriate junctures based on their overall strengths, interests and learning needs, and the school's holistic considerations.

This infographic shows how students can adjust their curricular load from Sec 1 to Sec 2. **By giving students greater ownership of their learning, we hope that they will develop a growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation to learn for life.**

Start of Sec 1

All students offer the following subjects in lower secondary:	
English Language (EL)	Students' Posting Groups will guide the initial subject levels* students offer at the start of Sec 1.
Mother Tongue Language (MTL)	
Mathematics (MA)	
Science (SCI)	
Humanities (HUM)	
Art	Common Curriculum Subjects
Design & Technology (D&T)	
Food & Consumer Education (FCE)	
Music	
Physical Education (PE)	
Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)	

*Offering Subjects at More Demanding Level (MDL)

Sec 1 students who meet the following PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for EL, MTL, MA and SCI could be offered the option to offer the specific subject(s) at a more demanding level at the start of Sec 1

Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to offer subject at
G1	AL 5 or better	-	G3 / G2
	AL 6	AL A	G2
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3

End of Sec 1 Sem 1

Offering Subjects at More Demanding Level (MDL)

Sec 1 students who meet the following academic criteria for EL, MTL, MA and/or SCI could be offered the option to offer the specific subject(s) at a more demanding level at the end of Sec 1 Semester 1. Teachers' recommendation on student's ability to cope with the higher academic demands would be considered for a holistic assessment of student's ability to cope with the higher academic demands of the subject(s).

Current Subject Level	Subjects	School-based Results	Option to offer subject starting from the next semester
G1	EL, MTL, MA and SCI	75% or higher in the specific subject	G2
G2			G3

End of Sec 1 Sem 2

Students will progress to Sec 2 and offer subjects at existing subject levels or offer subject(s) at MDL# at Sec 2, based on academic criteria and holistic considerations.**

****Students may remain at year of learning if there are extenuating circumstances.**

#Offering Subjects at More Demanding Level (MDL) at Sec 2

Sec 1 students who meet the following academic criteria for EL, MTL, MA, SCI and/or Humanities subjects could be offered the option to offer the specific subject(s) at a more demanding level at the end of Sec 1 Semester 2. Teachers' recommendation on student's ability to cope with the higher academic demands would be considered for a holistic assessment of student's ability to cope with the higher academic demands of the subject(s).

Current Subject Level	Subjects	School-based Results	Option to offer subject starting from the next semester
G1	EL, MTL, MA and SCI	75% or higher in the specific subject	G2
G2			G3
G1	Humanities subjects (Geography, History, Literature)	≥ 75% overall in G1 English Language (or ≥50% overall in G2 English Language); AND A Pass with Distinction grade for both G1 Humanities (Social Studies component) Performance Tasks in Semesters 1 and 2.	G2
G2		75% or higher in the specific subject	G3

Calibration of Curricular Load for Sec 2 by Offering Subjects at MDL.

Students who offer/will offer at least 3 subjects at MDL in Sec 2 and fulfil the academic requirement may be allowed to offer additional subjects at MDL based on school's holistic assessment of student's ability to cope with the higher academic demands, and if the resulting subject combination would provide student with more options for post-secondary pathways.

- These students should satisfy all of the following:
- i. EL, MA and SCI: For at least 2 of these subjects, students should qualify to offer them at MDL the following year (i.e. obtain at least 75%) or already offer at MDL and obtain at least 50% and
 - ii. Other subjects which school plan to allow students to offer at MDL: Students can obtain at least 60% for the remaining subjects to be offered ay MDL.

End of Sec 2

Students need to meet the common academic requirement to offer subjects at the same subject levels the following year.**

Academic requirement:
Pass (a) EL and 2 subjects, or
(b) At least half the total number of examinable subjects offered

Students can adjust their curricular load the following year, based on school's holistic considerations which include students' subject-specific performance and their ability to cope with all subjects.

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