



# CRESCENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

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## Secondary 3 Subject Placement Exercise Information Booklet For Sec 2 2026

The **Sec 3 Subject Placement Exercise Package** also includes these presentations:

- Overview of Sec 3 Subject Placement Exercise
- Subject Briefings on various subjects

You can view the above-mentioned videos at this link:

<https://www.crescent.edu.sg/overview-of-subject-placement-exercise/>

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## Dates to Note for Secondary 3 Subject Placement Exercise

What are the important dates to take note of?

10 April (Fri)	Subject Placement Talk for parents & students
27 Jul (Mon)	Briefing to students on Trial Option Exercise
28 Jul (Mon) to 31 Jul (Fri) 5pm	Trial Option Exercise on AllEars portal
23 Sep (Wed) to 5 Oct (Mon)	End-of-Year Examinations
*14 Oct (Wed)	Check results via AllEars portal
*19 Oct (Tue)	Final Briefing to students on Option Exercise
*19 Oct (Mon) to 23 Oct (Fri) 5pm	Option Exercise on AllEars portal (Based on Overall Results from Term 1 to Term 4)
*10 Nov (Mon) 12pm	Release of Subject Placement Results via email
*10 Nov (Mon) 12pm to 11 Nov (Tue) 5pm	Submission of Appeal Form (if applicable)
*16 Nov (Mon) 12pm	Release of outcome of appeal

\* Dates to be confirmed

For updates on Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise, please refer to school website at <https://www.crescent.edu.sg/overview-of-subject-placement-exercise/>



## Allocation Criteria for Subject Placement Exercise

What are the school's considerations when granting my child her option?

### 1. Merit (Overall Performance + Relevant Subject Requirement)

The first and most important criterion is a student's academic performance. Those who have done well academically and have demonstrated they are able to meet the demands of their preferred subject combinations will be considered first. To be considered for a particular subject combination, students must meet the various pre-requisites first.

### 2. Student's Choice

The school understands that each student has her individual interest. If a student qualifies for a particular subject combination, her choice will be taken into consideration.

### 3. School's Resources and Manpower

The school will try our best to accommodate students' choices, but there are constraints in terms of physical resources and manpower. The school is also unable to offer a certain subject combination if the take-up rate is too low.



## Subject Combinations Offered for Sec 3 2026

- All students will be offered 6 to 8 subjects (excluding MSP/CSP/Third Language).
- Students who do not meet academic requirements will be offered 6 subjects (excluding MSP/CSP/Third Language).

### Overview of Subject Combinations

(A) For students offering all G3 subjects at Sec 2

(B) For students offering a mix of G2/G3 subjects or all G2 subjects at Sec 2

Group (A)				Group (B)
7-subject combination		8-subject combination		6- or 7-subject combination
Single Science with Double Humanities	Double Science with Single Humanities	Double Science with Double Humanities	Triple Science with Single Humanities	Single Science with Coursework
<p>Students taking MSP, CSP or Third Language are encouraged to take the 7-subject combination (without the inclusion of MSP, CSP or Third Language).</p> <p>Students should already be taking the subject in lower secondary.</p>				<p>Students who offer Music Elective Programme (MEP) will take the subject in lieu of Art or Nutrition &amp; Food Science (NFS).</p>
For details of the respective combinations, please refer to:				
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**(A) For students offering all G3 subjects at Sec 2**

**7-Subject Combinations**

<b>Single Science with Double Humanities</b>			
Subject 1	G3 English Language		
Subject 2	G3 Mother Tongue Language		
Subject 3	G3 Mathematics		
Subject 4	G3 Additional Mathematics		
Subject 5	G3 Social Studies + Geography	G3 Social Studies + History	G3 Social Studies + Literature in English
Subject 6	Science (Chemistry / Biology)		
Subject 7	Music Elective Programme (MEP) <sup>1</sup>	Geography <sup>2</sup>	History <sup>2</sup>
optional <sup>1</sup>	Malay Special Programme (MSP) <sup>3</sup>	Chinese Special Programme (CSP) <sup>3</sup>	Third Language <sup>3</sup>

<b>Double Science with Single Humanities</b>			
Subject 1	G3 English Language		
Subject 2	G3 Mother Tongue Language		
Subject 3	G3 Mathematics		
Subject 4	G3 Additional Mathematics		
Subject 5	G3 Social Studies + Geography	G3 Social Studies + History	G3 Social Studies + Literature in English
Subject 6	G3 Chemistry		
Subject 7	G3 Physics		G3 Biology
optional <sup>1</sup>	Malay Special Programme (MSP) <sup>3</sup>	Chinese Special Programme (CSP) <sup>3</sup>	Third Language <sup>3</sup>

**Additional Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> MEP is only available only for students who are taking the subject in lower secondary.

<sup>2</sup> Students who opt to take SS + Geography/History/Literature will not be able to take the corresponding subject of Geography/History/Literature.

<sup>3</sup> Students who have taken MSP, CSP or Third Language in lower secondary have the option of taking these subjects as an additional 8<sup>th</sup> subject.

## **8-Subject Combinations**

<b>Double Science with Double Humanities</b>			
Subject 1	G3 English Language		
Subject 2	G3 Mother Tongue Language		
Subject 3	G3 Mathematics		
Subject 4	G3 Additional Mathematics		
Subject 5	G3 Social Studies + Geography	G3 Social Studies + History	G3 Social Studies + Literature in English
Subject 6	G3 Chemistry		
Subject 7	G3 Physics		G3 Biology
Subject 8	Music Elective Programme (MEP) <sup>1</sup>	Geography <sup>2</sup>	History <sup>2</sup>  Literature in English <sup>2</sup>

<b>Triple Science with Single Humanities</b>			
Subject 1	G3 English Language		
Subject 2	G3 Mother Tongue Language		
Subject 3	G3 Mathematics		
Subject 4	G3 Additional Mathematics		
Subject 5	G3 Social Studies + Geography	G3 Social Studies + History	G3 Social Studies + Literature in English
Subject 6	G3 Chemistry		
Subject 7	G3 Physics		
Subject 8	G3 Biology		

### **Additional Notes:**

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<sup>2</sup> Students who opt to take SS + Geography/History/Literature will not be able to take the corresponding subject of Geography/History/Literature.

**(B) For students offering a mix of G2/G3 subjects or all G2 subjects at Sec 2**

Single Science with Coursework			
Subject 1	G2/G3 English Language <sup>1</sup>		
Subject 2	G2/G3 Mother Tongue Language <sup>1</sup>		
Subject 3	G2/G3 Mathematics <sup>1</sup>		
Subject 4	G2/G3 Social Studies + Geography <sup>1</sup>	G2/G3 Social Studies + History <sup>1</sup>	G2/G3 Social Studies + Literature <sup>1</sup>
Subject 5	G2/G3 Science (Chemistry / Biology) <sup>1</sup>		
Subject 6	G3 Art	G3 Nutrition & Food Science	G3 Higher Music (MEP) <sup>3</sup>
Subject 7 (optional)	G2 Additional Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	Malay Special Programme (MSP) <sup>3</sup>	Chinese Special Programme (CSP) <sup>3</sup>

**Additional Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Students who take G2 English/Mother Tongue Language/Mathematics/Science/Humanities may be offered the subject at G3 if they meet the subject-specific requirements at the end of the year. For G2/G3 Social Studies + Geography/History/Literature<sup>1</sup>, students' interest as well as school's manpower and resources will be considered before the relevant subject is offered.

<sup>1</sup> Students who currently take G3 English/Mother Tongue Language/Mathematics/Science/ Humanities may continue to offer the subject at G3 if they meet the subject requirement. They may also opt to offer the subject at G2 in Sec 3.

<sup>2</sup> Students who take either G2 or G3 Mathematics may opt to offer G2 Additional Mathematics as the 7<sup>th</sup> subject if they meet the subject requirement.

<sup>3</sup> MEP, MSP & CSP are available only for students who are taking the subject in lower secondary.

# Subject Criteria

What are the subject criteria for the Secondary 3 Subject Placement Exercise?

## Secondary 2 Subject Criteria for 2026 Secondary 3

	Subject	Criteria
Languages	G2/G3 English Language	*compulsory*
	G2/G3 Mother Tongue Language	*compulsory*
Mathematics	G2/G3 Mathematics	*compulsory*
	G3 Additional Mathematics	*compulsory for students taking all G3 subjects at Sec 2*
	G2 Additional Mathematics <i>Only for students taking a mix of G2 &amp; G3 subjects, or all G2 subjects at Sec 2</i>	At least 50% for G2/G3 Mathematics
Sciences	G3 Triple Pure Science	At least 70% in Mathematics overall <u>AND</u> At least 75% in Science overall <u>AND</u> At least 65% in all subjects overall
	G3 Double Pure Science	At least 60% in Science overall (for both 7 and 8 subject combination)
	G3 Science (Chem/Bio)	Students who score below 60% for Science overall will be automatically offered Science (Chem/Bio).  Students offering a mix of G2 & G3 subjects at Sec 2 will be automatically offered Science (Chem/Bio).
	G2 Science (Chem/Bio)	*compulsory for students taking G2 Science at Sec 2*
Humanities	G2/G3 Social Studies + History <u>OR</u> Social Studies + Geography <u>OR</u> Social Studies + Literature in English	*compulsory*
	G3 History	At least 50% in History overall
	G3 Geography	At least 50% in Geography overall
	G3 Literature in English	At least 50% in Literature overall
	G3 Higher Music (MEP)	Only for students already taking MEP in lower secondary. Higher Music is <b>compulsory</b> for MEP students.
	G3 Malay Special Programme (MSP)	Only for students already taking MSP in lower secondary. At least 70% overall to take as 9 <sup>th</sup> subject.
	G3 Chinese Special Programme (CSP)	Only for students already taking CSP in lower secondary. At least 70% overall to take as 9 <sup>th</sup> subject.
Specialised Subjects	G3 Third Language	Only for students already taking Third Language in lower secondary. At least 70% overall to take as 9 <sup>th</sup> subject.
	G3 Art <i>Only for students taking a mix of G2 &amp; G3 subjects, or all G2 subjects at Sec 2</i>	At least 65% for Art overall
	G3 Nutrition & Food Science <i>Only for students taking a mix of G2 &amp; G3 subjects, or all G2 subjects at Sec 2</i>	At least 65% for Food & Consumer Education overall



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How will the students exercise their options?

Students will use the AllEars link provided to exercise their options online. Details will be provided at a later date.

### 2. What are some things for parents/guardians to bear in mind when we discuss the subject combination options with our daughter?

It is useful to keep the following good practices in mind:

- Communicate openly with your daughter about her interests, passion, career aspirations and strengths
- Listen with an open mind when your daughter shares her interests, career aspirations and views
- Gather information on possible future pathways
- Encourage your daughter to maintain a growth mindset and strive to improve in areas that she may not be strong in yet

### 3. Can my daughter opt to take 9 subjects at upper secondary?

The school offers 6 to 8 subjects for upper secondary classes.

Firstly, a subject combination of 6 to 8 subjects allows students time to learn and understand the subjects offered in greater depth. Secondly, this enables them to have time for non-academic pursuits such as in co-curricular areas so that they have a more holistic school experience. Admission to post-secondary courses such as Junior College (JC) and Polytechnic, is based on 5 relevant subjects only.

Only students who have taken MSP/CSP/Third Language since Secondary One will be offered MSP/CSP/Third Language as the 9<sup>th</sup> subject. Students who wish to continue offering MSP/CSP/Third Language as the 9<sup>th</sup> subject must obtain an overall percentage of 70% to manage their curriculum load in upper secondary.

### 4. Why are some subjects not offered (e.g. Science (Physics/Chemistry), Computing, Principles of Accounts)?

Subject combinations are reviewed annually based on the following:

- Availability of manpower and physical resources
- Observations of strengths and aptitudes of students
- Requirements for post-secondary pathways (e.g. Junior College, Polytechnic) and tertiary courses
- National educational directions

The school is unable to offer certain subjects due to low interest among students, and manpower and venue limitations.

### 5. Should I encourage my daughter/ward to choose the Triple Sciences combination if she wants to go to Junior College (JC)?

As with any combination, a student should decide based on her interests and aptitude. A student does not require Triple Science to pursue a science-related course at the JC. For the Science course at JC, students must offer Mathematics, a maximum of two Sciences, and a contrasting subject from the Humanities. A student should decide her subject combination based on her interests and aptitude.

**6. Can students who offered Science (Chem/Bio) in upper secondary continue to do H1 or H2 Science subjects in Junior College (JC)?**

The Science (Chem/Bio) syllabus provides the content and skills required for students to take H1 or H2 Science subjects in JCs. Different JCs have different considerations for the subjects they offer, and this information is available on the JCs' websites.

**7. How does the offering of Additional Mathematics impact my child's post-secondary options?**

For students who wish to take H2 Mathematics or H2 Further Mathematics at JC, offering Additional Mathematics at secondary level is strongly recommended because H2 Mathematics assumes a strong foundation in and builds on Additional Mathematics concepts covered in secondary school. For polytechnic entry, some engineering, IT, and science-related courses may also require or strongly prefer students that have an Additional Mathematics background at the secondary level.

**8. My child/ward is currently taking MEP. Can she do both MEP and a Humanities subject (i.e. Geography, History, Literature in English) at upper secondary?**

MEP is offered at upper secondary in place of the Humanities subject, and students are allowed to do a maximum of two Humanities subjects, one of which (i.e. Social Studies + Geography/History/Literature in English) is compulsory for all students.

As communicated in Secondary One, MEP is a four-year programme that the student is committed to. MEP students are required to continue to offer MEP at upper secondary and sit for the Higher Music exam at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Hence, the student will not be offered both MEP and a Geography/History/Literature in English subject.

**9. Will students be offered their 1<sup>st</sup> choice?**

In the allocation of subject combination, the school considers both student needs and school resources. Allocation of subject combination is based on:

- Merit (Overall percentage at Secondary 2 and subject eligibility criteria)
- Rank order of choice (Student's 1<sup>st</sup> choice will be considered if her results meet the subject criteria)
- Take-up rate for the subject and combination
- School resources (e.g. availability of teachers)

**10. Can I appeal if my child/ward does not get her choice of subject combination?**

All students are strongly encouraged to consider and exercise their options carefully. They should take into consideration that subjects in upper secondary will be more demanding than lower secondary.

When subject placement results are released, students are to check and acknowledge their course allocated. Should they wish to appeal to a different combination or take a different elective, they must ensure that they have met the following criteria:

- i. Met the cut-off point of the subject combination (e.g. Sec 2 Mathematics, Science & overall results for Triple Science)
- ii. Met the cut-off point for the subject (e.g. Sec 2 Geog results for Sec 3 Geog)

If students do not meet the above criteria, the school will **not** consider the student's appeal.

If students meet the above criteria, the school will consider the appeal. The school will only approve the appeal on a case-by-case basis with teachers' recommendations.

The school may consider appeals under exceptional circumstances, and the success of the appeal depends on merit, academic performance, vacancy, demand and school's resources.

**11. Is there a minimum or maximum quota of students for each subject combination?**

The quota is subjected to school resourcing and manpower limitations.



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