

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do you select students for the various options?

A. Students are offered the various options based on merit ie calculation of overall percentage as well as aptitude in relevant subjects.

Q. How many places are there for each option?

A. There will only be one class of Triple Science Option A. Number of classes for all other options will depend on eligibility and demand balanced against manpower availability. The school will only open up a class if there is a minimum of 10 students for the particular option/subject.

Q. What considerations must I make when deciding on a subject option?

A. Your son/ward and you should make a careful analysis of his interest, aptitude and performance in the subject. You may want to refer to the tables below for a comparison of his performance against that of his peers in his cohort.

Data for Sec 2 Express 2014

	Mean	Highest	Lowest
English	63.5	80	51
Math	64.6	94	22
Science	69.7	89	44
Geography	61.6	80	41
History	59.5	88	39
Literature	59.0	81	36
D&T	67.4	86	44
Art	60.7	84	42

Data for Sec 2 N(A) 2014

	Mean	Highest	Lowest
English	60.1	71	50
Math	55.5	79	17
Science	60.7	81	43
Geography	55.4	76	28
History	53.1	67	25
Literature	55	66	26
D&T	63.1	77	47
Art	61.9	73	43

Q. Why do we discourage students from taking the SS/History and Geography combination for the two Humanities subjects?

A. The SS/History and Geography combination is very content heavy and may not be ideal for many of our students. Taking SS/Literature with Geography OR SS/History with Literature OR SS/Geography with Literature is more manageable in terms of content and also offers a wider choice in terms of Humanities subject options in the Junior College.

Q. What are the new changes to the Geography or Elective Geography syllabuses? How does it affect my son?

Geographical Investigation through Fieldwork is a new, vital component in the new syllabuses. Fieldwork is no longer an enrichment component. Instead, fieldwork is core and students are to be presented with opportunities to investigate geographical phenomena in authentic contexts. The fieldwork questions would account for 25% of the marks in Full Geography and 13% of the marks in Elective Geography.

Q. My son seems to fare better in Science as compared to Mathematics. Why then is he offered a double Mathematics with Combined Science option rather than a single Mathematics, double Science option?

A. Please refer to the table of exam scores above. Getting a pass in Lower Secondary Science does not translate to being able to do the pure Science subjects at the GCE O-Levels. On the other hand, taking a double Mathematics combination would provide a strong grounding in Mathematics which will be beneficial to him in his post-secondary course of study be it in a Junior College or a polytechnic.

Q. Which of the Aesthetics Subject (D&T, F&N, Art, POA) should my son/ward choose?

You should base your decision on your son's natural inclination, love for the subject and attitude. If you need further information or clarification, please feel free to email or call 62561633 to speak to the following teachers:

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Q. Can my son/ward offer Music for GCE O-Levels? Is it offered at ACS(BR)?

A. Your son/ward would need to have at least a Grade 5 in Practical and Theory from one of the music examining boards e.g. Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity College etc. Your son/ward should also have a good attitude and a love for the subject. We will only open a class if we have a minimum of 5 students for Music. Please also note that GCE O-Level Music Lessons are held after school hours. If you need further clarification, please feel free to email

Music: Mdm Diana Kuek
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Please take note the following dates:

- **Fri 24th Oct 2014 (5:00pm)** – Deadline for submission of option forms & appeals.
- **Fri 28th Nov 2014 (5:00pm)** – Posting results on school website.