Subject Combination

2020 Secondary 3
Scope of Presentation

1. Progression Pathways
2. Subject Combination
3. Subject Option Exercise
PROGRESSION PATH TO POLY AFTER GCE ‘N’ Levels for N(A) students

1 year PFP Program

Polytechnic Foundation Program (PFP)

2 years’ Higher NITEC (ITE)

Direct Entry Scheme via ITE (DPP)

2 (or 3) years of Polytechnic

3 years of Polytechnic

Continue Secondary School

Sec 5 Year

Total: 4 YEARS

DIPLOMA

3 years of Polytechnic
ELMAB3

English  Mathematics  3 Best Subjects
At Sec 4 Normal (Academic)

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- **ELMAB3 not exceeding 12 points** (before deduction of CCA bonus points)

- **Grade 3 or better for all subjects** used in the computation of ELMAB3
What is PFP?

• A foundation year at the polytechnics that prepares well-performing Sec 4N(A) students for progression into respective polytechnic diploma courses
• Conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics
• Students must pass all PFP modules in order to progress to their respective, pre-selected diploma courses.
At Sec 4 Normal (Academic)

Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Programme (DPP)

- ELMAB3 not exceeding 19 points (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- Must meet course specific entry requirements
- English and Maths must be minimum Grade 4
What is DPP?

- Prepares Sec 4N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a 2-year Higher Nitec programme at ITE, and a 10-week DPP preparatory course.

- Students who attain required Higher Nitec GPA scores are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses mapped to the Higher Nitec course.

- About 1,200 places offered across 18 Higher Nitec courses.
# Course mapping to polytechnics

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DPP students who successfully complete the Higher Nitec courses and attain the required minimum qualifying Higher Nitec Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in the 1st Year relevant polytechnic diploma courses that are mapped to their Higher Nitec courses. Students who meet the minimum qualifying GPA for 2nd Year entry are not guaranteed admission into Year 2 of one of the mapped courses. Admission is based on merit, subject to vacancies in the courses.
At Sec 4 Normal (Academic)

Sec 5NA - GCE O-Level Exams

- ELMAB3 not exceeding 19 points
  (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
At Sec 4 Normal (Academic)

- **ELMAB3 20 – 21 points** (before deduction of CCA bonus points): repeat Sec 4NA
- **ELMAB3 more than 21 points** (before deduction of CCA bonus points): proceed to ITE for NITEC courses
Post-Sec Pathways for N(A)-Level Students

ITE *Nitec* courses

- **ITE EAE**
  Conducted before N(A)-Level examinations, students submit up to 3 course choices

Joint Intake Exercise

- **DPP Admissions Exercise**
  Conducted after N(A)-Level results are released, students submit up to 12 course choices

DPP courses

PFP courses

- **PFP Admissions Exercise**
  Conducted after N(A)-Level examinations, students submit up to 5 course choices

N(A)-Level
Subject Combination

• While options for subjects are offered to students, a class size of at least 15 is required before the class can be opened.

• If a class is oversubscribed and there is a cap to the number of students who can offer the subject, placement of students will be based on merit.
Subject Combination

• For N(A) students, only those who passed Mathematics will be allowed to offer Additional Mathematics.

• For students in the N(A) stream who are either offering Mother Tongue (Syllabus B) or who are exempted from Mother Tongue, they will offer Principles of Accounts in lieu as a sixth subject.
Subject Combination 2020

• Subjects are divided into groups:
  • Core subjects that are compulsory
  • Core subject with elective - compulsory subject with elective based on student choice
  • Additional subject(s) – based on ranking, cut-off (e.g., pass Math in order to offer Additional Mathematics) and choice; minimum numbers before opening of class
  • Up to 2 additional subjects may be offered.
Core Subjects Group 1

- N(A)
- English, Mother Tongue/Principles of Accounts in lieu of Mother Tongue, Elementary Mathematics
- Science (Chemistry/Physics)
Core Subject with Elective

• N(A)
  • Humanities with History elective
Additional Subject Group 1

- N(A)
  - Additional Mathematics/Art/Design & Technology/ Food & Nutrition
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Maximum No. of Subjects: 6
Subject Option Exercise

- Students have been issued option forms together with their report books on **Thursday, 24 Oct 2019**.
- Students will submit option forms by **Thursday, 31 Oct 2019, 4.00pm to the General Office**
- Students will be **posted according to Merit** once deadline for submission is over.
- Posting results will be published on the school website by **Friday, 22 Nov 2019**.