

## Information on Full Subject-Based Banding at Evergreen Secondary School

Evergreen Secondary School is one of the 28 secondary schools selected by the Ministry of Education to start piloting aspects of Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) from 2020 onwards.

### **Purpose of Full SBB**

With Full SBB, we are moving towards one secondary education, with many subject bands, to better meet our students' learning needs, without labels. This is part of the broader shift in our education system to recognise the strengths and interests of our children, to help them build their confidence and develop an intrinsic motivation to learn for life in them.

By 2021, the pilot schools will have fully implemented the following aspects of Full SBB:

- Organising Secondary 1 form classes in new ways; or
- Offering of Humanities subjects at a more demanding level from Secondary 2.

### **Full SBB Pilot in Evergreen Secondary School in 2020**

<p>Organising Secondary 1 form classes in new ways</p> <p>and</p> <p>Offering of Humanities subjects at a more demanding level from Secondary 2</p>	<p>As part of the pilot, our school will be implementing the following:</p> <p>(a) <u>Reorganised form classes at Secondary 1</u></p> <p><b>This is applicable to Secondary 1 students entering our school in 2020.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will be implementing mixed-stream form classes starting from our 2020 Secondary 1 students. As such, each class will have students who joined Evergreen Secondary School via the Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Courses.</li><li>• These students will experience their common curriculum subjects (Art, Character and Citizenship Education, Design and Technology, Food and Consumer Education, and Physical Education) in their mixed-stream form class as well.</li><li>• This common learning experience creates a valuable setting for students to mingle, build meaningful friendships, and appreciate different perspectives. It can also help reduce the inadvertent labelling associated with streaming.</li></ul> <p>(b) <u>Providing Secondary 2 students with the opportunity to offer Humanities subjects at a more demanding level</u></p> <p><b>This is applicable to students who are in Secondary 2 Normal (Academic) in 2020.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your child/ward will have the opportunity to offer the Humanities subjects (Geography, History or Literature) at a more demanding level if he/she obtains 75% or more for the overall score in the corresponding subject at Secondary 1. This</li></ul>
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	<p>is in addition to any other subjects that he/she may already be offering at the more demanding level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child/ward will receive the offer letter together with his report book at the end of the year. He/she will need to indicate his/her preferences on the letter and return it to the General Office within 3 working days.</li> <li>• Together with the offer letter will be an information package containing details of the subject, differences in content, assessment and learning experiences. We highly encourage you to look through this information package together with your child/ward to make an informed decision.</li> <li>• Once your child offers Humanities at a more demanding level, he or she would sit for the same examinations as the students in the Express Course. He/she is encouraged to continue with the higher level subject(s) until the end of Secondary 2, regardless of grades achieved, as it takes time to adjust to the higher level of rigour.</li> <li>• The school will continue to provide the necessary scaffolding and support to allow him/her to cope.</li> <li>• With this increased flexibility in customising our students' learning experience, we better recognise their strengths and nurture their intrinsic motivation to learn.</li> <li>• Humanities subjects at a more demanding level will be made available for Normal (Technical) Secondary 2 students starting from 2021.</li> </ul>
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For more information on how our school would implement Full SBB, you can contact us at [EVERGREEN\\_SS@MOE.EDU.SG](mailto:EVERGREEN_SS@MOE.EDU.SG).