

Sec 3 Subject Offering 2023 Sharing Questions and Answers (NA/NT)

This document contains questions asked during the session on 1 July 2022.

- 1. Can my child to change the course of study, i.e. from NA to NT course when they are in Sec 3 or Sec 4?**

It is unlikely for a change of course during upper secondary as there are significant differences in the curriculum and subject demands. Any change in stream will be on a case by case basis and subject to approval by MOE.

- 2. My child in NT is taking SBB NA Science and English this year. He wants to continue these subject at NA level in Sec 3. For Science, will this mean he can choose combined Science?**

For NT students taking NA Science in Sec 2, who decide to continue with NA Science in Sec 3, the option of combined Science will be offered.

- 3. Can my child in NT take 6 subject combination includes Science and D&T but not EBS?**

The timetable is structured such that Science and D&T lessons will take place concurrently. Hence, it is not possible for students to take both subjects at the same time.

- 4. If the combination selected is not available, will the available choices be made known for selection again or it will be assigned by school at the end?**

If there are changes to the subject combination offering, students and parents will be informed before the re-selection process begin.

- 5. What is PFP and are all courses in polytechnics available for Sec 4NA students taking this route?**

The Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) is a one-year programme that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, to better prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses. This is an alternative to the Sec 5 year. PFP students are given provisional places in diploma programmes, subject to them passing all modules in the one-year PFP. The requirement to pass all modules ensures that students continue to work hard during their PFP year and are well prepared for polytechnic studies. Students who apply effort should have no difficulties in meeting the requirement.

The PFP caters to students of the Sec 4NA cohort. The PFP will have about 1,500 places set aside each year. It will be offered by all five Polytechnics. More than 80% of Polytechnic Diploma courses will be offered under the PFP. For details of the courses offered by PFP, please refer to the link here: https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html