

Welcome to Westwood Primary School



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Parents Engagement for P6 Students 2023

To provide positive education
that nurtures thriving teachers
and flourishing pupils



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Singapore



inspiring a future-ready, anchor-steady community that flourishes and thrives

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OVERVIEW

- What Went Well
- How PSLE Scoring Works
- How S1 Posting Works
- Indicative PSLE Score Ranges for Individual Secondary Schools
 - Understanding the PSLE Score Ranges
 - School Choice Journey
- DSA



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OVERVIEW

How PSLE Scoring Works



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SCORING BANDS

(a) Reduces **fine differentiation** of students' examination results

one mark **may not give a different AL**

(b) Reflects a **student's individual level** of achievement

**Your mark = your AL,
independent of how others perform**

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES WILL ALSO BE LESS FINELY DIFFERENTIATED

- Foundation subject grades will also be graded in **scoring bands** from AL A to C.
- mapped to **AL 6 to AL 8** of Standard level subjects

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
A	75 – 100	6
B	30 – 74	7
C	< 30	8

WIDER SCORING BANDS

Standard		Foundation	
AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges	AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges
1	≥ 90		
2	85 – 89		
3	80 – 84		
4	75 – 79		
5	65 – 74		
6	45 – 64	A	≥ 75
7	20 – 44	B	30 – 74
8	< 20	C	< 30

4 SUBJECT ALs WILL BE ADDED TO FORM THE OVERALL PSLE SCORE

*As announced in COS 2019, the Express, N(A) and N(T) courses will be phased out by **2024**.*

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AL 3

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE AL 2

MATHEMATICS AL 1

SCIENCE AL 2

PSLE SCORE: 8



PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) OPTION	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) OPTION	25
N(T)	26 – 30, with AL 7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY) [SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students in Express Course **WILL** take all subjects at **Express level**
- N(A) and (NT) courses with **greater flexibility**

FOR STUDENTS OFFERED THE N(A) OR N(T) COURSE	
PSLE SUBJECT GRADE	OPTION TO TAKE SUBJECT AT
AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject	Express level
AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject <u>OR</u> AL A in a Foundation level subject	N(A) level

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY) [SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

N(A)
English

N(A)
Mother Tongue

Express
Math

N(A)
Science

With SBB

Bryan

ENGLISH	AL6
MOTHER TONGUE	AL6
MATHEMATICS	AL5
SCIENCE	AL6

PSLE SCORE: 23
Offered N(A) course

OVERVIEW

How Sec 1 Posting Works



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CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS WILL MATTER MORE

- Academic merit, i.e. PSLE Score,
- Same PSLE Score vie for the **last remaining place**, tie-breakers will be used in the following order:
 1. CITIZENSHIP
 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING



5 students are vying for the last places in the schools of their choice.

Jane

Singapore Citizen

16 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch ...
- 3) Sch ...
- 4) Sch ...



Bryan

Singapore Citizen

20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch B
- 2) Sch ...
- 3) Sch ...
- 4) Sch ...



Mary

Singapore Citizen

20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch B
- 3) Sch C
- 4) Sch ...



Alan

Permanent Resident

20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch B
- 3) Sch D
- 4) Sch ...



Rina

Permanent Resident

20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch B
- 3) Sch D
- 4) Sch E



Students with better scores will be posted first



Tie-breaker #1: Citizenship



Tie-breaker #2: Choice order of schools



Tie-breaker #3: Computerised balloting

Jane has a better PSLE score. She will be posted first, to **School A**.



Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina have the same score.

As Jane has taken the last available place in School A, Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina will vie for the last available place in their next choice, **School B**.

Bryan and Mary are Singapore Citizens. They will have priority to enter **School B**.



Alan and Rina will be tie-broken out as they are Permanent Residents. They will be considered for their next choice, **School D**.

Because Bryan ranked School B higher than Mary, he will be posted to **School B**.



Since Bryan has taken the last place in School B, Mary will be posted to **School C**.



Alan and Rina have both ranked School D as their third choice. They will go through computerised balloting to vie for the last remaining place in **School D**.

Through computerised balloting, Alan is posted to **School D**.



Since Alan has taken the last place in School D, Rina will be posted to her fourth choice, **School E**.



INDICATIVE PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS



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INDICATIVE PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS



SchoolFinder Tool



<https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder>

- PSLE Score ranges for individual secondary schools are **indicative** as they were simulated using the **2021 PSLE** cohort results and students' school choices in that same year.
- Similar to the T-score system, the school's PSLE Score range may **vary from year to year**
- **Indicative** PSLE Score serves as a **guide**



SchoolFinder

Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.



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Search for schools near you

Enter your postal code

[Clear](#)

OR

Search for schools by area

Jurong West

Admission type

☐ Direct School Admission (DSA)

Co-curricular activities (CCAs)

Subjects

Electives and programmes

Indicative PSLE score range of 2020

What does Indicative mean?

PSLE score

From 4

To

22

[Clear](#)

Specialised support

Area: Jurong West

PSLE aggregate range: 4 - 22

Boon Lay Secondary School

Jurong West

11 Jurong West Street 65, S648354

Fuhua Secondary School

Jurong West

5 Jurong West Street 41, S649410

Hua Yi Secondary School

Jurong West

60 Jurong West St 42, S649371

Jurong Secondary School

Jurong West

31 Yuan Ching Road, S618652

Jurong West Secondary School

Jurong West

61 Jurong West Street 65, S648348

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MOE'S SCHOOLFINDER



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PSLE score range of 2021



	Affiliated	Non-affiliated
Express	-	14 - 21
Normal Academic	-	21 - 24
Normal Technical	-	25 - 28

Subjects offered



Electives and programmes



DSA talent areas offered in 2022



Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)



Support for special educational needs



that flourishes and thrives

INDICATIVE PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of first and last student admitted in previous year

Example

XX Secondary School
Indicative PSLE Score range of 2021

Express	15 – 20
Normal (Academic)	21 – 24
Normal (Technical)	25 – 28

Indicative = based on past year, may change

Indicative PSLE Score of first student posted

Indicative PSLE Score of last student posted into the school

USE OF HIGHER CHINESE LANGUAGE (HCL) FOR ADMISSION INTO SAP SCHOOLS









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HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE FOR ENTRY TO SAP SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE*

*For more information on the posting advantage to SAP schools, please visit the [PSLE-Full Subject Based Banding \(PSLE-FSBB\) Microsite](#)

- Students' HCL results will be denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students will be ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

1st		7	NO HCL
2nd		8	DISTINCTION
3rd		8	MERIT
4th		8	PASS
5th		8	NO HCL
6th		9	DISTINCTION

EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL's INDICATIVE PSLE SCORE RANGE

- While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the indicative PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.

Example

XX Secondary School

Indicative PSLE Score range of 2021

Express	5 (D) – 12 (P)
Normal (Academic)	
Normal (Technical)	

Indicative PSLE Score and HCL grade of the first student posted into the school in the Express course

Students who scored better than the school's COP, whether they take HCL, in this particular posting exercise would have been admitted to the school

Indicative PSLE Score and HCL grade of the last student posted into the school in the Express course [i.e. the school's Cut-Off Point (COP)]

SAP Secondary Schools

- Anglican High School
- Catholic High School
- CHIJ Saint Nicholas Girls' School
- Chung Cheng High School (Main)
- Dunman High School
- Hwa Chong Institution
- Maris Stella High School
- Nan Chiau High School
- Nan Hua High School
- Nanyang Girls' High School
- River Valley High School
- 圣公会中学
- 公教中学
- 圣尼各拉女校
- 中正中学（总校）
- 德明政府中学
- 华侨中学
- 海星中学
- 南侨中学
- 南华中学
- 南洋女子中学校
- 立化中学

CHOOSING A SUITABLE SECONDARY SCHOOL



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CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL

When making school choices in order to find a school that would help the child learn and thrive best:

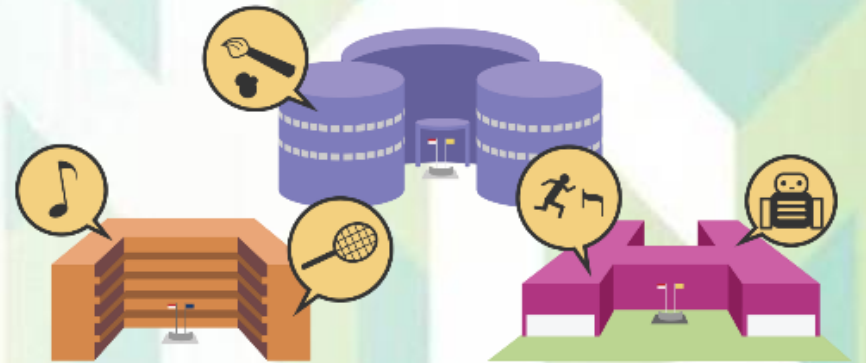
CONSIDER

YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING NEEDS



AND

WHAT SCHOOLS CAN OFFER





CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL



Consider your child's strengths, interests and abilities

- Discuss with your child
 - **School culture:**
 - **Programmes, subjects and CCAs offered:**
 - **Location and transport options:**
- Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to the child's **strengths and interests**, and that provide suitable learning environments

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents may use this guide to start thinking about factors to consider as you shortlist secondary schools with your child. You can visit the PSLE-FSBB Microsite to get a copy of this guide and other resources.

A SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT'S SUITABLE FOR YOUR CHILD

Help them match to their strengths and interests.

ASK:

What are their strengths, interests, and abilities?

- What kind of courses, programmes and opportunities will develop these?
- Will the pace of learning be suitable for them?


CONSIDER:

- o School Culture
- o Courses
- o Programmes, Subjects and CCAs Offered
- o Location and Transport
- o If your child has Special Educational Needs
Select schools with specialised facilities or resources.

SUBMIT:

- o 6 School Options
So that your child is more likely to get into a school of choice.
- o Schools with Different Cut-Off Points
Consider at least 2-3 schools where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-Off Point.

REFER TO:

 MOE's SchoolFinder
Check out schools based on subjects offered, co-curricular activities, location and contact information.

YOUR RANKING OF SCHOOL CHOICES MATTERS.

The higher you rank your preferred school in your choice order, the better your child's chance of being posted there if there is a tie-breaker.

Do note that schools' PSLE Score ranges can vary from year to year, since they depend on each cohort's performance and choice patterns.



PREPARING FOR S1 POSTING EXERCISE



- Use all **6 options** with a **range** of Cut-Off Points
- Take **reference** from schools' PSLE Score ranges in previous years
- Consider **Distance**
- Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to the **student's strengths and interests**, and that provide suitable learning environments
 - Virtual Open Houses, school websites
 - SchoolFinder and the MySkillsFuture Portal for information on the schools
- **Rank** your preferred school higher in your school choice order
 - This will increase the students' chances of being posted to that school, if there is a tie-breaker.

PREPARING FOR S1 POSTING EXERCISE

- Release of School Posting results



- Release of PSLE results
- Submission of
Secondary 1 Option Form

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

PSLE SCORE CALCULATOR ON PSLE-FSBB MICROSITE

Use the PSLE Score Calculator below
to find out.

English Language

Select Score

Mathematics

Select Score

Science

Select Score

Mother Tongue Language

Select Score

☐ My child is / I am exempted from taking
Mother Tongue Language, or is taking an
Asian Language / Foreign Language in-
lieu of a Mother Tongue Language

☐ My child is / I am taking Higher Mother
Tongue Language

Calculate



Use the PSLE Score Calculator below
to find out.

PSLE Score

Subject	AL
English Language	4
Mathematics	3
Science	6
Mother Tongue Language	6
PSLE Score*	19

* The PSLE Score is generated based on the
AL scores of individual subjects keyed into
the calculator.

Course Placement

Your child is / You are eligible for the
Express course.

Link to PSLE-FSBB Microsite



<https://go.gov.sg/pslefsbb>

OTHER RESOURCES

1 SchoolFinder Tool



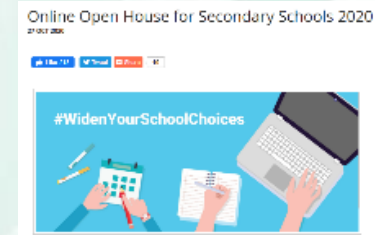
<https://go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder>

2 Secondary School Education Booklet



<https://go.gov.sg/secsch-booklet>

3 Open House Dates

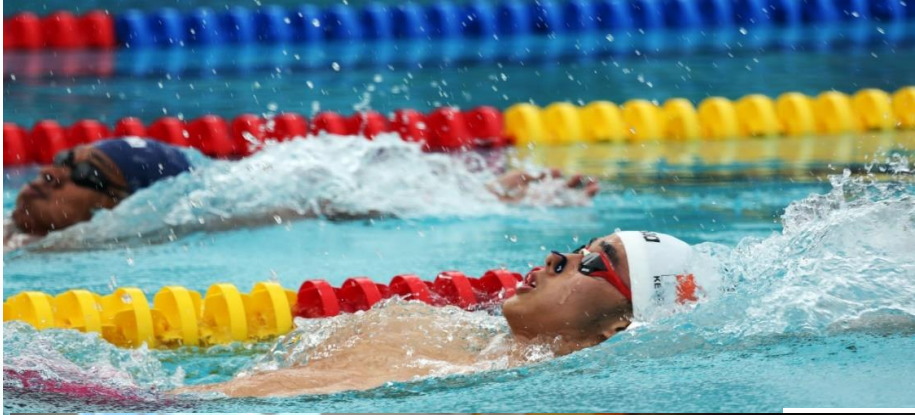


(June Holidays onwards)

4 ECG Parent Guide



<https://go.gov.sg/ecg-parentguide>



Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

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Entering a secondary school



PSLE/S1 Posting Process

- Based on a student's **PSLE score**
- Most students enter secondary schools this way

DSA-Sec

- Based on a diverse range of **talents** and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises
- Allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents

DSA Intake

- All secondary schools - up to 20%
- Integrated Programme (IP) - 30%-35%
- Specialised Independent Schools - 100% of their students through DSA.
- ✓ NUS High School,
- ✓ School of the Arts,
- ✓ School of Science and Technology
- ✓ Sports School

Please Note

- Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will **NOT be allowed to participate in the annual S1 Posting to opt for secondary schools**, and are expected to **honour the commitment to the allocated DSA-Sec school** for the entire duration of the programme to develop their talents.
- They will also **NOT be allowed to transfer to another school** after the release of the PSLE results.

Who can apply?

Primary 6 students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide-range of talents, including:

- **Sports and games**
- **Visual, literary and performing arts**
- **Debate and public speaking**
- **Science, mathematics and engineering**
- **Languages and humanities**
- **Uniformed groups**
- **Leadership (for example, prefects)**

No Hard Copy Submission

- Primary school information will be shared with the secondary schools :
 - ✓ P5 and P6 academic results,
 - ✓ Co-curricular Activities (CCA),
 - ✓ Values in Action (VIA) involvement,
 - ✓ School-based achievements/awards - Edusave awards, NAPFA results, Junior Sports Academy and National School Games
 - ✓ **No Testimonials required**
- Optional field - any non-school-based activities and achievements, which your child may have **participated outside school**.



Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

- **5 May until 3pm, 1 Jun 2022 for P6 only**
- Interested parents may wish to visit MOE's DSA website (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>) for more information.
- Selection by face to face interviews/trials

Date for DSA 2023 is not available yet

Examples of Possible Choice Combinations

EXAMPLE 1	Talent(s)	School(s)	up to three different schools,
	Choir	School A	
	Choir	School B	
	Choir	School C	

EXAMPLE 2	Talent(s)	School(s)	two different schools
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	Choir	School B	

EXAMPLE 3 (Not allowed)	Talent(s)	School(s)	Your child cannot use all three choices on one school . He/she can leave the third choice blank or choose another school.
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	Mathematics	School A	

Which school should my child apply to?

- School with programmes that match child's strengths and interests
- Get latest information about what each school offers by:
 - Visiting schools' websites
 - Attending schools' e-Open Houses to also experience their environments and cultures
 - Visiting the MOE's DSA-Sec website

What are schools looking for?

- The selection process differs across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories.
- Generally, schools are looking for candidates with:

Talent, passion, commitment

- Schools may look at **achievements and participation** (e.g. in Junior Sports Academy)

Strong personal qualities

- Schools may look at **CCA records and VIA** participation.
- Schools will also conduct e-interviews.

Good academic fit

- Schools may look at **primary school results** to ensure students can benefit from the school's pace of learning.



SchoolFinder | MOE

School profile page | MOE

https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder?journey=Secondary%20school&q=*&fq=school_journey_ss%3A"Secondary%20school"&fq=admission_types_dsa_b%3...

how to use SchoolFinder

SchoolFinder

Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

Secondary

Search for a school or keywords e.g. "Admiralty" or "football"

SEARCH

Help us improve

Criteria

Clear all

Location

Search for schools near you

Enter your postal code

Clear

OR

Search for schools by area

Select an area

Admission type

☒ Direct School Admission (DSA)

☐ Integrated programme

Secondary schools

1 of 8

Showing 142 Secondary schools

Admiralty Secondary School

Woodlands

31 Woodlands Crescent, S737916

Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School

Yishun

751 Yishun Avenue 7, S768928

Anderson Secondary School

Ang Mo Kio

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SchoolFinder | MOE School profile page | MOE

https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/schooldetail?schoolname=ahmad-ibrahim-secondary-school

Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School

 Yishun
751 Yishun Avenue 7, S768928

School code: 3201

PSLE score range of 2021

Subjects offered

Electives and programmes

DSA talent areas offered in 2022

- Critical Social Inquiry and Media Literacy (Girls and Boys)
- Community Youth Leadership (Girls and Boys)
- Music (Girls and Boys)
- Shooting (Girls and Boys)
- Track and Field (Girls and Boys)

Help us improve

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Please note for PSLE

- Use only **2B** pencil for shading on the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS)
- Use only **dark blue or black** ballpoint pens with 0.5 mm tip size
- **No** highlighters
- **No** correction tape/fluid

PSLE 2023

2023 PSLE EXAMINATION CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

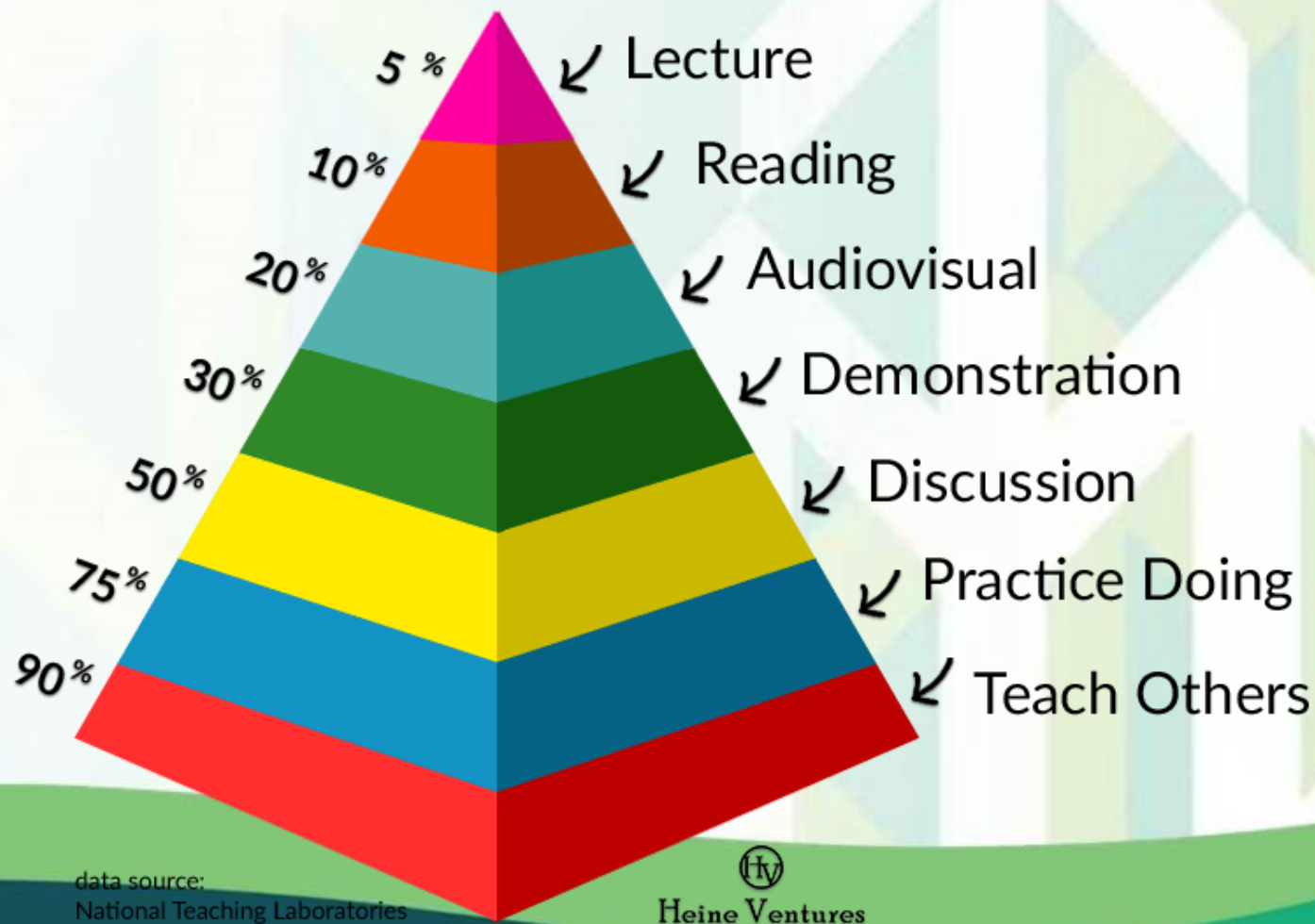
Registration	Mon, 3 Apr – Wed, 19 Apr
Oral	Tue, 15 Aug – Wed, 16 Aug
Listening Comprehension	Fri, 15 Sep
Written Examination	Thu, 28 Sep – Wed, 04 Oct
Marking Exercise	Mon, 16 Oct – Wed, 18 Oct

Note: The examination timetable will be made available by 24 March 2023

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THE LEARNING PYRAMID

average student retention rates



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How we will help your child

- Target setting workshop at P6
- Student Centric Support

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How to reduce Careless Mistakes?

- **Avoid skipping several steps** at one time.
- Manage your **time** well
- Answer the right question. **Break down** long questions
- **Highlight** (underline/circle) for keywords / numbers / information
- **Keep track** of your mistakes made during practice and **check** them during examinations.

How to reduce Careless Mistakes?

- Habit of **checking**
- Check for **errors** in copying and transfer
- Check the **units**
- Check the calculations and do a **REVERSE-CHECK**. Put your answer back into the maths problem or equation to check.
- Check for **logic**

Parents:

- **Partner** the School Teachers
- Encourage – **Growth Mindset**
- **Know** your child - Don't stress child unnecessarily
- Be **available** for your child
- **Balance** study with play
- Be watchful about **food and health**

Parents:

- Whole family is **involved**
- A **Happy** family is a conducive family
- Provide a **conducive** study area
- Provide a **routine** for studying
 - How long?
 - When is a good time?
- Help child **manage** study time, **distractions**
- Help child **set realistic goals, start small**

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

1. Embrace a growth mindset “I CAN” – **small goals**
2. Be a Compassionate Leader “YOU CAN” – **teach others**
3. Flourishing Westwoodian - “WE CAN” – **Family and School support**

Student Well-being Programmes

- **Daily Mindfulness Practices and Whole Body Listening Routine (SHINE)**
- **What Went Well (WWW on Wonderful Wednesdays)**
- **Positive Education Packages (Hope, Mindfulness, Character Strengths, Gratitude)**
- **THRIVE Teacher Buddy Programme (in support of Mental Wellness and Stress Management)**
- **Mental Wellness Programme and Level Assembly Talks**
- **Peer Support and Upstander Programme**
- **Celebrating Small Achievements**
- **Resources and strategies to support pupils in emotional, behavioural and learning (School website)**

2023 P6 Highlights

Tentative Dates	Programme Highlights
4 JAN-6 JAN/ 28 JUN/6 OCT/ 14 NOV	P6 Class Bonding Activities and Interclass Games
22 JUN-23 JUN	P6 Motivational Camp
9 OCT – 1 NOV	P6 Code for Fun and Video Maker Programme
9 JAN-13 JAN/ 9 OCT – 1 NOV	Outdoor Learning Journeys
9 OCT – 14 NOV	P6 Post Exam Programmes Sports Excellence Programme, Virtual Overseas Learning, Secondary School Fair Student Leadership Programmes Values In Action, Interclass Games, Career Fair, CCA Experience Day, Class Graduation Day
15 NOV	P5 and P6 Upper Primary Consortium Prize Giving Day



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WISHING WALL HIGHLIGHTS CALENDER OF EVENTS QUICKLINKS

- School Newsletters
- Booklist for 2023
- 2023 P1 Parents
- P1 & P2 Flipbook
- Highlights
- Calender of Events
- Quicklinks
- Wishing Wall for Teacher
- High-5! Day
- 10Years of Positively W
- Biodiversity@Westwood
- Thriving WWPS
- Secondary School Matter
- Contact Us

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