

Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)

School General Information

Dear Parents, Guardians and our newly posted Secondary 1 Students,

A warm welcome to Geylang Methodist School (Secondary).

Under Full Subject-Based Banding or FSBB, Secondary 1 students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of various strengths and interests. With FSBB, we are moving towards a secondary school education where students learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs. Under FSBB, MOE will expand Subject-Based Banding (SBB) beyond the four PSLE subjects, to allow eligible students to offer Humanities subjects at a more demanding level from Secondary 2. Other subjects such as Art, Design and Technology, Food and Consumer Education, PE, Citizenship and Character Education and Music will be offered as an accompanying set of Common Curriculum subjects at lower secondary. More information will be provided at the Secondary 1 dialogue session on 5 January 2024 (Fri).

To help you settle into the new school environment, you may find it useful to note the following:

1. **School Attire**

School uniform and PE attire must be purchased from our school supplier, Bibi & Baba, only.

The uniforms can be purchased in school on the following dates:

| Date | Day | Level/ Stream | Time | Venue |
|-------------|-----|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| 21 Dec 2023 | Thu | Walk-in purchase & FAS Collection for all Sec 1 2024 | 9 am - 3 pm | Classroom (Level 1) |
| 22 Dec 2023 | Fri | | | |
| 26 Dec 2023 | Tue | Walk-in purchase (limited stock) | | |
| 27 Dec 2023 | Wed | | | |
| 28 Dec 2023 | Thu | | | |
| 2 Jan 2024 | Tue | Walk-in purchase (limited stock) | 9 am – 12 pm | Outside the School Gym |
| 3 Jan 2024 | Wed | | | |

We seek your cooperation to only have **one** parent/ guardian and/or student to be in school for the pick-up or purchase of uniforms. Do note that there will not be any trying of uniforms for walk-in purchase in school.

The Class and House allocations for your child/ward will be posted via PG by 21 December, Thursday. You can proceed to buy your child's/ward's PE attire according to the house colour. Archer (Red), Lau (Green), Means (Yellow) and Mitchell (Blue). House allocation is also displayed on the noticeboard outside the General Office until the end of Term 1 Week.

Alternatively, the uniforms can be purchased directly from Bibi & Baba at #02-28, Far East Shopping Centre, Orchard Road, or its website (<https://www.schooluniforms.sg/geylang-methodist-secondary-school>).

Please refer to the [Purchase of School Uniform on the school website](#) for more details.

Guidelines on Socks and Shoes

Only white socks, at least of ankle length are allowed.

Track shoes of at least 70% white may be worn (front, tongue and back must be white).

Coloured track shoes may be worn on Fridays only.

2. Books and Materials

Books can be purchased from the school bookshop or via the online platform. Please refer to the [Secondary 1 booklist 2024 on the school website](#) for more details.

The books can be purchased in school on the following dates:

| Date | Day | Level/ Stream | Time | Venue |
|-------------|------|--|--------------|------------------------|
| 21 Dec 2023 | Thu | Walk-in purchase for 2024 Sec 1 FAS students and parents only | 9 am - 3 pm | Classroom (Level 1) |
| 22 Dec 2023 | Fri | | 9 am - 3 pm | |
| 23 Dec 2023 | Sat | | 9 am – 12 pm | |
| 26 Dec 2023 | Tues | Self-collection for online purchase Sec 1 only | 9 am - 3 pm | |
| 27 Dec 2023 | Wed | | 9 am - 3 pm | |
| 28 Dec 2023 | Thu | | 9 am - 3 pm | |

We seek your cooperation to have only **one** parent/guardian and/or student to be in school for the pick-up or purchase of textbooks and materials. Online purchase of textbooks and materials is strongly encouraged.

We strongly encourage parents to make your purchase via the Pacific Bookstores' online platform (<https://www.pacificbookstores.com>). Home delivery or Self-Collection is available for all online purchases.

3. Offering Subjects at a More Demanding Level

Eligible Secondary 1 students can offer English/ Mathematics/ Science/ Mother Tongue Language at a more demanding level based on their PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for each of these subjects. Students can choose to accept or reject the offer.

| Eligibility criteria to offer English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and/or Science at a more demanding level | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Indicative Level of Most Subjects at Start of S1 | PSLE Standard grade | PSLE Foundation grade | Option to offer subject at |
| G2 | AL 5 or better | - | G3 |
| G1 | AL 5 or better | - | G2 / G3 |
| | AL 6 | AL A | G2 |

Parents whose child is eligible to take subject(s) at a more demanding level will receive the Offer Letter(s) via PG. Please note that you may receive up to 4 separate Offer Letters, depending on the number of subjects your child is eligible for. You will need to submit the Offer Letter(s) by **26 December 2023 (Tue)**.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Ng Peck Suan at ng_peck_suan@schools.gov.sg.

4. Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)

Please note that students who took Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) in Primary Six are not automatically eligible for HMT in secondary school.

Eligibility criteria to offer HMTL:

Students with a PSLE Score of 8 or better and offer Mother Tongue Language (MTL) at PSLE, **or** students with a PSLE Score of 9-14 and obtained AL1/AL2 in MTL or D/M in HMTL.

The student would have received an MOE offer letter stating that the student qualifies for HMTL in secondary school. Students can choose to accept or reject the offer.

Eligible students will receive HMTL Offer Letters stating that they qualify for HMTL via PG. Parents/guardians are reminded to give consent via PG by **26 December 2023 (Tue)**.

OR

Based on the student's Secondary One results, the school and language centre will select and recommend nominated students to study HMTL in secondary school.

- Higher Chinese Language: Student's Semester 1 and Semester 2 Chinese Language results
- Higher Malay and Tamil Language: According to the requirements of the Language Centres

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Li Ping at li_ping@schools.gov.sg.

5. Mother Tongue Language 'B' (MTLB)

Eligibility criteria to offer MTLB:

For students in Posting Groups 3 and 2: AL7 or 8 in Standard Mother Tongue Language (MTL)

OR

AL B or C in Foundation MTL

The students will have to study MTLB at a centre of their choice outside curriculum time.

Students who are successful in their application will receive a PG notification from the school that they qualify for MTLB. Parents/guardians are reminded to give consent via PG by **26 December 2023 (Tue)**.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Li Ping at li_ping@schools.gov.sg.

6. 3rd Language (L3)

The L3s which students are eligible for are indicated on their S1 Option Form. If a particular L3 is not indicated, it means they are not eligible for that L3. Students are to indicate the choices of L3 via (i) the S1 Internet System or (ii) through his/her primary school.

Eligibility criteria to offer L3:

| Category | Language | Remark |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Malay (Special Prog) | Offered at zonal centres. Student must not have offered ML/Higher ML at PSLE. |
| | Chinese (Special Prog) | Offered at zonal centres. Student must not have offered CL/Higher CL at PSLE. |
| 2 | Arabic | Offered only at MOELC Bishan. Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better. |
| | Bahasa Indonesia | For Bahasa Indonesia, students must not have offered ML/HML as their MTL at PSLE. SC/PR or children of SC/PR. |
| 3 | French | Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 8 or better. If number of applicants more than vacancies, applicants are selected based on PSLE results. SC/PR or children of SC/PR Offered CL/ML/TL/NTIL at PSLE. To offer Japanese, students must have offered Chinese/Higher Chinese at PLSE. |
| | German | |
| | Japanese | |
| | Spanish | |

Students who have been assigned M(SP) / C(SP) zonal centres must register online at the respective zonal centres websites to accept the offer.

Students who have been offered a Foreign Language must register with MOELC to accept the offer.

Students, who are successful in their application, will receive PG notification from school that they qualify for specific 3rd Language and registration matters. Parents/guardians are reminded to give consent via PG by **4 January 2024 (Thu)**.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Li Ping at li_ping@schools.gov.sg.

7. School Hours

Reporting Time: 7.15 am

Dismissal Time: According to class timetable

The first day of school for 2024 is 2 January (Tuesday). Students will be dismissed at 1.15 pm on that day.

Secondary 1 students are to report in GMS(S) school uniform. They are to report in primary school uniform if they are not able to purchase the GMS(S) school uniform by the first day of school. Shoes should be white-based with white shoe laces.

There is a silent reading programme every day from 7.15 am to 7.30 am at the assembly ground / classroom. Students should bring an English storybook to school for this. Students will be considered late if they are not at the assembly ground / classroom by 7.25 am.

8. Secondary 1 Programme and 2-Day Non-Residential Orientation Camp

The Secondary 1 Orientation Programme will be held from **2 to 5 January 2024 (Tue to Fri)**. Students are **not required** to bring curriculum books during the orientation period. They will only need to bring an English storybook for silent reading in the morning. Your child's/ward's individualised timetable will be distributed by the end of the first week of school. Your child will only need to bring his/her curriculum books and learning materials for lessons from 8 January onwards.

The theme of the Orientation camp is "Laying Strong Foundations" with an emphasis on building good relationships with their classmates and developing their interpersonal and leadership skills.

Date: 4 and 5 January 2024 (Thursday and Friday)
Venue: Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)
Time: 7.15 am – 3.30 pm (Thursday) and 7.15 am – 8.30 pm (Friday)
Cost: \$25

For Singaporean students with authorised Edusave Enrichment Programme Standing Order (EPSO), the co-payment amount will be deducted from your child/ward's Edusave account. If there are insufficient funds in your child's/ward's Edusave account, the shortfall can be settled using GIRO if you have established standing order for payment of Enrichment Programme. Otherwise, kindly make payment via SAM station/SAM Mobile App.

Non-Singaporean students and students without Edusave EPSO, if you have established GIRO Standing Order for payment of Enrichment Programme, kindly maintain the sufficient fund in your bank account for GIRO deduction. Otherwise, kindly make payment via SAM station/SAM Mobile App.

9. Secondary 1 Parents Dialogue Session

Talks by Principal and Key Personnel, followed by Sec 1 Orientation Camp finale.

Date: 5 January 2024 (Friday)
Venue: Wesley Hall, Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)
Time: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

A light refreshment is provided by the PSG at 5.45 pm in the canteen. Please be seated in the Wesley Hall at 6.20 pm for the Dialogue Session.

10. Photograph-Taking

The school will arrange for a photographer to be present on **15 January 2024 (Mon)**, during curriculum or after school hours. It is compulsory for photographs to be taken by the school to facilitate school administration matters.

11. Secondary 1 CCA Fair cum Trials

| Date | Day | Time |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 10 January 2024 | Wednesday | 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm |
| 12 January 2024 | Friday | 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm |

Attire: PE attire
Attendance is compulsory.