



**Sec One Registration  
Mother Tongue Matters-  
Higher Mother Tongue, Tamil Language,  
NTIL, Foreign Languages Matters**

# This briefing is for:

- A. Students interested and eligible for **Higher Mother Tongue**
- B. Students taking **Tamil Language**
- C. Students taking **Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL)**, e.g. Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu
- D. Students taking **Foreign Languages** (e.g. French, German, Japanese) or **Asian Languages** (e.g. Arabic, Burmese, Thai) in lieu of MT



## A. Higher MT Language

- We are offering **Higher Chinese** and **Higher Malay** Languages for interested and eligible Sec 1 students
- Higher Tamil classes are conducted at the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre



# Why Higher Mother Tongue?

- For JC/CI admission
- Students who passed Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) at O levels will enjoy:
  - 2 bonus points in L1R5 aggregate computation
  - Able to use either HMT or English grade as L1 (better of the two)
- *Note: HMT has no direct impact on Polytechnic / ITE admission*



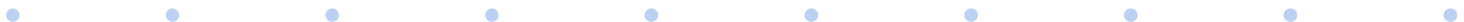
# Why Higher Mother Tongue?

- More rigorous and in-depth curriculum
- Greater exposure to the Mother Tongue language and culture, to develop your child's passion and ability in the subject
- Will take GCE 'O' level MT exam at the end of Sec 3, and HMT exam at Sec 4

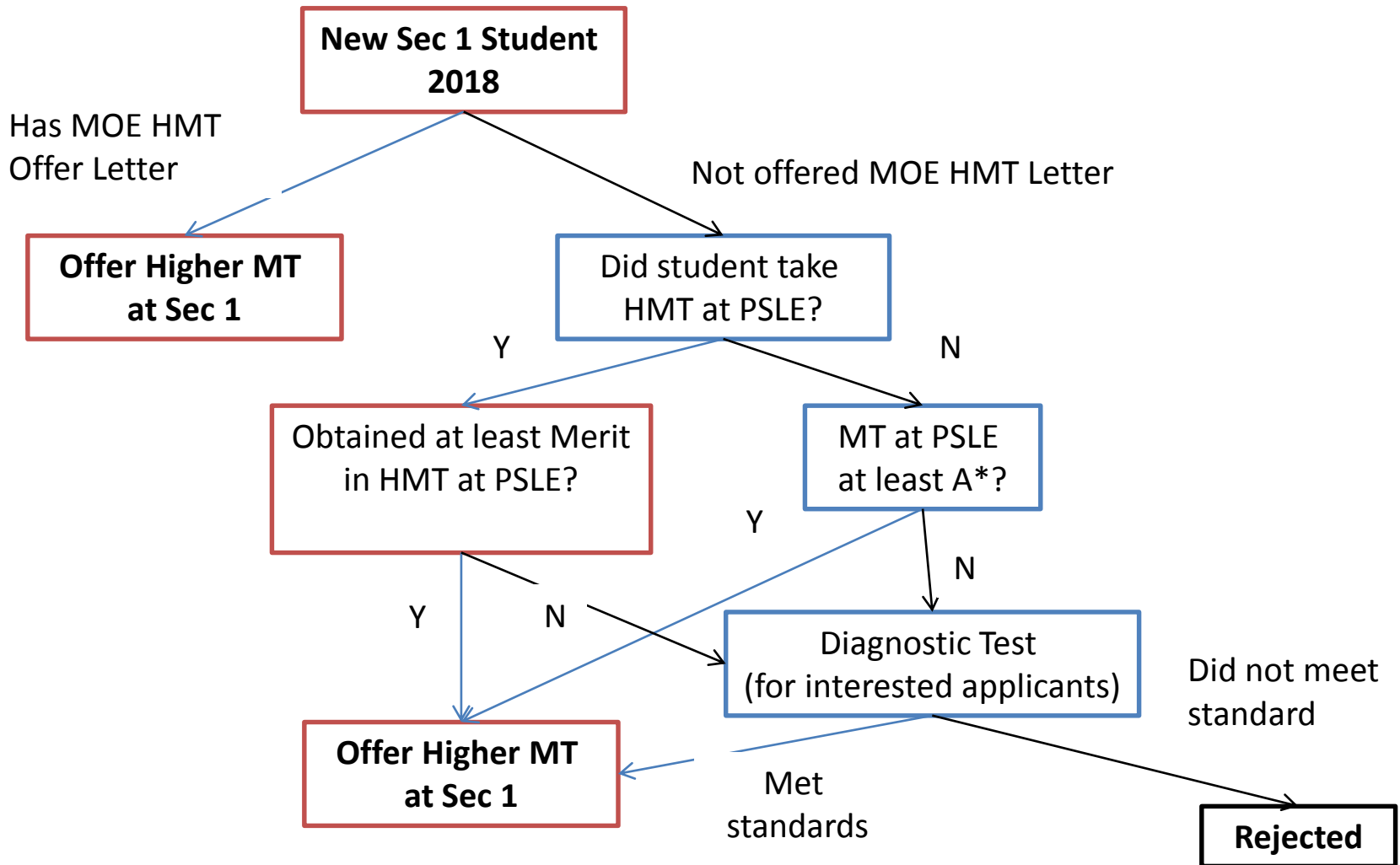


# Eligibility for Higher Mother Tongue

- Higher MT will be offered to all Sec 1 students who met the criteria at PSLE (ie. Received MOE HMT offer letter) - ***\*Submit Reply Letter by today (latest 28 Dec)***
- Students who do not have the MOE offer letter would need to appeal to school for Higher MT
- Students appealing for HMT should score at least Merit in PSLE Higher MT, or A\* in PSLE MT
- Students who did not meet the requirements but still wish to take Higher MT are to see HOD/MTL. A diagnostic test may be conducted for selected students in Term 1, Week 1, 2017.

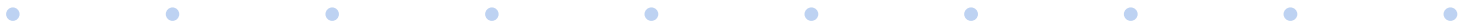


# Sec 1 Higher Mother Tongue Offer Process



# Higher Mother Tongue Diagnostic Test

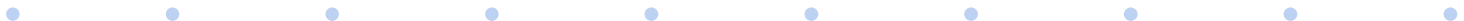
- **Higher Chinese Diagnostic Test**
- Date: Week 2, 8 Jan 2018 (Mon)
- Time & Venue to be announced
  
- **Higher Malay Diagnostic Test** will be conducted for all ML Express and NA students by Week 2.





# Mother Tongue books

- If you are planning to take Higher MT, do not buy your MT books first.
- If you have bought them, keep the receipt and **do not** write your names on the books, so that you can exchange at the bookshop if you are offered a different MT subject



## B. Tamil Language

- **TL Centre is at Sembawang Secondary School**
- **TL students to register at Sembawang Secondary School on Tuesday, 2 January 2018 between 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm (To be confirmed through morning announcement)**



# Tamil Language at Sembawang Sec

- Tamil classes for students in the Express and Normal Academic courses are conducted once a week every **Monday, 3 - 6pm** (approximately 3 hrs per day).
- Basic Tamil (Normal Technical course) lesson is 3 periods per week. Classes (approximately 1.5 hrs) are conducted once a week on every **Wednesday, 3.00 - 4.30pm.**



## C. NTIL

- Non-Tamil Indian students taking Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu are required to inform their Class Mentors the following matters;
  - a. Non-Tamil Indian Language they are taking;
  - b. Centre that they attend lessons in 2018
  - c. Days/ Time of their lessons

on the first day of school i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.



# Commencement of lessons

- Announcements will be made on commencement of lessons(HMT/Tamil/Foreign Languages) during Week 1 of school.
- Announcements on exams dates will also be announced accordingly.
- Students are strongly encouraged to check updates pertaining to their classes/examinations matters at the Mother Tongue notice board outside HOD room regularly.



## D. Foreign Languages / Asian Languages in lieu of MT

- **Foreign Languages:**
  - French
  - German
  - Japanese
- **Asian Languages:**
  - Arabic
  - Burmese
  - Thai



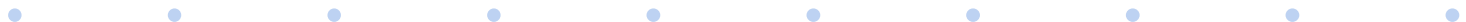
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	<b>NEED to re-apply at Sec 1</b>	<b>NO NEED to re-apply at Sec 1</b>
<b>Students with approval to offer non-MTL e.g. Chinese student offering Malay/Tamil as MTL</b>		√
<b>Students with approval to offer NTIL (i.e. Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu)</b>		√
<b>Students with approval for TOTAL EXEMPTION i.e. NOT offering any language in lieu of MTL</b>		√

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## D. Foreign Languages / Asian Languages in lieu of MT

- The application has been made in Primary Schools. Any changes to the choice of language must be approved by MOE.
- Does not include 3<sup>rd</sup> language
- Upon approval, your child will need to apply for a place at the MOE Language Centre (Bishan or Newton). Availability of places is on a first-come-first-served basis.



## D. Foreign Languages / Asian Languages in lieu of MT

- \*Pls note that it is our school policy that your child/ward takes the year-end exam for French/German/Japanese, whether he/she has secured a place in the MOELC, or opted for private study
- \*The marks are computed in the overall percentage and may affect your child/ward's promotion, so it is important to ensure he/she put in effort for the subject



# Forms

- To obtain application **Foreign Language forms** from CMs/ school's General Office by **today**.
- Duly completed forms are to be submitted to school's General Office preferably by today. Latest by **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**.





**THANK YOU**

