

Matters Pertaining to Higher Mother Tongue Languages

Application to Take Higher Mother Tongue

- Parents/Guardians whose child/ward is eligible for Higher Mother Tongue Language will receive an option form through Parents Gateway by Wednesday, 24 December 2025.
- Parents/Guardians will need to reply to the school via Parents Gateway and specify your option by Saturday, 27 December 2025, 12pm.

Eligibility to Take Higher Mother Tongue Based on MOE Criteria

Starting from the S1 cohort in 2026, Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) eligibility will no longer be dependent on students' overall PSLE score.

Students with PSLE MTL score of AL1/AL2, or HMTL score of Distinction/Merit may offer HMTL at the start of S1.

Benefits of Taking Higher Mother Tongue Language

1. Higher Mother Tongue can be used as L1 (other than English Language) in the computation of scores e.g. L1R4 for admission to Junior Colleges and Pre-University.

Please note that if Higher Mother Tongue is used as L1 in the computation of L1R4 score, the score for Mother Tongue cannot be computed as one of the R4 scores.

Benefits of Taking Higher Mother Tongue Language

2) With a pass (C6 and above) in Higher Mother Tongue Language, students can enjoy 2 bonus points.

Example:

Subject	Score
English	B3
Higher Malay	C5
Malay	A1
Maths	A1
Additional Maths	B3
Chemistry	B3
Geograpghy	B3

Original L1R4 score = $3 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 3 = 11$

With bonus points for HMTL:
L1R4 score = 9

Lesson Structure and Learning Materials

- Higher Mother Tongue lessons will take place concurrently with Mother Tongue Language lessons during school hours. Students taking Higher Mother Tongue do not need to stay back after school for additional lessons.
- Students who wish to take Higher Mother Tongue only need to purchase the Higher Mother Tongue learning materials, e.g. textbooks. They do not need to purchase the Mother Tongue learning materials.

Appeal to do Higher Mother Tongue

- The school will not consider any appeal from students who are allocated Mother Tongue to do Higher Mother Tongue in Secondary 1.
- At the end of Secondary 1 and 2, students taking Mother Tongue Language will be offered Higher Mother Tongue Language the following year if they fulfil the following criteria:
 - Obtain an overall score of 75 marks for MTL.

Thank You