

Queensway Secondary School
Sec 1 Registration
Mother Tongue Languages

Welcome to Queensway Secondary School!

Being bilingual is important for your child/ward. The Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Department will be in charge of developing your child/ward into a bilingual adult.

You will find the following information regarding Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) below:

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1. Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)

HMTL Lessons will be conducted as follows:

HMTL	Venue	Time
Higher Chinese Language	In QSS	during normal curriculum hours
Higher Malay Language	MOE Language Centre (Bishan)	After school hours, please visit the websites for respective centres for more information
Higher Tamil Language	1. Jurong West Secondary School 2. Marsiling Secondary School 3. Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School 4. Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre	

Students who <u>met the MOE criteria</u> to offer HMTL at Secondary level will receive the HMTL Offer Letter (Form A, via PG) upon registration.	<p>1. Please submit the signed Form A (sample attached below) to Ms Chia Hui Jun at chia_hui_jun@moe.edu.sg by 23 Dec 2024 (Mon) 1200 noon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Once you accept the offer, please proceed to purchase the HMTL materials. ✓ If you reject the offer, please proceed to purchase the MTL materials for the respective subject level. <div style="text-align: right;">FORM A</div> <div style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION TO OFFER A HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Instructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are eligible to offer a Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) language indicated below. Please complete this form to indicate if you wish to do so. Please return the completed form to your principal by 23 Dec 2024. If your school offers HMT, you will attend lessons in your school. If your school does not offer HMT, you will attend lessons at one of the centres outside curriculum time. Please indicate your choice of centre. You will be informed by your principal of the day, time and venue for HMT lessons when school re-opens. <p style="text-align: center;">Detach and submit the form below</p> </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Click here for MOE HMTL Eligibility</p>
Students who do not meet the MOE criteria but <u>meet the school criteria</u> will also receive a HMTL Offer Letter (via PG) upon registration.	<p>1. As your child/ward does not qualify for HMTL under MOE's criteria, the school will require him/her to take a diagnostic test when school reopens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Details of the diagnostic test will be sent out once the offer is accepted <p>2. Please approve or reject the offer through PG, by 23 Dec 2024 (Mon) 1200 noon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you reject the offer, please proceed to purchase the MTL materials for the respective subject level (G3, G2 or G1) ✓ If you accept the offer, please wait for the follow up PG letter.
Students who <u>do not receive any notice regarding HMTL</u> are not eligible for HMTL.	<p>1. Please proceed to purchase the MTL materials for the respective courses (G3, G2 or G1)</p>

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2. **Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL)**

NTIL	Action required
1. Bengali 2. Gujarati 3. Hindi 4. Punjabi 5. Urdu	To continue with the Centre under Board for the Teaching & Testing of South Asian Languages (BTTSAL) where students have been studying in Primary School The list of NTIL centres can be found on the official BTTSAL website at www.bttsal.com

- Students who offered Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) at Primary level will continue to offer NTIL at Secondary level.
- NTIL lessons will be conducted at the respective language centres.
 - Please note the timing of lessons during registration with the centre
- All students taking MTL in-lieu will **do self-directed learning in their Form Class during MTL periods in our school.**

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3. Third Language (L3)

Foreign Languages (FL)	Asian Languages (AsL)	Special Programmes
1. French 2. German 3. Japanese 4. Spanish	1. Arabic 2. Bahasa Indonesia	1. Chinese Special Programme, aka C(SP) 2. Malay Special Programme, aka M(SP)

MOE L3 Eligibility: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/new-psle-scoring-system.html>

- All students taking Third Languages will be taking it **on top of their MTL**.
- Students would **have already applied** for third language at Secondary level upon release of PSLE results.
 - a) Successful applicants will be informed by our school.
 - Successful applicants will also receive MOE notification letter on Third Language registration upon Sec 1 Registration.
 - b) Students who **have not received any notice regarding Third Language** are not offered the subject.

Lessons will be conducted as follows:

Third Language	Venue	Time	Action Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FL • AsL 	MOE Language Centre (Bishan)	After school hours, please note during online registration	Online registration https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C(SP) 	Clementi Town Secondary School		Online registration https://clementitownsec.moe.edu.sg/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M(SP) 	Zhonghua Secondary School		Online registration Please stay tuned to PG for more details

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4. Asian Language (AsL) / Foreign Language (FL) as Mother Tongue Language In-lieu

Asian Language (AsL) in-lieu of MTL	Foreign Language (FL) in-lieu of MTL	Action Required
Arabic Burmese Thai	French German Japanese	Please submit proof of registration to our General Office by end Jan.

- Students who are offered AsL/FL as MTL in-lieu at Primary level will continue to offer the language at Secondary level.
- Students are required to **learn the AsL/FL privately** at the Secondary and Pre-university levels, as instruction is not provided by MOE.
 - ✓ **Students are required to provide documentation** to the school to indicate that they are learning AL/FL regularly.
 - ✓ Sec1 FL students who would like to be on the waiting list to be considered for admission to the MOE Language Centre (MOELC) may submit application through our school.
 - There are limited vacancies at MOELC. Please proceed to General Office to obtain an application form.
 - (Only when application is successful) Students will be informed through school to sit for a readiness test. Admission to MOELC is subject to passing the test.
 - Students who have not been notified to sit for the readiness test or did not pass the test are required to continue with their private study arrangements.
- All students taking MTL in-lieu will **do self-directed learning in their Form Class during MTL periods in our school**.
- Please note the **important differences** between MTL in-lieu at Primary and Secondary level:

In Primary school	Differences after Primary school
There is no PSLE examination for AsL/FL.	Students are required to take the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ AsL/FL papers at the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC, formally known as GCE O Level) examination in Secondary school and ✓ The Arabic/FL papers at the GCE A Level H1 examinations in junior college or centralised institute
AsL/FL grade is not a requirement for admission into Secondary school.	Students are required to attain the minimum AsL/FL grade for admission into <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a junior college or centralised institute (D7 or above at SEC), ✓ or a local publicly-funded undergraduate programme (S grade or above at GCE A Level H1). This requirement is the same as other MTL, as AsL/FL is regarded as the MTL of your child/ward.

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5. **Exemption from Mother Tongue Language**

- Students who have been exempted from MTL at Primary Level will continue to be exempted from MTL at Secondary level. **No action is required.**
 - Students exempted from MTL will do **self-directed learning in their Form Class during MTL periods.**
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For further information on MTL matters, pls contact Mr Teo Kian Wee at teo_kian_wee@moe.edu.sg.