

Responses to Questions Received During e-Open House on 27 Nov 2021

General Questions

1. When does school start each day? What is the school's starting hours?

The school starts at 8 am on Mon, Tue and Thu and 8.30 am on Wed and Fri.

2. What are the dismissal time for each day? When will we be going home from school?

Dismissal times vary depend on levels and subject combination. Typically most days will end around 2.30pm, except for Fridays when lessons end by 12.30pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays are typically the CCA days and the dismissal times will be between 5 to 6pm.

3. How many classes will there be for Express, Normal Academic and Normal Technical?

Over the past few years, we have been accepting four classes of Express, two classes of Normal Academic and one class of Normal Technical.

4. Based on the past trend, was the Express stream fully taken up?

The school has a full enrolment in previous years, with all the classes filled up.

5. Given that the percentage of PSLE students getting into Express class is more than last year, will the number of Express classes be increased to accommodate the students?

The number of classes is determined by MOE. The school will not be able to expand beyond the number of classes posted by MOE.

6. My son got AL score of 17 to 22. What are his chances of getting in?

The posting process is based on the student's PSLE score according to the order of their school choices and vacancies at the selected schools. Students with better PSLE scores will be considered first for vacancies in their chosen schools. Besides the PSLE score, posting for secondary school depends on other factors like citizenship of the student and school choice order.

This being the first year of transition from T-score to Achievement Levels (AL) scoring system, MOE has provided a set of indicative PSLE score range of 17 to 22 points for the Express course at Junyun Secondary. To improve the chances of being posted to Junyun Secondary, you and your son should put Junyun Secondary as his first choice.

7. If I score AL 22 for express will I have a chance to go to express class but be the last class?

We assure parents that students would be randomly mixed across the classes in the Express course. There would not be any 'last class'.

8. Will classes be a mix of express, Normal and NT students in 2022?

Incoming Sec 1 students will be grouped by their academic courses, Exp, NA and NT for their form classes.

9. When will we know the confirmed AL score of the school? Upon posting?

Yes, the final AL score will only be made known after the posting results are released.

10. What's percentage of cohort that made it to JCs and polytechnics?

In the past few years, the average percentage of our Sec 4 express students who qualified for JC and Poly ranges from 20% to 46 % and 77% to 90% respectively.

11. What is the typical class size? And what is the class ratio we are looking at for 2022 cohort?

Typical class size for Sec 1 will not exceed 40. Class size will also vary with subjects, e.g. 20 for subjects such as Design and Technology, Food and Consumer Education.

12. What time is the lunch and recess?

Recess and lunch timings will vary for each day depending on the timetable but rest assured that students would have ample time to consume their meals. Recess will typically be between 9 to 11 am while lunch timing will only be scheduled for Upper Sec students with afternoon lessons. For Sec One students there will be no lunch periods. However, they may dine in the canteen after school before going home.

13. Will there be a day where only all the new sec 1 kids go school? If yes, when?

Thus far, we do not have a day with activities only catered to Sec 1 students. Incoming Sec 1 students would join the rest of the levels for school from 4 Jan 2022 onwards.

14. Can I cycle to school? Does Junyun Secondary have a dedicated lot to park and lock our bicycles?

Yes, you may cycle to school. There are designated parking lots for bicycles in Junyun Secondary.

15. When is Semester 2?

Semester 2 is after the June holidays. For 2022, Semester 2 will commence on 27 Jun 2022 (Mon).

16. What is the operating time for the school canteen?

The operating time for our school canteen is typically from 6.30 am to 2.30 pm. For days with CCA like Tuesdays and Thursdays, the opening hours for some stalls may extend to around 4.30 pm.

Question Pertaining to Curriculum

1. Is the school implementing Full SBB in 2022? When is the school starting Full SBB? Will SBB be offered at Junyuan?

Our school will only implement Full SBB for the Sec 1 intake of 2024. From 2022 to 2023, we continue to provide SBB opportunities for students from the Normal Academic and Normal Technical courses to take subjects at the more demanding level, if they have qualified based on their PSLE performance.

You may refer to MOE's FSBB microsite <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/main.html> for more details on the implementation of FSBB.

2. Do you have home based learning. if yes, how often per month?

Yes, we will have Home Based Learning and it will occur once a fortnight (across alternate weeks). Sec 1s will begin HBL in Sem 2 after they have received their PLD devices.

3. I want to know the name of the Tamil institute that is affiliated to the school.

Junyuan Secondary does not offer Tamil language in-house. Students would go to Changkat Changi Secondary School to attend their TL lessons, outside curriculum time.

4. May I know if MTL B is offered in Sec 1?

Students taking CLB would attend lessons at St. Hilda's Secondary School whereas MLB students will go to MOELC at Bishan.

5. Does the school offer Higher Mother Tongue?

Our school currently do not offer in-house Higher Mother Tongue for Lower Sec students. Students will have to go to other schools at Lower Sec for their Higher MT subjects. Higher Chinese is offered at Upper Secondary level in our school.

6. Can my child take Higher Chinese if she did not take the subject for PSLE?

Students who are eligible will receive a letter of offer from MOE through the secondary school that they are posted to. This will be based on their PSLE results.

7. Will there be additional remedial for students who are weak in their subjects? Do we need to stay back every day after school?

Our teachers would provide students with additional support if they need the extra help to catch up in their studies. We also encourage students to approach teachers proactively, for consultations outside of curriculum time. There is no need to remain behind in school if you do not have to attend any activity or programme.

8. Does the school have any special guidance for weaker student?

Our teachers would provide students with additional support if they need the extra help to catch up in their studies. We also encourage students to approach teachers proactively, for consultations.

9. Will a NA student have the chance to opt for Express if he/she does well in the 1st year of school?

Yes, students who achieve 70% or more for their overall results in Sec 1 would be offered the opportunity to be laterally transferred to a more demanding course, e.g. from N(A) to Express.

10. Will there be allied educator support for students with special needs in the school? What is the school culture like?

Yes, our team of allied educators, counsellors and teachers would be working closely to assist students with special needs. The school believes in fostering an inclusive environment for all students and would help SEN students acquire the skills needed for them to learn alongside with others.

11. My child is interested in robotics and coding, will there be exposure to these in your curriculum?

All students would experience microbit lessons in lower secondary. We also offer Computing as an 'O' Level subject to Express course students in Upper Secondary.

12. Is the ALP only for the Express or for all streams?

The ALP programme is available to all students.

13. What are the ALP programmes for upper secondary level (both Normal and Express stream)?

Our ALP focuses on Food Science and lower secondary are introduced to food chemistry (molecular gastronomy), food microbiology, food preservation and food processing before they progress to learn about barista courses in Secondary 3. Students who are keen to further their learning are also invited to take part in external competitions.

14. How much will the chromebook cost? Do we loan the PLD or can we actually buy it?

The students will be able to purchase the chromebooks through the school at a subsidised rate. The balance amount after subsidy can be paid using Edusave if the student is a Singaporean. The typical cost will be between \$500-\$600 and this will be largely offset by student's Edusave if he/she is a Singapore citizen.

15. What is the PLD that they will be using in school?

Our current students are using the Lenovo 500e 2nd gen. However, future batches of students may be purchasing other (newer) models of digital devices.

16. Will all the students be required to have a school prescribed personal learning device?

Personal learning devices (PLD) has become an essential part of learning. Students are highly encouraged to have a PLD. Students who wish to use their own device would have to submit it to be assessed for suitability. If found unsuitable for use in school, we will assist students to purchase the school-designated PLDs.

Question Pertaining to PE and Co-curricular Activities

1. Will the school be offering Arts & Crafts as CCA?

Our school currently does not offer Art & Craft as a CCA. However, Art & Craft is a compulsory subject that our students will take lower secondary. It is also offered as an elective subject in upper secondary as an N or O level subject.

2. How many CCA's can we participate in?

Each student may choose one CCA.

3. Will there be selections and trials for CCA?

Yes there will be trials and a selection process. Students would indicate a list of CCAs which they are keen to explore and arrangements would be made for them to attend trials. We will try to assign students to their choice CCA as far as possible.

4. Can we choose a different CCA from the students' CCA in primary school eg from football to archery?

We will allow students to choose their preferred CCA and would not require them to continue their CCA from primary school. However, if the student has been admitted to Junyuan Secondary via the Direct Schools Admission (DSA) exercise using their CCA, he/she will be expected to commit to their CCA.

5. For sports CCAs like badminton, if my child has no prior experience in sports CCA in primary school, will she still be given a chance to enrol?

All students will stand a chance to participate in the selections for the Sports CCA. If she is able to perform well for the selection, and is able to be on the selected list, she can choose the CCA of her choice.

6. What is the CCA schedule like?

Our CCAs are mostly conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The detailed CCA schedule can be found on our school website.

7. My child is interested in Wushu. May I know if the Wushu programme is available in the school?

Our school do not offer Wushu as a CCA. However, for students who train on their own (with external clubs or organisations) and are keen to participate in the National Schools Wushu Competition can approach the school for assistance to register for the competition.

8. What sort of Dance CCA is available in Junyuan? Modern dance, Malay dance or Chinese dance?

The school offers Modern Dance as a CCA. You can check for more information on our school's website.

- 9. With regard to the Resilience Programme (30km Cycling), what if my boy does not know how to cycle? Will it be embarrassing if I am the only who can't cycle? Can we not participate in the cycling?**

We encourage all students to participate because the Resilience programme will build their character and camaraderie. There will be cycling clinics conducted by the school for students who do not have the skills to cycle. Students will receive support and encouragement from their peers, teachers and student-leaders during these clinics.

- 10. Do you still have outdoor activity during this Covid-19 period?**

Depending on the SMM guidelines, a few of our classes did manage to attend our modified Sec 2 Resilience Programmes in Semester 1 when outdoor activities were allowed then.

- 11. Will the activities shown in the video be conducted as well next year?**

We are planning to conduct similar outdoor activities depending on prevailing SMM guidelines.

Question Pertaining to School Culture

1. How is the school culture like?

Our school's core values are innovation, excellence, respect, responsibility and resilience. These core values are consistently emphasised in class by the teachers as well as the student leaders and we are glad to share that this has helped to shape our school culture to a great extent. Hence, by and large, the students in our school are responsible and respectful to their peers and teachers. In addition, through the various activities and programmes in the school, we try to encourage our students to strive towards innovation and excellence in their work and persevere as they encounter challenges in their journey with us.

2. How is the discipline like in Junyuan?

Junyuan Secondary has a good culture for learning. Students are well behaved and do their utmost to learn alongside with their peers in class and CCA.

3. What's the strength of Junyuan?

We have a wide range of programmes and CCAs in our school. You can visit our school website for more info. <https://junyuansec.moe.edu.sg/our-programmes>.

4. Will there be a chance that my friends and I will enter the same class if we are from the same primary school?

Students are allocated to classes on a random basis. It is possible but it is not guaranteed.

5. Is there like a head prefect in sec school for sec 4?

Yes. We have positions of President and Vice-Presidents in our Student Council, as well as Head Councillor positions for the various Executive Committees.

6. What is the policy for usage of mobile phones in school?

Currently the students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during curriculum and CCA time unless the teacher grants special permission.