

# Understanding Post-Secondary Education Options (Secondary 4E / 5N)

Parent Talk

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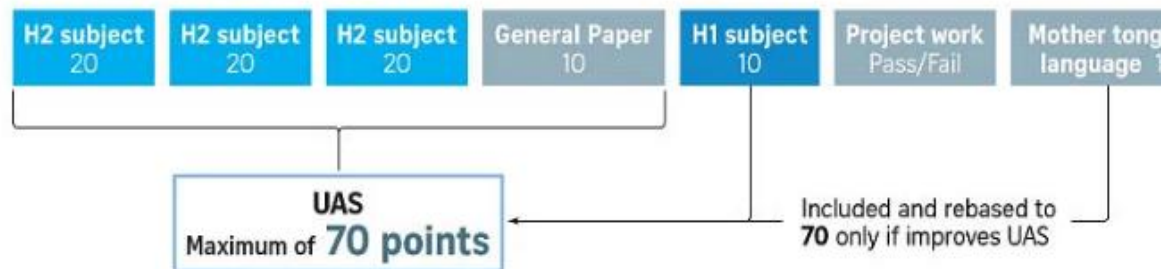


# Updates

## Recent changes to A-level Curriculum

Fourth content-based A-level subject to be dropped from university admission score

### UAS COMPUTATION FROM 2026



- **General Paper** will become a compulsory subject.
- Knowledge and Inquiry will be offered only as a contrasting subject.
- **Project work** will be graded on a Pass or Fail basis. Students will need to pass it to be eligible for admission to Autonomous Universities.
- **Progressive removal of Mid-year exams** for JCs and MI from year 2024.



# Updates

## Recent changes to JC Admission (NA for this cohort)

THE STRAITSTIMES

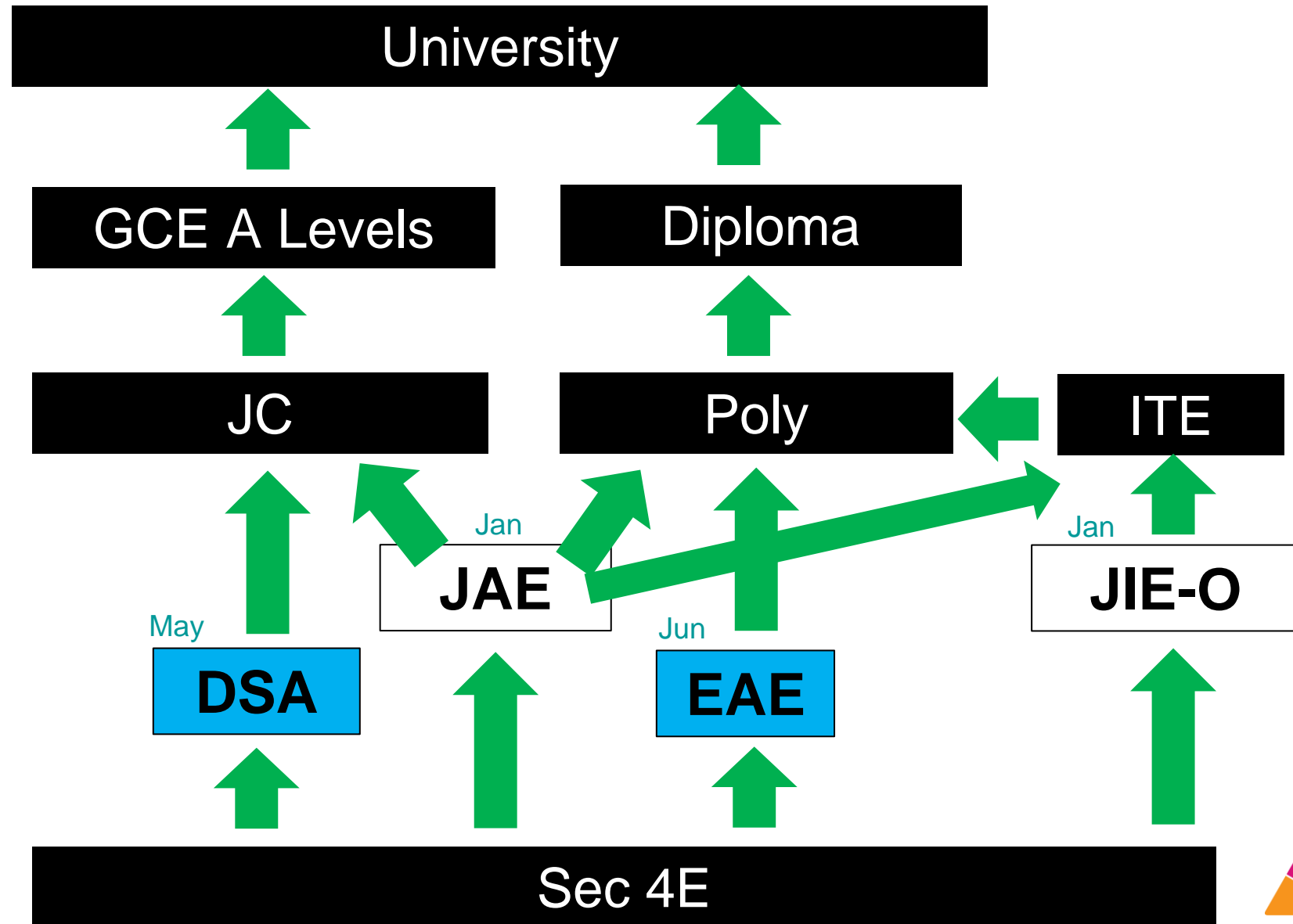
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Students applying to JC from 2028 to use LIR4 score, requiring five O-level subjects instead of six



# Post-Secondary Pathway for Express students



Admission Exercise	Institutions	Pathway	Eligibility Criteria
<b>JAE</b>	JC	2-yr A Level or IB Diploma	<b>Gross L1R5 ≤ 20</b> + Grade Requirements
	MI	3-yr A Level	<b>Gross L1R4 ≤ 20</b> + Grade Requirements
	Polytechnic	3-yr Diploma	<b>Net ELR2B2 ≤ 26*</b> + Min. Entry Requirements
	ITE	<i>2-yr Higher Nitec</i>	Sat for at least <b>5 'O' Level subjects</b> over a max. of 2 years + Min. Entry Requirements
<b>JIE 'O'</b>	ITE	<i>3-yr Higher Nitec</i> or <i>2-yr Nitec</i>	Sat for at least <b>5 'O' Level subjects</b> + Min. Entry Requirements
<b>Arts Insti. Admission Exercise</b>	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)  LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE)	3-yr Diploma	<b>25 points in 4 GCE 'O' Level subjects</b> excluding English <i>(Visit websites for other admission requirements)</i>

# JC/MI Eligibility Criteria and Aggregate Score Computation

## JC: Gross L1R5 ≤ 20

L1R5	Subjects
L1	<b>English</b> or <b>Higher Mother Tongue Language</b>
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <b>Humanities</b>
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <b>Mathematics or Science</b>
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <b>Humanities, Mathematics or Science</b>
R4, R5	Any 2 best-scoring subjects except Religious Knowledge

## MI: Gross L1R4 ≤ 20

L1R4	Subjects
L1	<b>English</b> or <b>Higher Mother Tongue Language</b>
R1, R2	Any 2 best-scoring subjects from <b>Humanities, Mathematics or Science</b>
R3, R4	Any 2 best-scoring subjects except Religious Knowledge

[No mid-year exams for students entering JCs and Millennia Institute from 2024 - CNA](#)  
([channelnewsasia.com](http://channelnewsasia.com))



# JC/MI Eligibility Criteria and Aggregate Score Computation

Subject	Grade
<b>English Language</b>	1-6
<b>Any 1 Mathematics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Additional Mathematics</li><li>● Mathematics</li></ul>	1-7
<b>Any 1 Mother Tongue Language (MTL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● MTL: Chinese, Malay, Tamil</li><li>● MTL approved by MOE in lieu of an official MTL (MTL-in-lieu): Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Thai, Urdu</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● MTL or MTL-in-lieu: 1-7</li><li>● Higher MTL: 1-8</li><li>● 'B' Syllabus: Merit or Pass</li></ul> <p>Note: There is no Higher level or 'B' Syllabus for MTL-in-lieu.</p>

# Art Institutions – NAFA & LASALLE

## 3 Years to Diploma

**Entry requirements** - obtain **25 points or less, raw aggregate score** for **Best 4 subjects excluding English** and CCA bonus points, and to meet the minimum entry requirements (MER).

**NAFA**

ENGLISH – C6 OR BETTER



**Other admission requirements**

Auditions

Interviews

Write Ups

Portfolio

**LASALLE**

ENGLISH – C6 OR BETTER





# Polytechnic – 3 Years to Diploma

**Entry requirements** - obtain **26 points or less, net ELR2B2 aggregate score** including CCA bonus points and to meet the minimum entry requirements (MER) as shown in the table below.

*\* Each Course has Aggregate Cut-Off Points*

1

**Net ELR2B2 (5 Subjects)  $\leq$  26 points\***

*EL= English Language, R2 = Relevant 2 Subjects, B2 = Best 2 Subjects; includes deduction of CCA bonus points*

2

**Meet Minimum Entry Requirements (Course-dependent)**

- **194 courses across 9 course clusters**

- *Relevant Subjects (per course)*

**A**

- Humanities
- Media-related

**B**

- Business & Management

**C**

- Sciences, Engineering
- ICT, Built Environment

**D**

- Built Environment
- Media & Design

# Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) in JAN 2026

## Guiding Students To Make Their 12 Choices



### Passion Basket

#### First 3 - 4 Choices

Consider courses that **most align** with your Values, Interests, Personality & Skills (V.I.P.S) and strengths.



### Practical Basket

#### Next 4 Choices

Choose courses you are **interested in** and stand a **good chance in securing**. (where your net score is **within** the range of the last year's aggregate score).



### Prudence Basket

#### Last 4 Choices

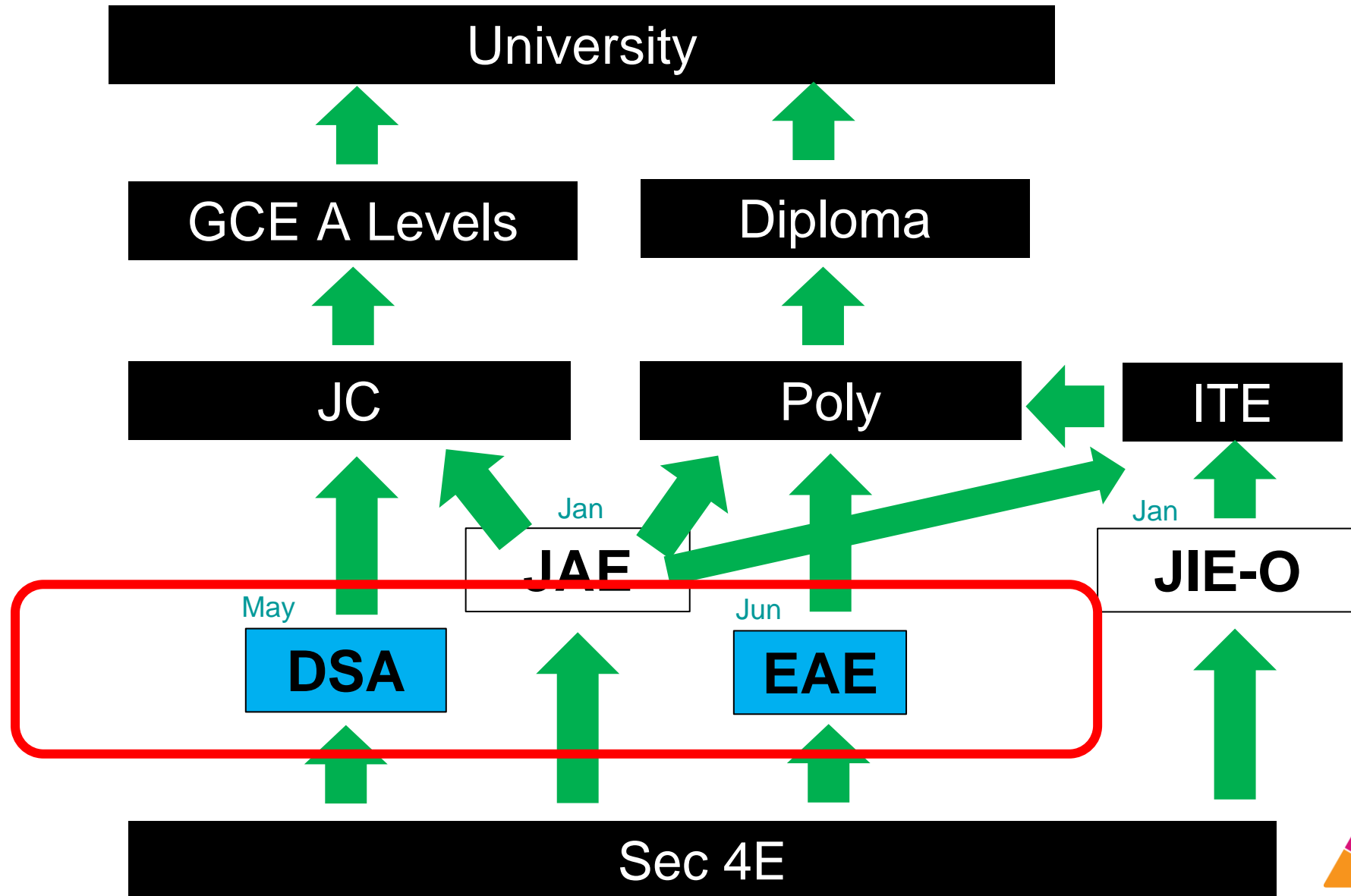
Include alternative courses and institutions where the latest aggregate scores are **higher** than yours. With this, your chances of securing a place will be higher.

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**Maximize the number of course choices in each application.**

- **JAE and JIE "O" are separate applications,** and each has 12 choices.
- **Direct Applications** to Art Institutions – NAFA & Lasalle

# Post-Secondary Pathway for Express students



# Aptitude Based Admissions / EAE

THE STRAITS TIMES

**She is now a third-year diploma student in business studies.**



When Ms Hemavarshnee Saravanan was in Secondary 4, she started a hair accessories business with a friend. It sealed her decision to apply to a polytechnic via the early admissions exercise. PHOTO: Ngee ANN POLYTECHNIC

Hemavarshnee Saravanan was in Secondary 4, she started a hair accessories business with a friend to sell scrunchies in school-approved colours.

“Students want to look as cute as possible, but it was hard to do that with school rules. So we decided to sell white or green hair ties to give students more options instead of just using black rubber bands,” says the former St Margaret’s Secondary student.

According to the Ministry of Education, applications and admissions via the polytechnic EAE have remained relatively consistent over the past three years. About 13,500 students applied for the polytechnic EAE in 2023 for admission in 2024, and 5,500 received an offer.

Miss Jolene Chong, 20, graduated in May with a diploma in applied AI and analytics from Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP). She shared during the EAE interview that she was involved in freelance work during her secondary school days, developing websites from scratch for clients from a job portal.



She topped her diploma programme with a 4.0 GPA and will be studying computer science at the National University of Singapore.

Source: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/how-to-guide-your-child-to-secure-a-polytechnic-spot-before-the-o-levels>



Miss Jolene Chong, 20, who graduated in May with a diploma in applied AI and analytics from Nanyang Polytechnic, entered the institution through the early admissions exercise. PHOTO: NANYANG POLYTECHNIC

# What is the Early Admissions Exercise or EAE?

- Do not have to compete for admission to Post-Sec Educational Institutions (PSEIs) based on their academic results compared to everyone else.
- Secure a place in a competitive course.
- Have relevant aptitude and interests to support their EAE application.
- Clear about the course they wish to pursue.

# Why EAE?

- Secure a place in a competitive POLY course.
- **The students who receive conditional offers would still need to meet the two criteria to have a confirmed course placement.**

**Criteria :** 1. Min. Entry Requirements (MERs)  
2. Subject pre-requisites.

# What to prepare?

## General application

1. Write Up - Personal, Talent and Achievement.
2. Pre-interview – Aptitude test.
3. Pre-interview survey. Auditions, Trials.
4. Interview – Individual / Group, Online or Onsite.
5. Portfolio.

### Sample - Diploma in Accountancy

I learnt how to generate P and L, balance sheets invoice data entry into Sage and do sales spreadsheets for an outlet under <ABC>. This experience piqued my interest as I love working with numbers, organizing and analyzing data. Through this course, I want to learn more about the ever changing accounting field. I aspire to be an accountant to help my family business grow successfully.

Ngee Ann Polytechnic  
600 character course write up

### What to include in a Portfolio?

Category	Examples
Academic Achievements	Top in English Language and Geography for Level in 2024
Non Academic Achievements	Edusave Character Award 2024
Leadership Experience	School Council, Prefectorial Board, Key Leadership Roles in CCA
Competitions	International, Regional, National, Zonal
External Activities	Volunteer Work, Part Time Work
Talent – e.g.. Arts	Art pieces, written articles, grading certificates, record of performance
Skills – e.g.. IT, Language	Created websites, mobile application, foreign language proficiency certificates
Recommendation letters / Testimonials	From teachers, employers

POLY E&E Process  
Stage 2 – Pre-Interview:  
Portfolio



### Group and Case Interview: To Showcase Your Ability

-  Ability to work in a Team and under pressure
-  Ability to accept and improve from constructive criticism
-  Ability to communicate verbally
-  Analytical, Creativity and Problem Solving Skills

POLY E&E Process  
Step 2 – Interview

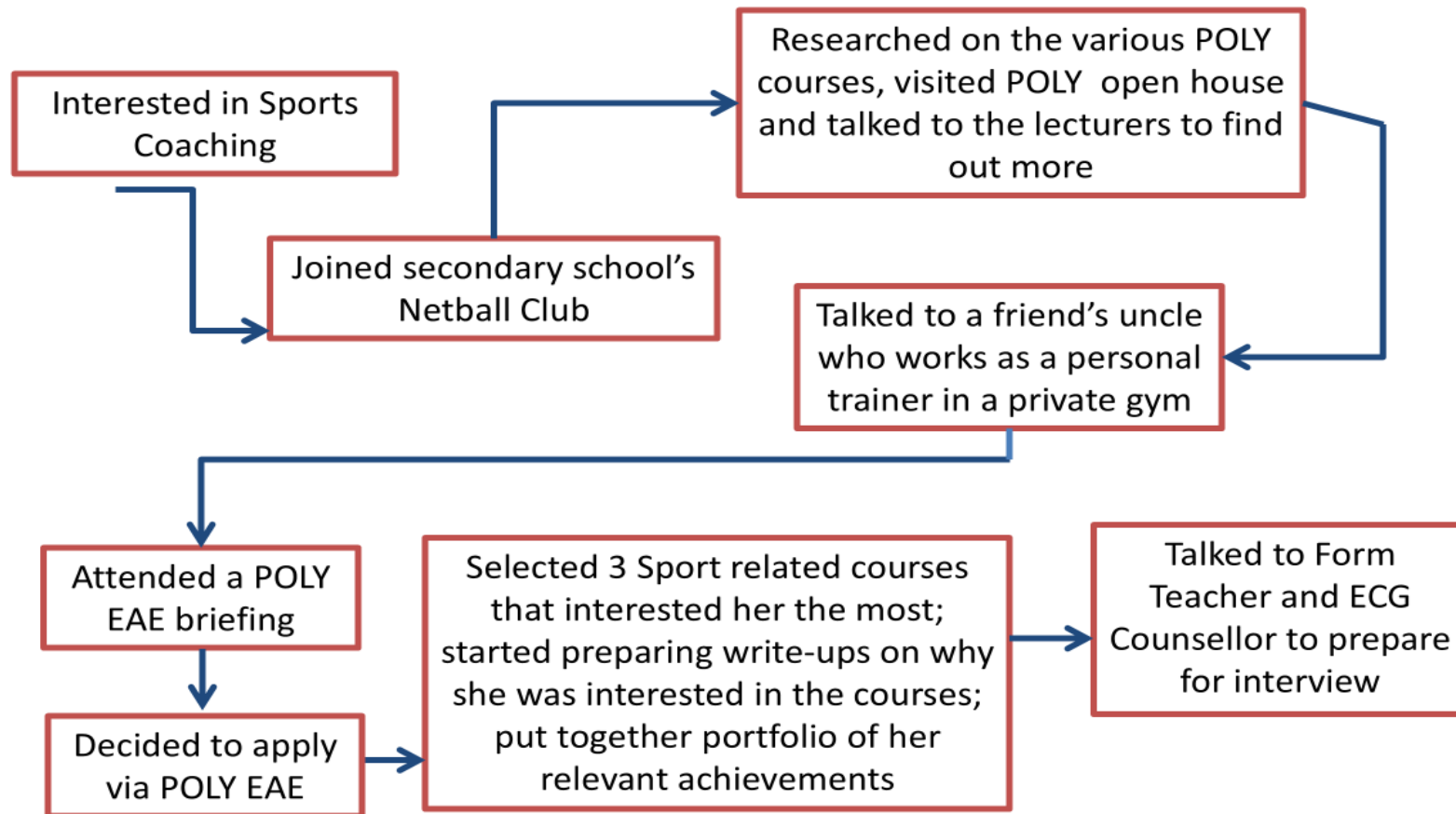


# Other Considerations

- Application to Poly EAE max. 3 course choices i.e. 3 x personal write up and 1x talent and achievement write up
- Application to ITE EAE max. 3 course choices i.e. 3 x personal write up and 1x talent and achievement write up
- Visit JC websites for DSA specific requests. Applications are not limited.



# Student Annie's Story



**POLY EAE  
PROCESS**

# ECG Padlet

Padlet

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## 2025-6 Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Noticeboard

### Pathways after Secondary School

#### What's Next - O levels



LR14928D Whats Next O Level

The latest comprehensive guide for O level students to discover their strengths, interests and values important to them as they seek multiple pathways after receiving their O level results.

#### What's Next - N levels



### Course Booklets

#### JAE 2025 Info Sheet

2025 Joint Admissions Exercise  
Visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/jae> to find out more

Upon completing your GCE O Level exams, you'll embark on the next phase of your education journey.  
Explore a range of exciting opportunities offered at junior colleges (JC), Millennia Institute (MI), polytechnics, and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

Key dates and events to mark on your calendar

Before you apply  
PDF  
\*up 2024 onwards

#### JAE 2025 Booklet

COURSES OFFERED IN 2025 JAE

JC Name	JC Courses		Polytechnic Courses		ITE Courses	
	Course Code	Course Name	Course Code	Course Name	Course Code	Course Name
Anderson Secondary Junior College	204	204	204	204	204	204
Anglo-Chinese Junior College	204	204	204	204	204	204
Boon Leong Secondary School	204	204	204	204	204	204

### ECG Counsellor

Click on the post below, scan the QR code and make your appointment today!

#### Let's have a chat about you and your aspiration!

Education & Career Guidance @ The Learning Hub ( Library )  
In school Mon & Thurs (except PH) 8am to 5pm

Help students discover their strengths, interests and aspirations.  
Guide students in making informed plans for their education and career through individual and group guidance sessions or workshops.  
Support students in their applications to JC/O Level, ITE, EAE, OGA, etc.

PDF

2024 SSS ECG Contact Details  
Video sessions will be upon request and subject to availability.

### Sign up activities

#### Temasek Poly - Invitation to Young Minds 2025



"Meeting Young Minds" Webinar with Temasek Polytechnic - Gleematic Autonomous Automation

Temasek Poly, School of Business, is organising a 2-day programme for secondary school students. Students can register in groups for this programme and they will be exposed to the following:

### Open House dates (JC/ Poly/ ITE)

#### Singapore Poly Open House



Schools  
[sopossible.sp.edu.sg](https://sopossible.sp.edu.sg)

#### Ngee Ann Poly Open House



Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP)

### 2025 EAE matters

#### All the best to our students heading for ITE EAE interviews!

##### Interview

Common EAE Interview Questions

BIODATA	CHOICES	SITUATIONAL	INDUSTRY
Questions to prepare about your self	Questions to find out more about your career choices	Questions on how your school handles different situations	Questions to check your career industry knowledge
• What school experiences do you have? • What are your strengths and weaknesses?	• Why did you choose this career? • What do you know about that career? • How would you cope with a challenging situation?	• How do you handle stress? • How do you handle conflict? • What are the qualities needed to succeed in this industry?	• What do you know about the industry? • What are the challenges in this industry?

#### ITE EAE Assessment Criteria ( Latest ) Intake 2025 for Portfolio, Interview and Aptitude test

Course-Specific Skills & Qualities - ITE Entry Admissions Exercise (2025 Intake)  
Applicants who are enrolled for interview will be assessed through:  
• Portfolio of student projects  
• Participation in relevant MOE Career Workshop, Applied Subjects, and/or ITE / Polytechnic Career Guidance sessions  
• Competitions related to the course  
• Nature and quality of applications  
NAFA Campus even...

# Explore Post Secondary courses, MERS

## COURSEFINDER



*Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of institute and area of interest.*

## SCHOOLFINDER



*Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, DSA-JC talent areas CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.*





# Explore MySkillsFuture Student Portal



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## About MySkillsFuture

A one-stop portal that empowers you to embark on a journey of self-discovery and make informed education and career choices. Use the information and tools to explore various education and career pathways, and take charge of your future.

### Find out more about yourself

Everyone has a set of unique attributes. The more you know about what you value, what you are interested in, and what you are good at, the more likely you will be able to make good choices in your education and career explorations.

- What's new
- Events
- Useful links

- MOE Website
- Student Learning Space
- Early Admission Exercise
- Poly Foundation Programme
- NAFA Foundation Programme
- SP-CCA Athletics
- SP-CCA (Ethnic Dance)
- Art Elective Programme (AEP)
- Enhanced Art Programme (EAP)
- Music Elective Programme (MEP)
- Enhanced Music Programme (EMP)
- Applied Learning Programme (ALP)
- Learning for Life Programme (LLP)

- Find out more about your further education and career options.
- Know your **strengths, interests and career values** to help you to make an informed education and career decision.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec>

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- Explore the world of work and the jobs within the industry.

# ECG Sessions



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ECGC

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