

SOME INFORMATION ON THE GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Gifted Education Programme (GEP) seeks to develop the intellectually gifted to their full potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. An equally important emphasis of the GEP is the development of social responsibility and sound moral values in the pupils.

Pupils who have been identified for the GEP will attend classes from Primary 4 to Primary 6 in one of nine primary schools: Anglo-Chinese School (Primary) and Catholic High (Primary) for boys; Raffles Girls' Primary for girls; Henry Park Primary, Rosyth, Nan Hua Primary, Nanyang Primary, St. Hilda's Primary, and Tao Nan for both boys and girls.

The identification exercise involves two stages:

- a. Screening Stage: The Screening exercise will be carried out by the school on **24 Aug 2018** and all Primary 3 pupils enrolled in a Singapore government or government-aided school are invited to take part. Pupils will be asked to work on some English Language and Mathematics questions based on what they would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 syllabuses. Both multiple-choice and open-ended questions are included and the format is similar to Mathematics and English Language questions assigned in school.
- b. Selection Stage: About 10% of the pupils who participate in the GEP Screening exercise will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection exercise (on **16 and 17 October 2018**) which is made up of 3 papers – English Language, Mathematics and General Ability. The English Language and Mathematics papers will assess what pupils would have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. The General Ability paper is an assessment of logical thinking and general reasoning ability.

About 1% of the cohort will be invited to join the Primary 4 GEP classes. The outcome of the GEP Selection Exercise will be released to all pupils through the school in early **November 2018**.

The GEP is an enrichment programme pitched at the pupils' intellectual ability. The subjects that are enriched in the Primary GEP are English Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Character & Citizenship Education. Pupils who are proficient in their Mother Tongue language will be given the option to offer the subject at the Higher Mother Tongue level. At the end of Primary 6, GEP pupils sit the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) together with pupils in the mainstream.

At the secondary level, provisions for GEP pupils are made through school-based gifted education programmes in selected Integrated Programme (IP) schools. The IP schools which offer school-based gifted education programmes are: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Dunman High School, Raffles Institution, Raffles Girls' School (Secondary), Hwa Chong Institution, Nanyang Girls' High School and the National University of Singapore High School of Mathematics and Science. GEP pupils admitted to the 6-year IP in these schools will receive a school-based enriched and challenging curriculum to stretch them intellectually.

More information on the GEP can be obtained from our website:
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/gifted-education-programme/>