

Briefing Slides for Release of 2024 GCE A-Level Results



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Celebrate Efforts

The GCE A-Level is a culmination of years of hard work and perseverance.

Let's celebrate the hard work and dedication we've put in!

Together, let us reflect on all our previous successes in school and the challenges we have overcome!



Think Opportunities

Remember that while everyone's educational journey is different, we can all have fulfilling outcomes!

Thinking about Your Next Step?

Consider these questions...



Education opportunities you can consider:

Local Education
Opportunities

Overseas Education Opportunities

Polytechnics

Autonomous Universities

University of the Arts Singapore (via constituent Arts Institutions)



More information on the various education pathways can also be found in the MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Pre-University).

Post-Secondary Education Institution websites you can explore:

Autonomous Universities:	UAS & Arts Institutions:	Polytechnics:
Nanyang Technological University: www.ntu.edu.sg	University of the Arts Singapore: www.uas.edu.sg *Note: Admissions are managed by individual constituent colleges of UAS (i.e. NAFA and LASALLE)	Nanyang Polytechnic: www.nyp.edu.sg
National University of Singapore: www.nus.edu.sg	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts: www.nafa.edu.sg	Ngee Ann Polytechnic: www.np.edu.sg
Singapore Institute of Technology: www.singaporetech.edu.sg	LASALLE College of the Arts: www.lasalle.edu.sg	Republic Polytechnic: www.rp.edu.sg
Singapore Management University: www.smu.edu.sg		Singapore Polytechnic: www.sp.edu.sg
Singapore University of Social Sciences: www.suss.edu.sg		Temasek Polytechnic: www.tp.edu.sg
Singapore University of Technology and Design: www.sutd.edu.sg		

Polytechnic Admissions Exercises (Semester 1 – Admissions in April)

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No Module Exemption
3-year polytechnic
studies for any
polytechnic diploma

Two-semester
Exemption
2-year polytechnic
studies for more than
60 polytechnic
diplomas

Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) - Jan

Minimum Entry Requirements are based on O-Level results.

Only for students who had not previously been enrolled in a polytechnic.

<u>Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE) – Feb to Mar</u>

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<u>Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE) – Feb to Mar</u>

Minimum Entry Requirements are based on <u>A-Level</u> results.

Eligible students can obtain a maximum of two-semester exemptions from polytechnic studies when they apply to the relevant courses.

Polytechnic Admissions Exercises (Semester 2 – Admissions in October)

One-semester
Exemption

2.5-year polytechnic studies for about 90 polytechnic diplomas

Two-semester
Exemption
2-year polytechnic
studies for about 60
polytechnic diplomas

<u>Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE) – Aug</u>

Minimum Entry Requirements are based on <u>A-Level*</u> results.

Eligible students can obtain one-semester or two-semester exemptions from polytechnic studies when they apply to the relevant courses.

*Some courses may also require O-Level results.

Considering Private Education Institutions?

3Rs to think about before considering private education

Reasons

- Why are you furthering your studies?
- Is this for better job prospects?

Readiness

- How ready are you to further your studies?
- Can you cope with the academic rigour and assignment deadlines?
- Can you fund your studies?

For more information on the 3Rs, visit https://go.gov.sq/3rs



Risks

- Do you know the possible drawbacks?
 - Your expected returns may not exceed the investments you put into your private education.
 - Private schools may make exaggerated claims.
 - Private schools may close due to various reasons.
 - You may not get a full refund if you withdraw from your course.

Resources to help you make informed decisions

8 Things You Should Know **Before You Enrol** In A Private School



https://go.gov.sg/choosingapei

School Registration

GH Academy JKL School MN Institute OPD Centre

Ensure the school is registered with SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). Review the school's registration period, expiry date and its overall registration track record.

Partner Institution



Research on the partner institution conferring the diploma or degree, and whether the qualification is recognised by the industry.

EduTrust Certification Scheme

Is the school EduTrust-certified*? Under the scheme, private schools are assessed for their performance in areas such as school management and provision of student support services.



School Premises

Head down to the campus ground to check the facilities and support services. Observe the study environment too.



*Schools are required to obtain EduTrust certification in order to offer external degree programmes

Fee Protection



Ask if there is any course fee protection so that you will be able to recover unconsumed course fees should the school close down.

Teachers

Check if the teachers are qualified to teach the course.



Beyond Course fees

Find out about the course syllabus and materials, graduation rates and employment prospects. Approach the alumni to find out what they think of the

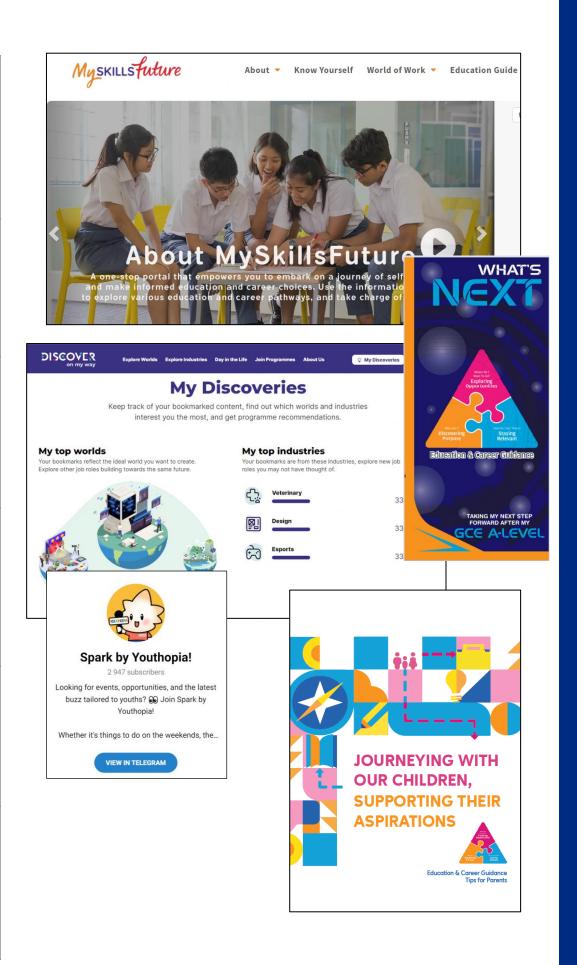
Internship

If industry attachment is included, find out which organisation you will be attached to, the period of attachment and the alternative arrangement should the attachment become unavailable. Verify the information with the organisation as well.



Useful Resources to Explore

MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Pre- U)	Leverage the Education Guide feature in the MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Pre-University) to help you plan your next step forward after your pre-university education. https://go.gov.sg/mysfpreu	GO _{govsg}
What's Next	This ECG resource helps you scaffold the decision-making process at key education stages. https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-alevel	
Discover On My Way (DOMW) by the National Youth Council	An opportunities portal specifically designed to help you discover your education and career interests as you navigate your personal and professional futures. https://discover.nyc.gov.sg/	GO goviso
Spark by Youthopia! Telegram Channel, by National Youth Council	Spark up your life with tools, vibes & freebies - join Youthopia's Spark on Telegram for the boost! Whether it's things to do on the weekends, the latest news, or resources for daily life, Spark's got you covered! https://go.gov.sg/sparktele-a	
National Youth Council's Newsletter	Receive resources, tips and programme opportunities tailored to your interests when you subscribe to the National Youth Council's newsletter! https://go.gov.sg/nycmailing-a	GOgovso
Journeying with Our Children, Supporting Their Aspirations	This resource provides parents with tips and advice on ECG and guides them on how they can support their children through key education stages. https://go.gov.sg/tips-for-parents	GO govsg



Concerned About Your Next Step?

Calm Down and Observe Your Emotions

- Inhale deeply and exhale slowly using 10 counts as you relax your muscles.
- Recognise your emotions and pay attention to the accompanying thoughts running through your head.

Positive Thinking and Explore Options

- Rationalise and replace negative thoughts. Redirect your attention to the different options that are available for you. Keep things in perspective.
- Remember that the A-Levels are just one part of your life journey and not the destination.

Seek Support

 Be aware of signs of distress and look for support from a trusted adult and persons around you. Connect with teachers, the School Counsellor or the Education and Career Guidance Counsellor for guidance on your next steps. When you receive your results, you may experience a range of emotions.

Using COPES to manage these emotions will allow you to stay calm, explore options and make rational decisions.



Reaching out for support is a sign of strength

If you have questions about your options or are not coping well, you can reach out to trusted adults such as a parent/guardian, teacher, School Counsellor or ECG Counsellor. You can also talk to a trusted friend.

Make an appointment to speak with your ECG Counsellor in school

How can I help?





https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre



Keep a look out for some of these signs in your peers or yourself.



Having difficult emotions during a stressful and uncertain period is normal. Keep a look out for some of these signs:

Deliberately avoiding others

Increased irritability, restlessness, agitation, stress and anxiety

Sending or posting moody messages on social media

Talking about death or dying

Reacting differently or gradually losing interest in things they used to like

Eating more than usual or having a much reduced appetite

Sleep pattern changes with difficulty falling asleep or oversleeping

Slowing down of energy levels

If you notice any of these signs in yourself or your friends,

have a chat with your School Counsellor or teacher,

Or contact SOS 24-hour hotline at **1767** or SOS 24-hour CareText Whatsapp at **91511767**For cyber wellness related matters, call Help123 at **1800-612-3123*** or email **hello@help123.sg***available only from Mon to Fri (excluding Public Holidays), from 9am - 6pm.



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Supporting Your Friend

- We may each experience different emotions upon receiving the results.
- You can share your friends' joy by congratulating them or give words of encouragement to friends who may be disappointed with their results.



Keep a lookout for your friends in distress. You can support them in the following ways:

- Calm them down
 "Are you ok? Calm down, take a few deep breaths."
- Hear them out
 "I am here to listen to you." or "I am here for you."
- Empathise with them
 "It sounds like you are disappointed." or "It seems like this is a difficult time for you."
- Encourage seeking help
 "Thanks for sharing. Why don't we speak with a trusted adult who can help?"
- Refer your friend to a trusted adult
 "Let's talk to our teacher or our School Counsellor so
 they can better support you. Do share your feelings
 with your parents/guardians too. Would you like me to
 accompany you?"

Support is readily available for you.

There are other hotlines and chats available if you are more comfortable seeking help using these platforms. Scan the QR code below for a helpful resource.



SOS provides round-the-clock emotional support for those in distress, thinking of suicide or affected by suicide.

Call: 1767 WhatsApp: 9151 1767 (24-hour helpline) (24-hour Care Text)

Community Health Assessment Team

(CHAT) provides personalised and confidential mental health checks and consultation for youths. To speak with a youth support worker, you can:

Visit: CHAT Hub at *SCAPE, #04-01A

Call: **6493 6500/ 6501**

Email: CHAT@mentalhealth.sg

mindline.sg is an online platform that provides tools, tips and resources to help you manage your health and wellbeing. Find out more at:

www.mindline.sg



TOUCHline is a helpline to provide youths with emotional support and practical advice.

Call: 1800-377 2252

Monday- Friday (Excluding Public Holidays): 9am – 6pm

Carey is an online platform by Care Corner that provides free mental health check-ins with mental health

professionals. Find out more at: https://carey.carecorner.org.sg/

eC2 is an e-Counselling Centre where you can talk to a trained counsellor about the issues you are facing, right where you are.

Chat with a counsellor at:

www.ec2.sg

Monday – Friday (Excluding Public Holidays): 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 5pm

Explore Opportunities to Keep Learning

"When I visit the schools, I always asked our students one question: "What makes you special?" I asked them this because I want them to grow up knowing that each and every one of them has a special skill set. They can make a contribution in their own unique way."

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education at Work Plan Seminar 2023



Explore Various Pathways

The A-Levels do not represent the final destination.

It is part of your education journey.





Ministry of Education SINGAPORE

