

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Identification and Selection of Students

1. How are the students chosen to be in the LMM programme?

Students who fall in the below-mentioned category are invited to join the LMM programme:

- *Students who pass the GEP Selection Exercise but choose to remain in SGPS*
- *Students who sit for the GEP Selection Exercise but did not pass*
- *Students who are better performers for EMS in the cohort and pass MTL*

2. How many P4LMM classes will there be in 2021? What is the class size?

There will be 2 P4LMM classes in 2021, P4LMM1 and P4LMM2. Each class will have a class size of 30 students.

LMM Curriculum

1. What is the difference between the LMM classes and the rest of the classes?

We acknowledge that all Gabrielites have different areas of strengths. We also recognize that amongst our Gabrielites, are boys who learn at a different pace and these boys would benefit from a more robust and academically challenging curriculum. As such, there arose a need for a differentiated curriculum to cater to this group of students with a different ability and pace of learning through the LMM classes.

The LMM classes aim to achieve the following objectives:

- *Provide a compelling learning experience that cultivates the spirit of life-long learning*
- *Expose students to a wide variety of educational opportunities and disciplines that are not provided through regular instructional programme.*

2. Are the LMM programmes compulsory? Do the students have a choice in the programmes that they would like to participate in?

All LMM students would be automatically enrolled and are highly encouraged to participate in the following programmes. These programmes are rotated on a termly basis with the students' well-being in mind.

- *English Literature Programme*
- *E2K Mathematics and E2K Science*
- *HCL Enrichment Programmes*
- *Coding Enrichment Programme*

However, the Innovation Programme (IvP) is optional and is only made available to students at Primary 5.

3. Are the LMM programmes conducted during curriculum or after school?

	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6
<i>During Curriculum Hours</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Literature Programme</i> • <i>Activities/ Projects embedded into existing curriculum to stretch the students and extend their learning.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Literature Programme</i> • <i>Activities/ Projects embedded into existing curriculum to stretch the students and extend their learning.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Activities/ Projects embedded into existing curriculum to stretch the students and extend their learning.</i> • <i>E2K Mathematics</i> • <i>E2K Science</i>
<i>After School</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>E2K Mathematics</i> • <i>E2K Science</i> • <i>Coding Enrichment Programme</i> • <i>HCL Programme (Drama; Storytelling)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>E2K Mathematics</i> • <i>E2K Science</i> • <i>Coding Enrichment Programme</i> • <i>HCL Programme (Drama; Storytelling)</i> • <i>Innovation Programme (IvP)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coding Enrichment Programme (Post PSLE)</i>

4. Will the homework load be heavy for an LMM student?

In SGPS, there is a homework board in every classroom. Teachers who are teaching that particular class would work together to ensure that the students are given a reasonable amount of work across all subjects to be completed at home.

From time to time, students in an LMM class would also be assigned projects to be completed. However, this would definitely be communicated early and sufficient time would be catered for research and execution.

5. What are the opportunities for external competitions for an LMM student?

Our LMM students are currently given the opportunities to participate in the following external competitions:

- *Primary Mathematics Project Competition (Jointly organised by MOE Gifted Education Branch and NUS High School of Mathematics and Science)*

We are currently exploring opportunities to expand the above list.

6. Are all LMM students offered leadership positions and training programmes to shape and develop their character?

Every student in SGPS is a Leader. The leadership positions within the class are rotated every semester to provide the opportunities for all students to assume leadership appointments as long as they are deemed ready by the teachers.

Apart from the level and school VIA, all LMM students would be involved in VIA projects annually to develop them to become empathetic and morally responsible citizens.

7. What happens if my child is unable to cope in the LMM programme? Will he be allowed to withdraw and return to a normal class?

We have a dedicated team of teachers to guide and nurture your child throughout the LMM journey. Every student can be assured of receiving the necessary support on this path of self-discovery. As a team, we will ensure that no student gets left behind. Since the implementation of LMM classes 5 years ago, there have been no students who have dropped out of the LMM programme.

8. What is the minimum requirement a student must meet in order to remain in the LMM programme?

The LMM students would generally progress as a class to Primary 5 and 6. This is important as a positive classroom atmosphere has been built in Primary 4 and it is crucial to maintain this good classroom dynamics, where students feel comfortable learning and communicating with their peers and teachers. Thus, should a student be observed to be falling behind, prompt follow-up action would be executed to bridge the gap.

9. Will the students remain in the same class for all subjects or will they still be banded for some subjects, e.g. MT?

The students would remain in the same class for EMS and CL. However, for ML and TL, the students would be grouped together with other students in the level taking the same subject.

Higher Chinese (HCL)

1. Is Higher Chinese offered in P4LMM?

Yes, Higher Chinese is offered in P4LMM. However, for Higher Malay and Higher Tamil, it will only be offered from Primary 5.

2. Is Higher Chinese Language compulsory for my son to take?

All Primary 4 LMM students taking CL would automatically be enrolled in the HCL programme for the following reasons:

- The Higher Chinese curriculum serves to provide the students with a greater awareness of the language by exposing them to a greater variety of vocabulary and language usage.*
- There would not be any Higher Chinese examination in Primary 4. Your child would only be sitting for the Standard Chinese Paper. Hence, the additional knowledge learnt would greatly benefit him in the standard paper.*

Other Matters

1. What happens if my child clears the GEP Selection Exercise? Is he allowed to move to schools that offer the GEP Curriculum or does he stay in SGPS?

Yes, if he clears the GEP Selection Exercise, he would be invited by MOE to join a school that offers the GEP Curriculum. However, he is most welcome to remain in SGPS as the LMM Curriculum is also designed to cater to his learning.