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# 2018 Secondary 3 Subject Combinations Talk for Sec 2 Parents

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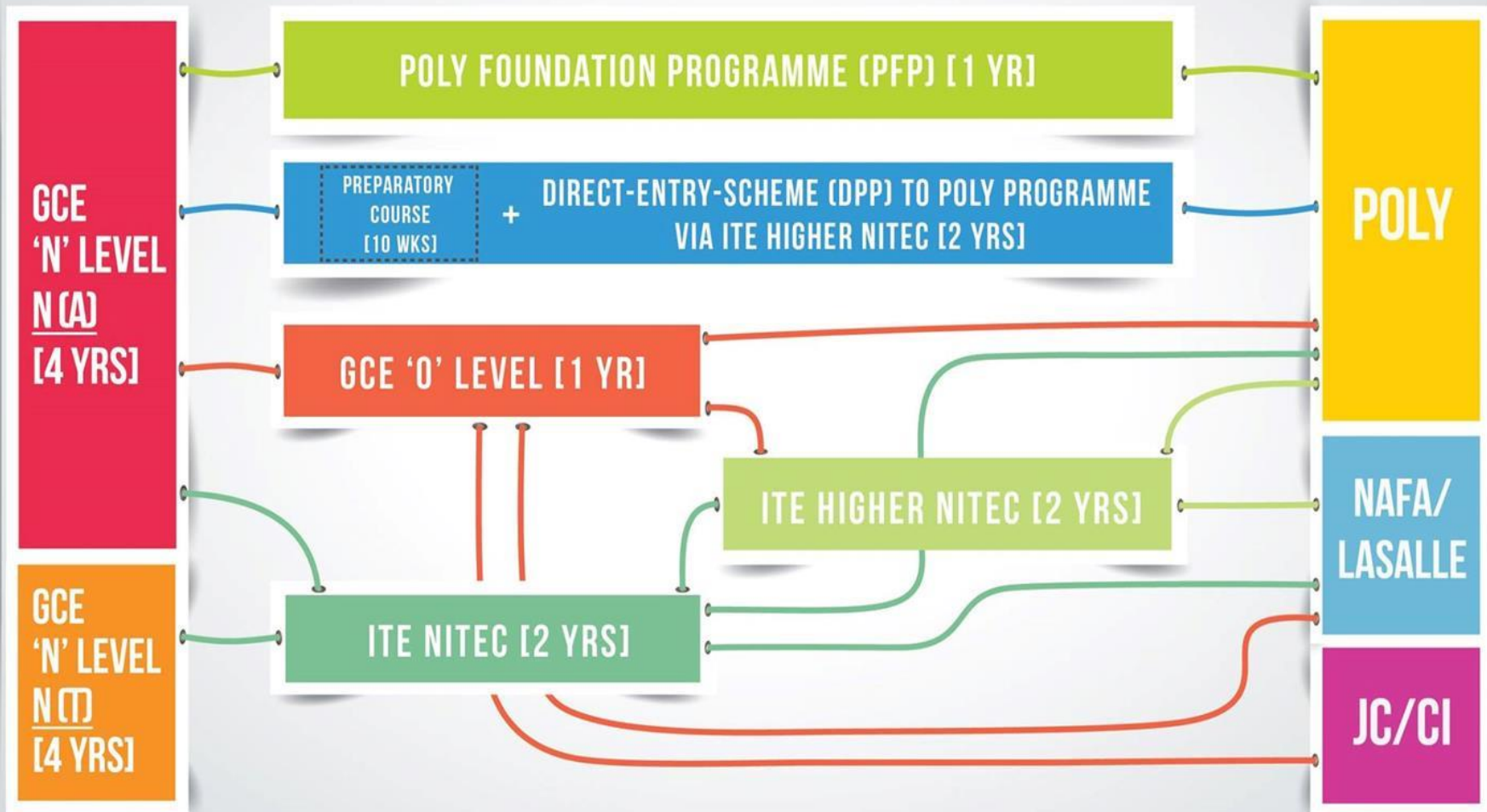
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## Objectives

- To provide an overview of the Subject Combinations offered to 2018 Sec 3 students to help you make informed choices
- To inform some streaming guidelines for your consideration when making an option



# MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR N(A) AND N(T) STUDENTS



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## Post-secondary options

- The JC/MI or the Poly route
- Entry requirements
- Aptitude / Interest / Career choices

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## In the past

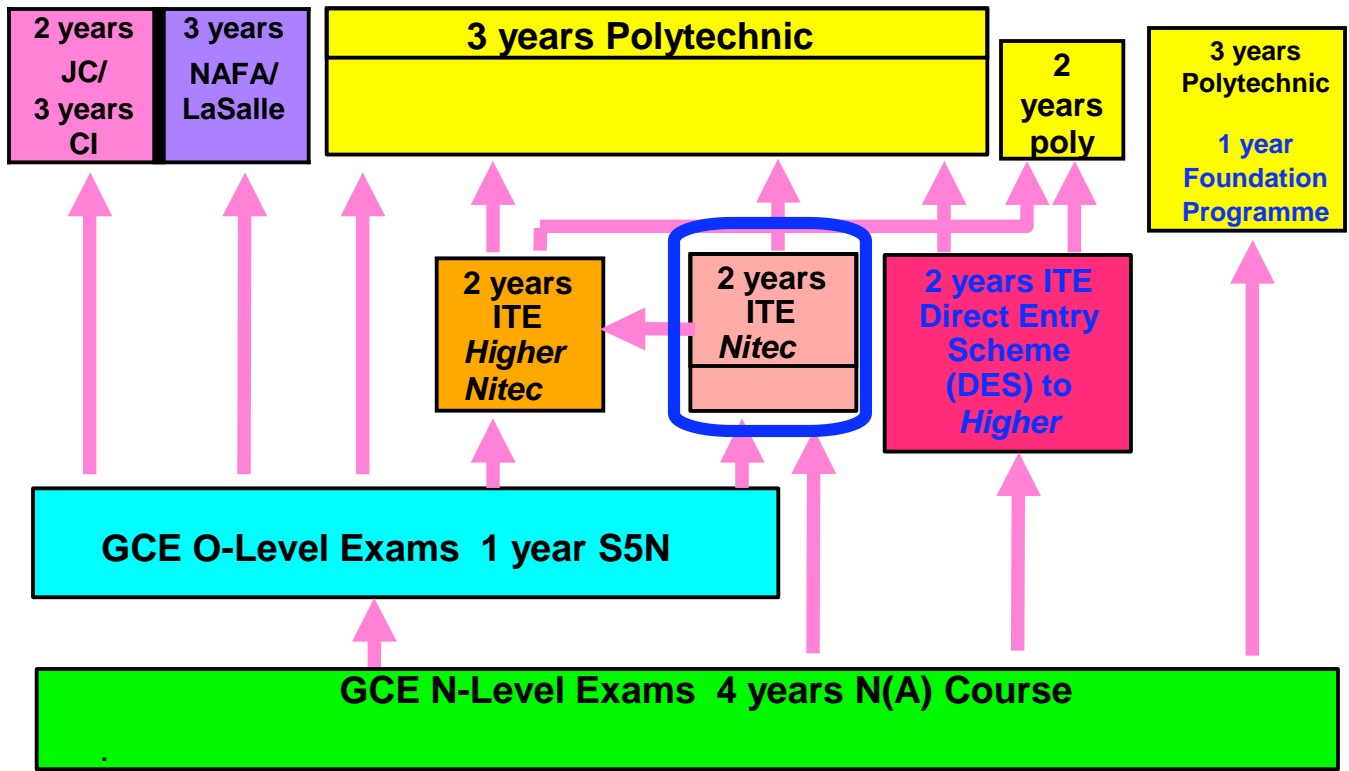
- Two year Nitec programme at Institute of Technical Education (ITE)
- GCE O-Level examinations in Sec 5 and progress to Higher Nitec or a polytechnic programme if they perform well

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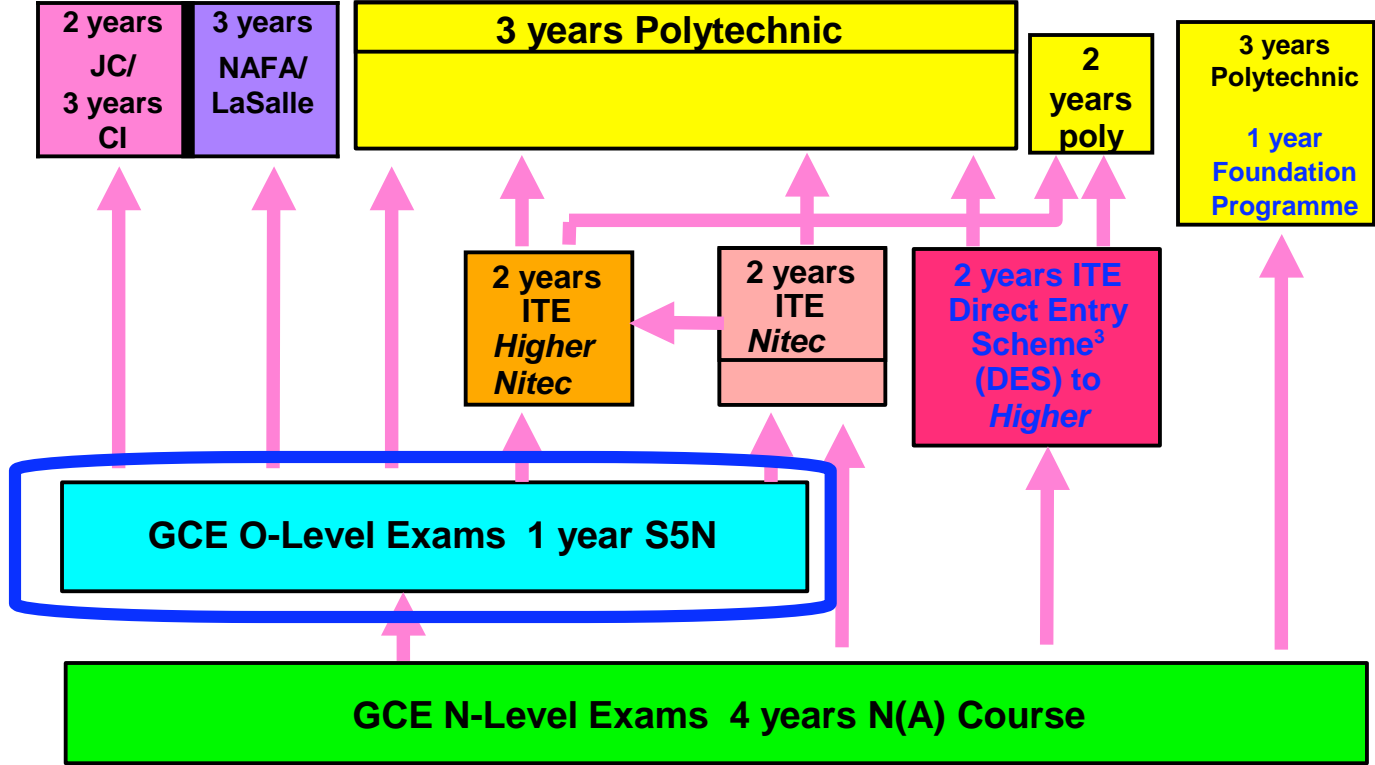
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2 years ITE Nitec:

Two O-Level passes / 3 N-Level passes

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GCE O-Level

ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (N-Levels)



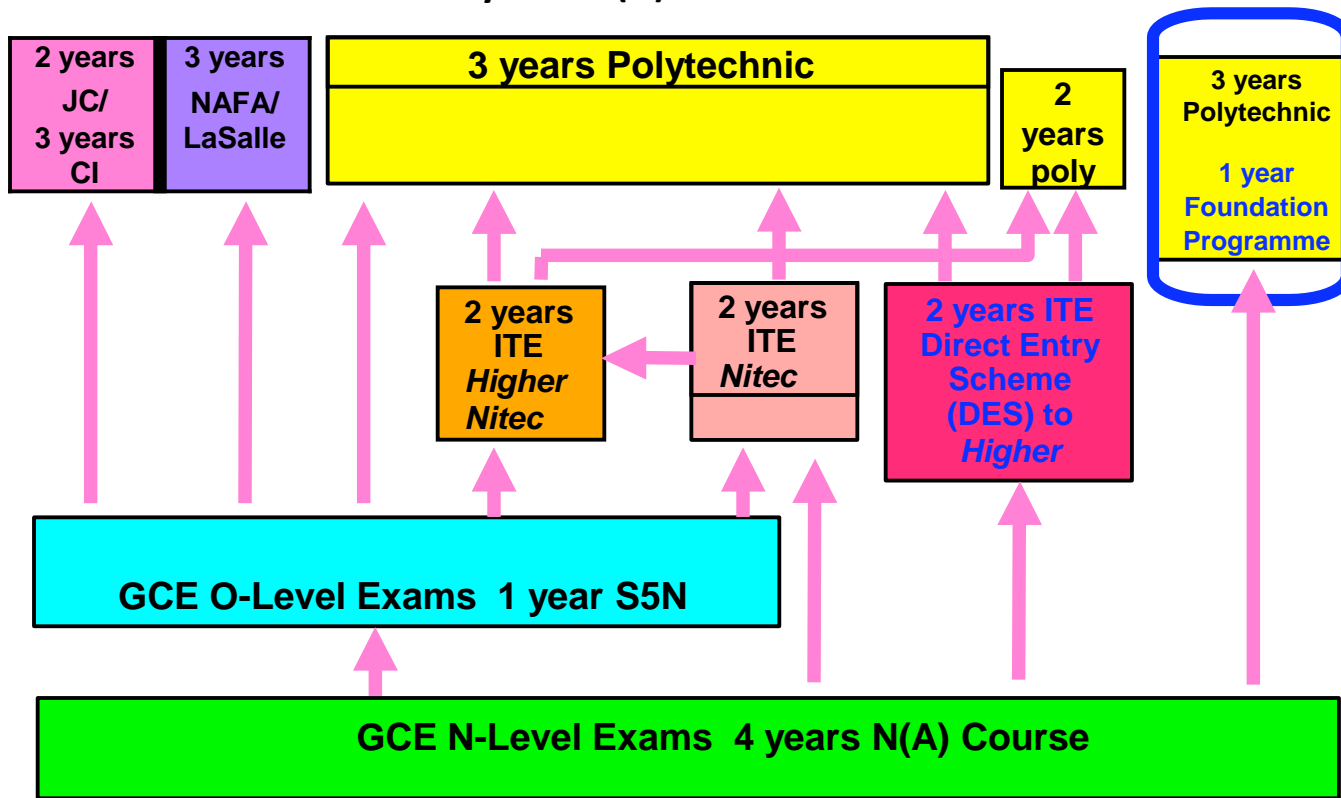
## Two additional pathways

- One-year Poly Foundation Programme (PFP) at the polytechnics
- Two-year Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) at the ITE

## Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

- One-year programme with a practice-oriented curriculum
- Prepare polytechnic-bound N(A) students for entry into relevant polytechnic diploma courses
- Polytechnic will assess students' performance to confirm their progression to diploma course
- Offered by five polytechnics
- About 1200 PFP places

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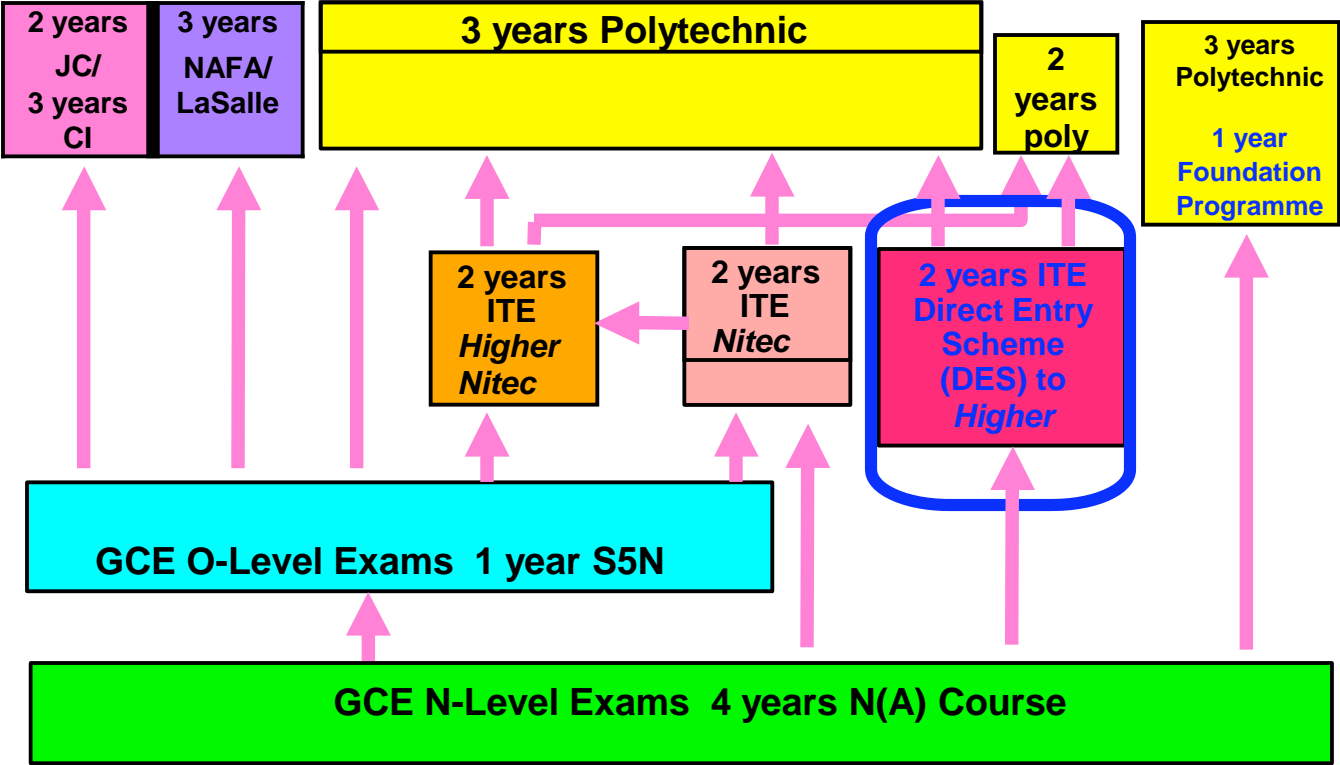
Polytechnic Foundation Prog (PFP)

Students who are among the top 10 per cent of the Sec 4N(A) cohort. ELMAB3 ≤ 11

## Direct-Entry-Scheme To Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

- Two-year Higher Nitec course at ITE
- Attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) scores – guaranteed a place in polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course
- Need to attend a 10-week preparatory course before starting Higher Nitec course in Apr

Pathways for N(A) Students



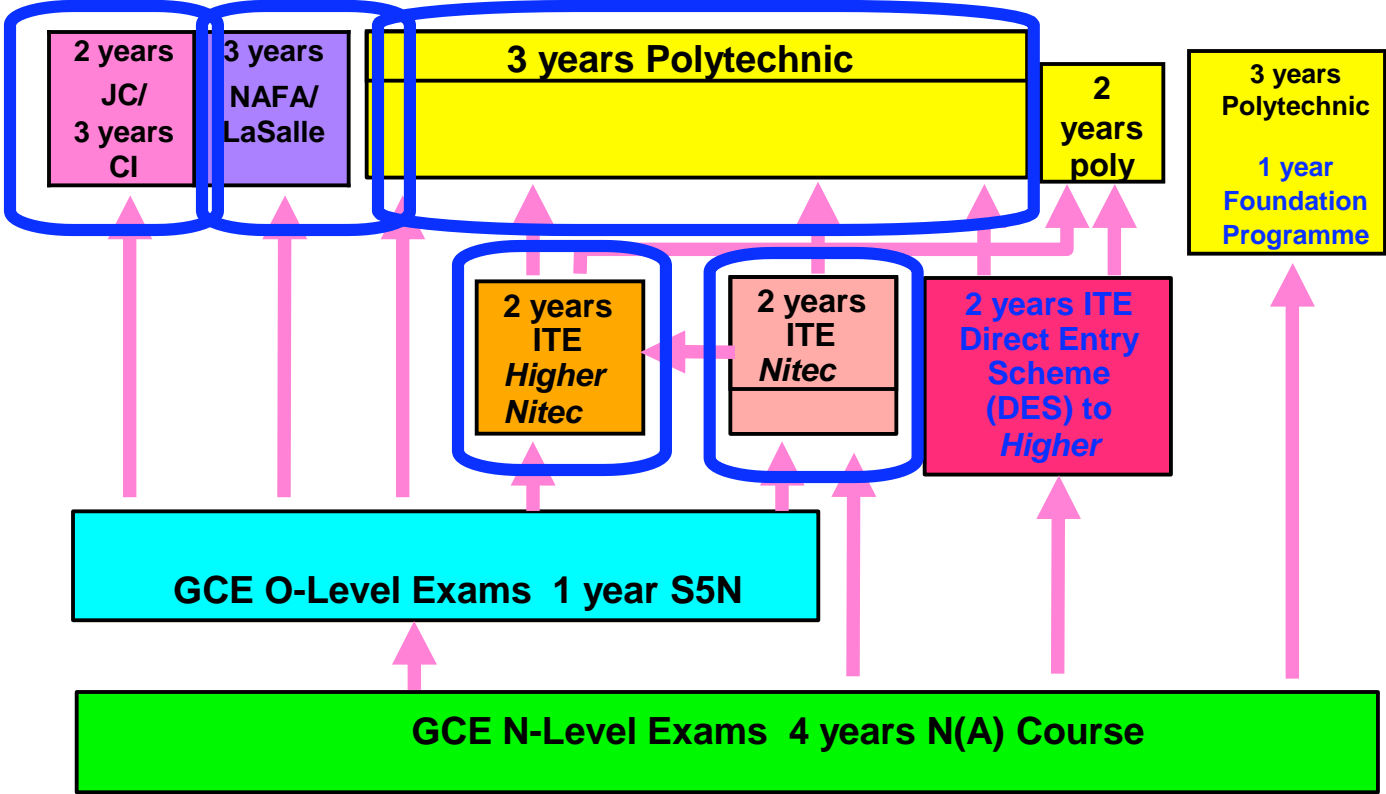
2 years ITE Direct Entry Scheme (DPP):

EL ≤ 4, MA ≤ 4, ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (N-Levels) [for Engineering & ICT courses] /  
 EL ≤ 3, MA ≤ 4, ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (N-Levels) [for Business & Services courses]

## Possible Education Pathways N(A)

Education routes	Details	Award	Criteria
Sec 5N	1 yr	GCE 'O' Level	ELMB3≤19
Polytechnic Foundation Prog (PFP)	1 yr foundation + 3 yrs poly	Diploma	ELMB3≤11
Direct-entry scheme to Poly Prog (DPP)	2 yrs higher Nitec + 2 yrs poly	Diploma	ELMB3≤19
ITE	2 yrs Nitec + 2 yrs higher Nitec + 2/3 yrs poly	Diploma	3 GCE 'N' passes

Pathways for N(A) Students



Options after GCE O-Levels

## Possible Education Pathways for N(A) after O-Levels

JAE Course Types	Aggregate Requirements		
Junior Colleges (2 Years)	Eng / Higher MT L1	5 Relevant Subjects R5*	6 – 20
Millennia Institute (3 Years)	Eng / Higher MT L1	4 Relevant Subjects R4	5 - 20
ITE Courses	English	1 Relevant Subject	3 Best Subjects*
Polytechnic Courses	English	2 Relevant Subjects	2 Best Subjects*

\* Excluding CCA



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## Promotion Criteria for 2 Normal (Academic) to 3 Normal (Academic)

Pass EL and two other subjects, or

Pass four subjects

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## Course options for N(A) 2018

# of subjects	N1	N2	N3	N4
1	English Language			English Language
2	Mother Tongue Language (Normal Academic / Express)			Mother Tongue Language (Normal Academic / Express)
3	Mathematics (NA) / Mathematics (Express)			Mathematics (NA) / Mathematics (Express)
4	<u>Humanities</u> Social Studies and Geography or Social Studies and History or Social Studies and Literature			<u>Humanities</u> Social Studies and Geography or Social Studies and History
5	Science (Physics, Chemistry)			Science (Physics, Chemistry)
6	Art	Design & Technology	Principles of Accounts	English Literature
7 Optional	Additional Mathematics	Additional Mathematics	Additional Mathematics	Additional Mathematics

## Subject Requirement

To take up a subject at Sec 3	Criteria based on the Sec 2 Overall Assessment Results
Additional Maths	Score a minimum of 65% in Mathematics (NA), OR Pass in Mathematics (Express)
Art	Score at least 65% in Art
Design & Technology	Score at least 70% in D&T
Principles of Accounts	Pass in EL and Maths
English Literature	Score at least 60% in English Language and Literature
Chinese Language (Express)	Score at least 75% in Chinese Language (NA)
Mathematics (Express)	Score at least 75% in Mathematics (NA)

## Grade conversion for 4N(A) Students who offered GCE O-Level Examination Subjects

GCE O-Level Grade	Converted Grade
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7	3

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## Promotion Criteria for Lateral Transfer 2 Normal (Academic) to 3 Express

Score 70% or higher in the average for all subjects and deemed able to cope with the Express Course may be laterally transferred to Sec 3 Express next year

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## Course options for Express 2018

Subj	E 1A (1 Pure Sci)	E1B (1 Pure Sci)	E2A (2 Pure Sci)	E2B 2 Pure Sci)	E3 (3 Pure Sci)
1	English Language				
2	Mother Tongue Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language				
3	Mathematics				
4	Humanities				
5	Additional Mathematics				
6	Pure Physics	Pure Chemistry	Pure Physics	Pure Chemistry	Pure Physics
7	Science (Chemistry/Biology)	Science (Physics/Biology)	Pure Chemistry	Pure Biology	Pure Chemistry
8	Students may choose to offer ONE of the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Computing</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• English Literature</li> <li>• Design &amp; Technology</li> </ul>				Pure Biology

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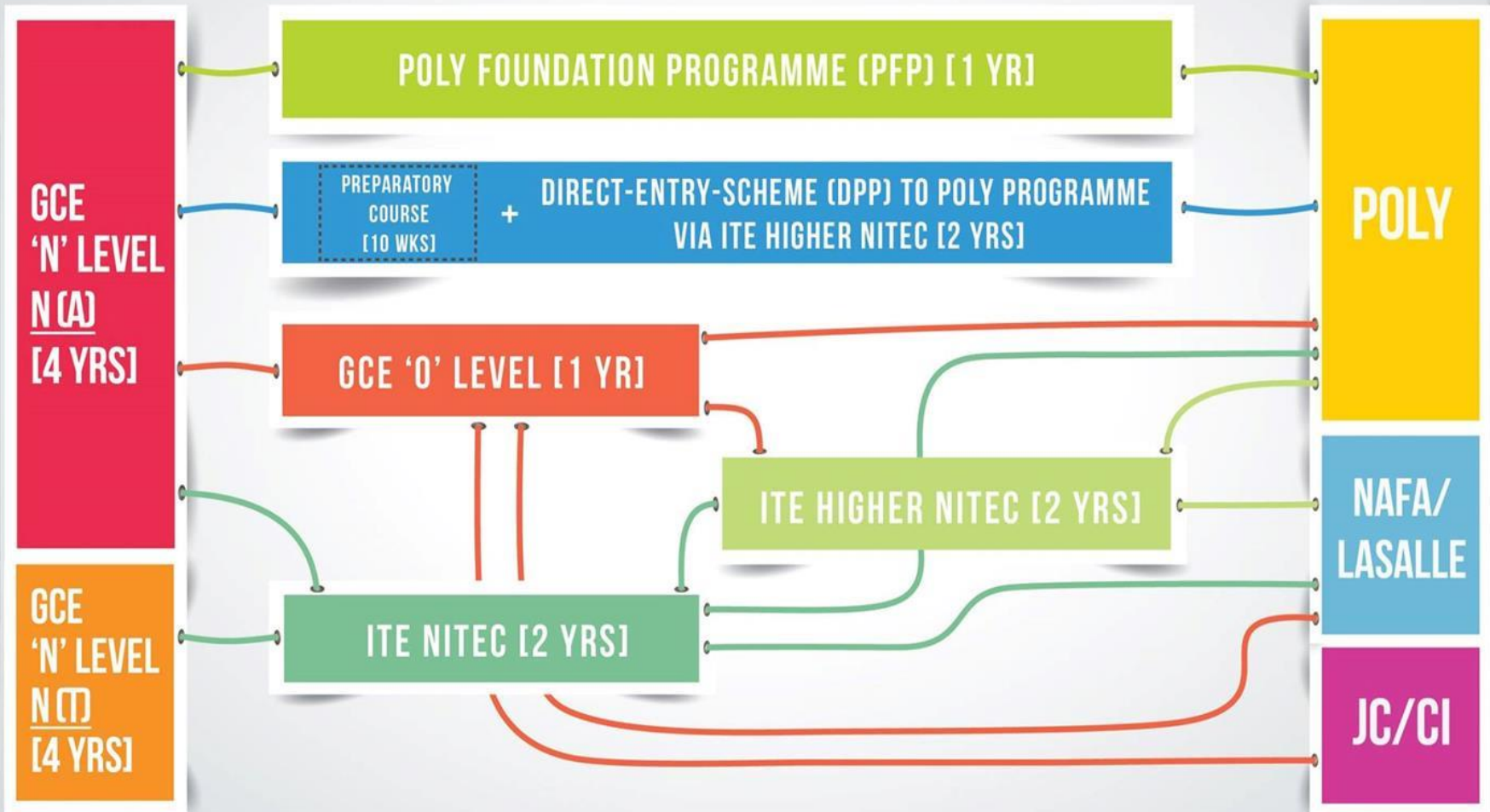
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## Promotion Criteria for 2 NT

### 2NT to 3NT

Pass two other subjects, including EL or Maths

### 2NT to 2NA (sit for N levels in Sec 4)

Score 70% or higher in the average for all subjects and deemed able to cope with the NA Course

## Course options for N(T) 2018

Subject #	T1	T2
1	English Language	
2	Basic Mother-Tongue Language (NT) / Mother-Tongue Language (NA)	
3	Mathematics (NT) / Mathematics (NA)	
4	Science (NT) / Science (Phy, Chem) (NA)	
5	Computer Applications	
6	Art	Elements of Business Skills (EBS)

## 2016 GCE N level Results

	%
NA promoted to 5N	90.4
NA eligible for DPP	80.7%
NT to ITE	100

## 2016 GCE N level Results

Stream	Performance	Subjects
NA	% passes > national	CL, ML, Maths, A Maths, Sci, Comb Humanities
	Grade 1,2 > national	ML, Maths, A Maths, Sci, Comb Humanities, Art
NT	% passes > national	EL, CL(NA), ML(B), CPA, Sci, Maths, EBS
	Grades A > national	EL, CPA

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# Q&A

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