

RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME HIGHER 3 LEVEL PROGRAMMES FOR GCE 'A' LEVEL EXAMINATION

FAQs on H3 Programmes

- 1. Who will teach the MOE-Cambridge and MOE Partner H3 programmes that are offered to RVHS students?**

A1 *MOE-Cambridge H3 programmes are taught by teachers from RVHS while MOE Partner H3 programmes are taught or supervised by lecturers from NUS, NTU and SMU respectively.*
- 2. Are MOE-Cambridge or MOE Partner H3 programmes the same as the previous 'S' papers?**

A2 *H3 programmes are meant to allow exceptional students to pursue a subject or area in which they have the interest and aptitude. Unlike the previous 'S' papers, H3 programmes have separate syllabi that take students beyond H2 syllabi. H3 programmes may also take on different modes, such as a research essay or a university-taught course.*
- 3. Can a student offer an MOE-Cambridge or MOE Partner H3 programme without offering the corresponding subject at H2 level?**

A3 *No. H3 programmes are intended to build on the knowledge and skills taught at H2 level but in a more specialised area. Because of the depth involved, students will have to offer H3 programmes together with the corresponding subject at H2 level to acquire the foundational knowledge needed for the H3 programme. For example, students who wish to offer H3 Physics will also have to offer H2 Physics.*
- 4. Will I be automatically accepted for an MOE Partner H3 programme if I have met the academic criterion spelled out by RVHS?**

A4 *Not necessarily. For the MOE Partner H3 programmes, the relevant institution will make the final decision.*
- 5. Will there be any formal assessment for MOE-Cambridge H3 programmes conducted in RVHS?**

A5 *Yes, students will have to sit for the tests and RVHS Year 6/JC2 Preliminary Examination for the MOE-Cambridge H3 programme(s) in the year that he is sitting for his GCE 'A' Level examinations.*
- 6. Can I concurrently apply to both the MOE-Cambridge and the MOE Partner H3 programmes?**

A6 *Yes, you may apply for both. If you have placed a MOE-Cambridge H3 programmes as a higher choice priority than a MOE Partners programme and RV accepts you into the MOE-Cambridge H3 programmes, then your application to MOE Partners programme will not be processed. If you have placed a MOE Partners programmes as a higher choice priority than a MOE-Cambridge H3 programme and if you are accepted by both RVHS for the MOE-Cambridge H3 programmes and any of the MOE Partners, you must come to a decision at the point of taking up the offer.*
- 7. Will there be any support resources provided by RVHS for the MOE Partner H3 Programmes?**

A7 *Yes, the various departments will purchase books and resources relevant to these programmes and make them available in the school library.*

8. Can I withdraw from the H3 programme?

A8 For the MOE Partner H3 programmes, you can withdraw from the programme anytime but you will be given an "Absent" grade in your A-level result slip if you withdraw two weeks after the start of the instruction for H3 University-taught courses or after submission of the research proposal for H3 Science Research or after acceptance of letter of offer for H3 HSSRP. There will also be administrative fees payable by you.

For MOE-Cambridge H3 programme, should you wish to withdraw, you must do it before the registration for A-level examinations begin in March when you are in Year 6/JC2.

9. What are the charges for the MOE Partner H3 Programme(s)?

A9 The MOE Partner H3 Programmes are heavily subsidised by MOE. Candidates registering for H3 programmes offered by MOE partners will have to pay the course fee of \$60. This fee will be charged upon your acceptance of offer for the H3 programme offered by the MOE Partner.

10. I am offering a 4H2 subject combination. Am I eligible to offer any MOE-Cambridge or MOE Partner H3 Programme?

A10 The total number of units offered must be between 10 and 12 (inclusive). Note the following allocation of units - H1: 1 unit; H2: 2 units; H3: 1 unit. The total number of units (including Mother Tongue) cannot exceed 12 units.

If you are offering a 4H2 (11 units) subject combination, you will be able to apply to offer a H3 Programme (1 unit), if you meet the criteria.

11. I am currently offering a 4H2 and 1H1 subject combination. Can I offer an MOE-Cambridge or MOE Partner H3 Programme?

A11 The total number of units offered must be between 10 and 12 (inclusive). Note the following allocation of units - H1: 1 unit; H2: 2 units; H3: 1 unit. The total number of units (including Mother Tongue) cannot exceed 12 units.

If you are offering 4H2 and 1H1 (12 units), you will not be able to apply unless you:

(a) drop one H2 subject,

OR

(b) drop the H1 subject,

OR

(c) downgrade one subject from H2 level to H1 level.

In the cases (a), (b) or (c), the student must satisfy the requirement of a contrasting subject for H1 or H2.

If a student were to downgrade from H2 to H1 level, he can do so if the subject combination that the student is opting for is within the currently available subject combinations.

12. How many MOE-Cambridge and MOE Partner H3 programmes can a student offer?

A12 Students who have a passion for a particular subject and the time to manage a workload beyond the norm subject combination may choose to specialise by offering a maximum of two H3 programmes if their total units do not exceed 12 after taking up these H3 programmes.

Students must satisfy criteria specified by the school and the subjects concerned.

