

Welcome back!



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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!



**“Success is the result of perfection, hard work,
learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.”**

Colin Powell

Think Opportunities

As you await your GCE A-Level results, there are some possibilities:

- You are happy that your results meet your expectations,
- You are overjoyed that your results exceed your expectations, or
- You are worried/upset because your results fall short of your expectations.

Remember that everyone's learning journey is different, but we can each have a fulfilling outcome!

Thinking about Your Next Step?

Consider these questions!

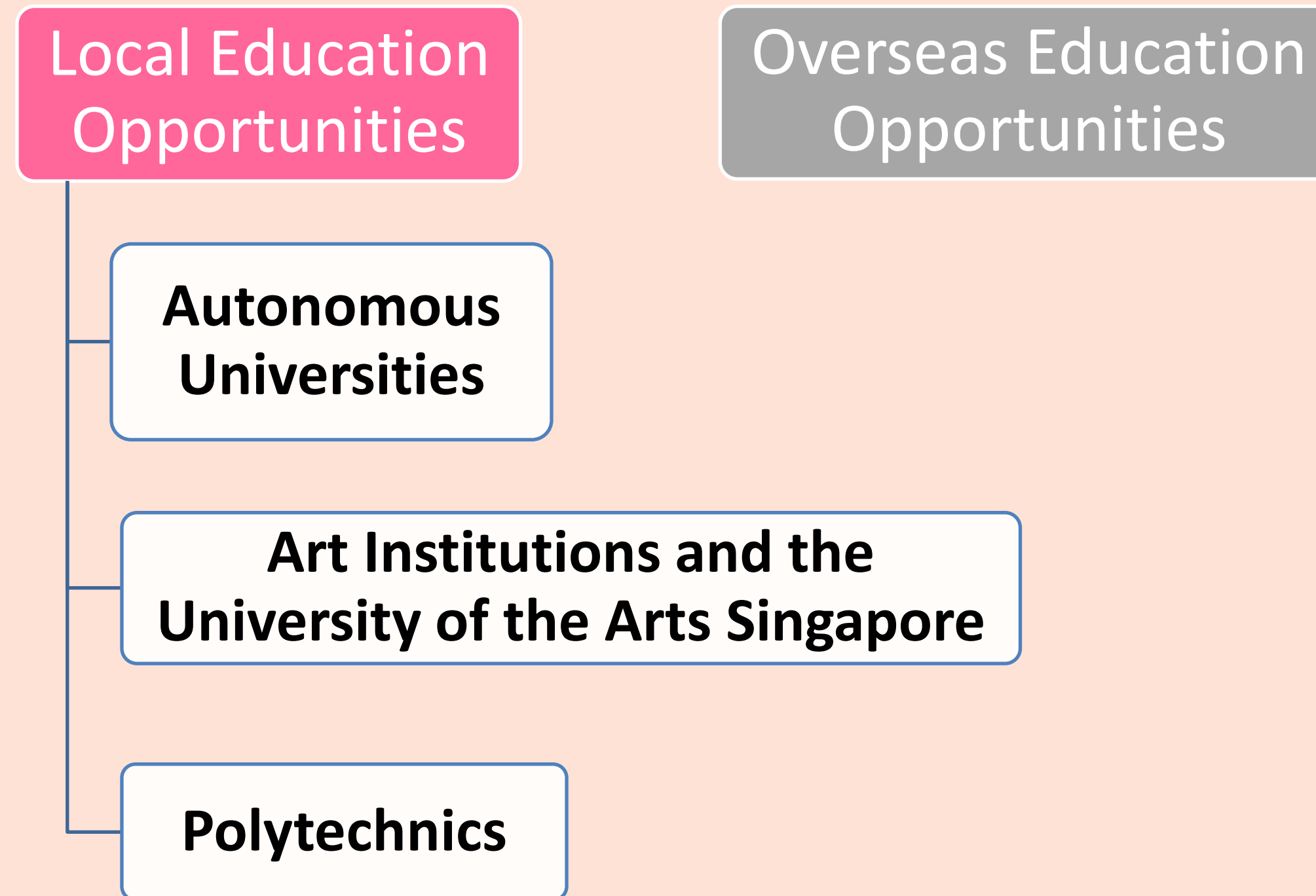
Where do I want to go?

Who am I?



How Do
I Get There?

Education opportunities you can consider:



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

For More Information, Please Refer To The Respective Institutions' Website:

Autonomous Universities:

- Nanyang Technological University: www.ntu.edu.sg
- National University of Singapore: www.nus.edu.sg
- Singapore Institute of Technology: www.singaporetech.edu.sg
- Singapore Management University: www.smu.edu.sg
- Singapore University of Social Sciences: www.suss.edu.sg
- Singapore University of Technology and Design: www.sutd.edu.sg

Arts Institutions & UAS:

- LASALLE College of the Arts: www.lasalle.edu.sg
- Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts: www.nafa.edu.sg
- University of the Arts Singapore: www.uas.edu.sg

Polytechnics:

- Nanyang Polytechnic: www.nyp.edu.sg
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic: www.np.edu.sg
- Republic Polytechnic: www.rp.edu.sg
- Singapore Polytechnic: www.sp.edu.sg
- Temasek Polytechnic: www.tp.edu.sg

Useful Information: Polytechnic Admissions Exercises

Resources to help you make informed decisions

Semester 1 Admissions in April

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

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.

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

Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE) – Feb to Mar
Minimum Entry Requirements are based on O-Level results.

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Minimum Entry Requirements are based on A-Level results.
Eligible students can obtain up to *two-semester module exemptions* from polytechnic studies when they apply to the relevant courses.

Semester 2 Admissions in October

One-semester Exemption
2.5-year polytechnic studies for about 90 polytechnic diplomas

Direct Admissions Exercise (DAE) – Aug
Minimum Entry Requirements are based on A-Level* results.
Eligible students can obtain up to *one-semester or two-semester module exemptions* from polytechnic studies when they apply to the relevant courses.

*Some courses may also require O-Level results.

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

Useful Information: The 3Rs When Deciding On 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?

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.

<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>



Useful Information: 8 Things You Should Know Before You Enrol In A Private School



School Registration

Ensure the school is registered with CPE. 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.



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

School Premises

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



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.



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 school.

Teachers

Check if the teachers are qualified to teach the course.



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 Information: References For Your Next Step



is an opportunities portal specifically designed to help you discover your education and career interests as you navigate your personal and professional futures.

Uncover your interests with our user-friendly dashboard, “Worlds” concept to find deeper meaning in careers, and a personalised recommendations engine!

My Discoveries
Keep track of your bookmarked content, find out which worlds and industries interest you the most, and get programme recommendations.

My top worlds
Your bookmarks reflect the ideal world you want to create. Explore other job roles building towards the same future.

- 20% Beautiful World
- 60% Informed World
- 20% Sustainable World

My top industries
Your bookmarks are from these industries, explore new job roles you may not have thought of.

- Veterinary 33%
- Design 33%
- Esports 33%

Join Programmes

We know - it's hard when you are unsure of which course to take and you've got no one to ask. With these programmes organised by NYC and our partners, you'll be able to meet professionals in various industries and youth on the same journey as you.

- Experience**
Sign up for taster programmes to experience careers, or join company tours for an insider look.
- Engage**
Join a community of youth with similar interests on the same career-seeking journey as you!

*Get key info on **jobs and industries** that you aspire to enter, with **interactive programmes** for you to take that first step!*

Unsure of what's next? 🤔



Find out more at <https://go.gov.sg/domw-moerrp2024> and let's get you on your way!

Useful Information: References For Your Next Step


Discover your career with **GradGoWhere!**

Get useful advice and help from industry professionals to kickstart your journey!

The screenshot shows the 'Career Guidance' section of the GradGoWhere website. At the top, there are four navigation buttons: 'Career Guidance', 'Career Readiness', 'Career Opportunities', and 'Career Upskilling'. Below these, the text reads: 'You've chosen a career, now what? Get useful advice and help from industry professionals to kickstart your journey!' followed by a quote from Oprah Winfrey: 'A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.' Below this are four featured articles with images: 'What is Personal Branding and How Can You Better Market Yourself to Potential Employers?', 'Reply To An Interview Invitation With These Tips', 'Networking For Introverts : 5 Tips To Ace The Networking Game', and 'Applying For A Job? Here Are 7 Ways To Stand Out From The Crowd'. At the bottom, there are four images of career centres: NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates, NTU Career & Attachment Office, SMU Career Services, and SUTD GEMS Career Portal.

The screenshot shows the 'Career Readiness' section of the GradGoWhere website. The title is 'Career Readiness' and the text says: 'Choosing a career is a big life decision. Not sure where to start? We've got you covered with helpful tips below.' followed by a quote from Confucius: 'Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.' Below this are four featured articles with images: 'How to Select the Right Professional Certification for a New Job or Promotion', 'Why Should We Hire You? This is How You Answer with Confidence', 'Post-Interview : Steps to take', and 'How to Write a Great Resume'. At the bottom, there are four images of career-related topics: 'Red Flags Employers Watch Out for in Candidates', '5 Basic Tips to Start Your Resume', '5 Ways to Get Job Search Ready', and 'How to Write a Resume for Internships | Tips & Advice from a Career Advisor'.

Get useful tips on choosing your career, e.g., “How to tell which career to take” and “5 ways to get job search ready”.

 **Unsure of what's next?**
Visit <https://go.gov.sg/gradgowhere> for more information on how to start your journey to discovering your career.



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 help is a sign of strength, not weakness.



If you have any questions about your options or feel overwhelmed, reach out and speak to someone whom you trust (e.g. parent/guardian, teacher, ECG Counsellor, School Counsellor, or a friend).

Seek ECG Counselling for guidance and support

- You can make informed decisions about your transition from school to further education by seeking advice from your teachers, ECG Counsellor, and parents.
- You can schedule an ECG counselling appointment via the ECG Centre @ MOE (Grange Road) at <https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>.

(The link can also be found in the What's Next pamphlet distributed to you.)



The MOE ECG Centre offers online or phone counselling services to GCE A-Level students from 19 February to 16 March 2024 (Weekdays: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm; Saturdays: 9.00 am to 12.00 pm).

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



D

Deliberately avoiding others

I

Increased irritability, restlessness, agitation, stress and anxiety

S

Sending or posting moody messages on social media

T

Talking about death or dying

R

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

E

Eating more than usual or having a much reduced appetite

S

Sleep pattern changes with difficulty falling asleep or oversleeping

S

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 **1-767** or **1800-221-4444**



Supporting Your Friend

- You 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**
(24-hour helpline)

WhatsApp: **9151 1767**
(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, #05-05**
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 well-being. 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/>

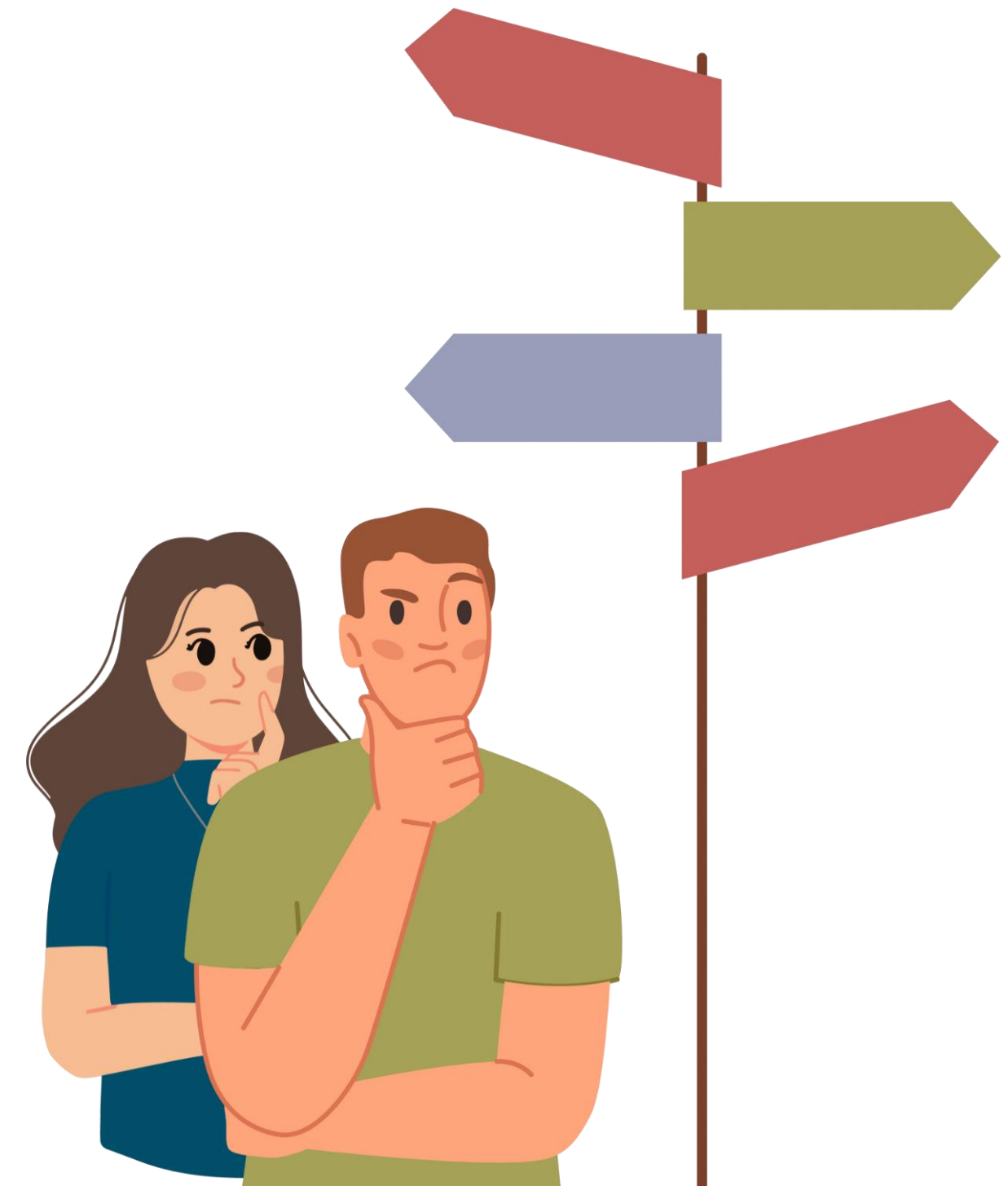
eC2 is an e-Counselling Centre where you can talk to a trained counsellor about the issues you are facing, right where you are.

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 have a special skill set. They can make a contribution in their own unique way.”

**Mr Chan Chun Sing,
Minister for Education**



Explore Various Pathways

The A-Levels do not represent the final destination.

It is part of your education journey.





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