



Senior Curriculum

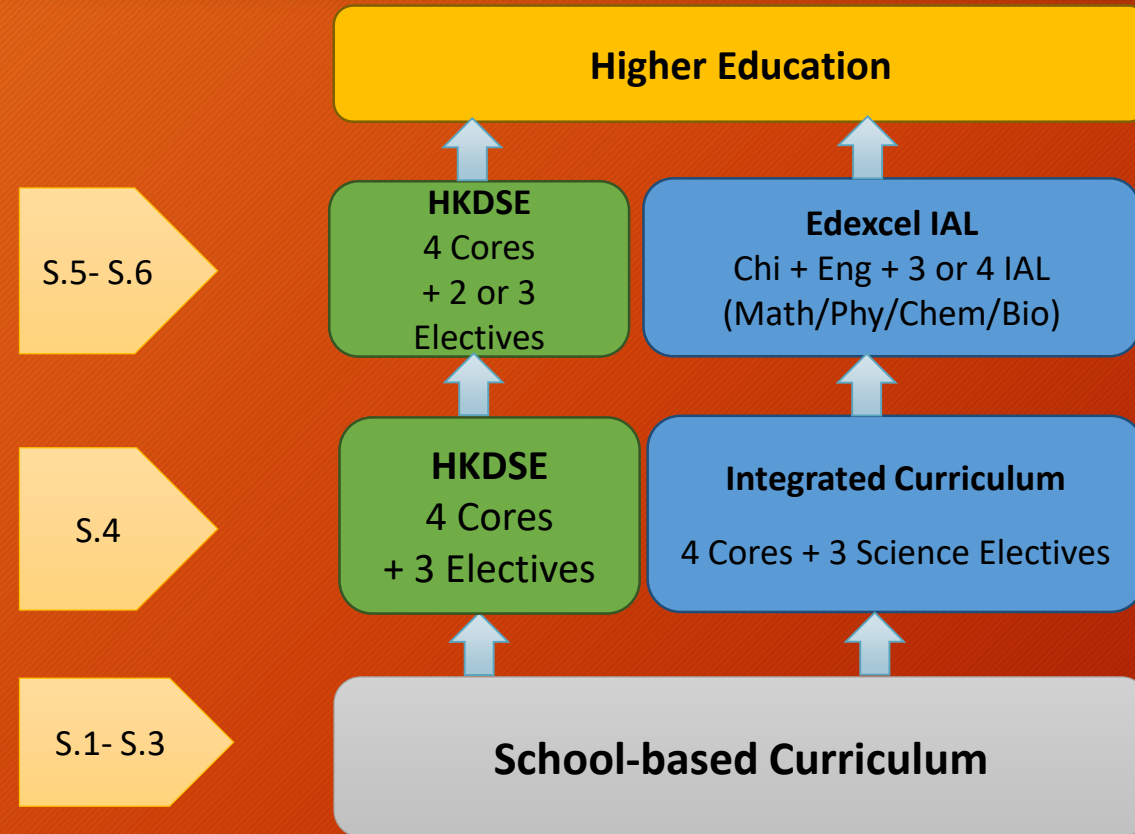
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DSE & IAL: Grades

Years	HK Local Schools	UK
S6 (Y13)	DSE	A Level
S5 (Y12)	DSE	A Level
S4 (Y11)	DSE	GCSE

DSE & IAL Curriculum Framework



DSE & IAL

1. DSE

- a) **Core subjects**
(Chi, Eng, Math (+M1/M2), CS)
- b) **2-3 Electives (X):**

Category A:

Eng Lit /C.Lit/

Geo/Hist/C.Hist/THS/Econ/BAFS/

Phy/Chem/Bio/ICT

Music/VA

Category B: Applied learning (Sat)

Category C: Other Languages
(acquired certain standard in
assessment)

2. International

- a) **Core:** Chi+ Eng+ CS (S4 only)
- b) **IAL Electives:**

Phy+Chem+Bio+Math (may drop 1)

* Math is compulsory in S4

Tailor-
made
for
each
batch

DSE (A) & IAL: Subject Fair on 27 and 28 Feb

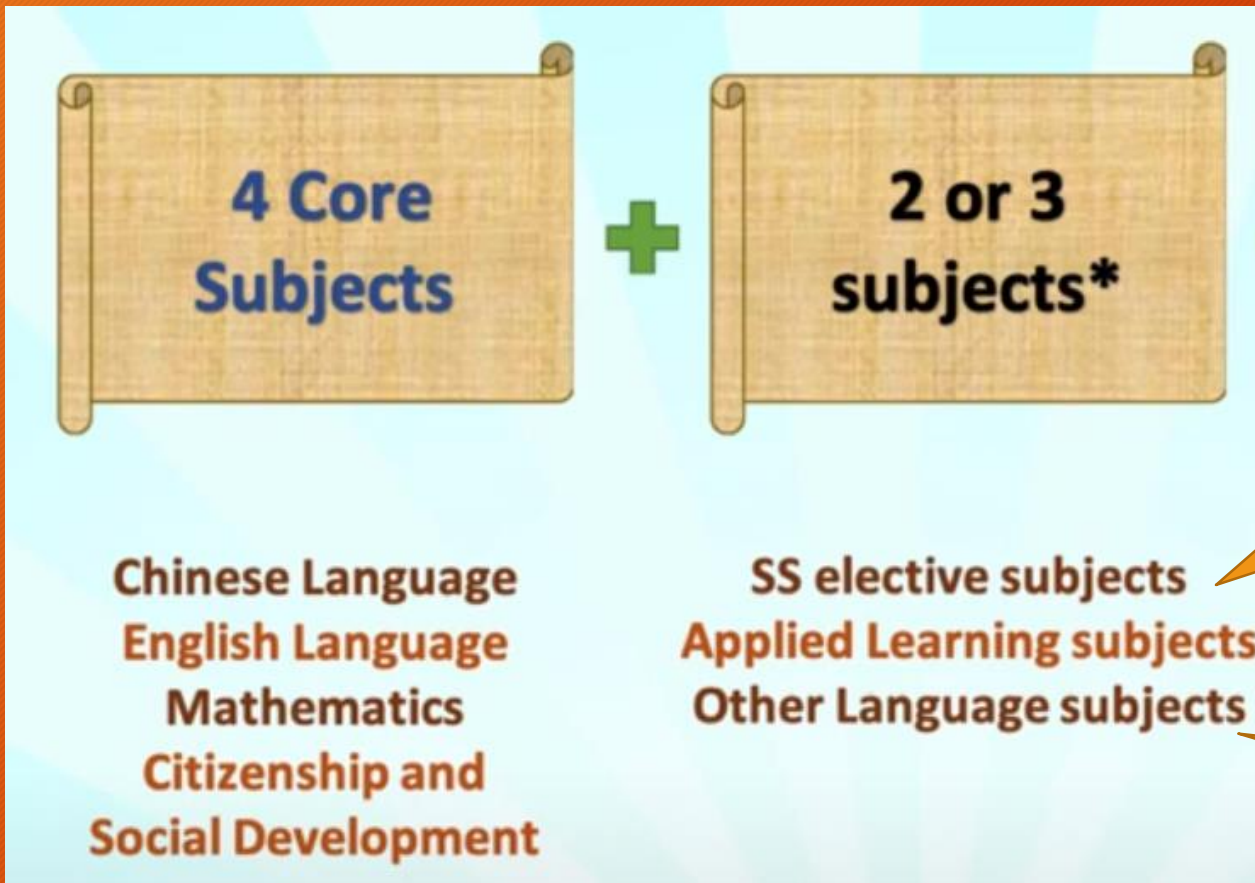
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DSE and IAL resources



DSE



To be studied **in HLC**
Or **outside HLC** on Sat (e.g. PHE)

Outside HLC on Sat

Outside HLC

DSE (B) Applied learning

- Practical
- Assessment:
 - Coursework
 - no exam

1. 時裝形象設計 Fashion Image Design	9. 數碼媒體及電台製作 Digital Media and Radio Production	18. 創意英語 — 公關與營銷 Creative English - PR and Marketing	28. 香港執法實務 Law Enforcement in Hong Kong
2. 室內與展覽設計 Interior and Exhibition Design	10. 電影及超媒體 Film and Transmedia	19. 實用翻譯 (漢英) Practical Translation (CHI-ENG)	29. 新派東南亞菜 Modern Southeast Asian Cuisine 8 #
3. 數碼年代—珠寶設計 Jewellery Design in Digital Age	11. 數碼品牌傳播 Digital Brand Communication #	20. 應用日語及日本文化 Applied Japanese and Japanese Culture ★	30. 甜品及咖啡店營運 Pâtisserie and Café Operations #
4. 電腦遊戲及動畫設計 Computer Game and Animation Design	12. 多媒體故事 Multimedia Storytelling # @	21. 生活日語及日本文化 Everyday Japanese and Japanese Culture ★	31. 西式食品製作 Western Cuisine #
5. 數碼漫畫設計與製作 Digital Comic Design and Production	13. 公關及多媒體傳訊 PR and Multimedia Communication #	22. 韓國語文及文化 Korean Language and Culture	32. 機場客運大樓運作 Airport Passenger Terminal Operations
6. 流行音樂製作 Popular Music Production	14. 應用學習 (職業英語) — 英文傳意 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English Communication *	23. 電子商務會計 Accounting for e-Business	33. 酒店服務營運 Hospitality Services in Practice #
7. 舞出新機—舞蹈藝術 Taking a Chance on Dance ☆	15. 應用學習 (職業英語) — 商用服務英語 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English for Business Services *	24. 人工智能—商業應用 AI in Business	34. 酒店營運 Hotel Operations #
8. 由戲開始·劇藝縱橫 The Essentials of Theatre Arts ☆	16. 應用學習 (職業英語) — 服務業專業英語 Applied Learning (Vocational English) – English for Service Professionals *	25. 商業數據應用 Data Application for Business	
	17. 創意英語 — 商務與媒體 Creative English – Biz and Media ◇	26. 金融科技入門 Introduction to Fintech	
		27. 市場營銷及網上推廣 Marketing and Online Promotion	

And more!

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DSE (Category B): Applied Learning

- <https://youtu.be/3LIZIM7z994>
- <https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/cross-kla-studies/applied-learning/ref-and-resources/applied-learning-video/index.html>
- Timeline:
 1. Taster program: March 2024 (**must join** if you want to apply)
 2. Application:
 - May/June 2024 (if you want to study in S4-S5)
 - Feb/March 2025 (if you want to study in S5-S6)
- **Pay attention to Ms Laura Ho's emails!!!**
- **Free**

DSE (Category C): Other languages

- https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/HKDSE_Category_C_Briefing_Introduction.pdf
- https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_c_subjects/
- Not free of charge

Highlights of the examinations

Relevant Info	Japanese	French	Spanish	German	Korean
Stipulated Language Exam	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	(i) Diplôme d'Études de Langue Française (DELF) (ii) Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF)	Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)	Goethe-Zertifikat	Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)
Exam provider / administrator in HK	Japan Foundation (Exam administrator: Society of Japanese Language Education, Hong Kong)	Alliance Française de Hong Kong	Instituto Cervantes (Shanghái) (Exam administrators: University of Wollongong College Hong Kong, Spanish World HK)	Goethe-Institut Hong Kong	National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Republic of Korea (Exam administrator: Korean International School, Hong Kong)
Issuing organisation	Japan Foundation	French Ministry of Education	Instituto Cervantes, founded by Spanish Govt	Goethe-Institut	National Institute for International Education (NIIED)

Highlights of the examinations

Relevant Info	Japanese	French	Spanish	German	Korean
Level of exams	Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: N1, N2, N3, N4, N5 (N1 is the highest; N5 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: DELF: A1, A2, B1, B2 DALF: C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	Based on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Exams at different proficiency levels are offered: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2 (C2 is the highest; A1 is the lowest)	TOPIK I: Grade 1 to 2 TOPIK II: Grade 3 to 6 (Grade 6 is the highest; Grade 1 is the lowest)
Language proficiency level required for university entry in respective country	N2 or above	B2 or above	B2 or above	B2 or above (German programs) A1-A2 (programs taught in English)	Grade 3 (university entrance for foreign students) Grade 2 (entrance to some vocational institutes for foreign students)
Language proficiency level(s) to be reported under the HKDSE	N3 or above	A2 or above	A2 or above	A2 or above	Grade 3 or above

Why DSE?

1. **Many Choices** of Electives
2. More time on **languages** (if you like Chi & Eng)
3. **Less Expensive**
4. **More support** locally, e.g. tuition
5. **More statistics** available
6. JUPAS: fill in choices of university **on one go**
7. May study for **Applied Learning**

Why Applied Learning?

1. Interest
2. Strength
3. Explore more on Career
4. Can opt out of weaker DSE elective subjects
(Caution! At most level 4; recognition in university)

Why Other Languages?

1. You are confident in the following:

French German Japanese Korean Spanish

Edexcel IAL

- GCE A-level: for UK students, linear exams
- IAL: for international students (outside UK), **modular** exams
- Phy/chem/bio
 - **6 modules** for each subject
 - Units 1,2,4,5: subject knowledge papers
 - Units 3, 6: alternative to **practical papers** (no need to conduct the actual experiments)
- Math
 - **6 modules**
 - P1, P2, P3, P4: core papers
 - M1, M2, S1, S2, D1: select 2
 - **S5 in 22/23: P1, P2, P3, P4, M1, S1**
- Jan, June, Oct
- Cash-in: choose the one with better result out of 2 most recent attempts

IAL: UMS and Raw Marks

- Raw marks: the actual score on exam paper
- UMS: a score calculated after scaling for easy understanding

Mathematics									
International AS unit grade boundaries		Max Mark	a	b	c	d	e	u	
WME01 M1: Mechanics 1	Raw	75	49	40	32	24	16	0	
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0	
WST01 S1: Statistics 1	Raw	75	48	39	31	23	15	0	
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0	
WDM11 D1: Decision Mathematics 1	Raw	75	46	40	34	29	24	0	
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0	
WMA11 P1: Pure Mathematics 1	Raw	75	41	34	27	21	15	0	
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0	
WMA12 P2: Pure Mathematics 2	Raw	75	42	35	28	21	14	0	
	UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	0	
International A2 unit grade boundaries		Max Mark	a*	a	b	c	d	e	u
WME02 M2: Mechanics 2	Raw	75	66	57	48	40	32	24	0
	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	0
WST02 S2: Statistics 2	Raw	75	52	38	30	23	16	9	0
	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	0
WMA13 P3: Pure Mathematics 3	Raw	75	60	47	39	31	23	16	0
	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	0
WMA14 P4: Pure Mathematics 4	Raw	75	60	48	39	30	22	14	0
	UMS	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	0
Cash-in grade boundaries		Max Mark	A	B	C	D	E	U	
XMA01 International AS Level Mathematics	UMS	300	240	210	180	150	120	0	
YMA01 International A Level Mathematics	UMS	600	480	420	360	300	240	0	

A* : 80% of overall UMS
+ at least 90% of the A2 UMS
marks.

Streaming and Class Structure S4

<u>Stream</u>	<u>HKDSE</u>	<u>Integrated Curriculum</u>
<u>Class</u>	<u>4A-4D</u>	<u>4E</u>
<u>Core Subjects</u>	Chi, Eng, CS, MOOCxReading	Chi*, Eng, CS
	Math: Core / Core + M1 / Core + M2	Math
X1	HKDSE Electives	Physics
X2	HKDSE Electives	Chemistry
X3	HKDSE Electives	Biology
<u>Other Learning Experiences</u>	Physical & Health Education, Music & Media Education	

* S.4E Students are advised to sit for the IGCSE Chinese examination by the end of S4.

Streaming and Class Structure S5

<u>Stream</u>	<u>HKDSE</u>	<u>IAL Curriculum</u>
<u>Class</u>	<u>5A-5D</u>	<u>5E</u>
Core Subjects	Chi, Eng, CS	Chi, Eng (IELTS)*
	Math: Core / Core + M1 / Core + M2	IAL: Math *
X1	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Physics *
X2	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Chemistry *
X3	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Biology *
Other Learning Experiences	Physical & Health Education, Music & Media Education	

* S.5E Students are advised to sit for IELTS and some papers in electives by the end of S5.

Streaming and Class Structure S6

<u>Stream</u>	<u>HKDSE</u>	<u>IAL Curriculum</u>
<u>Class</u>	<u>6A-6D</u>	<u>6E</u>
Core Subjects	Chi, Eng, CS	Chi, Eng
	Math: Core / Core + M1 / Core + M2	IAL: Math
X1	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Physics
X2	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Chemistry
X3	HKDSE Electives	IAL: Biology
Other Learning Experiences	Physical & Health Education	

Why IAL?

1. Adapts better to the **strengths** of students
2. Can opt out of weaker subjects (e.g. **Chinese**)
3. IAL papers can be **retaken** (Jan, May, Oct; most recent 2 attempts)
4. **Easier** to get **top grades**
5. Submit applications to individual local universities themselves
6. **Less overwhelming**
7. **International** qualification
8. Graduates are **globally** minded
9. **Breadth** and **depth** of learning
10. A lot **less expensive** than studying UK A Level abroad)

(you may get **multiple offers**; you got **one result** from **JUPAS**: either **accept** or **decline**)

Exam Schedule

S4: IGCSE Chinese (May)

S5: IELTS (Feb) + some IAL units (June)

S6: remaining IAL units (June)

You can also apply for additional IAL exams in Oct/Jan

For Whom is IAL Suitable?

- for pupils with a **very clear focus** on a particular **subject** area
- who want to play to existing **strengths**
- (i.e. **strong** in **math** and **science**, proficient in English)

IAL Admission Requirement

- Students attaining **at least 50%** of marks in **English** Language, **Mathematics** and all **science** subjects in S.3
- priority will be given to students who excel in math and science subjects.
- Students demonstrating maturity in making an informed choice in an **interview**

International Curriculum: School fee 2023-2024

- S.4: \$39,780
 - S.5: \$46,730
 - S.6: \$46,730
- (subject to revision)

International Curriculum: School Fee and 'cross-subsidization'

- By offering IAL curriculum, our College may require to recruit teacher(s) and purchase additional materials (including reference books), the School Fee in 2023-2024 is about \$46,730 which is slightly higher than those studying DSE curriculum.
- Extra expenses like manpower for IAL curriculum can be covered by the additional school fee and basic subsidy from EDB. Hence, no problem of 'cross-subsidization'.