

HOTUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Arrangements for School-Based Assessment (SBA) of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examinations

Assessment of certain subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examinations comprises both a public examination component and a School-Based Assessment (SBA) component. SBA is mainly carried out in school by teachers in accordance with the relevant documents, assessment criteria and guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA). The SBA score will count towards the final score obtained by students through public assessment. As a result, all school candidates must participate in SBA.

The following eight subjects offered by our school feature SBA, which will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines issued by HKEAA :

Core subjects	Chinese Language, English Language, Liberal Studies
Elective subjects	Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Technology, Visual Arts, Physics

From SBA and teachers' feedback, students are able to learn and enhance competencies and knowledge which may not be manifested through their public examination results. It is important that students must follow the specified requirements and schedule and, at the same time, finish all their SBA assignments honestly and responsibly.

In the two subjects of English Language and Visual Arts, the SBA score accounts for 15% and 50% of each subject's total score respectively. As for the other six subjects, the SBA score accounts for 20% of each subject's total score. We have learnt from experience that a good SBA score definitely helps students in obtaining better overall academic results.

Different subjects schedule their SBA assignments at different times. While most subjects conduct SBA in S5 and S6, a few subjects have already launched SBA in S4. In addition, the amount of time required to complete a SBA assignment also varies among different subjects, from a one-year period to as long as a total of 3 years' time, although an average of a year and a half is required for the majority of subjects. Students should pay close attention to the assessment period listed for each subject laid out in the SBA Handbook, which has already been distributed, and prepare a well-thought-out and effective timetable as soon as possible. Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheng Siu Kam-sheung'.

CHENG SIU Kam-sheung
Principal

Reply Slip

Dear Principal

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I, parent / guardian of student _____ (Name) in _____ (Class) _____
(Class Number), acknowledge receipt of the letter about the Arrangements for School-Based Assessment
(SBA) of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examinations. I will ensure that my
child will make good use of her time to finish the SBA assignments for different subjects punctually.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

Date: _____ October, 2019

Contact Telephone Number : _____