

## **Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information 2013/14 School Year**

### **Background**

1. The Education Bureau (EDB) conducted the “Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information: 2013/14 School Year” from October to November 2013 on 451<sup>1</sup> secondary schools in Hong Kong offering the local senior secondary (SS) curriculum, to collect information on the SS subjects they offered at Secondary 4 (S4), Secondary 5 (S5) and Secondary 6 (S6) in the 2013/14 school year. These included all government, aided and caput secondary schools, and secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme offering the local curriculum; and did not include private, international, evening and hospital schools nor correctional institutions.
2. This Survey collected both school level (subject offer) and student level (subject enrolment) data. It should be noted that the student level data on S6 was taken from the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination registration information on the schools participating in this Survey, provided by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority in January 2014, as a proxy for S6 student subject enrolment. The S6 figures for all years quoted in the remainder of this document are HKDSE registration figures of the respective years.

### **Schools offer a good range of elective subjects**

3. Schools on average offer about 11 elective subjects at each of S4, S5 and S6. The more popular elective subjects (offered by over 70% of the schools) include “Chinese History”, “Economics”, “Geography”, “Biology”, “Chemistry”, “Physics”, “Business, Accounting and Financial Studies”, “Information and Communication Technology” and “Visual Arts”. Applied Learning (ApL) is offered by over 65% of the schools, with a total of 5,138 students studying in 37 ApL courses at S5, and a total of 4,482 students registering for 35 ApL courses under the HKDSE at S6. Relatively fewer schools (less than 10%) offered “Literature in English”, “Integrated Science” and “Technology and Living” (Table 1 of the Appendix). The pattern of elective subjects offered is similar to those of the last four school years.

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<sup>1</sup> There are 448, 449 and 450 schools offering S4, S5 and S6 respectively. One of the schools offering S4 was not covered in the 450 schools offering S6, thus there is a total of 451 schools.

4. Regarding student enrolment in elective subjects, relatively more students take “Economics” (S4: 31%; S5: 30%; S6: 28%), “Biology” (S4: 29%; S5: 27%; S6: 25%), “Chemistry” (S4: 29%; S5: 28%; S6: 24%), “Business, Accounting and Financial Studies” (S4: 25%; S5: 24%; S6: 22%), “Physics” (S4: 24%; S5: 22%; S6: 20%) and “Geography” (S4: 21%; S5: 20%; S6: 18%). Relatively fewer students (less than 1%) take “Literature in English”, “Integrated Science”, “Technology and Living” and “Music” (Table 1 of the Appendix). In general, the pattern of student enrolment is similar in S4, S5 and S6. Among the six areas of studies in ApL, the most popular area is “Services” (Table 2 of the Appendix).

### **Schools no longer stream students**

5. There are over 1,200 subject combinations for S4; over 1,100 subject combinations for S5; and over 900 subject combinations for S6. There are on average 37, 45 and 44 combinations in schools at S4, S5 and S6 respectively (these include ApL courses for S5 and S6) (Table 3 of the Appendix).
6. Students’ choices of elective subjects are observed to be diversified and not limited to one Key Learning Area (KLA). In this school year, 68% of S4 students, 66% of S5 students, and 57% of S6 students take elective subjects from two or more KLAs (Table 4 of the Appendix).
7. The top 100 combinations of elective subjects taken by students are tabulated for S4, S5 and S6 students (Table 5 of the Appendix).

### **A drop in the number of elective subjects taken by some students**

8. A drop in the percentage of students taking three elective subjects is observed across cohorts at S4 (2011/12: 42%; 2012/13: 35%; 2013/14: 33%), S5 (2011/12: 39%; 2012/13: 33%; 2013/14: 29%) and S6 (2011/12: 28%; 2012/13: 20%; 2013/14: 18%). There is also a slight increase in the percentage of students taking one or no elective subject in the HKDSE Examination (2011/12: 8%; 2012/13: 11%; 2013/14: 13%). The percentage of students taking four or more elective subjects remained very low (Table 6 of the Appendix).

Table 1: Number and percentage of schools offering SS subjects and student enrolment in 2013/14

SS subject	S4				S5				S6			
	Schools offered		Students enrolled		Schools offered		Students enrolled		Schools offered		Students registered HKDSE	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Chinese Language <sup>1</sup>	447	99.8	63,090	98.2	449	100.0	64,433	98.7	450	100.0	63,930	98.7
English Language	448	100.0	64,262	100.0	449	100.0	65,288	100.0	450	100.0	64,586	99.8
Liberal Studies	448	100.0	64,262	100.0	449	100.0	65,288	100.0	450	100.0	64,585	99.8
Mathematics	448	100.0	64,262	100.0	449	100.0	65,288	100.0	450	100.0	64,589	99.8
Compulsory Part only	142	31.7	52,576	81.8	34	7.6	52,255	80.0	33	7.3	54,319	83.9
Compulsory Part + Module 1	195	43.5	4,801	7.5	297	66.1	5,764	8.8	319	70.9	4,612	7.1
Compulsory Part + Module 2	225	50.2	5,877	9.1	331	73.7	7,269	11.1	328	72.9	5,658	8.7
Compulsory Part + not-yet-specified Extended Part	14	3.1	1,008	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Chinese Literature	159	35.5	2,927	4.6	164	36.5	2,774	4.2	170	37.8	2,574	4.0
Literature in English	29	6.5	603	0.9	27	6.0	480	0.7	25	5.6	366	0.6
Chinese History	392	87.5	8,755	13.6	401	89.3	7,619	11.7	403	89.6	6,622	10.2
Economics	427	95.3	19,810	30.8	426	94.9	19,436	29.8	428	95.1	18,290	28.2
Ethics and Religious Studies	82	18.3	1,189	1.9	79	17.6	843	1.3	80	17.8	802	1.2
Geography	412	92.0	13,635	21.2	412	91.8	13,084	20.0	413	91.8	11,803	18.2
History	306	68.3	8,042	12.5	312	69.5	6,926	10.6	314	69.8	6,055	9.4
Tourism and Hospitality Studies	186	41.5	5,110	8.0	182	40.5	4,576	7.0	166	36.9	3,726	5.8
Biology	426	95.1	18,800	29.3	426	94.9	17,892	27.4	420	93.3	16,202	25.0
Chemistry	411	91.7	18,780	29.2	416	92.7	18,233	27.9	419	93.1	15,704	24.3
Physics	419	93.5	15,397	24.0	423	94.2	14,638	22.4	423	94.0	13,090	20.2
Science: Combined Science	85	19.0	2,094	3.3	139	31.0	3,079	4.7	187	41.6	4,040	6.2
Biology + Chemistry	60	13.4	1,233	1.9	96	21.4	1,851	2.8	131	29.1	2,224	3.4
Chemistry + Physics	41	9.2	689	1.1	71	15.8	1,016	1.6	99	22.0	1,292	2.0
Physics + Biology	11	2.5	172	0.3	17	3.8	212	0.3	43	9.6	524	0.8
Science: Integrated Science	12	2.7	231	0.4	14	3.1	208	0.3	17	3.8	198	0.3
Business, Accounting and Financial Studies	409	91.3	15,918	24.8	410	91.3	15,836	24.3	410	91.1	14,555	22.5
Design and Applied Technology	62	13.8	1,142	1.8	63	14.0	931	1.4	55	12.2	711	1.1
Health Management and Social Care	46	10.3	1,167	1.8	47	10.5	987	1.5	48	10.7	867	1.3
Information and Communication Technology	411	91.7	8,727	13.6	416	92.7	7,722	11.8	427	94.9	6,992	10.8
Technology and Living	26	5.8	442	0.7	29	6.5	451	0.7	30	6.7	374	0.6
Food Science & Technology	20	4.5	348	0.5	22	4.9	363	0.6	25	5.6	293	0.5
Fashion, Clothing & Textiles	6	1.3	94	0.1	7	1.6	88	0.1	6	1.3	81	0.1
Music	79	17.6	321	0.5	82	18.3	259	0.4	65	14.4	182	0.3
Visual Arts	358	79.9	5,629	8.8	357	79.5	5,101	7.8	355	78.9	4,372	6.8
Physical Education	84	18.8	1,122	1.7	80	17.8	963	1.5	74	16.4	750	1.2
Applied Learning (no. of students) <sup>2</sup>					307	68.4	5,138	7.9	302	67.1	4,482	6.9
Applied Learning (no. of enrolments) <sup>2</sup>					307	68.4	5,230	-	302	67.1	4,543	-

**Notes**

1: Information on alternative Chinese Language curriculum (e.g. adapted Chinese Language curriculum for Non-Chinese Speaking students) is not included. Note that one participating school did not offer the local Chinese Language curriculum (leading to the HKDSE Examination) for S4 students.

2: Information as at 23 October 2013.

**Table 2: Student enrolment in the six areas of studies of Applied Learning in 2013/14**

Area of studies	No. of courses (2012-14 Cohort)	No. of courses (2013-15 Cohort)	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
			No. of enrolments <sup>3</sup>	No. of enrolments
Creative Studies	7	7	765	704
Media and Communication	4	4	404	362
Business, Management and Law	6	7	264	278
Services	6	6	2,386	2,129
Applied Science	7	7	802	694
Engineering and Production	5	6	609	376
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>4,543</b>

Note 3: Information as at 23 October 2013.

**Table 3: Number of subject combinations in 2013/14**

No. of elective subjects taken <sup>4</sup>	S4		S5		S6 (HKDSE registration data)	
	Subject combination		Subject combination		Subject combination	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	19	1.54%	23	1.95%	25	2.58%
2	205	16.61%	237	20.08%	227	23.43%
3	706	57.21%	752	63.73%	655	67.60%
4	231	18.72%	168	14.24%	62	6.40%
> 4	73	5.92%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average no. of combinations in schools</b>	37		45		44	

Note 4: All Applied Learning courses are grouped as a single subject in calculating the subject combination.

**Table 4: Cross-KLA subject-taking by SS students in 2013/14**

No. of Key Learning Area(s)	S4	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
	% of students	% of students	% of students
≤ 1	32.14%	33.90%	42.69%
2	60.60%	58.45%	52.92%
3	6.97%	7.55%	4.36%
> 3	0.29%	0.09%	0.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 5: Number and percentage of students taking the top 100 subject combinations in 2013/14**

Order	S4			S5			S6 (HKDSE registration data)		
	Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled		Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled		Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled	
		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
1	BAFS ECON	3,343	5.20%	BAFS ECON	3,730	5.71%	BAFS ECON	4,309	6.66%
2	BIO CHEM	3,107	4.83%	BIO CHEM	3,615	5.54%	BIO CHEM	3,701	5.72%
3	BIO CHEM PHY	3,056	4.76%	CHEM PHY	2,902	4.44%	CHEM PHY	3,017	4.66%
4	CHEM PHY	2,680	4.17%	BIO CHEM PHY	2,763	4.23%	BIO CHEM PHY	2,254	3.48%
5	BIO CHEM ECON	1,418	2.21%	ECON GEOG	1,510	2.31%	ECON GEOG	1,601	2.47%
6	ECON GEOG	1,391	2.16%	BIO CHEM ECON	1,191	1.82%	BIO ECON	1,230	1.90%
7	CHEM ECON PHY	1,290	2.01%	CHEM ECON PHY	1,143	1.75%	BIO GEOG	1,097	1.69%
8	CHI_HIST HIST	1,143	1.78%	BIO GEOG	1,062	1.63%	ECON PHY	1,010	1.56%
9	BIO GEOG	1,105	1.72%	GEOG HIST	960	1.47%	GEOG HIST	960	1.48%
10	GEOG HIST	977	1.52%	CHI_HIST HIST	931	1.43%	GEOG	948	1.46%
11	CHI_HIST GEOG	921	1.43%	BIO ECON	927	1.42%	BAFS GEOG	917	1.42%
12	ICT PHY	898	1.40%	CHI_HIST GEOG	841	1.29%	ECON	895	1.38%
13	BAFS ICT	841	1.31%	ECON PHY	799	1.22%	CHI_HIST HIST	893	1.38%
14	BIO ECON	809	1.26%	BAFS BIO	791	1.21%	CHEM ECON PHY	854	1.32%
15	GEOG THS	780	1.21%	BAFS GEOG	775	1.19%	ICT	824	1.27%
16	BAFS GEOG	779	1.21%	ICT PHY	756	1.16%	BIO	811	1.25%
17	BAFS THS	751	1.17%	BAFS ICT	743	1.14%	CHI_HIST GEOG	794	1.23%
18	BAFS BIO	675	1.05%	BAFS ECON GEOG	730	1.12%	BAFS ICT	769	1.19%
19	CHI_HIST ECON	659	1.03%	BAFS PHY	665	1.02%	BIO PHY	766	1.18%
20	BAFS ECON GEOG	659	1.03%	CHI_HIST ECON	657	1.01%	BAFS BIO	755	1.17%
21	BAFS PHY	647	1.01%	BAFS THS	644	0.99%	ICT PHY	752	1.16%
22	ECON PHY	636	0.99%	ECON HIST	613	0.94%	BIO CHEM ECON	719	1.11%
23	BIO CHEM GEOG	618	0.96%	BIO PHY	612	0.94%	CHEM ECON	699	1.08%
24	ECON ICT	601	0.94%	GEOG THS	588	0.90%	ECON HIST	681	1.05%
25	ECON HIST	598	0.93%	ECON ICT	583	0.89%	CHI_HIST ECON	672	1.04%
26	BAFS BIO CHEM	598	0.93%	BIO CHEM GEOG	569	0.87%	ECON ICT	662	1.02%
27	BIO PHY	570	0.89%	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	562	0.86%	BAFS	649	1.00%
28	BAFS CHI_HIST	559	0.87%	BAFS CHEM PHY	532	0.81%	BAFS PHY	647	1.00%
29	BAFS CHEM PHY	547	0.85%	CHEM ECON	522	0.80%	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	636	0.98%
30	ECON THS	526	0.82%	BAFS BIO CHEM	521	0.80%	CHI_HIST	625	0.97%
31	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	520	0.81%	GEOG ICT	492	0.75%	THS	612	0.95%
32	GEOG ICT	516	0.80%	BAFS CHI_HIST	472	0.72%	BAFS CHEM	525	0.81%
33	ICT VA	489	0.76%	GEOG VA	438	0.67%	VA	482	0.74%
34	BAFS BIO ECON	477	0.74%	BAFS CHEM	406	0.62%	BAFS CHI_HIST	468	0.72%
35	BIO ICT	466	0.73%	BIO ICT	396	0.61%	GEOG THS	465	0.72%
36	CHI_HIST ICT	466	0.73%	CHEM ICT PHY	392	0.60%	HIST	459	0.71%
37	GEOG PHY	465	0.72%	ECON THS	373	0.57%	CS PHY	457	0.71%
38	GEOG VA	462	0.72%	GEOG PHY	372	0.57%	BIO CS	441	0.68%
39	CHEM ICT PHY	457	0.71%	ECON VA	363	0.56%	PHY	435	0.67%
40	CHEM ECON	450	0.70%	BIO VA	361	0.55%	GEOG PHY	416	0.64%
41	BAFS VA	427	0.66%	CS PHY	357	0.55%	BAFS THS	413	0.64%
42	BAFS ECON PHY	415	0.65%	CHI_HIST ICT	355	0.54%	GEOG ICT	411	0.63%
43	BIO CHI_HIST	406	0.63%	BAFS VA	352	0.54%	BIO ICT	406	0.63%
44	BIO VA	401	0.62%	BAFS BIO ECON	352	0.54%	GEOG VA	406	0.63%
45	BAFS ECON HIST	375	0.58%	BAFS ECON PHY	342	0.52%	CS ECON	384	0.59%
46	BIO THS	372	0.58%	BAFS HIST	326	0.50%	BAFS ECON GEOG	362	0.56%
47	BIO HIST	371	0.58%	ICT VA	317	0.49%	BAFS VA	361	0.56%

Order	S4			S5			S6 (HKDSE registration data)		
	Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled		Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled		Subject combination <sup>5</sup>	Students enrolled	
		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
48	ECON VA	368	0.57%	CHEM GEOG	306	0.47%	BAFS BIO CHEM	360	0.56%
49	BAFS HIST	365	0.57%	BIO CS	302	0.46%	BAFS CHEM PHY	353	0.55%
50	ICT THS	361	0.56%	THS APL	300	0.46%	APL	335	0.52%
51	BAFS ECON ICT	358	0.56%	CS ECON	293	0.45%	BIO VA	334	0.52%
52	HIST ICT	357	0.56%	BIO HIST	291	0.45%	BAFS CS	331	0.51%
53	BAFS CHEM ECON	355	0.55%	BAFS CHEM ECON	283	0.43%	BAFS HIST	323	0.50%
54	THS VA	354	0.55%	BAFS ECON ICT	281	0.43%	ECON THS	323	0.50%
55	HIST VA	347	0.54%	BAFS CS	278	0.43%	CS GEOG	320	0.49%
56	CHI_HIST THS	345	0.54%	BIO THS	277	0.42%	BIO HIST	318	0.49%
57	ECON GEOG HIST	338	0.53%	HIST ICT	277	0.42%	ECON VA	314	0.48%
58	CHEM GEOG	308	0.48%	CS ICT	276	0.42%	CS ICT	307	0.47%
59	BAFS CHI_HIST ECON	307	0.48%	CHI_HIST VA	269	0.41%	CHEM GEOG	300	0.46%
60	CHI_HIST VA	306	0.48%	CS GEOG	268	0.41%	CS	298	0.46%
61	BAFS CHEM	293	0.46%	BIO CHI_HIST	265	0.41%	BIO CHEM GEOG	280	0.43%
62	BIO ECON GEOG	292	0.45%	ECON GEOG HIST	260	0.40%	CHEM	275	0.42%
63	CHEM GEOG PHY	290	0.45%	CHEM GEOG PHY	259	0.40%	THS APL	273	0.42%
64	CS PHY	272	0.42%	THS VA	254	0.39%	CHI_HIST ICT	270	0.42%
65	BIO CS	269	0.42%	GEOG	252	0.39%	BIO CHI_HIST	258	0.40%
66	BIO CHEM HIST	247	0.38%	ICT THS	251	0.38%	GEOG APL	256	0.40%
67	CHEM ICT	237	0.37%	BAFS ECON HIST	251	0.38%	ICT VA	250	0.39%
68	CS ICT	235	0.37%	GEOG APL	245	0.38%	BAFS APL	245	0.38%
69	DAT ICT	209	0.33%	VA APL	244	0.37%	CHEM ICT PHY	238	0.37%
70	BAFS CS	200	0.31%	BAFS APL	236	0.36%	CHI_LIT ECON	234	0.36%
71	PHY VA	183	0.28%	ICT	232	0.36%	ICT APL	229	0.35%
72	BIO CHEM ICT	179	0.28%	HIST VA	230	0.35%	VA APL	226	0.35%
73	CHI_HIST ECON GEOG	179	0.28%	CHI_HIST THS	226	0.35%	BIO APL	222	0.34%
74	CHEM CHI_HIST	175	0.27%	ICT APL	225	0.34%	HIST VA	216	0.33%
75	CHI_HIST PHY	175	0.27%	ECON	224	0.34%	BAFS ECON PHY	212	0.33%
76	CS GEOG	171	0.27%	ECON APL	222	0.34%	CHI_HIST VA	208	0.32%
77	HMSC THS	171	0.27%	BAFS CHI_HIST ECON	206	0.32%	BIO THS	203	0.31%
78	ECON GEOG PHY	167	0.26%	BAFS	204	0.31%	ECON APL	202	0.31%
79	CS ECON	166	0.26%	CHI_HIST	202	0.31%	HIST ICT	198	0.31%
80	HIST THS	162	0.25%	VA	198	0.30%	CHI_LIT GEOG	193	0.30%
81	ECON ICT PHY	157	0.24%	BAFS ECON APL	194	0.30%	CHEM CS	192	0.30%
82	DAT VA	150	0.23%	BIO CHEM APL	191	0.29%	ICT THS	189	0.29%
83	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT ECON	150	0.23%	BIO APL	190	0.29%	BAFS BIO ECON	189	0.29%
84	CHI_LIT VA	148	0.23%	THS	186	0.28%	CHEM ICT	188	0.29%
85	BIO HMSC	145	0.23%	BIO	180	0.28%	THS VA	183	0.28%
86	HIST PHY	144	0.22%	CHI_LIT GEOG	180	0.28%	CHEM GEOG PHY	177	0.27%
87	BAFS BIO GEOG	142	0.22%	HIST THS	180	0.28%	BAFS ECON HIST	174	0.27%
88	CHI_LIT ECON	141	0.22%	BIO CHEM HIST	177	0.27%	CHI_LIT VA	169	0.26%
89	BIO ECON HIST	136	0.21%	PHY VA	176	0.27%	CHI_LIT HIST	160	0.25%
90	BIO ECON PHY	134	0.21%	CHI_LIT ECON	175	0.27%	BAFS ECON ICT	160	0.25%
91	CHEM VA	133	0.21%	CHEM ICT	171	0.26%	BAFS ECON APL	153	0.24%
92	CHI_LIT GEOG	132	0.21%	HIST	170	0.26%	CHI_LIT	151	0.23%
93	BIO PE	131	0.20%	DAT ICT	162	0.25%	PE	148	0.23%
94	CHEM ECON GEOG	128	0.20%	BIO ECON GEOG	162	0.25%	CHI_HIST THS	144	0.22%
95	CHI_HIST GEOG HIST	128	0.20%	BIO HMSC	148	0.23%	CHI_HIST APL	142	0.22%
96	CHI_HIST ECON HIST	125	0.19%	CHI_HIST APL	146	0.22%	HIST THS	140	0.22%
97	BAFS BIO PHY	120	0.19%	CHI_HIST PHY	142	0.22%	HMSC	137	0.21%

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98	CHEM HIST	118	0.18%	CHI_LIT VA	139	0.21%	PHY VA	134	0.21%
99	BAFS ICT PHY	116	0.18%	CHI_LIT HIST	137	0.21%	BIO HMSC	133	0.21%
100	BAFS CHI_HIST GEOG	115	0.18%	PHY	131	0.20%	BAFS CHI_HIST ECON	131	0.20%
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>52,151</b>	<b>81.15%</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>51,427</b>	<b>78.77%</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>54,748</b>	<b>84.56%</b>

Note 5: All Applied Learning courses are grouped as a single subject in calculating the subject combination.

**Remarks:**

APL	- Applied Learning	GEOG	- Geography
BAFS	- Business, Accounting and Financial Studies	HIST	- History
BIO	- Biology	HMSC	- Health Management and Social Care
CHEM	- Chemistry	ICT	- Information and Communication Technology
CHI_HIST	- Chinese History	PE	- Physical Education
CHI_LIT	- Chinese Literature	PHY	- Physics
CS	- Combined Science	THS	- Tourism and Hospitality Studies
DAT	- Design and Applied Technology	VA	- Visual Arts
ECON	- Economics		

**Table 6: Number of elective subjects taken by SS students in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

No. of elective subjects taken	2011/12 school year			2012/13 school year			2013/14 school year		
	S4 <sup>6</sup>	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)	S4 <sup>6</sup>	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)	S4 <sup>6</sup>	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled
< 2	0.73%	2.94%	7.87%	0.68%	3.51%	11.01%	0.73%	3.72%	12.97%
2	55.99%	57.39%	64.16%	62.91%	63.04%	68.68%	65.73%	66.69%	68.53%
3	41.85%	38.90%	27.71%	34.95%	33.00%	20.06%	32.52%	29.12%	18.33%
4	1.11%	0.76%	0.25%	1.13%	0.45%	0.25%	0.73%	0.47%	0.17%
> 4	0.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%

Note 6: The Education Bureau encourages schools to offer more SS elective subjects to S4 students to explore their interest, so as to decide on the subjects to be taken in S5 or S6.