

Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information 2014/15 School Year

Background

1. The Education Bureau (EDB) conducted the “Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information: 2014/15 School Year” from October to November 2014 on 450¹ 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 2014/15 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 2015, 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.
3. Information collected from this Survey had informed the planning, implementation and review of the SS curriculum and assessment. Survey results over time had indicated that subject-offer and subject-taking patterns are becoming more stabilised. EDB will continue to observe these patterns in order to maximise students’ benefits from the SS curriculum according to their abilities and interests, for example, through taking more elective subjects (including Applied Learning courses) at S4 and S5 and participating in Other Learning Experiences to broaden their horizons, explore their own interests and aspirations to make well-informed planning for work and further studies.

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

Schools offer a good range of elective subjects

4. 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 “Biology”, “Physics”, “Economics”, “Chemistry”, “Geography”, “Business, Accounting and Financial Studies”, “Information and Communication Technology”, “Chinese History” and “Visual Arts”. Applied Learning is offered by over 65% of the schools, with a total of 4,800 (8%) students studying in 36 Applied Learning courses at S5, and a total of 4,112 (7%) students registering for 37 Applied Learning courses under the HKDSE at S6. Relatively fewer schools (less than 10%) offered “Integrated Science”, “Technology and Living” and “Literature in English” (Table 1 of the Annex). The pattern of elective subjects offered is similar to those of the last five school years.
5. Regarding student enrolment in elective subjects, relatively more students take “Biology” (S4: 29%; S5: 28%; S6: 26%), “Economics” (S4: 29%; S5: 29%; S6: 27%), “Chemistry” (S4: 29%; S5: 28%; S6: 25%), “Business, Accounting and Financial Studies” (S4: 24%; S5: 23%; S6: 21%), “Physics” (S4: 23%; S5: 23%; S6: 20%), “Geography” (S4: 21%; S5: 20%; S6: 18%), “Information and Communication Technology” (S4: 14%; S5: 12%; S6: 10%) and “Chinese History” (S4: 14%; S5: 12%; S6: 10%). Relatively fewer students (less than 1%) take “Integrated Science”, “Music”, “Technology and Living” and “Literature in English” (Table 1 of the Annex). In general, the pattern of student enrolment is similar in S4, S5 and S6. Among the six areas of studies in Applied Learning, the most popular area is “Services” (Table 2 of the Annex).

Schools no longer stream students

6. There are over 1,100 subject combinations each for S4 and S5; and over 900 subject combinations for S6. There are on average 36, 43 and 43 combinations in schools at S4, S5 and S6 respectively (these include Applied Learning courses for S5 and S6) (Table 3 of the Annex).
7. Students’ choices of elective subjects are observed to be diversified and not limited to one Key Learning Area (KLA). In this school year, 67% of S4 students, 66%² of S5 students, and 57% of S6 students take elective subjects from two or more KLAs (Table 4 of the Annex).

² Figures shown in the Annex are rounded up to one or two decimal place(s). All figures quoted in the main document are calculated from the raw data and rounded up to the nearest per cent.

8. The top 100 combinations of elective subjects taken by students are tabulated for S4, S5 and S6 students (Table 5 of the Annex).

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

9. A drop in the percentage of students taking three elective subjects is observed across cohorts at S4 (2012/13: 35%; 2013/14: 33%; 2014/15: 30%), S5 (2012/13: 33%; 2013/14: 29%; 2014/15: 28%) and S6 (2012/13: 20%; 2013/14: 18%; 2014/15: 17%). There is also a slight increase in the percentage of students taking one or no elective subject in the HKDSE Examination but which appears to be stabilising (2012/13: 11%; 2013/14: 13%; 2014/15: 13%). The percentage of students taking four or more elective subjects remained low (Table 6 of the Annex).

Table 1: Number and percentage of schools offering SS subjects and student enrolment in 2014/15

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 ¹	448	100.0	57,378	98.0	447	99.8	59,013	98.3	449	100.0	59,975	98.5
English Language	448	100.0	58,571	100.0	448	100.0	60,049	100.0	449	100.0	60,754	99.8
Liberal Studies	448	100.0	58,571	100.0	448	100.0	60,049	100.0	449	100.0	60,750	99.8
Mathematics	448	100.0	58,571	100.0	448	100.0	60,049	100.0	449	100.0	60,758	99.8
Compulsory Part only	140	31.3	48,684	83.1	42	9.4	49,092	81.8	34	7.6	51,852	85.2
Compulsory Part + Module 1	181	40.4	3,749	6.4	265	59.2	4,573	7.6	298	66.4	3,653	6.0
Compulsory Part + Module 2	229	51.1	5,171	8.8	313	69.9	6,384	10.6	331	73.7	5,253	8.6
Compulsory Part + not-yet-specified Extended Part	15	3.3	967	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	--	---	--	--
Chinese Literature	148	33.0	2,283	3.9	159	35.5	2,413	4.0	164	36.5	2,310	3.8
Literature in English	28	6.3	507	0.9	28	6.3	479	0.8	27	6.0	382	0.6
Chinese History	388	86.6	8,026	13.7	392	87.5	7,377	12.3	401	89.3	6,267	10.3
Economics	423	94.4	17,079	29.2	426	95.1	17,639	29.4	426	94.9	16,566	27.2
Ethics and Religious Studies	80	17.9	1,202	2.1	80	17.9	836	1.4	77	17.1	716	1.2
Geography	414	92.4	12,431	21.2	411	91.7	11,799	19.6	412	91.8	11,197	18.4
History	299	66.7	7,205	12.3	305	68.1	6,794	11.3	312	69.5	5,836	9.6
Tourism and Hospitality Studies	189	42.2	4,860	8.3	186	41.5	4,481	7.5	181	40.3	4,035	6.6
Biology	427	95.3	17,178	29.3	425	94.9	16,753	27.9	426	94.9	15,851	26.0
Chemistry	418	93.3	16,976	29.0	410	91.5	16,561	27.6	416	92.7	15,330	25.2
Physics	424	94.6	13,753	23.5	418	93.3	13,581	22.6	424	94.4	12,353	20.3
Science: Combined Science	61	13.6	1,307	2.2	86	19.2	1,741	2.9	140	31.2	2,433	4.0
Biology + Chemistry	41	9.2	721	1.2	60	13.4	1,013	1.7	97	21.6	1,455	2.4
Chemistry + Physics	29	6.5	496	0.8	43	9.6	604	1.0	73	16.3	812	1.3
Physics + Biology	6	1.3	90	0.2	11	2.5	124	0.2	17	3.8	166	0.3
Science: Integrated Science	12	2.7	192	0.3	12	2.7	190	0.3	14	3.1	185	0.3
Business, Accounting and Financial Studies	408	91.1	14,313	24.4	408	91.1	13,871	23.1	410	91.3	13,055	21.4
Design and Applied Technology	63	14.1	1,207	2.1	60	13.4	881	1.5	63	14.0	724	1.2
Health Management and Social Care	52	11.6	1,131	1.9	46	10.3	1,002	1.7	46	10.2	834	1.4
Information and Communication Technology	403	90.0	8,051	13.7	410	91.5	7,267	12.1	416	92.7	6,322	10.4
Technology and Living	27	6.0	363	0.6	26	5.8	378	0.6	29	6.5	338	0.6
Food Science & Technology	20	4.5	268	0.5	20	4.5	300	0.5	22	4.9	261	0.4
Fashion, Clothing & Textiles	7	1.6	95	0.2	6	1.3	78	0.1	7	1.6	77	0.1
Music	84	18.8	292	0.5	79	17.6	259	0.4	72	16.0	183	0.3
Visual Arts	353	78.8	5,305	9.1	360	80.4	4,619	7.7	357	79.5	4,190	6.9
Physical Education	92	20.5	1,236	2.1	81	18.1	950	1.6	81	18.0	812	1.3
Applied Learning (no. of students) ³	--	--	--	--	310	69.2	4,800	8.0	297	66.1	4,112	6.8
Applied Learning (no. of enrolments) ²	--	--	--	--	310	69.2	4,872	-	297	66.1	4,179	--

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 S5 students.

2: Information as at 20 October 2014.

Table 2: Student enrolment in the six areas of studies of Applied Learning in 2014/15

Area of studies	No. of courses (2013-15 Cohort)	No. of courses (2014-16 Cohort)	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
			No. of enrolments ³	No. of enrolments
Creative Studies	7	8	768	601
Media and Communication	4	4	310	319
Business, Management and Law	7	6	162	222
Services	6	6	2,302	1,911
Applied Science	7	7	688	620
Engineering and Production	6	5	642	506
Total	37	36	4,872	4,179

Note 3: Information as at 20 October 2014.

Table 3: Number of subject combinations in 2014/15

No. of elective subjects taken ⁴	S4		S5		S6 (HKDSE registration data)	
	Subject combination		Subject combination		Subject combination	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	19	1.60%	23	1.97%	24	2.56%
2	208	17.51%	233	19.93%	236	25.13%
3	666	56.06%	738	63.13%	608	64.75%
4	212	17.85%	174	14.88%	71	7.56%
> 4	83	6.99%	1	0.09%	0	0.00%
Total	1,188	100%	1,169	100%	939	100%
Average no. of combinations in schools	36		43		43	

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 2014/15

No. of Key Learning Area(s)	S4	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
	% of students	% of students	% of students
≤ 1	32.90%	34.41%	43.42%
2	60.46%	58.27%	52.54%
3	6.40%	7.22%	4.01%
> 3	0.25%	0.10%	0.03%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Number and percentage of students taking the top 100 subject combinations in 2014/15

Order	S4			S5			S6 (HKDSE registration data)		
	Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled		Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled		Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled	
		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
1	BAFS ECON	3,129	5.34%	BAFS ECON	3,453	5.75%	BIO CHEM	3,986	6.55%
2	BIO CHEM	3,112	5.31%	BIO CHEM	3,255	5.42%	BAFS ECON	3,778	6.21%
3	BIO CHEM PHY	2,585	4.41%	CHEM PHY	2,731	4.55%	CHEM PHY	3,082	5.06%
4	CHEM PHY	2,573	4.39%	BIO CHEM PHY	2,533	4.22%	BIO CHEM PHY	1,899	3.12%
5	ECON GEOG	1,199	2.05%	ECON GEOG	1,407	2.34%	ECON GEOG	1,599	2.63%
6	CHI_HIST HIST	1,183	2.02%	BIO CHEM ECON	1,166	1.94%	BIO GEOG	1,170	1.92%
7	BIO CHEM ECON	1,183	2.02%	BIO GEOG	1,113	1.85%	BIO ECON	1,118	1.84%
8	BIO GEOG	1,073	1.83%	CHEM ECON PHY	1,032	1.72%	GEOG HIST	1,001	1.64%
9	ICT PHY	945	1.61%	CHI_HIST HIST	940	1.57%	ECON PHY	957	1.57%
10	GEOG HIST	925	1.58%	GEOG HIST	891	1.48%	GEOG	884	1.45%
11	GEOG THS	894	1.53%	ICT PHY	859	1.43%	BAFS BIO	835	1.37%
12	CHEM ECON PHY	883	1.51%	BIO ECON	848	1.41%	CHI_HIST HIST	814	1.34%
13	CHI_HIST GEOG	822	1.40%	CHI_HIST GEOG	830	1.38%	ECON	789	1.30%
14	BAFS ICT	819	1.40%	BAFS ICT	724	1.21%	BIO	771	1.27%
15	BIO ECON	769	1.31%	ECON PHY	719	1.20%	ICT PHY	770	1.26%
16	BAFS GEOG	737	1.26%	BAFS GEOG	715	1.19%	BAFS GEOG	760	1.25%
17	BAFS THS	706	1.21%	CHI_HIST ECON	668	1.11%	CHI_HIST GEOG	758	1.25%
18	BAFS BIO	705	1.20%	BAFS BIO	652	1.09%	BIO CHEM ECON	744	1.22%
19	ECON PHY	634	1.08%	BIO PHY	631	1.05%	ICT	722	1.19%
20	BAFS PHY	626	1.07%	BAFS PHY	626	1.04%	CHEM ECON PHY	722	1.19%
21	CHI_HIST ECON	602	1.03%	ECON HIST	614	1.02%	BIO PHY	704	1.16%
22	ECON ICT	574	0.98%	ECON ICT	572	0.95%	ECON HIST	696	1.14%
23	BIO CHEM GEOG	570	0.97%	BAFS THS	567	0.94%	CHEM ECON	680	1.12%
24	ECON HIST	554	0.95%	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	566	0.94%	CHI_HIST ECON	679	1.12%
25	BAFS ECON GEOG	552	0.94%	GEOG THS	551	0.92%	BAFS ICT	673	1.11%
26	BAFS BIO CHEM	532	0.91%	BAFS CHI_HIST	505	0.84%	BAFS	656	1.08%
27	GEOG ICT	516	0.88%	CHEM ECON	503	0.84%	BAFS PHY	655	1.08%
28	BIO PHY	476	0.81%	BIO CHEM GEOG	468	0.78%	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	589	0.97%
29	BAFS CHI_HIST	467	0.80%	GEOG PHY	444	0.74%	BAFS THS	573	0.94%
30	CHI_HIST CHI_LIT	460	0.79%	GEOG ICT	437	0.73%	THS	570	0.94%
31	BAFS CHEM PHY	456	0.78%	ECON THS	432	0.72%	ECON ICT	568	0.93%
32	GEOG PHY	454	0.78%	BAFS ECON GEOG	425	0.71%	PHY	524	0.86%
33	BIO VA	450	0.77%	BAFS BIO CHEM	424	0.71%	GEOG THS	510	0.84%
34	ICT VA	443	0.76%	BAFS CHEM PHY	403	0.67%	CHI_HIST	509	0.84%
35	CHEM ICT PHY	442	0.75%	BIO ICT	396	0.66%	VA	482	0.79%
36	CHI_HIST ICT	440	0.75%	GEOG VA	374	0.62%	HIST	456	0.75%
37	BAFS VA	439	0.75%	BAFS VA	344	0.57%	BAFS CHEM	448	0.74%
38	BIO ICT	428	0.73%	BIO HIST	339	0.56%	BAFS CHI_HIST	438	0.72%
39	GEOG VA	415	0.71%	BAFS HIST	336	0.56%	GEOG VA	410	0.67%
40	CHEM ECON	412	0.70%	BIO VA	331	0.55%	GEOG ICT	397	0.65%
41	ECON THS	406	0.69%	CHEM ICT PHY	331	0.55%	GEOG PHY	384	0.63%
42	CHI_HIST THS	393	0.67%	BIO CHI_HIST	329	0.55%	BIO ICT	369	0.61%
43	BAFS BIO ECON	380	0.65%	ICT VA	313	0.52%	BIO CHEM GEOG	343	0.56%
44	BAFS CHEM	372	0.64%	BAFS BIO ECON	312	0.52%	ECON THS	340	0.56%
45	THS VA	371	0.63%	THS APL	311	0.52%	ECON VA	320	0.53%
46	BAFS ECON PHY	366	0.62%	ECON VA	306	0.51%	BIO VA	319	0.52%
47	BIO CHI_HIST	360	0.61%	BAFS CHEM	303	0.50%	BAFS BIO CHEM	317	0.52%

Order	S4			S5			S6 (HKDSE registration data)		
	Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled		Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled		Subject combination ⁵	Students enrolled	
		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
48	ECON VA	337	0.58%	CHI_HIST ICT	302	0.50%	BAFS CHEM PHY	315	0.52%
49	BIO HIST	331	0.57%	BAFS ECON PHY	301	0.50%	CS PHY	309	0.51%
50	ICT THS	327	0.56%	HIST ICT	289	0.48%	BAFS ECON GEOG	309	0.51%
51	BIO THS	314	0.54%	CHEM GEOG	288	0.48%	BAFS HIST	308	0.51%
52	HIST ICT	308	0.53%	BIO THS	275	0.46%	BIO HIST	304	0.50%
53	CHEM GEOG PHY	304	0.52%	CHI_HIST THS	270	0.45%	BAFS VA	293	0.48%
54	HIST VA	297	0.51%	HIST VA	270	0.45%	CHEM GEOG	289	0.47%
55	CHI_HIST VA	294	0.50%	BAFS CHEM ECON	267	0.44%	APL	278	0.46%
56	BAFS HIST	287	0.49%	BAFS ECON HIST	261	0.43%	THS APL	277	0.46%
57	BAFS ECON ICT	282	0.48%	ICT THS	255	0.42%	BIO CHI_HIST	267	0.44%
58	CHEM ICT	279	0.48%	ICT	251	0.42%	CS ECON	265	0.44%
59	BAFS CHEM ECON	266	0.45%	BIO CS	244	0.41%	BIO CS	250	0.41%
60	BAFS CHI_HIST ECON	258	0.44%	ECON GEOG HIST	239	0.40%	CHEM ICT PHY	250	0.41%
61	BAFS ECON HIST	255	0.44%	THS VA	237	0.39%	BIO THS	247	0.41%
62	BIO ECON GEOG	253	0.43%	CHI_HIST VA	236	0.39%	CHI_HIST ICT	246	0.40%
63	ECON GEOG HIST	250	0.43%	GEOG	221	0.37%	GEOG APL	243	0.40%
64	CHEM GEOG	241	0.41%	VA APL	212	0.35%	BAFS CS	243	0.40%
65	DAT VA	229	0.39%	CHEM GEOG PHY	212	0.35%	ICT VA	239	0.39%
66	BIO CHEM HIST	203	0.35%	ICT APL	211	0.35%	CS ICT	233	0.38%
67	DAT ICT	191	0.33%	GEOG APL	208	0.35%	VA APL	233	0.38%
68	PHY VA	187	0.32%	BAFS ECON ICT	207	0.34%	BAFS APL	231	0.38%
69	BIO CS	186	0.32%	CS PHY	205	0.34%	CHEM	228	0.37%
70	CS PHY	173	0.30%	BIO ECON GEOG	203	0.34%	BIO APL	228	0.37%
71	BIO CHEM ICT	172	0.29%	CS ICT	196	0.33%	CHI_HIST VA	227	0.37%
72	HIST THS	161	0.27%	CHEM ICT	192	0.32%	CS	215	0.35%
73	CHI_HIST PHY	158	0.27%	BIO CHEM HIST	190	0.32%	THS VA	212	0.35%
74	CHI_HIST ECON GEOG	155	0.26%	BAFS CHI_HIST ECON	185	0.31%	ICT APL	205	0.34%
75	CHI_LIT VA	151	0.26%	BAFS APL	184	0.31%	CS GEOG	202	0.33%
76	CHEM CHI_HIST	149	0.25%	ECON APL	183	0.30%	HIST ICT	201	0.33%
77	BIO PE	148	0.25%	VA	181	0.30%	ECON APL	200	0.33%
78	ECON GEOG PHY	145	0.25%	BAFS	180	0.30%	CHI_LIT ECON	198	0.33%
79	HMSC THS	142	0.24%	THS	179	0.30%	PE	193	0.32%
80	BIO HMSC	140	0.24%	BAFS ECON APL	174	0.29%	CHI_LIT GEOG	192	0.32%
81	CHEM HIST	140	0.24%	BIO	173	0.29%	HIST VA	186	0.31%
82	CHEM VA	138	0.24%	CHI_HIST	172	0.29%	CHI_HIST THS	184	0.30%
83	BIO ECON PHY	135	0.23%	ECON	172	0.29%	ICT THS	172	0.28%
84	CHI_HIST ECON HIST	132	0.23%	HIST	165	0.27%	HIST THS	162	0.27%
85	BIO ECON HIST	130	0.22%	BAFS CS	165	0.27%	BAFS ECON PHY	154	0.25%
86	BAFS BIO GEOG	126	0.22%	BIO APL	165	0.27%	CHEM ICT	152	0.25%
87	CHI_LIT GEOG	125	0.21%	BIO CHEM APL	153	0.25%	PHY VA	148	0.24%
88	CHEM ECON GEOG	125	0.21%	CS ECON	150	0.25%	BAFS BIO ECON	145	0.24%
89	CS ECON	124	0.21%	PHY VA	148	0.25%	CHEM GEOG PHY	144	0.24%
90	CS ICT	122	0.21%	CHI_HIST PHY	145	0.24%	BIO HMSC	143	0.23%
91	BAFS CS	120	0.20%	CHI_LIT ECON	145	0.24%	CHI_LIT VA	142	0.23%
92	ECON ICT PHY	114	0.19%	CHI_LIT VA	143	0.24%	BAFS CHEM ECON	139	0.23%
93	HIST PHY	113	0.19%	CHEM CHI_HIST	142	0.24%	CHI_HIST PHY	134	0.22%
94	BAFS PE	110	0.19%	CS GEOG	139	0.23%	CHI_HIST APL	134	0.22%
95	DAT THS	110	0.19%	CHI_LIT GEOG	137	0.23%	CHI_LIT HIST	131	0.22%
96	CHI_HIST GEOG HIST	110	0.19%	DAT ICT	136	0.23%	BAFS ECON ICT	129	0.21%
97	BIO CHEM CHI_HIST	107	0.18%	HMSC THS	136	0.23%	DAT	126	0.21%

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		No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
98	BIO GEOG HIST	104	0.18%	BIO HMSC	134	0.22%	BAFS ECON HIST	126	0.21%
99	PHY THS	103	0.18%	PHY	126	0.21%	DAT ICT	124	0.20%
100	ERS VA	100	0.17%	HIST THS	126	0.21%	BAFS ECON APL	122	0.20%
	TOTAL:	47,793	81.60%	TOTAL:	47,509	79.12%	TOTAL:	51,795	85.09%

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

Remarks:

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

Table 6: Number of elective subjects taken by SS students in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

No. of elective subjects taken	2012/13 school year			2013/14 school year			2014/15 school year		
	S4 ⁶	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)	S4 ⁶	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)	S4 ⁶	S5	S6 (HKDSE registration data)
	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled	Students enrolled
< 2	0.68%	3.51%	11.01%	0.73%	3.72%	12.97%	0.91%	3.75%	12.82%
2	62.91%	63.04%	68.68%	65.73%	66.69%	68.53%	68.41%	67.74%	70.03%
3	34.95%	33.00%	20.06%	32.52%	29.12%	18.33%	29.70%	28.05%	16.95%
4	1.13%	0.45%	0.25%	0.73%	0.47%	0.17%	0.65%	0.46%	0.20%
> 4	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.34%	<0.01%	0.00%

Note 6: The EDB 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.