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Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects

This is to inform you of the latest development of Hong Kong's senior secondary (SS) curriculum. Following the acceptance of the final report submitted by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum last December, the Education Bureau (EDB) conducted a school questionnaire survey on "Optimising the SS Core Subjects to Create Space for Students and Cater for Learner Diversity" from 2 February to 2 March 2021 and concurrently collected suggestions and views from the school sector on the proposals formulated by respective subject committees under the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) to optimise the four SS core subjects through different channels.

After thorough examination and deliberation, the CDC and HKEAA Public Examinations Board endorsed the proposals to optimise the four SS core subjects and made suggestions to the EDB. The optimising proposals have been accepted by the EDB.

The EDB issued a circular memorandum on 1 April 2021 to provide details about the measures to optimise the four SS core subjects and the phasing out of Combined Science and Integrated Science. The arrangement of the four SS core subjects, Combined Science and Integrated Science will be effective at Secondary 4 from the 2021/22 school year. For details of the circular memorandum, please refer to the appended links.

EDBCM No. 39/2021 on Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects

English version:

<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM21039E.pdf>

Chinese version:

<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM21039C.pdf>