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From: Secretary for Education

To: Supervisors and Heads of secondary schools  
(excluding English Schools  
Foundation schools and international schools)

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**The Results Release Day  
of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination  
11 July 2018**

**Summary**

This circular memorandum aims to assist schools to prepare for the results release day of the 2018 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination on 11 July 2018 (“711”), and summarise the support measures provided to the S6 graduates and related stakeholders by the Education Bureau (EDB).

**Details**

2. To help S6 graduates realise their aspirations for further studies and/or work, schools are advised to continue to support their students prior to, on and after “711”.
3. The EDB has produced the “Three useful tools for 711”, namely “e-Navigator”, “711 Further Studies and Career Map”, and “2018 Compass@711”. These tools, uploaded onto the “**2018 HKDSE Exam Results Release Designated Webpage**” ([www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en](http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en)), allow graduates, parents and schools to obtain useful information in a timely manner. Graduates can also access other latest information of multiple pathways through the Webpage.
4. More details about the preparation work for “711” and the multiple pathways for S6 graduates are provided in the attached **Annex**.

**Enquiries**

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## **Preparation for 2018 HKDSE Exam Results Release Day (“711”) and Multiple Pathways for S6 Graduates**

### **1. Preparation for 2018 HKDSE Exam results release day (“711”)**

The Education Bureau (EDB) will continue to provide schools, S6 graduates and parents with essential support to facilitate early preparation for “711”. These include:

- The website of “*e-Navigator: Multiple Pathways under the New Academic Structure*” ([enavigator.edb.hkedcity.net](http://enavigator.edb.hkedcity.net)), jointly developed by the EDB and the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters, has been launched since February 2012. Smartphone application is available for downloading via smartphone or at the “e-Navigator” website.
- “2018 HKDSE Exam Results Release Designated Webpage” ([www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en](http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en)) has been launched since mid-May 2018 to provide easy access to the latest information on all pathways for S6 graduates in 2018.
- An e-pamphlet entitled “2018 *Compass@711*” is available at the designated webpage ([www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en/compass](http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en/compass)) to provide essential information related to “711”.
- A parents’ seminar was held on 13 June 2018 to provide updates on multiple pathways to parents of the S6 graduates. PowerPoint presentations of the seminar (Chinese version only) are available at the “NAS Web Bulletin – Activities for Parents” ([334.edb.hkedcity.net/new/en/parent20180613.php](http://334.edb.hkedcity.net/new/en/parent20180613.php)).
- Telephone enquiry services operated by the EDB, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) and other organisations are available during July 2018. The four Regional Education Offices of the EDB would also provide enquiry service and assistance to students and parents. For details, please refer to the e-pamphlet “2018 *Compass@711*” ([www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en/compass](http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en/compass)).

**Schools are strongly advised to organise a briefing for their students and parents before “711” to give them advice and updated information on the support measures available.**

## 2. Multiple pathways for the S6 graduates in 2018

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<b>2.1 Articulation to local degree programmes</b>	
2.1.1	<p>Admission requirements for local degree programmes under the NAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In general, the minimum entrance requirements of University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded degree programmes are set at the level of “3322” in the four core subjects (i.e. Level 3 in Chinese Language and English Language and Level 2 in Mathematics and Liberal Studies), plus Level 2 or 3 in one/two elective(s). Institutions may set additional faculty/programme requirements in consideration of the specific nature and needs of the programmes, including the number of electives and the required results.</li> <li>• All institutions will continue to accept alternative Chinese qualifications (e.g. IGCSE, GCSE) for students who have fulfilled the specified conditions.</li> <li>• For more details of the admission requirements of institutions/programmes, please visit the websites of respective institutions. Regarding the details of JUPAS application, please visit the JUPAS website (<a href="http://www.jupas.edu.hk/en">www.jupas.edu.hk/en</a>) for further information.</li> <li>• Apart from UGC-funded degree programmes, students may also pursue undergraduate programmes offered by self-financing institutions. The general entrance requirements are the same as those announced by the UGC-funded institutions. In addition to Level “3322” in the four core subjects, individual institutions/faculties/programmes will determine the attainment level required for one or two elective subjects and other admission requirements. Further details are available at “Information Portal for Accredited Post-secondary Programmes” (<a href="http://www.ipass.gov.hk">www.ipass.gov.hk</a>).</li> </ul>
<b>2.2 Articulation to Mainland higher education institutions</b>	
2.2.1	<p>Admission to Mainland higher education institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can continue to be exempted from the Joint Entrance Examination for Universities on the Mainland through the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme). Under the Admission Scheme, some Mainland higher education institutions will admit Hong Kong students based on their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results. The number of Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Admission Scheme has increased to 102 in the 2018/19 academic year.</li> <li>• The minimum entrance requirement for admission to the institutions under the Admission Scheme is “3322”, i.e.</li> </ul>

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		<p>attaining Level 3 for Chinese Language and English Language and Level 2 for Mathematics and Liberal Studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Besides, more flexibility is allowed for institutions in adopting an alternative minimum entrance requirement for students nominated under the School Principal Nomination Scheme. The revised minimum entrance requirement is the attainment of a total score of 10 or above in the four core subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) among which none of them is below 2.</li> <li>• As usual, the enrolment process consists of both online application (from 1 to 20 March at the website of the Joint Enrolment Office (<a href="http://www.eeagd.edu.cn">www.eeagd.edu.cn</a>)) and subsequent on-site confirmation of application in person (from 10 to 29 March at Sheung Wan and Kowloon Tong on-site confirmation centres).</li> <li>• Institutions will announce admission results in late July, and conduct supplementary enrolment at the end of July according to the enrolment situation.</li> <li>• For the details of the Admission Scheme and the related Guidelines/ Handbook (Chinese version only), please refer to the EDB website (<a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/expo17">www.edb.gov.hk/expo17</a>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.3 Articulation to local sub-degree programmes, Vocational Training Council (VTC) programmes and appointment in the civil service</b></p>		
2.3.1	Associate Degrees, Higher Diplomas and VTC programmes, articulation arrangements & curriculum design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The revised Common Descriptors for sub-degree (Associate Degree and Higher Diploma) programmes under the NAS were promulgated on 30 September 2010. The minimum entrance requirement for admission to Associate Degree or Higher Diploma programmes remain at Level 2 in five subjects (including Chinese Language and English Language) in the HKDSE or equivalent qualifications. A maximum of two Applied Learning courses would be counted for admission. There will be about 29,200 places available for sub-degree programmes (including over 10,000 subsidised and self-financing Higher Diploma places to be offered by VTC which are covered below) for the 2018/19 academic year. Students may also pursue other continuing education programmes under the multiple entry and multiple exit pathways which best suit their aspirations and abilities.</li> <li>• VTC will offer around 17,000 places available for the 2018/19 academic year, including Degree, Higher Diploma, Diploma of Foundation Studies, Diploma of Vocational Education, hospitality and culinary related Diploma/Certificate programmes.</li> </ul>

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2.3.2	Diploma Yi Jin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diploma Yi Jin Programme provides an alternative pathway for S6 school leavers as well as adult learners aged 21 or above to obtain a formal qualification to pursue employment and further study. Students can apply for admission to the full-time programme for the 2018/19 academic year through a web-based application system at <a href="http://www.yj.edu.hk">www.yj.edu.hk</a> by 4 pm, 12 July 2018. Details of the programme and the application procedure are available at the application website (<a href="http://www.yj.edu.hk">www.yj.edu.hk</a>) and the EDB website (<a href="http://www.yijin.edu.hk">www.yijin.edu.hk</a>).</li> </ul>
2.3.3	Qualification requirements for civil service appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has accepted results in HKDSE Examination for civil service appointment purposes since 20 July 2012. Details are available at the website of the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) (<a href="http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html">www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html</a>).</li> <li>For the arrangement of accepting results in HKDSE Examination as equivalent to the results in the Common Recruitment Examination, please refer to the CSB's website (<a href="http://www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html">www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html</a>).</li> </ul>
<b>2.4 Arrangements for repeaters</b>		
2.4.1	Arrangements for repeaters	<p>The EDB reiterates that repetition is not a desirable choice as multiple pathways are provided for the secondary school leavers. However, schools are allowed to admit S6 students of their own or from other schools who wish to repeat S6, should the repetition rate of the whole school not exceed the 5% repeater quota. Under normal circumstances, schools should not allow too many students to repeat at a certain level. A list of schools admitting S6 repeaters from other schools, their subjects offered and admission requirements has been released at the Life Planning webpage of the EDB website (<a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/lifeplanning_eng">www.edb.gov.hk/lifeplanning_eng</a>) and the “2018 HKDSE Exam Results Release Designated Webpage” (<a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en">www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en</a>).</p>