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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
21 July 2021**

Summary

This circular memorandum aims to assist schools to prepare for the results release day of the 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination on 21 July 2021, and summarise the support measures provided to the S6 students and related stakeholders by the Education Bureau (EDB).

Details

2. To help S6 students realise their aspirations for further studies and/or work, schools are advised to continue to support their students prior to, on and after the HKDSE Examination results release day.

3. The EDB has produced the “Three useful tools for the HKDSE Exam results release”, namely “e-Navigator”, “Further Studies and Career Map” and “Compass@HKDSE”. These tools, uploaded to the “**Designated Webpage for S6 Students**” (www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en), allow students, parents and schools to obtain useful information of the exam results release in a timely manner. Students can also access other latest information of multiple pathways through the Webpage.



4. More details about the preparation work for the examination results release day and the multiple pathways for S6 students are provided in the attached **Annex**. For the arrangements of the HKDSE Examination results, schools are advised to refer to the latest announcement on the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/).



Enquiries

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Preparation for the 2021 HKDSE Exam Results Release Day and Multiple Pathways for S6 Students

1. Preparation for the results release day of the 2021 HKDSE Exam



The EDB will continue to provide schools, S6 students and parents with essential support to facilitate early preparation for the results release day. These include:

- *“e-Navigator”*: provision of programme information across different levels, including degrees, sub-degrees and the Diploma Yi Jin, for S6 students and parents. *“e-Navigator”* mobile application can be downloaded via smartphone or at the *“e-Navigator”* website (enavigator.edb.hkedcity.net). 
- *“Designated Webpage for S6 Students” (The Designated Webpage)*: S6 students and their parents can access the latest information of multiple pathways at one-stop via the Designated Webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en). 
- *“Compass@HKDSE”*: available at the Designated Webpage to provide essential information on further studies, multiple pathways and various supporting services.
- *Parents’ Seminar on “Get Prepared for the Release of HKDSE Examination Results - the Latest Information on Multiple Pathways”*: to provide updates on multiple pathways to parents of the S6 students. The pre-recorded videos and the slides of the Seminar (Chinese version only) will be uploaded to the “New Academic Structure Web Bulletin” (www.edb.gov.hk/nas/en) by mid-June 2021. 
- *“Virtual Information Expo on Multiple Pathways 2021”*: exhibition with information on locally-accredited post-secondary programmes offered by about 30 institutions as well as talks on multiple pathways and career planning available online (www.virtualinfoexpo2021.com) until 12 August 2021. 
- *“Careers Guidance Handbook for Secondary School Graduates 2021”*: e-version available at the “Concourse for Self-financing Post-secondary Education” website (www.cspe.edu.hk/en/Resources-CareerGuidance-Handbook.html) from end-May 2021 to provide S6 students with the latest information on career guidance and multiple pathways for further studies. 





Telephone enquiry services operated by the EDB, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) Office and other organisations are available during July 2021. For details, please refer to the “Compass@HKDSE”.

Schools are strongly advised to provide their students and parents with advice and updated information on the support measures available through different channels before the results release day.

2. Multiple pathways for the S6 students in 2021

Item		Information
2.1 Articulation to local degree programmes		
2.1.1	Admission requirements for local undergraduate programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The general entrance requirements of undergraduate 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. All institutions will continue to accept alternative Chinese qualifications (e.g. ApL(C) (for non-Chinese speaking students), IGCSE, GCSE) for students who have fulfilled the specified conditions. 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 (www.jupas.edu.hk/en) for further information.  Apart from University Grants Committee-funded undergraduate programmes, students may also pursue undergraduate programmes offered by self-financing institutions. In addition to the 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” (iPASS) (www.ipass.gov.hk). 
2.2 Articulation to Mainland higher education institutions		
2.2.1	Admission to Mainland higher education institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). The 127 Mainland higher education institutions participating in the 2021/22 Admission Scheme will admit Hong Kong students based on their HKDSE Examination results.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum entrance requirement for admission to the institutions participating in the Admission Scheme is “3322”, i.e. attaining Level 3 for Chinese Language and English Language and Level 2 for Mathematics and Liberal Studies. Institutions may adopt an alternative minimum entrance requirement for students nominated under the School Principal’s Nomination Scheme, i.e. 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. • The online application and confirmation were completed respectively in March and April this year. Institutions will announce admission results and conduct supplementary enrolment according to the enrolment situation in late July. • For the latest details of the Admission Scheme and the related Guidelines/Handbook (Chinese version only), please refer to the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme21). 
<p>2.3 Articulation to local sub-degree programmes, Vocational Training Council (VTC) programmes and appointment in the civil service</p>		
2.3.1	Associate Degrees, Higher Diplomas and VTC programmes, articulation arrangements & curriculum design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be about 26 100 places available for admission to sub-degree programmes (including over 8 000 subsidised and self-financing Higher Diploma places to be offered by the VTC which are covered below) for the 2021/22 academic year. Students may also pursue other continuous education programmes under the multiple entry and multiple exit pathways which best suit their aspirations and abilities. • The VTC will offer around 14 300 places in the 2021/22 academic year, including Bachelor’s Degree, Higher Diploma, Diploma of Foundation Studies, Diploma of Vocational Education, and hospitality and culinary-related Diploma/Certificate programmes. • For details and latest information on the above programmes, please refer to the “Concourse for Self-financing Post-secondary Education” website (www.cspe.edu.hk/en). 

2.3.2	Diploma Yi Jin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2021/22 academic year through a web-based application system at (www.yj.edu.hk) (Chinese version only) by 4 pm, 19 July 2021. The latest details of the programme and the application procedure are available at the application website (www.yj.edu.hk) and the EDB website (www.yijin.edu.hk/english/index.html).  
2.3.3	Qualification requirements for civil service appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced that results in the HKDSE Examination are accepted for civil service appointment purposes with effect from 20 July 2012. Details are available at the website of the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) (www.csb.gov.hk/english/info/2170.html). For the arrangement of accepting results in the HKDSE Examination as equivalent to the results in the Common Recruitment Examination, please refer to CSB’s website (www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/cre/949.html)  
2.4 Arrangements for repeaters		
2.4.1	Arrangements for repeaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 will be released in mid-July at the Life Planning Information Website of the EDB website (lifeplanning.edb.gov.hk/en/) and the “Designated Webpage for S6 Students” (www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en). 