

**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2017**  
**Examination Circular No. (9) 2016/2017**  
**2018 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results**

1. This circular is to inform schools of the examination schedule for the 2018 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and the tentative date of release of results, and to seek schools' support and co-operation to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations.
2. In drawing up the 2018 HKDSE examination schedule for Category A subjects (*Annex 1*), consideration has been given to the school holidays for the academic year 2017/18, the subject combination statistics for the 2016 and 2017 examinations as well as the general pattern of the 2017 examination. The main features of the 2018 examination timetable are as follows:
  - (a) As the 2018 Easter public holidays will fall between 30 March and 2 April, the core subject examinations (i.e. Chinese Language, Liberal Studies, English Language and Mathematics Compulsory Part) will be held from 9 to 16 April after the Easter school break.
  - (b) The Chinese Language speaking examinations will be held from the second week to the third week of March and the English Language speaking examinations in early May to mid-May.
  - (c) For the core subjects with the largest entries, some schools will have to suspend classes so as to provide their classrooms as examination venues. While the possible class suspension could be up to five days, the majority of schools are only required to suspend classes for one to two days.
  - (d) For elective subjects, those with an SBA component or options requiring equating will be examined earlier. Subjects not implementing SBA will be examined later. Simulations of the subject combinations have been conducted with a view to minimising the number of candidates who have to sit examinations for two or three consecutive days.
  - (e) Some smaller-entry elective subjects will be examined during the Easter school break and in early May. Although two examination dates will overlap with the English Language speaking examinations, candidates will not be arranged to sit two examinations on the same day.
  - (f) Three examination dates have been tentatively earmarked for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music examinations. Two or more of these subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.
3. The examination timetable for Category C (Other Languages) subjects for the November 2017 series is shown in *Annex 2*. Please note that the June series examinations will cease to be offered with effect from the 2018 HKDSE.

**Dates of Release of Results**

4. The date for the release of the 2018 Categories A and B examination results is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 11 July 2018**. The exact date for the release of results for the Category C November 2017 series examinations will be announced in mid-January 2018.

## Support from schools

5. To ensure the smooth conduct of the HKDSE in 2018, the cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools is indispensable. Schools are requested to note the highlights of the 2018 examination timetable *in paragraph 2 above* when planning their calendars and activities for 2017/2018.
6. Over the years, schools have been our important partners in examination administration through their provision of invigilation staff and school premises for the conduct of examinations, which is a requirement of schools' participation in the public examinations. Despite the declining candidature in recent years, we still encountered difficulty in securing sufficient venues for written and speaking examinations for both normal and SEN candidates. As a result, some of your candidates have to be allocated to examination centres other than their choice of district. For the benefit of your candidates, we earnestly request your continued support by **reserving your school halls/classrooms for the conduct of the following examinations with the largest entries:**

Written examinations	Chinese Language	Monday, 9 April 2018 (AM) Tuesday, 10 April 2018 (AM)
	Liberal Studies	Wednesday, 11 April 2018 (AM)
	English Language	Friday, 13 April 2018 (AM) Saturday, 14 April 2018 (AM)
	Mathematics Compulsory Part	Monday, 16 April 2018 (AM)
	Speaking examinations	Chinese Language
English Language		2 May – 11 May 2018 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

7. The accommodation requirements for the 2018 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2017.
8. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the contents of this circular.

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

2018 年香港中學文憑考試時間表  
Examination Timetable for 2018 HKDSE

日期及時間 Date & Time	應考科目 Subjects to be examined
三月二十九日(星期四) AM Mar. 29 Thu PM	Visual Arts 1,2 視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
四月三日 (星期二) AM Apr. 3 Tue PM	Chinese Literature 1,2 中國文學 (一) 及 (二)
四月四日 (星期三) AM Apr. 4 Wed PM	Literature in English 1 / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Music 1A & 1B ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Physical Education 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) Literature in English 2 英語文學 (一) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 音樂 1A 及 1B ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 體育 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> ) 英語文學 (二)
四月六日(星期五) AM Apr. 6 Fri PM	Biology 1,2 / Combined Science (Biology) 生物 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (生物)
四月七日(星期六) AM Apr. 7 Sat PM	Information & Communication Technology 1,2 資訊及通訊科技 (一) 及 (二)
四月九日 (星期一) AM Apr. 9 Mon PM	Chinese Language 1,2 中國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月十日 (星期二) AM Apr. 10 Tue PM	Chinese Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 中國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月十一日 (星期三) AM Apr. 11 Wed PM	Liberal Studies 1,2 通識教育 (一) 及 (二)
四月十三日 (星期五) AM Apr. 13 Fri PM	English Language 1,2 英國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月十四日 (星期六) AM Apr. 14 Sat PM	English Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 英國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月十六日 (星期一) AM Apr. 16 Mon PM	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1,2 數學 必修部分 (一) 及 (二)
四月十七日 (星期二) AM Apr. 17 Tue PM	Technology & Living 1,2 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二)
四月十八日 (星期三) AM Apr. 18 Wed PM	Physics 1,2 / Combined Science (Physics) 物理 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (物理)
四月十九日 (星期四) AM Apr. 19 Thu PM	Chinese History 1,2 中國歷史 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十日(星期五) AM Apr. 20 Fri PM	Design & Applied Technology 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Music 1A & 1B ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Physical Education 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 音樂 1A 及 1B ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 體育 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> )
四月二十一日(星期六) AM Apr. 21 Sat PM	History 1,2 歷史 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十三日(星期一) AM Apr. 23 Mon PM	Integrated Science 1,2 / Chemistry 1,2 / Combined Science (Chemistry) 綜合科學 (一) 及 (二) / 化學 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (化學)
四月二十四日(星期二) AM Apr. 24 Tue PM	Ethics & Religious Studies 1,2 倫理與宗教 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十五日(星期三) AM Apr. 25 Wed PM	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1,2 企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十六日(星期四) AM Apr. 26 Thu PM	Health Management & Social Care 1,2 健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十七日(星期五) AM Apr. 27 Fri PM	Geography 1,2 地理 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十八日(星期六) AM Apr. 28 Sat PM	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1,2 數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
四月三十日(星期一) AM Apr. 30 Mon PM	Economics 1,2 經濟 (一) 及 (二)
五月二日 (星期三) AM May 2 Wed PM	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1,2 旅遊與款待 (一) 及 (二)
五月三日 (星期四) AM May 3 Thu PM	Design & Applied Technology 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Music 1A & 1B ( <b>Note 2</b> ) / Physical Education 1,2 ( <b>Note 2</b> ) 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 音樂 1A 及 1B ( <b>註 2</b> ) / 體育 (一) 及 (二) ( <b>註 2</b> )
五月四日 (星期五) AM May 4 Fri PM	Reserve 後備
五月五日 (星期六) AM May 5 Sat PM	Reserve 後備

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Note:
- (1) 2018 年 3 月 30 日至 4 月 2 日(復活節假期)；2018 年 4 月 5 日(清明節假期)；2018 年 5 月 1 日(勞動節)  
30 March - 2 April 2018 (Easter Holidays); 5 April 2018 (Ching Ming Festival); 1 May 2018 (Labour Day)
- (2) 設計與應用科技、體育及音樂科的考試日期，將會在報考日期完結後決定，倘沒有重覆考生報考，兩個或以上科目將會被安排於同日進行考試。  
The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music will be finalised after the closing date of registration and two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.

**實習考試/口試日期 Examination Period for Practical/Speaking Examinations**

體育（實習考試）	:	2018年2月中旬至3月下旬
Physical Education – Practical	:	mid-February – late March 2018
音樂（實習考試）	:	2018年2月下旬至4月中旬
Music – Practical	:	late February – mid-April 2018
中國語文（口試）	:	2018年3月13至22日(星期一至星期五) (暫定)
Chinese Language – Speaking	:	13 – 22 March 2018 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)
英國語文（口試）	:	2018年5月2日至5月11日(星期一至星期五) (暫定)
English Language – Speaking	:	2 May – 11 May 2018 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)

**放榜日期(暫定) Date of Release of Results (tentative)**

約於2018年7月11日  
Around 11 July 2018

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2018  
Category C (Other Languages) Subjects (November 2017 Series)  
Examination Timetable**

All six Category C (Other Languages) subjects will be offered in the November 2017 examination. As announced by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the examination timetable for the November 2017 series is as follows:

<b>Date of Examination</b>	<b>Subject/Paper</b>	<b>Examination Time</b>
3 October 2017 (Tuesday)	Hindi 3 Urdu 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
13 October 2017 (Friday)	French 2 German 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
16 October 2017 (Monday)	Spanish 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
20 October 2017 (Friday)	French 3 Japanese 2	8:30 am to 10:00 am 8:30 am to 10:15 am
23 October 2017 (Monday)	Hindi 2 Urdu 2	1:00 pm to 2:45 pm
25 October 2017 (Wednesday)	German 3 Japanese 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
7 November 2017 (Tuesday)	Spanish 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am

The speaking examinations of these subjects will be held between 7 and 22 October 2017. The results for November 2017 series will be released in late January 2018.

**(Note:** The June series examinations will cease to be offered with effect from the 2018 HKDSE.)