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Dear Principal,

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination 2021
Administrative Arrangements for Music**

I would like to draw your attention to the revised administrative arrangements regarding the submission of performance recordings/portfolios/project reports for the 2021 HKDSE Music examination.

In view of the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Authority has decided to postpone the deadline for the update of evidence of qualifications to **30 January 2021**. This is a one-off supporting measure to help the Music candidates who are being affected by the cancellation of the international examinations scheduled for 2020.

Details of the submission schedule and a checklist of the items to be submitted for Papers 2 to 4C are attached for your information. The tentative practical examination period for Paper 4B is also enclosed. Further details of the Music practical examination and submission guidelines for Papers 2 to 4C will be announced on the HKEAA website in due course. Kindly draw the attention of your teacher(s) concerned to this matter.

If you have any enquiries about the 2021 HKDSE Music examination, please contact our Public Examinations Information Centre at 3628 8860.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,



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Administrative Arrangements for the 2021 HKDSE Music Examination

	Paper	Examination	Examination/Submission Period
Compulsory part	Paper 1 (Listening)	Written examination	Please refer to the 2021 HKDSE examination timetable
	Paper 2 (Performing I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensemble performance, Oral presentation & Sight-singing - Submit video recording (CD/USB) of the above three items - Music scores, sight-sing melody used - Record of ensemble performance, oral presentation and sight-singing form 	14-17 Dec 2020
	Paper 3 (Creating I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scores of the compositions (two or more compositions in 6-15 minutes with at least one scored for an ensemble) - Audio recording of the compositions in one CD/USB - Reflective report of about 500 words - Declaration of authenticity 	22-25 Feb 2021
Elective part (choosing one paper)	Paper 4A (Special Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written report of about 3,000-5,000 words - Declaration of authenticity - Additional materials (if any) 	14-17 Dec 2020
	Paper 4B (Performing II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Exam: Solo & Viva Voce Candidate should bring along with him/her the music scores that will be performed for the examiner. The Authority will only provide a piano for the examination.	Late Feb – mid-Apr 2021
		Or apply for exemption: Candidate should submit the softcopy of the certificate at the time of entry through the HKDSE exam registration system. The certificate submitted should be verified by his/her school and the stamp of the school seal should be shown on the copy.	Evidence of these qualifications should be submitted to the Authority at the time of registration. Candidates may update the evidence of their qualifications on or before 30 Jan 2021*.
	Paper 4C (Creating II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two music arrangements of specific tasks, the total duration of which should range from 8 to 18 minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) to arrange an instrumental piece for a different instrumentation, and (2) to add accompaniment and extension to an existing song or melody - Scores of the original piece that make the arrangements - Audio recording of the arrangements in one CD/USB - Reflective report of about 600 words - Declaration of authenticity 	22-25 Feb 2021
		Or apply for exemption: Candidate should submit the softcopy of the certificate at the time of entry through the HKDSE exam registration system. The certificate submitted should be verified by his/her school and the stamp of the school seal should be shown on the copy.	Evidence of these qualifications should be submitted to the Authority at the time of registration. Candidates may update the evidence of their qualifications on or before 30 Jan 2021*.

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