

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2022
Examination Circular No. (9) 2021/2022
2023 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results

1. This circular is to inform schools of the examination schedule for the 2023 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 2023 HKDSE examination schedule for Category A subjects (*Annex 1*), consideration has been given to the impact of COVID-19 on normal school operation in the past two years, the general holidays for the year 2022/23, the subject combination statistics for the 2021 and 2022 examinations as well as the general pattern of the 2022 HKDSE. The main features of the 2023 examination timetable are as follows:
 - (a) The written examinations will start on 21 April 2023. The core subject examinations (i.e. English Language, Mathematics Compulsory Part, Chinese Language and Liberal Studies) will be held during 21-22 April and 24-27 April 2023.
 - (b) The English Language speaking examinations will be held from late March to early April while the Chinese Language speaking examinations has been cancelled.
 - (c) In view of the large entries of the core subjects and the special venue requirements for listening component of the two language subjects, schools serving as Home cum District centres would have to arrange temporary suspension of classes/face-to-face teaching so as to free up their classrooms as examination venues for the core subject examinations. The possible class suspension is up to five days.
 - (d) The major elective subjects will be examined in the second week with science and humanity subjects being scheduled on alternate days (where possible) and the smaller entry subjects 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) Three examination dates have been tentatively earmarked for Design and Applied Technology (DAT), Technology and Living (TL), and Music examinations. Two or more of these subjects will be scheduled on the same session only if there is no overlap of candidates. In addition, 17 & 18 May 2023 will be earmarked as reserved dates for contingency purposes.
 - (f) Following the practice of compressed examination timetable for 2022, Health Management & Social Care/Music and Ethics & Religious Studies, and Physical Education/Music and Chinese Literature/TL/DAT are scheduled in the morning and afternoon of the same day on 12 and 16 May respectively.
3. The examination timetable for Category C (Other Languages) subjects for the 2023 HKDSE (i.e. November 2022 series) is given in *Annex 2*.

Date of Release of Results

4. The date for the release of the 2023 Categories A and B examination results is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 19 July 2023**. For Category C examinations, the exact date for the release of results will be announced in January 2023.

Support from schools

5. To ensure the smooth conduct of the 2023 HKDSE, the cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools is indispensable. Schools are requested to note the highlights of the 2023 examination timetable *in paragraph 2 above* when planning their calendars and activities for 2022/23.
6. 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. To facilitate the continuous implementation of the 'Home cum District Centre' arrangements for core subjects (i.e. English Language, Mathematics Compulsory Part, Chinese Language and Liberal Studies) and the enhanced home centre approach for SEN candidates in the HKDSE as well as to ensure adequate supply of examination centres for all candidates in different districts, schools are obligated to accommodate all of their own candidates as well as some external candidates in the core subject examinations. In view of the extended seating distance between candidates at examination centres as one of the precautionary measures against the COVID-19 pandemic, the seating capacity of school halls has been greatly reduced, thus the problem of insufficient venues still exists in the core subject written examinations for both normal and SEN candidates. Schools are also requested to accommodate other school candidates without a home centre as well as private candidates in your district. To minimise the number of schools that have to suspend classes/face-to-face teaching temporarily and to provide a desirable examination environment for our candidates, we earnestly request schools' continued support by **making available all possible examination venues (including school halls and/or classrooms) for the conduct of the core subject written examinations with the largest entries:**

Written examinations	English Language	Friday, 21 April 2023 (AM)
		Saturday, 22 April 2023 (AM)
	Mathematics Compulsory Part	Monday, 24 April 2023 (AM)
	Chinese Language	Tuesday, 25 April 2023 (AM)
		Wednesday, 26 April 2023 (AM)
Liberal Studies	Thursday, 27 April 2023 (AM)	

7. Over the years, the shortage of suitable school venues for the conduct of the English Language speaking examinations has become a major concern. Owing to the unavailability of examination centres in some districts, oral examiners and candidates have to be assigned to examination centres located not in their chosen districts. To facilitate our planning for the 2023 HKDSE, schools are urged to **make their classrooms available for the conduct of the speaking examinations for both normal and SEN sessions** on the dates shown below:

Speaking examinations	English Language	late March - early April 2023 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
	Sessions for SEN candidates (English Language)	Early/mid-April 2023 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

8. The accommodation requirements for the 2023 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2022.
9. Schools 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

2023 年香港中學文憑考試時間表
Examination Timetable for 2023 HKDSE

日期及時間 Date & Time	應考科目 Subjects to be examined	
四月二十一日 (星期五) Apr. 21 Fri	AM PM	English Language 1,2 英國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十二日 (星期六) Apr. 22 Sat	AM PM	English Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 英國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月二十四日 (星期一) Apr. 24 Mon	AM PM	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1,2 數學 必修部分 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十五日 (星期二) Apr. 25 Tue	AM PM	Chinese Language 1,2 中國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十六日 (星期三) Apr. 26 Wed	AM PM	Chinese Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 中國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月二十七日 (星期四) Apr. 27 Thu	AM PM	Liberal Studies 1,2 通識教育 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十八日 (星期五) Apr. 28 Fri	AM PM	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1,2 數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十九日 (星期六) Apr. 29 Sat	AM PM	Visual Arts 1,2 視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
五月二日 (星期二) May 2 Tue	AM PM	Economics 1,2 經濟 (一) 及 (二)
五月三日 (星期三) May 3 Wed	AM PM	Chemistry 1,2 / Combined Science (Chemistry) 化學 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (化學)
五月四日 (星期四) May 4 Thu	AM PM	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1,2 企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 及 (二)
五月五日 (星期五) May 5 Fri	AM PM	Biology 1,2 / Combined Science (Biology) 生物 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (生物)
五月六日 (星期六) May 6 Sat	AM PM	Geography 1,2 地理 (一) 及 (二)
五月八日 (星期一) May 8 Mon	AM PM	Integrated Science 1,2 / Physics 1,2 / Combined Science (Physics) 綜合科學 (一) 及 (二) / 物理 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (物理)
五月九日 (星期二) May 9 Tue	AM PM	Literature in English 1 / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2) / Technology & Living 1,2 (Note 2) 英語文學 (一) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二) (註 2)
五月十日 (星期三) May 10 Wed	AM PM	Literature in English 2 英語文學 (二)
五月十一日 (星期四) May 11 Thu	AM PM	Chinese History 1,2 中國歷史 (一) 及 (二)
五月十二日 (星期五) May 12 Fri	AM PM	Information & Communication Technology 1,2 資訊及通訊科技 (一) 及 (二)
五月十三日 (星期六) May 13 Sat	AM PM	Health Management & Social Care 1,2 / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2) 健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 及 (二) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2)
五月十四日 (星期日) May 14 Sun	AM PM	Ethics & Religious Studies 1,2 倫理與宗教 (一) 及 (二)
五月十五日 (星期一) May 15 Mon	AM PM	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1,2 旅遊與款待 (一) 及 (二)
五月十六日 (星期二) May 16 Tue	AM PM	History 1,2 歷史 (一) 及 (二)
五月十七日 (星期三) May 17 Wed	AM PM	Physical Education 1,2 / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2) 體育 (一) 及 (二) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2)
五月十八日 (星期四) May 18 Thu	AM PM	Chinese Literature 1,2 / Technology & Living 1,2 (Note 2) / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2) 中國文學 (一) 及 (二) / 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2)
五月十九日 (星期五) May 19 Fri	AM PM	Reserve 後備
五月二十日 (星期六) May 20 Sat	AM PM	Reserve 後備

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- Note:**
- 2023 年 5 月 1 日 (勞動節)
1 May 2023 (Labour Day)
 - 設計與應用科技、科技與生活及音樂科的考試日期，將會在報考日期完結後落實。
The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Technology & Living and Music will be finalised after the closing date of registration.

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

體育（實習考試）	:	2023年2月中旬至3月下旬
Physical Education – Practical	:	mid-February – late March 2023
音樂（實習考試）	:	2023年2月下旬至4月中旬
Music – Practical	:	late February – mid-April 2023
英國語文（口試）	:	2023年3月下旬至4月上旬（星期一至星期五）（暫定）
English Language – Speaking	:	late March to early April 2023 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)

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

約於 2023 年 7 月 19 日
Around 19 July 2023

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2023
Category C (Other Languages) Subjects
Examination Timetable

The examinations for the 2023 HKDSE Category C (Other Languages) subjects will be conducted in October 2022. As announced by Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International), the examination timetable is as follows:

Date of Examination	Subject/Paper	Examination Time
10 October 2022 (Monday)	Hindi 3 Urdu 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
12 October 2022 (Wednesday)	French 3 German 3 Japanese 3 Spanish 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
13 October 2022 (Thursday)	Hindi 2 Urdu 2	1:00 pm to 2:45 pm
14 October 2022 (Friday)	French 2 German 2 Japanese 2 Spanish 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am

The speaking examinations of the above subjects (except Hindi and Urdu Languages) will be held between 1 and 24 October 2022. (*Note: There is no speaking component for the Hindi and Urdu examinations with effect from the 2020 HKDSE.*)

The examination results will be released in late January 2023.