

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2016
Examination Circular No. (9) 2015/2016
2017 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results

1. This circular is to inform schools of the examination schedule for the 2017 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 2017 HKDSE examination schedule for Category A subjects (*Annex 1*), consideration has been given to the school holidays for the academic year 2016/17, the subject combination statistics for the 2015 and 2016 examinations as well as the general pattern of the 2016 examination. The main features of the 2017 examination timetable are as follows:
 - (a) As the 2017 Easter public holidays will fall between 14 April and 17 April, the core subject examinations (i.e. Liberal Studies, Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics Compulsory Part) will be held from 3 to 10 April (excluding the Ching Ming Festival on 4 April).
 - (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. The maximum period of possible class suspension will be five 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. Science and humanities subjects are scheduled alternately, 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 late April/early May. Although two examination dates will overlap with the English Language speaking examinations, candidates will not be allocated to sit two examinations on the same day.
 - (f) Two 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 2016 series is shown in *Annex 2*. The examination timetable for the June 2017 series is subject to confirmation by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) and will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. In case there is a clash in the examination dates with those of Category A subjects, special arrangements will be made for the candidates concerned to take the Category C examinations in the same day afternoon.

Dates of Release of Results

4. The date for the release of the 2017 Categories A and B examination results is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 12 July 2017**. The exact date for the release of results for Category C subjects for the November 2016 and June 2017 series will be announced in due course.

[Note: Starting from 2017, the Category C (Other Languages) June series examination (i.e. French and Spanish) results will only be released in late August, which could not meet the JUPAS schedule for tertiary admissions. Principals are requested to remind their students who intend to take the Category C French and Spanish examinations that they should sit the November 2016 series examination, the results of which are expected to be available by February 2017.]

Support from schools

5. To ensure the smooth conduct of the HKDSE in 2017, the cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools is indispensable. Schools are requested to take into account the highlights of the 2017 examination timetable *in paragraph 2 above* when planning their calendars and activities for 2016/2017.
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. In the past year, despite the declining candidature, 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	Liberal Studies	Monday, 3 April 2017 (AM)
	Chinese Language	Wednesday, 5 April 2017 (AM)
		Thursday, 6 April 2017 (AM)
	English Language	Friday, 7 April 2017 (AM)
		Saturday, 8 April 2017 (AM)
Mathematics Compulsory Part	Monday, 10 April 2017 (AM)	
Speaking examinations	Chinese Language	13 March – 22 March 2017 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
	English Language	2 May – 12 May 2017 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

7. The accommodation requirements for the 2017 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2016.
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

2017 年香港中學文憑考試時間表
Examination Timetable for 2017 HKDSE

日期及時間 Date & Time	應考科目 Subjects to be examined	
三月三十一日(星期五) Mar. 31 Fri	AM PM	Visual Arts 1,2 視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
四月一日(星期六) Apr. 1 Sat	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)
四月三日(星期一) Apr. 3 Mon	AM PM	Liberal Studies 1,2 通識教育 (一) 及 (二)
四月五日(星期三) Apr. 5 Wed	AM PM	Chinese Language 1,2 中國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月六日(星期四) Apr. 6 Thu	AM PM	Chinese Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 中國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月七日(星期五) Apr. 7 Fri	AM PM	English Language 1,2 英國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月八日(星期六) Apr. 8 Sat	AM PM	English Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) 英國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月十日(星期一) Apr. 10 Mon	AM PM	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1,2 數學 必修部分 (一) 及 (二)
四月十一日(星期二) Apr. 11 Tue	AM PM	Technology & Living 1,2 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二)
四月十二日(星期三) Apr. 12 Wed	AM PM	Chemistry 1,2 / Combined Science (Chemistry) 化學 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (化學)
四月十三日(星期四) Apr. 13 Thu	AM PM	Literature in English 1 / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2) / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2) / Physical Education 1,2 (Note 2) Literature in English 2 英語文學 (一) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2) / 體育 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) 英語文學 (二)
四月十八日(星期二) Apr. 18 Tue	AM PM	Chinese History 1,2 中國歷史 (一) 及 (二)
四月十九日(星期三) Apr. 19 Wed	AM PM	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1,2 數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十日(星期四) Apr. 20 Thu	AM PM	History 1,2 歷史 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十一日(星期五) Apr. 21 Fri	AM PM	Information & Communication Technology 1,2 資訊及通訊科技 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十二日(星期六) Apr. 22 Sat	AM PM	Geography 1,2 地理 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十四日(星期一) Apr. 24 Mon	AM PM	Biology 1,2 / Combined Science (Biology) 生物 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (生物)
四月二十五日(星期二) Apr. 25 Tue	AM PM	Ethics & Religious Studies 1,2 倫理與宗教 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十六日(星期三) Apr. 26 Wed	AM PM	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1,2 企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十七日(星期四) Apr. 27 Thu	AM PM	Health Management & Social Care 1,2 健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十八日(星期五) Apr. 28 Fri	AM PM	Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2) / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2) / Physical Education 1,2 (Note 2) 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2) / 體育 (一) 及 (二) (註 2)
四月二十九日(星期六) Apr. 29 Sat	AM PM	Economics 1,2 經濟 (一) 及 (二)
五月二日(星期二) May 2 Tue	AM PM	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1,2 旅遊與款待 (一) 及 (二)
五月四日(星期四) May 4 Wed	AM PM	Chinese Literature 1,2 中國文學 (一) 及 (二)
五月五日(星期五) May 5 Sat	AM PM	Reserve 後備
五月六日(星期六) May 6 Sat	AM PM	Reserve 後備

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Note:

- (1) 2017 年 4 月 4 日(清明節假期); 2017 年 4 月 14 至 17 日(復活節假期); 2017 年 5 月 1 日(勞動節); 2017 年 5 月 3 日(佛誕)
4 April 2017 (Ching Ming Festival); 14 - 17 April 2017 (Easter Holidays); 1 May 2016 (Labour Day); 3 May 2016 (Buddha's Birthday)
- (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）	:	2017年2月中旬至3月下旬
Physical Education – Practical	:	mid February – late March 2017
音樂（實習考試）	:	2017年2月下旬至4月中旬
Music – Practical	:	late February – mid April 2017
中國語文（口試）	:	2017年3月13至22日(星期一至星期五) (暫定)
Chinese Language – Speaking	:	13 – 22 March 2017 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)
英國語文（口試）	:	2017年5月2日至5月12日(星期一至星期五) (暫定)
English Language – Speaking	:	2 May – 12 May 2017 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)

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

約於2017年7月12日
Around 12 July 2017

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2017
Category C (Other Languages) Subjects (November 2016 Series)
Examination Timetable**

All six Category C (Other Languages) subjects will be offered in the November 2016 examination. As announced by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the examination timetable for the November 2016 series is as follows:

Date of Examination	Subject/Paper	Examination Time
3 October 2016 (Monday)	Hindi 3 Urdu 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
19 October 2016 (Wednesday)	German 2 Japanese 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
20 October 2016 (Thursday)	French 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am
24 October 2016 (Monday)	Hindi 2 Urdu 2	1:00 pm to 2:45 pm
26 October 2016 (Wednesday)	French 3 Japanese 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
8 November 2016 (Tuesday)	German 3 Spanish 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
11 November 2016 (Friday)	Spanish 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am

The speaking examinations of these subjects will be held between 2 and 22 October 2016. The results for November 2016 series will be released in late January/early February 2017.

Registration for June 2017 series will be accepted in September/October 2016. Only French and Spanish will be offered in the June series. The examination dates for these two subjects will be announced by CIE around early November 2016. In case there is a clash in the examination dates with those of Category A subjects, special arrangements will be made for the candidates concerned to take the Category C examinations in the same day afternoon.

The results for June 2017 series will only be released in late August 2017, which could NOT meet the JUPAS schedule for tertiary admissions. Principals are requested to remind their students who intend to take the Category C French and Spanish examinations that they should sit the November 2016 series examination.