



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Circular No. 48 (17-18)

13th September, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Applied Learning Chinese Courses for Non-Chinese Speaking Students

To cater for the difficulties of Non-Chinese Speaking students (NCS) in learning Chinese Language, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority has launched **TWO** Applied Learning Chinese (ApL(C)) courses in voluntary basis.

Applied Learning (ApL) is designed as an integral part of the senior secondary curriculum. Subjects in this category consist of practical elements linked to broad professional and vocational fields. ApL courses are developed and delivered by the respective course providers and are approved by the Education Bureau.

The duration of each ApL course is 180 contact hours, extending over two and a half school years, normally in Secondary 4 semester 2, Secondary 5 and Secondary 6.

There are 2 areas of studies for NCS students:

- Chinese for the Service Industry
- Practical Chinese in Hospitality

The assessment of ApL is undertaken by course providers. After moderation by the HKEAA, the final results are recorded on the HKDSE certificate. The results are reported as "Attained", "Attained with Distinction (I)" and "Attained with Distinction (II)". Performance below "Attained" is designated as "Unattained". This will not be reported on the certificate. Performance of "Attained with Distinction (I)" is comparable to level 3 while "Attained with Distinction (II)" is comparable to level 4 or above of the Chinese Language of the HKDSE. Students are required to fulfill the 75% attendance requirement for each course.

Please be noted that if your child chooses to join the ApL programme, he is **NOT ALLOWED** to join the HKDSE (Chinese Language) anymore. However, in order to enhance the chances of NCS students in getting in universities, our school encourages your child to participate in the IGCSE, GCSE or other public examinations in Secondary 5 in addition.

Details of the ApL programme will be confirmed soon.

Further enquiry can be directed to Ms Liu Ting Chi. Thank you for your attention. Please return the following reply slip to Ms Liu on or before 22nd September, 2017 (Friday).

Yu Lap Fun Peter
Principal

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Reply slip

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Dear Principal,

I *allow/ do not allow my child _____ of Class _____ (No. _____) to take part in the Applied Learning Chinese Courses.

Signature of Parent/Guardian : _____

Name of Parent/Guardian : _____

Parent's/Guardian's Mobile Number : _____

Date : _____

* Please delete as appropriate.