



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL
Circular No. 163 (24-25)

2nd January, 2025

Dear S6 Parents/Guardians and Students,

Re: Handbook for Candidates for the 2025 HKDSE
Categories A, B and C Subjects

To help students familiarise themselves with the examination regulations, procedures and arrangements for the 2025 HKDSE, the Handbook for Candidates for the 2025 HKDSE Categories A, B and C subjects has been uploaded to the HKEAA website.

To support a green environment, printed version would no longer be distributed but students are strongly advised to download the electronic version of the Handbook from the HKEAA website (https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/admin/student_s_handbook/). Kindly read the Handbook carefully as it contains important regulations, procedures and instructions relating to the 2025 HKDSE, and remind your child/charge to abide by the regulations laid down in the documents when taking the examination.

Please pay attention to the followings:

- (a) The finalized 2025 HKDSE Examination Timetable;
- (b) Updated regulations for the 2025 HKDSE under Section A – General Information, Section D – What to do in Special Circumstances and Section E – Examination Results (particularly on the new arrangements of Category C subjects and the Appeal Review Procedures);
- (c) Implementation of the Public Examinations Support System 2 (PESS2) and Examination Surveillance System (ESS). The PESS2 will be implemented at all normal hall centres in the 2025 HKDSE. Candidates sitting the written examination in the normal hall centres (except the Special Room(s) for the Listening component of English Language) should bring their mobile phone with ‘Check-in Smart (HKDSE)’ App installed before going to the examination centre. Candidates should use their mobile phone to complete the self check-in process before the end of the ‘Checking of personal belongings’ announcement. Once candidates have performed self check-in, they should turn off their mobile phone according to the instructions of the Centre Supervisor. The latest version of ‘Check-in Smart (HKDSE)’ App will be available for download on App Store and Google Play from 8th January, 2025. Although candidates will do self check-in via the Check-in Smart (HKDSE) app, they are still required to bring along the original of their admission form and identity card (or another valid identification document with a photograph) for inspection at each examination session;
- (d) School candidates who are absent from the examinations due to medical reasons or special circumstances may be considered for an assessed subject result. The assessed subject result will be awarded up to Level 5 as a standard practice from the 2025 HKDSE as approved by the Public Examinations Board. For Citizenship and Social Development, the assessed result is limited to ‘Attained’.

Thank you for your attention.

Administrative Affairs Team
for Principal