

**Tack Ching Girls' Secondary School**  
**2023-2024**  
**Non-Chinese Speaking Students NSS Chinese Curriculum**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To equip Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students for further studies and enhance their confidence in learning Chinese, our Chinese Department, in collaboration with the Learning Support Team, will provide NCS Students with various Chinese learning and teaching activities. The arrangement of our learning and teaching activities throughout the NSC Students NSS Chinese Curriculum are as follows:

	<b>Formal curriculum teaching that takes place during normal lesson time</b>	<b>Learning experiences being arranged outside normal lesson time</b>
S.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will learn the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) Chinese Language syllabus.*<sub>1</sub></li> <li>● The HKDSE Chinese Language examination involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Paper 1: Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ “Reading” is worth 40% of the subject mark. This paper has two parts (Part A and Part B). Part A covers 12 classic Chinese literature set texts and is worth 30% of the total mark of this paper. Part B covers classic Chinese literature and modern written Chinese texts and is worth 70% of the total mark of this paper.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Paper 2: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ "Writing" is worth 45% of the subject mark. This paper has two parts (Part A and Part B). Part A consists of transactional writing and is worth 30% of the total mark of this paper. Part B consists of writing on a given topic and is worth 70% of the total mark of this paper.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ School-Based Assessment (SBA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ “SBA” is worth 15% of the subject mark. The assessment includes a reading</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will take the school enhancement course on The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) public examination syllabus *<sub>2</sub></li> <li>● Students may take the Applied Learning Chinese (ApL(C)) courses. Students are required to enroll in the courses in S.4 and the lessons are <b><u>usually scheduled on Saturdays.</u></b> *<sub>3</sub></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The deadline of application for ApL(C) courses for this year is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</u></b></p>

	<b>Formal curriculum teaching that takes place during normal lesson time</b>	<b>Learning experiences being arranged outside normal lesson time</b>
	<p>presentation in which students need to submit a written report and make an oral presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some NCS Students will be taught in small groups.</li> </ul>	
S.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will learn HKDSE Chinese Language syllabus.</li> <li>● Some NCS Students will be taught in small groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If students retake GCSE, they may enroll in the school enhancement course again.*4</li> <li>● If students take ApL(C), they will continue taking the subject.</li> </ul>
S.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will learn HKDSE Chinese Language syllabus.</li> <li>● If students obtained a pass in ApL(C) with attendance over 80% in S.4 and S.5 or obtained Grade 9 in GCSE, they may apply to the school to withdraw from DSE Chinese Language.</li> <li>● If the application is approved, the Chinese Language lessons of the concerned students will be replaced by “Everyday Chinese” lessons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If students take ApL(C), they will continue taking the subject.</li> </ul>

Remarks:

\*1: For details of the HKDSE Chinese Language syllabus , please refer to the following HKEAA website.

[https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject\\_Information/chi\\_lang/2026hkdse-c-clang.pdf](https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/chi_lang/2026hkdse-c-clang.pdf)

\*2 For Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students, all UGC-funded institutions accept alternative qualifications in Chinese Language including those under General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and General Certificate of Education (GCE) for students who have met the specified circumstances. For details, please refer to the following EDB website and JUPAS website.

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/ncs-students/about-ncs-students/jupas-admission.html>

<https://www.jupas.edu.hk/tc/page/detail/547/>

\*3 Please refer to the following EDB website for the curriculum and application method of ApL (C) courses:

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/cross-kla-studies/applied-learning/index.html>

For ApL(C) courses (for non-Chinese speaking students), they are also pegged at Qualifications Framework (QF) Levels 1-3 Students will obtain QF certificate(s) issued by course providers in addition to the HKDSE qualification upon successful completion of these ApL courses. For further details, please refer to the following EDB website on “Applied Learning - Quality Assurance and Articulation”:

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/cross-kla-studies/applied-learning/quality-assurance-and-articulation/index.html>

\*4: Eligible NCS students will be subsidized for up to two entries for public examinations. For details, please refer to Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 19/2012 on Education Support for Non-Chinese Speaking Students Extending the Waiver of “Subsidised Examination Fee”

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/student-parents/ncs-students/new/EDBCM23099E.pdf#:~:text=3%20May%202023%2C%20the%20%E2%80%9Csubsidised%20examination%20fee%E2%80%9D%20of,the%202023%2F24%20school%20year%20will%20be%20waived%20accordingly.>

To let your child accommodate themselves to Chinese Language education and plan their future studies and career, you are advised to go through the content of this letter and visit relevant websites with your child. Furthermore, please sign the reply slip enclosed with this letter and return the reply slip to us by 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Ms Leung Chung Yee Ada.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Hui Yin Shan  
Principal

-----Reply Slip -----

No. : 101

\_\_\_\_\_ October, 2023

Dear Principal,

I have been informed of the arrangement of the Chinese Language curriculum for Non-Chinese Speaking students. I will instruct my child to study hard.

My daughter will apply / will not apply (please circle your choice) for the Applied Learning Chinese (ApL(C)) courses.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class & Class No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent /Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

(Collection of parents' contacts is for safety reason in case of emergency. The information will be discarded after the activity.)

**Please return the reply slip to Ms Leung Chung Yee Ada.**