DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL (BROADWAY)

Notice to Parents/ Guardians

20th May 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Matters concerning the NSS Academic Structure commencing from September 2009

The Education Bureau (EDB) has announced the implementation of the **New Senior Secondary** (NSS) academic structure commencing from September 2009. The NSS curriculum will be more coherent and offer greater diversity and more choices to suit the different needs, interests and abilities of students. Under the NSS curriculum, students will take **4 core subjects**, including **English Language**, **Chinese language**, **Mathematics** and **Liberal Studies**. Furthermore, students can choose 2 elective subjects from the remaining 20 NSS subjects or **Applied Learning** courses according to their interests. The purpose is to minimize the impact of streaming (i.e. science, arts, technical, commercial) and to get students prepared for further studies in universities and tertiary institutions, or for future work.

In order to prepare our students for the NSS Curriculum, the school has joined the QEF for implementing the **Liberal Studies** and **CSL** (Chinese as second language) in Junior forms from September 2006. The curriculum of these subjects is the fundamental of the relevant core subjects in NSS. Instead of allowing our students to join the NSS only from September 2009, our school will arrange a school-based academic structure (**2+2+2 system**, 2 years for each stage) from September 2008 so that our current S2 students could experience one year before the implementation of the new curriculum. The arrangement is as follow:

Year	NSS	2+2+2 system	Form	Bsse	Core Subjects			Sci (X)	Non Sci(X)			
				Aesth	Lang	Math	Hum	Sci	Marketing & others			
11/12	SS	**SS**	S6	PE	Eng+Chin	Math	L.S.	***CSc/ISc***	***VA***	***HC***	***Fr***	***B/Ec***
10/11	SS	**SS**	S5	PE	Eng+Chin	Math	L.S.	***CSc/ISc***	***VA***	***HC***	***Fr***	***B/Ec***
09/10	SS	**IS**	S4	PE	Eng+Chin	Math	L.S.	CSc/ ISc	***VA***	***HC***	***Fr***	B/Ec
08/09	JS	**IS**	S3	PE/MU	Eng+Chin	Math	L S.	CSc+CL	VA	LE	Fr	***B/Ec***
07/08	JS	**JS**	S2	PE/MU	Eng+Chin+Fren	Math	L.S.	IS+ CL	VA	LE		
06/07	JS	**JS**	S1	PE/MU	Eng+Chin+Fren	Math	L.S.	IS+ CL	VA	LE		

SS=Senior Secondary
IS=Intermediate Secondary
JS=Junior Secondary
Elective subjects

CSc = Combined Science **Isc** = Integrated Science
VA = Visual Art **Fr** = French / other languages/
HC = Health Management & Social Care
B/Ec = Business, Account and Finance Studies / Economics
Others include Applied Learning, Ethics and Religious studies & Gym

Structurally, the NSS will begin from S4 in the school year 2009/10 and strategically, the **IS** in the **2+2+2 system** will start with S3 in 2008/09. The **JS** and **SS** gradation remain unchanged. Only **IS** gradation needs special arrangements for students of S3 to prepare the NSS curriculum for the DSE Exam in 2012. Our school-based **2+2+2 System** helps bridging students from Junior Secondary into Senior Secondary smoothly and easily. It lets the students have sufficient time to start exploring earlier while making choice for subject for DSE Exam later and more effectively. (early exploration, later destination)

Besides, we believe the **2+2+2 system** might also have the following advantages:

- The **IS** hierarchy acts as a modulator between the **JS** and **SS**.
- It is appropriate to split two stages into three, easier to assess student's achievements.
- It is easy for teachers to plan curriculum in two-year basis.
- **IS** enlarges the extent of curriculum in S3 and minimizes in S4.
- Teachers have more time to get immersed in the new curriculum of NSS.
- It follows the guidelines from EDB that the school should provide a broad school curriculum & more subjects in SS1 (our proposed **IS**2)

In the future, we would like to deliver as much as possible the information about our school-based academic suture in order to face the NSS to be implemented in September 2009.

Yours faithfully,

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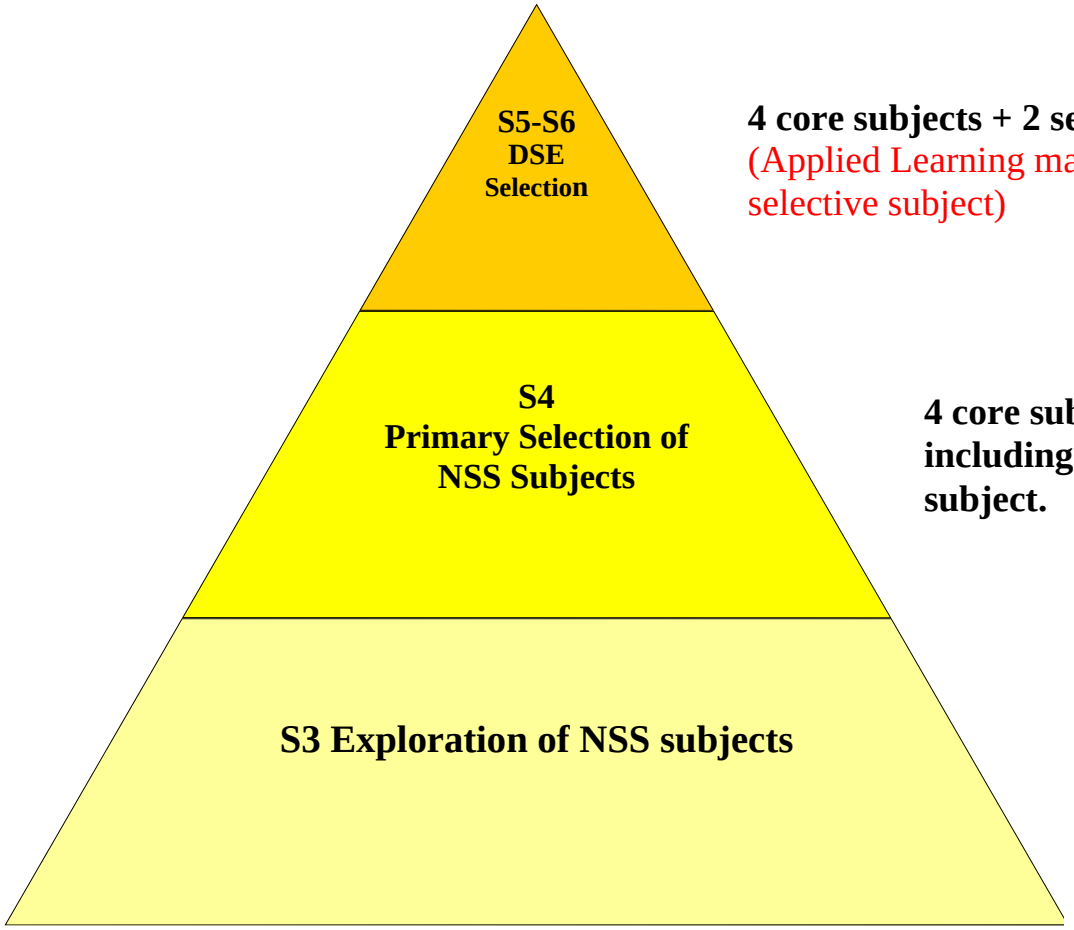
Gradation of Subject Selection



4 core subjects + 2 selective subjects
(Applied Learning may be considered as a selective subject)

4 core subjects + 4 selective subjects, including 1 science and 1 commercial subject.

Based on S1 and S2 curriculum, with adjustment to Integrated Science and one BAF/Econ subject is added.

Core and elective Subjects of NSS Curriculum

Core Subject	S4 Compulsory(x2) & elective (x2)	S5-S6 elective Subjects (x2)
English Language Chinese Language Mathematics Liberal Studies	Integrated Science or Combined Science	Combined Science (Sci) Physics Chemistry Biology Integrated Science (Arts & General)
	BAF/Econ	BAFS (Commercial) Economics
	French Visual Arts Health Management and Social Care English Literature History Geography Ethics and Religious Knowledge Information and Computer Technology Tourism and Hospitality Studies	French Visual Arts Health Management and Social Care English Literature History Geography Ethics and Religious Knowledge Information and Computer Technology Tourism and Hospitality Studies Applied Learning
Physical Education (non-DSE)		