HKDSE Information Session for F.3 Parents and Students

- Welcome Speech *by the Principal*
- Senior Secondary Curriculum and F.4 Streaming *by Assistant Vice Principal*
- Subject Selection and Further Studies *by Careers Master and Career Teacher*
- Mathematics Extended Part *by Head of Mathematics Department*
- Economics *by Head of Economics and BAFS*
- BAFS *by Coordinator of BAFS*
- Meeting Department Heads, Coordinator, F.3 Form Teachers, Careers Master and Career Teacher

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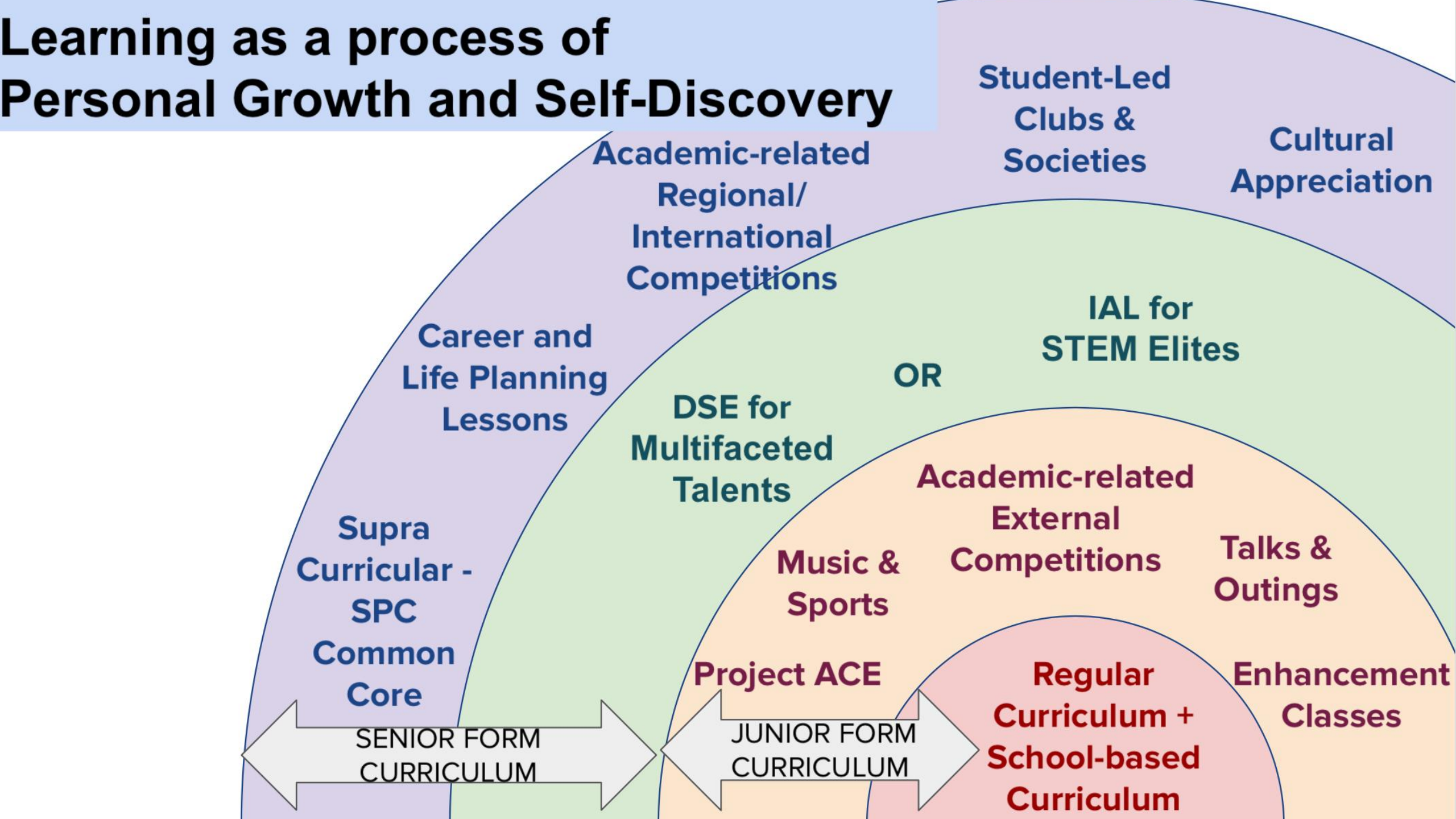
15th November 2024

NEXT STATION

Learning as a process of Personal Growth and Self-Discovery



Presentation files & booklets can be downloaded from:

College website (www.spc.edu.hk)

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Senior Secondary Curriculum and F.4 Streaming

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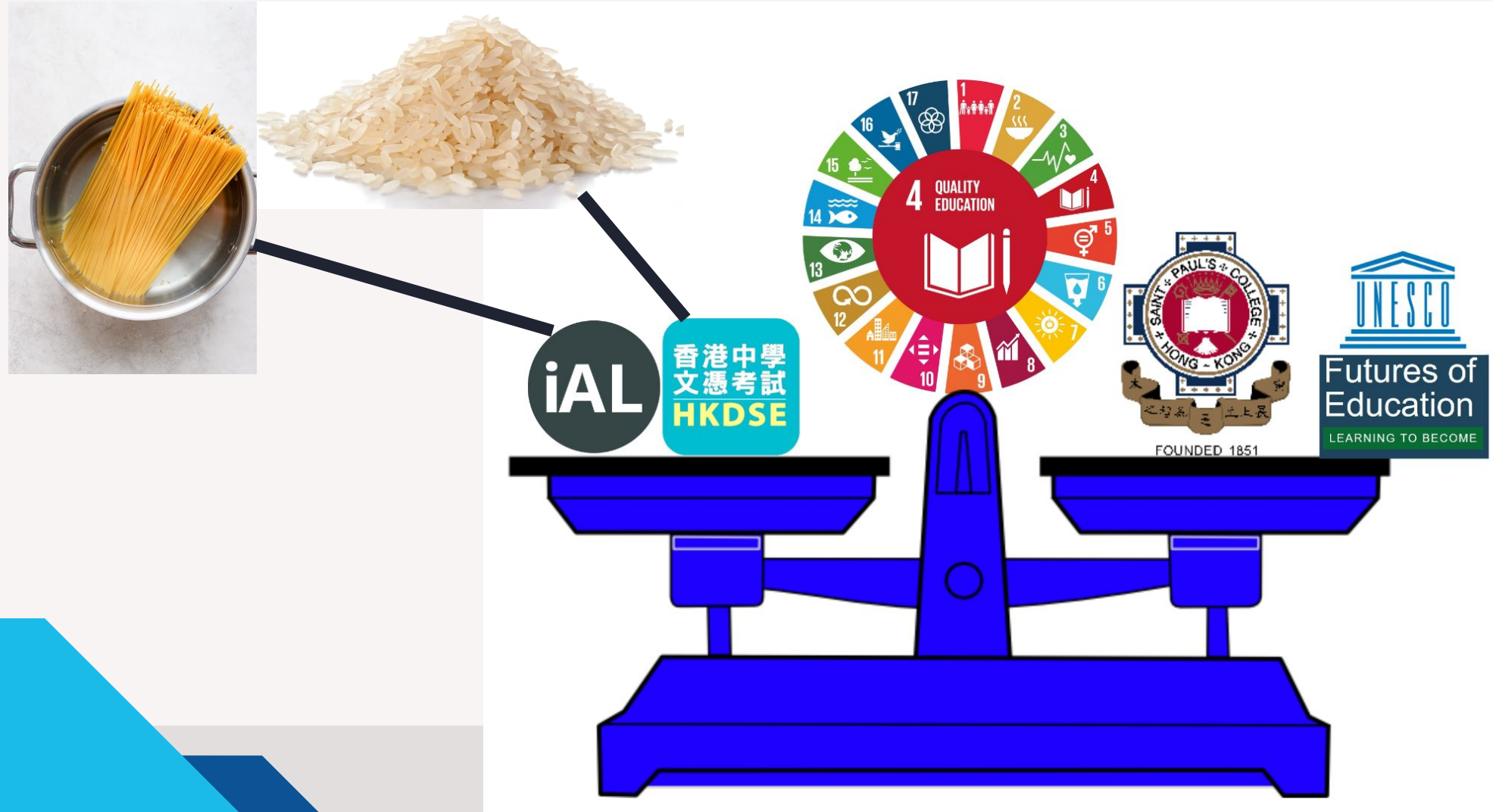
Senior Secondary Curriculum Structure

Senior Secondary in SPC: Dual Curricular



Senior Secondary Curriculum Structure

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Core	**English, Chinese, Citizenship and Social Development, Mathematics (Core / Core + M1 [2 groups] / Core + M2 [2 groups]) + School-Based Common Core – Extended Study**					**IAL Curriculum**
Elective Subjects (X1/X2/X3)	中國歷史 1 class (30)	中國文學 1 class (30)	ERS 1 class (30)	Geography 1 class (30)		
	History 1 class (30)	Music 1 class (30)	Visual Arts 1 class (30)	BAFS 1 class (30)		
	Biology 2 classes (60)	Physics 2 classes (60)	ICT 2 classes (40)			
	Chemistry 3 classes (90)	Economics 3 classes (90)				
OLE	**Music, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Religious Studies**					

Academic Structures in the Past Two Years

Academic Structure (2023-2024 F.4)

X1 Chemistry / Economics / Biology / Physics / BAFS

X2 Chemistry / Economics / Biology /中國歷史 / History / ICT

X3 Chemistry / Economics / Physics / Geography / ERS / VA

Academic Structure (2024-2025 F.4)

X1 Chemistry / Economics / Physics / BAFS / History

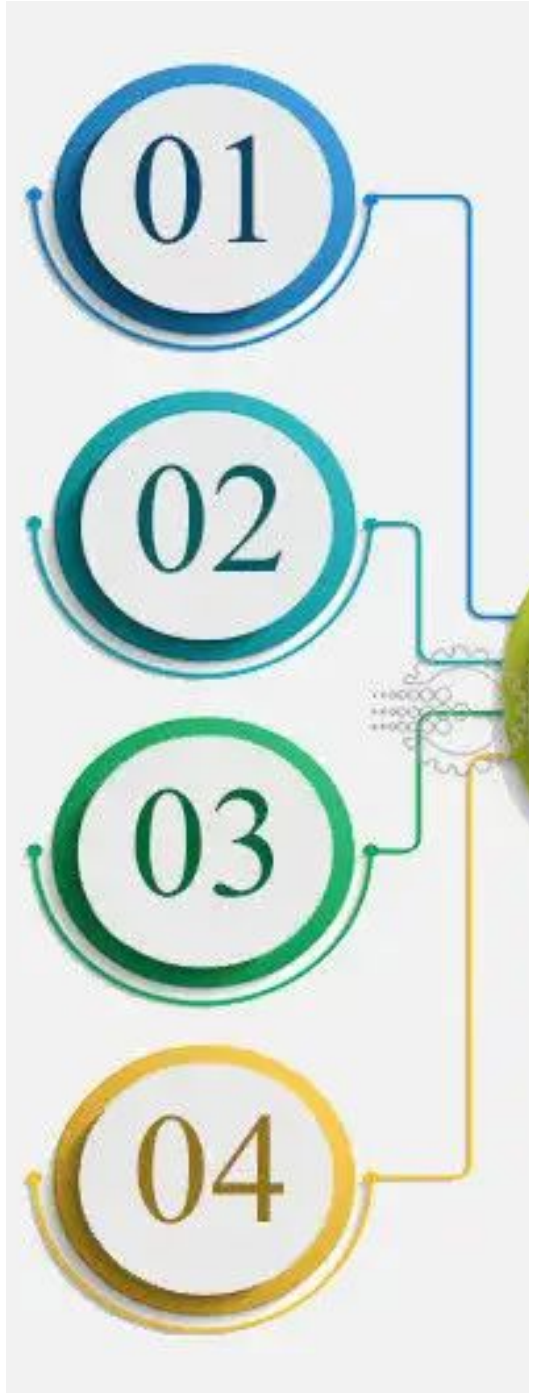
X2 Chemistry / Economics / Biology / ICT/ ERS / VA

X3 Chemistry / Economics / Physics / Biology / Geography / 中國歷史

The Super-curricular Programme in Senior Secondary at SPC: Common Core – Extended Study

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR INQUIRY

Exam System	Way to foster personal development to support the academic goals
IB DP	Extended Essay
GCE AL	Super-curricular Program in Year 12/13
SPC DSE/ IAL	Our unique school-based curriculum **Common Core - Extended Study** ensures that every student develops personal experiences above and beyond the conventional syllabus.



Tier 1

These activities are truly exceptional and rare. Whether you excel in sports, win national awards, or lead impactful volunteer projects, Tier 1 activities showcase your dedication and leadership. For instance, being a highly recruited basketball player or receiving a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award falls under this tier. Even creating a self-started fundraiser that raises substantial funds for a cause can be considered Tier 1.

Tier 2

Still impressive but slightly more common, Tier 2 activities include leadership roles in respected clubs, success in regional competitions, and recognition in self-driven projects. Holding a leadership position in the Model UN, winning a regional competition, or being a finalist in prestigious national competitions like the National Youth Poet Laureate competition are examples of Tier 2 activities.

Tier 3

Tier 3 activities demonstrate your commitment and participation, even though they may not have the same level of distinction. This tier includes minor leadership roles in clubs, participation in selective regional programs, and small-scale self-driven projects. Even mentoring a younger student or assisting an elderly neighbor can be categorized as Tier 3 activities.

Tier 4

These are the most common activities that admissions officers see. While they may not have the same impact as higher tiers, general club membership, participation in sports, and regular volunteer work help colleges see your well-rounded character. Being a member of the track team, learning an instrument outside of school, or consistent volunteering at local organizations all fall into Tier 4.

Other Learning Experiences

Community Service	Leadership	Career-related Experiences
Values Education	Physical Development	Aesthetic Development

Form 4	• Paul's Challenge • Service Learning
Form 5	• Leadership role
Form 6	• Student Learning Profile (SLP) • Other Experiences and Achievements (OEA)

APPLIED LEARNING
(REFER TO PAGE 15 OF THE HANDBOOK.)

ApL — Six Areas of Studies

Creative Studies
- Design Studies
- Media Arts
- Performing Arts

Business, Management and Law
- Accounting and Finance
- Business Studies
- Legal Studies

Applied Science
- Medical Science and Health Care
- Psychology
- Sports

Media and Communication
- Films, TV and Broadcasting Studies
- Media Production and Public Relations

Services
- Food Services and Management
- Hospitality Services
- Personal and Community Services

Engineering and Production
- Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Information Engineering
- Services Engineering

Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)(ApL(C)) is provided.

APPLIED LEARNING

WARM REMINDER

- ✗ take it as an interest class with no commitment
- ✗ replace it as an elective subject in DSE
- ✗ enrol a course without consulting the CLP Master, teachers and parents

- ✓ study the **information** in the official web pages/ join the virtual exhibition
- ✓ evaluate the **time management** for balancing academic studies and the social skills for group work with students from other schools
- ✓ join the taster programmes to gain some authentic **experience** before making decision

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Subject Allocation Procedure

How does it work?

- Students have to indicate their preferences of Curriculum between DSE and IAL as well as rank the Elective Subjects and Mathematics Extended Modules according to their preferences

- A computer software programme is used to generate an academic structure that can highly accommodate students' preferences

- Allocation of Elective Subjects according to students' final order of merit in F.3

- Allocation of Mathematics (Core only / Core + M1 / Core + M2) according to students' Mathematics examination results

Satisfaction Rates in the Past Three Years

Academic Year	Satisfaction Rate for First Three Choices
2021-2022 F.4 *(HKDSE only)*	92.46%
2022-2023 F.4 *(HKDSE only)*	91.91%
2023-2024 F.4 *(HKDSE only)*	89.68%

03

Consideration of Dropping/ Changing an Elective Subject

Can I drop/CHANGE an elective or M1/M2?
(refer to page 29 of the Handbook)

- Form 4: There is no provision for students to drop an elective and enrol in another elective. However, students can join the waiting list for the more preferred elective in early September. *(Please refer to Page 29 of the Handbook.)*
- Form 5: Subject to the Principal's approval, students can drop an elective subject if they cannot cope with the workload. **Application should be made before the F.4 summer vacation starts.**

Application to CHANGING an Elective Subject / a Mathematics Extended Module

Application submitted before	**To be Effective from** *(depending on the Final Exam results of the subject to-be*)*
Start of Term 1 in F.4 (by Late-July)	1st Week of Term 1 in F.4 (case by case, subject to the availability)
1st Month of Term 1 in F.4 (by the end of September)	Beginning of F.5 (Mid-year Exam as a trial*)
5 school days after the F.4 parents' day	Beginning of F.5 (Final Exam only*)

Application to Withdraw an Elective Subject / a Mathematics Extended Module

Application submitted before	Effective from
End of term in F.4	beginning of F.5
5 school days after the F.5 parents' day	March in F.5
End of term in F.5	beginning of F.6

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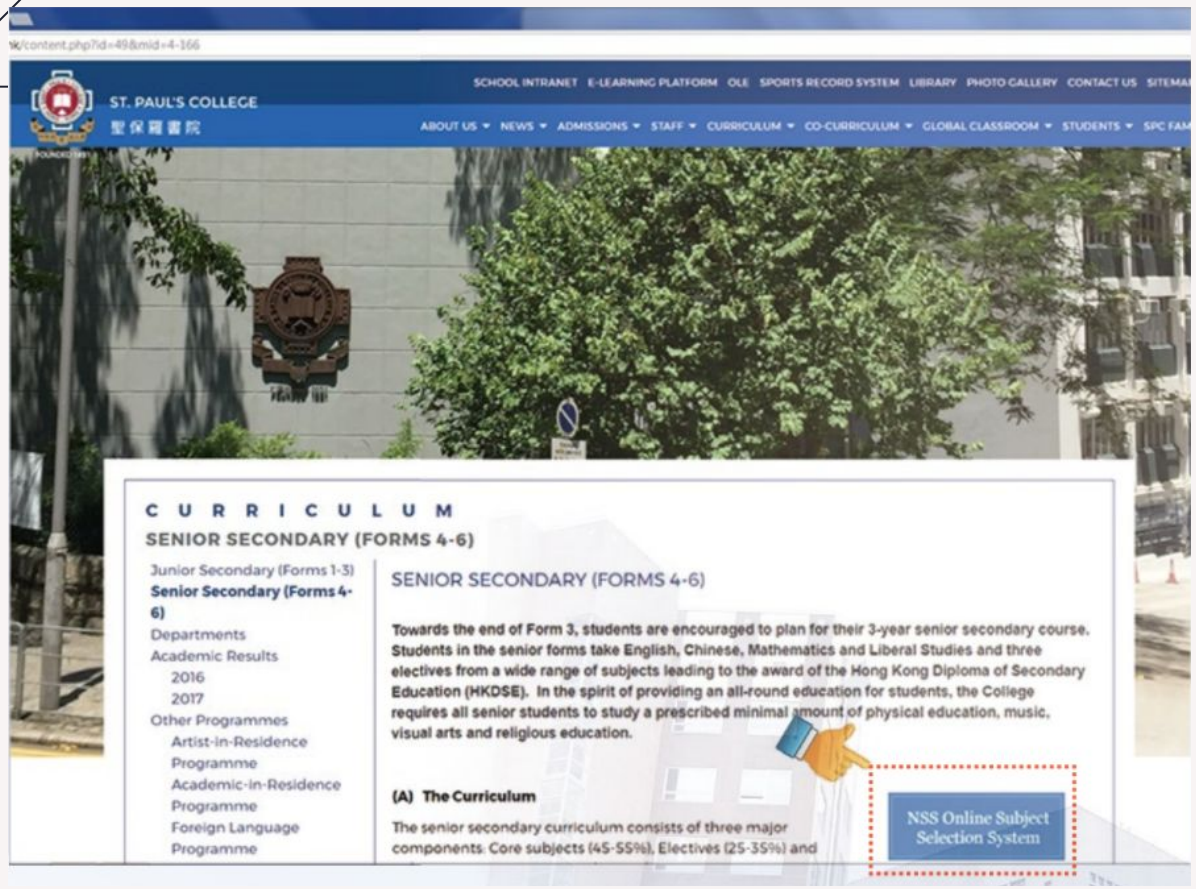

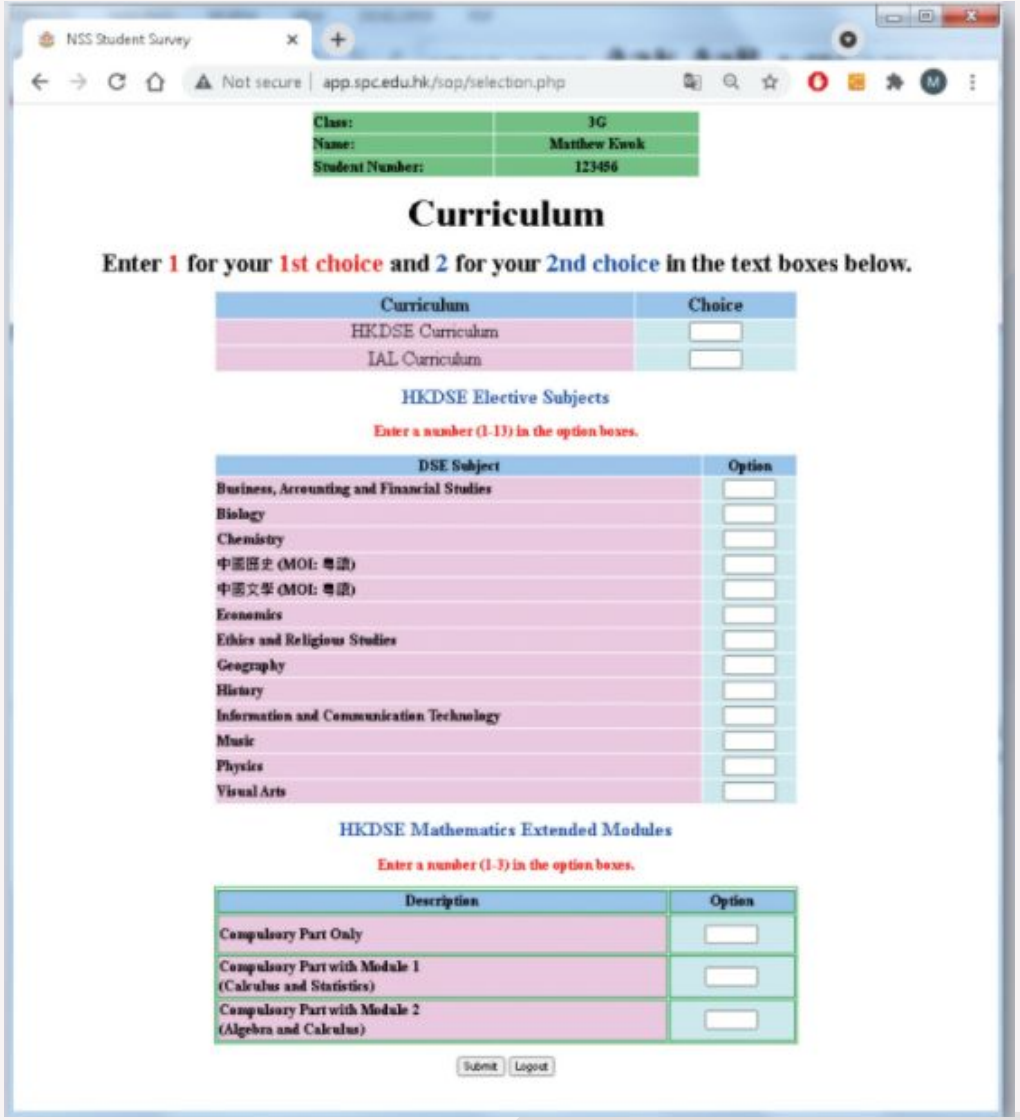

- **Refer to Page 25 to Page 29 of the Handbook**
- **Remember to observe the deadlines**

Important dates to remember

(refer to page 24 of the Handbook)

Date	Particulars
30th May 2025	The online subject selection system will be open.
30th June 2025 **3:00 p.m.** **(according to our system time)**	Deadline for students to submit their choices. No changes will be allowed once the confirm button is pressed.
3rd July 2025	A printout of students' choices will be given to parents for reference.
10th July 2025	Students will be notified of the result of their allocation when they receive their report cards.

Concluding Remarks

Miss K.Y. Ng,

the Assistant Vice Principal

Decision: Senior Secondary Education

› MY Future

Study Interests

Academic Abilities

Careers Aspirations

Senior Secondary Education

Wish you a 3R selection!

- Rational
- Responsible
- Rewarding

Thanks!