



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL
Circular No. 143 (23-24)

20th December, 2023

Dear S6 Parents/Guardians and Students,

Re: Handbook for Candidates for the 2024 HKDSE
Category A and Category B Subjects

To help students familiarise themselves with the examination regulations, procedures and arrangements for the 2024 HKDSE, the Handbook for Candidates for the 2024 HKDSE Category A and Category B 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 2024 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 2024 HKDSE Examination Timetable;
- (b) Major administrative arrangements including the precautionary/contingency measures to be implemented in examination centres;
- (c) Updated regulations for the 2024 HKDSE under Section A – General Information and Section D – What to do in Special Circumstances;
- (d) Implementation of the Public Examinations Support System 2 (PESS2) in all normal examination centres (including the Special Room(s) for the Listening component of English Language, if applicable). Candidates sitting the written examination (including the Listening component of English Language) in the normal centres 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. More details about the PESS2 will be announced by the HKEAA in February, 2024;
- (e) School candidates who are absent from the examinations due to medical reasons or special circumstances may be considered for an assessed subject result. Despite the fact that society at large is gradually returning to normality, the COVID-19 pandemic has to some extent impacted the progress of learning for the cohort of students sitting the 2024 HKDSE. As such, following the practice in the 2020 to 2023 HKDSE, the assessed subject result will be awarded up to Level 5 in the 2024 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