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ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTRE

Details of NSS (HKDSE) Music Class 2023-2024

Application for 2023-2024 S.4 Music Class held by ATEC is now open. All S.3 students who have the passion for Music, fundamental musicianship and the intention to take NSS (HKDSE) Music as one of their elective subjects could apply.

Aims of NSS (HKDSE) Music Class at ATEC

- 1. To offer NSS (HKDSE) Music Curriculum to S.4, S.5 and S.6 students.
- 2. To prepare students for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Music Examination.
- 3. To equip students who intend to further their Music studies at tertiary level with fundamental Music training.

Target students

S.3 students who will be promoted to S.4 in 2023-2024.

Course duration

The NSS (HKDSE) Music Curriculum will be taught across **THREE** academic years:

S.4: 2023-2024 S.5: 2024-2025 S.6: 2025-2026

Lesson Day and Time

Class 4A: Tuesday afternoon (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Class 4B: Friday evening (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Class 4C: Friday evening (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Admission Schedule

1. Music Aptitude Test

All students applying for ATEC 2023-2024 S.4 Music Class are required to sit for a Music Aptitude Test. The Test will be conducted in the morning on <u>6 May 2023 (Saturday)</u> at the Multi-purpose Area, 6th Floor, ATEC. The listening-based Test will last for <u>45 minutes</u>. General musical knowledge will be tested. Applicants who fail to attend the Test will <u>NOT</u> be considered for admission to the S.4 Music Class offered by ATEC. All applicants are required to wear proper school uniform when attending the Test with the Admission Slip and Hong Kong Identity Card. Selection will be based on the results of the Music Aptitude Test.

2. Release of Admission results

Admission results will be released by the end of May 2023. Applicants will be notified of the results through their own schools.

3. Commencement of S.4 Music Class

Early-September 2023

Choice of NSS elective subjects

Individual schools may have different requirements for the choice of NSS elective subjects. Students are advised to consult their own schools prior to making decision of taking Music as one of their NSS elective subjects.

Structure of NSS (HKDSE) Music Curriculum

The NSS (HKDSE) Music Curriculum comprises both Compulsory Part and Elective Part. Students are required to take all three papers in the Compulsory Part and choose one paper in the Elective Part.

Compulsory Part Elective Part (Choose one paper only)

Paper 1 : Listening Paper 4A : Special Project
Paper 2 : Performing I Paper 4B : Performing II
Paper 3 : Creating I Paper 4C : Creating II

Collaboration among participating schools & ATEC concerning external assessment

According to the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), there will be **external assessment** on HKDSE Music Paper 2 (Performing I). The Paper consists of the followings:

- (a) Ensemble performances;
- (b) Oral presentation;
- (c) Sight singing.

Video recording of the ensemble performances together with the required oral presentation and sight singing sessions has to be made and submitted by students' own schools to HKEAA for **external assessment**. Liaison teachers of participating schools are responsible for administering such recording and submission of required materials to HKEAA. Liaison teachers of participating schools play a vital role in students' pursuit of the HKDSE Music Curriculum. Each participating school must assign a liaison teacher for coordinating matters related to ATEC's Music Class.

There will be no School-based Assessment (SBA) for HKDSE Music.

Submission of Application

Schools should return all Application Forms (Form A), copies of original certificates and the Application Summary Form (Form B) to ATEC via fax (Fax No.: 2336 3842) or mail on or before 31 March 2023 (Friday). Late application may not be accepted.