



# New Academic Structure



The New Academic Structure (NAS) has been implemented at Secondary 4 since September 2009, under which all students have the opportunity to receive three years of junior secondary and three years of senior secondary education.

## Benefits of Implementing the New Academic Structure

The NAS is introduced to better equip students to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes students' whole-person development and develops their life-long learning abilities.

The New Senior Secondary (NSS) curriculum is more coherent and offers greater diversity and choice to suit the different needs, interests and abilities of students, which also

facilitates experience of interdisciplinary studies to promote their learning to learn capabilities. The new curriculum enables all students to achieve enhanced (Chinese and English) language and mathematical abilities, a broadened knowledge base and increased competence in critical thinking, independent learning and interpersonal communication. Students will also be provided with more opportunities to be involved in Other Learning Experiences, including Moral and Civic Education, Community Service, Career-related Experiences, Aesthetic Development and Physical Development, which better prepare them for further studies and career.

The NAS has greatly enhanced the articulation of our system with worldwide education systems, opening up smoother multiple pathways for students.





## Opportunity to Study Other Languages

For language subjects, Chinese Language and English Language are core subjects in the NSS curriculum. NCS students should also study Chinese Language to ensure that they can integrate themselves into the life of Hong Kong. They can take the NSS Chinese Language or some other overseas Chinese curriculum with examinations administered by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority.

As Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city, students are also provided with opportunities to study languages other than Chinese and English. Schools can provide access for students to study other languages by offering other language subjects (including French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Spanish and Urdu) using the Diversity Learning Grant provided by EDB.

