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**New Academic Structure** 

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Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination

Starting Support from Schools
Leveraging All-round Back-up

Bachelor's Degree Programmes Further Studies in Mainland Chinal Abroad

Sub-degree Programmes

> NSS Curriculum & HKDSE 2012

Employment

Yi Jin Diploma

Vocational Programmes

Non-local Courses in HK/ Distance-Learning Programmes

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## **Foreword**

20 July 2012 (720) is a big day, as the results of the first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination will be released. Over 70,000 Secondary 6 candidates in the territory will celebrate the fruits of their 3-year studies. The Education Bureau has prepared this pamphlet in particular to inform the first cohort of the New Senior Secondary graduates and their parents of the "3 valuable tools for 720: the navigator, road map and compass" so that they can use them to better plan their future. With the help of the "navigator", students can search and access the programme information anytime and anywhere. Walking along the "road map", they can plan their pathways for further studies and careers. Most importantly, the "compass" provides relevant support services offered by different sources for those in need. Students may, taking into account their own interests, conditions and abilities, discuss with their parents and teachers when they plan their future in order to fully stretch their potentials and realise their aspirations.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

# Multiple Pathways under the New Academic Structure 720 Further Studies and Career Map

## Be wellprepared

- Do you have any conditional offers?
- Or contingency plans?
- Have you updated e-Navigator for latest information?

## 26 July onwards

Non-JUPAS Institutions: Subsequent Round of Offer and Registration Starts

## Before 3 August

Announcement of Offer Results from Mainland Higher Education Institutions on Website

## Before 20 August

Announcement of Final Offer Results of Admission from Mainland Higher Education Institutions

## 20 July onwards

Confirmation of Offers from Non-JUPAS Institutions

## **Before** 25 July noon

Deadline for Payment of **Enrolment Deposit for Students** who are Offered with Conditional Offers from Tertiary Institutions







13 July

Schools distribute "Compass@720"

## 20 July

Release of HKDSE Examination Results (Starting Support from Schools Leveraging All-round Back-up)

## 21 - 23 July

Modification of Programme Choices in JUPAS

## 24-25 July

Yi Jin Diploma Programme Information Day

## 26 July 4 PM

Application Deadline for Yi Jin Diploma Programme (Open for application on 1 June)



Announcement of Main Round Offer Results from JUPAS

# 23 - 27 July

The Career Guidance Service Centres established by EDB in operation

#### A Helpful Tool for Programme Searching: "e-Navigator: Multiple Pathways under the New Academic Structure"

(Jointly developed by the Education Bureau and Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters)

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The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

e-Navigato

APP of e-Navigator can be downloaded by smartphones

#### Functions of e-Navigator:

- Search over 3,000 local programmes from JUPAS. iPASS and Qualifications Register (QR)
- Enter expected or actual examination results to search for suitable programmes
- 3. Access information of individual programmes from official webpage via links directly
- 4. Access programme information anytime, anywhere via APP
- 5. Save searched programme information for future reference
- 8. Share programme information to classmates and teachers by emails
- Update programme information regularly
- 8. Provide updated information on and after the HKDSE Examination Result Release Day, and help students get the latest information (e.g. Important dates, Statistics from HKEAA, etc.)

For enquiries, please call 2892 6437 or email to lwl@edb.gov.hk For enquiries of citizen ID or password, please call 2624 1000.

Remember to update e-Navigator before the release of HKDSE Exam results!



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link to institutions for checking to opportunities and pareer pallways of simum entrance requirement of HKDSE on results to the programme

# Other Useful and Important Information

- Vacancies of some Institutions
- Statistics from HKEAA What's new (with the latest) instant information
- from Education Bureau if any) Some important dates for S6 students in 2012



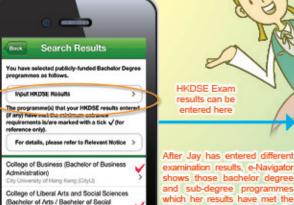
Tips for using e-Navigator(1):



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'Try entering exam results that are and search for other pathways for further studies as the contingency plans.

Then, choose "Bachelor Degree" programmes



Sciences)

City University of Hong Kong (CityU)

College of Science and Engineering

HKDSE Exam results can be entered here After Jay has entered different examination results, e-Navigator shows those bachelor degree and sub-degree programmes

minimum entrance requirements.

(Programmes marked with "V")

and makes good use of

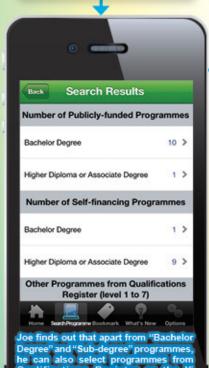
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Jay shares her contingency plans to her classmates via the "Share by Email" function of e-Navigator.



On the HKDSE Examination Result Release Day: Joe uses e-Navigator and its latest information to plan for some contingency plans

As Joe likes Transport and Logistics, he chooses the field "Transport and Logistics".



Qualifications Register or the Yi Jin Diploma programme via "Other

Programmes from Qualifications Register (level 1 to 7) ". Joe's Profile

Joe's Profile

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Joe enters his actual exam results to search for suitable programmes.





With reference to the latest information from e-Navigator, Joe chooses some programmes as his contingency plans.

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Then, Joe immediately brings along the necessary documents and approaches his desired institution directly for opportunities of further study.

Joe searches for several sub-degree programmes and makes reference to the programme information and statistics. (Related statistics of programmes can be viewed at the bottom page of Programme Specification)

## Success Stories to illustrate Life-long Learning Authentic Cases to celebrate Multiple Pathways

No matter what results students get in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, they can surely choose a suitable pathway for themselves. In the DVD, "Success Stories to illustrate Life-long Learning Authentic Cases to celebrate Multiple Pathways", success stories collected from nine young people who are at work are showcased to students for reference. Students can take their learning stories as an example and then compose their own success story to realise their personal dream.



Mr. TSANG.

A careers coordinator in a secondary school



Leading to Success: working and studying together



Wilson's story

Developing aspirations towards success: a university degree is NOT the only exit pathway

#### Linda's story

Learning experience in associate degree course provides solid foundation for promising further



With a clear target in mind, Yi Jin programme helps Wui-cheung proceed to desirable career pathways

Wul-cheung's story

Voice from \$6 graduates of 2012 cohort 720 Strategy - Looking ahead and making contingency plans



My qualifications gained from the Mainland are well-accepted



Taking a step forward may be better than staying on the spot

## Chl-yan's

Devoted to personal interest, leads to desirable career



Higher diplomas equip students with professional skills, and are well-respected by employers

#### Aysha's story

NAS multiple pathways realising social Inclusion



"Success Stories to illustrate Life-long Learning Authentic Cases to celebrate Multiple Pathways" video is available at the following link:

# Designated Web Page on Release of the HKDSE Examination Results

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http://www.edb.gov.hk/7/20/en



## Be Prepared & Make Confingency Plans for 720

The Day is coming very soon. What should we prepare at this stage?



Joe and Jay, \$6 Graduates

The Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Result Release Day (The Day) means a new chapter for our life. As the proverb says, "Well begun is half done", we have to get prepared before this crucial day. Then we can march towards success through the Multiple Pathways.

Good preparation helps relieve your anxiety. Before the Day comes, you may be attentive to the followings:

- · Take care of your emotion. Be optimistic.
- Understand the admission arrangements of different institutions thoroughly for action planning.
- Review your programme choice timely along with the latest information released by the institutions.
- Dig out information on your interested pathways or those related to your goals. Set different study pathways as contingency plans with flexibility.
- Share your contingency plans with your family/teachers/classmates and exchange views with them. They may become your core support when necessary.

Principal and teachers of your school will certainly offer you support on or after the Day. Most importantly, remember to seek help when you have difficulties.

I've received a handbook, "Careers Guidance Handbook for Secondary School Graduates 2012" which is jointly published by the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters (HKACMGM). The information is useful for you. You can download it from the Internet before the Day for reference. The webpage of HKACMGM (http://www.hkacmgm.org) also provides comprehensive information on studies and careers for students.



Teacher's advice

Great! With these supports for us, provided that I have made reasonable plans and stay positive, I believe I can face the challenges ahead. You're right. Actually, through the Internet and APP, we can now browse course information from different institutions and important information during the Day. That is convenient. I've already downloaded and updated e-Navigator in my mobile yesterday. I have also prepared several contingency plans. Would you mind to give me some advice?





# Contingency Plans of Jay on the Day

My expected exam results: Meet the minimum entrance requirement of University courses

My goal: BBA - Human Resource Management Institution providing the course: Institution A Study period: 4 years

Contingency Plan A: Results better than expected Pathway: Unchanged or Integrated BBA - Global Business Studies Institution providing the course: Institution B Study period: 4 years

Contingency Plan B: Results worse than expected

Pathway: Higher Diploma in Business Studies or Associate Degree in Wealth Institution providing the course: Institution C or D Management

Study period: 2 years Contingency Plan C: Results of key subjects worse than expected .....

Contingency Plan D: Results of language subjects worse than expected .....



Good preparation (e.g. to collect course information) may help on the Day. Moreover, associate degree and higher diploma courses may eventually migrate to undergraduate programmes as well. You know, "All roads lead to Rome."



There are so many courses and pathways under the NAS. We can surely choose a suitable course. (A S6 graduate of 2012 cohort)

Many pathways are available for associate degree graduates. Most of my classmates in my group could continue to move onto the undergraduate programmes.

(A post-secondary institution graduate)

## 720 Success Kit



Here is my checklist for the Day. Any comment, Jay ?

Pretty good! Such a list is rather personal. The principle is to cater for one's needs. But why did you put an \* beside "Compass@720"?





## Checklist for HKDSE Exam Result Release Day

- My JUPAS Choice list (if applicable) Confirmation mail from institutions on
- conditional offer (if necessary) Mobile phone (with e-Navigator downloaded)
- "Compass@720"★
- Personal particulars
- (e.g. HKID and photos)
- School report cards (if necessary) Student Learning Profile SLP
- (if necessary)



Have you heard of "The 3 Valuable Tools of 720"? They are "Navigator", "Roadmap" and "Compass" (i.e. e-Navigator - the course searching tool, the list of important dates and events related to HKDSE Exam Result Release Day and "Compass@720"). This "Compass@720" is one of the 3 Valuable Tools. It has listed out lots of important information on multiple pathways under the NAS and useful telephone numbers. It's cool. Don't miss it.

Thanks. On the Day, besides the "Designated Web Page" set up by EDB, we have to check the statistics released by HKEAA and updated information on institutions' websites, in addition to the information on e-Navigator. Don't forget to update the e-Navigator APP before the Day.

Last but not least, don't miss the weather forecast and traffic news before you go to school to get the exam results.



#### Voice from a Principal

In fact, the society not only cares about the pathways of students but also has provided vast amount of opportunities. Once students put effort in finding and understanding such information, it won't be difficult to find a suitable pathway.



To face the Day with good psychological state can help you make suitable choices for your future. Here are things you can do:

- Stay calm: Before you act, you must have a clear mind. You can take a deep breath or listen to music. This helps a lot.
- Realise the situation: Will your exam results meet your expectation? Do you need to modify the JUPAS choice?
- 3. Evaluate and Analyse: Will you be surely got admitted by post-secondary institutions? What are the criteria to change your contingency plans?
- 4. Seek support: Who / What organizations can advise you for decision making?
- Think out of the box: Will you consider other pathways e.g. Yi Jin Diploma programme or vocational training course?

Teacher's advice



#### Voice from a S6 student under the NAS

On that Day, I will bring my result slip and seek advice from the Careers teacher first. Then I will discuss with my family about my future. Once you stay calm and not be too affected by the exam results, you can make the best decision for yourself.



#### Voice from parents

Parents should express supporting wordings to children, "We are always here to support you."



#### Voice from an employer

Employers see the performance of employees more important than their past academic results. It's never too late for further studies and there will always be a chance for promotion in future.

# List of Useful Contacts

## The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (Issues regarding the HKDSE Examination)

Public Examinations Information Centre - Tel: 3628 8860

Reception, 12/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Service: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

#### Special extensions of service:

Date	Public Examinations Information Centre	Reception at Southorn Centre,Wan Chai
20 July 2012	7:30 am – 6:30 pm	7:30 am – 6:30 pm
21 July 2012	9:00 am – 6:30 pm	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
22 July 2012	9:00 am – 6:30 pm	Closed
23 – 27 July 2012	8:30 am – 6:30 pm	8:30 am -5:00 pm

Website: www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/

## Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) (Please refer to p.18 for more details)

Tel : 2859 2274 24-Hour Enquiry Hotline : 2334 2330

Email : enquiries@jupas.edu.hk Website : www.jupas.edu.hk

## Accredited Full-time Sub-degree and Degree Programmes not included in the JUPAS

Website: www.ipass.gov.hk

#### Vocational Training Council (VTC) (Vocational Education Training Programmes)

Website: www.vtc.edu.hk/studyat/html/en/index.html

#### Yi Jin Diploma

Website: www.yjd.edu.hk

#### Further Studies in Mainland China / Abroad

 Pilot Scheme whereby some Mainland Higher Education Institutions will Exempt Hong Kong Students from Examination for Admission

Website: www.edb.gov.hk/expo2011

Study Abroad

Website: www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/ir

#### Non-local programmes

Website: www.edb.gov.hk/720/en/nonlocal

#### Employment

Website: www.edb.gov.hk/720/en/career

#### Education Bureau

(I) Enquiry hotline especially for the result release of the HKDSE Examination: 2892 6661 (20 lines) – provide enquiry services on multiple pathways

Service: 18 - 27 July 2012, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

(II) Website on Multiple Pathways: www.edb.gov.hk/720/en

(III) General Enquiries: 2891 0088

(IV) Information Platform of Multiple Pathways for Secondary 6 Graduates – provide information of institutions and other organisations

Location: Podium WP03-04, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education

Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Opening period: 9 - 31 July 2012 [Monday to Saturday, open on Sunday, 22 July 2012

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Opening hours : 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

(V) Regional Education Offices - Special enquiry service provided for the result release

Service date and time: 18-27 July 2012 [8:30 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm; including

21 & 22 July (Saturday & Sunday)]

Regional Education Office	Address	Telephone
Hong Kong Regional Education Office	53/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chal, Hong Kong	2863 4646
Kowloon Regional Education Office	Podlum, East Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon	3698 4108
New Territories East Regional Education Office	22/F, Landmark North, 39 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shul, New Territories	2639 4876
New Territories West Regional Education Office	19/F, Chinachem Tsuen Wan Piaza, 457 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	2437 7272

#### (VI) Support and advice on career planning

To offer support and advice on career planning for the two cohorts of secondary school leavers who desire to join the workforce, the Education Bureau, with the support from the Employees Retraining Board, is setting up three service centres from 23 to 27 July 2012. The services include: (a) one-on-one career guidance to help students set their career goals; (b) preparatory workshops for employment to enhance their employability; (c) career talks delivered by employers; (d) preliminary recruitment conducted by employers who have immediate vacancies; and (e) a designated job corner at each service centre posting job vacancies suitable for fresh secondary school leavers. The service centres are as follows:

District	Address
Kwun Tong	20/F, Kwun Tong View, 410 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon (estimated a 10-minute walk from Exit A2 of Kwun Tong MTR Station)
Cheung Sha Wan	1/F, Sunlight Building, 273 Shun Ning Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon (estimated a 10-minute walk from Exit C1 of Cheung Sha Wan MTR Station)
Tin Shul Wal	Unit 301, 3/F, Tin Ching Amenity and Community Building, Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, N.T. (estimated a 5-minute walk from Tin Yuet Light Rail Stop)

Enrolment: Please visit www.edb.gov.hk/720/en/career

One-on-one career guidance will be offered by appointment. Reservation in advance will be required. For career talks and preparatory workshops, seats are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

### (VII) Service hotlines provided by voluntary organisations on 720

Name of Organisation	Service Hotline* (including 19 – 22 July)	End of Service*	Other Services
Suicide Prevention Services	2382 0000 (24 hours)	On-going	
Aabury Methodist Social Service	2418 5928 (19 – 21 July: 24 hours; 22 July: 2:00 – 5:00 pm)	24 August	
Tal Hang Residents' Welfare Association – Youth Centre (Empathy Hotline for DSE)	2881 1511 (Students) 2895 1346 (Parents) (19 – 20 July: 24 hours; 21 – 22 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm)	19 August	Website: www.empathyhotilne.org.hk
Hok Yau Club (DSE Hotline 2012)	2503 3395 (19 July: 24 hours; 20 – 22 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm)	20 August	Website: www.student.hk Email: sgc@hyc.org.hk
Caritas Hong Kong Youth and Community Service	2337 1600 (19 July: 6:00 – 10:00 pm; 20 – 21 July: 8:00 am – 10:00 pm; 22 July: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm)	22 July	Facebook: www.facebook.com/aidsecarftat
ELCHK Sheung Tak Integrated Youth Service Centre	2178 3118 (19 – 21 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm; 22 July: 2:00 – 6:00 pm)	On-going	
HKYWCA (Counselling Hofline)	2711 6622 Monday – Friday: 7:00 – 10:00 pm	On-going	
HKYWCA School Social Work Office	2715 9558 Monday – Thuraday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Safurday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	On-going	APP: http://funes.apple.com/hk/app/hkywca/ ldS308577627mt=8
Hong Kong Children & Youth Services ("Understanding Me" DSE Hotline Service)	2334 1879 (19 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm; 20 July: 5:00 am – 10:00 pm; 21 July: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm)	21 July	Websits: www.cys.org.hk/hot/HKD\$E Email: D\$Ehotline@hotmail.com
Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Shan King Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre	2452 6122 (21 July: Closed) (19 July: 9:30 am – 9:30 pm; 20 & 22 July: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm)	27 July	Facebook: www.facebook.com/SKICY\$C Email: skcyc@hkmcadventlet.org
Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Artiste Training Alumni Association Jockey Club Tseung Kwan O Youth Square	2177 4567 (19 & 21 July: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm; 20 July: 9:30 am – 9:30 pm; 22 July: 2:00 – 6:00 pm)	31 August	Website: yetko.blogspot.com
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hul Weifare Council	8203 9070 (Students) 8203 9071 (Parents) (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)	23 July & 17–18 August	Websfie: www.studywhaf.hk Facebook: www.facebook.com/skhoc

Name of Organisation	Service Hotline* (including 19 – 22 July)	End of Service*	Other Services
TWGHs Jockey Club Tin Shul Wal Integrated Services Centre	3165 8824 (20 – 22 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm)	22 July	
Methodist Centre Aldrich Bay Integrated Children & Youth Services	2527 3451 (20 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm)	20 July	
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (DSE@27771112)	2777 1112 (8:00 am - 2:00 am of the next day)	On-going	Website: dee 27771112.hk MSN counselling : dee@27771112.hk
The Neighbourhood Advice— Action Council Jockey Club Tai Po North Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre	2662 1666 (19 – 20 July: 1:30 – 9:30 pm; 21 July: 9:30 am – 9:30 pm)	On-going	
The Salvation Army Tal Po Integrated Service for Young People	2667 2913 (19 July: 2:00 – 10:00 pm; 20 – 21 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm; 22 July: 2:00 – 6:00 pm)	23 July	
The Salvation Army Tal Wo Hau Children and Youth Centre	2428 4581 (10:00 am – 10:00 pm)	On-going	Email: twhcyc@sed.salvation.org.hk
The Salvation Army Yaumatel Integrated Service for Young People	2770 8933 (19 July: 2:00 – 10:00 pm; 20 – 21 July: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm; 22 July: 2:00 – 6:00 pm)	22 July	
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Homantin Integrated Centre for Youth Development	ce Homantin Integrated (19 July: 2:15 – 9:45 pm;		Website: www.yang.org.hk Facebook: Hic Yang Email: hic@yang.org.hk

<sup>\*</sup> Information as of 15 June 2012. Please contact individual organisations direct for details of the services provided.

### (VIII) Others

Name of Organisation	Website/ Service Hotline
Employees Refraining Board	www.erb.org
Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters	www.hkacmgm.org
Labour Department	
Interactive Employment Service	www.jobs.gov.hk
Jobs Go-Go-Goal	www.jobs.gov.hk/gogogoal
Youth Employment Start (Y.E.S.)	www.e-start.gov.hk
Youth Pre-employment Training Programme and Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme (YPTP & YWETS)	www.yes.labour.gov.hk
The Samarttan Befrienders Hong Kong	2389 2222
24-Hour Multi-Lingual Emotional Support Service of the Samaritans	2896 0000

#### (IX) JUPAS Office

Telephone : 2859 2274
24-Hour Hotline : 2334 2330
Email : enquiries@jupas.edu.hk
Website : http://www.jupas.edu.hk
Address : UG-02 Knowles Building

The University of Hong Kong

Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Office Hours : Mondays to Fridays : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The office hours will be extended during the periods as specified below:

Date	Time
21 July 2012	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
22 July 2012	8:30 am – 10:00 pm
23 July 2012	8:30 am – 8:00 pm

 For enquiries on JUPAS applications, arrangements and procedures for: the modification of programme choices after the release of the HKDSE Examination results; submission of request for re-consideration of application as a result of revised HKDSE level(s) / grade(s); Main Round offer; Clearing and Subsequent Rounds offers.

#### **JUPAS Participating-Institutions**

- To ensure that JUPAS remains a fair and objective system for applicants, official advice (including but not limited to information dissemination, career guidance, programme counselling, formal / informal contacts with applicants, etc.) will NOT be given by the JUPAS participating-institutions of applicants the period between the announcement of the HKDSE Examination results and the deadline for modification of study programme choices (i.e. 20 23 July 2012), regardless of who initiates the approach.
- All enquiries in relation to institutions' programme information should be directed to the respective institutions on or BEFORE 19 July 2012.

# 720 Theatre Chatting in a classroom : the " Multiple Pathways " Episode

After the release of HKDSE Examination results, Andrew (a student) and his school social worker, Sophie, were chatting in the classroom...



My examination results are worse than I expected. Shall I repeat?

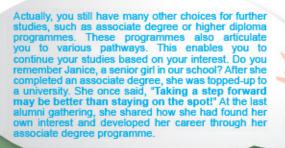
Andrew

Well, we have to find out the reason why your results were not good. If your results are normally good in school, but just out of some special reasons (e.g. sickness) that might have affected your examination performance, then, repeating S6 may be an option. But it would be better for you to consult your teacher first before making a decision. Remember, there are only a few months of lesson time for S6. During this period, you will have to hand in the School-based Assessment of S6, so there won't be much time for you to study or revise all over again.



I see. My results were not too bad in school, but this time, I couldn't even reach the minimum entrance requirement of local universities. I just can't believe it! I really wanna try once more!

Andrew







Then repeating S6 seems not the only pathway for me.... Alright, I'll consider other programmes as well.

Andrew

At this moment, they discovered that another student, Emma, was behind them, listening to what they had been saying. Then, she joined the conversation.

My situation is a bit different from yours; most of my subject results are good. I thought I would get a place in my desired institution. Unfortunately, I only got Level 2 in English. What should I do?



I heard you have already got a conditional offer of an associate degree programme from an institution. Congratulations, Emma! In fact, you can first accept this programme, and re-sit the English exam again next year. I remember there were some senior students who did the same before. And they were all admitted to their desired institution and programme eventually. This option is not bad after all. I don't think it is a must to repeat S6.

Generally, local universities will not have a lower preference or penality for repeaters' results. However, you still have to make reference to the information from individual institutions and programmes before you decide to repeat or not.



Sophie (School social worker)

Sophie, Andrew and Emma left the classroom. Right after then, two mothers were walking into the classroom from the noisy corridor ...



(Lowering her voice intentionally) Where is your son? How are his results?

He is chatting with his classmates in the classroom nextdoor. His results are not bad, except one particular subject. He performed quite well in this subject in school. He told me he expected to have level 4 or even 5 after sitting the HKDSE Exam, but now he only got level 2! His subject teacher suggested him to appeal. I quite agree. But I will leave the final decision to him. How about your daughter?



Mrs SIU



My girl's results are within expectation. She said she won't appeal and will instead concentrate on planning her study pathway. I think that her point makes sense. I know the appeal can be made through online application on HKEAA's webpage. The deadline will be on 25 July 2012.



I see. Then, which course will your girl want to do?

Mrs SIU



She wants to do a business programme in university. But now her results could only meet the minimum entrance requirement. I wonder if she could be selected. She is thinking about whether to modify her JUPAS choice.

In fact, she can bring along her programme priority list and the statistics released by the HKEAA and talk to Mr. CHAN, the Careers Master. See if she really needs to modify the programme choice. But my view is that it is not about changing choices. What matters more is whether your girl can get into a course that suits her personal interest. If her results are pretty close to the entrance requirements of the programme, I don't see a need to change.



Mrs SIU

Meanwhile, Mrs LAM's mobile was ringing. She took a look at who was calling ...



Oh, my girl is calling. Maybe about her choice ...

After Mrs LAM ended her conversation with Mrs SIU, she talked to her girl by the window and whispered to her.

When Mrs SIU wanted to find her son in the classroom nextdoor, Mr. TAM and his son, Moses, were waving to her...



Hi, Mrs SIU! How's everything?



Mr. TAM

We are going home. Moses said he wants to sort out his future pathway. For example application for Yi Jin Diploma programme, vocational training courses or to browse for job info on the Internet. We registered last week and we'll go to the service centre set up by the Education Bureau and the Employees Retraining Board to get some more information on Monday. I think, working and studying together could be a "not bad" option.





Mr. TAM

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Moses



Absolutely! "Interest really matters a lot" – I have to tell my boy not to get too worried about his exam results. "Knowing yourself" in the process is more important. He should know how to develop himself according to the interests, ability and learning style, in the light of composing personal dreams through lifelong learning.

The End



## My Calendar

You may mark down your important issues on the calendar below for reference:

	July 2012					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Release of HKDSE Examination Results	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	August 2012					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	



## Important Dates - Admission Result Release / Acceptance of Offer / Registration

Institution / Organisation	Dates	Event
Hong Kong	28 June 2012	Announce conditional offer results
	20 July 2012 onwards	Confirm offer to students who meet the requirement of conditional offer / admission
Shue Yan University	25 July 2012	Deadline by noon for payment of enrollment deposit
	17 – 18 August 2012	Registration and payment of tuition fee for acceptance of offer
	Early July – before 20 July 2012	Make conditional offer to suitable applicants
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	20 July 2012 onwards	Announce subsequent round offer results
Performing Arts	25 July 2012	Deadline by noon for payment of enrollment deposit
	Early August 2012	Complete registration for acceptance of offer
	9 February 2012 onwards	Students suitable for self-financing programmes receive conditional offer
Participating institutions of E–APP	20 July 2012 onwards	Institutions confirm offer to students who meet the requirement of conditional offer/ admission
	25 July 2012	Deadline by noon for payment of enrollment deposit
	26 July 2012 onwards	Subsequent rounds of offer and registration commence
Vocational Training Council	20 – 21 July 2012	Announce offer results to HKDSE candidates
	17 August 2012	Announce Main Round Offer results
	3 September 2012	Announce Clearing Round Offer results
Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS)	10 September 2012	Announce Subsequent Rounds Offer results (1st round)
	13 September 2012	Announce Subsequent Rounds Offer results (2nd round)
	Before 15 May 2012	Announce conditional offer results of Pilot Scheme through online system
JEO"	3 August 2012	Announce offer results of Pilot Scheme on web
	Before 20 August 2012	Announce final offer results of Pilot Scheme
YI Jin Dipioma	Before 30 July 2012	Applicants will be informed of the admission result by email

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;JEO" stands for Co-Office of the Mainland Chinese Universities and College of the People's Republic of China for the Joint Examinations and Enrolment of Students from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese-Resident Areas and Countries.