



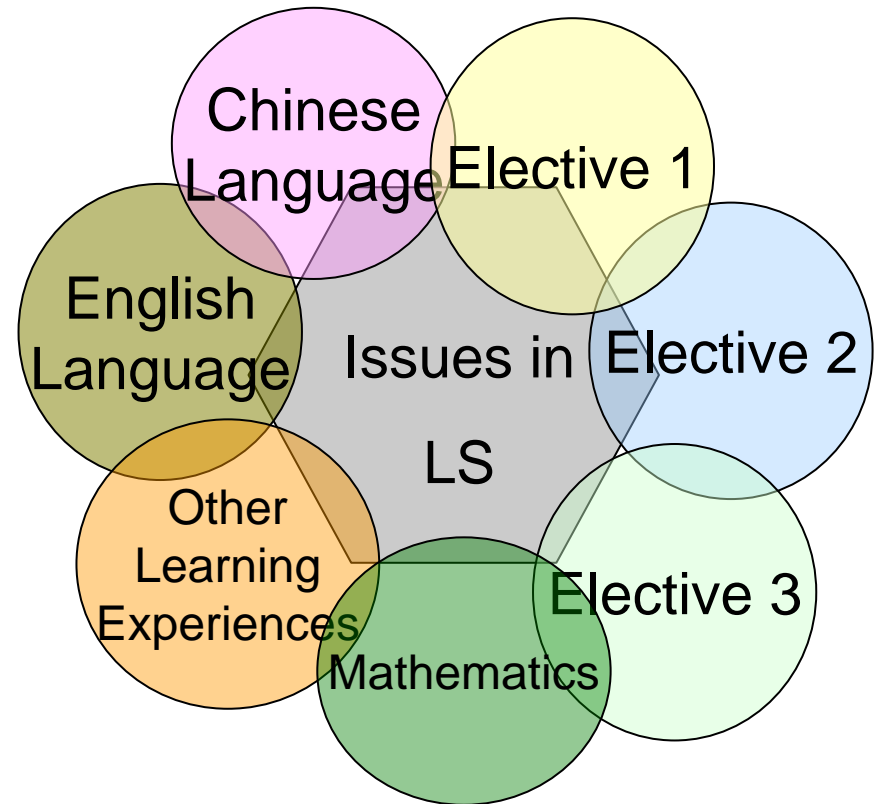
How can parents
support students to
prepare for NSS
Liberal Studies (LS)?

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Position of NSS LS

LS helps students:

- **A: deepen** their **awareness** of contemporary issues, and develop positive values
- **B: broaden** their knowledge base and perspectives
- **C: connect** knowledge of different disciplines and strengthen their **critical thinking** skills



Cultivate children's concern for people & issues around them



- Discuss life experiences with children (A)
- Discuss current affairs from more than one angle (A,B,C)
- Become models for children by caring for the neighbourhood (A)

Broaden children's horizons (B)



- Encourage children to take part in more than one type of extra-curricular activities (B)
- Accompany them to visit museums (B)
- LS does not demand them to “know everything”, but instead helps them to connect knowledge of different domains
- Broadening horizons does not require extensive travelling...

Support reading to learn



- Since reading can broaden one's horizons and allow one to savour life experiences of others, parents need to
- Subscribe newspapers, esp. student editions (A,B)
 - Encourage children to read materials of different formats, not limiting oneself to comics, romance novels (B)
 - Accompany children to libraries to borrow/read books related to different disciplines (B,C)

Develop critical thinking (C)



- Encourage children to express views and question, give ample time and praise (C)
- Listen to children's views, do not give premature negative judgements → cultivate confidence in critical thinking (C)
- When children's views change our thinking, let them know this (C)
- Critical thinking does not mean criticising everything