



# **The New Senior Secondary Curriculum (NSS)**

## **An Overview**

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# Our Goals - What do we want our students to be?



- Knowledgeable
- Articulate
- Balanced
- Caring
- Principled
- Reflective
- Risk-takers
- Global citizens

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## Core Subjects:

Chinese  
Language,  
English  
Language,  
Mathematics  
and  
Liberal Studies

**45-55%**



## Elective Subjects:

**3 elective  
subjects**  
chosen from  
14 NSS  
elective  
subjects

**20-30%**



## Other Learning Experiences

Religious  
Education,  
community service,  
aesthetic and  
physical activities  
and career-related  
experiences

**15-35%**

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# NSS Core Subjects



<i>Key Learning Areas</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
Chinese Language Education	<b>Chinese Language</b> (core subject) <i>Chinese Literature (Elective)</i>
English Language Education	<b>English Language</b> (core subject)
Mathematics Education	<b>Mathematics</b> (core subject + two extensions)
	<b>Liberal Studies</b> (core subject)



# NSS Elective Subjects



## Personal, Social and Humanities Education

- ✓ Chinese History
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ History

## Science Education

- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Science (Combined)

## Technology Education

- ✓ Business, Accounting and Financial Studies
- ✓ Information and Communication Technology

## Arts Education

- ✓ Music
- ✓ Visual Arts

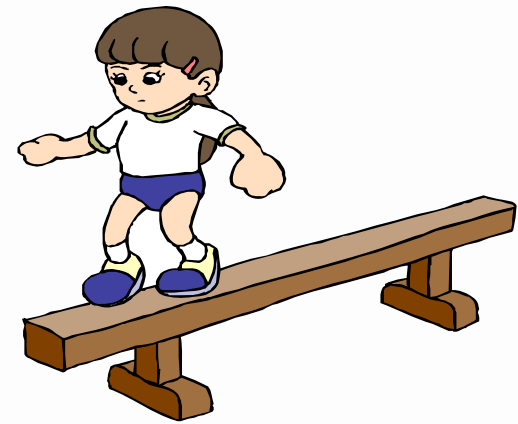
## Physical Education

- ✓ Physical Education

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# Other Learning Experiences (OLE)

Offering a balanced development for our students



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# Other Learning Experiences



- It provides a framework to engage students in **experiential learning** and to involve them in **new roles**
- The emphasis is on learning and that has to be achieved through **real tasks** that require **commitment**
- Students are expected to **reflect** on their new experiences that they have gathered over time.

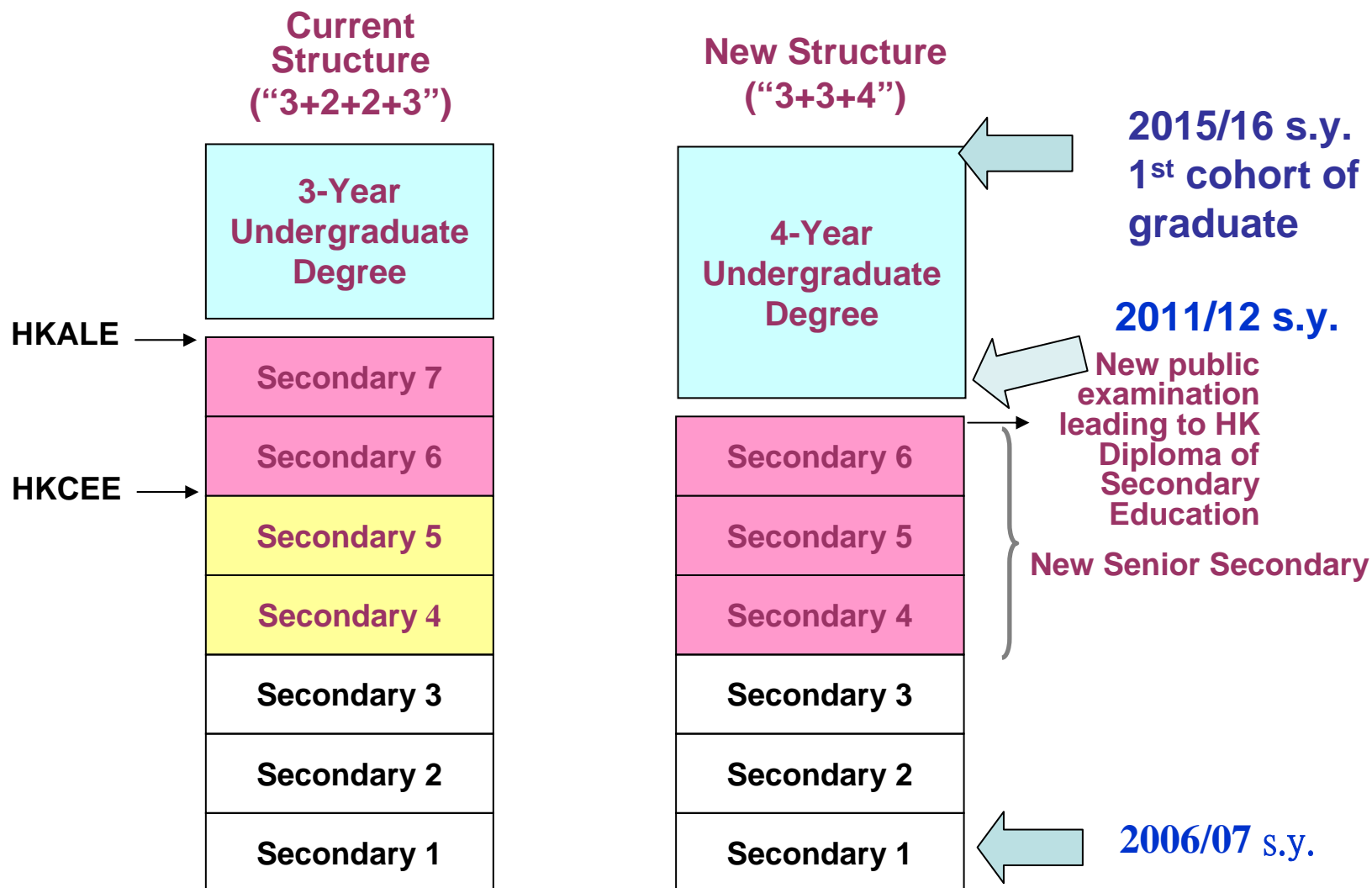
# Main Changes from HKCEE/AL to NSS Subjects



	Existing: HKCEE/AL	Future: NSS
<b>LS</b>	electives	additional core subject on top of C,E,M
<b>No. of subjects</b>	HKCEE: 7-9 AL: 4-5	6-7/8 (S4) subjects for most students
<b>Streaming</b>	✓	No clear streaming. 2-3 electives from different KLAs courses
<b>Subject level</b>	HKCEE/AL	Most NSS subjects are HKCEE curricula + 1 year with AL standard
<b>Contents</b>	20 % change in new contents on average (except LS)	
<b>OLE</b>	Some students	All students have OLE



# A Comparison of the Current and the New Academic Structures



# Benefits of Change

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| ➤ One public examination  | ➔ | ➤ increasing learning time and space and enhancing learning effectiveness          |
| ➤ All students study through to S6                                  | ➔ | ➤ meeting challenge of knowledge-based society of Hong Kong                        |
| ➤ Breadth and depth of senior secondary education (diversification) | ➔ | ➤ developing the full potential of students with different aptitudes and interests |
| ➤ Smoother pathways for further study and work                      | ➔ | ➤ providing opportunities for young people to engage in study and/or work          |
| ➤ 4-year university programme                                       | ➔ | ➤ providing a more comprehensive and balanced education                            |