

CHOICE OF SECOND LANGUAGE INFORMATION SHEET

The YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College offers the following second language options:

- **Local Chinese**
- **Elementary Chinese**

All students must study **one** of these second languages and take the relevant public examination at the end of the course.

If your child is accepted by the school, the choice of second language must be made before s/he is officially registered as a YHKCC student. Once the choice of second language has been confirmed by the school, **no** changes will be made. It is therefore crucial to make the right decision at this time. Parents are advised to base the decision on their child's language learning background, ability, interest and career plan for the future.

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LOCAL CHINESE

Target Group: This subject is designed for students who studied the local Chinese language curriculum in primary school. (Please note that the Education Bureau has specific requirements regarding the language that students learn in secondary school. Students who have studied the regular local Chinese language curriculum for 6 years or more in primary school **must** study the local Chinese language curriculum in secondary school.)

Public Examination: (1) Students allocated to the Hong Kong Stream in Senior Forms will take the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Chinese Language examination at the end of Form 6, *or* (2) Students allocated to the International Stream in Senior Forms will take IGCSE First Language Chinese at the end of Form 4 and can opt to study GCE A-level Chinese in Forms 5 and 6, and take the GCE A-level examination at the end of Form 6.

ELEMENTARY CHINESE

Target Group: This subject is designed for

- (a) students who studied elementary level Chinese in primary school (including local schools with an adapted Chinese curriculum, international schools in Hong Kong and schools overseas), or
- (b) students who studied the local Chinese language curriculum in primary schools in Hong Kong for not more than 6 years, or
- (c) students with no foundation in Chinese language learning.

Public Examinations: (1) Students allocated to the Hong Kong Stream in Senior Forms will take IGCSE Chinese as a Second Language *or* IGCSE Chinese (Mandarin) Foreign Language *or* Second Language at the end of Form 4, and *either* GCE AS-level *or* GCE A-level Chinese at the end of Form 6, *or* (2) Students allocated to the International Stream in Senior Forms will take IGCSE Chinese as a Second Language *or* IGCSE Chinese (Mandarin) Foreign Language at the end of Form 4. They can then opt to study GCE A-level Chinese in Forms 5 and 6, and take the GCE A-level examination at the end of Form 6.

General Note

Students who have studied the local Chinese language curriculum for 6 years or more in primary school are **strongly advised** to choose the local Chinese language curriculum in secondary school (rather than Elementary Chinese), unless they plan to continue their education overseas in the future.

Please note that both second language choices enable students to progress to the Hong Kong Stream (HKDSE curriculum) or the International Stream (GCE A-level curriculum) in senior forms at the YHKCC.