

Objectives

- To enhance teachers' understanding of holistic planning and implementation of the school English Language curriculum in secondary schools; and
- To share strategies and practices on holistic curriculum planning and management, including suggestions on how to incorporate:
 - the major updates of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLACG)(P1-S6)(2017) under the ongoing renewal of the school curriculum; and
 - the directional recommendations of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum

in the school English Language curriculum through examples, experience sharing and knowledge building.

Programme

Time	Content
3 hours	 English Language Teachers as an Agent for Innovation & Change
	 2) Holistic Planning and Implementation of the School English Language Curriculum • Major updates of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6) (2017) • Recommendations of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum
	3) Experience Sharing (STFA Yung Yau College)
	4) Summary and Resources
	5) Assignment

Warm-up Activity

How much do you know about the **major updates** of the ELEKLACG(P1-S6) updated in 2017 and the **measures to optimise** senior secondary English Language released in 2021?



Part I:

English Language Teachers as an Agent for Innovation and Change

Roles of English Language **Curriculum Leaders**

Plan, lead, manage and evaluate the school curriculum and its implementation

Ensure vertical and horizontal curriculum coherence

Build capacity in panel members and students

Make use of a variety of authentic language learning materials to foster a broader range of literacy skills

pedagogical Adopt appropriate approaches to motivate students

to

Make use of community resources students and expose meaningful use of English

As an English Language teacher, how can you contribute to the effective planning & implementation of the school English Language Curriculum?

Manage resources

Collaborate with other **KLA** panels and promote a culture of collaboration

Enhance assessment literacy

Engage in professional development and lifelong learning

Try out innovative teaching strategies

Curriculum Planning

Horizontal coherence

 Aligning with what is taught, and discussing the progress of learning and conduct of assessments to ensure key concepts are covered in every classroom at the same level

Vertical coherence

• Ensuring the curriculum is logically sequenced across all levels so that students are building on what they have previously learnt and progress to more challenging, higher-level work

Subject-area coherence

• Ensuring the curriculum is well-planned to facilitate learning in the subject, and enabling communication and collaboration among all teachers in the panel

Interdisciplinary coherence

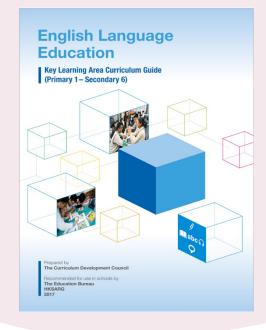
• Focusing on skills and habits that students need to succeed in their study, such as reading and writing skills, generic skills

Part 2:

Holistic Planning and Implementation of the School English Language Curriculum

Are there any references regarding the directions, approaches and strategies for planning and implementing the school English Language curriculum?

Major updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6) (2017)



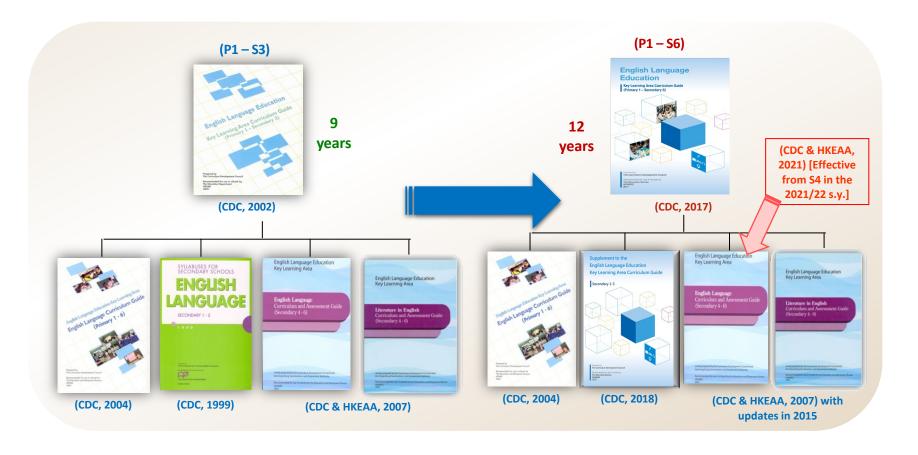
Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

Respond to local, regional and global contextual changes

Build on existing strengths and practices of schools

Curriculum enhancement to benefit student learning

Updating of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide





Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6)



e-Learning & Information Literacy

Integrative Use of Generic Skills

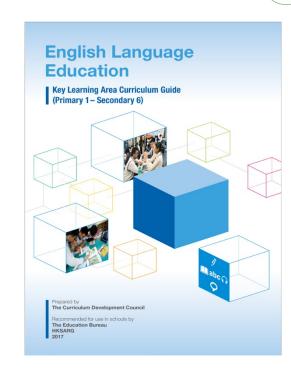
Values Education

Reading across the Curriculum

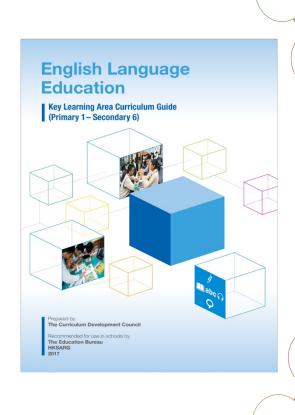
Learning and Teaching of Text Grammar

Extending from Assessment for Learning to Assessment as Learning

Catering for the Needs of SEN and Gifted Students in the Mainstream English Classroom



Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6)



Literacy Development

What is "Literacy"?

Literacy

-the ability to read and write

Literacy

A linear form of presentation limited to words

New Literacy

- Various modes of communication
- Involving understanding & production of multimodal texts

New Literacy

 the ability to understand and create a range of texts that integrate linguistic, audio, visual, gestural and spatial elements as well as the ability to use different media and technological tools for effective communication and information management

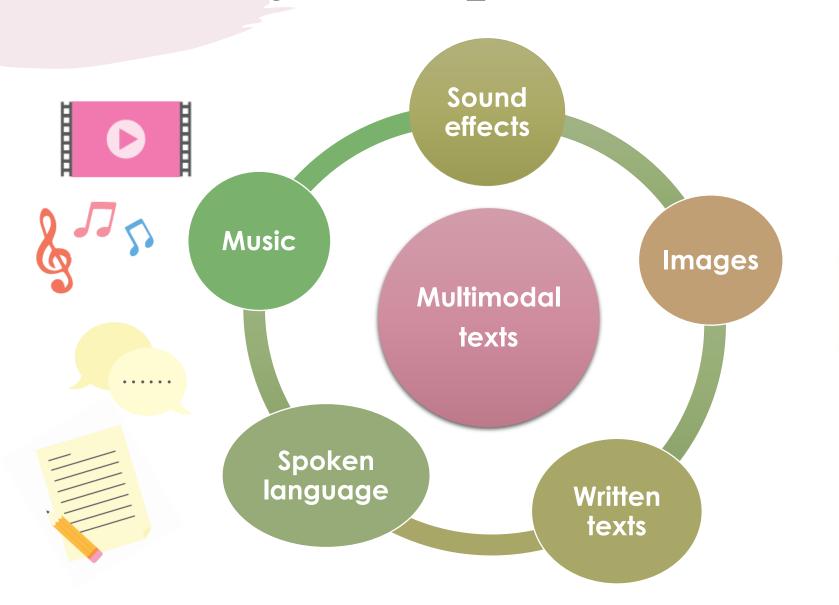
References: p.8, ELE KLACG (P1-S6) (2017)

Reflection:

Apart from textbook materials, what kinds of resources can help enhance students' reading and writing skills?



Literacy Development

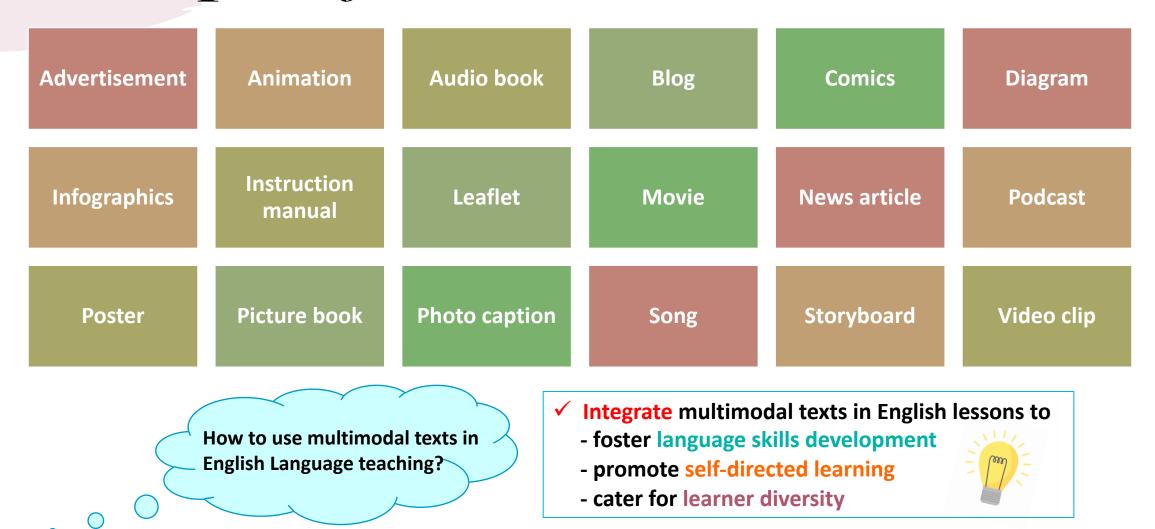


Why should multimodal texts be used in teaching?

- To make English learning more **authentic**, **engaging** and **fun**

- To develop students' **new literacy skills**

Examples of multimodal texts



Equipping Students with New Literacy Skills

Enhancing information and Lifelong media literacy skills learning **Challenges in** Sound the 21st century effects Music **Images Multimodal** texts Spoken language Written texts

Processing and creating multimodal texts

Promoting Language across the Curriculum (LaC)

Literacy Development in the English Classroom

The ability to **read and write** effectively

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Pedagogy to Enhance Literacy Development

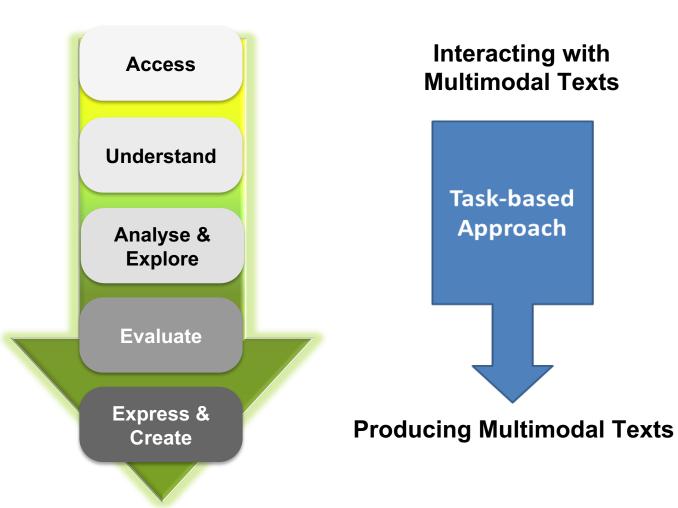
Access information from a variety of sources

Understand the ideas in the multimodal texts under teachers' guidance

Analyse and explore how messages are presented

Evaluate the messages and values embedded in the multimodal texts

Express and create messages using different modes of communication



Online Resource Package on Developing Students' Multimodal Literacy in the Secondary English Language Classroom (2021)

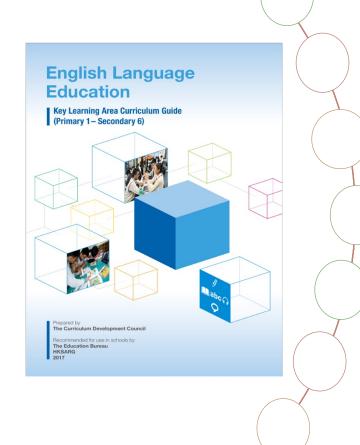
Developing Students' Multimodal Literacy in the Secondary English Language Classroom





- ✓ Theories and practices in the adoption of multimodal texts in the English classroom
- ✓ L&T materials in modules and units
- ✓ Suggested teaching steps

Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6)



e-Learning & Information Literacy

e-Learning

an open and flexible learning mode involving the use of the electronic media, digital resources and communication tools to achieve the learning objectives

Information literacy

the essential abilities and attitudes
that lead to effective and ethical
use of information for lifelong
learning and self-directed learning

Reflection:

Is the use of e-learning effective in the following situation?

Mr Chan began the lesson with "Kahoot!" to revisit the knowledge taught in the previous lesson.



Students had great fun playing the game. Some of them had difficulty in understanding the answers, but they were excited to move on to the remaining questions.

After the game, Mr Chan started a new module.

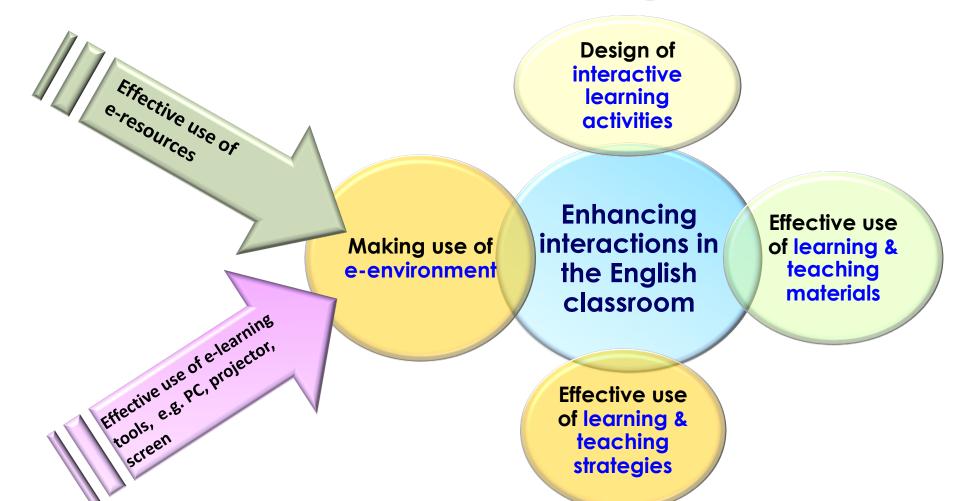
Some suggestions for Mr Chan

- Provision of feedback by teachers to consolidate learning
- Inviting further responses from students verbally or via e-platforms (e.g. Padlets) to cater for learner diversity
- Including an extended task in which students collect further information about the topic using different e-learning tools to promote self-directed learning

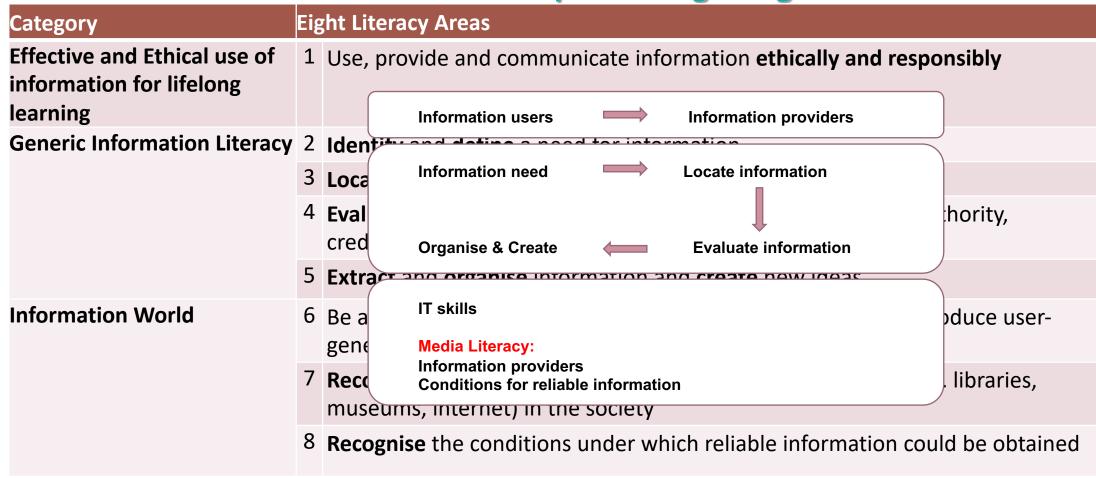
The use of e-learning tools in the English classroom is not just for making the lesson fun and motivating students to learn, but it also serves different pedagogical purposes.

Exc	ımples	
Coggle Edpuzzle Google Form Google Slides Kahoot! Keynote Nearpod	Mentimeter Plickers Padlet Quizlet Quizizz Socrative Wordwall	For collecting instant responses For brainstorming ideas/collaborate For enhancing interaction/ assessment/self-learning

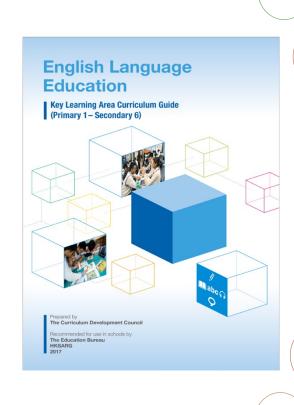
How to enhance interactions in the English classroom?



Information Literacy for Hong Kong Students



Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6)



Integrative Use of Generic Skills

Reflection:

What are the nine generic skills? Why are they essential for 21st century learners? How do I integrate them into English Language teaching?



Nine Generic Skills Essential for 21st Century Learners

Basic Skills	Thinking Skills	Personal and Social Skills
Communication Skills	Critical Thinking Skills	Self- management Skills
Mathematical Skills	Creativity	Self-learning Skills
IT Skills	Problem Solving Skills	Collaboration Skills

Integrative Use of Generic Skills

Two examples of integrative use of generic skills

Holistic thinking skills

critical thinking skills
+
problem solving skills
+
creativity

Collaborative problem solving skills

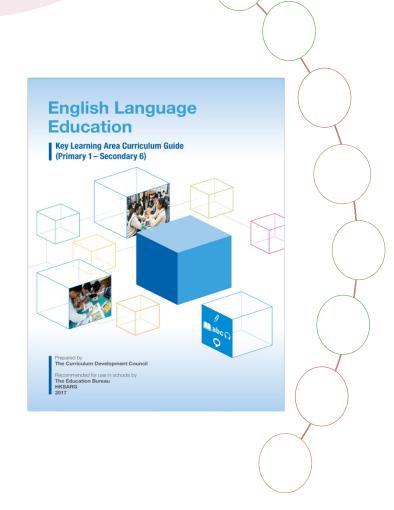
collaboration skills
+
communication skills
+
problem solving skills

To prepare students for authentic & more complicated tasks

e.g. Project Learning

- S2 students take part in a "Jumble Sale" activity of a charity project on the theme "Charities and Helping Others" to promote students' integrative use of language skills and generic skills.
- Writing a proposal → holistic thinking skills
- Raising funds in the "Jumble Sale" at school → collaborative problem solving skills

Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6)



Values Education

Values Education

Did you know...



Value Education Curriculum Framework (2021)

To cope with the directional recommendation on according a higher priority to values education put forward in the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum Final Report (2020), the Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version) was prepared by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC), to provide schools with suggestions and exemplars for the planning of their school-based values education curriculum, within and beyond the classroom, in order to cultivate students' positive values and attitudes from an early age, in preparation for the challenges they face in their studies, in their daily life and while growing up. The curriculum framework is as follows:

Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version)(2021) CHI

Values Education

10 Priority Values and Attitudes

Perseverance

Respect for others

Responsibility

National identity

Commitment

Integrity

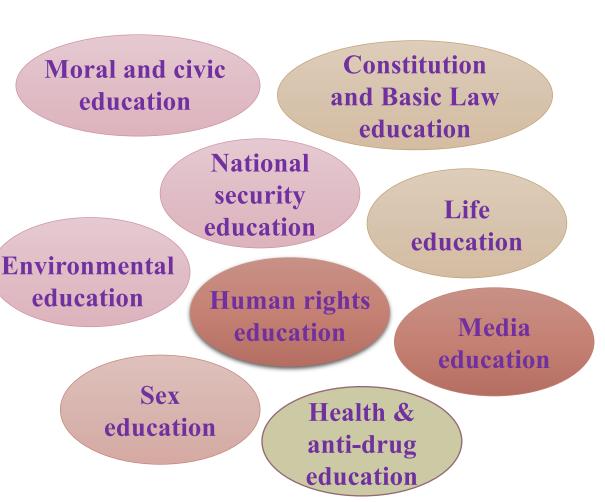
Care for others

Law-abidingness

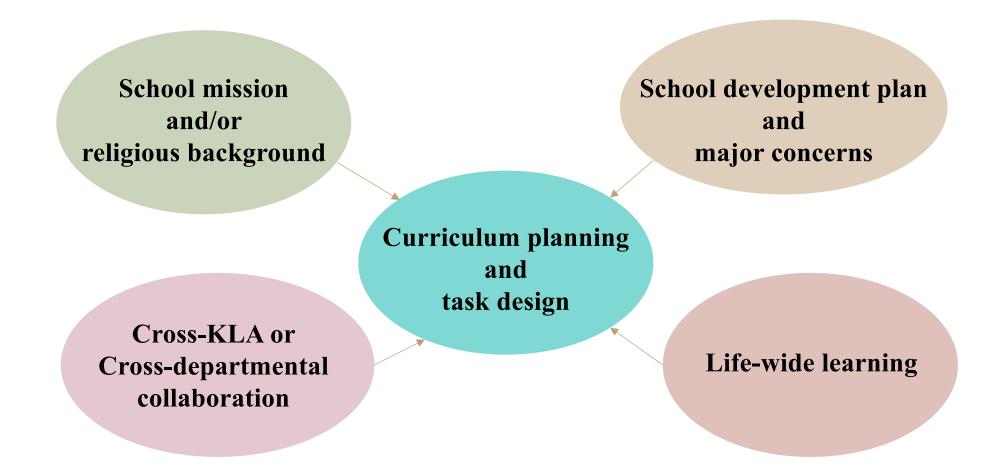
Empathy

Diligence

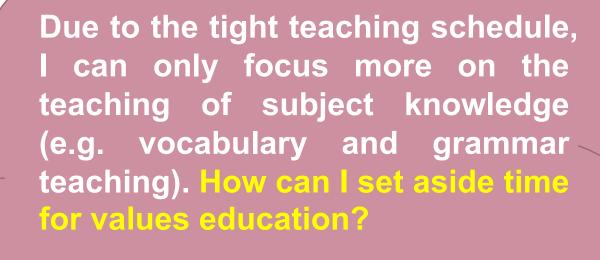
Values education in different domains



Things to consider when incorporating values education in the school English Language curriculum



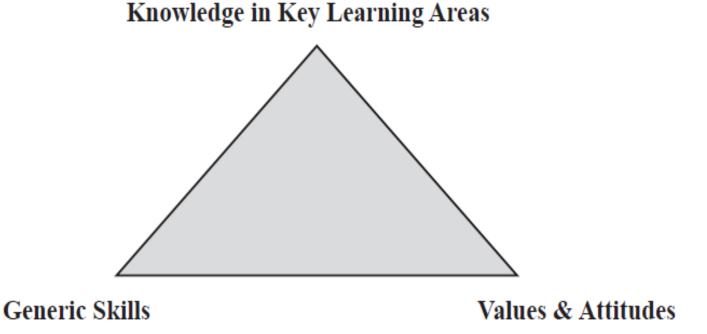
Reflection:





Promoting Values Education in the School English Language Curriculum

Not additional time, but integration



Values Education

Choice of materials — Examples

 Language arts materials (e.g. short stories, poems, lyrics, films) which deal with universal issues such as interpersonal relationships, nature, love and growing up The Road Not Taken

-Robert Frost



Count on me 🞜

 Non-fiction materials (e.g. documentaries, biographies, news/magazine articles) which present students with inspiring stories of people, controversial issues and thoughtprovoking happenings in the world



-Bruno Mars

Values Education

- Examples of Learning and Teaching Activities

Examples of L&T Activities	Values
storytelling and reader's theatre on books or texts about interpersonal relationships	Care for others Respect for others Empathy
discussions and writing a letter to the editor on social issues raised in an editorial	Law-abidingness Integrity
comparing the life stories of two successful people and discussing different ways to face adversities in a group discussion	Perseverance Diligence Commitment
designing pamphlets and posters which introduce the cultures and traditions of different countries	National identity Respect for others
writing a short story from the perspective of an abandoned pet	Responsibility Empathy

Strategies for Integrating Values Education into the School English Language Curriculum

✓ Connecting the ten priority values and attitudes with the themes and topics of teaching modules/units in the English Language curriculum

- Module
 Animal Protection
- Connection with the school motto

 Be a responsible and

 committed citizen
- Topic in English Language curriculum Keeping a pet
- Positive values and attitudes
 Responsibility, care for others,
 empathy
- Learning and teaching activities
 Watching a video on stray
 animals, writing a soliloquy of
 an abandoned dog, paying a
 visit to an animal shelter, writing
 a proposal for a fundraising
 campaign to raise awareness
 of the problems faced by
 abandoned animals

Strategies for Integrating Values Education into the School English Language Curriculum

✓ Integration of cognition, affection and action

Cognition Level

To enhance students'
understanding of positive
values and attitudes and skills
in making moral
judgements and
decisions

Promoting students' positive values and attitudes

Action Level

To provide students with authentic learning experiences so that they know how to put positive values and attitudes into practice

Affection Level

To nurture students' empathy and positive attitudes towards life

Figure 6A.1 Integration of Cognition, Affection and Action (p.10, Booklet 6A, Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (2017))

Integrating Values Education into the School English Language Curriculum An Example

Module	The World of Sports
Level	S4 students
Connection with the school's major concern	To develop a positive outlook on life through nurturing perseverance and grit
Topic	The success stories of Paralympic athletes
Positive values and attitudes	Perseverance, respect for others, empathy, grit
Integrative use of generic skills	Holistic thinking skills – critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, creativity



Learning and teaching activities

Read/View a
text about
motivational
Paralympic
athletes who
beat the odds in
their sporting
career



Outline the positive attributes of the athletes and analyse the reasons for their success using a graphic organiser



Empathise and reflect on the challenges faced by athletes with a disability by giving a short presentation



Research on underprivileged groups in society and write a proposal to suggest how the Government can support people with disability

Cognition level

Cognition level

Affection level

Action level

Strategies for Integrating Values Education into the School English Language Curriculum

✓ Provision of holistic and balanced learning experiences through integrating classroom learning, practical experience and

learning environment Classroom Learning Values Education Learning **Practical Environment Experience**

Example

- S2 students take part in a charity project on the theme "Charities and Helping Others" to promote students' integrative use of language skills.
- The project starts with a talk by a social worker on underprivileged children who are deprived of education. Students then discuss the roles and responsibilities of the more fortunate ones to understand the importance of social responsibility.
- Students are then asked to sign a "contract" to commit themselves to a series of fundraising events leading up to the "Jumble Charity Sale" to support children's right to education.

Implementing a School-based Reading/Viewing Programme

to Promote Values Education An Example

"What Happens Next?"

Predicting the Storyline of Inspirational Short Animations

Select and play an inspirational short animation for the first time.



Pause the video at specific times and engage students in making predictions of the plot at different stages.



Have students identify the unpleasant experience or challenges (e.g. a disability, a challenging task) faced by the characters in the short animation.



conclude the lesson by eliciting from students the positive messages learnt from the short animation. Get them to reflect on how they can apply those positive values and attitudes in the daily life.



Play the short
animation multiple
times as necessary to
analyse the fictional
elements (e.g. themes)
and cinematic
techniques (e.g.
camera shots).



Discuss how the characters handle/overcome the adversities. Ask students to put themselves in the shoes of the characters and share what they would do and how they would feel if they faced similar challenges.

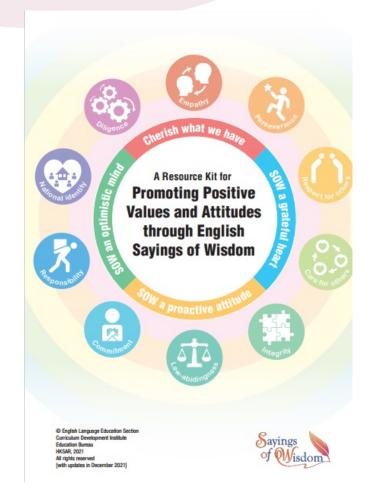
Implementing a School-based Reading/Viewing Programme to Promote Values Education - An Example

"What Happens Next?" Predicting the Storyline of Inspirational Short Animations



Name of Animation	Positive Values and Attitudes	Synopsis			
Hair Love	Hope, love, perseverance	A heart-warming story of an African American father learning to do his daughter's hair for the first time for a special occasion.			
The Present	Empathy, hope, love	A story about a boy who receives a life-changing present from his mom – apuppy with three legs.			
Ormie the Pig Wants a Cookie	Perseverance, determination, grit	An animation capturing Ormie's quest for a jar of cookies			
My Shoes	Empathy, gratitude, care for others	A story with a twist which teaches us about gratitude and empathy.			

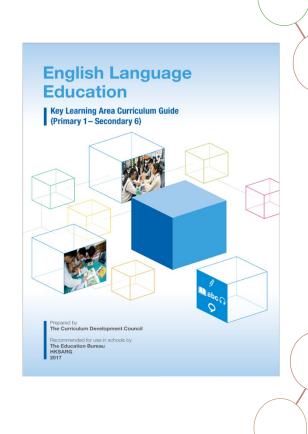
A Resource Kit for Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom (e-version) (2021)





- ✓ Strategies for promoting Values Education
- ✓ L&T ideas with lesson procedures
- ✓ Ideas on creating a language-rich environment to promote values education
- √ Games

Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (PI-S6)



Learning and Teaching of Text Grammar

Reflection:

How do I usually teach grammar?

- Grammar drills?
- Introduce language items through texts?

Drilling

- Only a mechanical practice of language forms

Mostly **form-focused** exercises

Understanding and application of the functions of language items are equally important

Text Grammar

- Authentic contexts help students make meaningful connections between language forms and functions, hence effective use of the language

Beyond sentence level

Grammar in Context and Text Grammar

Grammar in Context

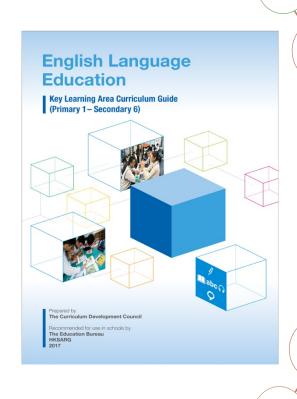
Complementary Concepts

Text Grammar

- the link between <u>form</u>
 and function and how
 grammar makes meaning
 and varies in different
 contexts
- how contexts shape the choice of language used

- beyond sentence level
- grammar items typical of a particular text type
- how grammar contributes to the <u>structure</u>, <u>coherence</u>, <u>tone</u>, <u>style</u> and <u>register</u> of a text
- how to apply grammar knowledge to create texts of different text types

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Extending from

Assessment for Learning to

Assessment as Learning

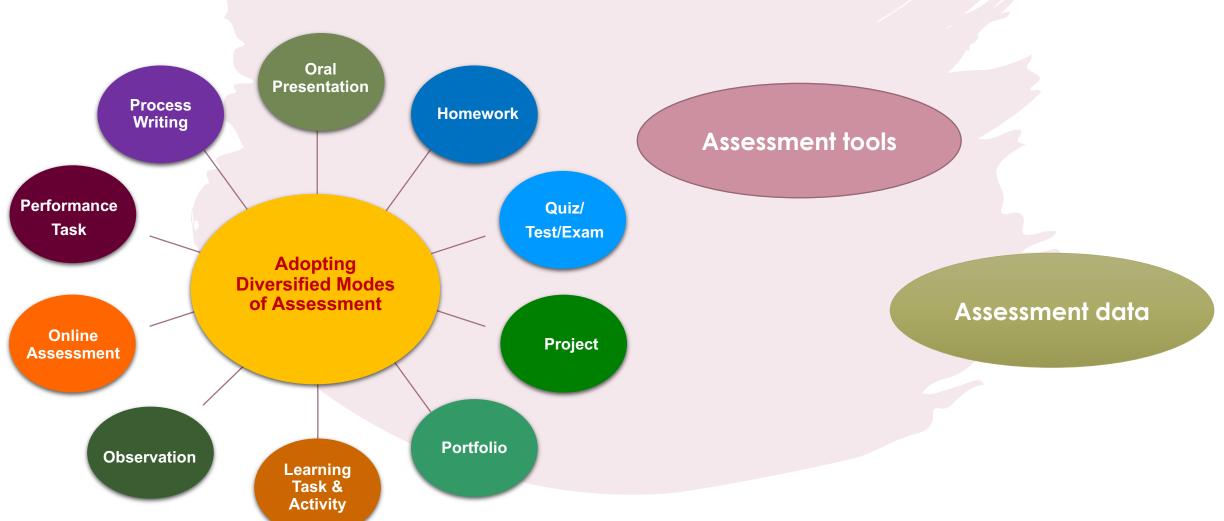
Assessment of Learning It refers to the assessment designed to provide evidence for making judgments on student achievement against learning targets, objectives or standards at a certain point of time.

Assessment for Learning

It is a formative and diagnostic kind of assessment where teachers collect ongoing information about students' learning progress, provide timely and quality feedback and adjust their teaching strategies for improving student learning.

Assessment as Learning It refers to students' use of learning tasks and feedback to enhance their own learning. During the process, students actively develop an understanding of their learning, critically assess their learning effectiveness, adjust learning strategies, plan for follow-up actions, and set future learning goals. When implementing assessment as learning, feedback from teachers or self- and peer assessments help students reflect on their own learning, and identify their strengths and areas for improvement.

Strengthening Assessment for Learning (AfL)



Reflection:

Why should we extend from Assessment for Learning to Assessment as Learning?



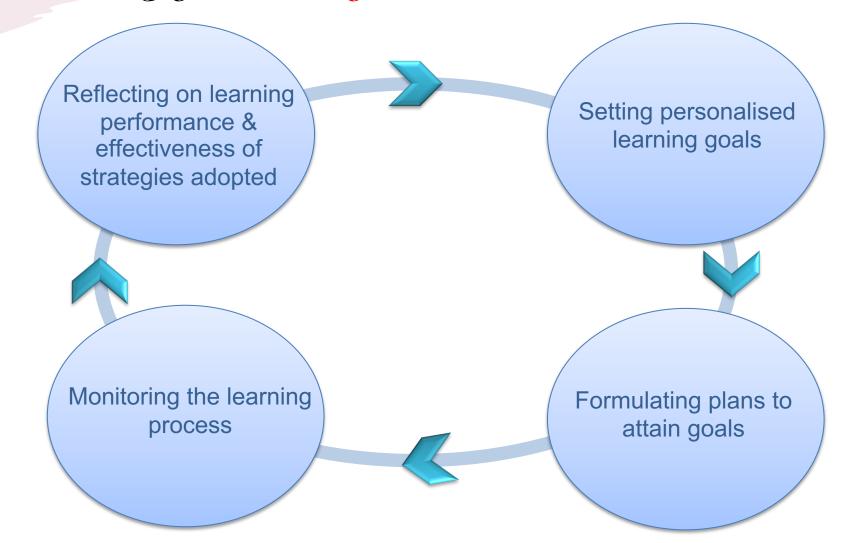
Extending from AfL to AaL

 AaL empowers students to <u>reflect on</u> their own learning, and develop their habit of mind and skills to <u>monitor</u> and <u>evaluate</u> their own progress of learning.

• AaL allows greater <u>involvement</u> of students in the Learning-Teaching-Assessment process.

Enable students to take charge of their own learning!

Extending from AfL to AaL

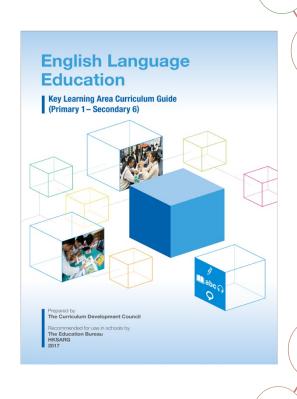


Strategies to promote Assessment as Learning

In order to enable students to take charge of their own learning, teachers can do the following:

identifying expected learning outcomes	creating criteria of good practices with the students	guiding students to set goals
teaching enabling skills (e.g. dictionary skills, research skills, phonics skills and vocabulary building strategies)	providing opportunities for students to practise the skills that need to be learned or mastered	modelling of learning strategies (e.g. the skills of self-reflection) through think-aloud
discussing sample student work and providing constructive feedback to students as they learn	using different kinds of assessment forms (e.g. KWHL Table, SWOT, PMI, Traffic Light, Feedback Sandwich) to facilitate self-reflection	guiding students to keep track of their own learning

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Catering for the Needs of SEN
and Gifted Students in the
Mainstream English Classroom

Reflection:

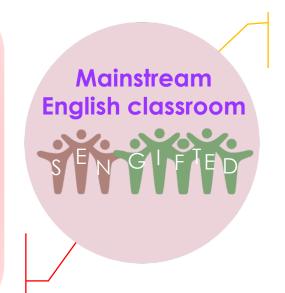
There are a few students who are very talented in English in my class. How can I stretch their potential in the mainstream English classroom?



Catering for the Needs of SEN & Gifted Students in the Mainstream English Classroom

Students with SEN

- **Adapting the learning content**
- Adopting a multisensory approach to learning and teaching
- Using multimodal learning and teaching aids and materials
- Adjusting the pace and linguistic load of instruction
- Setting realistic assessment goals/objectives

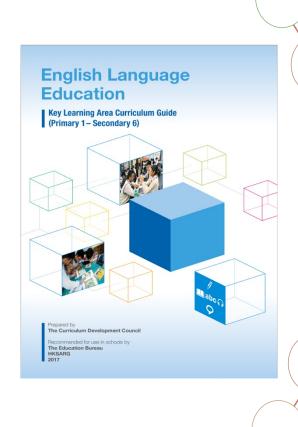


Gifted students

- Allowing flexibility with the curriculum to address differences in the rate, depth and pace of learning
- Providing enrichment activities which encourage creativity and original thinking
- Encouraging students to pursue independent projects or study based on their interests and abilities
- Guiding students to set individual goals and assume ownership of their learning

Accommodating diverse students' needs in the mainstream English classroom

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Reading across the Curriculum

Reflection:

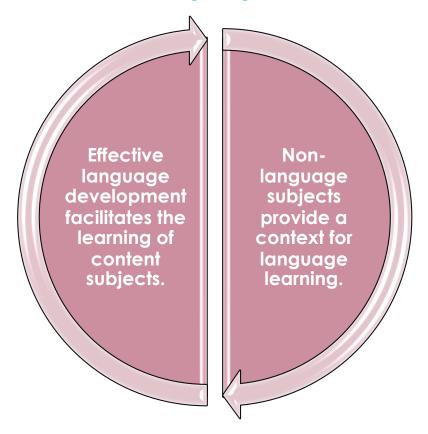
"Promoting Reading across the Curriculum is about providing and teaching a glossary of thematic vocabulary commonly used in content subjects."

Do you agree?



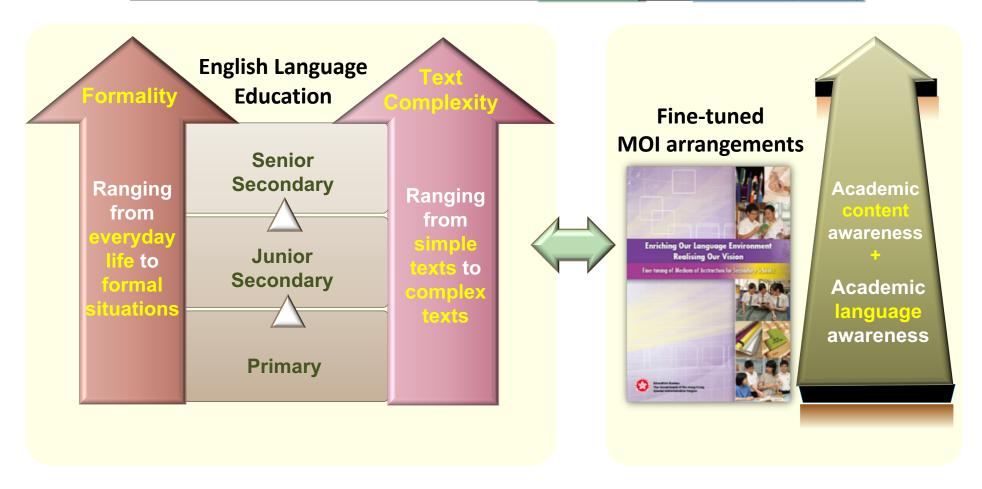
- RaC, a component of LaC, is more than provision of a glossary.
- It helps students connect learning experiences between English Language & nonlanguage subjects by establishing meaningful links between language features and concepts acquired across different KLAs.

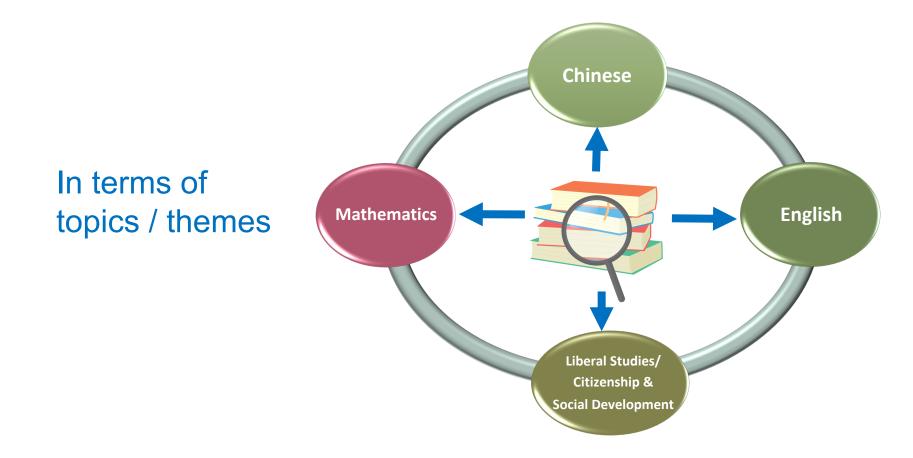
Language across the Curriculum (LaC)

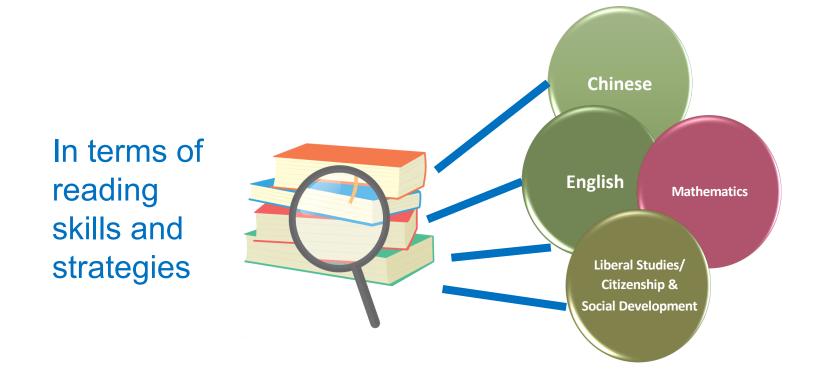


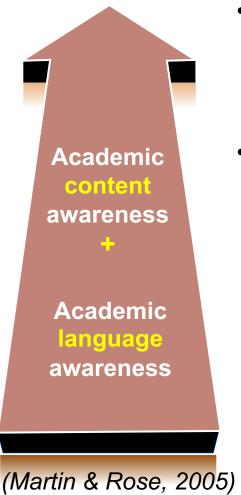
Challenges for Secondary School Students

Language demand grows in terms of formality and text complexity









 Reading across the curriculum (RaC) helps students establish meaningful links among concepts and ideas acquired in different KLAs.

RaC

- explicit teaching of reading skills and strategies to be integrated with the curriculum
- students learning to read
 - the subject matter of pedagogic texts
 - the associated language patterns
- develop students' literacy skills, positive values and attitudes, deep learning and world knowledge

English for General Purposes

VS

English for Academic Purposes

Rhetorical Functions & Language Features

Examples

Rhetorical functions	Language features (e.g.)	PSHE	ME	SE	TE	AE	PE
Comparison	Connectives: (KS3 – KS4)	*		*			
·	However, on the contrary, despite, whereas						
Procedure	Imperatives: (KS1 – KS4):		*	*	*	*	*
	Hold the racket vertically.						
Recount	Past tense: (KS1 – KS4)	*		*			*
	World War II <i>lasted</i> from 1939 to 1945.						
Explanation	Connectives: (KS2 – KS4)	*	*	*			
	Due to, because, since; therefore, so, as a result						
Description	Adjectives: (KS1 – KS4)	*		*		*	
	Postmodern, romantic, three-dimensional						
	Passive construction: (KS3 - KS4)						
	Water <i>is pumped</i> to the water treatment station.						
Conclusion	To summarise, to conclude	*		*			
Suggestion	Modal verbs: (KS2 - KS4)	*		*			
	Can, may, could, might, should						
Instructions	Wh-words: (KS1 – KS4)	*	*	*	*	*	*
	What is the sum of the numbers from 1 through 1000000?						
	Imperatives: (KS1 – KS4)						
	Discuss the impacts of Meiji Restoration.						
Presentation of facts	Present tense: (KS1 – KS4)		*	*			*
	The Earth <i>rotates</i> around the Sun.						
Assumption	If, let, suppose: (KS2 – KS4)		*				*
	The value of a gold coin is \$3 200. If its value increases by 6%						
	each year, what will be its value after 4 years?						

Strategies for Promoting RaC

Use of visual representation to deconstruct the structure, language & content of the texts

Language across the Curriculum

Writings Speakings

Reading & enabling skills (e.g. vocabulary building strategies, phonics skills)

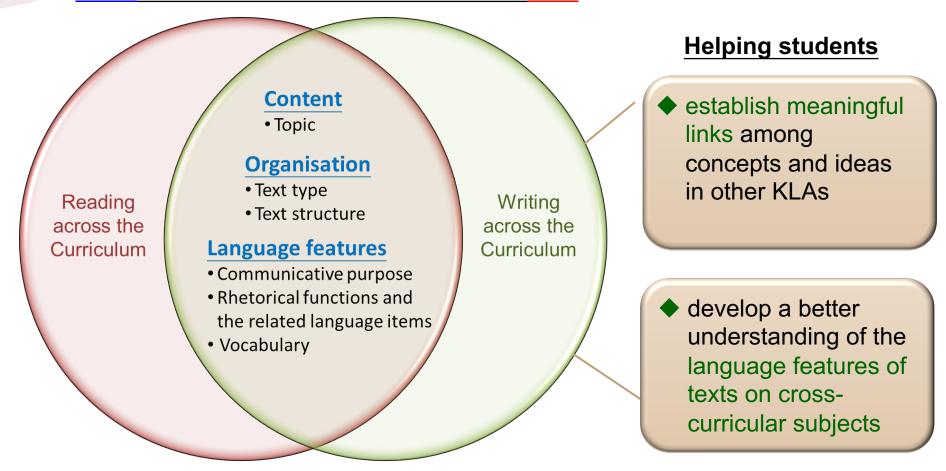
rhetorical functions & the related language items)

Explicit Teaching of Learning Strategies

Communication / Interaction strategies that students can apply in presentation & discussion activities across KLAs

Promoting Writing across the Curriculum (WaC)

WaC is a meaningful follow-up on RaC



RaC& WaC - Collaboration among KLAs

√ Curriculum mapping

- Take into consideration students' learning needs across KLAs at the same year level or across levels
- Develop a horizontal or vertical curriculum map that highlights possible entry points (e.g. learning and teaching strategies, themes, text structures, rhetorical functions, language items) for the implementation of RaC and WaC

Curriculum mapping – Example

	Secondary 2	English Language	History	Science		
	Learning and teaching strategies	Use of visual representation (e.g. a Venn diagram) to help students deconstruct the text				
	Rhetorical functions	To compare/contrast				
Reading	Language items	Showing similarities Both, like, similarly Showing differences Unlike, while, however/but, instead of				
	Teaching focus	Introducing the forms and functions of the target language items Reinforcing the use of the target language items				
	Topic	Cultures of the World	Industrial Revolution	Respiration		
Writing	Providing relevant contexts for the application of the target language items (e.g.)	"Unlike western parents, Hong Kong parents tend to focus much on their children's academic performance"	"Water power was a source of energy before the Industrial Revolution, while the steam engine has become an important source of energy after the Revolution"	"Like respiration, burning also produces heat energy"		

√ Planning of curricula and collaborative development of learning materials

- Teachers of different KLAs working closely to match the language needed as well as the content for different subjects
- Planning the English curriculum to facilitate and enhance reading and writing skills for non-language subjects
- Working on the scheme of work of English Language to incorporate language skills and features needed for non-language subjects
- Producing learning and teaching materials for the use in the nonlanguage subjects

√ Conduct of cross-curricular projects

Small-scale cross-curricular projects:

Subjects	Suggested Ideas
English + Mathematics	Conduct a survey, e.g. to find out the favourite extra- curricular activities of \$1 students and present the findings in the form of statistical presentation and oral presentation.
English + Geography	Describe the land use in the district where the school is located and suggest alternative uses of the land.
English + Computer Literacy	Use of apps (e.g. "Explain Everything", "Book Creator") to produce English digital multimodal texts

√ Conduct of cross-curricular projects

- Large-scale cross-curricular projects:
- Collaboration of several KLAs on one project

Example: A project on a school tour to the Mainland

History:

Students study the history of the place.

Geography:

Students read the map of the place and plan the tour.

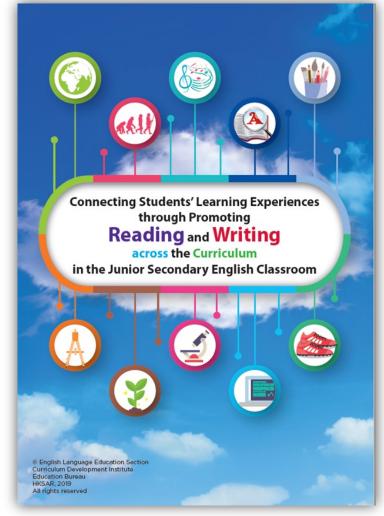
Mathematics & Computer Literacy:

Students prepare a statistical presentation.

English:

Students present their findings in English.

Connecting Students' Learning Experiences through Promoting Reading and Writing across the Curriculum in the Junior Secondary English Classroom (2020) (printed & e-version)

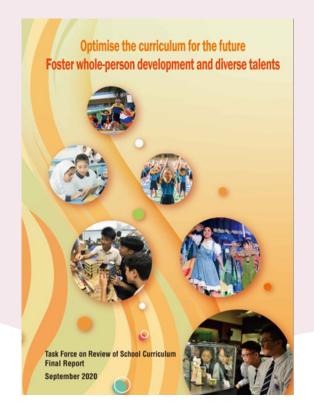






Concepts related to R/WaC Strategies for Promoting R/WaC Learning and Teaching Materials for Promoting R/WaC (3 Learning Tasks)

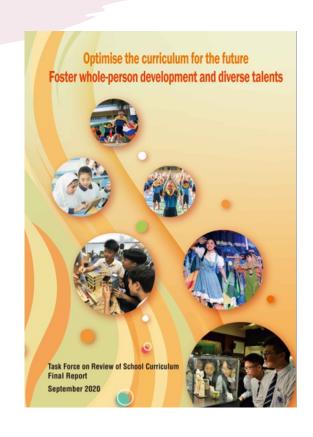
Recommendations of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum



Task Force on Review of School Curriculum

- The Task Force was set up in November 2017 to holistically review the primary and secondary curricula.
- It examines how to:
 - make the school curricula rigorous and forward-looking in enhancing students' capacity to learn and nurturing in them the values and qualities which are essential for learners of the 21st century;
 - better cater for students' diverse abilities, interests, needs and aspirations;
 - optimise the curriculum in creating space and opportunities for students' whole-person development; and
 - better articulate learning at the primary and secondary levels.

Final Report of Task Force on Review of School Curriculum (2020)



Six Directions of Recommendations

Whole-person Development

Values Education and Life Planning Education

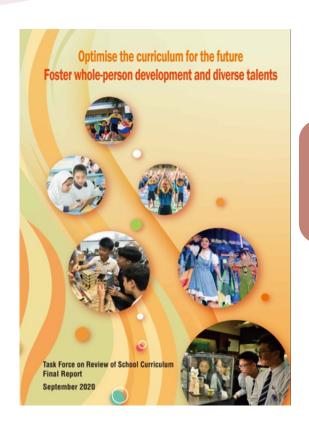
Creating Space and Catering for Learner Diversity

Applied Learning

University Admissions

STEM Education

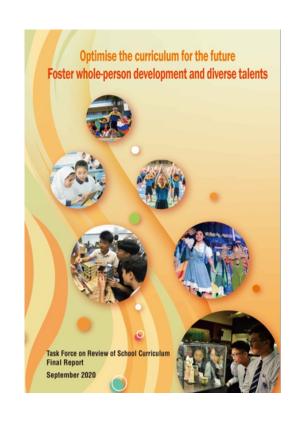
Final Report of Task Force on Review of School Curriculum (2020)



Recommendations for English Language Catering for Learner Diversity

Creating Space

Final Report of Task Force on Review of School Curriculum (2020)



further streamline the SBA and review how the Elective Part could be better assessed in the Writing Paper of the HKDSE

> offer English-related Applied Learning (ApL) courses as an elective

enrich the existing curriculum, with more emphasis on the academic and creative uses of the language

provide more opportunities for students to enhance their language competency through LaC and RaC



Optimising Senior Secondary English Language

Background

In tandem with one of the recommendations set out in the review report with the theme "Optimise the curriculum for the future, Foster whole person development and diverse talents" of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum (Task Force), the committees on the four senior secondary (SS) core subjects under the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) have formulated proposals to optimise the respective curricula and assessments of the subjects, thereby creating space for students and catering for learner diversity.

Short Video: Optimising the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects - English Language



Curriculum and Assessment Guide

Title	Document
English Language Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) (2021)	PDF
[effective from Secondary 4 in the 2021/22 school year]	

<u>Professional Development Programme</u>

Title	Document	
Optimising Senior Secondary English Language (June 2021)	PDF	

EDB Circular Memorandum

Title	Document
Curriculum Documents in Support of the Optimised Senior Secondary Core Subjects and Supplementary Notes to the Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (2017) (EDBCM 72/2021)	EDBCM no. 72/2021
Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects (EDBCM $39/2021)$	EDBCM no. 39/2021
Optimising the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects to Create Space for Students and Cater for Learner Diversity : School Questionnaire Survey and School Briefing Sessions (EDBCM 20/2021)	EDBCM no. 20/2021

Sample Paper

For sample paper on 2024 HKDSE English Language Paper 2 (Writing), please visit **the HKEAA website**

Measures to Optimise Senior Secondary English Language - Curriculum

	Existing Curriculum	Optimising Arrangements
Curriculum Time	A total of 313-375 hours of lesson time	 Up to 50 hrs to be freed up to allow greater flexibility in curriculum planning through reducing the overlap of the Compulsory and Elective Parts
and Design	 75% of the lesson time allocated to the Compulsory Part 	 the Elective Part components to be fully integrated into the Compulsory Part
	 25% of the lesson time allocated to the Elective Part for the teaching of 2 – 3 elective modules 	 the Elective Part to be taught as enrichment/extension components, with emphasis on the creative use of English through the language arts components
Cross-curricular Links	 strengthening cross-curricular links and collaboration by: promoting the academic use of language through RaC and LaC, as well as co-curricular and life-wid learning activities offering Applied Learning (Vocational English) from the 2021–23 cohort and expanding the range English-related Applied Learning courses in the future 	

Measures to Optimise Senior Secondary English Language - Public Assessment

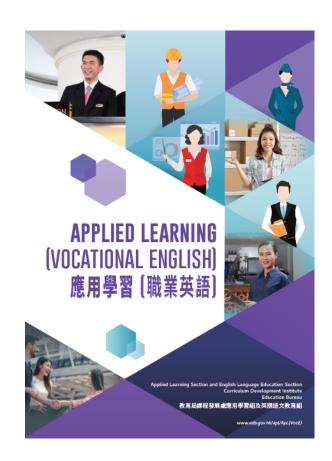
Component		Weighting	Duration
Public Examination	Paper 1 Reading	20%	1 hours
	Paper 2 Writing	25%	2 hours
	Paper 3 Listening & Integrated Skills	30%	About 2 hours
	Paper 4 Speaking	10%	About 20 minutes
School-based Assessment		15%	No chang

Measures to Optimise Senior Secondary English Language – Public Assessment

	Existing Design	Design under Optimising Measures
Paper 2 (Writing) Part B	 Part A: 1 compulsory topic Part B: eight topics, each on one elective module of the Elective Part for students' choice in Part B 	 Part A: No change Part B: delinking questions in Part B from the eight elective modules; and cutting down on the number of questions from 8 to 4 to reduce the reading load on students during the examination and enhance the effectiveness of assessment
SBA	 two marks to be submitted, one from the reading/viewing programme, one from the Elective Part, each accounting for 7.5 % of the total subject mark 4 texts to be read/viewed in the course of 3 years in preparation for the SBA 	learning and teaching: - two marks submitted <u>based only on the</u> reading/viewing programme

Offering English-related ApL Courses

Applied Learning (Vocational English)
Applied Learning (Translation Studies)



Promoting the Academic Use of English

Support students in learning other subjects through English

> Academic English

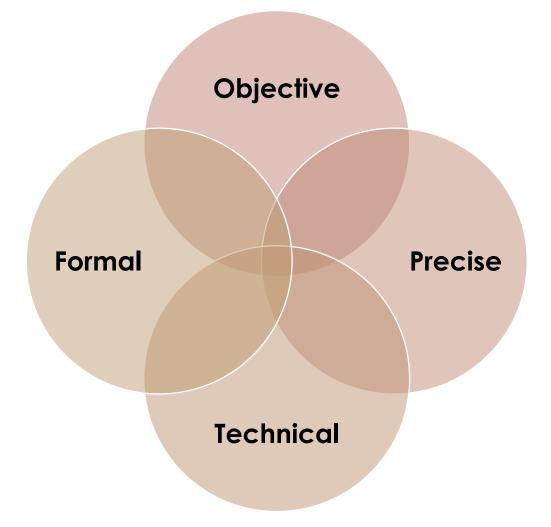
Help students understand lessons, lectures, seminars, study materials

Prepare students for further studies

Facilitate students'
completion of
assignments and
assessments of other
subjects

Promoting the Academic Use of English

Characteristics of academic texts



Language Features of Academic English

Academic vocabulary

Subject-specific & formal

- e.g. carbon footprint, global warming, marine conservationist
- e.g. Many correspondents opined that, deplorable conditions

Nominalisation

- Use of nouns / noun phrases
 → objective & impersonal tone
- e.g. A higher intake of protein & carbohydrates helps underweight people to gain weight.
- e.g. Her craving for junk food is the cause of obesity.

Passive voice

- Absence of the agent
- e.g. It is observed that...

Complex Sentences

- Use of subordinate clauses
 - Relative clause
 - Noun clause
 - Adverbial clause

Hedging words

- Cautious tone
 - Modals
 - Adjectives (e.g. possible, unlikely)
 - Introductory verbs (e.g. appear to be, tend to)

Cohesive devices

 Use of signpost/ discourse markers to link up sentences and paragraphs

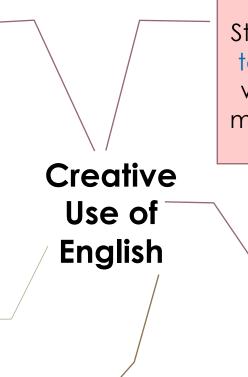
Promoting the Creative Use of English

Sensitivity

Students identify and appreciate novel ideas and language use in imaginative texts (e.g. poems and short stories), and are sensitive to sounds, word choice, images and figurative use of language.

Flexibility

Students adapt ideas and present arguments from multiple perspectives and explore alternative approaches to solving problems.



<u>Fluency</u>

Students respond and give expression to experiences, events or characters within a time limit (e.g. giving a two-minute impromptu speech on a given topic).

Elaboration

Students exercise their imagination to enrich and expand ideas (e.g. using different characterisation techniques to enrich the description of a character in a short story).

Originality

Students exercise their imagination to produce novel deas in the form of spoken, written or multimodal texts, or through performative means (e.g. creating a new ending to a story).

How to promote the Creative Use of English?

Examples of Learning and Teaching Activities

- poster presentations on the theme/subject of the text
- discussion of photos/pictures related to the text
- personal reactions to the theme(s) which occur in the text
- choosing from a list of adjectives the one which best describes a certain character, and supplying reasons
- discussing the language used in the text (e.g. selecting the most beautiful line/best written part, explaining the craft/techniques used and the effects created)

How to promote the Creative Use of English?

Examples of Learning and Teaching Activities

- reading aloud the text with feelings and an appropriate tone
- reading/listening to an extract, and writing and/or presenting the dialogue between the characters
- rewriting the text as a different text type (e.g. turning a story into a film script)
- writing diary entries or a letter reflecting on the events of the story from the point of view of the reader or one of the characters

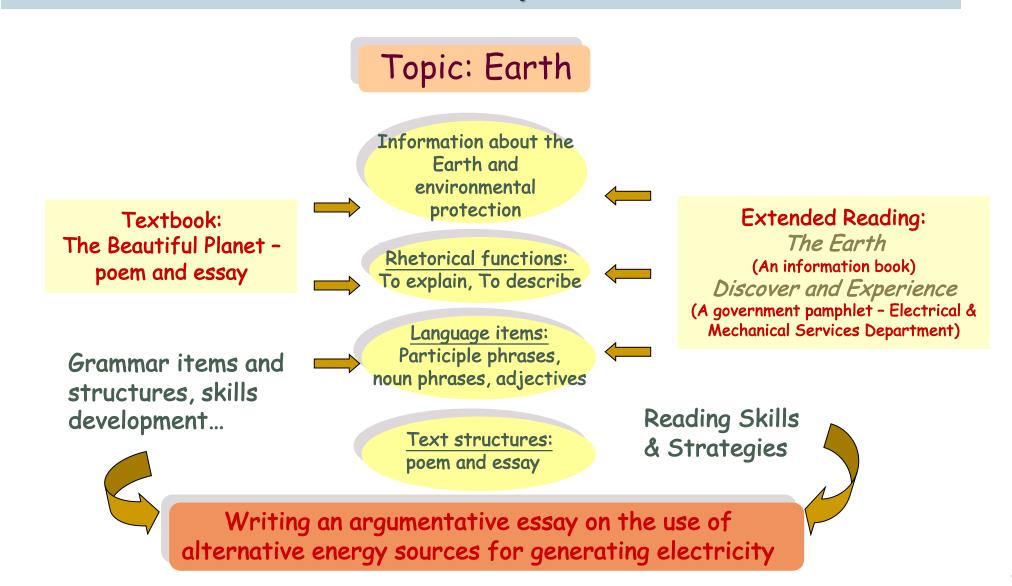
Strategies to promote Academic and Creative Uses of English

Language across the Curriculum (LaC)

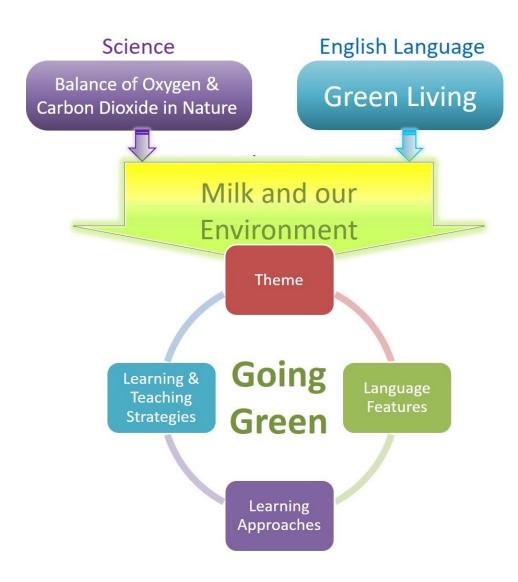
Reading across the Curriculum (RaC)

Examples will be shared.

An Example



An Example



Curriculum mapping

Identifying suitable reading materials

Identifying entry points such as text types, rhetorical functions, etc.

Establishing meaningful links between language features and concepts acquired across different KLAs

An Example

Reading material (a feature article):

"A Guide to the Impact of Cow's Milk, Almond Milk, and Soy Milk on Your Health and the Environment"

Content

1) To understand different types of milk with respect to the carbon footprint, water footprint, nutrition and price

Language (Connection with Science, Mathematics)

Academic use of English

- 1) To understand the text structure of a feature article
- 2) To use graphic representations, i.e. charts/graphs, to present data
- 3) To understand rhetorical functions and the related language items:

Rhetorical functions	Target language items
To define	• "refers to"
To cite (the source)	"According to"
To present facts	• "measures" (the use of the present tense)
To make reference to	• "found (that)"
To compare and	Presenting similarities
contrast	• "both"
	Presenting differences
	• "meanwhile", "but", "while", "the most expensive"
	(the use of the comparative/superlative)

e-Learning

1) To develop a multimodal text (e.g with texts, images, charts/graphs...)

An Example

Pre-reading Understanding the text type (feature article)



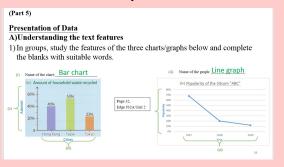
While-reading

- Jigsaw reading: Comparison of milk
- Identifying the target language items



Post-reading

 Data presentation (relevant language features)



Writing

Developing a multimodal feature article with Google Site

An Example

Reading

An Article

A Guide to the Impact of Cow's Milk, Almond Milk, and Soy Milk on Your Health and the Environment

Paragraph

- If you're thinking about switching from cow's milk to a plant-based alternative such as almond milk or soy - whether for health or environmental reasons - it's useful to first find out just what each alternative provides, not to mention the impact it's having on the planet.
- We compared the carbon footprint, water footprint, nutritional value and price of cow, soy and almond milk to see just how



each one measures up.

contributing to CO2 emissions, cows also release an even more harmful greenhouse gas - methane - into the atmosphere. But does switching to plant-based

- According to a 2014 study published in the academic Journal of Industrial Ecology, for 20 every cup of cow's milk that is produced, 400 grams of carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. This is compared to 200 grams per cup of soy milk, and 174 grams per cup of almonds.
- However, as it doesn't take one cup of almonds to produce one cup of almond milk most almond milk sold in shops will contain around five almonds per cup of milk - it's 25 safe to assume that the carbon emissions for almond milk are actually even lower.

An Article

Content Going Green

Language Features

- Text structures
- Data presentation (In graphic forms)
- Rhetorical function (To Compare) and the related language items

Writing

Article

Science

Science + **Mathematics**

Part 3:

Experience Sharing (STFA Yung Yau College)

Part 4:

Summary and Resources

Task Force's recommendations

Major updates
of the ELE
KLACG

How to incorporate all these elements in the English classroom?

School's major concerns





Example

Promoting Values Education through Reading and Viewing

Level	Proposed ideas	
KS 3	S1: Stories – to experience the life of abandoned animals (Empathy)	
	S2: Interviews – to get inspired by successful athletes (Grit)	
	S3: Video clips – to find out the struggles of the underprivileged groups (Care for others)	Ve
KS 4	S4: Infographics – to know more about the recycling projects	coh ✓ V
	in Hong Kong (Responsibility)	✓ Te
	S5: Feature articles – to raise awareness of fake news and	ĺ
	cyber bulling (Law-abidingness)	
	S6: Songs – to encourage people in face of adversity (Resilience)	

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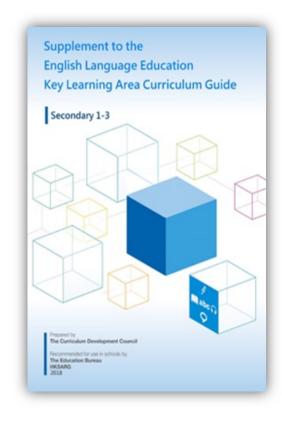
Example

Promoting Values Education & Academic and Creative Uses of English through Sayings of Wisdom

Level	Propose	ed ideas
KS 3	S1:	Learning similes and metaphors through famous sayings (e.g. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.)
	S2:	Creating slogans in parallel structures (e.g. No pain, no gain)
	S3:	Applying the rule of three in oral presentations (e.g. blood, sweat and tears)
KS 4	S4:	Identifying analogies, repetition and rhetorical questions through analysing famous speeches
	S5:	Incorporating literary devices in informal writing (e.g. narrative writing, blog entry, photo caption)
	S6:	Incorporating literary devices in formal writing (e.g. argumentative writing, letter to the editor)

Supplement to the ELE KLACG (S1 – 3)

http://www.edb.gov.hk/elecg

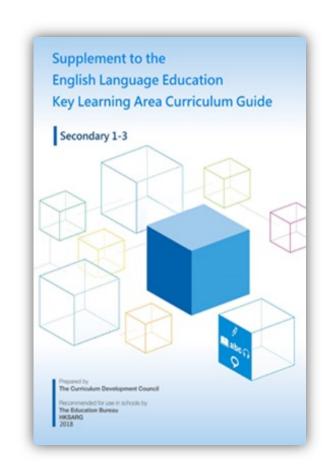


Serves as a supplement to the ELE KLACG (2017)

Aims to provide teachers with further suggestions on the implementation of the English Language curriculum at KS3 (S1-3)

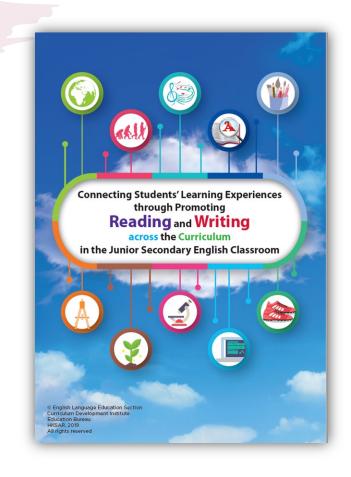
Revisits the curriculum emphases provided in the *Syllabus for English Language (S1 – 5) (1999)* for renewal and puts forth new emphases to reflect the changing contexts

Supplement to the ELE KLACG (S1 – 3)

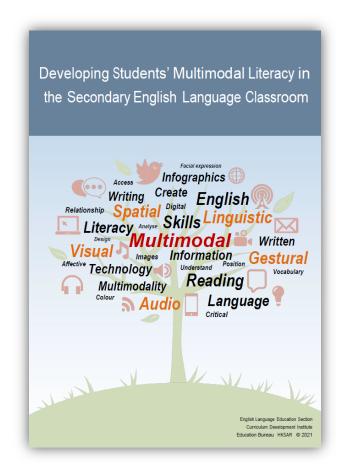


The Supplement consists of six chapters:











A Treasury of Literary Classics (Secondary Level)





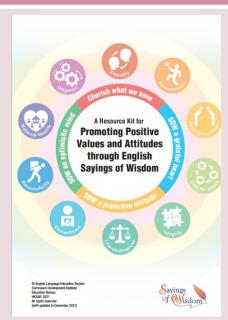
Campaign on "Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2021/22" **Learning and Teaching Resources**

A Resource Kit for **Promoting Positive** Values and Attitudes through **English Sayings of** Wisdom

Videos on "Fantastic People" and "Fantastic **People Videos Activity Booklet**"

Learning and Teaching Materials for Poetry Remake Competition

A Resource Kit on Inspirational Speeches















Campaign on "Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2021/22"



Campaign on "Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2021/22" Competitions



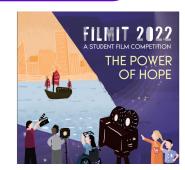
SOW Creativity
 Contest: A Moment in Time
 (Pri & Sec)
 Nov 21 - Feb 22



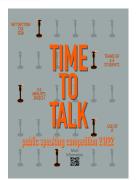
 SOW Creative Singing Contest (Sec)
 Feb - May 22



 Poetry Remake Competition (Sec) Dec 21- Mar 22



Filmit 2022 (Pri & Sec)Nov 21 - May 22



 "Time to Talk" Public Speaking Competition (Sec) Sep 21 - May 22

SOW Creativity Contest: A Moment in Time



- One of the signature events of the SOW Campaign 2021/22
- Requirements and Regulations
 - Four divisions: the Lower Primary Parent-child Division (P1-P3), the Upper Primary Division (P4-P6), the Junior Secondary Division (S1-S3) and the Senior Secondary Division (S4-S6).
 - Each entry should be submitted on an individual basis.
 - Students are invited to create a 2D multimodal artwork and write a description illustrating a special moment related to a SOW of their choice.

For details, please refer to:

https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/SOW/competitions.html

Poetry Remake Competition



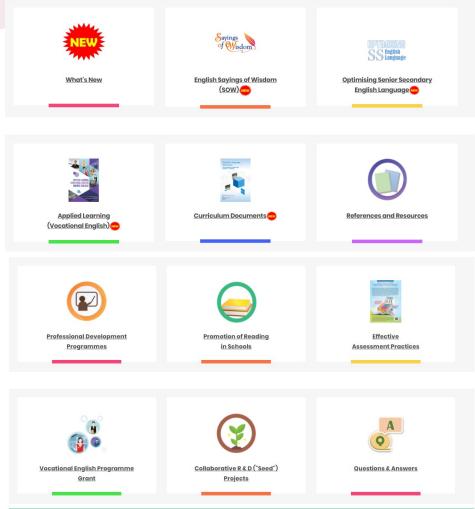
- a cross-curricular activity which integrates literary appreciation and art creation jointly organised by the English Language Education Section and Arts Education Section
- aims to enhance students' awareness of and interest in English poetry by poets in Hong Kong, encourage artistic and creative expression and provide opportunities for cross-curricular collaboration in the promotion of reading
- Students create a two-dimensional artwork in response to one of the selected poems, and then write an artist statement in English to explain the ideas in their work.
- For details, please refer to:

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Resources and References on English Language Education



All learning & teaching resources and references for ELE can be accessed at the ELE KLA website.

ELE KLA Website www.edb.gov.hk/ele





PDPs for 2021/22 s.y.



Link to Booklet on PDP 2021/2022

Optimising Senior Secondary English Language Series:

- Using Language Arts to Promote the Creative Use of English
- The Role of Grammar and Vocabulary in Academic Reading and Writing
- Effective Curriculum Planning and Implementation for English Panel Chairpersons

Curriculum Leadership and Management Series

- Curriculum Leadership and Management for the English Language Education Key Learning Area: Holistic Planning and Implementation of the Secondary English Language Curriculum for English Panel Chairpersons
- Curriculum Leadership and Management for the English Language Education Key Learning Area: Holistic Planning and Implementation of the Secondary English Language Curriculum for English Teachers

PDPs.for 2021/22 s.y.

Language across the Curriculum

- Enhancing Students' Literacy Skills Development through Promoting Language across the Curriculum in the Junior Secondary English Classroom
- Enhancing the Learning and Teaching of English Vocabulary for Cross-curricular Learning in the Secondary English Classroom

Catering for Learner Diversity

• Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs through Integrating New Literacies in the Junior Secondary English Classroom



Link to Booklet on PDP 2021/2022

PDPs for 2021/22 s.y.



Link to Booklet on PDP 2021/2022

Learning and Teaching of English Language Skills

 Adopting an Inductive Approach to Enhance Secondary Students' Grammar Knowledge and Promote Self-directed Learning

New Literacy Skills

• Critical Reading and Viewing: Developing Students' Visual Literacy in the English Language Classroom

PDPs.for 2021/22 s.y.

Assessment



Link to Booklet on PDP 2021/2022

- Developing Reading and Listening Skills of Secondary Students with Reference to the Learning Progression Framework
- Developing Secondary Students' Writing and Speaking Skills with Reference to the Learning Progression Framework
- Effective Assessment Practices in the English Language Curriculum

PDPs for 2021/22 s.y.

e-Learning

• Strategies on Using e-Resources to Develop Students' English Language Skills and Promote the Creative Use of English at the Secondary Level



Link to Booklet on PDP 2021/2022

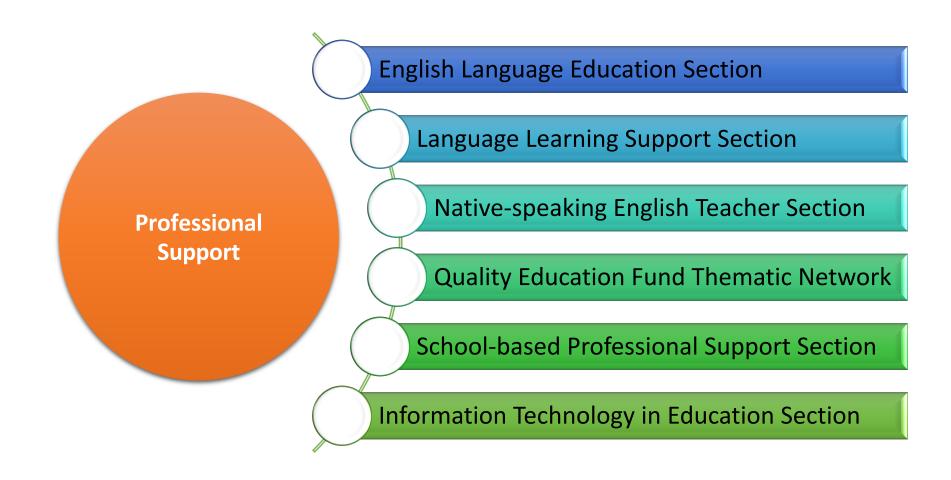
English-related Applied Learning

• Introduction to English-related Applied Learning Courses

Literature in English

- Appreciating Music and Sound Effects in Films
- Exploring Point of View and Narrative Techniques in Fiction

Professional Support by EDB



Useful Websites

Learning and teaching resources

- Resources developed by the Native-speaking English Teacher Section, CDI http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/resource-support/net/enet-resources.html
- Resources developed by the Language Learning Support Section, CDI http://cd1.edb.hkedcity.net/cd/languagesupport/resources.html
- ➤ One-stop Portal for Learning and Teaching Resources http://minisite.proj.hkedcity.net/edbosp-eng/eng/home.html
- Educational Multimedia NEW https://emm.edcity.hk/
- ➤ HKedCity English Campus https://www.hkedcity.net/english/

Assignment

Write a reflection in no more than 250 words to illustrate how the **major updates** of the *English* Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (P1-S6) (2017) and/or the recommendations of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum can be incorporated in your school's English Language curriculum. Select major update(s) and/or recommendation(s) which suit your school context and students' needs, and provide examples of learning activities.

Submit the reflection in MS Word format through Google Form (https://forms.gle/X6WjVJBpL6rtA6Bi7) on or before 31 January 2022.

Please complete and submit the evaluation form by 31 Jan 2022.

THANK YOU!

