

2023 POST-EXAM AND *Summer* PROGRAMMES



SUMMER 2023, A TIME FOR RECOVERY AND RESTART!

Summer 2023 provides the perfect opportunity for students to rekindle their passion for learning and to catch up on what they have missed in the past few years. Things are finally back to normal. Let this summer restart the rhythm of school life!

We have added more activities, more actions and more fun to this year's summer programmes. Our curriculum is revised to take into account the impact of Covid on our students and their learning. Our teachers are trained to be patient, encouraging and to teach with multi-strategies to bring dynamic, engaging and positive learning atmosphere for our students to bask in.

Leave it with us. We shall give your students the best summer ever!

Let Headstart be your Partner,
your Friend and your Teammate.



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English Gets
Ahead



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Without doubt, this is the most sought-after summer programme. Year after year, it gives all our incoming S1 students the best start on their secondary school journey. To respond to Covid ‘impact on our students’ learning, we provide two standards for our schools to choose.

A 5-day programme, it covers

- 1 School orientation
- 2 Getting to know new schoolmates
- 3 Learning of secondary school English

Programme
Schedule

School Orientation

Day 1

Snakes and Ladders: What, Where, Which about the new school

A fun game to help students settle into their secondary school, get around its campus, learn the school personnel and the school calendar.

Talk, Play and Work: English as the medium of instruction and communication

Enhance fluency in classroom English through interactive games, activities and exercises.

English Galore

Day 2

Speak Your Mind

Build confidence in daily English conversation and classroom presentation.

Reading Master

Become an avid and fluent reader through acquisition of fundamental reading skills.

Writing Pro

Master the important techniques to become an effective writer for varied writing purposes.

Listen Up

Acquire valuable listening skills through social games and listening exercises.

Starting secondary school and making new friends in a new environment can be stressful but can also be exciting!

Learning English through the Socio-Cultural Perspective

Electives (choose 3)

Day 3

The Art of Poems and Songs

Explore key poetic forms (haiku, acrostics, shape poems) and engage in lyrics-rewriting.

Gems of Popular Culture

Immerse in the world of advertising, movies and the latest in pop cultural development.

Heads-up with Social Issues

Investigate topical social issues both local and global, such as environmental conservation, wealth gap and gender inequality.

All about Short Stories

Learn to appreciate the basics of this classical literary form, from genre to setting, from plot to twist, from characterization to narration.

Power Up through Sports Communication

Learn about the varieties of sports and the unique genre of sports reporting.

Let's Get Practical!

Phonics-holics

Boost spelling and pronunciation skills while building vocabularies.

Note-taking Wizard

Take advantage of powerful online tools, get hands-on practice in information research and digital note-taking.

Kahoot Fun

Use the latest programme in educational technology, have fun in consolidating learning through online quizzes and competitions.

Wrap Up and Presentation

Day 5

English Buffet

This game will test students' newly-acquired English skills using clues and riddles related to the contents of the previous 4 days' lessons.

Student Presentation

Students will end their bridging programme by reflecting upon their journey of learning. In groups, they will produce a short presentation or drama performance which will showcase not only their new skills, but also their feelings for their new school and classmates.



Pre-S.1 Bridging Programme

S.1

Curriculum Aboard



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This comprehensive and long running ‘Curriculum Aboard’ programme takes the burden off subject teachers and immerses students in subject-focused English Lessons. Students will gain solid exposure to a wide array of subject knowledge and vocabulary, stimulating their interests in these subjects before they choose their focus of studies. There is also an element of school orientation for incoming S1 students.

Programme Schedule

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Day 2 / 4

LAC modules for selection

A) Mathematics

Percentage
Bar Charts
Broken-line Graphs
Concept of Similar Triangle
Angles and Parallel Lines
Polygons

B) Integrated Science

Cells
Plant Cells and Animal Cells
Human Reproduction
Air Composition
Photosynthesis
Energy and Respiration
Lab Safety

E) Life and Society

Basic Law and Citizenship
Development of Hong Kong
Economy

C) History

Introduction to History
Ancient Greek Civilisation
The Renaissance - its Science and Culture
Spotlight studies: Napoleon and Winston Churchill
World Wars in Europe

D) Geography

Air Pollution
Changing Land Use in Hong Kong
Light Pollution
Resource Conservation
Sustainable City
Weather and Climate

Social Media
Developing Values
Sensible Consumption

English Fun Day Programme

S.1-S.5

English Fun Day / Day Camp

Students learn best when they are having fun! English Fun Day / Day Camp lets students experience the joy of learning English and appreciate its relevance and usefulness. Fun Day or Day Camp can be held at school or at an outside venue. They are organised to focus on specific themes or areas of studies. They are fun, action-oriented, full of laughter and guaranteed to leave a lasting impression on the students.



Objectives:

- 1 Let students immerse in a fun and action-filled learning environment
- 2 Develop students’ social skills
- 3 Boost students’ confidence in speaking English through games and activities

Programme Content

Session	
	Activities
A	Introduction In the hall, the host will welcome the students, introduce the theme of the Fun Day and the rotation map to the students.
B	Game Book Activities Booth 1 - Britain Booth 2 - India Booth 3 - Singapore Booth 4– Australia * Please refer to the section after the Rotation Map for activities details.
C	Wrap up Students reflect what they have learnt in fun day.

Rotation Map			
Group	Game Booth	Game Booth	Game Booth
A	1	2	3
B	2	3	4
C	3	4	1
D	4	1	2



Tasks in Each Game Booth

Game Booth 1: Britain

Session	Tasks	Time
Introduction	Teachers greet the students.	2 mins
Fun Facts	Students learn fun facts (e.g., Capital city, currency) about Britain and take a quick quiz.	5 mins
Scramble the Cities	Students learn the nicknames of the cities. Then they will race to shout out the answers. The student(s) who get the most points will be the winner.	7 mins

Game Booth 2: India

Session	Tasks	Time
Introduction	Teachers greet the students.	2 mins
Fun Facts	Students learn fun facts (e.g., Capital city, official language) about India and take a quick quiz.	5 mins
Dancing with Me	Students will learn some basic Indian dance steps and dance with the teacher	7 mins

Game Booth 3: Singapore

Session	Tasks	Time
Introduction	Teachers greet the students.	2 mins
Fun Facts	Students learn fun facts (e.g., Capital city, country flag) about Singapore and take a quick quiz.	5 mins
Street Food in the Country	Students will learn 15 must-try street food in the country. Then they will be asked what kind of food they like and play a vocabulary game.	7 mins

Game Booth 4: Australia

Session	Tasks	Time
Introduction	Teachers greet the students.	2 mins
Fun Facts	Students learn fun facts (e.g., Capital city, price level) about Australia and take a quick quiz.	5 mins
Animals Detectives	Students will learn 15 wild animals common in Australia. Then they will play a game by matching the shadow of those animals to their names.	7 mins



English Drama Programme

S.1- S.4

Great Dramatists



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Objectives:

1.

Use fun drama activities to raise students' interest in learning drama

2.

Teach knowledge on drama and let students experience acting and performing

3.

Boost students' listening and speaking skills and improve their pronunciation

Learning drama offers many benefits and we don't need to enter drama competition to reap them. English drama helps promote English culture in school and nurtures students' interest in performing art. Drama helps build students' confidence in expressing themselves freely in English!

Programme Content

Introduction to Drama

Finding Your Voice: Voice Elements

Body Movement: Emotions, Feelings & Attitudes

Improvisation: Character Identification

Miming

Music and Props

Script Reading and Writing

Rehearsal and Evaluation



DSE Summer Programmes
S.4-S.6

The Power Pack



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The Power Pack is an intensive DSE programme. It endeavours to empower S4 to S6 students to tackle DSE with confidence. Reading, Writing and Listening sections will be taught over 3 days of 3-hour lessons respectively. Speaking will be shorter and taught over 2 days of 3-hour lessons. The programme dissects each examination paper and teaches the skills and knowledge that DSE aims to test. There are two standards in this programme to cater for students' different level of academic achievement.

Programme Content

Paper 1 | Reading

With the aim of teaching students how to read fast and read smart, this module is designed to transform the way students tackle the commonly seen comprehension questions.

Teaching Focus

- Practice reading with efficiency
- Familiarisation with question types
- Familiarisation with question words and knowing how to provide targeted and concise answers

Paper 2 | Writing

This module focuses on a) organisation, b) idea generation and c) language accuracy. It enriches students' writing and improves fluency.

Teaching Focus

- Organisation and structure
- Content: capturing details, idea/opinion generation, description and persuasion
- Language, tone and manner

Paper 3 | Listening and Integrated skills

To score well in this demanding examination requires repeated practice. We provide exam-oriented drilling which is complemented by essential lessons on note-taking.

Teaching Focus

- Practise, practise, practise
- Focus and concentration
- Note-taking skills

Paper 4 | Speaking

Students will be given plenty of opportunities to speak. They will acquire not only the confidence in speaking but also the ability to be quick thinkers under stress.

Teaching Focus

- Practice, practice, practice
- English conversational phrases to improve fluency
- Listening for details and comprehending key messages
- Idea and opinion generation
- Tone and manner during group discussions

Objectives:

- 1 Enhance students' four language skills in preparation for HKDSE
- 2 Familiarise students with the format and content of the HKDSE English Language papers
- 3 Improve students' English proficiency

DSE Summer Programme
S.5-S.6

All on Reading and Writing



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This is an advanced and updated DSE programme. It is designed to enhance students' preparation for Paper 1 and Paper 2. An excellent lesson structure engages students to read and dissect current materials, learn advanced grammar and gain step-by-step improvement in writing skills. There are 12 topics for schools to choose.

Programme Content

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| Topic 1: | Feature Article |
| Topic 2: | Expository Essay |
| Topic 3: | Descriptive Writing |
| Topic 4: | Argumentative Essay |
| Topic 5: | One-sided Argumentative Essay |
| Topic 6: | Letters to the Editor |
| Topic 7: | Persuasive Essay |
| Topic 8: | News Article |
| Topic 9: | Letter of Complaint |
| Topic 10: | Letter of Advice/ Agony Aunt |
| Topic 11: | Proposal |
| Topic 12: | Short Story |

Objectives:

- 1 Use writing, reading and critical thinking to foster intellectual growth
- 2 Acquire the skills to analyse, research, describe, define and present ideas
- 3 Develop the core language skills and understand various genres of written texts



DSE Summer Programme
S.5-S.6

All on Listening and Integrated Skills



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This programme is recently revised and upgraded to support students’ preparation for Paper 3 in the HKDSE examination. It trains students’ listening skills, including predictive listening, note-taking, use of academic vocabulary and grammar in various contexts. There are 9 sets of materials for schools to choose.

Objectives:

- 1 Equip students with effective skills in preparation for HKDSE Paper 3
- 2 Train critical reading, note taking and thinking skills
- 3 Familiarize students with different genres of written texts in Paper 3 Part B

Programme Content

Listening: Technology
Integrated Skills: Article

Listening: Hong Kong Cinema
Integrated Skills: ‘Explore Europe’

Listening: Eating Habits
Integrated Skills: Opening a Restaurant

Listening: Video Game Development
Integrated Skills: Part-time Job

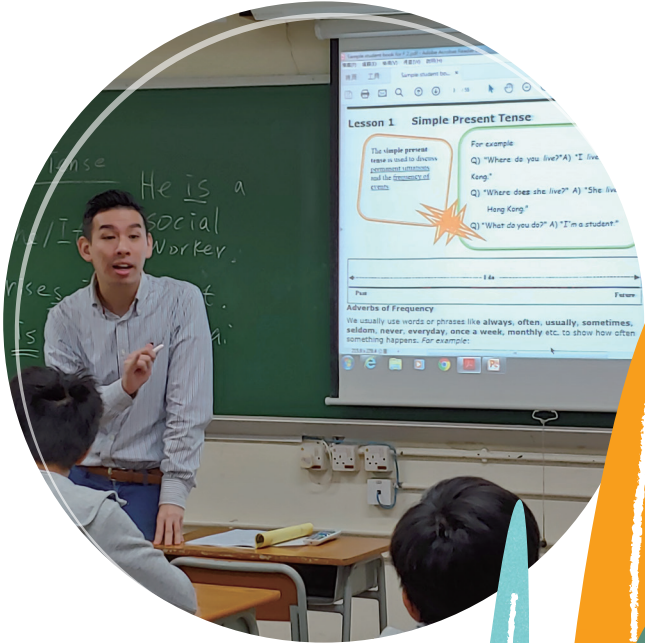
Listening: Uses of Internet
Integrated Skills: Controlling Air Pollution

Listening: Environmental Problems
Integrated Skills: Publishing a Magazine

Listening: Leisure and Entertainment
Integrated Skills: Stone Wall Tree

Listening: Sports
Integrated Skills: Reality Show

Listening: Teenage Problems and Crime
Integrated Skills: Fundraising Art Auction



Speaking Programme
S.1-S.4

Public Speaking



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Objectives:

- 1. Train students to write impressive speeches and to be a confident public speaker
- 2. Teach students the essential elements of impactful communication
- 3. Increase students’ confidence in speaking in English

Through learning public speaking skills and joining public speaking activities, students will develop confidence in speaking in public.

Programme Content

Introduction to Public Speaking

Speech Elements I: Pitch, Volume and Pace

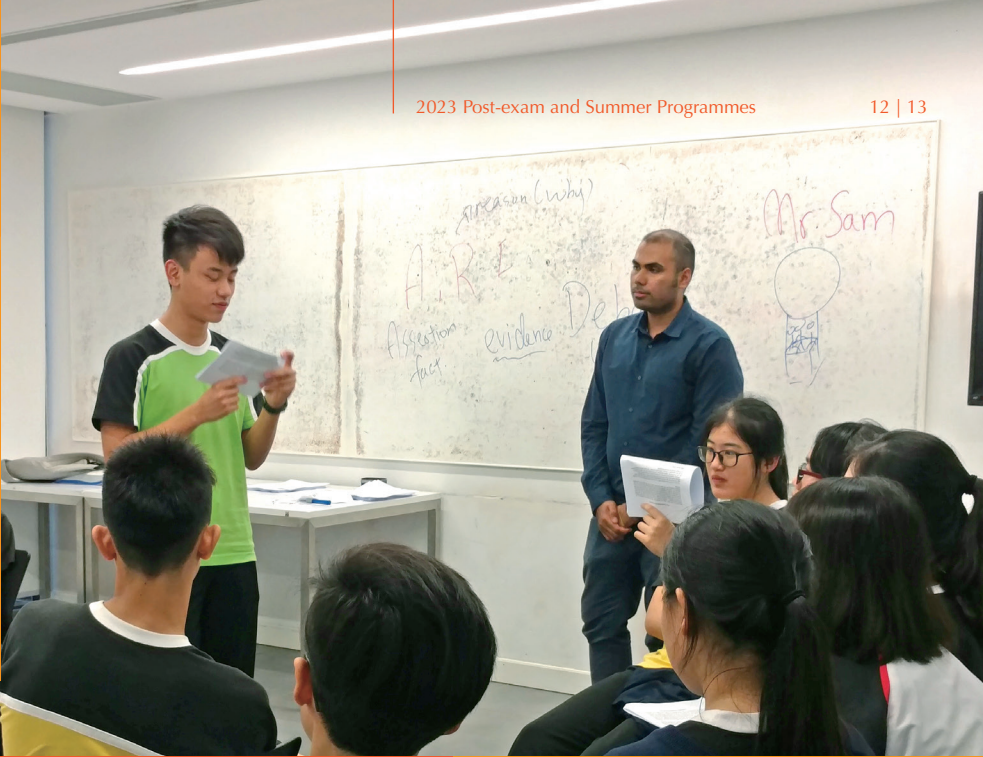
Speech Elements II: Articulation and Pronunciation

Speech Writing Skills I: Generating Ideas

Speech Writing Skills II: Word Choice and Rhetorical Strategies

Speech Writing Skills III: Making the Speech Easy to Follow

Delivering Your Speech



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S.1-S.4

Debating



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Debating is designed to help students acquire essential debating skills. Students will learn how to construct strong arguments and develop analytical and critical thinking to counter-argue. At the end of the programme, students will participate in a debate using skills they have learnt.

Objectives:

- 1 Teach students essential skills for debating
- 2 Familiarise students with standard debating format and structure
- 3 Strengthen students' English proficiency through the process

Programme Content

What is Debating?

Preparing for Debate - Brainstorming Ideas and Analysing Arguments

Giving Support and Constructing Arguments

Formulating Rebuttals and Noting the Manner

Persuasion Techniques

Formal Practice



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Programme
S.1-S.4

SpeakEZ

This newly designed state-of-art speaking programme aims to develop students' confidence and comfortableness in speaking English. We focus on nurturing their initiative in a trusting, risk-free, non-judgmental and student-directed environment. Speaking activities featured in this programme are fluid and flexible by design, giving both the teacher and students a good degree of freedom in directing the flow of the lessons.

Objectives:

- 1 Build students' confidence and eagerness to express their ideas in English
- 2 Expand students' vocabulary and improve their English pronunciation
- 3 Strengthen students' communication, creativity, critical thinking and leadership skills

Programme Content

Imaginative Context 1:
How to Survive on a Desert Island

Imaginative Context 2:
Aliens on a Mysterious Planet

Real-life Context:
At the Airport

Pop-culture theme 1:
Pokémon Challenge

Pop-culture theme 2:
Who is the Werewolf?



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