

SHUNG TAK CATHOLIC ENGLISH COLLEGE CIRCULAR #53 2011-12

11th October, 2011

Dear Parents of Secondary 5-6 classes,

Re: SBA for English for S5-S6 classes

The English Department would like to inform you of the arrangement of obtaining marks for School Based Assessment (SBA) in English.

SBA marks taken from the assessments done in class will be used as marks for the English paper, which carries 15% of the total English mark. Two assessments will be done in each term of S5. The best out of these 2 oral assessments for each term will go towards the 15%, which will be printed and recorded in your child's report cards. When your child moves up to S6, four assessments will be completed and the best mark will be recorded in your child's report card.

We would also like to inform you that these SBA marks will also be submitted to the HKEAA for the SBA part of English assessment in the HKDSE. Students will receive a formal slip of paper reporting their SBA mark(s), which the students and parents will need to sign. The mark will then be submitted to the HKEAA. Please take note of appeal deadlines which can be found on our school's website.

Let us explain in more detail this part of the assessment system so that you can have a better understanding of SBA.

SBA is a compulsory component of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and carries 15% of the English paper. This 15% is derived from the SBA marks from S5 to S6 submitted to the HKEAA. It is carried out in schools as part of the learning and teaching process, with students being assessed by their subject teachers. The purpose of incorporating SBA into the curriculum is to offer students room to develop their confidence. It also acts as a mode through which students can receive quality feedback from teachers to help them continuously improve in a more comfortable and familiar setting within the school campus. This will also give a more comprehensive understanding of students' strengths and weaknesses as they develop autonomous learning.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's English teacher or you can call the heads of the English Department, Ms. Emily Ma or Ms. J. De Guzman, at 24764263.

Your child should return the Reply Slip below, duly signed, to his/her English teacher on 14th October 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kung Kwong Pui, Joseph
Principal

REPLY SLIP

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I have read the circular and fully understand the arrangement of the SBA for English for S5-S6 classes

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's name: _____

Class: _____ ()

Date: _____

Return this REPLY SLIP to your English teacher on 14th October 2011.