

30th October, 2018

Dear S.5 Parent,

IELTS Academic English Language Exam for S5

IELTS is one of the most common English language exams required by universities and companies and it is widely accepted. The English Department and the Career and Life Planning Committee will jointly organize IELTS preparation sessions; and help S.5 students register for the IELTS exam.

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is a well-known exam that tests reading, writing, listening and speaking in English on a banding scale from 1, with 9 being the highest possible score. Launched in 1980, IELTS was established for the purpose of university enrollment overseas in countries such as England, Australia and Canada. Today, more universities around the world are accepting IELTS as an entry exam where English proficiency is a requirement. In Hong Kong, having IELTS is also a plus as it is a good way to check on students' English proficiency and can help to predict DSE results. Please note that IELTS results are valid for two years only.

Shung Tak will offer assistance in the form of targeted test preparation. In addition to online practice tests like those on: <https://www.roadtoielts.com/testdrive/>, IELTS practice sessions will also be organized at school. Dates of these sessions will be confirmed with students interested in registering for the examination. We will help students with registration with the aim being an exam date in April 2019. The IELTS exam is conducted by the British Council and costs \$2,010.

Please indicate if your child will be interested in taking this exam either by e-format, or on the reply slip, duly signed, to your child's English teacher by 31st October, 2018. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call 2476 4263 to speak to Ms. SM Wong, Ms. B Lee or Mr. Bittner.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Tang Siu Sim Cecilia
Principal

REPLY SLIP

Dear Principal,

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My child is / is not interested in enrolling for IELTS.

I understand that the exam costs \$2,010 and requires additional study time. I would like / would not like the school to help my child register for IELTS.

Name of Student: _____

Class of Student: _____(_____)

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

*Tick as appropriate