Title of School-based Support Service (On-site Support) (2025/26):

English Language Education in Secondary Schools: Renewing and Optimising the Secondary English Language Curriculum through Holistic Curriculum Planning

Online Application Code L12

1. Objectives

The support service aims to:

- enhance curriculum leadership and professional capacity of the teacher team in participating schools through the train-the-trainer approach; and
- empower teachers to strengthen holistic curriculum planning to optimise English Language learning and teaching.

2. Foci of Support

- To develop a coherent and balanced curriculum (e.g. supporting a smooth interface between key stages 3 and 4, optimising the senior secondary English Language curriculum) for students' well-rounded and progressive development of knowledge, language skills, generic and enabling skills, and values and attitudes
- To connect the school English Language curriculum with the major renewed emphases such as values education (including national education and national security education), and promoting Language/Reading across the Curriculum (including in the context of supporting STEM/STEAM education) to foster students' whole-person development
- To diversify learning, teaching and assessment strategies, and English learning experiences to cater for learner diversity (e.g. implementing self-directed learning, experiential learning)

3. Support Activities

To support schools in implementing the above foci of support, diversified support activities are conducted, including the following in general:

- regular on-site meetings (e.g. collaborative lesson planning, reviewing and optimising the school English Language curriculum);
- lesson study/lesson observation and post-lesson discussion; and
- professional development activities (e.g. workshops) and/or inter-school networking activities (e.g. inter-school lesson observation, inter-school visits, experience sharing).

4. Points to note

- The support service normally lasts for one year.
- To effectively utilise the support service, participating schools should:
 - appoint a curriculum leader to lead the core teaching team's participation in this
 professional support service, liaise with the relevant support officer and make
 specific arrangements for the support service;
 - allow support officers to collect materials including video clips and photographs of learning activities, teachers' reflection and student work during the support period for professional discussion; and
 - encourage the core teaching team to disseminate successful experiences in curriculum development and the learning and teaching resources co-developed within and across schools. (The copyright of these materials will be jointly owned by the Education Bureau and the relevant schools. The Education Bureau

reserves the right to compile and modify these materials for educational and promotional purposes.)

• Participating schools should comply with relevant laws, such as compliance with the Copyright Ordinance, in developing school-based learning and teaching materials.

5. Enquiries

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