

28 March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian



**MOTHER TONGUE AND MOTHER TONGUE B SYLLABUS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

1. The Preliminary Examination for Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue B Syllabus will be conducted on 24 April 2024 (Wednesday) for the following students:
  - Secondary 4 Express and 5 Normal (Academic) for Mother Tongue (CL and ML only) and Mother Tongue B Syllabus (CLB only) Preliminary Examination
  - Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) taking MTL as Out-of-Stream Subject (OSS)
2. Students will report to school as per usual timing i.e. by 8.30am on a normal Wednesday.
3. Normal curriculum lessons will resume on 25 April 2024 for all students taking the Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue B Syllabus Preliminary Examination.
4. The examination timetable and a Memorandum on Malpractice during examinations are appended for your reference. Please spend some time going through the Memorandum on Malpractice together with your child/ward. A copy of the schedule is also available on the school website at the following link: [2024 MTL MTLB Prelim Exam Timetable](#)
5. We would like to highlight the following points:
  - a) There will be no re-sitting of the examinations for all absences. Any absence from the examination has to be supported by a medical certificate from a registered General Practitioner.
  - b) Students are to be present at the examination venue at least 15 minutes before the start for each paper. Students who are late will not be given additional time for the paper. Students who are more than 30 minutes late may not be allowed to sit for the exam paper.
  - c) Students need not report to school if they do not have any papers on that day. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to supervise your child/ward on these days and motivate them to self-study at home.
  - d) Students are dismissed only after they have completed all their papers for the day. They are not allowed to leave the school premises during the break time between papers.
  - e) The school will enforce strict discipline during examinations. Students must report to school in proper school attire; otherwise they could be barred from sitting for the paper.
  - f) Students on suspension are expected to turn up for their Preliminary Examination.

6. As partners in education, we seek your support in motivating your child/ward to study diligently and achieve his/her personal best.
7. For any clarifications, please email: [hougang\\_ss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:hougang_ss@moe.edu.sg), Attn: HOD/MTL.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Lee Thuan Sim  
Principal

**2024 Secondary 4 Express / Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) /  
Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) taking MTL as Out-of-Stream Subject**

**MTL/MTLB Preliminary Examination Timetable**

<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Time</b>
24 April (Wed)	Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus Paper 1 (CL)	SRC	50 min	0900 - 0950
	Mother Tongue (CL/ML) Paper 1	Hall	2 h	0900 - 1100
	Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus Paper 2 (CL)	SRC	1 h	1045 - 1145
	Mother Tongue (CL/ML) Paper 2	Hall	1 h 30 min	1145 – 1315
	Listening Comprehension Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus (CL)	SRC	30 min	1230 – 1300
25 April (Thu)	Listening Comprehension Mother Tongue (CL/ML)	Classrooms	45 min	During Curriculum Time

**Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue B Syllabus  
Preliminary Examination Exam Format**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exam Format</b>
Chinese Language (1160)	<p><b>试卷一：写作（60分）</b> 包括实用文(20分)和作文(40分)两部分。</p> <p><b>试卷二：语文应用与阅读理解（70分）</b> 考查的项目包括： 语文应用（综合填空及词语替换） 15分 阅读理解（一） 20分 阅读理解（二） 35分</p> <p><b>试卷三：听力理解（20分）</b> 考查的内容包括日常会话、广告、故事、新闻报道等，共有 10 道选择题。</p>
Malay Language (1148)	<p><b>Kertas 1: Penulisan Fungsional dan Karangan (60 markah)</b> Kertas 1 terbahagi kepada dua bahagian: Bahagian A: Penulisan Fungsional (20 markah) dan Bahagian B: Penulisan Karangan (40 markah)</p> <p><b>Kertas 2: Penggunaan Bahasa dan Kefahaman (70 markah)</b> Kertas 2 terbahagi kepada tiga bahagian; Bahagian A: Penggunaan Bahasa (20 markah) Bahagian B: Kefahaman 1 (20 markah) dan Bahagian C: Kefahaman 2 (30 markah)</p> <p><b>Kertas 3: Kefahaman Mendengar (20 markah)</b> Bahagian ini mengandungi 10 soalan berbentuk aneka pilihan. Calon dikehendaki menjawab soalan berdasarkan enam teks autentik pelbagai genre seperti rencana, iklan, pengumuman, cerpen dan lain-lain lagi.</p>
Chinese Language B Syllabus (1153)	<p><b>试卷一：写作（20分）</b> 根据所提供的的一个电邮内容写一个回复电邮，或根据所提供的图画，结合个人的想法，写一篇短文。</p> <p><b>试卷二：语文应用与阅读理解（30分）</b> 考查的项目包括语文应用、阅读理解（一）和阅读理解（二），共有 20 道选择题。</p> <p><b>试卷三：听力理解（20分）</b> 考查的内容包括日常会话、广告、故事、新闻报道等，共有 10 道选择题。</p>

## MEMORANDUM ON MALPRACTICE DURING EXAMINATION

1. If dishonesty or malpractice by a candidate is found in any paper or component of a subject, the candidate will be given a ZERO for that paper or component.
2. The following are examples of dishonesty and malpractice by candidates.  
The list is not exhaustive and other instances of dishonesty and malpractice may be considered by the Internal Examinations Team of Hougang Secondary School at its sole discretion:
  - (a) obtaining unauthorised access to examination material;
  - (b) introduction of unauthorised material into examination room;
  - (c) use of a calculator or other means of arriving at an answer when this is precluded in the syllabus/component;
  - (d) collusion or attempted collusion with other persons during examination;
  - (e) copying from another candidate;
  - (f) disruptive behaviour in the examination room;
  - (g) failure to abide by the instructions of an invigilator;
  - (h) impersonation;
  - (i) plagiarism;
  - (j) failure to abide by conditions of supervision designed to maintain security of examinations;
  - (k) the inclusion of offensive or obscene material in scripts or Coursework;
  - (l) the failure to properly acknowledge sources in Coursework projects;
  - (m) the submission of another person's work as if it were the candidate's own;
  - (n) the alteration of any results document, including certificates.
3. Candidates are not allowed to bring into the examination room any electronic or communicative devices or computerised aids capable of storing visual and verbal information. These include mobile phones, smart watches, Personal Digital Assistances (PDA), Pocket PCs and unauthorised calculators. Should any of these be found in their possession during the examination, it will be deemed as a dishonest act.
4. When the use of dictionaries or texts is permitted in the common test, candidates must ensure that only approved dictionaries and texts are brought into the classroom. These dictionaries or texts must be free from any notes or marginal annotation. Separate pieces of papers, such as post-its and tape flags are not allowed. No critical works, teachers' notes, study notes, or any other secondary material of any kind should be brought into the examination room. Candidates who contravene regulations on the use of dictionaries and texts are liable to the same penalty as those who are found guilty of dishonesty or malpractice in the examination.
5. A candidate may be expelled from the class test, refused entry for subsequent papers and have his or her papers cancelled if he or she is detected for dishonesty.

