

Dear Jean-Luc,

Thank you for your enquiry. Regarding your concern on communication, please contact Dr Thomas Cheung of HKEAA for all examination matters relating to French and me for support to schools on offering of French.

Our responses to the three questions raised in your mail are as follows:

The current summer examinations for A and AS subjects are held in June. (In 2008, the date for the French essay exam is June 11.) The A-level results are released in late June. Normally results for A-level exam conducted by British exam boards are released in late August. The time gap is too big.

HKEAA did ask CIE to consider the feasibility of designing a separate set of papers. We received a very negative feedback from them. They are reluctant to adopt this approach as this would create heavy implications on their resources. Nevertheless, further discussion with CIE will be made.

We understand that other exam boards have similar summer exam timetables. In other words, their normal schedule is to conduct the summer exam in June and release the results in August. Switching to other exam boards does not help.

When we have further information on the exam dates, we will arrange a meeting with your Association to clarify the details.

With best regards,

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