



10 September 2015

**RE: CHINESE PROFICIENCY TESTS (HSK & YCT) IN 2015-16**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that, as an approved Han Ban Examination Centre, our school is offering two opportunities to take the HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) this academic year – in November 2015 and in March/April 2016. We will also be offering the YCT (Youth Chinese Test) in May 2016.

**HSK Examination on 14 November 2015**

We are running the first HSK examination on **Saturday 14 November 2015**. Registration is now open to parents, Primary and Secondary students and friends who have an interest in taking this test. If you wish to register for the HSK examination, please submit your entry form and full payment by **Tuesday 13 October 2015**.

The levels and fees for the test are as follows:

|              |                 |               |                 |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Level        | Examination Fee | Level         | Examination Fee | Level        | Examination Fee |
| HSK Level I  | 150RMB          | HSK Level III | 350 RMB         | HSK Level V  | 550 RMB         |
| HSK Level II | 250RMB          | HSK Level IV  | 450 RMB         | HSK Level VI | 650 RMB         |

**HSK Examination in March/April 2016**

We will be holding the second round of HSK examinations during **March/April 2016**. There will be subsidised HSK examinations for students at the school during the school day and we would encourage students in Year 7-10 to take the examination. For these tests, there will be a 40% reduction to the fees for students at BISS Puxi.

We will hold a further exam at a weekend during this time for parents, friends and students. The fees for the test when it is taken on Saturday are as for the examination taken on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**YCT Examination in May 2016**

We will be running the YCT (Youth Chinese Test) during May 2016 for Primary students who wish to take the examination. The YCT is designed to encourage non-native Chinese-speaking young students to learn Chinese, and develop and improve their proficiency with Chinese. It assesses their ability to use Chinese in daily life as well as in academic study.

If you are interested in taking the HSK examination on 14 November 2015, please complete the registration form attached. Please return all required documentation and cash payment (exact amount) in a sealed



envelope clearly marked 'HSK Test' and with your child's name. This should be submitted to the Uniform Shop in the Primary Parents' Hub. Full documentation and payment must be received by Tuesday 13 October 2015.

If you are interested in taking the HSK or YCT examinations in March-May 2016, please could you submit an expression of interest by emailing me on [s-xie@bisspuxi.com](mailto:s-xie@bisspuxi.com).

For more information on the examinations, please see the information note attached. Please email me at [s-xie@bisspuxi.com](mailto:s-xie@bisspuxi.com) if you have any queries about the HSK or YCT registration process.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Xie  
Hanban Exam General Supervisor



**REGISTRATION FORM: HSK EXAMINATION ON 14 NOVEMBER 2015**

Please return with the required documentation (see below) and your cash payment in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'HSK Test' and with your child's name to the Uniform Shop in the Primary Parents' Hub.

Full documentation and payment must be received by **Tuesday 13 October 2015**.

Candidate's first name .....

Candidate's family name .....

Class/Form ..... Class/Form teacher .....

Email address (VERY IMPORTANT, please capitalise).....

Phone number .....

HSK level applied for: .....

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**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

I have enclosed the following:

- One copy of the participant's passport (the school receptionist can help to photocopy the passport if necessary)
- One passport size photo
- Cash payment of .....RMB

Signature .....

Date .....



## INFORMATION ON THE HSK EXAMINATION

HSK is normally taken by adults and Secondary students, though some upper KS2 students may wish to take it too. The character requirements for the different levels are shown in the chart below and sample papers and more information can be found in the Chinese Tests section on <http://english.hanban.org>.

| HSK          | YCT          | Characters | CEF |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-----|
| HSK- Level 6 |              | 5000       | C2  |
| HSK- Level 5 |              | 2500       | C1  |
| HSK- Level 4 |              | 1200       | B2  |
| HSK- Level 3 | YCT- Level 4 | 600        | B1  |
| HSK- Level 2 | YCT- Level 3 | 300        | A2  |
| HSK- Level 1 | YCT- Level 2 | 150        | A1  |
|              | YCT- Level 1 | 80         |     |

## YCT EXAMINATION

There are four levels of writing tests; YCT Level 1, YCT Level 2, YCT Level 3 and YCT Level 4. For more information on YCT and the level descriptors, please refer to the following website:  
<http://www.chinesetest.cn/gosign.do?id=1&lid=0#>

Please note that, although the school fees cover all normal curricular examinations, these additional exams will incur an additional charge:

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| YCT Level 1: | 50RMB  |
| YCT Level 2: | 150RMB |
| YCT Level 3: | 250RMB |
| YCT Level 4: | 350RMB |