

## **Art Elective Programme (AEP) @ Hwa Chong Institution Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: *Is AEP an academic subject or a CCA?***

A: AEP is an academic subject, known as Higher Art. It is accorded the same status as with other academic subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, etc. AEP students will have Higher Art taken into account in tabulation of their Mean Subject Grade (MSG).

**Q: *How do I apply to join AEP?***

A: You do not have to apply. All Sec 1 students will take a drawing test on the day of their first art lesson. Shortlisted students will then be invited for a second round of selection and portfolio interview.

**Q: *What is the first selection test about?***

A: The first selection test comprises of an observational drawing and an imaginative sketching activity.

**Q: *What is the duration of the first selection test?***

A: It will be 45 minutes.

**Q: *What must I bring for the first selection test?***

A: Students can bring along basic drawing materials, such as pencils and erasers.

**Q: *How many AEP students are there in each level?***

A: The average class size for AEP averages between 15 to 20 students.

**Q: *When will AEP lessons start in 2014?***

A: Sec 1 students will confirm their enrolment in AEP by end January. AEP lessons are expected to commence on 4 February 2014.

**Q: *When will AEP lessons be conducted?***

A: For lower secondary, AEP lessons will be held once a week on every Tuesday, 2.30pm to 5.00pm. For upper secondary, AEP lessons will take place twice a week on Mondays (4.30pm to 7.00pm) and Thursdays (2.30pm to 5.00pm).

**Q: *What happens if my CCA clashes with AEP lessons?***

A: Students taking AEP are strongly encouraged to select a CCA that does not clash with their AEP commitments. AEP lessons take priority over CCA.

**Q: *Where will AEP lessons be conducted?***

A: AEP lessons are conducted in school in the Art Studios, 3<sup>rd</sup> level, Science Research Centre.

Q: ***Are there any tests/examinations for AEP?***

A: Students are assessed based on their performance in regular practical and written assignments. Students will still have to take a written paper for the End of Year Examinations.

Q: ***What are the areas of focus covered in AEP?***

A: For Lower Secondary, students will be exposed to various artforms, such as Drawing & Painting, Design & Illustration, Animation, 3D Art & Design. In upper secondary, students will embark on a coursework of their personal choice of theme and media. In all levels, students will undertake the Study of Visual Art (SOVA), where they pick up skills in art appreciation and criticism.

Q: ***Are there activities or programmes that will be organized for AEP students?***

A: Besides weekly lessons, there are other activities AEP students are expected to attend. These include visits to selected art exhibitions, combined schools Sec 1 AEP workshop, combined schools Sec 3 JC 1 workshop, animation and filmmaking workshops.

Q: ***Can students enroll for AEP after Sec 1?***

A: Yes, but they need to be recommended by their art teachers. Recommendations are based upon their aptitude in the General Art Programme.

Q: ***Can students opt to withdraw from AEP?***

A: The AEP is a Ministry-run programme and requires a four-year commitment. Students are expected to complete the four-year course. Any request for withdrawal is subject to approval from Ministry of Education (MOE) on a case-by-case basis.

Q: ***Will students continue with AEP at JC?***

A: AEP students complete their studies at the end of Sec 4. Those who are keen to pursue AEP in JC will have to apply for admission.

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**For more information on AEP, please visit the following websites**

HCI AEP:  
<http://aep.wiki.hci.edu.sg/>

MOE AEP:  
<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/secondary/other/art-elective-programme/>