Evaluation report regarding the use of DLG (Gifted Programmes) 2012-2013 (Liberal Studies)

1. Introduction
In the study of Liberal Studies, students need to acquire a relatively comprehensive understanding of the issues, master related facts, analyse the core of the questions, give balanced consideration to different views and make reasoned judgment. A six-session workshop ‘High Order Thinking Training – Think Note Write’ was organised for 18 high achievers in F.5 in September 2012. The programme is designed to teach students how to use the Dr. Edward de Bono Thinking Systems High Order Thinking Tools for thinking better and more efficiently and developing better strategies on writing for Liberal Studies. The workshop was led by ThinkSmart Training Limited. Students who had demonstrated outstanding performance in their analytical thinking were chosen by their LS teachers to attend the workshop.

2. Evaluation methods, data collection and analysis on student learning
A pre-course test and post-course test were conducted to assess the results of the training.
Students found that they were now more confident and better able to think critically and write with better strategies. A survey carried out at the end of the workshop showed that students found the flow of the workshop logical and the coach effective.

3. Key findings and recommendations
The workshop helped the participants to understand the principles of the thinking systems and different high order thinking tools. Further enrichment opportunities could be provided for students to put into practice the use of the tools to generate more alternatives, possibilities and ideas and to make informed decisions.

4. Conclusion
The programme has helped students improve their thinking skills and develop better strategies for their writing. Further opportunities for students to apply what they have learned could be arranged.