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**To:** College Principals  
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**Subject:** MATSEC Assessment - For the attention of teachers of all subjects at SEC,  
IM and AM levels

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The MATSEC Support Unit would like to bring the following to your attention. Kindly circulate amongst all members of staff.

### **1. SEC 32 Physical Education – Activities for Paper I: Practical Skills (Area 1)**

The activities for Paper I (the practical test paper) of the 2019 Physical Education examination session are as follows:

Hockey  
Basketball  
Volleyball

### **2. AM 09 Graphical Communication and AM 15 Engineering Drawing CAD portfolio practical exercises.**

The CAD test dates will be as follows:

PRACTICAL TEST 1: 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2019  
PRACTICAL TEST 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2019  
PRACTICAL TEST 3: 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

Schools/Colleges are requested to inform MATSEC via email [[coursework.matsec@um.edu.mt](mailto:coursework.matsec@um.edu.mt)] on the number of students taking each test and their details [Name, Surname, ID Card and Subject] by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. All tests start at 10:00 am.

### **3. AM 07 Computing Paper III**

The practical programming tasks dates will be as follows:

PRACTICAL TASK 1: 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

PRACTICAL TASK 2: 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

This component is part of the AM Computing 2020 syllabus. More details about this component can be found in the syllabus.

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Specimen programming tasks can be found on the MATSEC website.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/specimen>

### **4. Syllabi being examined for the first time in 2019**

The syllabi of the subjects below will be examined for the first time in the First session of 2019:

IM/AM Accounting

IM/AM Geography

Specimen papers can be found on the MATSEC website.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/specimen>

### **5. New syllabi in 2018**

The syllabi of the subjects below will be examined for the first time in the First session of 2020:

IM/AM Computing

IM/AM Physics

IM/AM Home Economics and Human Ecology

IM/AM German

AM English

The syllabi of the subjects below will be examined for the first time in the Main session of 2021:

SEC Greek

### **6. AM 26 and IM 26 Physics**

A copy of an updated version of the Data and Formula Booklet is available to download from the MATSEC website. This version of the booklet will be given to candidates during the Advanced and Intermediate Physics examination as from the First session of 2020.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

### **7. IM 36 Physical Education**

One of the following two sports will be examined in Section A of the 2019 examination paper:

Hockey

Football

## **8. Syllabi currently being revised**

Apart from the revision of SEC syllabi in conjunction with the Learning Outcomes Framework project, the syllabi listed below are currently being revised. Panel members were nominated by each school sector. Further information about panel members can be obtained from the MATSEC Support Unit.

AM/IM Biology  
AM/IM Chemistry  
IM/AM Maltese

## **9. SEC 13 Environmental Studies Coursework 2018**

The SEC Environmental Studies Coursework/Project Titles for the years 2020-2021 can be accessed through the MATSEC website.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

## **10. SEC 05 Business Studies**

Projects submitted in 2021 should be chosen from a list titles found in the syllabus. For more information kindly refer to the SEC Business Studies 2021 syllabus.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/syllabi>

## **11. SEC 33 Design and Technology**

The three situations for the SEC 2020 assessment can be accessed through the MATSEC website.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

## **12. Conduct during MATSEC examinations**

MATSEC would like to bring the points below to the attention to all concerned:

- Candidates will be only allowed to ask examination related questions in the first hour of the examination.
- Drinking [water] bottles are allowed in the examination room; however bottles should have no labels on them.
- Where the use of electronic calculators is allowed in examinations, candidates are not allowed to keep at hand calculator cases, instruction leaflets and similar materials during the examination.
- Books, smart watches, note-books, programmable calculators and other things that can be of any help during the examination are not allowed in the examination centre. Mobile phones are to be switched off, including any alarms, and left in a bag or on the floor under the candidate's chair. Possession of any unauthorised material is a serious offence and will result in disqualification from the examination.

More information can be found in the Candidates' Handbook.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

## **13. Information Meetings**

Schools/Colleges may request MATSEC to conduct an information meeting to students about the assessment process. Interested schools/colleges are kindly asked to contact the MATSEC Support Unit in order to set a date for such a meeting. Meetings are held in October.