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To: College Principals
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Subject: MATSEC Assessments – 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 2020 Physical Education examination session are as follows:

Basketball,
Badminton,
Football/Netball

P.E. Booklet: Physical Education Practical Test booklet (dance section) has been updated. The booklet can be found in the 'Resources and Guides' section of the MATSEC website

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

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

The CAD Practical Test III will be held on the 29th January 2020.

3. AM 07 Computing Paper III

The practical programming tasks dates will be as follows:

PRACTICAL TASK I: 29th January 2020
PRACTICAL TASK II: 27th May 2020
PRACTICAL TASK III: 5th February 2020

Schools/Colleges are requested to supply MATSEC via email [coursework.matsec@um.edu.mt] with the number of students per lab taking the tests and their details [Name, Surname and ID Card] by Friday 15th November. Students who missed one or more tests for a justified reason during the last scholastic year and wish to sit for the missed test are also to be included in this list. All tests start at 10:00 am. 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 2020

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

AM/ IM Home Economics and Human Ecology
AM/ IM Physics *
AM/ IM Computing
AM/ IM German
SEC Music, and
AM English

* An updated data booklet shall be given to candidates as from the 2020 session. A copy of the booklet may be downloaded through <https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

Specimen papers can be found on the MATSEC website.

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5. SEC 02 Arabic

The examination of SEC Arabic as from Main Session of 2020 will feature the changes below:

- i. The total number of words for the 'Listening Comprehension' and 'Dictation' texts will not exceed 250 words;
- ii. Candidates will be expected to show their understanding of the 'Listening Comprehension' text through Multiple Choice Questions and/or True or False Questions set in Standard Arabic;
- iii. 'Reading Comprehension': Candidates will be expected to read aloud a text which is not longer than 80-120 words; and
- iv. Candidates will be expected to engage in a 'One to one conversation' with the examiner for 2-3 minutes, in Standard Arabic, on one question chosen from a list of three. The questions will be based on the list of topics identified in the 'Syllabus Content' section.

The allocation of marks and scheme of assessment remains the same.

6. IM 36 Physical Education

One of the following two sports will be examined in Section A of the 2020 examination paper:

Basketball
Volleyball

7. AM 22 and IM 22 Maltese

The syllabi for IM and AM Maltese have been revised and will be assessed for the first time in the First Session of 2021. In First and Second sessions for 2021 ONLY, the drama section in Paper 3 of the AM Maltese examination will feature a choice between two texts by the author Francis Ebejer: Karnival or Menz.

8. Secondary Education Applied Certificate

Heads of Schools are to inform MATSEC if any SEAC subject is being offered at their school. In such cases, the number of students per subject is also required.

9. AM 26 Physics

At a meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures, the body responsible for the definition of the SI units adopted a new definition of the Ampere and the mole. The change came into effect on the 20th of May 2019. In view of this, an interim period has been set during which both the old and the new version will be accepted. Schools are to inform students regarding this. This period will end in September 2021.

10. SEC 31 European Studies

Coursework titles for the year of assessment 2021-2022 can be accessed through:
<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/assessment/resources>

11. 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.