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MATRICULATION PROGRAMME REFORM

MATSEC is responsible for the provision and the quality of the Matriculation Certificate that is designed to prepare students for their future success. The year 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the original publication of the Matriculation Certificate examination regulations. Matriculated students have been enriching their educational experience through a focus on six subjects in their two-year programme. They are encouraged to master language skills, acquire knowledge of an empirical science, augment their social and analytical skills through a humanities or commercial subject and also develop their ability to make value judgements by means of the Systems of Knowledge component.

In the last few years, there have been ongoing discussions on how the Matriculation Certificate examination can be restructured to reflect and serve the changing socio-economic needs of Maltese society within a European and global context. By way of concluding these discussions, an improved and more student-centred Matriculation programme is being proposed to meet the needs of 21st century learners, for whom the future holds major transformations. How to learn, how to work and how to engage in global communication are three key strategies in a student's learning experience. With the proposed reform, the two-year programme will (i) enhance students' communication skills, (ii) recognise and give merit to students' voluntary involvement in activities of a non-academic nature including social engagement and enterprise which can take place during or after school hours (iii) enrich their European identity and intercultural skills by introducing a compulsory language (other than Maltese and English), (iv) attribute greater importance and value to school assessment, (v) offer unprecedented support and recognition to talented athletes.

MATSEC will be holding a press briefing to launch a public consultation for the proposed reform. It will be held on Monday, 8th July 2019 at 10:00 at the MATSEC Office, University of Malta, Msida.

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