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To: All Heads of State Secondary Schools and Sections
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Subject: Changes in the Year 7 and Year 8 History Curriculum Programme

Heads of Schools are kindly asked to bring this information to the attention of all teachers of History.

For these past years the cut-off periods for the Year 7 and Year 8 History syllabus has been dictated by the Ġrajjet Malta 1 and 2. Ġrajjet Malta 1 ended with the Arabs period and Ġrajjet Malta 2 ended with the Great Siege. Since the Ġrajjet Malta series has been declared obsolete as a history textbook, it is now appropriate to introduce the following changes in the current syllabi.

1. As from the current scholastic year (2016-2017) the Year 7 (Form 1) Syllabus will end with the Byzantine period and the Arabs conquest of the Maltese Islands in 870 AD. Teachers should thus cover the first two objectives of Unit 7.6 (Under the Rule of the Crescent) in the current Year 7 syllabus.

2. As from the scholastic year 2017-2018, the Year 8 (Form 2) Syllabus will include the Arab period in Malta (Objectives 3 and 4 Unit 7.6 Under the Rule of the Crescent), currently included in the Year 7 Syllabus and end with the arrival of the Order of St John in Malta in 1530 (included). Teachers should thus cover the first two objectives of Unit 8.6 The Beginning of the Order of St John and its First Years in Malta in the current Year 8 syllabus.

For further queries teachers are to contact the respective Head of Department in their College or Mr Raymond Spiteri by email at: raymond.spiteri@ilearn.edu.mt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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