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Option Subject choice 2020



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As from scholastic year  
**2019/20**, all secondary schools  
now:

- continue offering **academic** subjects;
- have increased **vocational** subjects already being offered;
- Have introduced the provision of **applied** subjects.



# What is the Option Choice?

During Year 8 , students choose:

- 2 option subjects;
- For each of these 2 subjects, students follow 4 lessons a week.

# Academic Option Subjects Choice in Year 9

Biology

Chemistry

Accounts / Business  
Studies

Design & Technology

Graphical  
Communications

Art

Music

Home Economics

Geography

History

Social Studies

2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Language

European Studies

Computer Studies

Physical Education (PE)

Sports Career

Development

Programme (SCDP)\*

\*A DQSE level 3 programme available only for students who followed the programme in Year 8 and cannot be taken with PE



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# Vocational (VET) Option Subjects Choice in Year 9



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# Applied Option Subjects Choice in Year 9



# Applied Subjects

- Focus immediately on a hands on, practical based approach
- Students start learning by doing.



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# Certification

All subjects are certified by MATSEC



# MATSEC



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The Academic and Vocational subjects:

MATSEC – the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC)  
at MQF level 1,2 or 3

The Applied Subjects:

MATSEC -the Secondary Education Applied Certificate (SEAC)  
at MQF level 1,2 or 3

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# Academic Option Subjects Choice in Year 9

# SEC

These subjects will be assessed through a combination of :

- an examination at the end of Year 11
- between 3-5 school based assessment tasks over three years: Year 9, 10 and 11.

Some subjects will retain the present system of being assessed only through an exam at the end of year 11. Further details will be announced by MATSEC later this year.



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SEC

These subjects will retain the present system used for Vocational subjects in SEC:

- 60% continuous assessment through 2 tasks in Year 9, 2 tasks in Year 10 and 1 task in Year 11
- 40% summative assessment with an examination at the end of Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11



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SEAC

# SEAC: MATSEC Applied Programme

- Based completely on school based assessment and controlled school based assessment.
- Students may enter **MCAST** and **ITS** at level 1, 2 or 3 according to the results obtained in each of the SEAC subjects as agreed with MCAST and ITS.
- Learners will also follow subjects in the other NCF learning areas.
- Accredited non formal programmes such as the XL Achieve programme are included as part of the Applied Programme.

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routes



# 1. SEC Academic and Vocational Routes

For learners who have decided to follow the academic route or the vocational route at post-secondary level.

Learners will retain the possibility of choosing both academic and vocational option subjects.

Learners may further their studies at Junior College, MCAST, Higher Secondary, ITS and institutions others according to entry requirements

## 2. SEAC Applied Route

For learners who are clearly set on furthering their studies at post secondary level specifically at MCAST and ITS.

For learners who learn best through working in an applied and relevant context.

Students will be able to achieve up to MQF level 3.

### 3. SEAC/SEC Route

The possibility of flexibility to the system will be introduced

A student may choose some combinations from the SEC and SEAC routes according to the possibilities offered by each College.

# Option choice Year 8

## My Journey, Choice of Subjects - Option Form

- Choose **one (1)** of the three routes and fill in only one (1) form for the route you have chosen.
- SEC Route presents all the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) academic and vocational subjects together with a number of new SEC vocational subjects. These subjects are certified by MATSEC.
- SEAC Route presents new applied subjects under the new Secondary Education Applied Certificate (SEAC) which will also be certified by MATSEC.
- SEAC/SEC Route allows the possibility of choosing from a selection of SEC subjects and from the SEAC subjects.

# Option choice Year 8

All students will be given a booklet on which to indicate their option choice.

Students are to choose FOUR (4) subjects from the list in priority order by using:

- 1 as the subject they wish to choose the most;
- 2 being the second option;
- 3 being the third option;
- 4 being the last option.

The college will do its best to accommodate the first and second choice, however this may not always be possible.

# Option choice Year 8

- All academic subjects will continue to be offered in all schools.
- Vocational and Applied subjects are offered in a school according to availability of workshops.
- However all vocational and applied subjects will be offered to all students through the grouping of colleges into clusters.
- From this year, students who followed the Sports Career Development Programme (SCDP) in Year 8 will be able to choose this subject in Year 9.
- Options forms are distributed by the end of January 2019 and to be returned to the school as per the date indicated by the school
- [DG\Option form 2020 FINAL ENGLISH.pdf](#)

# Option choice Year 8

In case of Vocational and Applied Subjects, in a situation where there is an oversubscription of students beyond the capacity of workshops, a selection board set up by the college cluster will select students based on:

- school attendance;
- Examination marks for Year 7 annual exams;
- Aptitude and interest in subject as determined by an interview with the selection board.

# 'Explore More' Website

Targets students: 11 to 15 years of age

An Explorative Tool

Interactive & Fun Website

Includes Info & Videos on Career Paths

Includes info on subject options

Quiz

Info in Maltese & English



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