



## LETTER CIRCULAR

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**To:** Permanent Secretary, Directors General, Directors, CIO, Heads of College Network,  
Education Officers, Heads of Primary and Middle State Schools, Heads of Entities

**From:** Kevin Azzopardi (Education Officer – Physical Education, SEC PE, SCDP)

**Subject:** Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) 2023-24

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Heads of Primary and Middle State Schools are kindly requested to inform parents/guardians and learners that applications for the Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) to be followed in Year 7 and Year 9 during scholastic year 2023/24 are now open.

The Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) is now in its fifth year where the first cohort of Year 11 learners will complete their studies and will be awarded an MQF Level 2 or 3 Accreditation Certificate depending on their level of attainment. At the end of Year 8, successful learners are also awarded an MQF Level 1 Accreditation Certificate.

Following an agreement reached with respective institutions, learners who obtain an MQF Level 3 Accreditation Certificate may now present it to further their studies at post-secondary level including at the Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST), the Institute for Tourism Studies (ITS), Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, GEM 16+, De La Salle College and Sir M. A. Refalo Sixth Form in Gozo. At present, there are ongoing discussions with other post-secondary institutions to follow the same route.

SCDP consists of four weekly lessons, normally two double lessons. When chosen at Year 7 it is offered instead of Art, Design & Technology, Home Economics and Music while from Year 9 onwards it may be chosen as an Option Subject.

In order to secure a place in the programme, learners must undergo a Practical Assessment in their chosen sport, as per list below. This happens in the transition phase between Year 6 and Year 7 and also between Year 8 and Year 9 for learners wishing to choose SCDP as an Option Subject yet who previously did not follow subject in Year 7 and 8. Learners who already followed SCDP in Year 7 and 8 and wish to choose it as an Option Subject in Year 9 are not required to undergo the Practical Assessment again yet are guaranteed a place subject that they have attained the necessary standard, as per prescribed Learning Outcomes.

The full SCDP syllabus and learning outcomes may be viewed through this link:

[https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/new\\_syllabi/Documents/Year\\_07\\_08/PE\\_SCDP\\_Sept\\_2018.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/new_syllabi/Documents/Year_07_08/PE_SCDP_Sept_2018.pdf)



As from Scholastic Year 2023-4, the following sport disciplines will be offered at Year 7 and Year 9 respectively:

KULLEĠĠ	SKOLA	SPORTS
Gozo College	Victoria Middle School	Athletics Basketball Dance Football Shooting Swimming
	Victoria Secondary School	Athletics Basketball Dance Football Shooting
Maria Regina College	Naxxar Middle School	Basketball Football Table Tennis Triathlon Wrestling
	Mosta Żokrija Secondary School	Basketball Football
St. Nicholas College	Rabat Middle School	Basketball Football Dance
	Dingli Secondary School	Football Dance
St. Clare College	Pembroke (Middle) School	Football Artistic Gymnastics Netball Obstacle Course Race Rugby Judo
	Pembroke Secondary School	Football Judo
St. Ignatius College	Handaq Middle School	Athletics Dance Football
	Handaq Secondary School	Athletics Football
St. Theresa College	Birkirkara Middle School	Football Weightlifting Dance
	Mrieħel Secondary School	Football Dance



San Ġorg Preca College	Blata l-Bajda Middle School	Basketball Football Netball
	Hamrun Secondary School	Basketball Football
St. Benedict College	Kirkop Middle School	Athletics Badminton Football Artistic Gymnastics
	Kirkop Secondary School	Football
St. Margaret College	Cospicua Middle School	Break Dance Football Table Tennis Weightlifting
	Verdala Secondary School	Football
St. Thomas More College	Tarxien Middle School	Basketball Football
	Sta. Lucia Secondary School	Basketball Football
	Zejtun (Middle) School	Athletics Hockey Football
	Zejtun Secondary School	Athletics Football

The Practical Assessments for Year 6 learners wishing to be part of this programme as from September 2023 at Year 7 and Year 9 will be held as follows:

<b>LEARNERS RESIDING IN GOZO</b>			
<b>SPORT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Athletics</b>	Victoria Secondary School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Basketball</b>	Victoria Middle School	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Dance</b>	Victoria Middle School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Football</b>	Kerċem Stadium <i>(open only to students who did not participate in trials held in November and December 2022)</i>	Wednesday 19th April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Shooting</b>	Ta' Mhelhel Shooting Range, Zebbug	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Swimming</b>	Arka Foundation, Ġhajnsielem	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am – 12.00

<b>LEARNERS RESIDING IN MALTA</b>			
<b>SPORT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Athletics</b>	Marsa Athletics Stadium	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Badminton</b>	Kirkop Sports Complex	Wednesday 26th April	9am – 10.30am



<b>Break Dance</b>	Cospicua Middle School	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Basketball</b>	Ta' Qali Basketball Pavilion	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Dance</b>	Rabat Middle School	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Artistic Gymnastics</b>	Kirkop Sports Complex	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Football</b>	MEYR Centre for PE & Sport, Hamrun <i>(open only to students who did not participate in trials held in November and December 2022)</i>	Wednesday 19th April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Hockey</b>	Qormi Hockey Club	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Netball</b>	Kirkop Sports Complex	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Rugby</b>	Pembroke Secondary School	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Naxxar Middle School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Triathlon*</b>	University Sports Complex	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Weightlifting</b>	National School of Sport, Pembroke	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am
<b>Wrestling</b>	Naxxar Middle School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – 10.30am

\*to bring own bike and meet at University running track

Those interested in participating are to fill in the attached application form and present it **on the day** of assessment at the venue indicated in the table above.

Further details may be obtained from the SCDP facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/medeonlinesportsfest>

Online Meetings for parents and guardians will be held as follows:

SCDP Gozo – Wednesday 29th March at 9am

Link: [Click here](#)

SCDP Malta – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Link: [Click here](#)

Any queries are to be sent to [scdp@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:scdp@ilearn.edu.mt)

Thank you for your collaboration.

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