



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION,
SPORT, YOUTH, RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION

Choice of Subjects Option Form

Scholastic Year 2026/2027



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- Choose **one (1)** of the two routes and fill in only one (1) form for the route you have chosen. Fill in your order of preference as explained in the form.

Route 1. Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Route presents all the SEC academic and vocational subjects. These subjects are certified by MATSEC.

Route 2. APPLIED/SEC Route allows the possibility to choose TWO APPLIED subjects or ONE APPLIED and ONE SEC subject.

- **Vocational and Applied Subjects** will be available in clusters of schools as shown on Page 4. If a vocational or applied subject is not available in your College, it will be available in another College school within your cluster and you will be able to transfer **full time** to this school. There will be no need to change uniform and transport will be provided. It is very important to ensure that if you choose two (2) vocational or applied subjects, both subjects are available in the school you will attend.
- **While every effort will be made to offer all option subjects, this may not always be possible. In that case, students will be offered alternative option subjects.**
- In certain circumstances, students who change College/School may need to make their own arrangements for transport.
- Please return the form to your school by the closing date given to you by your respective school.

VOCATIONAL & APPLIED SUBJECTS

College Clusters

	Agribusiness	Engineering Technology	Information Technology	Media Literacy/ Creative Media	Retail Essentials	Health and Social Care	Hospitality	Fashion & Textiles	Hairdressing & Beauty
Cluster - Central									
San Gorg Preca College Hamrun SS		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
St Ignatius College Handaq SS	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Theresa College Mrieħel SS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Cluster - North									
St Nicholas College Dingli SS		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Maria Regina College Mosta (Lily) SS		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Maria Regina College Mosta (Zokrija) SS	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
St Clare College Pembroke SS						✓	✓	✓	✓
Cluster - South									
St Benedict College Kirkop SS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
St Margaret College Verdala SS		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Thomas More College Zejtun SS		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
St Thomas More College St Lucia SS			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gozo									
Gozo College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Students may need to change schools for certain option combinations.

SPORT CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SCDP)

Sporting Disciplines on offer in Year 9 as from Scholastic Year 2026/27

COLLEGE	SCHOOL	DISCIPLINE/S
Gozo College	Ninu Cremona Secondary School, Victoria	Athletics Dance Football Shooting Swimming
Maria Regina College	Zokrija Secondary School, Mosta	Football
St. Nicholas College	Secondary School, Dingli	Football
St. Clare College	Secondary School, Pembroke	Football Judo
St. Ignatius College	Mikiel Anton Vassalli Secondary School, Handaq	Football
St. Theresa College	St Theresa Secondary School, Mriehel	Dance Football Basketball
San Gorg Preca College	Secondary School, Hamrun	Football
St. Margaret College	Guzeppi Despott Secondary School, Verdala	Swimming Football
St. Benedict College	Secondary School, Kirkop	Artistic Gymnastics Football
St. Thomas More College	Margaret Mortimer Secondary School, Sta Lucia	Football
	Carlo Diacono Secondary School, Zejtun	Football

1. SEC Route presents all the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) academic and all the vocational subjects. These subjects are certified by MATSEC.

Option choice for Year 9 - Scholastic Year 2026/27

Name & Surname	Class
Date of Birth	Telephone Numbers
Address	
Postal Code	School
Name & Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Email address of Parent/Guardian	

Please mark the language you have been studying since Year 7 (Form 1)

Arabic ☐ Chinese ☐ French ☐ German ☐ Italian ☐ Spanish ☐

Information about SEC Academic/Vocational Subjects:

- The Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) is run by the MATSEC Board and allows students to achieve up to MQF level 3 in each subject.
- Students who successfully achieve SEC subjects will be eligible to apply to enter all Post-Secondary Institutions according to the entry requirements of the institution.**

Further information about subjects overleaf:

** SCDP IS AN APPLIED SUBJECT AND IS ACCREDITED BY DQSE. Students cannot choose PE together with SCDP. Eligibility is subject to a 'pass' in the Practical Assessment.*

For further information students can access <https://www.dsvp.mt/accredited-programmes/scdp/> For the Sporting Disciplines on offer in Year 9 refer to page 5. The sports available differ from one college to another. If the minimum number of successful applicants is not reached, the sport will not be offered.

*** Ethics is only offered at Gozo College, St. Thomas More College, and St. Nicholas College. Only students who keep studying Religious Education in Years 9, 10, and 11 are eligible to choose Ethics as an Option Subject.*

**** Chinese is only offered at St. Clare's College and St. Margaret's College.*

***** To choose Computing, students must get at least 35 marks in Mathematics (Track 2 and Track 3 only) and 35 marks in one of the following subjects: Design & Technology, ICT, or Science. The overall marks obtained in Year 7 and Year 8 will be considered.*

****** Hairdressing and Beauty and Retail Essentials are being offered as applied subjects (AVC) as they will not be offered as vocational (VET) subjects by MATSEC in 2027. These subjects are accredited by DQSE.*

Choose FOUR (4) subjects from the lists below in priority order by using 1 as the subject you wish to choose the most; 2 being your second option; 3 being the third option; 4 being the last option. The College will do its best to accommodate your first and second choice, however this may not always be possible.

Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Academic and Vocational Subjects

Humanities

Art

Ethics**

European Studies

Geography

History

Music

Social Studies

Languages

Arabic

Chinese ***

French

German

Italian

Spanish

Vocational

VET Agribusiness

VET Engineering Technology

VET Fashion and Textiles

VET Health and Social Care

VET Hospitality

VET Information Technology

VET Media Literacy

STEM

Accounting

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computing****

Design & Technology

Graphical Communication

Home Economics

Physical Education

Sports Career Development
Programme (SCDP) *

Applied

AVC Hairdressing and Beauty *****

AVC Retail Essentials *****

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Applied	
AVC Agribusiness *	
AVC Engineering Technology *	
AVC Fashion and Textiles *	
AVC Hairdressing and Beauty *	
AVC Health and Social Care *	
AVC Hospitality *	
AVC Information Technology *	
AVC Creative Media *	
AVC Retail Essentials *	
KTI Achieve *	
Sports Career Development Programme (SCDP) *	

SEC	
Art	
Home Economics	
Physical Education	

* subjects accredited by DQSE



Further information about APPLIED/SEC Route

- The Applied Vocational Certificate (AVC) subjects focus on a more practical hands-on approach. They are accredited by DQSE.
- The Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) subjects are accredited by the MATSEC Board.
- AVC and SEC subjects allow students to achieve up to MQF level 3.
- Students who successfully achieve AVC subjects can currently use them as entry requirements to MCAST, ITS, GCHSS and SMARSF. AT GCHSS and SMARSF subjects must be at level 3.
- Students who successfully achieve SEC subjects can use them as entry requirements to all Post-Secondary Institutions.

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KTI Achieve is offered in all schools/colleges.



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