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Subject: Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) -Year 9 Option Subject – 2027 - 2028

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Heads of Middle Schools are kindly requested to inform parents/guardians and learners that applications for the **Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP)** for learners who will be in **Year 9 during scholastic year 2027 – 2028** are now open.

SCDP is entering its tenth year of implementation. Over the past scholastic years, three cohorts of Year 11 learners have successfully completed the programme and were awarded either an **MQF Level 2** or **MQF Level 3 Accreditation Certificate**, depending on their level of attainment.

Learners who obtain an MQF Level 3 Accreditation Certificate may present this qualification for further studies at post-secondary level, including at the **Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)**, the **Institute of Tourism Studies (ITS)**, **Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School**, **Sir M. A. Refalo Sixth Form**, **De La Salle College**, **St Aloysius College**, and **St Martin's College**.

Learners may choose SCDP as an Option Subject from Year 9 onwards. The programme is delivered through four lessons per week, typically organised as two double lessons.

To secure a place in the programme, learners must undergo a Practical Assessment in their chosen sport. This assessment is carried out during the transition phase between Year 6 and Year 7, and also between Year 8 and Year 9 for learners who wish to select SCDP as an Option Subject but did not previously follow the programme in Years 7 and 8.

Learners who have already followed SCDP in Years 7 and 8 and wish to continue studying the subject as an Option Subject in Year 9 are not required to undergo the Practical Assessment again and will be guaranteed a place, provided that they have attained the required standard in the prescribed Learning Outcomes.

It is important to note that the Directorate reserves the right not to open a group should the minimum required number of successful candidates not be reached.



The full SCDP syllabus and learning outcomes may be viewed through this [link](#).

As from Scholastic Year 2026-7, the following sport disciplines will be offered at Year 9:

COLLEGE	SCHOOL	SPORTS
Gozo College	NINU CREMONA Secondary School, Victoria	Athletics Dance Football Swimming Shooting®
Maria Regina College	ZOKRIJA Secondary School, Mosta	Basketball
St Nicholas College	FRANCIS EBEJER Secondary School, Dingli	Football
St Clare College	SIR ADRIAN DINGLI Secondary School, Pembroke	Football Judo
St Ignatius College	MIKIEL ANTON VASSALLI Secondary School, Handaq	Football
St Theresa College	ST THERESA Secondary School, Mrieħel	Basketball Dance Football
St Gorg Preca College	LICEO Secondary School, Hamrun	Football
St Benedict College	PIETRU PAWL SAYDON Secondary School, Kirkop	Football
St Margaret College	GUZEPPI DESPOTT Secondary School, Verdala	Football Swimming
St Thomas More College	MARGARET MORTIMER Secondary School, Sta Lucia	Football
	CARLO DIACONO Secondary School, Zejtun	Football Swimming

®The Shooting discipline offered through the SCDP at school is delivered through simulation activities only.



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Details of the Practical Assessments for Year 8 learners wishing to be part of this programme as from September 2027 at Year 9 are included in the registration form that may be accessed through this [link](#).

Please ensure being at the venue on the date and time indicated.

Further details may be obtained from the [DSVP website](#) or SCDP page where you can access the page by clicking [HERE](#).

Should you require any further information, please contact the SCDP team at scdp@ilearn.edu.mt or on 2598 3690 / 2598 1536.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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