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MEMO TO HEADS OF SCHOOLS

RE. SEC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES School Based Assessment 2013 & 2014

Dear Heads of Schools,

The project titles of the School-Based Assessment of SEC Environmental Studies for 2013 and 2014 are:

- The human impact on a stretch of coastline in the Maltese Islands
- The use of Solar Energy by Maltese Households
- An architectural legacy from the times of the Order of the Knights of St John in Malta
- The Maltese way of life about two hundred years ago
- An EU-funded project in Malta
- Lifestyle of Maltese youth in the past and present

Verżjoni bil-Malti

- L-impatt tal-bniedem fuq parti tal-kosta ta' Malta
- L-użu tal-enerġija solari fid-djar Maltin
- Il-wirt arkitettoniku f'Malta miż-żmien tal-Ordni tal-Kavallieri ta' San Ġwann
- L-istil tal-ħajja f'Malta madwar mitejn sena ilu
- Proġett iffinanzjat bil-fondi tal-Unjoni Ewropea f'Malta
- L-istil ta' ħajja taż-żagħżagħ Maltin fil-passat u fil-preżent

During the last examination session a sample of projects was checked for plagiarism. Once again a number of projects submitted by candidates contained information largely, if not totally, plagiarised from the internet and/or books, information leaflets, local council documents and other references. Plagiarised work will be heavily penalised and candidates will lose most, if not all, of the marks. Moderators will be looking out for such work. Students should be guided to present authentic, and when necessary referenced, work.

In order to assist teachers in the assessment of projects, the MATSEC Support Unit has prepared a model Marking Scheme that should be applied to any of the projects chosen. Moderators sent by MATSEC will apply this Marking Scheme during the moderation exercise.

In addition to being an assessment tool, the Marking Scheme should also assist teachers, in various ways, in their guidance of students preparing the project.

For further information about MATSEC examinations and useful resources please visit the website. In case of queries do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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MARKING SCHEME

| ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES | |
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| INTRODUCTION | |
| Brief information on the topic of the project | 1 |
| Plan of work | 1 |
| BODY | |
| Evidence of planning (including documentation) and appropriate analysis of the topic under review, including evidence that the coursework, and observations and ideas therein, is authentic also taking into consideration the pitfall of plagiarism | 3 |
| Observation and data collection | 2 |
| Analysis of data | 2 |
| CONCLUSION | |
| Conclusions arrived at, interpretation of primary data and a brief synopsis of what was learnt (knowledge and skills) during the process of research, compilation and writing of the project | 2 |
| Suggestions and recommendations | 1 |
| OVERALL | |
| Relevance of fieldwork methods, display of data, representation of information | 1 |
| Layout, systematic approach and the appropriate inclusion of the title, acknowledgements, table of contents, subdivisions in chapters, consistency, bibliography/references, an appropriate use of a variety of sources | 2 |
| TOTAL MARKS | 15 |

N.B. The total final mark of a project should be rounded up to the nearest 0.5.