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Subject: Pre-Option Music Programme (POMP) in Year 7 and Year 8

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The Music Section within the Department of Education is once again offering the Pre-Option Music Programme (POMP) for students in Year 7 and Year 8. Students who are currently in Year 6 of Primary School and who show an interest in music can register for this two-year programme.

The Senior Leadership Teams (SLT) and Primary peripatetic music teachers are kindly requested to inform students about this programme.

The POMP will also serve as a platform for students who intend to pursue Music as an option subject in Year 9 at Secondary School.

This programme of study will fall under the administration of seven colleges, namely Gozo College, Maria Regina College, St Clare College, St Gorg Preca College, St Ignatius College, St Theresa College, and St Thomas More College, subject to the availability of resources.

As individual attention is essential in instrumental tuition, the number of students admitted to this programme will be limited to a small cohort. For this reason, an interview will be held to become acquainted with the students and their interests. During this session, they will also be asked basic questions to assess their musical knowledge.

As individual attention needs to be ensured in the delivery of instrument tuition, the number of students accepted in this programme is limited to a small group. For this reason, an interview will be held in the form of an audition. During this session, students will also be asked basic questions to assess their musical knowledge.

Students who already practice an instrument are encouraged to bring it with them and perform during this meeting. A piano/keyboard will be available in the room.



The POMP will offer performance and theory lessons, including the creative work, listening and appreciation, and the history of music.

The main instrument offered in this course is the piano. However, other instruments may be considered, depending on the availability and areas of specialisation of the music teachers within the school.

Beginner students may also apply; however, students will eventually be required to own their instrument in order to practice daily at home. Apart from the piano, students will be required to bring their instrument to school on the day of their instrument-practice lesson. Chamber music sessions may also be held at school.

Attached are the application guidelines and the application form for this programme.

An information meeting for interested parents/guardians will be held online on **Friday 27th February at 10:00am** on MS Teams via the following link – click [here](#).

**The application form needs to be signed by the Head of Primary School and sent by Monday 30th March 2026, noon, as an attachment via e-mail to [mario.attard.2@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:mario.attard.2@ilearn.edu.mt).** Audition details will be communicated in due course.

The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation reserves the right to include or omit the number of participating Colleges in this programme.

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Thank you for your attention.

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