

STUDENT AND SCHOOL SERVICES



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**Student Services
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**Education Psycho
Social Services**

**Special Education
& Resource
Centers**

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Education**

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Holistic Development

Personal, emotional and social needs: College Counsellor, School Counsellor, Counsellor, Trainee Counsellor, Guidance Teachers, Personnel at Safe School Programmes, Educational Psychologist, Trainee Educational Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Social Workers, College Prefect of Discipline and Education Medical Services.

Career Guidance: College Career Advisors, Career Advisors and Trainee Career Advisors, Career Guidance Teachers, Guidance Teachers



Education Psycho Social Services

Services

Career Guidance Services

Counselling Services

Education Medical Services

Social Worker Services

School Psychological Services

Safe School Programmes - services provided in cases of Child Abuse, Bullying and Substance Abuse

College Prefect of Discipline

Unit Ghozza



Education Psycho Social Services

Operation of Services

SSD

- Career Guidance Teachers
- School Psychological Services
- Safe Schools Programmes
- Education Medical Health
- Social Work Services

Colleges

- College Career Advisor
- Trainee Career Advisor
- College Counsellor
- School Counsellor
- Trainee Counsellors
- Prefect of Discipline
- Guidance Teachers
- Social workers
- Youth Workers
- Social Support Workers



Education Psycho Social Services


College Trainee Career Advisors

Summer 2011 - Introduction of College-based '**Walk-In Service**' whereby students who have just finished compulsory schooling can seek career guidance during summer from the Trainee Career Advisors.

Career path and guidance in relation to post secondary institutions and vocational courses.



Education Psycho Social Services



Ensuring that the **Social Worker Service** together with the support of the education psycho-social services available within the Colleges are addressing the issue of absenteeism.

Ensuring implementation and access of Data Base re absenteeism

Identification of students involved in absenteeism from early school years

Ensuring multi-disciplinary team approach in addressing absenteeism

Implementation of School Exemption procedures



Education Psycho Social Services

School Psychological Services

3 Psychologists

13 trainee educational psychologists

1 SpLD specialist

2 Psychotherapists



Education Psycho Social Services

Child Safety Services

Child Safety Services

Child Safety Services (CSS) is a specialized unit working in the area of child abuse. It is an educational, coordinating and therapeutic unit, offering intervention and preventive services to students, parents and school staff. CSS strives to offer effective and professional services catering for the needs of children who have experienced abuse.

Child Safety Services has the following functions: prevention; consultation; monitoring of cases and coordination of services; training; intervention; research; tracing; and multidisciplinary team work.

5 guidance teachers are placed in Gozo College



Education Psycho Social Services

Substance Abuse

The Substance Abuse Policy Team strives to keep schools safe from all forms of illicit substance abuse. This stance warrants the planning and implementation of preventive strategies and interventions for students, school staff and parents.

3 guidance teachers + 1 based in Gozo College
Programmes with students and parents



Education Psycho Social Services

Anti Bullying

The Unit strives to initiate, support and co-ordinate the efforts of schools in anti-bullying programmes to ensure a safe and caring environment conducive to learning and well-being.

3 guidance teachers + 1 with parental leave



Education Psycho Social Services

Education Medical Services

Dissemination of information re the services offered by the
Education Medical Services to all Colleges

Dissemination of guidelines re regular Medication and
Treatment Of Children in Mainstream Schools

Coordinate the head lice screening in the schools



Education Psycho Social Services

Unit Għożża

To provide a support service and an educational programme to unmarried pregnant minors, leading them to adopt a positive attitude towards motherhood, while empowering them to pursue their career paths.

1 officer in charge

3 guidance teachers

New premises as from scholastic year 2011-2012 at Qormi
(ex Boys Secondary Schools – Qormi)



Education Psycho Social Services

College Prefect of Discipline

College Prefect of Discipline is part of the multidisciplinary team - (New concept)

4 college prefects of discipline

Draft Proposal Behaviour Policy

- Positive behaviour policy for parents
- Positive behaviour policy for students
- Positive Behaviour policy for staff



Education Psycho Social Services

Guidance & Counselling Services

Guidance and counselling services in the schools according to the respective colleges.

- 9 School Counsellors
- Guidance Teachers 121 in Malta
- Guidance Teachers 14 in Gozo



Education Psycho Social Services

Guidance & Counselling Services

Guidance and counselling services in the schools according to the respective colleges.

- 2 College Career Advisors
- 13 Trainee Career Advisors
- 4 Career Guidance Teachers



Education Psycho Social Services

Guidance & Counselling Services

Guidance and counselling services in the schools according to the respective colleges.

- 2 College Counsellors
- 5 Counsellors
- 13 Trainee Counsellors



Education Psycho Social Services



**College Counsellor / Trainee Counsellors –
Supporting pupils and students
during the summer months**



Education Psycho Social Services

Special Education Services

Access to Communication and Technology Unit (ACTU)

Autism Spectrum Support Team (ASST)

Teachers for the Hearing Impaired

Teachers for the Visually Impaired

Home tuition

Early Intervention Services

Hospital Classes/YPU

Transition Coordinators

SEBD Specialist Service



Special Education & Resource Centers

ACTU

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Transdisciplinary
Team :
SLP, OT, LSA,
Teacher, Parents

Find the best
Augmentative
and Alternative
Communication
System

Access to
technology
and
curriculum

Most
appropriate
specialized
software



Special Education & Resource Centers

Early Intervention Service

Resource Workers / **Early intervention** teachers – support children 0-5 who are experiencing developmental, psychological, physical, and learning difficulties

School visits and home visits are provided to children and their families

There is a current process of extension of the Early Intervention Services with three main dimensions

Child

Early identification
Ensure progress in
Learning domains

Family

Support and strengthen
parental skills
Partners in intervention
Family support

Professionals

Training to support
Early care and support
Integrated services



Special Education & Resource Centers

More Support Services

Teachers for the Hearing Impaired support students with a Hearing Impairment in schools and in the home

Teachers for the Visual Impaired support students with a Visual Impairment in schools and in the home

Hospital Classes / Teachers work with students who are undergoing treatment in Hospital or in the YPU

Home Tuition support students who due to illness or a medical condition are away from school for a long period of time



Special Education & Resource Centers

Learning Support Centers

Learning Support Centre Marsa working with students
8-11 in a nurturing environment.

Learning Support Centre Naxxar – for secondary school
aged girls experiencing Social and Emotional Behaviour
Difficulties.

Mater Dei School – for secondary school aged boys
experiencing Social and Emotional Behaviour Difficulties.



Special Education & Resource Centers

Resource Centers

Resource Centres aims to provide quality education for all students with IEN whether they attend Resource Centers or Mainstream schools.

The resource provided at the centers together with the expertise of the personal working in the centers will be made available to offer the necessary support to students, parents, school administrators teachers and LSAs working with students with IEN.



Special Education & Resource Centers

Resource Centers

San Miguel / Primary Education Resource Centre

Guardian Angel / Secondary Education Resource Centre

Helen Keller / Secondary, Young Adult Education Resource
Centre

Dun Manwel Attard / Young Adult Education Resource Centre



Special Education & Resource Centers

Young Adult Education RC

As from Scholastic Year 2011-2012. The programme at this Centre started to focus on

- Personal Development
- Vocational Preparation with an emphasis on Independent Skills in preparation for adulthood.



Special Education & Resource Centers

Training

- In service courses in Key Word Signing, First Aid, Visual Classrooms, Autism Awareness, Inclusive Curriculum, lesson planning and resources.
- PECS Training
- Hanen Training
- Team Teach Training.
- On going training for Teachers of the Hearing Impaired
- Mobility Training for Teachers of the Visual Impaired.
- Training for Early Intervention Teachers.
- Training in SEBD



Special Education & Resource Centers

Diverse Educational Needs

In All Mainstream School in Malta and Gozo

3231 identified learners

2029 LSAs catering for their needs

13 Inclusion Coordinators (INCOs) supporting the primary sector

13 Trainee Inclusion Coordinators supporting the secondary sector



Inclusive Education

Nurture Groups

Presently, there are 13 Nurture Groups in the Primary Schools. These are at:

- St. Gorg Preca College, *Floriana Primary C*
- St. Gorg Preca College, *Hamrun Primary C*
- St. Nicholas College, *Attard Primary C*
- St. Nicholas College, *Rabat Primary C*
- St. Margaret College, *Cospicua Primary C*
- St. Margaret College, *Senglea Primary C*
- St. Margaret College, *Vittoriosa Primary C*
- St. Benedict College, *Zurrieq Primary C*
- St. Benedict College, *Birzebbugia Primary C*
- St. Thomas More College, *Marsascala Primary C*
- St. Ignatius College, *Qormi Primary Schools (2)*
- St. Theresa College, *Birkirkara Primary C*



Inclusive Education

Learning Support Zones

Presently there are 19 Learning Support Zones in Secondary Schools:

- St. Clare College GSS Pembroke
- St. Gorg Preca GSS Hamrun
- St. Margaret College GSS Cospicua
- St. Theresa College BSS Ta'Paris B'Kara
- St. Theresa College GSS Mriehel
- St. Margaret College BSS Verdal
- St. Margaret College BSS Fortini
- St. Benedict College BSS Kirkop
- St. Ignatius College BSS Handaq
- St. Clare College BSS Gzira

It is envisaged that more LSZ will open during the forthcoming scholastic year



Inclusive Education

Youth Workers

Presently there are 3 Youth Workers working within the LSZ in 3 Colleges:

- St. Clare College
- St. Margaret College
- St. Theresa College

Unaccompanied Minors

- A teacher was identified to act as transition facilitator
- 7 Students (3 girls, 4 boys) successfully attended Secondary schools this past scholastic year
- Positive feedback from all concerned
- 4 students 16 plus



Inclusive Education

Training Courses

Since 2006, Student Services department has provided Courses to LSAs and SMTs

Courses to LSA

Supporting Students with Individual Educational Needs – *a 10 week Attendance Course(70 hours)*

Certificate in Education for Learning Support Assistants – *a 20 week Course(140 hours)*

Courses to Heads of School/Assistant Heads of School

Information course to SMTs re Inclusive Policy

Open to both State and Church Schools



Inclusive Education

Training Courses

70 hour Course:

- **20** Courses (1 in Gozo)
- **1208** S/LSAs were trained

140 hour Course:

- **7** Courses (1 in Gozo)
- **444** sLSAs were trained
- 81 started attending course in October 2011



Inclusive Education

Responsibilities

Student Exchanges

Competitions

Extra Curricular Activities

EU School Fruit Scheme

EU School Milk Subsidy Scheme

School Councils

Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan (HELP)

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School Library Services (SLS)



Projects & Initiatives Section

Thankyou

