LETTER CIRCULAR

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To:  Directors, Assistant Directors, Education Officers, Service Managers, Heads, Assistant Heads and Teachers in State and Non-State Schools and Sections

From:  A/Director, Curriculum Management

Subject:  Postgraduate Course in the Teaching of Ethics

As from September 2014 the Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education, through the Department of Curriculum Management within the Ministry for Education and Employment, is introducing Ethics in a number of schools.

Postgraduate course in the Teaching of Ethics

The Faculty of Education, University of Malta, in collaboration with the Ministry for Education and Employment, is offering a postgraduate course in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools. This postgraduate course starts on Monday, 10\textsuperscript{th} March 2014 in the evening.

The postgraduate course provides an overview of different ethical theories and the developmental stages of moral development, as well as the main theories of curriculum development. It also delves into the methodologies for the teaching of Ethics in schools and the best methods for assessing the knowledge, skills and dispositions related to the subject.

The course includes a short teaching practicum, during which students are expected to demonstrate the skills acquired during the course. It extends over a period of one year of part-time studies (March 2014 to February 2015) and lectures are held in the evening, normally spread over two days a week, except for the practicum, which may be held during school hours.

The course is aimed at teachers and school personnel who are in possession of a teaching warrant and one year of teaching experience and are interested in teaching Ethics in primary and secondary schools. Further details about the entry requirements and other important information is found in the attached informational document and application forms.

Applications are to be submitted at the University of Malta
(http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/prospective/admissions) by not later than Friday, 28\textsuperscript{th} February 2014 at noon (Central European Time) and late applications will NOT be accepted.
Sponsorship covering the course fee

The Ministry for Education and Employment is offering a sponsorship that covers the course fee. Interested applicants for the sponsorship need to apply at the Customer Care Section, Directorates for Education, Great Siege Road, Floriana, by not later than **Friday, 7th March 2014 by not later than 16.00 hrs (Central European Time)**. Applicants need to provide evidence of their enrollment for the said postgraduate course together with their Identity Card.

Sponsored teachers who teach in any State school will be deployed according to the exigencies of the service if their service is not required in their respective school and, or any school of their preference as indicated in the application for deployment.

Teachers that are employed at the Church and Independent sectors do not have automatic employment within the Public Service.

Heads of School are kindly requested to bring this Circular and the attached documentation to the attention of teachers in their school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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