CIRCULAR 65/2020: MCAST COVID-19 Guidelines

Dear Students and Members of Staff,

The health and wellbeing of the MCAST community is our top priority, and we are continuously monitoring the situation on COVID-19. MCAST is checking closely and proactively the situation and is following healthcare and government expert advice by the Public Health Authorities. The information is being updated regularly on our web portal and through our related social media.

MCAST students and staff are asked to follow all guidelines as issued by <u>the health</u> <u>authorities in Malta</u> and the <u>World Health Organisation</u>.

Students and staff who travelled to Italy, China (including Hong Kong), Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea over the past two weeks need to observe quarantine for 14 days. As from tomorrow 12 March, those travelling back to Malta from France, Germany, Switzerland and Spain also need to quarantine themselves. This is now <u>obligatory</u>.

As from 11 March, all visits to MCAST by international students, visiting lecturers, professors and examiners are postponed until further notice. Study visits by MCAST staff and students to any country are also postponed indefinitely. The International Office will provide guidance.

All international academic and social activities on Campus are also being postponed at least until the end of April 2020.

MCAST has also cancelled events with large audiences including the Masters' Graduation Ceremony and the College Talent Show. The canteen will be open only for purchasing food and drink, but as from tomorrow, seating in the area will not be allowed. The hair and beauty salons for use by the general public will also be closed indefinitely.

MCAST lectures are going ahead as planned. If there are any changes, <u>students and staff will</u> <u>be notified immediately.</u>

For further information and guidelines, please visit our web portal www.mcast.edu.mt

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