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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that your Easter holidays allowed some time for rest, and that the peace promised by the Risen Lord will continue to accompany you in your daily efforts. In this circular, I am including some important dates to mark on your school-calendar.

3 May	Forms 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 Biology students: fieldwork (second to last lesson) PTA committee meeting at 6.00p.m
4 May	Pilgrimage to Our Lady organized by the Ex-Alumnae Association (contact details on website)
5 & 6 May	Form 2 students: interviews for Hospitality choice
6 May	Form 4.1 students: Biology fieldwork (first to sixth lesson) Form 3 students: Talk on Refugees & Migrants (PSD lessons)
11 May	Achievement Day for all students between 9.30am and 1.00pm. Parents and guardians are invited to attend this memorable day
12 May	SDP Seminar for all teachers (no school for students)
13 May	Form 4 students: Mater Dei outing (4.3 and 11 students from4.4) Maltese Night organised by the PTA (tickets available at €12 each)
17 &18 May	Form 4 students: Mater Dei outing (for the rest of the Form 4s)
19 May	Form 4 students: Day of recollection in Mdina
20 May	Orientation Day for Junior 6 students
23 May	Inter-schools Swimming Gala for the school team



24 May	Meeting for Junior 6 parents
30 May	Celebration of the centenary since the Sisters of St Dorothy came to Malta. All parents and guardians are invited to join us during this activity day for the three schools. Our May Procession will introduce the day at 8.30am, and this will be followed by Mass in the Auditorium
7 June	Public Holiday
8 June	Form 2 students: ECDL Exams
10 June	Feast of our Foundress St Paula Frassinetti - school holiday
13 June	Form 3 students: ECDL Exams
14 June	Form 4 students: ECDL Exams
15-16 &17 June	Oral annual exams
20 June	Beginning of written annual exams
28 June	End of term – school ends at 11.00am
12 July	Parents' Day at school between 6.30pm and 8.30pm – annual exam results will be given to parents or guardians.

This year our school has been chosen to pilot the BTEC project for Hospitality. This is going to be a new subject offered to Form 2 students when making their options for Form 3. Due to this new project, the school will have to equip a special class-room where these students will be able to work for the next three years. This option prepares students for the Tourism Industry. The subject is a non-examination option and students work the different modules in class under the teacher's supervision. By the end of Form Five, the completed work would be equivalent to a Sec Examination. We hope to continue offering this subject in the future.

The entire School Premises have been sanctioned for the completion of our outdoor track and other playing areas. This exercise had to be done because our MEPA permit had expired. Due to certain EU conditions, the alterations of ramps, widening of door-ways and purchasing of three new chair-lifts necessary for the accessibility of wheel chairs as specified by the KMPD, have to be completed before the final permit can be issued. Presently, we are in the process of adapting the gradient of our ramps and widening the doorways for wheelchair accessibility, so that in the near future we may re-submit our altered plan to MEPA after having made the necessary alterations. Finally, I wish to thank all those parents and guardians who have given us their full support during this scholastic year. Managing a school with all the necessary equipment and running it efficiently is very demanding and, unless you give us your help, we will not be able to continue our educative mission. Parents who have not yet honoured their duty with their contribution towards the operational costs of the school are kindly reminded to help us shoulder the burden so that St. Dorothy's will continue running efficiently and effectively. The school is facing very high electricity and water bills and, unless parents help us to meet these expenses, we will definitely not be able to offer all the amenities the students are enjoying at present.

Please note that the school will remain open during the month of July from Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon. Parents who cannot collect the annual exam results on 12 July may collect them during the school's opening hours between the 13 and 31 July.

NB. The school will be closed throughout the month of August for refurbishment and maintenance work.

May I wish you all good health and God's blessings.

Best regards,

Sr Doreen Cuschieri Headmistress



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