

**TRAINING WORKSHOPS IN  
COMPUTING, DESIGN & TEXTILES, ART & DESIGN, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

The Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, with the collaboration of Cambridge International Examinations, is holding training workshops for teachers of A/AS Level Computing, Design and Textiles, Art & Design and Design & Technology from 14 to 18 April 2008. In addition, a workshop on the generic aspects of coursework is scheduled on Wednesday 16 April 2008 on the coursework component.

The objectives of the workshop for A/AS Design and Textiles are to

- Introduce the new syllabus with particular emphasis on assessment and standards on course paper 4 and practical test paper 2;
- Provide information on examiners' expectations for the new syllabus requirements;
- Advise on teaching practices in line with the examiners' expectations.

For the workshop on generic aspects of coursework, the objectives are to

- Discuss the role of coursework in education. Why do we use it?
- Discuss the role of coursework in the classroom and highlight best practice;
- Discuss any relevant research on coursework;
- Use examples from each of the following subject areas:
  - Design & Textiles
  - Computing
  - Art & Design
  - Design & Technology

The objectives of the workshops for A/AS Level Computing (9691), Art and Design (9393) and Design and Technology (9705) are to

- Cover syllabus and assessment requirements for the coursework components;
- Provide information on examiners' expectations;
- Advise on teaching practices for the coursework component in line with the examiners' expectations.

## Timetable and Venues

Date	Workshop	Venue	Time
14 & 15 April	Design & Textiles	MES Hall	09 00 to 16 00 hours
16 April	Generic Aspects of coursework	MES Hall	09 00 to 16 00 hours
17 & 18 April	Computing	MES Hall	09 00 to 16 00 hours
17 & 18 April	Art & Design	Gaëtan Raynal SSS	09 00 to 16 00 hours
17 & 18 April	Design & Technology	MES Exams Centre, Level 3	09 00 to 16 00 hours

## Resource Persons

5 resource persons from Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) will conduct the workshops:

- Design & Textiles – Mrs Anna Ladds
- Generic Aspects of Coursework – Mrs Ann Bowen
- Computing – Mr Paul Rogers
- Design & Technology – Mr Denis Hallam
- Art & Design – Mr Peter Tutt

## Participants

All Heads of Design & Textiles, Computing, Design & Technology and Art & Design departments as well as teachers teaching these subjects at A/AS level, from both State and Private Schools, have been invited to the training workshops.

Schools in Rodrigues have been invited through the Rodrigues Education Commission.