

Training workshops in General paper and Science (16 to 19 April 2007)

The Mauritius Examinations Syndicate is holding training workshops for Heads of English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics Departments from the 16th to the 19th of April 2007.

The objectives of the General Paper workshop are to:

- Discuss performance of candidates overall and on specific questions
- Provide feedback to teachers on examiners' expectations and syllabus requirements
- Advise on teaching practices in line with examiners' expectations

For the A/AS Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics workshops the aims are to:

- Discuss changes to the assessment scheme with particular emphasis on practical assessment (Paper 3)
- Provide information on examiners' expectations for the new syllabus requirements (for e.g. the compulsory application of Chemistry/Biology/Physics syllabus replacing the Options Syllabus)
- Advise on teaching practices in line with the examiners' expectations for Paper 5 (the written examination testing higher-order experimental skills of planning, analysis and evaluation).

Timetable and Venues

| Date | Subject | Venue | Time |
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| 16-17 April | General Paper | MES Multi-purpose Hall | 09 00 – 16 00 |
| 16-17 April | Physics | MGI, S. Bharati Lecture Theatre | 08 30 – 15 30 |
| 18-19 April | Chemistry | Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre | 09 00 – 16 00 |
| 18-19 April | Biology | MES Multi-Purpose Hall | 09 00 – 16 00 |

It should be noted that in line with its policy to promote science education, the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre has put their lecture theatre and other facilities at the disposal of the MES for this workshop.

Resource Persons

Four resource persons from Cambridge International Examinations will conduct the workshops:

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| General Paper | – Mr Ray Donne |
| Physics | – Dr Geoff Goodwin |
| Biology | – Mrs Mary Jones |
| Chemistry | – Mr Eric Brown |

Participants

All Heads of English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics Departments from both State and Private Schools have been invited to the training workshops. However, private schools which do not offer HSC classes and do not intend to do so in the future have not been considered.

The four schools in Rodrigues which offer HSC classes or will do in a near future have been invited through the Rodrigues Education Commission.

The relevant MIE departments have also been invited, along with a representative of the Ministry of Education and members of the Advisory Committees for General Paper, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

Around 130 participants are expected for each workshop.