

Professional Development Sessions 2006 – 2007

Name of Schools & Venue:	Gozo College: 11 Primary Schools Session to be held at NINU CREMONA
Topic Chosen	From streaming to mixed ability teaching (second of three sessions)
Context	A number of primary schools in Gozo have one class per year. These classes are clear examples of mixed ability teaching. Usually, notwithstanding the inclusive nature of our NMC, streaming is rampant – Years 5 and 6 - in those schools where there are more classes.
Aims and objectives	To present a recent, well-researched analysis of streaming, setting and mixed ability teaching dwelling on the strengths and weaknesses.
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary Session by Dr Grace Grima; • Discussion in 9 different workshops: one per year, a 7th one for Heads and SMT and two for peripatetic teachers; • Reporting back in plenary; • Dissemination of findings.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More informed idea about the most profitable way, from a holistic point of view, of selecting and grouping children.
Content & programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14h45 – 15h45: Presentation in plenary • 15h50 – 16h20: Workshops • 16h25 – 16h45: Brief reporting back
Date of Session	28 th February 2007

Guest speaker: Dr Grace Grima (Matsec and University of Malta)

Course Coordinator: Frank Gatt (Gozo College Coordinator)

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Name of Schools & Venue:	<u>Gozo College</u> : Agius de Soldanis & Ninu Cremona. VENUE: Ninu Cremona
Topic Chosen	From streaming to mixed ability teaching (first of two sessions)
Context	Notwithstanding the inclusive thrust advocated by our NMC, students continue to be streamed at both Junior Lyceum and Secondary levels. Even worse, streaming is usually based on the grades obtained in the JL exam in the more academic subjects.
Aims and objectives	To present a recent, well-researched analysis of streaming, setting and mixed ability teaching dwelling on the strengths and weaknesses.
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary Session by Dr Grace Grima; • Discussion in different work-shops groped according to subject; • Reporting back in plenary; • Dissemination of findings.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More informed reflection on the part of post-primary teachers and SMT's on the best way of grouping learners.
Content & programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14h45 – 15h45: Presentation in plenary • 15h50 – 16h20: Workshops • 16h25 – 16h45: Brief reporting back
Date of Session	6 th March 2007

Guest speaker: Dr Grace Grima (Matsec and University of Malta)
Course Coordinator: Frank Gatt (Gozo College Coordinator)

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 Agius de Soldanis & Ninu Cremona common session (06.02.07)

From Streaming to Mixed Ability Teaching

Please complete the following questionnaire:

1	Male (M) or Female (F) ?	()
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2	I have been teaching for ... <i>(including this school year)</i>	() years
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3	This year I am teaching form/s ... <i>(please encircle)</i>	1 2 3 4 5 6
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4	This year I am teaching ... (X)	() JL classes only
		() Sec classes only
		() both JL and Sec
		() post sec as well

5	On a scale of 0 to 5, please indicate [X] your degree of preference for each of the following: <i>(0 means strongly DISAGREE, 5 means strongly AGREE)</i>		0	1	2	3	4	5
		STREAMING						
		MIXED ABILITY						
		MIXED ABILITY PLUS SETTING						

6	Any other comment/s on the topic:
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Please return to Frank Gatt, Gozo College Coordinator. (THANK YOU)

