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Summary of the Decisions of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee

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III.A. SYLLABUSES

Attainment Descriptors (see decision taken by the JTC at its meeting of 12-13 February 2015 on document 2015-01-D-62-en-1 “Competence-based syllabuses including assessment criteria and subject-related attainment descriptors”)

All the syllabuses referred to in items III.A.2 to III.A.13, already approved, have been supplemented by attainment descriptors and will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

For the record, attainment descriptors must be produced by each Inspector responsible for a subject or for subjects and for all the syllabuses for years S1-S5 by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year in September 2017. As requested by the members of the Committee, they will be accompanied by concrete examples, particularly for the scientific subjects, included in the syllabus or presented during the training courses in the Schools.

2. Physical Education Syllabus – primary cycle (Attainment Descriptors)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for year P5 of the ‘Physical Education Syllabus’ for the primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

3. Mathematics Syllabus – primary cycle (Attainment Descriptors)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Mathematics Syllabus’ for the primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabus will be published on the website in late June 2017.

4. Czech Language 1 Syllabus – nursery/primary cycle (Attainment Descriptors)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for year P5 of the ‘Czech Language 1 Syllabus’ for the nursery/primary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017.

The syllabus has been brought into line with document 2011-09-D-47-en-6 ‘Structure for all syllabuses in the system of the European Schools’. It will be published on the website in late June 2017.

5. Attainment Descriptors for all Languages 1 in P5

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for all Languages 1 in year P5, with entry into force on 1 September 2017. Teachers are allowed, if they so wish, to use the attainment descriptors in pilot form during the 2016-2017 school year.

These attainment descriptors will be incorporated into all the primary cycle Language 1 syllabuses. They will be published on the website in late June 2017.

6. Syllabus for all Languages 2 in the secondary cycle – Main course (Attainment Descriptors)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Syllabus for all Languages 2 – Main course’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. Each language version of the syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

A missing page concerning assessment of the oral examination (details about the conduct of the examination), produced by the Inspectors, will be incorporated into the approved version of the syllabus.

7. Attainment Descriptors – Physical Education Syllabus – Secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Physical Education Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

8. Attainment Descriptors – ONL Syllabuses

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘ONL Syllabuses’. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years P3-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. The syllabuses will be published on the website in late July 2017.

9. Attainment Descriptors – Integrated Science S1-S3

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the ‘Integrated Science S1-S3 Syllabus’. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

10. Attainment Descriptors – Biology – Chemistry – Physics – S4-S5

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Syllabuses for years S4-S5. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabuses will be published on the website in late July 2017.

11. Attainment Descriptors – Mathematics – S1-S3

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Mathematics S1-S3 Syllabus'. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

12. Attainment Descriptors – Mathematics – 4 and 6 periods – S4-S5

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the '4 and 6 periods Mathematics Syllabus – S4-S5'. The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

13. Attainment Descriptors – Czech Language 1 – secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Czech Language 1 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1- S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7.

The new written examination template for harmonisation of Language 1 enters into force immediately for year S6 and the first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2018. The syllabus will be published on the website very shortly.

New syllabuses

All the new syllabuses (items 1 to 9), containing all the attainment descriptors, were approved jointly. They will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

1. European Hours – P3-P5

The syllabus was approved subject to revision of the definition of the attainment descriptor which assessed pupils' 'European commitment'. It will enter into force on 1 September 2017. It will be published on the website in late June 2017.

2. German Language 1 Syllabus – primary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'German Language 1 Syllabus' for the primary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force on 1 September 2017. It will be published on the website in late June 2017.

3. Arts Education Syllabus – secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Arts Education Syllabus' for the secondary cycle.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

4. History Syllabus – S4-S5

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'History – S4-S5 Syllabus'. It will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for year S4 and on 1 September 2018 for year S5. It will be published on the website in late July 2017.

5. German Language 1 Syllabus – secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'German Language 1 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7.

The new written examination template for harmonisation of Language 1 enters into force immediately for year S6 and the first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2018. The syllabus will be published on the website very shortly.

6. Dutch Language 1 Syllabus – secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Dutch Language 1 Syllabus' for the secondary cycle.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7.

The new written examination template for harmonisation of Language 1 enters into force immediately for year S6 and the first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2018. The syllabus will be published on the website very shortly.

7. Swedish Language 1 Syllabus – secondary cycle

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Swedish Language 1 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7.

The new written examination template for harmonisation of Language 1 enters into force immediately for year S6 and the first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2018. The syllabus will be published on the website very shortly.

8. Advanced Swedish Language 1 Syllabus – S6-S7

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Advanced Swedish Language – S6-S7 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle.

This syllabus should be read in parallel with the ‘Swedish Language 1 Syllabus’ for the secondary cycle. It will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for year S6 and on 1 September 2018 for year S7.

The attainment descriptors will enter into force on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7.

The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

9. Syllabus for all Languages 4

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Syllabus for all Languages 4’ for the secondary cycle. The syllabus, as well as the attainment descriptors, will enter into force on 1 September 2017 for years S4 and S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2017.

The ‘Syllabus for all Languages 4’ will be translated into the other Languages 4 by the Inspector responsible for the language in question.

III.B. REPORTS

5. Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2016

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the 'Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2016' subject to revision of the figures for years S4 to S6. A more detailed study of the different cases of repeating and of the reasons why some pupils left the system is to be conducted in order to enable more meaningful and more transparent statistics to be compiled. The WG responsible will also reflect all measures taken to support students who were not promoted and repeat a class.

The changes sought and made to the document will be submitted to the members of the JTC again for approval by means of the written procedures, then sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

III.D. PEDAGOGICAL RULES/STANDARDS

3. Proposed amendment of the document 'Provision of Educational Support in the European Schools – Procedural document'

The Joint Teaching Committee endorsed the proposal for the document's amendment and sent it forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

7. Harmonised assessment at the end of year 5 and written examinations leading to B marks in year 5

The JTC was informed that following analysis of the question, the BIS had mandated the 'Assessment in the secondary cycle' sub-group to update Annex 1 to the document, concerning harmonised assessment of Language 1. In view of the fact that some syllabuses or new syllabuses do not fully comply with the rules still in force, the BIS had decided to allow the following derogation: with reference to question B of the Language 1 harmonised examinations, it could offer one question with three tasks from which to choose. This derogation will be applicable for this school year and valid until 1 September 2017, on which date the updated version of Annex I should enter into force.

Referring to the purpose of the end-of-year 5 harmonised examinations, the Directors said that they were prepared to work on Alternative Certification. Interparents, for their part, emphasised the importance of reformulating the chapter on harmonised assessment, which dates back to 1997.

The Joint Teaching Committee endorsed the proposed amendments, with immediate entry into force. The updated document will be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

III.F. OTHER ITEMS

1. Proposed Festival of Arts in the European Schools

The Joint Teaching Committee endorsed the proposal to set up a 'Festival of Arts in the European Schools' and gave a mandate for the setting up of a Working Group, as outlined in the proposal. The WG will study the possibility of and the conditions for including the primary cycle and any Accredited Schools which might wish to participate in it.

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Outcome of Written Procedure 2016/28: Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee of 18 and 19 February 2016 (2016-02-D-9-en-2)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 9 August 2016 and ending on 23 August 2016, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the 'Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee of 18 and 19 February 2016' – Document: 2016-02-D-9-fr-2.

Result of the voting:

35 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, Staff Committee, EPO, European Commission, Interparents, CoSup, Directors, Deputy Directors for the primary and the secondary

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0 abstentions

The definitive minutes 2016-02-D-9-en-3 have since been published on DOCEE.

2. Outcome of Written Procedure 2016/20: Proposals for amendments to the 'Arrangements for implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate applicable for the 2016-2017 session' (2016-05-D-30-en-2)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 24 June 2016 and ending on 8 July 2016, the Joint Teaching Committee endorsed the Proposals for amendments to the 'Arrangements for implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate applicable for the 2016-2017 session' (2016-05-D-30-en-2).

Result of the voting:

35 yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, Staff Committee, EPO, European Commission, Interparents, CoSup, Directors, Deputy Directors for the primary and the secondary

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