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III.A. SYLLABUSES

Attainment Descriptors¹

These attainment descriptors were approved jointly and would be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

1. Attainment descriptors – Biology – Chemistry – Physics – 4 periods S6-S7 (2017-09-D-52-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Biology – Chemistry – Physics – 4 periods S6-S7' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2021.** The attainment descriptors will be published directly on the website.

2. Attainment descriptors – Mathematics 3 Periods, 5 Periods and Advanced level – S6-S7 (2017-07-D-9-fr-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the attainment descriptors for the 'Mathematics 3 Periods, 5 Periods and Advanced level – S6-S7' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2021.** The attainment descriptors will be published directly on the website.

New syllabuses

All the new syllabuses (**items 1 and 4 to 14**) were approved jointly. They would be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

1. Estonian Language 1 – Nursery and Primary cycle (2017-07-D-6-et-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Estonian Language 1' syllabus for the nursery and primary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **immediately on 14 October** and will be published directly on the website.

3. Maths Software for the Primary Cycle in the European Schools (2017-09-D-32-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the request to develop software that would become an integral and mandatory part of Intermath. To that end, a call for tenders would be launched. The software's introduction would mean a price increase of €7-€8 per year. The document would be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

4. Estonian Language 1 – Secondary Cycle (2017-09-D-18-et-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Estonian Language 1' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **immediately on 14 October 2017 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7. The first**

¹ 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'

Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2020. The syllabus will be published directly on the website. The attainment descriptors, approved in February 2017, have since been published on the website.

5. French Language 1 – Secondary Cycle (2017-09-D-9-fr-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'French Language 1' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **immediately on 14 October 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 attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for years S1-S5, on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2021.** The syllabus will be published directly on the website.

6. Greek Language 1 – Secondary Cycle (2017-06-D-20-el-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Greek Language 1' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **immediately on 14 October 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 directly on the website. The attainment descriptors, approved in February 2017, have since been published on the website.

7. Greek Language 1 Advanced – Secondary cycle (2017-09-D-8-el-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Greek Language 1, Advanced' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **immediately on 14 October 2017 for year S6 and on 1 September 2018 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2019.** The syllabus will be published directly on the website. The attainment descriptors, approved in February 2017, have since been published on the website.

8. Slovenian Language I – Secondary cycle (2017-09-D-10-sl-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Slovenian Language 1' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for years S1-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 2018. The attainment descriptors, approved in February 2017, have since been published on the website.

9. Philosophy Syllabus – 4 periods – S6-S7 (2017-07-D-10-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new 'Philosophy – 4 periods – S6-S7' syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **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 attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7. The first Baccalaureate session will be held in June 2021.** The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

10. Art History – 2-period Complementary Course – S6-S7 (2017-09-D-20-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Art History – 2-period Complementary Course – S6-S7’ syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

11. Art Laboratory – 2-period Complementary Course – S6-S7 (2017-09-D-21-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Art Laboratory – 2-period Complementary Course – S6-S7’ syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

12. Technical Drawing – 2-period Complementary Course - S6-S7 (2017-09-D-22-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Technical Drawing – 2-period Complementary Course – S6-S7’ syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

13. Laboratory Chemistry Complementary Course – S6-S7 (2017-05-D-34-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘Laboratory Chemistry Complementary Course – S6-S7’ syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

14. L5 Languages – Complementary Course – S6-S7 (2017-09-D-25-en-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the new ‘L5 languages complementary course – S6-S7’ syllabus for the secondary cycle. The syllabus will enter into force **on 1 September 2018 for year S6 and on 1 September 2019 for year S7**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2019 for year S6 and on 1 September 2020 for year S7**. The syllabus will be published on the website in late July 2018.

III.B. REPORTS

5. Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2017 (2017-09-D-14-fr-1)

The Joint Teaching Committee approved the ‘Report on school failures and repeat rates in the European Schools – 2017’. In addition, the ‘Analysis of Repeat Rates’ Working Group was requested to address the question of failure in relation to the educational support offered. The document would be sent forward to the Board of Governors for its information.

III.D. PEDAGOGICAL RULES/STANDARDS

4. Guidelines for use of the new marking scale (2017-05-D-29-en-2)

The Joint Teaching Committee thanked the steering group and all the people involved for the thorough work done and approved the 'Guidelines for use of the new marking scale'. These guidelines were considered to be a dynamic document and currently covered the needs for additional measures and training on the new marking scale for years S1 to S5 in the European Schools and Accredited European Schools. The production of guidelines for years S6 and S7 would start by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The document would be sent to the Directors after the meetings, in order to start organising the first training day, and to the Board of Governors for its information.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

16. Outcome of written procedure 2017/23: Approval of the draft syllabus for Human Sciences – secondary cycle (S1-S3) – 2017-04-D-1-en-1 (2016-07-D-33-fr/en/de-1)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 18 April 2017 and completed on 5 May 2017, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the draft syllabus for Human Sciences – secondary cycle (S1-S3) – 2017-04-D-1-en-1. The syllabus entered into force **on 1 September 2017**. The attainment descriptors will enter into force **on 1 September 2018**. The syllabus was published on the website in late July 2017.

The Joint Teaching Committee took formal note of the outcome of this written procedure.

17. Outcome of Written Procedure 2017/19: Approval of the Draft conclusions of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee of 9 and 10 February 2017 – 2017-02-D-7-en-4 (2017-07-D-32-fr/en/de-1)

By means of the written procedure initiated on 21 March 2017 and completed on 19 April 2017, the Joint Teaching Committee approved the draft minutes of the Joint Teaching Committee meeting held on 9 and 10 February 2017. The definitive minutes 2017-02-D-7-en-5 have since been published on DOCEE.

The Joint Teaching Committee took formal note of the outcome of this written procedure.