



SIR M.A. REFALO SIXTH FORM

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FOREWORD

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This Prospectus navigates the reader at what Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form has to offer for the next academic year. One will find answers to many preliminary questions about our school and courses offered. We recommend that you read this booklet thoroughly so that you arrive at a formed decision regarding your courses together with their entry requirements. Consequently, our Guidance Team is always available should the need arise for further assistance.

Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form has consistently prioritised its commitment to foster future generations through an evolving learning community. As we move forward, we are committed in offering accessible and inclusive courses, catering to diverse needs and aspirations of our varied student population.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those members of staff who contributed to update this Prospectus to provide the best learning experience to students. Our success is built upon our commitment to provide our students with the highest possible standards of teaching, learning and of care, guidance and support.

I hope that you find this Prospectus informative and helpful. Moreover, I look forward to welcoming you at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form in the coming academic year. I wish you best of luck in your studies and your future career.

Frankline Zammit Galea
Head

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

At Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form, young people get their first taste of tertiary academic life beyond compulsory schooling. Generally our School is the threshold to their eventual profession or career of choice whether for further studies or at the work place. Set within a refurbished building complemented by a welcoming ambience, our educational programmes span a wide range of options tailor-made to individual preferences and inclinations. Eventually, students assume a more central role in decision-making. Assistance, guidance and support by our leaders and professional staff are available along the course as discussion replaces dictation. The balanced blend of activities and initiatives make the curriculum a learning adventure of discovery with students at the very core of their journey to realise their dreams.

The Senior Leadership Team

Head: Ms Frankline Zammit Galea

Deputy Head: Ms Joany Mizzi

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Deputy Head: Ms Miriam Debono Curmi

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The Guidance Team

Ms Miriam Portelli

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Kindly follow the link below for more information found
on our School website.
<http://smarsf.edu.mt>

Course 1

Option 1: Matsec Certificate Course

This course is intended for those students who would like to sit for the Matriculation Certificate Examination of the University of Malta.

A student following the MATSEC course will need to be studying six subjects at our school during the first year. The MATSEC course is the ONLY course that meets the requirements of the University of Malta. University of Malta regulations and subject choice requirements apply when enrolling for this course.

Two-year Course Content

- TWO subjects at Advanced Level
- THREE subjects at Intermediate Level
- Systems of Knowledge

Choice of subjects must be made from the table below

Group 1:	Group 2:	Group 3:	Group 4:
English	Accounting	Applied Mathematics*	Art
French	Geography	Biology	Theatre and Performance
German	Economics	Pure Mathematics	Graphical Communication
Italian	Classical Studies*	Environmental Science*	Home Economics and
Maltese	History	Physics	Human Ecology
Russian	Marketing	Chemistry	Information Technology
Spanish	Philosophy	Computing	Music
	Psychology*		Physical Education (PE)*
	Religious Knowledge		
	Sociology		

* Offered at Intermediate Level only

Subject choice guidelines:

- 1. ONE of the subjects chosen must be from Group 1, ONE must be from Group 2 and another ONE from Group 3. The remaining TWO subjects may be selected from any group.**
- 2. No subject may be taken at both Advanced and Intermediate level.**
- 3. Environmental Science cannot be taken with any of the following: Physics, Chemistry and Biology.**
- 4. Computing cannot be taken with Information Technology.**

Entry requirements for Course Option 1

Minimum of FIVE passes at Ordinary Level (SEC/SEAC/GCE) at MQF Level 3/GRADE C or better as follows:

- 2 passes from English, Mathematics, Maltese***
- any other 3 subjects from the University of Malta approved list. However, up to one certificate rated at MQF Level 3 by MQRIC shall be recognised as valid for entry to this course.**

***with regards to the following subjects: Maltese, Italian and Religious Knowledge ONLY a SEC - Secondary Education Certificate - can be presented.**

One must bear in mind that Ordinary Level Passes in Maltese, English and Mathematics would still be required when applying to the University of Malta.

Course 1

Option 2: Three Advanced Level Course

Students opting for this course must select **THREE** Advanced level subjects from the table below:

Accounting	Chemistry	Art
Biology	Graphical Communication	Computing
Economics	Geography	English
French	Italian	German
History	Maltese	Human Economics and
Information Technology	Philosophy	Human Ecology
Pure Mathematics	Sociology	Marketing
Physics	Spanish	Music
		Religious Knowledge
		Theatre and Performance

Entry Requirements for this Course:

Two passes from English, Mathematics, Maltese*

Minimum of FIVE passes at Ordinary Level (SEC/SEAC/GCE) at MQF Level 3/Grade C.

Any other 3 subjects from the University of Malta approved list. However, up to one certificate rated at MQF Level 3 by MQRIC shall be recognised as valid for entry to this course.

**With regards to the following subjects: Maltese, Italian and Religious Knowledge*

ONLY a SEC - Secondary Education Certificate - can be presented.

Course 2

Advanced - Intermediate - O Level Course (AIO)

Entry requirements for this Course:

Pass (MQF Level 3/ GRADE C) in four Ordinary Levels (SEC/SEAC/GCE) in any subject.

However, up to one certificate rated at MQF Level 3 by MQRIC shall be recognised as a valid for entry to this course.



Course 2

Advanced - Intermediate - O Level Course (AIO)

A student may opt to study a maximum of 4 subjects at Advanced/Intermediate Level and/or any Ordinary level STRICTLY according to time table availability.

The Advanced and Intermediate level subjects will be covered over a period of two years. The Ordinary revision level subjects will be covered over a period of one year.

Choice of subjects to be studied at Advanced level must be made from the list below.

Accounting

Biology

Economics

French

History

Information Technology

Pure Mathematics

Physics

Chemistry

Graphical Communication

Geography

Italian

Maltese

Philosophy

Sociology

Spanish

Art

Computing

English

German

Human Economics and

Human Ecology

Marketing

Music

Religious Knowledge

Theatre and Performance



Choice of subjects to be studied at Intermediate level must be made from:

Accounting

Biology

Computing

Environmental Studies

Home Economics &

Human Ecology

Maltese

Applied Mathematics

Physics

Spanish

Religious Knowledge

Chemistry

Information Technology

Economics

Theatre and Performance

English

German

Marketing

Geography

Music

Psychology

Sociology

Art

Classical Studies

Graphical Communication

French

History

Italian

System of Knowledge

Pure Mathematics

Philosophy

Physical Education

Choice of subject to be studied at Ordinary level_must be_made from the table below *(subject to timetable availability)*.

Mathematics

Chemistry

English Language

Italian

Spanish

German

French

Maltese

Physics

Biology

Computing

Home Economics

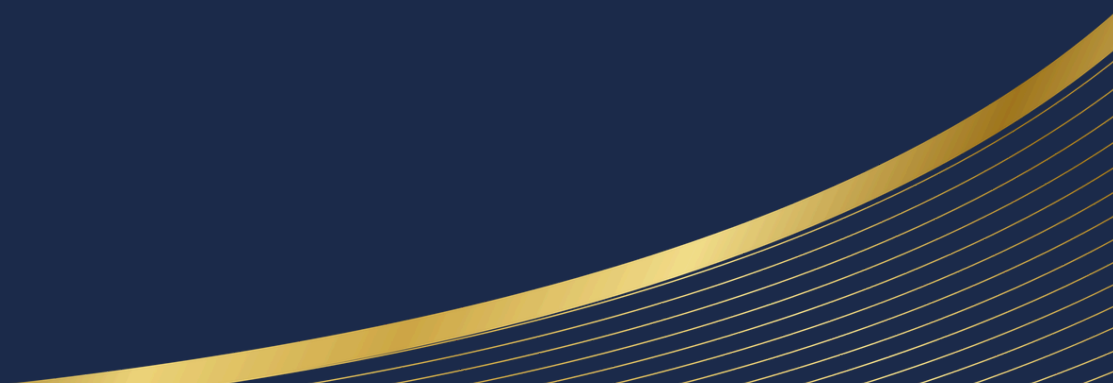
Accounting

Religious Knowledge

Physical Education

Maltese as a Foreign language*

**** offered over 2 years***



Entry requirements for this Course:

Pass (MQF Level 3/ GRADE C) in four Ordinary Levels (SEC/SEAC/GCE) in any subject.

However, up to one certificate rated at MQF Level 3 by MQRIC shall be recognised as a valid for entry to this course.



Course 3

Option 1: Revision Subjects

Revision Subjects – Ordinary Level

Duration: One Year

Students taking Ordinary Level Revision subjects may choose from the list of Ordinary Level subjects offered, timetable permitting.

Mathematics

Chemistry

English Language

Italian

German

Physics

Maltese as a Foreign Language

Maltese

Accounting

Religious Knowledge

Physical Education

Spanish

French

Home Economics

Biology

Computing

Note regarding Ordinary level revision subjects:

Students applying for any subject at Ordinary level revision must ideally have already studied the subject at secondary level.



Option 2

Academic Study (Part-Time)

Duration: One or Two Years

Students may apply for Part-Time Study:

If their choice of subjects does not meet the minimum requirements of the other courses offered

If they wish to attend practical sessions only

Those falling under the maturity clause

For students repeating their second year of study

Entry Requirements for this course:

School leaving certificate and/or our school leaving certificate for those wishing to repeat their second year of study.



IMPORTANT NOTES

Lectures

Lectures per subject are held as follows:

- i. Advanced level: 5-7 weekly. This includes tutorials or practical sessions.
- ii. Intermediate level: 3 weekly
- iii. Ordinary level: 4 weekly

Registration

Registration for course at our School is online.

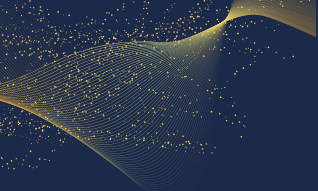
The first call takes place from 20th July 2026 to end of August 2026.

The second call takes place from 22nd September 2026 to end of October 2026.

Students are required to complete an online application form found on the School's website and need the following:

1. Your e-ID
2. Parent/Legal Guardian consent form for students under 16 years of age (attach copy)
3. Secondary Education Certificates (attach copy)
4. School-Leaving Certificate (attach copy)
5. Digital Passport Photo (JPG format)
6. An online contribution of €25 for registration purposes





Guidance

The Guidance Team at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form offers professional services to prospective applicants.

It is highly recommended that you consult the Guidance Team at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form to avoid clashes in timetable and problems with regulations as well as to ascertain that you are applying for the course that best suits you for the realisation of your aspirations as a student.

Students enrolling at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form are binding themselves upon registration to abide by the School's rules and regulations, available online at: <https://smarsf.edu.mt/studentregulations.html>



Applications

Late Applications

Late applications (after the closure of the online registration period) may be accepted, subject to a contribution of €30. Applications received later in the year are also against a contribution of €30.

Late applications do not include those applying during the 2nd call for registration following SEC re-sits in September.

The School's Maturity Clause

The maturity clause is applicable to:

1. **Students who are aged 19 or over;**
2. **Students who have already completed a two-year course at our school.**

Notes

Students who are coming from other further educational institutes must satisfy our school's entry requirements, notably a pass of 45% or better. They must present a letter of resignation from the preceeding school.

Students requiring Access Arrangements for School examinations must indicate this need upon registration. Access Arrangements depend on the School's resources. It is the student's responsibility to apply for access arrangements for examinations external to the school.

Foreign Students

Foreign students applying for a course at Sixth Form and who do not possess SEC/GCE results need to contact the Malta Qualification Recognition Information Centre Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC) (gov.mt) to get the equivalency of their qualifications.

All lectures at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form are delivered in English and/or Maltese. Hence we recommend that students have a good command of the English language both written and spoken in order to be able to follow.

Not having a good command of the English Language will result in failing to understand the subject content.

Requirement Equivalency

For all other courses, up to one certificate rated at MQF Level 3 by MQRIC shall be recognised as valid entry to our courses. For information regarding MQRIC visit the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC) (<https://mfhea.mt>).

Repeating First Year at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form

Students who would like to repeat their first year are requested to re-register with the school by applying online through the School's website during the registration period.

Second Year Supplement at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form

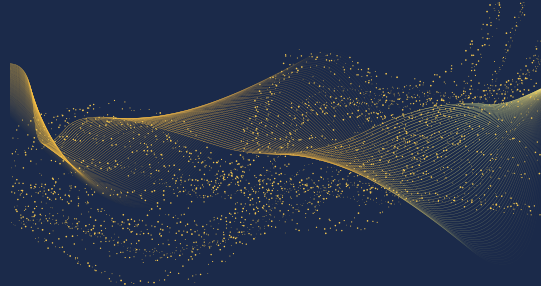
Students who would like to repeat their second year of studies are to apply online through the school's website as a part time student.

Exemptions

Any second year student wanting to follow a new subject is allowed to attend both first year and second year lectures, always timetable permitting.



STUDENT SERVICES



At Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form, the Student Services Centre offers Career and Vocational guidance as well as Counselling and Pastoral care.

Career/Vocational Guidance includes career exploration and assistance in making the right choice of subject for the career paths they would like to follow. The Guidance Team works closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that students coming from secondary education can make informed choices. They provide an Outreach Programme for students and parents comprising of formative and informative meetings on various issues related to adolescence and education. These include meetings on the transition process for students coming from secondary schools to our School and from our School to University, MCAST or other tertiary institutions. During the summer months, our School also offers one-to-one guidance sessions to prospective students on their choice of subjects before applying at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form. Students continue to receive ongoing support should they later experience any difficulty in their choice of subjects. The Guidance Team guides students towards other options which might better meet their needs and abilities.

Counselling and Pastoral Care is carried out both informally and on a one-to-one basis. Students are invited to approach any member of the Guidance Team if they feel the need to discuss any personal issues. Our team can guide students towards the right professional services should these be necessary.



The Pastoral Team



A team of teachers and students make up the Pastoral Team. Our hub is the Chapel with its Annexe, the place to sharpen the spirit, deepen our faith and revitalise basic Christian and social values. Together many students live up to their reputation of generosity and solidarity by putting their talents, enthusiasm and creativity to good use. Not surprisingly, in recent years our charity campaigns have reached former students turned missionaries in Peru, Guatemala and Ethiopia and locally ARKA, Dar tal-Providenza, and Caritas.

The Council

The School Council at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form consists of the President appointed by the Ministry, the Head of Sixth Form as Secretary, three teachers and three students. The Council meets once a month to discuss various topics including school activities and initiatives. The election for the teacher members takes place every two years, while the election for student members is held annually in January. Students are able to voice their concerns and express their opinions on this committee alongside the teachers.



The Students' Representative Council

The aim of the Students' Representative Council is to provide a source of communication between students and the administration of the School. The council provides students the opportunity to get involved in the infrastructural decisions regarding the progress of the School and the development and management of school activities whilst providing inclusion for all.



LIBRARY SERVICES

Our Library staff would like to acquaint the readers with services rendered in the recently upgraded library of Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form.

Students and teachers are urged to make full use of the library for study and research in peace. One can also make use of computers, borrow books and skim through magazines and journals.

Our library collection is catalogued online, and books can be searched by visiting the website www.maltalibraries.gov.mt under Search the Public Libraries Catalogue. We are now members of the Malta Libraries entity and for actual borrowing of books one is to have a valid Membership Card (Karta ta' Sħubija). With the Libby App, one can access free eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines. Maltese language digital books can also be borrowed by creating an Octavo account.

The 2026 – 2028 Students' Textbook List can be viewed at our School's website under Student Information: Booklist.

Thank you for using our library services and we hope that the years you will be spending with us will be fruitful and enjoyable.

Mr Mario Borg

Ms Pauline Camilleri



Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ

Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ offers numerous opportunities for young people to make friends, learn in different ways, develop skills, widen their talents, engage in different programmes and pursue becoming active citizens. The Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ Gozo Youth Service enables the latter to fulfil its role in Gozo through its main office in Għajnsielem and its presence in various educational institutions, among them the Youth Hub at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form, Gozo.

The Youth Hub

The Youth Hub at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form is open twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is a drop-in centre with sofas, tables and stools, Table-Soccer, 2 TVs, different board games and 2 PlayStations. It is a safe space where young people can socialise and play games. Different activities are organised in the youth hub, such as tournaments and awareness-raising events, while young people are encouraged to suggest, plan and implement their initiatives. The Youth Hub also serves as a reference point for youth information related to various opportunities and personal support. Young people can also enrol in programmes and initiatives through the Youth Hub at the start of the academic year and throughout.

 Find us

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A HOLISTIC EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Alongside formal study, Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form offers students a variety of opportunities for further learning and personal growth. Our range of activities and programmes are meant to develop and enrich students holistically in a non-formal, away from the textbook manner.

Academia Plus is designed to encourage all students to try new skills, move beyond their comfort zone, and gain experience in a safe and supportive environment.

Whilst we encourage students to take part in these activities whether they be physical in nature, service-oriented or cerebral, these programmes are non-compulsory. However, it is hoped that every student will pursue at least one significant activity throughout their time at Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form.

By participating in a programme, a student will receive either a certificate from the awarding body, or a certificate of participation/recognition.

Details about each programme can be found on the following pages.

Ms Joany Mizzi
Deputy Head i/c Co Curricular Programmes

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all young people aged between 14 and 24. It is voluntary, non competitive, enjoyable, balanced and requires sustained effort. Three levels serve as an entry point for the Award, which is available in 140 different countries and territories worldwide. The Award encourages young people to design their programme, set their own goals and challenge themselves to achieve their aims. To achieve the Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, the participants need to complete the following areas: Service: Participants volunteer in their communities, positively contribute to society and demonstrate social responsibility.



Skills: Participants develop personal interests and practical life skills. They can choose from unlimited activities, including arts and crafts, computing, and music.

Physical: It encourages young people to improve their fitness and performance and enjoy healthy lifestyles for good mental and physical well-being.

Adventurous Journey: The 'AJ' encourages and cultivates a spirit of adventure, resourcefulness, problem-solving, an understanding of the environment and the importance of teamwork.

Residential project: Students must also undertake a residential project over five days at the Gold level.



Model European Parliament

Since 1994, the Model European Parliament (MEP) has been offering young people from around 30 countries the opportunity to participate in a simulation of the European Parliament. MEP sessions take place at national and international levels. As the National Coordinator of MEP Europe in Malta, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ organises the National Sessions to prepare Maltese Delegates to take part in International Sessions held in a different European country every six months. MEP allows young people to excel in public speaking, debating, lobbying, writing resolutions, working in a team, and more importantly, making new friends. Young people aged 16-19 can participate in MEP. Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ organises the national selections, during which the Agency selects two delegations to represent Malta in the February and November 2025/2026 International MEP sessions.



Award in Youth Leadership

This an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their leadership skills through its Level 3 Certificate Award in Youth Leadership Programme. The programme consists of four modules designed to provide comprehensive training in various aspects of Leadership. This Award aims to help participants understand what Leadership is and the different styles of Leadership, how to communicate effectively, and the importance of strategic planning and active citizenship. All sessions in the programme are interactive, with plenty of space for activities and discussions, allowing young people to engage with the material and develop their skills in a fun and engaging manner. The programme's comprehensive curriculum, interactive sessions and engaging activities make it an ideal choice for young people looking to enhance their leadership skills.



The Student's Council Democracy Award



Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ offers the Student Council Democracy Award Project to all Post-Secondary institutions. Through the Student Council Councils Democracy Awards project, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ aims to not only merrily incentivise the school but also involve its students in investing in their school community. The project aims to promote Democracy by supporting student councils to earn a Democracy Award. The benefits of such a project enable and encourage students' expression and participation. Through a practical and democratic student council, students become involved in their school communities and make their voices heard in matters that affect their lives. Schools also benefit from student councils as new ideas are generated, strengthening teacher-student rapport. Promoting active citizenship, co-decision-making, and democratic engagement among students through the school councils is part of the school's promotion. Through their involvement in the student councils, the students acquire a Certificate of Participation and Leadership and social, communication, planning and organisational skills.

YOUTH4ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The aim is to inspire young people to adopt innovative approaches and develop business ideas that address the unique needs and potential of Gozo. This initiative seeks to foster confidence among youth by focusing on the island's economic challenges and opportunities.

The goal is to encourage young individuals to direct their attention toward the economic potential and challenges facing Gozo.

Eligibility Criteria:

Age: 16 - 35 years old

Residency: Open to residents of Gozo or Malta

Focus: Ideas must be directly related to Gozo's economic landscape

Team Participation: Individuals or groups of young people are welcome to participate and present their ideas

What is Expected?

Participants are required to deliver a 10-minute pitch of their business proposal in front of a panel of experts.

This year's theme will focus on digital innovation, with a specific emphasis on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Proposals should explore how AI and digital technologies can contribute to solving Gozo's economic challenges and tap into its potential.

Winning ideas will receive:

Prize Money

Internship Opportunity

This initiative empowers youth to create impactful solutions for Gozo's economy while delving into the growing field of AI.

Junior Achievement Young Enterprise (JAYE)

JAYE is a non-government, non-profit organisation promoting Entrepreneurship, Employability and Financial Literacy. The main objectives of the Company Programme is to bridge the gap between the theoretical and the practical implications of business and thus offer students exposure. More than 5000 students since 1989 have become achievers through this experience. Students are given the opportunity to develop a number of soft skills such as team building, time management and risk assessment in a learning-by-doing manner. It gives the participants the opportunity to experience learning not typically included in the curriculum. The experience is unforgettable.



Euroscola

Euroscola enables 16-18-year-old students to experience what it means to be a Member of the European Parliament and better understand the EU. Each Euroscola session welcomes high school students from all 27 European Union Member States to spend a day in Strasbourg 'working' as Members of the European Parliament. Students spend a day engaging in the EU decision-making process through debates in the hemicycle, negotiations with their colleagues, voting and adopting resolutions on topical European issues. This gives students the opportunity to interact and exchange information while highlighting the importance of cross-cultural cooperation. Furthermore, students have the chance to introduce their school and the region where they come from, which provides for greater diversity and enriches cultural dialogue. Only 24 students from each school can take part in Euroscola. Interested candidates who apply are required to sit for an examination, which is held at our school. Successful students get a substantial subsidy towards the cost of their journey and accommodation in Strasbourg.



ASDAN

ASDAN are internationally recognized certificate courses to further develop students' talents.

ASDAN is a pioneering curriculum development organisation and awarding body, offering programmes and qualifications that explicitly stimulate skills for learning, skills for work and skills for life.

ASDAN programmes engage, motivate and reward learners by making learning relevant and transferable. It supports a range of learning approaches and contexts, promotes active learning and learning to learn. It celebrates the diversity of multi-talented young people.

As a registered centre, we provide courses in various subjects including Sports and Fitness, Football, Expressive Arts and Volunteering.



Erasmus +

Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form is an accredited school that actively participates in Erasmus+ and eTwinning projects. These international initiatives provide valuable opportunities for both students and teachers to engage in cultural exchanges, collaborate with institutions across Europe, and develop essential skills for the future. Through these projects, participants enhance their learning experiences, broaden their perspectives and build strong networks that extend beyond the classroom. By fostering innovation, cooperation and personal growth, our school remains committed to offering a dynamic and enriching educational journey.



Erasmus+

Minds Beyond Walls

Complimentary Curricular Activities (CCA)



This programme offers students the opportunity to participate in six engaging and educational sessions outside the regular curriculum. Students are required to take part, but they are free to choose the courses that best match their interests and talents. The activities range from arts, culture, sports, and personal development to academic enrichment and community awareness, encouraging active participation, creativity, teamwork, and holistic growth.

School Contact Details

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- School Website: <http://smarsf.edu.mt>



MISSION STATEMENT

SIR M.A. REFALO SIXTH FORM AIMS TO BE A FURTHER STEP IN OUR STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. WE ASPIRE TO EMPOWER OUR STUDENTS WITH CRITICAL SKILLS AND SOUND VALUES THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE EDUCATED AND AUTONOMOUS CITIZENS.