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**To:** All Heads of Primary and Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

**From:** Institute for Education – Joanne Grima

**Subject:** Games for Learning: Creating Effective Game Experiences for Learning

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The Centre of Liberal Arts and Sciences within the University of Malta has developed a **5 ECTS** unit at **MQF 5** entitled **Games for Learning: Creating Effective Game Experiences for Learning**.

The Unit is aimed primarily at educators wishing to develop skills in the use of game experiences for learning. The themes covered in this Unit include: an overview of play, games and learning, principles of learning in good game designs, immersion, engagement and motivation, virtual worlds, virtual reality and augmented reality games, gamification and game-informed assessment, game analytics. The Unit will introduce the participants to the themes and will explore them in some detail through literature and case studies. In addition, participants will be expected to play selected games, to critically assess the interrelatedness of elements such as mechanics, dynamics and aesthetics and how these impinge on and impact the process of learning in games.

This Unit will be delivered entirely in the online environment via the MOODLE VLE and will also make use of synchronous meeting sessions via Twitter and Google Hangouts. The participants taking up this Unit will be expected to log in to the Virtual Learning Platform and submit tasks consisting of weekly reflections, critique of literature and other reference sources, as well as a review of their game-based practice according to the weekly themes and topics.

**The Institute for Education will be sponsoring the first 15 applicants.** More information about the Unit, its outcomes and assessment can be accessed through <https://www.um.edu.mt/clas/las2035>. The Unit is already available online and applications can be submitted online through this link. Deadline for submission of applications is the 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**Thank you**

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