

## MCAST CIRCULAR 212/2021

### Principal's Message to Students for the New Academic Year

1 October 2021

Dear Students,

A warm welcome to all students, whether you're starting an exciting new experience or returning to campus for the academic year in 2021-2022. Twenty years ago, we opened our doors to the first cohort of MCAST students. Congratulations on joining MCAST!

Our priority is to ensure that you have a successful learning experience in an enjoyable and safe environment. Starting a new course or returning to College after a long time can be overwhelming. I want to assure you that our community is set to welcome and support you throughout your journey.

The in-person lectures are planned according to the guidelines issued by the health authorities. We will keep monitoring the COVID-19 situation and update our policies and procedures to prioritise the health and safety of everyone at MCAST. I take this opportunity to encourage you to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself and others. You can visit our [COVID19 page for information and guidance](#).

The Opening Ceremony of the new academic year will take place on 6 October at 9.30 am and will be live-streamed [on social media](#). Freshers' Days will be held from 11 to 19 October, and we're excited to be hosting various activities and organisations on campus. This activity is an opportunity for you to engage in campus life.

Our theme, **Designed to the Shape your Future**, is a reminder that you have much to look forward to. We want you to make the most of this experience and encourage you to use the services and activities that include sports, chaplaincy, and personalised student services. The College also provides counselling, career guidance, and key skills subjects to help you every step of the way. Our Student Hub focuses on assisting you to explore better ways of fulfilling your full potential.

I am grateful to staff and students who have chosen MCAST as their place to work and learn. I invite you to join me in greeting the new academic year with gratitude towards our community and enthusiasm for the coming year.

Professor Joachim James Calleja  
Principal/CEO