From: Rector

To: Responsible Parties of Form V and UVI students

Subject: Payment of October/November Cambridge SC/HSC/GCE Examination Fees 2016

As you are aware, the decision regarding the payment of examinations fees in respect of eligible school candidates sitting for the SC/HSC/GCE examinations was implemented in 2015.

2. Your attention is drawn to the following:

   i). Government will meet the full cost of the Cambridge SC/HSC/GCE examination fees ONLY for school candidates sitting for the above examinations for the first time, subject to the candidate having an attendance level of at least 90% and eligibility conditions as detailed in this Circular.

   ii). The measure is applicable to school candidates sitting for the SC/GCE 'O' level Examinations in October/November in up to eight subjects, or the HSC/HSC Pro/GCE 'A' level examinations in October/November in up to five subjects.

   iii). For students sitting for the HSC/HSC Pro/GCE 'A' Level examinations, a maximum of 4 Principal subjects and GP would be covered under this scheme.

   iv). Payment of the above examination fees by Government applies only to school candidates who are NOT beyond the age of 20 by the end of the school year in which they sit for such examinations.

   v). The Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions will consider requests for payment of Cambridge October/November SC/HSC/GCE ‘O’ and ‘A’ level examination fees in respect of students who have failed in their first attempt, and

       - whose households are registered in the Social Register of Mauritius at the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions; or

       - whose parents are recipients of either social or unemployment hardship relief, or basic pensions, in which case a means test would be carried out to ascertain their eligibility
3. Furthermore, in order to benefit from the full payment of examinations fees, Form V and Form VI candidates would need to reckon attendance levels of at least 90% in the year of examinations and in the preceding year (i.e. Form IV and Lower VI as applicable).
   i). For students sitting for the SC/HSC/GCE examinations in 2016, the period covered will extend from Monday 18 May 2015 up to the day the examinations time table is officially issued to them in 2016, that is around mid-September 2016.
   ii). The students will be allowed up to 10 days absences for 2015 when they were in Form IV or Lower VI. For 2016, the 90% attendance rate will entail absences of not more than 15 days cumulated during academic year 2016.
   iii). The above will exclude internal examinations periods, days of official school holidays and absences due to prolonged illness supported by medical certificates.

4. With regard to students competing for scholarships, the provisions made under Regulation (24) of the Education Regulations 1957 will remain applicable.

5. Responsible Parties will be required to make a refund to MES in case of
   i). Non-compliance with the 90% attendance requirement;
   ii). Withdrawal from one or more subjects/withdrawal from the examination beyond the month of July, when payment would have already been effected to Cambridge International Examinations (CIE); and
   iii). Absence from the examinations for one or more subjects except for absences due to illness supported by medical certificates.

6. The refund will consist of the total amount paid by MES for the subject(s) or examination as applicable. Cancellation fees claimed by CIE will also be applicable in cases of withdrawal. The eligibility conditions governing the payment of fees are reproduced below and have to be acknowledged with and agreed upon by the Responsible Parties.

7. Responsible Parties are kindly requested to fill in and sign the Eligibility Conditions Form and return same to the school by ....... at the latest.

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* Circular letter issued on 15 May 2016 is attached.
Cambridge SC/HSC/GCE October/November Examinations 2016
Eligibility Conditions Form
(to be filled in by Responsible Parties of Form V and Upper VI students 2016)

I, Responsible Party of candidate .................................................................
acknowledge having taken note of the contents of the above circular dated .......... and confirm acceptance of the eligibility conditions contained therein stating inter alia that:

(a) The eligibility of 100 % payment of fees by MES in respect of SC/ HSC/ GCE ‘O’/ ‘A’ level will be subject to my ward having satisfied the 90% attendance requirement failing which an amount representing 100% of the examinations fees paid by MES will have to be refunded.

(b) In case of withdrawal from one or more subjects or from the whole examinations after Thursday 21 July 2016 or in case of absence from the part/whole examinations, without a medical certificate, the amount paid will have to be refunded.

Name of candidate : ....................................................................................

Form : ........................................................................................................

Name of Responsible Party : ........................................................................

National Identity Card No : .................................................................

Signature of Responsible Party : ..........................................................

Date : ........................................................................................................

FOR OFFICE USE:

Date received from Responsible Party : ..................................................

Officer Signature
Fees for Additional Subjects (1st Sitting) / Fees for second sitting:

1. Fees must be credited to any branch of State Bank to the account of Mauritius Examinations Syndicate – Account No. 61010100001696, State Bank of Mauritius Ltd.

2. While filling the Bank Deposit Voucher, the Candidate full name and John Kennedy College should be inserted on the bank voucher. Both copies of the Bank Voucher should be signed – customer’s signature.

3. To be submitted to the Administrative Office by Wednesday 18 May 2016.

   (i) Original AND photocopy of the bank’s deposit voucher

   (ii) The duly filled and signed Entry form

   (iii) Original AND photocopy of Birth Certificate (A4 FORMAT WITH ID NO)

SOCIAL SECURITY AID (REPEATER)

The Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions will consider requests, on a case to case basis (in terms of financial assistance) for candidates who failed at the 1st attempt. Responsible Parties should contact the Ministry of Social Security on their own.