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‘Gibraltar Studies’ to be introduced into schools

A Gibraltar-specific subject is to be introduced into the curriculum of all first and middle schools with effect from September 2016. This was announced on Tuesday evening by the Minister for Education, the Hon Gilbert Licudi.

The subject will cover such areas as:

- History, including the Neanderthals, various periods including Arab, Spanish and British periods, the development of Gibraltar as a people
- Natural History, including macaques, flora, birds (especially as a migration point), geology
- Environment, including the marine environment
- Industry, including the development of trade and the importance of Gibraltar as a trading point
- Tourism
- Culture, including reference to Gibraltar as a multicultural society
- Food.

A curriculum working group will now be established to develop the details of the new course.

As an example of the Natural History element of the course, it is intended that, by the time they leave middle school, all children will have benefitted from at least one outing to learn about the macaques in their natural environment.

Minister Licudi said: ‘There is so much to learn about Gibraltar and we want it to be taught in a structured manner.’