

Thanks to MCAST student volunteers – Wirt Ghawdex

As featured recently in your news, on Thursday the 6th of May a group of students and lecturers from MCAST Gozo spent the day working at the Mgarr ix-Xini Tower as their voluntary day activity.

This tower has been restored by Wirt Ghawdex in conjunction with the Ministry for Gozo and is now opened by volunteers from the organisation. Positioned as it is and attacked by all the elements it is need of regular care and attention.



After being given the history of the Tower and its raison d'être the students were given a tour and advised of the work needed. Some were set to work with rakes, spades and hoes to tidy the area surrounding the base of the tower from weeds, stones and general litter accumulated during the winter.

Others retired to the roof with sandpaper, brushes and preservative and given the task of rubbing down and then oiling the recently fitted doors to the three roof rooms, which help make this tower unique, and to the door to the garigor.

Still others, armed with brooms and buckets, proceeded to sweep out the lower chamber. Before the day was over, the task of oiling the main door and drawbridge had to be accomplished.

The students were provided with homemade refreshments before they departed with grateful thanks from Wirt Ghawdex for all their hard work. They even volunteered to return in the future!

It is very encouraging to see institutions like MCAST giving importance to such activities since this is a great way to expose these young people to their island's historical heritage as well as to instill in them the value of volunteer work.

A big thank you for all your hard work.

MCAST students clean up around Mgarr ix-Xini Tower



A group of about 20 students attending the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology, MCAST, in Xewkija, this morning started to clean and carry out some maintenance work around the 'Mgarr ix-Xini Tower.'

These students, who are boys aged between 16 and 17 years, are pursuing the Certificate Foundation Course. They are voluntarily taking part in this activity, which is being undertaken as

an initiative of MCAST and Wirt Ghawdex, who has the responsibility of the tower as well as other historical sites in Gozo. The activity started with an informative session about the history of the tower, given by Wirt Ghawdex. The students then began their work by painting, cleaning, collecting stones and cutting weeds.



Details on visiting the Mgarr ix-Xini Tower can be found on the Wirt Ghawdex website at <http://www.wirtghawdex.org/>

During Lejlet Lapsi the Historical Re-enactment Group of Malta will be holding skirmishes on Friday 14th at 2100, on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th at 1200 on St John's Bastion. During the weekend they will be marching and drilling on St John's Bastion and actually camping on the Low Battery. The Gunpowder Magazine and Silos will be also be open to the public at certain times during the weekend.
