

CXC to launch five new CAPE subjects

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FROM September, five new subjects will be introduced to the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) syllabus.

This now brings the total number of subjects offered at CAPE to 30.

This month, the new subjects will be launched in various countries, and each launch will have a specific subject theme.

The subjects to be introduced are agricultural science, entrepreneurship, performing arts, physical education and sport, and tourism.

Cleveland Sam, assistant registrar of Public Information for the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC), issued a news release on Monday stating that the first launch will be held on Friday in Barbados.

The subject emphasis for each launch for the various countries are Barbados—tourism; Guyana—agriculture; Trinidad and Tobago—entrepreneurship; St Lucia—performing arts; and Jamaica—



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physical education and sport.

However, all CAPE pupils will have the opportunity to choose any of those subjects, Sam said.

He said CXC was partnering with various organisations to host the different events.

These include the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO), the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the Cultural Devel-

opment Foundation (CDF) of St Lucia, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), and various tertiary institutions in Jamaica.

The introduction of the five new subjects follows the launch of digital media in September 2013.

Sam told the *Express*, “We (CXC) are re-engineering our process to ensure that our subjects and the syllabuses we offer respond to the demands of the region, both social and economic.

“We introduce new subjects to respond to the changing needs of the region.”

On May 15, the Trinidad and Tobago launch will take place at the Chamber of Industry and Commerce headquarters in Westmoorings.

Sam said, “Trinidad and Tobago was chosen for the launch of entrepreneurship because it is perceived as a country with high entrepreneurial profile and successful businesses.”

“Similarly, Jamaica was selected for the launch of physical education and sport because of its prowess in that area.”