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# Dear Parents / Guardians

# The Subject Choice Process for grade 9s choosing their Grade 10 (FET) subjects for 2021

During Term 3 the pupils will discuss this during Life Orientation and complete a draft subject choice purely to familiarize themselves with their options. A copy of this choice is kept by the learner and a copy to the LO teacher.

At the start of term 4 Grade 9s will receive their Term 3 report. This will guide learners and parents/guardians to make their final choices.

These choices are due to the grade 9 class teacher, Miss Bianca, on Monday 12 October 2020.

### FINAL GRADE 10 SUBJECT CHOICE: 2021

Grade 9 learners must indicate whether or not they wish to write the mathematic benchmark test this term and then next term complete the attached form to select their subject choices for 2021.

It is important to select the correct subjects from the start as it is very difficult to change subjects later as missed assessments and work must still be completed for the new subject.

## How to choose subjects?

Focus on your strengths.

While it is ideal to have an idea of career direction, much will change in the next few years, however your strengths and weaknesses will not, so use these as a guide.

Chat to your parents, teachers and the Principal, and do you research.

#### MATHEMATICS VERSUS MATHEMATICS LITERACY.

Mathematics (or pure Maths) is intended for those who need Mathematics for further study in related fields, such as accounting, engineering and science.

Mathematics Literacy is for learners who need to use numbers in their everyday lives at work, running a business and so on.

Learners who are performing well in mathematics in Grade 9 are encouraged to continue with pure maths, learners who are not excelling are not likely to pursue maths based careers and will obtain greater benefit from Mathematics Literacy.

#### **Mathematics Selection Process:**

Learners who achieved 50% or higher in Term 1 are eligible to do mathematics in Grade 10. They then need to write the bench marking test on the last day of term in order to qualify to do pure mathematics in 2021. Learners who are choosing mathematics literacy do not need to write the bench marking test. Please note learners also need to achieve 50% or higher in Term 4 for their mathematics year mark to continue with pure mathematics in Grade 10.

#### **IMMIGRANT LEARNERS**

If a Grade 10 - 12 learner entered the country in Grade 7 or later, they do not have to take Afrikaans or a second language, but must take an extra subject, for example History or Geography, as long as they take six subjects (excluding Life Orientation). They must take English as Home Language.

Take note that an immigrant learner also includes a South African citizen who left the country for longer than two years and returned (after Grade 7). A Grade 7 – 9 learner will get a concession for Afrikaans, but may not fail any other subject.

Please return the attached reply slips by the dates indicated.

Yours sincerely

N. YOUNG PRINCIPAL Due Date: Mon 12 October 2020

# For Grade 10 in 2021

Name of learner:			
Compulsory subjects	<b>3:</b>		
English (Home Langua Afrikaans (First Additio Life Orientation	age) nal Language – see immigrant	rule)	
Choose one from Math	nematics and Mathematic Litera	CV:	
Mathematics (you must obtain 50% or higher in Term 1, 2020 to choose this in 2021, and pass the benchmark test).		Or Mathematic	Literacy
Choose three from the	following:		
Subject	Notes		
Geography	(may not be taken with accounting)		
History			
Accounting	(may not be taken with Geography or Life Sciences)		
Life Science (Biology)	(may not be taken with Business or Accounting)		
Business Studies	(may not be taken with Physical Sciences)		
Physical Science	You must qualify for Mathematics to do Physical Science. May not be taken with Business		
Parent /Guardian Signa	oture	Date:	
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