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Dear Grade 9 parents/guardians and learners

SUBJECT CHOICES FOR GRADE 10 IN 2021

In 2021 Grade 9 learners will transition into the final phase of their school careers – the Further Education and Training (FET) phase – and, as such, they need to select subjects for this phase.

In the FET phase learners study 7 subjects which comprise 4 compulsory subjects and 3 elective subjects:

- Life Orientation (compulsory)
- A Home Language (HL) (compulsory).
 - At Jeppe this is English.
- A First Additional Language (FAL) (compulsory, except for learners who have no primary school foundation in one of South Africa's official languages).
 - At Jeppe this is Afrikaans or isiZulu FAL.
- A form of Mathematics (compulsory).
 - Learners select either Core Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.
- 3 elective subjects.
 - At Jeppe the pool of electives from which learners may select their electives is determined by their performance in GET Mathematics.

Owing to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, we have established a website for parents and boys to access in order to complete these selections. Learners will need to login using their @jeppeboys.co.za email addresses. The website offers all the information that parents/guardians and boys require in order to make informed subject choices for 2021.

On the website, parents/guardians and boys need to access the tab called 'Making your Subject Choices' in order to complete selections online. We strongly recommend that parents/guardians sit with their boys to make their selections and to navigate through the site to explore its offerings. For those parents/guardians who are not able to access the site, we will have Chromebooks set up at school on Friday 11 September and Monday 14 September in Room 49 between 14:30 and 15:30 for you to access the site and complete the online form.

In order for us to complete our planning and timetable provisioning for 2021, we require all Grade 9 learners to complete their subject selections via the website by **15 September 2020**.

Our subject offerings are determined by a learner's Mathematics average. Each boy will receive a letter stating what his current Mathematics average is. We use a learner's Mathematics average to scaffold entry into subjects which require Mathematics skills, because our experience has shown that learners often select subjects not suited to their abilities. This leads to subject changes during the FET phase which leaves learners at a disadvantage, sometimes even affecting their ability to pass matric or study further at a tertiary institution.

*Turning **black** and **white** into **gold***

Owing to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic we will determine a learner's Mathematics average for September by combining his Grade 8 term 4 average for Mathematics with his averages for Mathematics from terms 1 and 2 in Grade 9.

Please note that if a learner's Mathematics average improves in November to allow him to qualify to take alternative subjects, we will invite him to re-select. However, if a learner has qualified in September to take a subject with a Mathematics entrance requirement and his Mathematics average drops in November by more than 5%, he will be required to re-select subjects in line with his latest Mathematics marks.

Mathematics averages will be calculated as follows:

- For the September selection, an average of:
 - Gr 8 Term 4 Mathematics mark
 - Gr 9 Term 1 Mathematics mark
 - Gr 9 Term 2 Mathematics mark

- For possible re-selection of subjects mid-November, an average of:
 - Gr 9 Term 3 Mathematics mark
 - Gr 9 Mathematics Paper 1 examination mark in November
 - Gr 9 Mathematics Paper 2 examination mark in November

While every effort will be made to accommodate a learner's choices, these are finalised based on:

- Demand for the subject
- Availability of staff resources
- Limited spaces in certain subjects
- A learner obtaining the required Mathematics marks to cope with a specific subject.
 - To select Core Mathematics a learner must have a Mathematics average above 50%.
 - To select Life Sciences a learner must have a Mathematics average above 50%.
 - To select Engineering, Graphics and Design a learner must have a Mathematics average above 55%.
 - To select Accounting or Physical Sciences a learner must have a Mathematics average above 60%.
 - To select Information Technology a learner must have a Mathematics average above 65%.
 - To select Advanced Programme Mathematics (8th subject) a learner must have a Mathematics average above 80%
 - The following subjects have no Mathematics entrance requirement:
 - Business Studies
 - Computer Applications Technology
 - Dramatic Arts
 - Geography
 - History
 - Visual Arts

Please access our subject choices website at:

<https://sites.google.com/jeppeboys.co.za/subjectchoices> or <http://bit.ly/jhsbsubjectchoices>

Yours faithfully



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