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Dear Parent/Guardian

As your child enters the final phase of basic education, that all important decision of possible career choice has to be taken. Robust discussion between parent and child, research and consultation can be helpful.

Learner interests, strengths and consistent achievement in the various subjects may also be good indicators. Having exhausted all options, learners and parents need to make an informed choice suited to the learner's interest, aptitude and ability to avoid any need to change subject/s in the course of the FET phase.

Please use the information booklet given to your child in respect of course selection for 2021 to make an informed choice best suited to your child.

It is also imperative to attend the parent meeting called on 10 October 2021 to gather any other information to assist learners and parents to finalize subjects for 2021 in grade 10.

We look forward to your co-operation.

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GRADE 9 PARENT MEETING – COURSE SET 2021

Please take note of the meeting for parents of grade 9 learners regarding subject choices for grade 10 in 2021.

Details are as follows:

Grade 9A and 9B learners: 10h00.

Grade 9C and 9D learners: 11h00.

(NB: keep to the above times to ensure social distance)

Date : Saturday, 10 October 2020

Venue : School Sheltered Assembly Area.

COVID 19 protocols to be observed.

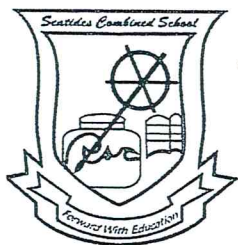
Yours in Education

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SUBJECT SET OFFERED AT SEATIDES - 2021

	SUBJECTS	CODE
1	Physical Science; Life Science; Accounting	SC1
2	Physical Science; Life Science; Geography	SC2
3	Physical Science; Life Science; Information Technology	SC3
4	Accounting; Information Technology ; Business Studies	SC4
5	Physical Science; Geography; Information Technology	SC5
6	Life Science; Business Studies ; Geography	SC6
7	Accounting; Life Science; Geography	SC7
8	Life Science; Information Technology; Geography	SC8

TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING :

1. It is compulsory for learners choosing Information Technology and Physical Science to do **Mathematics**.
2. Pupils choosing to do Physical Science or Information Technology must obtain **60% and above in Mathematics** at grade 9.
3. New subjects maybe introduced unless a minimum of **25 learners** opt to do the course, as well as a **qualified educator** is available.
4. A minimum of **25 learners** only can be accommodated in the I.T. Lab. Preference will be given to learners with **a good Maths Mark**.
5. Final decision will depend upon the number of pupils offering to take a specific subject and the feasibility of the combinations.

*PLEASE COMPLETE ANNEXURE A WITH YOUR SUBJECT SET CHOICE (1st Choice, 2nd Choice) AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE **23 OCTOBER 2020**



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ANNEXURE: A

SUBJECT SET SELECTION: 2021

Choice of Subject Set: Grade 10

I have read the information on Subject Set Selection and studied your schedule of subjects carefully, and hereby grant my child/ward

(Name) _____ in
Grade/Div _____ to offer **ONE** of the following subject sets, in order of preference.

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

I am also aware that:

1. A Subject Set will only be offered if an **Economic Unit (25 Learners)** can be established and adequate facilities are available.
2. Academic Performance in rank order will be applied **for learners choosing Mathematics, Information Technology and Physical Science.**
3. My Child /Ward will be allowed to change a **maximum of TWO subjects in Grade 10 and 11 before 31 March 2021**
4. My Child/Ward will **NOT BE ALLOWED** to make any subject changes in **Grade 12.**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE: _____

CONTACT NO. _____

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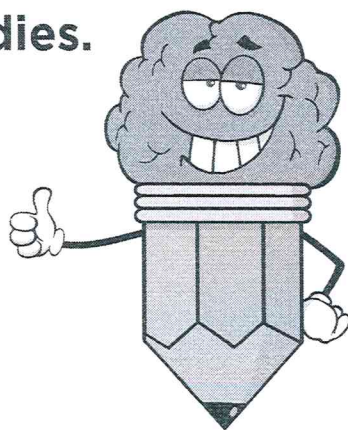
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3. Complete all the required Formal Assessment Tasks or School Based Assessment in all of your subjects. Remember at the end of the year, the examination will count 60% of the total mark for each subject. The other 40% will come from the marks you obtained through your school-based assessment during the year.

Good luck, Grade 9 learners!
Enjoy your studies.



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The subjects you study in Grade 9 are linked to study fields and FET subjects.

This is where you are now (Grade 9) ↓	This is where you are heading ↓		
	Study Fields for Grades 10-12	Subject Choices in Grade 10 (<u>underline your seven subjects</u>)	Possible Careers
Languages (Home Language and First Additional Language)	Languages: Home Language & First Additional Language	Afrikaans Home Language/ Afrikaans First Additional Language English Home Language/ English First Additional Language Xhosa Home Language/ Xhosa First Additional Language	Attorney; Journalist; Teacher; Writer; Interpreter; Translator; Editor; Lecturer; etc.
Mathematics	Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Computer Sciences and Life Sciences	Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, Computer Application Technology and Information Technology, Agricultural Sciences, Geography	Teacher; Engineer; Medical doctor; Environmentalist; etc.
Natural Sciences			
Social Sciences	Human and Social Sciences	Geography, History, Religion Studies	Teacher; Topologist; Geologist; Historian etc.
Life Orientation		Life Orientation	Psychologist; Politician; Councillor; Attorney; etc.
Economics and Management Sciences	Business, Commerce & Management Sciences	Accounting, Business Economics, Economics	Accountant; Cashier at a bank; Financial analyst; Debt counsellor; etc.
	Services	Consumer Studies, Hospitality Studies, Tourism	Hotel manager; Tourist guide; etc.
Creative Arts	Arts and Culture	Dance Studies, Design, Dramatic Arts, Music and Visual Arts	Actor; Artist; Film producer; etc.
Technology	Engineering and Technology	Civil Technology, Electrical Technology, Engineering and Graphic Design and Mechanical Technology	Engineer; Artisan; Technologist; etc.
	Agricultural Sciences	Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Management Practice and Agricultural Technology; Physical Sciences; Life Sciences	Farmer; Farm manager; Food inspector; Engineer; etc.

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	<u>In exceptional cases</u> a learner may change ONE additional subject at the end of Grade 11 change	Before 15 December of the Grade 11 year
GRADE 12	NO SUBJECT CHANGE IS ALLOWED in the Grade 12 year	Not applicable

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(Bear in mind that Physical Sciences becomes very Mathematical in Grades 11 and 12)

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

Since the National Senior Certificate is a three-year qualification, each subject must be offered in Grades 10, 11 and 12. **Learners MAY NOT apply at the beginning of the Grade 12 year to register for an extra subject**, according to the prescripts of the Western Cape Education Department.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TERTIARY STUDIES

Please note that these are the **minimum requirements**, and that each institution has additional requirements for particular courses. Achievement of these minimum requirements does not guarantee a learner's admission to any programme of study in higher education. The number of places at any institution is limited, and many thousands of applications are received annually. Learners should, therefore, always aim for the best results possible in their FET examinations.

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The FET phase comprises Grades 10, 11 and 12 and requires learners to take seven subjects, as follows:

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THREE ELECTIVES, chosen from the other subjects offered by the school

Learners emerging from the FET band must:

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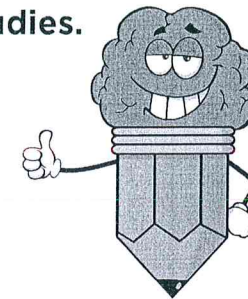
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