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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Subject Advisers, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists and Heads of institutions that prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations

Short summary: *Final timetable for the November 2023 National Senior Certificate examinations.*

Subject: Final timetable for the November 2023 National Senior Certificate examinations

1. Enclosed is a copy of the **final** timetable (**Annexure A**) for the November 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.
2. The examinations are scheduled to commence officially on **Monday, 30 October 2023** and conclude on **Wednesday, 06 December 2023**.
3. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) will be written on **Monday, 04 September 2023**.
4. The Performing Arts Practical and Visual Arts Practical are scheduled for **Monday, 14 August 2023** to **Friday, 13 October 2023** and the Design Practical for **Tuesday, 10 October 2023** to **Monday, 23 October 2023**.
5. The Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Paper 1 and Information Technology (IT) Paper 1 practical examinations will be written prior to the official commencement of the examinations on **24** and **25 October 2023**, respectively.
6. Two sessions are scheduled for each day of the examinations. The morning session will commence at 09:00 and the afternoon session at 14:00.

7. Principals are to inform all full-time candidates writing the examinations that they must wear their school uniforms when writing every examination. Candidates must be available until the last day of the school term (13 December 2023), in case it should be necessary, for whatever reason, to reschedule the writing of a particular subject paper.
8. Please note that the recommended dates for the Grade 12 preparatory examinations are from **Wednesday, 06 September 2023** and controlled tests for the other grades from **Monday, 11 September 2023**.
9. Normal classes must continue until **Friday, 20 October 2023** to ensure as much teaching time as possible and schools are encouraged to arrange a pledge ceremony for that day.
10. Your attention is drawn to the following important change in the management of candidates who miss a subject paper for any reason during the examination: these candidates will have to write all the subject papers for that specific subject in the subsequent May/June examination of the following year.
11. It is envisaged that the marking of the November 2023 NSC examinations will commence on **09 December 2023**.
12. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all candidates who intend to write the November 2023 NSC examinations.

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