

This is what you need to do to select your subjects for Grade 10.

- Study your current Grade 9 results in each of your subjects.
- List the three compulsory subjects that you have to do in Grade 10 (i.e. Home Language, First Additional Language and Life Orientation).
- Think about the other subjects that you like and list them in order of preference.
- Ask yourself a few key questions for each of these subjects: Am I doing well in this subject? What career would I like to pursue after school? How will this subject help me in my further studies and career?
- Lastly, assess your performance in Mathematics and with the advice of your mathematics teacher or your parents decide whether it is best to take Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.
- Make your subject selection. Reflect on it again after a few days.
- Now draw up your final list of subjects that you will do. Use the table on the next page to assist you with your decision.

For Grades 10-12 you must choose the following:

- Two languages: 1 Home Language & 1 First Additional Language (you may also choose two Home Languages).
- Either Mathematical Literacy or Mathematics.
- Life Orientation (this subject is compulsory).
- Any four other subjects, to give you a total of 7 subjects.

Assessments: The ANAs and Systemic Assessments

Grade 9 learners write special tests each year, called the Annual National Assessments (ANAs). The tests are normally written in September. The purpose of these tests is to measure the progress of learners in Mathematics and Languages. Every grade 9 learner in the country is expected to write the ANAs.

As a grade 9 learner you should be serious about the Annual National Assessments as they will help you to identify areas that you still need to work on before you enter the FET Phase. You may want to use the results of the Annual National Assessment to guide you especially in your decision to take either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy in Grade 10. Discuss this with your teacher and parents / guardians before you reach this conclusion.

In October you will also write the Grade 9 Language and mathematics systemic tests - like the ones you wrote in Grade 6.

Although none of the above tests will count towards your Gr 9 marks, they are a great opportunity to practise writing a full examination. Take a few days before the tests to study the year's work so that you are confident for the November examinations. This kind of practice of the earlier work of terms 1 to 3 is especially good for mathematics to help you revise and remember what you did know, but have forgotten.

Always strive to work hard and do your best!