

EFFINGHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION : 2017-2019

THIRD TERM

The Parents of Grade 9 Learners

Dear Parent

Your child would have completed his/her grade 9 June Examination this term. You must use your child's **March and June Examination Results** to provisionally select the subjects that will be taken in the **FET Phase** (grades 10, 11 & 12) in 2017. Please note the following:

- 1. The FET Curriculum offered will be restricted by the school's financial and human resources. Subject sets have been reduced because the Grade 9 roll is small and we are also experiencing timetable problems.*
- 2. A learner must choose a minimum of seven (7) subjects for the FET Phase. Note that some subjects may not accumulate points for entrance into certain University faculties. For instance, it would not make sense to choose Tourism or CAT with the intention to enter the Engineering faculty at a University.*
- 3. A learner with above average ability may take an 8th subject. However, the tuition for the 8th subject must be obtained privately from a recognised tutor, who must follow Departmental Guidelines in order for the subject to be recognised by the school. The learner must also demonstrate the ability to take an 8th subject. The onus is on the parent to inform the private tutor. Applications for the 8th Subject closes on Monday, 15 August 2016.*
- 4. We are NOT offering Mathematical Literacy in Grade 10 in 2017 to learners. We are giving all learners another opportunity to pass Mathematics.*
- 5. Reasons for regulating some subject choices based on a Mathematics Mark:**
 - The school has a history of data to support the fact that performance in IT, PHYSICAL SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING & CAT correlates closely with a good performance in Mathematics.*
 - ACCOUNTING / PHYSICAL SCIENCES / IT will NOT BE OFFERED to learners who do Mathematical Literacy. Learners who change from Mathematics to Mathematical Literacy will also have to drop Accounting / Physical Sciences/ IT if they are doing it!*
 - Large numbers of learners who take the above subjects (in spite of poor marks in maths) eventually drop out after 3 months, 6 months, 9 months or annually! This creates a timetable nightmare to accommodate subject changes during the course of the year.
Learner will not be able to change their courses or subjects during the course of the year. They must wait until the end of the year.*
 - A fair number of learners who have done well in mathematics also drop out!*
 - Dropping out during the course of the year impacts on the learner, educator, parent and school administration! It is detrimental for a learner to chop & change subjects during the year.*
 - Parents need to understand that only a handful of learners qualify to enter the fields of Medicine, Engineering, BCom. (Accounting), Actuarial Science, etc.*
- 6. Learners who take the following subjects will be ranked in terms of their Mathematics (March & June Examination) Average (NOT CASS!) and classes filled accordingly:**
 - a. IT Minimum Mathematics Mark of 65% ONE class is envisaged (20 learners)*
 - b. Physical Science Minimum Mathematics Mark of 65% ONE class is envisaged (40 learners)*
 - c. Accounting Minimum Mathematics Mark of 65% ONE OR TWO classes are envisaged (40 or 80 learners)*

IT may/may not be offered depending on the availability of School Fees to resource a short supply in the number of functional computers. It is imperative that Parents of learners who choose these subjects, pay their school fees.

7. ADVANCED PROGRAMME IN MATHEMATICS (APM)-8th Subject

The curriculum includes topics from first year University Mathematics. The subject is suitable for learners who have consistently attained an A-average in their Mathematics Examinations (NOT CASS).

8. MINIMUM PASS REQUIREMENTS IN GRADE 10

Of the 7 subjects, a learner must attain at least **three 40% passes (one of them being English Home Language) and three 30% passes**. This means that a learner can **fail one subject**. However, a learner should attain well above these requirements since the minimum requirement falls way short of the entry requirements of tertiary institutions!

EFFINGHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL : SUBJECT SETS & THEIR CODES

CODE	SUBJ_5	SUBJ_6	SUBJ_7	CODE	SUBJ_5	SUBJ_6	SUBJ_7	CODE	SUBJ_5	SUBJ_6	SUBJ_7
A02	ACC	BUSS	DRMA	H02	HOSP	BUSS	DRMA	P02	PHYS	ACC	DRMA
A03	ACC	BUSS	ECO	H04	HOSP	TOUR	BUSS	P05	PHYS	GEOG	ACC
A04	ACC	BUSS	GEOG	H06	HOSP	TOUR	DRMA	P06	PHYS	GEOG	BUSS
A08	ACC	BUSS	LIFS	H07	HOSP	TOUR	ECO	P15	PHYS	LIFS	ACC
A09	ACC	BUSS	PHYS	H08	HOSP	TOUR	GEOG	P16	PHYS	LIFS	BUSS
A12	ACC	ECO	DRMA	H11	HOSP	TOUR	LIFS	P18	PHYS	LIFS	DRMA
A13	ACC	ECO	GEOG					P19	PHYS	LIFS	ECO
A17	ACC	ECO	LIFS								
A18	ACC	ECO	PHYS								
B02	BUSS	ECO	DRMA	L02	LIFS	ACC	DRMA				
B03	BUSS	ECO	GEOG	L06	LIFS	BUSS	TOUR				
B07	BUSS	ECO	LIFS	L07	LIFS	DRMA	BUSS				
B09	BUSS	ECO	TOUR	L09	LIFS	DRMA	ECO				
				L10	LIFS	DRMA	HOSP				
D03	DRMA	TOUR	BUSS	L11	LIFS	DRMA	TOUR				
D05	DRMA	TOUR	ECO	L13	LIFS	GEOG	ACC				
				L14	LIFS	GEOG	BUSS				
G02	GEOG	BUSS	DRMA	L16	LIFS	GEOG	DRMA				
G03	GEOG	DRMA	HOSP	L17	LIFS	GEOG	ECO				
G06	GEOG	TOUR	BUSS	L18	LIFS	GEOG	HOSP				
G08	GEOG	TOUR	DRMA	L19	LIFS	GEOG	TOUR				
G09	GEOG	TOUR	ECO	L21	LIFS	HOSP	BUSS				
G11	GEOG	TOUR	LIFS								
G12	GEOG	DRMA	ECO								

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE IF SUBJECT CHANGES ARE REQUESTED IN 2017

The following facts should be used in amending your course selection during 2016 and beyond:

1. Subject changes will be granted at the discretion of the school. **Ideally subjects should NOT BE CHANGED.** Hence, both parent and learner must carefully consider the ability of a learner to cope with a chosen subject and realistic career aspirations when choosing subjects in the first instance.
2. A course which **does not fit into the TIMETABLE** must be changed. Courses are not guaranteed. **We hope to finalise all provisional courses before Monday, 15 August 2016!**
3. **TERTIARY REQUIREMENTS**
The tertiary requirements differ from institution to institution. Parents need to contact these institutions directly to ascertain requirements.
4. **PARENT MEETING: ONLY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE QUERIES OR REQUIRE GUIDANCE IN THE SELECTION OF COURSES**
VENUE: SCHOOL HALL
DATE: SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST 2016
TIME: 12:00 – 14:00
Final Course Selection Application Forms must be returned on or before Monday, 15 August 2015.
5. **GENERAL**
We shall gather all statistics and inform you of the viability of offering the curriculum of your choice.

Inderan Govender
[Principal]

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GR 9 into Grade 10 COURSE SELECTION FOR THE 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

This form must be completed and handed to the grade 9 form teacher at school

Parents/Learners must complete the details below accurately and clearly! Ask a teacher if you are unsure.

Name of Learner : _____ Grade 9 _____ Admin Number : _____

	March % Mark	June % Mark	Total March + June	Comment
ENGLISH				
MATHEMATICS				
NATURAL SCIENCES				

Course code you have chosen: _____

Now complete the table below. Enter information ONLY where it says "Fill"

Subjects that are Offered	Choose ONE and enter it in this column
1. English Home Language OR IsiZulu Home Language	English Home Language - Do not fill
2. IsiZulu 1st Add. Language or Afrikaans 1st Add. Language or English 1 st Add. Language	Fill
3. Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy	Mathematics - Do not fill
4. Life Orientation – This is compulsory.	Life Orientation - Do not fill
5. Choose a code from the Subject Sets Sheet.	Fill: SUBJECT SET CODE: e.g. A13
Fill the subjects which match the CODE in the Subject Sets Sheet. i.e. SUBJ5, SUBJ6 and SUBJ7!	Fill SUBJ5: e.g. ACC (First for A13)
	Fill SUBJ6: e.g. ECO (Second for A13)
	Fill SUBJ7: e.g. GEOG (Third for A13)
SUBJECT 8 (IF ANY): Choose APM or any other subject OR leave blank	

- The school will not offer a general subject which has less than 30 learners.
- The school does not offer Agricultural Sciences, CAT, IT, Dance Studies, Design, Visual Arts, Consumer Studies, Music, Civil, Electrical or Mechanical Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, a second additional language or foreign languages.

The subjects above are offered at other secondary schools such as *George Campbell and Phoenix Tech.* etc. Please complete the information below and sign and date this document.

PARENT'S NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please return this document on or before Monday, 15 August 2015.