

A very warm welcome to all Grade 11 learners

It is now more than three months since you last attended school. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another and has left us with many uncertainties and questions. When you started Grade 11 in January you would have had a picture of how this year would play out – that has been drastically altered by the current reality. We would like to encourage you to not lose heart, but instead, to remain focused on your aims for success as you navigate the remaining months of this school year.

The Western Cape Education Department and your teachers want to continue your learning and want to assure you that we will do everything possible to keep you safe at school. We want to ask that you do the same. You need to accept responsibility for your own and others' health and adhere to the safety protocols and procedures that your school has put in place. You will be screened when you return to school to ensure that you are healthy and do not have a fever. In addition, you need to diligently do the following:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Keep a distance of 1.5 metres from other people at all times.
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a flexed elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a bin.
5. Wear a cloth mask correctly covering your nose and mouth.

We have prepared numerous resources to help you to work through the curriculum of every subject. This can be used in class or you can use it when studying or learning at home. These include:

- Guidelines for consolidation of term 1 subject content <https://wcedportal.co.za/eresource/88506>
- Term 2 lessons <https://wcedportal.co.za/partners/#103456>

Please remember that your Grade 11 year is a very important year for the following reasons:

1. Firstly, this year will prepare you for Grade 12 and
2. Secondly, your Grade 11 results will be used for application for further studies to Universities or Colleges.

As a grade 11 learner, you need to take responsibility for your learning and hence the lessons have been designed in such a way that you can work independently through each one. Now that you are back at school, your teacher will also provide you with learning material which may include these lessons.

The next few months are very important and we want you to apply your mind to your school work and remain focused on what you need to achieve. Your teachers will guide you and you will need to cooperate fully with them. Particularly in terms of completing all your school-based assessment (SBA) tasks. Your Term 1 SBA tasks should all have been done and you will now need to complete the rest of the SBA tasks your teachers hand over to you. These tasks are very important as it will influence your end of year marks.

We wish you well with your studies and trust that you will apply yourself diligently, putting the necessary time and effort in to ensure that you succeed and progress to Grade 12 at the end of this year. We are convinced that with your hard work, your teachers' support, the resources provided and with the guidance and support of your parents/guardians you will succeed. Should you need support of any kind, please do not hesitate to take your class or subject teacher into your confidence.

We wish you all of the very best for the rest of this year.



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