



# SUBJECT CHOICES



# GRADES 8 & 9 Requirements

## SUBJECT PERCENTAGE REQUIRED

- ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE 50 % min
- MATHEMATICS 40%
- AFRIKAANS/SETSWANA 40 % min
- ANY THREE SUBJECTS 40 %
- ANY TWO SUBJECTS 30 - 39%

# GRADES 10-12 Requirements

## SUBJECT PERCENTAGE REQUIRED

- ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
- TWO SUBJECTS 40%
- THREE SUBJECTS 30 – 39%

ON the SCHEDULE indicate “type of pass”:

- BACHELOR’S PASS: At least 4 subjects (including CAT and /or Tourism, (NOT LO) with at least 50%.
- DIPLOMA PASS: At least 4 subjects with at least 40% (NOT LO).
- HIGHER CERTIFICATE / NORMAL PASS: Pass English and 2 other subjects with 40% and 3 subjects with 30%.

# TIPS ON CHOOSING THE RIGHT SUBJECTS FOR YOU

## 1. THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE GOALS

Take time to really think about what career path you would like to follow.

Remember that certain careers require specific subjects to be taken at high school level.

## 2. DON'T LET A TEACHER OR FRIEND INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION

Do not choose or not choose a subject just because you had a good/bad experience with a specific teacher.

Don't choose a subject just because your friends are choosing it; they are not going to study for you.

## 3. CHOOSE SUBJECTS THAT YOU ENJOY

If you choose subjects that you enjoy or find interesting, you will automatically listen better, work harder, and perform well.

Keep in mind that if you do not enjoy a subject in Grade 9, the chances of you beginning to enjoy it later are very slim.



# TIPS ON CHOOSING THE RIGHT SUBJECTS FOR YOU

## 4. THINK ABOUT YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Be sure to include your strong subjects in your selection.

Choosing subjects that you are naturally better at will help you perform better.

## 5. MATHS OR MATH LIT???

Learners feel that if they do not perform well in Mathematics that they are failures, and that is very far from the truth.

Naturally, Mathematics does open a lot of doors to future study and careers, but this does not mean that no doors are left open if you do not take Mathematics. It is better to get 60% for Mathematical Literacy than 20% for Mathematics.



# **Kimberley Girls' High Subjects**

**English Home Language**

**Afrikaans First Additional Language**

**Setswana First Additional Language**

**Mathematics**

**Mathematical Literacy**

**Accounting**

**Business Studies**

**Computer Applications Technology**

**Consumer Studies**

**Geography**

**History**

**Life Orientation**

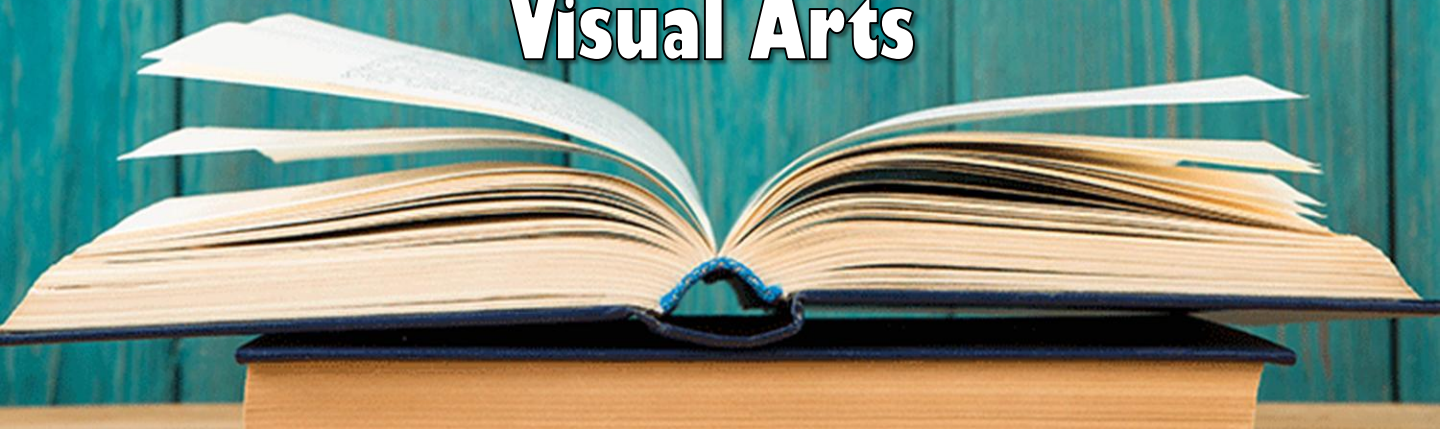
**Life Sciences**

**Music**

**Physical Sciences**

**Tourism**

**Visual Arts**





# AFRIKAANS

Unlike what many people believe, Afrikaans is the third most spoken mother tongue in the country.

The main focus of Afrikaans First Additional Language is to help our learners to communicate in Afrikaans, whether it be speaking, writing or reading. Afrikaans will be of great advantage to learners after school and in the work place. A good mark in Afrikaans First Additional Language in matric will help to ensure successful entry to tertiary institutions. It will also be vital in any career path where communication is critical for success.

## Advice from an Afrikaans teacher

Study your literature and language rules.  
Communicate in Afrikaans as often as you can.

Read Afrikaans – even if it is only one paragraph a day.

Focus to expand your vocabulary by watching Afrikaans shows.

## Advice from an Afrikaans learner

Afrikaans and English are NOT the same; you can't just translate directly.

Learn the rules and practice speaking Afrikaans daily.

Afrikaans is fun if you have the correct mindset.

# Setswana

Learners already chose Setswana First Additional Language as a subject in Grade 8

The focus of studying Setswana as an additional language is to build a fluency and understanding of the spoken language. It is important to understand that grammar and vocabulary are the building blocks of language.

In order for learners to become competent Setswana speakers, we focus on building on the vocabulary already acquired in the lower grades.

The following skills will be built upon in an integrated and progressive manner as learners move up through Grades 10, 11 and 12: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Viewing, Writing, Thinking and Reasoning, as well as Language Structures.

## Advice from a Setswana teacher

Read a lot of Setswana books.

If you do not understand a word, use a dictionary to look it up.

## Advice from a Setswana learner

You can't just use the English words when you don't know what it is in Setswana.

Reading the literature/poetry books that you are given helps a lot, as well as practicing to speak as often as possible.

# MATHEMATICS

Mathematics requires an interest in problem-solving and the ability to think abstractly and reason logically. Emphasis is placed not only on mathematical techniques (such as algebraic manipulation), but also on mathematical process skills (such as reflection, investigation, explanation and justification).

Mathematics as a subject demands a high level of rigour as well as critical and analytical thinking and creative reasoning.

To do well in Mathematics it is crucial to do your homework in order to not fall behind. Basic skills are essential and you have to LEARN your definitions and theorems. Yes, Mathematics requires you to STUDY and LEARN.

## Advice from a Mathematics teacher

Don't miss class and always do your homework.

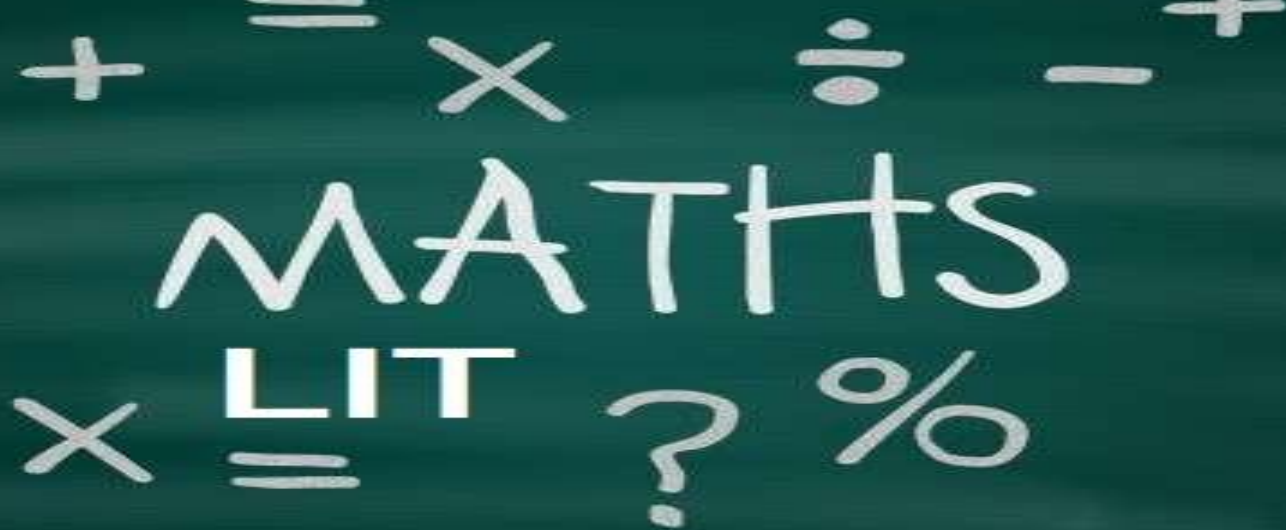
Establish a good relationship with your teacher and ask when you do not understand.

ABC – Apply Bottom to Chair and do the work.

## Advice from a Mathematics learner

Maths is not going to be easy for everybody, but never doubt your ability. Aim to UNDERSTAND the method, then it will be easier to apply.

Don't wait until matric to start working.



Mathematical Literacy teaches you about the maths in everyday life. For example, how to set up a budget, how home and car loans work, how to read a water account, how to plan a holiday, how much paint is needed to paint your house, etc.

Mathematical Literacy uses a lot of Mathematical terminology and concepts so there is no such thing as Maths 'Lite'. Mathematical Literacy covers a broad set of topics so you end up doing a little bit of every subject in one. Therefore, if you focus and do well in Maths Lit, it can help you in many other subjects.

### **Advice from a Maths Lit teacher**

**READ CAREFULLY!!!**

If you want to do well, make sure you do your homework and ask questions if you do not understand.

### **Advice from a Maths Lit learner**

It is not common sense; you must pay attention to new concepts. Make sure you understand the question. You will have to put in the same effort as you put into Mathematics as it is not easier.



# ACCOUNTING

The Accounting syllabus covered at school is based on the method practices applied in the real world.

Accounting deals with the accurate recording of financial information and different kinds of transactions, as well as setting up financial statements and reports.

The subject deals with accounting knowledge, skills and values that focus on financial accounting and managerial accounting. These fields cover a broad spectrum of accounting concepts and skills to prepare learners for a variety of career opportunities. Financial literacy is required in every professional career and even in your own personal life.

## Advice from an Accounting teacher

The more effort you put in the better your results will be.

## Advice from an Accounting learner

Make sure to ask questions, practice and test yourself every afternoon.

Make sure you understand and if you don't, ASK. The teachers are always willing to help.

The top of the page features a dark blue background with several business-related icons. On the left, there is a white tablet displaying a list with blue squares. On the right, there are icons of a stack of books, a pie chart, and a clock. In the center, the words "BUSINESS STUDIES" are written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline, set within a large white circle. Below the title, there are two illustrations: on the left, a person in a blue shirt is climbing a ladder to place a trophy on top of a bar chart; on the right, two people are standing next to a bar chart with a pie chart above it, and an upward-pointing arrow is visible.

# BUSINESS STUDIES

In Business Studies, you will learn about the basic principles, theories and practices that are critical to the development of new and sustainable businesses as well as economic growth.

Business Studies will teach you the knowledge, skills and principles to help you manage a profitable business in different environments. It teaches you to creatively solve problems and take risks while respecting the rights of others and being environmentally sustainable.

Business Studies could also be beneficial to any learner interested in starting their own business or career in commerce.

## Advice from a Business teacher

Business is a reading subject, so you must develop a love for reading in order to do well.

## Advice from a Business learner

Get as many study guides as you can. Listen in class and make notes because that is where you get most of the important information.

When you put in the effort and study, the results will show.

Past papers is your best friend.  
Keep up with current events.



# COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Computer Applications Technology is the study of the different components of a computer system (hardware and software) and the techniques of how to use and apply them efficiently in order to solve everyday problems.

The solutions to problems are designed, managed and processed via end-user applications and communicated using appropriate information and communication technologies (ICTs). ICTs are the combination of networks, hardware and software. You will learn how to use these different systems together in order to process, manage and exchange data and information.

### **Advice from a CAT teacher**

CAT is not an easy subject and will require consistent practice and hard work.

It is definitely advisable to have a computer at home to practice on.

### **Advice from a CAT learner**

It is not as easy as everyone thinks. Using a computer is not the same as using your phone, so you will have to put in the work.

Practice is key!



# CONSUMER STUDIES

Consumer Studies is a new subject that Kimberley Girls' High introduced in 2024.

Consumer Studies teaches learners how to make informed decisions in respect to food, clothing, housing, furnishing and household equipment.

This subject consists of a theory as well as a practical component.

With the practical component, learners will have the opportunity to produce and market different products.

For the practical component, Girls' High will be doing the knitting and crocheting option.



# GEOGRAPHY

With the use of Geography, we can better understand our complex world.

Two of the most important issues facing the world today are climate change and globalisation. Both of these issues are Geography related. However, it is not just climate change and globalisation that makes Geography so important. Other issues include population growth, resource management, hazard management, multiculturalism, industrial growth, economic development and much more.

The skills that Geography teaches you includes: Data collection, manipulation, presentation and analysis, essay/paragraph writing, and map reading.

## Advice from a Geography teacher

Take interest in everything around you because Geography is everything.

## Advice from a Geography learner

The teacher will teach you, but it is still up to you to put in the effort to learn.

If you listen in class, it will be so much easier to study later.





# LIFE ORIENTATION

The importance of Life Orientation is always underestimated, but it forms an important part of the National Senior Certificate, thus it is compulsory.

The focus of Life Orientation is the development of the self in society. It promotes self-motivation and teaches learners how to apply goal-setting, problem-solving and decision-making strategies.

Life Orientation helps learners to develop beneficial social interactions, such as respecting others' rights and values while promoting lifelong participation in recreation and physical activity.

In particular, the curriculum attempts to be sensitive to issues such as poverty, inequality, race, gender, age, disability, and such challenges as HIV/AIDS.

## Advice from a LO teacher

In LO, you always have to explain your answers fully. You need to show that you understand the concept and are able to apply your knowledge to real world situations.

Participate in PT!!!

## Advice from a LO learner

Keep up to date with the work, even though you don't have class every day. It gets easier when you study, don't just think it is all general knowledge.

# Life Sciences

Previously this subject was called Biology, however the content is mostly the same.

This subject includes topics like cell microbiology, plant and animal anatomy, physiology, genetics, environmental issues, and evolutionary biology. You must be able to apply what you have learnt in everyday situations.

You should be willing to learn the 'language' of Life Sciences, and apply the terminology in a meaningful and logical way when expressing ideas. This is of particular importance as your question papers will require that you be able to answer in a meaningful way, which is scientifically correct and acceptable.

## Advice from a Life Sciences teacher

In Life Science, you must work every day so that you do not fall behind.

To do well in Life Science you need the basic knowledge for insight and application of questions.

Remember it is a science.



## Advice from a Life Sciences learner

Make use of your Life Sciences study guide; it is there for a reason.

Know your diagrams.

Terminology is important.



Music education is a field of study associated with the teaching and learning of music. To be able to take Music in the senior grades, you must be on Grade 2 Music level for your practical instrument in Grade 9.

Music consists of four components: Theory, History, Listening Skills, and Practical. All four components work together, therefore you cannot treat them as separate subjects.

Music education is important as it can lead to better brain development, better human connections, and even stress relief. Music positively impacts academic performance, assists in developing social skills, and provides an outlet for creativity.

#### **Advice from a Music teacher**

To succeed in Music, you have to be focused all the time and listen to understand. You need to practice your instrument every day.

#### **Advice from a Music learner**

You should study, especially for Theory. If you enjoy it, it makes the work easier.



# PHYSICS

Physical Sciences investigates physical and chemical phenomena. This is done through scientific enquiry, application of scientific models, theories and laws in order to explain and predict events in the physical environment.

The purpose of Physical Sciences is to make learners aware of and to teach you investigation skills to help you understand the physical and chemical world around you. These skills include classifying, communicating, measuring, designing an investigation, drawing and evaluating conclusions, and predicting formulating models to mention a few.

The curriculum consists of equal portions of Physics and Chemistry.

### **Advice from a Physics teacher**

You need to perform well in English and Mathematics in order to solve the complex equations.

You have to be able to understand and solve real life problems.

### **Advice from a Physics learner**

Focus from the first day in term 1; don't wait until the end of Grade 12.

Make sure to study all the basic rules.



# Tourism

Not only do learners discover the “treasures” of our country, but also how to manage and use these “treasures” responsibly to the benefit of all.

Firstly, Tourism teaches you about what a tourist is, why people travel, and how they contribute to the greater tourism movement. We start locally, in our own country, and go through every province until learners can picture South Africa as a whole. We then move through our region into Africa, where we look at countries such as Angola, Botswana, Namibia and many others.

To understand the economy, we discuss exchange rates, why it seesaws, why some countries’ currencies are stronger than others, and how to successfully calculate a tour budget.

### **Advice from a Tourism teacher**

You have to keep up with current events happening in SA and around the world. An interest in travelling and different cultures is important. It is a lot of study work.

### **Advice from a Tourism learner**

Do summaries at the end of every chapter, it really cuts down on your amount of studying in the long run. It helps to have a general knowledge of different countries and their cultures and attractions.

# Visual ARTS

Visual Arts at Kimberley Girls' High School is subject to selection after an ability test.

Pupils are taught to express themselves in their practical work by using and developing their own 'personal symbolism' or 'visual language'. Visual Arts is divided into Visual Culture Studies (Art History) and practical work.

Learners are taught that Art is a visual language and that the history of art and the ability to think, evaluate and synthesise information is crucial to the development of their practical work. Visual Culture Studies also includes aspects relating to anthropology, theology and philosophy.

## **Advice from an Art teacher**

You are expected to work on your art every day.

Like any practical subject, the development of skills requires practice and participation.

## **Advice from an Art learner**

Don't think you are just going to draw some pictures; it is a lot of work.

Keep your journal up to date and do NOT procrastinate.

**KIMBERLEY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SUBJECT CHOICE FOR GRADE 10 – 2025**



LEARNER NAME AND SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: Grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_

	SUBJECT	GRADE 9 MARKS		GRADE 10
		Term 1	Term 2	SUBJECT
1.	ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE			X
2.	AFRIKAANS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR SETSWANA ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE	} CHOOSE ONLY 1		
3.	MATHEMATICS OR MATHEMATICAL LITERACY			
4.	LIFE ORIENTATION			X
5.	ACCOUNTING	} CHOOSE ONLY 1		
	GEOGRAPHY			
	COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY			
	VISUAL ARTS			
	MUSIC			
	TOURISM			
6.	PHYSICAL SCIENCES	} CHOOSE ONLY 1		
	HISTORY			
	BUSINESS STUDIES			
	CONSUMER STUDIES			
7.	LIFE SCIENCES	} CHOOSE ONLY 1		
	BUSINESS STUDIES			
	TOURISM			
	CONSUMER STUDIES			

NOTE: Only ONE subject may be selected from each category.

Please note that an 8<sup>th</sup> subject, to be applied for, will be permitted at the discretion of the school and the Department of Education.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE GRADE HEAD MRS DE KOCK BY:

5 SEPTEMBER 2024