

SMART Centre

THE ART OF EDUCATION



DEAR STUDENTS & PARENTS

WELCOME TO SMART CENTRE - 2023!

We're so glad that you have come to share your academic year with us! We know that you will derive great benefit from the tuition you receive here. Our sterling Matric results attest to the dividends our input delivers for those who stay the course. For maximum effect, all we need from you is your full commitment. A sharp mind, a teachable heart and some hard work combined with our experience and style of teaching is the perfect recipe for your success this year.

We are extremely proud of our past pupils who have achieved tremendous Matric results over the past 13 years. Our averages have always been way above the National Averages in both the CAPS and the IEB exams. We are very proud of this track record and intend to continue to push our students to achieve even greater success this year. Many of our past pupils have moved on to universities where they have excelled themselves in their various fields of study. We are thrilled to have played a small role in each of their lives and hope that the value of our input will be evident in your lives too!

In order to optimize your experience here at Smart Centre, I'd like to draw your attention to the following points:

- Gr. 10; Gr. 11 & Gr. 12 students need to attend two lessons per week in Maths and/or Science (even when you don't really feel like it on occasion guys! 😊). Remember that you have 5 or more periods of Maths & Science every week at school. We have to cover the same curriculum in less than half that amount of time – and we have to do it very well! Achieving the desired result, takes time & continuity.
- Gr. 8, Gr. 9 & students have the option to take only one lesson per week. (Also Gr. 10 Science students). If there is sufficient demand, we will create a second dedicated slot for you.
- We require all our students (except Matrics) to commit till the end of November 2023. If it so happens that you finish your exams before the end of November, we will continue with preparatory lessons for your next year in the remaining lessons. No time will be wasted! Matrics commit till the end of October after which time we provide support and assistance as and when needed.

- Please remember that Smart Centre holidays are different to your school holidays, so you will still need to attend a few lessons during your holidays. If you are out of town, many of the lessons can still be conducted online, so, no excuses!
- We have students from a number of different schools in our group lessons. Besides the wonderful benefit of meeting and mingling with people from other schools, this is also very healthy in terms of the pooling of your respective experiences and knowledge. It provides for a stimulating dynamic in our lessons. The occasional difficulty with this arrangement is that you will sometimes be learning things here at Smart Centre that you might not have learned at school yet. It is a lot of fun when you realize that you are ahead of your peers at school when your school does eventually get around to doing those sections of the work. So, be patient with us, we will teach you everything you need to know! When you have tests and exams looming, we will always do our very best to give your topics priority in the group lessons. You just need to keep talking to us so that we are aware of your needs and can adapt accordingly. For the most part, though – we will follow a program.
- Weekend exam preparation workshops are arranged for Matrics prior to exams. These are an absolute must for all Matrics! They are hugely beneficial and have been very popular over the years. We highly recommend that you attend these workshops as and when they are arranged. We'll keep you informed!
- Since we're always teaching, communicating with us can be difficult at times. We therefore request that your primary means of communication be via text message, WhatsApp or email. If you need to speak to us telephonically, it is best to call between 2:00pm and 2:30pm on weekdays.
- We have a limited number of PVT lesson slots available in a week. These are reserved on a strictly first come first served basis. For those interested in a more personalized learning experience, we suggest getting a friend or two from your school together for a weekly Semi-PVT lesson rather than a PVT, individual lesson. This will be much easier on your pockets and such lessons will be dedicated entirely to your own personal needs.
- **In conclusion:** We always do everything in our power to provide you with uninterrupted, reliable tuition. We will never mess you around or waste your time. We do expect reciprocity from our students and parents in this regard, so please keep this in mind in your dealings with us. You are important to us, so let's be mutually respectful at all times in order to foster good and lasting relations.

We really look forward to taking this journey with you and wish you all a most successful year!

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