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EXAMS DIGITALISED

Grade 10 learners at Randfontein High School in Gauteng West District

made history when they became the first South African learners to receive digitized common exam papers recently. The school has fully implemented ICT in teaching and learning in 2015 and introduced digitized internal examinations from 2016. On 11 November 2016 when the country's Grade. 10 learners sat for the national year end Physical Science Paper 1 exam, learners from the

school received their paper not in the traditional hard copy, but in electronic format via the intranet of the school. A password protected paper was uploaded to the school's portal. The security password for the examination paper was received 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the examination to enable learners to access the paper.



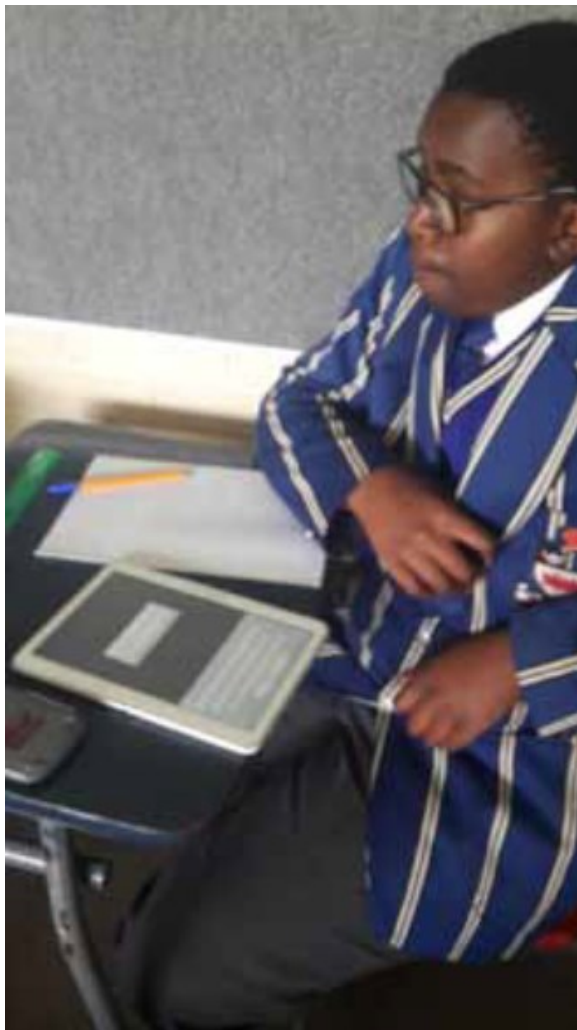
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Learners, who by now were familiar with writing exams from their digital devices, were taken through the process. All learners in the classrooms were in possession of their own digital devices, ranging from smartphones, 7", 10" tablets, notebooks and laptops. Learners were, amongst others, able to enlarge the graph in the paper to be able to read the location of particular points on the graph more accurately. At the end of the exam, the paper was concealed again on the internal network so that anyone who wanted to review the paper afterwards would have access via the password. This process will not only save on paper, copy cost, labour and transport in future, but will support improved security as well. Lessons learnt during the pilot, **School of the Future**, will pave the way for their peers to follow.

EXAMS





Social Sciences Provincial Olympiad 2016



Social Sciences in the Curriculum Coordination Directorate - GET successfully hosted the Provincial Social Sciences Olympiad. The Olympiad was open to all Grade 6 & 9 learners in the Province. There were three stages to the competition i.e. School level, District level and finally the Provincial final. The top two performers from each District in Grade 6 & 9 participated in the Provincial final.

The event was held at Glenanda Primary School recently. In keeping with the GDE vision of accelerating the use of ICT in the classroom, the 2016 final was run completely paperless. Learners had to answer a series of questions and the software system marked their responses immediately. The only requirement that was needed was an internet connection and a device. If needed learners could have used any device to participate be it a computer, tablet or smartphone. In the case of the Social Sciences Olympiad, learners used computers in the school ICT laboratory. The software used for the competition is a free application called Socrative.

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The competition comprised of a series of History and Geography questions. The competition was extremely competitive and in both the Grade 6 and 9 competitions, tie-breakers were needed to separate the top performers. Ultimately it was the following learners who claimed the top three positions:

Grade 6	
Name of Learner	School
1. Callum Bartels	Bryandale Primary
2. Tumi Dhlamini	Westfields Primary
3. Verity Sikhosana	Pinegrove Primary

Grade 9	
Name of Learner	School
1. Ijeoma Iroka	Brakpan High
2. Marno Plaisier	Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool
3. Wanga Peyana	Midrand High

SEDIWES INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR GRADE 12 NSC 2016

Sediwes Region which comprises of Gauteng West, Sedibeng East and Sedibeng West Districts our goal is to support all schools, thus ensuring the deliverance of successful results. In order to achieve this, the holiday programme and residential camps were organised by the Special Projects Unit.

There were four camps, two at Magalies Retreat and two at Magalies Secondary School. A total of 2800 learners were taught at these camps. An additional 300 learners from Westonaria Schools attended a separate residential camp sponsored by Sibanye Gold Mine.

The District extends its gratitude to the following stakeholders which are Eskom and Sasol.

As Sediwes Region the implementation of the intervention strategies for Grade 12 learners in 2016 was successful which would definitely assist in reaching the target of 98%.



INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Newly Appointed PL1 Educators thoroughly enjoyed the Induction Programme rolled out during the third and fourth terms.

This programme outlined their roles and responsibilities within GDE. Thus assisting them with their activities within their classrooms at schools.

Educators received a CD with GDE Legislative framework which would be highly utilised for empowering themselves and also for reference purposes.

At the Induction Programme, District Officials presented various aspects which are vital and applicable to their career and everyday activities.



IQMS TRAININGS

As per the DIP (District Improvement Plan) training needs which emanated for the SIP (School Improvement Plan) were addressed to enhance learner performance through support programme for educators.

These support programmes were in the form of trainings that were outsourced to reputable Service Providers which were of a high standard, thus addressing the needs of educators for implementation at school level.

The following IQMS Performance Standards were addressed:

- ♦ Performance Standard 3 – Lesson Planning, Preparation & Presentation
- ♦ Performance Standard 4 – Lesson Assessment/Achievement
- ♦ Performance Standard 9 - Personnel

Two (2) trainings which would take place in January 2017 would concludes the needs captured in DIP – (2016/17)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LEARNERS

GAUTENG WEST LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME



Right is Ms Nyntika Singh (Co-ordinator: GW), Middle are learners,
Left is Lizette van Heerden (Co-ordinator: Limco Consulting and Management)

Gauteng West together with Limco Consulting and Management hosted twenty two learners who began their journey in July 2015 and ended in June 2016. They had four months of learning and eight months of experiential training. These learners have received their N4 Business Administration Certificates and are on the National Learner Records Database (NLRD).

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors

ICT TRAINERS



ICT TEAM

The ICT Trainers are a team that specializes in training teachers in the effective use of technology in teaching and learning. The team has been deployed to Gauteng West to work with the 30 ICT schools in the District in ensuring effective integration of paperless classroom. They will be based at the Simunye Teacher Development Centre with the main priority of conducting training sessions as well as visiting schools for support.

This is a great initiative which will see a dynamic change in the teaching and learning methods. The use of ICT tools has the potential to enhance, expand and amplify learning. It will promote interactive lesson delivery which will engage and cater for all learning abilities. The main goal is to produce a learner who is fully equipped with the 21st Century Skills that will allow them to function holistically in their societies.

The District Office welcomes the team on board and trusts that the ICT schools will embrace this wonderful opportunity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms Girlie Twaibane on your appointment as Chief Education Specialist in Education Support (CES:ES).

Mr Samuel Molepo on your appointment as Chief Education Specialist in Information Systems and Strategic Planning (CES:ISSIP).

May you be successful in all your endeavours.

“Learn from the past, set vivid, detailed goals for the future, and live in the only moment of time of which you have no control: NOW.”



SIMUNYE TDC

The District Office extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Westonaria Municipality - CWP, for their commitment, dedication and hard work in keeping Simunye TDC in an immaculate condition. Throughout the year their unconditional service delivery in keeping the TDC conducive and welcoming to all clients attending trainings, workshops and meetings has been noted with great pride. The District Office wishes CWP A MERRY CHRISTMAS A BLESSED VACATION !!! and return safely to Simunye TDC in 2017.

During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we sincerely say
THANK YOU and **BEST WISHES** for the holiday season and a Happy New Year!



As we express our
gratitude, we must
never forget that the
highest appreciation is
not to utter words, but
to live by them.

JFK

