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Planning A Bright Future - Step One

Subject Choice/Aptitude Assessment Grade Nine: 2010

Dear Parents and Grade nine Learners

Soon you are going to be asked to make your subject choice for Grade ten, which falls within the FET band of the National Qualifications Framework. This is a very important decision and could impact on future motivation, scholastic performance and tertiary studies.

It is the start of a very important process and journey that needs to have a wise and solid beginning. Guidelines are vital when making choices, and in this case it is important that you both start looking at, and keep track of, the important elements in this process.

To assist in this decision making process, I have arranged for a focused testing workshop to be run by Ms Lopes, a registered Psychologist practices in the Southern suburbs. She has designed an assessment process where a personality, fields of interest and aptitude assessment, is undertaken to help determine your son's areas of strengths, weaknesses, passions and personality. In light of future choices at a later stage, it is vital to approach subject choice decisions realistically, taking all aspects of your son's academic functioning, life style, personality, motivation and expectations into account. This is not always so easy!

In the past, the grade nines that took advantage of this assessment, really benefited from the information gleaned from the testing process. It also provides us with a good indication if there are any potential problems looming, that can be helped now and into grade ten. This screening process is most advantageous for parents, to understand their sons' potential, personality & work ethic from a holistic point of view, plus to address any problems as soon as possible. In order to address such problems, one would need follow-up testing that will need to be done privately. This is done in order to accommodate the needs of all concerned, before the subject choice for Grade 9 is due.

Tracy Starke (Mrs)



INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT CHOICE/APTITUDE ASSESSMENT

1. This is a once off assessment, which will be carried out over two sessions.
YOU ARE TO GO TO BOTH SESSIONS.
2. The first session will be held on, **Friday 4th June 2010**, starting at 13:30, ending at about 15:30.
3. The second session follows on the **Monday 7th June 2010**, at 13:30 ending at about 16:00. Both of these days are NOT junior sport days.
4. **It is imperative that BOTH sessions are attended, as attending one is an incomplete testing process and cannot be used.**
5. Please make sure that you have had a good lunch, and that you have had a sufficient water to drink that day. Please attend the testing in school uniform. The venue will be communicated to you as soon as we have numbers.
6. Ms Lopes, together with Mrs Starke, will carry out individual feedback sessions to discuss findings with both you and your son.
7. They are not equivalent to a feedback therapy session which is much longer. We will start this process immediately at the start of the third term.
Proposed dates are: **Friday afternoons: 16th & 23st July**
Saturdays 10th & 17th July and 31st July.
Depending on numbers, we will finish the feedback interviews by the **31st July**
8. Feedback consists of both verbal and printed information, but not a typed individualized report.
9. **THESE SESSIONS WILL BE FOR 20 MINUTES EACH.**
10. Unfortunately, should you miss this booked session, no other opportunity is possible.
11. The schedule for feedback sessions, for booking purposes, will be communicated to the Learners via Mrs Starke. These feedback sessions take place after school hours, and will be held in Mrs Starke's office at RBHS.
12. The cost of the sessions and feedback is R450.00, payable with the reply slip. Post dated cheques are acceptable (no later than 30th June).
13. **NO CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO RBHS.**
Cash is also acceptable. Ms Lopes will issue statements at the first testing session. The R450.00 may be claimed back from most medical aids.



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BOOKING FORM

This form must be returned to your son's class teacher by **Monday 3rd May 2010**, (earlier would be preferable), who will then pass it onto Mrs Starke for processing.

Those taking up the offer are to fill in the relevant details and it will also be understood that those that are not taking up the offer will not return a form, but have read and understood the contents.

Learner's name:	
Learner's surname:	
Learner's class (eg DCB):	
DOB of Learner:	
Dependant No:	
Name of parent(in full):	
Medical Aid:	
Medical Aid No:	
Primary Member:	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The workshop is subject to final confirmation and subject to a minimum attendance.
- **PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH THIS FORM.**
- All payments to be cash, cash cheques or, if need be. Cheques made out to: **D Lopes (NOT RBHS)**; this makes for a considerably easier administration load and saves a lot of time.
- Post dated cheques will be accepted, but please point this out. Receipts will be issued and handed to your son at the first testing session.

