



VICTORIA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL: SUBJECT CHOICE and APPLICATION FOR GRADE 10

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Class: _____

First choice of intended career:

University/Tech. requirements for this course:

Second choice of intended career:

University/Tech. requirements for this course:

Favourite Grade 9 subject: _____

Parent's/guardian's signature: _____

Learner's signature: _____

N.B. This form must be returned to your class teacher on the first day of the fourth term.

		PLEASE FILL IN YOUR FIRST CHOICE	Percentage achieved in feeder subject in term 3. (For History or Geography give both your SS total and your specific mark.)	Tick if the mark meets the entry requirements	Alternative subjects: at least 2 must be chosen. These blocks MUST be filled in for any subject in which the 3 rd term mark does not meet the entry requirements.
1	English Home Language	English		N/A	N/A
2	Afrikaans OR isiXhosa Additional Language				
3	Life Orientation	Life Orientation		N/A	N/A
4	Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy				
5	Physical Sciences OR Consumer Studies OR Life Sciences OR Visual Art OR Design OR Music				
6	Accounting OR Geography OR Drama OR Visual Art OR Design OR Music				
7	Business Studies OR History OR Life Sciences OR Visual Art OR Design OR Music				

PLEASE NOTE: All subject choices are subject to

- The availability of teaching staff
- The constraints of the timetable
- The LEARNER'S PERFORMANCE IN GRADE 9
- Class size limitations
- Rationalization of teaching posts by the Education Department.

1. CHOOSING A COURSE

After studying this document, carefully choose FIVE subjects; one from each of lines 2, 4, 5 and 6 in the table overleaf.

If there is a possibility that the learner may later wish to follow a degree course at a university, she must choose those subjects that will open up the best options, bearing in mind her ability in her chosen subjects.

The learner's aptitude must be kept in mind when a subject choice is made.

The choice of an **Art** subject (either Visual Art or Design) is dependent on the learner meeting the requirements of the *Johan Carinus Art Centre*, and carries an additional cost.

Both Visual Art and Design include a theoretical component and a practical component. A second Art subject is only available to artistically gifted learners.

Music may only be chosen as a subject after consultation with the Head of the Music Department. Please indicate instrument taken and music grade attained

Physical Science and Mathematics (not Mathematical Literacy): research indicates that a high standard in the GET phase, as well as a sound work ethic, is required to pass these courses. VGHS will give preference to learners who obtained the highest marks in VGHS feeder subjects. Good passes in both Mathematics and Physical Sciences are required for Science, Business and Commerce degrees at most universities, so learners with aptitude in these subjects are urged to choose them in order to keep the greatest number of options open for tertiary studies. There is no point, however, in choosing a subject that you are likely to fail, as this opens no doors at all. Please use performance in grade 9 tests and exams to guide you. New learners choosing Mathematics and Physical Sciences will be on probation for a semester and will be required to attend support.

Please note that government regulations currently advise that a course taken in Grade 10 be followed through to Grade 12, so care must be taken with the subject choice. No changes may be made after the June exams of Grade 10 and/ or after February in Grade 11. Should a learner have to make a subject change in Grade 11, the parent/guardian will be expected to organise and pay for tutorials/extra lessons where necessary. The learner will also have to catch up all previous work.

It is in the best interest of every learner for parents/guardians, staff and learners to work together before a subject choice is finalised. VGHS has the right to refuse a learner permission to take a subject if it believes that it is not in the best interest of the learner to do that course.

2. PROVISIONAL SUBJECT CHOICE FOR GRADE 10

Please complete the provisional subject choice option form on the back of this page. Remember that all learners need to complete alternate choices in addition to their first choices.

This form constitutes the application of a Grade 9 into Grade 10 at VGHS. Learners will be accepted into Grade 10 if they meet the basic requirement of being promoted from Grade 9 and based on their subject package choice (should a learner apply for subjects for which she fails to meet the requirements, she may not secure a position at VGHS).

Learners will meet with the Head of Academics to discuss their choice of subject package and any potential problems that may arise.

Learners will be notified of their final approved subject package in their end of the year report.

3. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (By signing the document you indicate that you understand and accept the conditions laid out above. You also accept that you cannot hold VGHS to this provisional subject choice).

SURNAME OF LEARNER

FIRST NAME OF LEARNER

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Parent's/Guardian's signature

Learner's signature

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Parent's/Guardian's Full Name

Date

This form must be completed and returned by the first day of the 4th term.