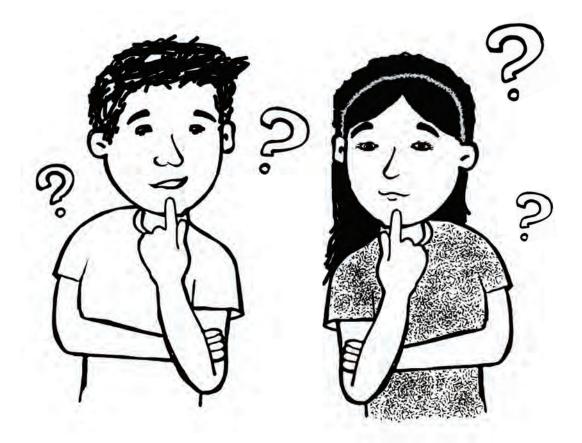
# **SUBJECTCHOOSER**

## Grade 9

Make the RIGHT Subject Choice



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School Name:
First Name:
Surname:
Grade:



#### **CHOOSING SUBJECTS**

#### Are you ready to choose your subjects for grade 10?

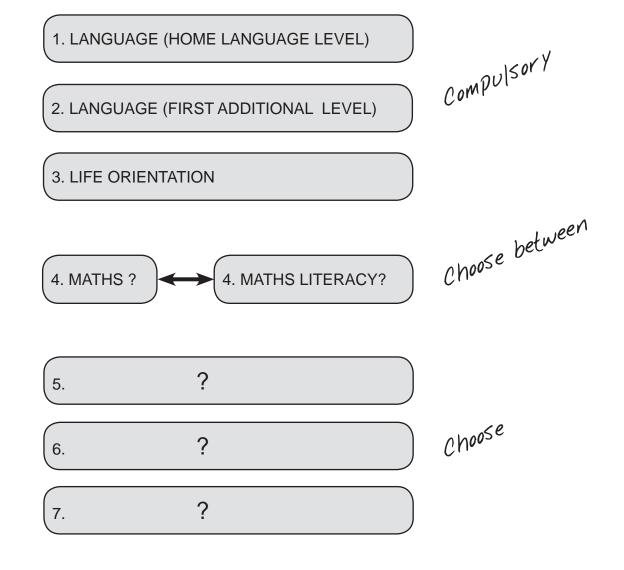
In Grade 9 you will need to choose the subjects you will be taking for Grade 10, 11 and 12.

- Do you know what subjects you are going to take?
- Is there a subject you are unsure about?
- Will your subjects allow you to study what you want to study when you leave school?
- What marks do you need to get into university or college in order to study the course you like?
- Are you unsure whether to take Mathematics or Maths Literacy?
- Are you unsure whether to take Physical Science?

These are common concerns when making subject choices in Grade 9 and will be addressed in this workbook.

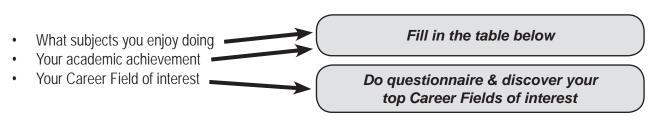
#### Here are your subject options:

- Take 7 subjects
- Take the 3 compulsory subjects
- Choose between Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy?
- Choose 3 subjects of your choice, based on your highest fields of interest and your career requirements.





Things to consider when choosing subjects:



#### Your favourite subjects and your marks:

Write down your current subjects and marks in the table below. Write down your latest marks if you don't have your final marks available. Tick your two favourite and two least favourite subjects in the columns provided below?

PS: Are the subjects that you enjoy the most are usually subjects which you do well in?

SUBJECTS (GRADE 9)	LATEST MARK	FAVOURITE	LEAST FAVOURITE

#### Your Career Field

A Career Field is a is a family of related careers. Complete the self exploration questionnaire on your goStudy school career guidance website (click on questionnaire) to determine which career fields you are interested in.

*PS. The* best subject choices are made when you know what career field you are interested in and can then find the best subject combinations for your chosen field.

An example of some of the career fields below.

CAREER FIELD	DESCRIPTION
Visual Arts	This field involves drawing, designing or sculpting art.
Marketing & Sales	This field involves researching, developing, packaging and face-to-face selling of products and services.
Trades	This field involves the use of tools, machinery and equipment.
Sport	This field involves doing sport and managing sports activities.
Creative Services	This field involves working with your hands to create services for people.
Law	This field involves advising, researching, debating, interpreting and making judgements on issues realting to the law.
Social science	This field focuses on understanding people, society and culture.

#### **MATHEMATICS OR MATHS LITERACY?**

Are you struggling to choose between Maths and Maths Literacy? Both Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy are important subjects. Every career involves some level of Mathematical Literacy, but not all careers require Maths. After doing the PACE self-exploration questionnaire, did you score high in the fields of Science, Engineering, or Medicine? Most of the careers in these fields require Mathematics.

Ask yourself:

- Do I need Maths for my career field(s)?
- Do I enjoy Maths?
- Am I passing well in Maths in Grade 9?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions then consider doing Maths as one of your subjects. If you are not passing or you are doing badly in Maths is Grade 9, consider choosing Maths Literacy.

For most people the choice between Maths and Maths literacy is a big choice to make so if you are not sure what to take read more on the choice between Maths and Maths Literacy below.

#### maths

If you are wanting to do a *scientific field* requiring maths, then you need to do Maths at school.

Eg., Engineering, Accounting, Actuarial Science, Medical Science, Business and Business Science

If you are wanting to do a career in one of these fields at university, then you should take Mathematics as one of your subjects. These fields involve abstract problem solving and reasoning.

### Maths Literacy

The aim of Mathematical literacy is to develop mathematical skills in everyday situations i.e. general life skills such as reading a bank statement, or setting up a budget are requirements in mathematical literacy. A chef will need maths literacy to calculate weights and volumes when preparing food for a banquet. A psychologist will need to conduct surveys and then to represent and interpret data using sampling methods in statistics. However a psychologist will not need Mathematics.



#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

To pass the school year, you need to ...

Pass 6 of the 7 subjects:

Home language: Obtain at least 40% in the Home Language

2 other subjects: Obtain at least 40%

3 Additional subjects: Obtain at least 30% in the other two subjects

For a Degree Programme, You need:

A National Senior Certificate (NSC) with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement, 50-59%) or better in four recognized 20-credit NSC subjects *Note* that each university will have its own minimum entry requirements per faculty over and above these requirements.

For a Certificate Programme, You need:

a National Senior Certificate and recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.

For a Diploma Programme, You need:

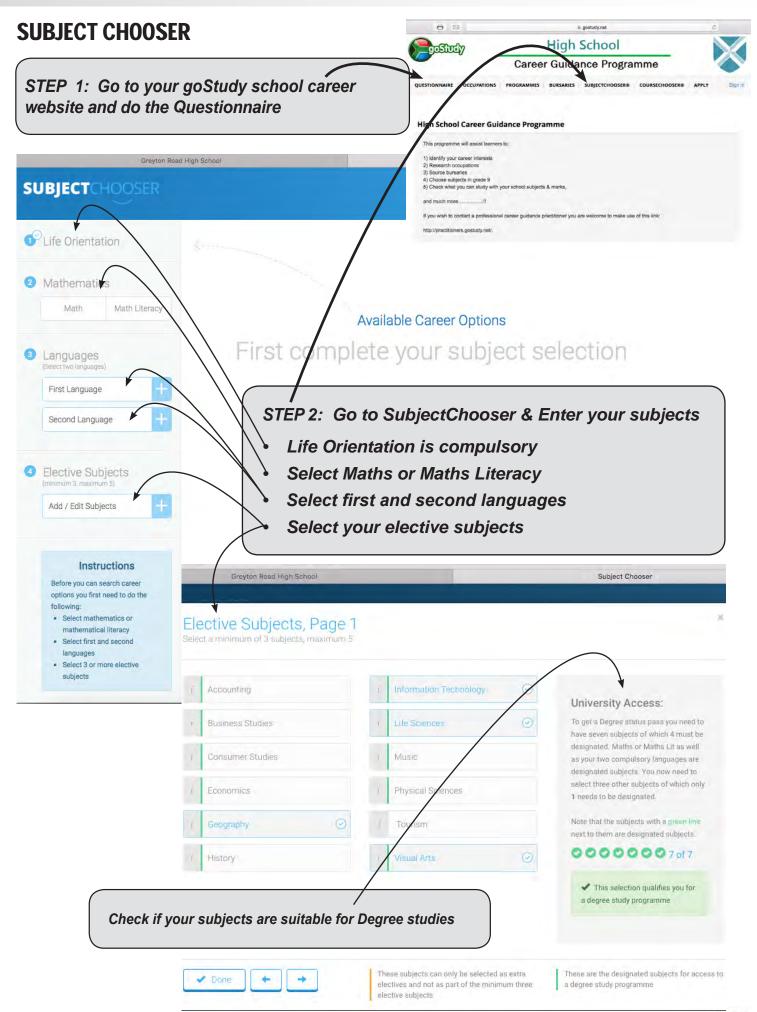
You need a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with an achievement rating of 3 (Moderate Achievement, 40-49%) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.

Designated Subjects

Approved subjects which have been classified as more suitable for tertiary study.

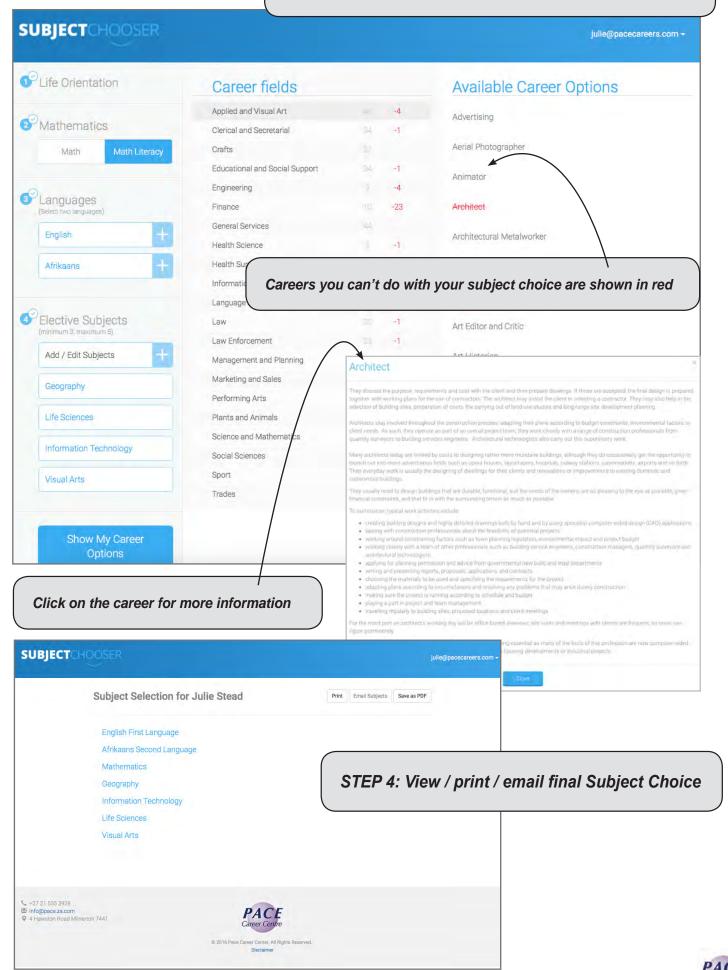
Accounting **Agricultural Sciences Business Studies** Dramatic Arts **Economics** Engineering Graphics and Design Geography History **Consumer Studies** Information Technology Languages (all recognized languages) Life Sciences **Mathematics** Mathematical Literacy Music **Physical Sciences Religion Studies** Visual Arts







#### STEP 3: Look at career options linked to your subjects



#### **RESEARCH CAREER FIELDS:**

- After doing the Questionnaire which Fields did you score highest in? •
- Write down your 3 highest fields below. .
- For each Field, identify 2 careers that you like. •
- Write down any compulsory subjects required for careers in this Field? •

CAREER FIELD	CAREERS I LIKE IN THIS FIELD	COMPULSORY SUBJECTS ?
YOU SCORED HIGHEST IN OR LIKE MOST!	CHOOSE 2!	LEAVE BLANK IF THERE ARE NONE!
1		
2		
3		

What to study after school?

There are minimum entry requirements for degree or diploma studies. Keep in mind that to do degree studies you must have a matric with a degree entrance.

Check the minimum requirements for a National Senior Certificate (NSC) on page 5. Where do you want to study? Do you meet the requirements? Tick ( </ ) in the relevant block(s).



University

University of Technology



Technical College

Private College

Other

#### **FINAL SUBJECT CHOICE**

Complete the subject choice sheet below and hand it to your teacher

Name:	Surname:
School:	Grade:
List your final subject choice	
1	Home language (compulsory)
2	Second language (compulsory)
3. Life Orientation (compulsory)	
4	Mathematics or Maths Literacy
ELECTIVES	
5	
6	
7	
8	(optional)

This subject combination provides me with a matric exemption	Yes	No
My subject choice allows me entry into my career fields	Yes	No

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_