

MCC Maths and Science Upgrading Programme 2023:

Course Information

Purpose of this programme:

This programme offers a second chance to Grade 12 students to improve their marks in the core subject areas of **Mathematics** and **Physical Science**. These are key gateway subjects for entry into most tertiary education programmes. Two additional subjects, **English Home Language** and **Life Sciences**, are offered as optional extra upgrade subjects, thereby presenting students with the opportunity to make a significant improvement in their APS points.

The programme provides students with intensive subject-based tuition in preparation for rewriting their NSC or IEB examinations, which they will do at their former education institutions, at the end of 2023.

Admission requirements:

- Students must have completed Grade 12 in **2020 / 2021 or 2022**.
- Students must have taken both **Core Mathematics** and **Physical Science** to Grade 12 level.
- Students must have taken **English Home Language** or **Life Sciences** to Grade 12 level if choosing to upgrade them.

Duration:

The programme will run from the 13th February 2023 until the final examinations are written in November 2023.

Term 1: Monday 13th February – Thursday 30th March

Term 2: Monday 17th April – Friday 23rd June

Term 3: Monday 17th July – Tuesday 26th September

Term 4: Monday 9th October – Friday 27th October

Mid-year examinations are written in June and Trials examinations are written in September. Students will return home at the end of October in order to rewrite their final examinations at their former schools / education institutions.

Delivery of the programme:

The programme is residential in nature, with students being provided with accommodation on campus. The accommodation is self-catering with students having their own shared communal kitchens with appliances and fridges.

Students will attend two 2-hour classes each morning (Mathematics and Physical Science) and afternoon classes for the optional subjects (Life Sciences and English Home Language) where applicable.

Classes run Monday to Friday, and attendance is compulsory.

Examinations:

Midlands Community College provides intensive and quality tuition geared towards a rewrite of the National Senior Certificate examinations. We do not offer the opportunity to redo the school-based assessment (portfolio) mark. Students' existing portfolio marks will be carried over.

Students will write Mid-year and Trials examinations at the College, in order to monitor progress, identify areas which need additional attention, and assist in developing examination technique.

Students are required to register at their previous examination centres for: Nov 2023 Final NSC Examinations as a Part-time / Repeater Candidate.

Please note – that this programme is not for students who want to write in June.

Additional courses:

International Computer Drivers Licence (ICDL)

Students will have the opportunity to register for two ICDL modules, Excel (spreadsheets) and PowerPoint (presentations), for which internationally recognised certificates will be issued by ICDL on successful completion of the modules. These courses offer students a valuable opportunity to enhance their digital competency, which is integral to success in higher education. Midlands Community College is an accredited facilitation and examination centre for the ICDL.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.icdl.org.za/>

Coaching for Success in the 21st Century

Students attend a 10-week programme aimed at developing their skills and competencies for navigating their entry into higher education and beyond. We present a course of study skills and self-reflection techniques, to develop capacity for thinking about higher order questions, as well as examining personal qualities that build resilience, awareness and self-management. Students who complete an upgrading year at Midlands Community College have a higher first year success rate and overall completion rate in tertiary education, as they are better equipped to cope with the challenges of higher study.

Facilities and accommodation:

- Midlands Community College has well-resourced classrooms. Textbooks are issued on a deposit paid basis, and a wide range of other resources in the form of additional workbooks, past papers and teaching notes are supplied to students.
- The College has a 40-seater computer room with internet connectivity, which is open to students during the day, and in the evenings, for study purposes. All students have Wi-Fi access.



- Shared accommodation in dormitory rooms is provided, with communal bathrooms and showers.
- **No meals are provided on campus, but all students have access to communal kitchens with fridges, stoves, microwaves and kettles.**
- There is a 24-hour security guard and strict access control to the campus.
- **Students are requested to bring their own bedding as well as crockery, mugs and eating utensils.**
- Students have access to a soccer field and basketball/netball court on campus.
- Students may obtain permission to leave campus at designated times to go to the nearby supermarket, pharmacy or the local gym.
- Students are not required to be on campus over weekends, but may stay if they choose to do so. A College staff member is on duty on campus at all times, including overnight and weekends.
- A strict code of conduct is enforced for all students, to ensure their safety and well-being, and to promote the best learning environment possible for all on campus.

Fee structure 2023:

- Annual fees, inclusive of 29 weeks of tuition and learning materials, and accommodation: **R50 000**
Payment breakdown:
R10 000 deposit to be paid prior to registration in order to secure a place.
R5715 monthly payment (March to September inclusive).
- **Discount:** If fees are paid in full by 1 March 2023 a 5 % **discount** on the annual fee is applied.

Bursary students' annual fee, inclusive of 29 weeks of tuition and learning materials, and accommodation:

Payment breakdown:

R1000 deposit to be paid prior to registration in order to secure a place.

R570 monthly payment (March to September inclusive).

Banking details:

Midlands Community College (please use MST and surname as reference)

FNB : 62264336514