



## **Maths and Science Upgrading Programme 2026**

### **Course Information (NSC and IEB)**

#### **Purpose of this programme:**

**Don't let one set of results define your potential!**

This programme offers a second chance to Grade 12 students to improve their marks in the core subject areas of **Mathematics** and **Physical Science** (NSC and IEB). These are key gateway subjects for entry into most tertiary education programmes. Two additional subjects, **English Home Language** (NSC) and **Life Sciences** (NSC), 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 2025.

#### **Admission requirements:**

- Students must have completed Grade 12 in **2023 / 2024 / 2025**.
- 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 9th of February 2025 and end on the 16th of October when students leave to write their NSC in October 2025. There will be two holiday periods over the course of the year (April and July).

Mid-year examinations are written in June and Trials examinations are written in September

#### **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, 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 2026 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 Classes:**

### **Mastering Excel and Power Point – Digital Skills (Weekly lesson)**

As students embark on their higher education journey, mastering digital skills like PowerPoint and Excel becomes increasingly important. PowerPoint allows students to create dynamic presentations that can captivate a lecturer or class, whether they are presenting a research project, participating in group discussions, or delivering an assignment. Excel is equally vital, offering powerful tools for data analysis, budgeting, and project management. It helps the students organize and interpret data efficiently, which is essential for assignments, research, and even personal finance management. By becoming proficient in these tools, students not only enhance their academic performance but also prepare themselves for a competitive job market where digital literacy is highly valued.

### **Career Guidance – EDUvelopment (Weekly lesson)**

Students will be supported in making decisions regarding tertiary studies through engaging with an online platform (EDUvelopment) that provides direct access to up-to-date information about different subjects, study courses and available bursaries. Students will also be guided through online and engaging courses in developing the top 10 future skills.

## **Facilities and accommodation:**

- Midlands Community College has well-resourced classrooms. Textbooks are issued 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 always on duty on campus, 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 2026:**

- Annual fees, inclusive of 31 weeks of tuition and learning materials, and accommodation: **R59 500**

Payment breakdown:

**R10 000** deposit to be paid **prior to registration to secure a place.**

**R7071 monthly** payment (February to August inclusive).

**Discount:** If fees are paid in full by 1 March 2026 a 5 % **discount** on the annual fee is applied.

- Bursary students' annual fee, inclusive of 31 weeks of tuition and learning materials, and accommodation: **R 10 000**

Payment breakdown:

**R1 000** deposit to be paid prior to registration to secure a place.

**R 1 500 monthly** payment (February to August inclusive).

#### **Banking details:**

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

**FNB: 62264336514**