



# Mainstream NSC (CAPS) with Assistance and Remediation

Orion follows the **National Senior Certificate (NSC)** mainstream CAPS curriculum from **Grade R to Grade 12**.

Orion is an English medium school that offers all the required CAPS subjects up to Grade 9. From Grade 10 to Grade 12, all learners must take **English HL, Afrikaans (FAL), Maths/ Maths Literacy, Life Orientation (LO), Computer Aided Technology (CAT) and 2 optional FET subjects**.

At Orion College we offer **4 optional subject choices at FET level (Grade 10 – 12): Business Studies, Consumer Studies, Tourism and Drama**.



## Who is the NSC Pathway for?

The NSC pathway is for learners who can access and meet the pass requirements of the mainstream CAPS curriculum.

**What qualification is the NSC?** The NSC is an NQF level 4 qualification.

**What can learners do after with an NSC NQF 4 certificate?** This depends on the level of NSC pass the learner obtains.

<p><b>BACHELORS PASS</b></p> <p><b>Gives admission to Bachelors Field of Study</b></p> <p>40% Home Language            50% in <b>four</b> other subjects excluding LO            30% for <b>one</b> other subject  <b>Learners must pass 6 out of 7 subjects</b></p>	<p><b>DIPLOMA PASS</b></p> <p><b>Gives admission to Diploma Field of Study</b></p> <p>40% Home Language            40% in <b>three</b> other subjects excluding LO            30% for <b>two</b> other subjects  <b>Learners must pass 6 out of 7 subjects</b></p>
<p><b>HIGHER CERTIFICATE PASS</b></p> <p><b>Gives admission to Higher Certificate Field of Study</b></p> <p>40% Home Language            40% in <b>two</b> other subjects excluding LO            30% for <b>three</b> other subjects  <b>Learners must pass 6 out of 7 subjects</b></p>	<p><b>ENDORSED NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE</b></p> <p><b>This concession is only available to learners with specific Special Needs (SNE); must be applied for and approved by the GDE</b></p> <p>30% one official Language            30% in LO and Maths Literacy and <b>two</b> other subjects  <b>Learners must pass a minimum of 5 subjects</b></p>

## What remediation and assistance is provided for the learners?

With **small classes** of no more than 12 learners, each learner receives **individual support** and **assistance** during class time. Our teachers adopt a **personalised approach** to teaching and learning, ensuring that each learner is considered individually according to their strengths and challenges. A bespoke **Learner Planner** is provided to each learner to assist with organisation, personal management and revision.

Orion College has a **team around the child approach** – see the section on the **SBST and Therapy Department** for more information about interventions and support provided by our **multidisciplinary team of specialists**.

From Grade **R to Grade 6**, learners receive in house, weekly speech and language therapy and occupational therapy. In Grade 7, learners have weekly workshops run by the therapists to help prepare them for their transition to the high school.

Learners who have been identified as having **gaps** in English, Maths or Afrikaans, can be referred for one to one or small group **remedial intervention** by our Remedial Therapists. There is a targeted programme for learners with **Dyslexia**.

Every learner has the support of an **Educational Psychologist**, who will provide support and guidance and carry out cognitive and scholastic assessments according to each learner's needs. Assessments include exam accommodations and concessions assessments and applications from Grade 4 to Grade 12 and career's assessments in Grade 11, to help guide our learner's choices for post school.

Learners who are identified as needing **accommodations** (*reader, scribes, extra time, use of technology in exams or a prompter*) or **concessions** (*any deviation from policy, such as a spelling concession, Language or Maths concession*) will need approval from the GDE.

Orion also has a **comprehensive academic support programme**, in the form of **extra lessons** and **exam preparation sessions**. These take place after school during the week and on weekends. Leading up to exams, holiday classes are also scheduled.



## FET SUBJECT OPTIONS

### CONSUMER STUDIES

**Consumer Studies** focuses on the development of learners to become responsible and informed consumers of food and clothing. Consumer Studies aims to teach learners to make informed decisions, and to make optimal use of resources to improve human well-being. It includes entrepreneurship and the production and marketing of quality products. The subject is underpinned by health, hygiene and safety applications. Learners will also learn how to be entrepreneurs and have an opportunity to produce and market different food products.

The **Consumer and Tourism learners** will have the opportunity to visit **Guvon Academy** during their Grade 11 year, to learn about career and study opportunities the Hospitality or Tourism Industry.



### TOURISM

**Tourism** is the study of the activities, services and industries that deliver a travel experience to groups or individuals. It includes the behaviour and motivation of tourists, the businesses which serves tourists and the economic, social and environmental impact of tourism on South Africa.

Tourism learners will study the types of tourists and the purpose of their travelling; the different tourism sectors, with special reference to transport, hospitality; travel organising and support services and the attraction sector; map work in a tourism context; foreign exchange concepts and the buying power of different foreign currencies; the influence of world time zones on travel; South Africa and the SADC countries as tourism destinations; world famous icons and World Heritage sites ; ecotourism and strategies to protect the environment; the role of marketing of tourism products in the tourism industry; technology in tourism; customer care and the value of service excellence; tour planning

### DRAMA

**Drama** is a social art form which integrates visual, aural, physical, kinaesthetic and performance elements to communicate, explore, reflect on and enhance human experience. The subject Dramatic Arts encompasses a range of performance modes across a variety of media and within a diversity of cultural and social contexts.

The subject Dramatic Arts develops and promotes human creativity as a rich, diverse and productive resource through dramatic communication, interaction and representation. Learning in the Dramatic Arts involves using experience, reflection, analysis and re-experience to gain skills, knowledge, values and insight. The approach is inclusive, ensuring that all learners, including those with special educational needs, will be actively and creatively engaged in the learning process.



### BUSINESS STUDIES

The subject **Business Studies** deals with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values critical for informed, productive, ethical and responsible participation in the formal and informal economic sectors.

The subject encompasses business principles, theory and practice that underpin the development of entrepreneurial initiatives, sustainable enterprises and economic growth.