

Visit to Spring Schools Camps
Motivating the Class of 2018- MEC Martha Bartlett
September 2018

Head of the Department, Mr GT Pharasi;
Officials from the Department;
Centre Manager and Tutors;
Most importantly, the Class of 2018

It is a great pleasure for me to address the Matric Class of 2018.

ARE YOU GLAD TO BE HERE???

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Give yourself a round of applause for being here!!

The fact that you are here, is a sign of your commitment towards your education and your future. You made a decision to be here whilst you could have enjoyed your short school holiday.

Give your Centre Manager and Tutors a round of applause for sacrificing their holiday to be here!!

Our message to young people is: you can succeed despite difficult circumstances, poor backgrounds and humble beginnings. Through sheer hard work, commitment and determination nothing can prevent you from achieving your full potential and your dreams. Visualise your dreams and be willing to put in time, energy and sacrifices to realise your goals. Do not be distracted by unwanted interferences from focusing on the important task of studying to become successful in life.

Remember, that hard work and sheer determination will unlock the doors of success for you. Today you are learners; tomorrow you will become employees and employers. You have to bring your principles into your life, no matter who you will be in future and what your life will be like. Always remember the people who contributed to your education and be grateful.

Esteemed learners, acquiring the Senior Certificate represents a very important qualification to a better world and opening new doors and opportunities.

With the matric certificate you will have the option of going to a university or further education and training (FET) college.

Please, you must remain focus; be confident in your ability; concentrate intensely on your books; and make us all proud. You must remember that our government, the department, your parents, families and all our communities love you and support you. The entire education community is standing by you as you prepare to acquire the most important certificate of your lives.

We are confident in our education system and more importantly we have faith and confidence that the Class of 2018 will overwhelmingly exceed our expectations. Be assured that we will support you every step of the way when you will write the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination in a conducive environment underpinned by peace and calm.

The Northern Cape Government Department of Education fully supports our Matric Class of 2018.

- Be focused on your studies and believe in your abilities;

- Work out a clear study program in preparation for the examinations;
- Manage your time well and maintain a calm state of mind and;
- Be part of a study group and learn from your peers.

In closing, our schools are geared to assist in preparing young people for our inclusive democracy. Young people must learn to be responsible members of society, through what they are taught at school and through their experience of education.

We must ensure that our education teaches positive values to our children, so that they learn the power of respect, respect for teachers, for fellow learners, and particularly respect for their parents. I wish you to be successful life, and remember that your school gave you a start in life.

Once more, do well and make us proud!

Good Luck!

I thank you.