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ASTRO QUIZ COMPETITION 2024 FOR GRADE 7 LEARNERS

Astro Quiz is an annual competition which is organized by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA) in collaboration with the Northern Cape Department of Education. The competition is aimed at Grade 7 learners with themes based on astronomy.

The content of this competition is extracted from the strand 'Planet Earth and Beyond', which forms part of the Natural Science core content knowledge.

The objectives of the Astro Quiz competition are the following:

- 1. To contribute to the improvement of awareness, interest, understanding and insight into basic astronomy;
- To build appreciation of and pride in South Africa's history of astronomical activity and achievements and current projects;
- 3. To celebrate the participation of women in astronomy in order to foster interest in girl learners for career opportunities in astronomy.



Dates for the Astro Quiz 2024

ROUND	LEVEL	DATE
1	School (written at school)	11 April 2024
	Training session on how to register for round 2. Educators will receive an invite	25 April 2024
2	District (online)	16 May 2024
2		11 July 2024
3	Provincial (online)	8 August 2024
4	National (online)	o August 2024

Registration opens on 15 February 2024 and closes on the 15 March 2024. Participation is free. The registration log in details is as follows:

https://www.saasta.ac.za/competitions/astroquiz/astroquiz-2024-registration-form/

Kind regards

CHIEF DIRECTOR: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

