



ROOTS GYMNASIUM

Giving our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly

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Dear Prospective Student(s) and Parent(s),

Welcome to Roots Gymnasium Private School and thank you for taking the time to consider enrolling your child(ren) at our incredible school. Below is some important information for your attention:

High School Curriculum

We offer the [Cambridge Assessment International Examinations](#) (CAIE) from grade 9 – 12 (2025). Our grade 8 year is a foundation year where we follow a bespoke curriculum to prepare students for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in grade 9. In grade 8 students are exposed to as many subjects as possible to help them make an informed decision with regards to subject choices in grade 9 and onwards.

The Cambridge International curriculum is flexible, challenging, and inspiring. Subject matter is covered in depth and gives a deeper understanding of the topics covered. Deep knowledge of focused subjects as well as conceptual understanding is fostered, and students are encouraged to develop higher-order problem solving and thinking skills.

Subjects and subject choices

Grade 8

Compulsory subjects:

- Mathematics
- Integrated Science
- English 1st language
- Afrikaans 2nd language OR German as a foreign language
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Art & Design
- Geography
- Enterprise (Accounting & Business Studies)

Electives:

- Agriculture OR Home Ecology

Grade 9

Compulsory subjects:

- Mathematics (0580) (core / extended)
- Coordinated Sciences (0654) (core / extended) (double awarded subject)
- English 1st language (0500)
- Afrikaans 2nd (0548)

Electives:

Students will have to choose 3 subjects between the following bands:

Option band #1	Option band #2	Option band #3
Accounting (0452)	Enterprise (0454)	ICT (0417)
Physical Education (0413)	Agriculture (0600)	Art & Design (0400)
Geography (0460)	Food & Nutrition (0648)	Travel & Tourism (0471)

At the end of grade 10 students write the externally set IGCSE examinations.

Grade 11 & 12

In grade 11 students start with the Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS) through Cambridge. Students have 2 years to complete this certificate and subject choices are made on an individual basis depending on previous results and what the student wishes to pursue in the future.

Sincerely



Johan Meyer
HEAD OF SCHOOL