

Dear Parent(s) /Legal Guardian(s)

### **Grade 9 Subject Choice**

In Grade 9, learners choose TWO from the following: Creative Arts/ Specialised Music/ Specialised Art/ Technology and Digital Technology. A further choice must be made between Afrikaans First Additional Language or isiXhosa First Additional Language. A learner need not have taken Specialised Music [with the exception of piano as an instrument] or Specialised Art in order to take these subjects in Grade 9. The FAL [i.e. Afrikaans First Additional Language or isiXhosa First Additional Language] that a learner offers in Grade 8 determines his/her FAL choice in Grade 9. This means that should a learner have taken Afrikaans First Additional Language in Grade 8, he/she has to do Afrikaans First Additional Language in Grade 9. The same applies to isiXhosa.

Read the following carefully and complete the Grade 9 Subject Choice form.

#### **1. CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIALISED MUSIC / SPECIALISED ART / TECHNOLOGY / DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

##### **1.1. CREATIVE ARTS:**

Creative Arts is a subject that explores various art forms. At Hudson Park High School your child will do Drama and Dance for Creative Arts [this excludes Specialised Art and Specialised Music]:

*Should your child choose Creative Arts, a choice must be made between Technology and Digital Technology. Specialised Art/Music may not be taken with Creative Arts.*

##### **1.2. SPECIALISED MUSIC:**

- A learner need not have taken Music as a specialised subject in Grade 7 in order to take Specialised Music as a subject in Grade 8 and 9 [with the exception of piano as an instrument].
- To be considered for Specialised Music in Grade 9, a learner will be required to attend auditions at the end of the school year in 2025. Parents who have selected specialised music on their subject choice form will be contacted, via email, towards the end of the school year in 2025.
- In Specialized Music learners are taught to play a musical instrument of their choice (subject to availability) and will take part in school musical ensembles on an extra-mural basis.
- Specialised Music learners can also choose vocals instead of another instrument.
- Instruments offered at Hudson Park High School are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Piano, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium, Drum-Kit and Orchestral Percussion.
- Please note that parents are required to pay Music fees in addition to school fees.
- The Specialized Music fees for 2025 are as follows:
  - Subject Music Fee – R 4400 per year.
  - Instrument Rental Fee – R 3300 per year.

***Please note that these fees have not been finalized for 2026 and are subject to change.***

- Should your child choose specialised Music, a choice must be made between Technology and Digital Technology for their second subject choice.

##### **1.3. SPECIALISED ART:**

- A learner need not have taken Art as a specialised subject in Grade 7 in order to take specialised Art as a subject in Grade 8 and 9.
- Learners are taken to Belgravia Art Centre during the morning for their Art lessons. Learners taking Specialised Art will therefore have four specialized art lessons in a two-week cycle.
- Please note that parents are required to pay Art fees in addition to school fees in order to cover art material.

- The Specialized Art fees for 2025 are R 370 per learner, per term.

***Please note that this fee has not been finalized for 2026 and is subject to change.***

- Should your child choose specialised Art, a choice must be made between Technology and Digital Technology for their second subject choice.

## **2. FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE:**

It is compulsory for learners to take a First Additional Language, unless they qualify for a FAL Exemption. Hudson Park High School offers Afrikaans First Additional Language and Xhosa First Additional Language.

Learners may apply for a FAL exemption based on the following criteria:

- A child or a dependent of a diplomatic representative of a foreign government accredited in South Africa; or
- A person who:
  - First enrolled at, and entered a South African school in Grade 7 or a more senior grade, or
  - Having begun his/her schooling at a school in South Africa; attended a school outside South Africa for two or more consecutive years after Grade 3 or its equivalent, and has subsequently returned to South Africa.

Should your child qualify for a FAL exemption, please indicate this on the subject form.

Yours sincerely



Mrs T van der Merwe

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
ACADEMIC HEAD**

## Grade 9 Subject Choice Form for 2026

LEARNER'S SURNAME	
LEARNERS'S FIRST NAME	
NAME OF CURRENT SCHOOL	
PARENT NAME & SURNAME	
PARENT CONTACT NUMBER	
PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS	

In the Grade 9 Subject Choice form please make the relevant choices.

**1. CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIALIZED MUSIC / SPECIALIZED ART / TECHNOLOGY / DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY [SEE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS]:**

- Choose ONE option from column A
- Choose ONE option from column B

**2. FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES [SEE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS]:**

- If you wish to do Afrikaans First Additional Language, please tick Option 1.
- If you wish to do Xhosa First Additional Language, please tick Option 2.
- If you wish to apply for a FAL exemption and satisfied the abovementioned criteria, please tick Option 3.

**LSEN QUESTIONNAIRE (PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION)**

Does your child qualify for learning accommodations that support specific learning needs? No/Yes  
If yes, please indicate what areas of learning and performance they experience as challenging in the block below:

Neurological barriers: dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD/ADD	No	Yes	Specific Learning Disability (Specify)	No	Yes
Physical Impairment	No	Yes	Language of learning and Teaching (Specify)	No	Yes
Hearing Impairment	No	Yes	Other (Specify)	No	Yes
Visual Impairment	No	Yes			
Medical Condition (Specify)	No	Yes			

If your child does qualify for a learning concession, kindly share all relevant supporting documentation with the counselling department (e.g. Doctor's Certificates; Psycho-educational Report; or other therapeutic intervention reports)

**PLEASE TICK NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE:**

Learners who choose Digital Technology in column A may not choose Digital Technology in column B.

<b>1. CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIALIZED MUSIC / SPECIALIZED ART SELECTION / TECHNOLOGY / DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>			
<b>COLUMN A</b> Choose ONE option from column A		<b>COLUMN B</b> Choose ONE option from column B	
<b>CREATIVE ARTS</b> Drama and Art [excludes specialised Art and specialized Music]		If you choose Digital Technology in Column A, do not choose it again in Column B.	
<b>SPECIALISED MUSIC</b> (with HPHS music department) <i>Specialised Music [additional fee applies]</i>			
<b>SPECIALISED ART</b> (with Belgravia) <i>Specialised Art [additional fee applies]</i>			
<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>		<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	
		<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to availability of computer labs, Digital Technology is limited to 110 spaces. Preference will be given to learners who achieve above 65% for Mathematics and did Digital Technology in Grade 8.

Parents will be notified if your child has been accepted to do Digital Technology in Grade 9. If your child is not accepted, he/she will have to take Technology or Creative Arts.

If your child chooses not to do Digital Technology in Grade 9, he/she will not be disadvantaged if wanting to choose IT/CAT as a subject in Grade 10.

<b>1. FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES</b>	
<b><u>OPTION 1:</u></b> Afrikaans First Additional Language	
<b><u>OPTION 2:</u></b> Xhosa First Additional Language	
<b><u>OPTION 3:</u></b> FAL exemption application	