



EDENVALE HIGH SCHOOL

FROM GOOD TO GREAT

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NEWSLETTER

THE CURRENT STATE OF MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is often regarded as the universal language of science, the cornerstone of modern technology, and a critical skill in various professional fields. However, recent trends in educational assessments and student performance have highlighted a concerning reality: poor results in Mathematics.

Across the globe, educators, parents, and policymakers have been alarmed by consistently poor results in Maths assessments and we see a considerable percentage of students are failing to achieve proficiency in Mathematics. These poor results are not only a cause for concern on an individual level but also for society as a whole, as Mathematics is crucial for innovation, economic growth, and informed citizenship.

Assisting a child who struggles with Maths can be a rewarding journey that involves patience, empathy, and creative approaches.

Here are some specific ways parents can help:

- **Identify Specific Challenges:** Talk to your child's teachers to understand the specific areas where your child is struggling. Is it understanding concepts, solving equations, geometry, or something else?
- **Stay Calm and Patient:** Keep in mind that your child might feel frustrated or anxious about Mathematics. Stay patient, offer encouragement, and avoid showing frustration yourself.
- **Build a Strong Foundation:** If your child is struggling with Maths concepts, consider going back to basics. Ensure that he or she has a solid foundation in fundamental concepts before moving on to more complex topics.
- **Encourage Questions:** Create an environment where your child feels comfortable asking questions without fear of judgment. Encouraging curiosity can lead to better understanding.
- **Ensure your child practices regularly:** Consistent practice is essential for improving Maths skills. Set aside regular time for practice and problem-solving.
- **Utilise Online Resources:** There are numerous online platforms and apps that offer interactive Maths lessons, practice problems, and tutorials. These can provide additional support outside of the classroom.
- **Provide Positive Feedback:** Offer positive feedback for their efforts, even if the progress is slow. Recognise and celebrate their achievements, no matter how small.
- **Avoid Overloading:** While it's important to practise regularly, avoid overwhelming your child with excessive work. Strike a balance between practice and relaxation.
- **Set Realistic Goals:** Work together to set achievable goals for improvement. Celebrate milestones along the way to boost their confidence.
- **Consider a Tutor:** If the struggles persist, consider hiring a Maths tutor. A tutor can provide personalised instruction and help your child overcome specific challenges.

- **Stay Involved:** Stay engaged in your child's Maths education. Attend parents' evenings; review homework, and communicate with teachers about progress.
- **Model a Positive Attitude:** Display a positive attitude towards Maths yourself. Your enthusiasm can be contagious and influence your child's perception of the subject.
- **Seek Professional Help if Needed:** If your child's struggles seem more profound and consistent, consider consulting a professional, such as an educational psychologist or learning specialist, to identify any underlying issues.

Remember, every child learns differently, and it might take time to find the approach that works best for your child. The most important thing is to offer unwavering support, understanding, and a willingness to adapt your strategies to meet your child's unique needs.

Ms C Taylor

HOD Mathematics



Important dates

Mon 21 Aug	Junior House Plays 18:00
Tues 22 Aug	Senior House Plays 18:00
Mon 28 Aug	Prelims begin
Thurs 31 Aug	Block tests begin
Fri 8 Sept	Block tests end
Fri 29 Sept	Afrikaans Paper 3 final exam Grade 10 – 11
Fri 29 Sept	Afrikaans Test Grade 8 – 9

Note that if a learner is absent for assessments, a doctor's note must be produced - otherwise zero will be given.

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Please use Karri for all school payments



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Back gate – 1st Avenue

Parents please do not stop in the entrance, or the intersection of the road. Please be mindful of staff that need to enter and exit.



SPORTS AND CULTURAL RESULTS

Athletics A team Meet 1

- ⇒ 1st Queens 258
- ⇒ 2nd Randpark 237
- ⇒ 3rd EHS 114
- ⇒ 4th Krugersdorp 63

Athletics B team Meet 1

- ⇒ 1st EHS
- ⇒ 2nd Hyde Park

Athletics A team Meet 2

- ⇒ 1st Queens
- ⇒ 2nd Roosevelt High
- ⇒ 3rd EHS
- ⇒ 4th Northcliff B

Hockey Girls

U16 hockey girls placed 9th out of 16 schools who participated in the Pullen & Howell tournament

- ⇒ vs Fourways won 3 - 2 in a penalty shoot out
- ⇒ vs Parktown won 2 - 1 in a penalty shoot out

Soccer Boys

vs Greenside

- ⇒ U14 won 6 - 1
- ⇒ U15 lost 2 - 5
- ⇒ U16 won 3 - 0
- ⇒ 1sts won 3 - 1

vs Pinnacle Founders Hill

- ⇒ U15 lost 1 - 2
- ⇒ 1sts won 4 - 1

vs Fourways

- ⇒ U14 drew 1 - 1
- ⇒ U14B drew 1 - 1
- ⇒ 1sts won 11 - 0



Soccer Girls

vs Ashton

- ⇒ U16 drew 0 - 0
- ⇒ 1sts won 9 - 1

vs Norkem Park & Pinnacle Rynfield

- ⇒ 2nds lost

vs Pinnacle Founders Hill

- ⇒ U16 lost 0 - 7
- ⇒ 1sts won 7 - 0



Congratulations to the 1st girls soccer team for winning the Diamond Cup

- ⇒ 32 schools participated
- ⇒ Top Goal Scorer: Tanna Hollis for scoring 13 goals
- ⇒ Best Goal Keeper: Abigail Smethurst
- ⇒ Best Coach: Mr Pratten



The 1st team played against HF Odendaal in the quarter final and won 3 - 0 and played the semi-finals against Wordsworth and won 4 - 3 and Steyn City in the final and won 4 - 3 after coming back from a deficit of 0 - 3 at half time.

Public Speaking

Gr.8s

- ⇒ 1st Sara
- ⇒ 2nd Gianluca
- ⇒ 3rd Tareen

Gr.11s

- ⇒ 1st Shayur
- ⇒ 2nd Divashka & Mutsa
- ⇒ 3rd Yogini

Gr.9s

- ⇒ 1st Ethan
- ⇒ 2nd Urja
- ⇒ 3rd Mungi

Gr.10s

- ⇒ 1st Ntsako
- ⇒ 2nd Blessing & Anashe
- ⇒ 3rd Caitlin



General

Well done to Nadine in Grade 10 who competed at the SA JKA Nationals on the 28th of July 2023 and received her National Colours. She won Silver in both her Kata and Kumite.

Well done to Kaden who swam in the Eastern Gauteng Aquatics Senior Winter Championships on Saturday 5th August & Sunday 6th August 2023.

His results for boys 17 & over were:

- ⇒ 50m Breaststroke – 3rd Place
- ⇒ 100m Breaststroke – 4th Place
- ⇒ 200m Breaststroke – 2nd Place



Term 3 RCL drive
Wool collection

Any wool or scraps of wool (double knit) can be used to assist the EHS crochet club in making blankets, squares and beanies for premature babies.

Donations can be given to the RCL members of each class and the RCLs will hand in the donations to Ms Wilson.

Any members of the community that would like to make donations, they can be dropped off at the front office.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE

ATTENTION PARENTS

One of the school's projects is to feed the sterilised feral cats that live on the school property. We would appreciate any donations of tinned or dry food. Donations may be handed in at the front office. All contributions are gratefully accepted.





****The school accepts outside advertisements. We are unable to take responsibility for the nature of the services offered.**



MATHS TUITION

Maths Core offered for **Grades 8,9,10,11 & 12**

COST: **R350** for 2 hours

Lessons on Saturdays and Sundays

Qualifications: BA (Honours), UHDE (University Higher Diploma in Education)

Over 20 years experience

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