

Maths and Science exam revision feature at the movies

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"THE burning issue at hand is that there is a shortage of skills in science, and if we are to transform South Africa's business sector, we must start by educating the youth in math and science," said Primestars Managing Director, Martin Sweet on 16 August during the 8th instalment of educate initiative, a grade 12 math and science revision programme held at the Sandton Convention Centre.

The event was sponsored by Capitec Bank, SASRIA, Bidvest Group, Telkom Foundation, Tsogo Sun, Western Cape Metro Central Education District, Kulula.com, 3M, Bowmans, Gearhouse, Big Bite Consulting, Empoworx and Leadership 2020 with the support of the Department of Basic Education.

The eduCate programme is made up of ten pre-recorded revision sessions – five in math and five in science.



To the future: Delegates and stakeholders who made the Math and Science initiative a success ahead of the exams Pic: Jonk Wa Mashamba

The lessons are running over eight Sunday mornings starting on 29 July 2018 across all nine provinces. The filmed content is currently being broadcast simultaneously to a network of fourteen digitized Ster Kinekor cinema complexes.

Schools from across South Africa mostly based in townships and underserved communities have been invited to participate in the programme with the support of the Department of Basic Education. Learners are registered and transported from their schools to their designated cinema complex and back to their schools after the

screenings. Before returning, learners can interact with tutors present who are available to address their questions.

The program will assist thousands of matriculants improve their examination results. These subjects are two of the most important subjects in the school curriculum, not only because they open various opportunities for further study, but they equip young people with problem-solving and reasoning skills that are essential in the twenty-first century. However, it is said that South Africa continues to trail other countries in the areas of Mathematics and

Physical Science education.

"There is genius, power and magic within every human being - let us awaken it! Let us make math and science exciting, popular and help school pupils conquer the fear that they are difficult subjects. We can turn this goal into reality: one student, one school, one community at a time, until every learner is included," said Sweet.

Francois Viviers, Executive Marketing & Communications Head at Capitec Bank said: "We believe that through the right education, we can help empower society to become financially savvy, achieve goals and live

better. And we believe that the best place to start building a better tomorrow is with the youth of today." Cedric Masondo, Sasria SOC Ltd's Managing Director said, "The shortage of skills in Math and Science related career fields continues to limit career choices for young people in our country. It is therefore important that we invest in Math and Science to ensure that young people are equipped with the necessary skills that will expose them to a wide variety of careers especially scarce skills, which will play a huge role in the sustainable development of our economy."

Community-based substance abuse treatment center launched

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MAYOR Herman Mashaba and Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Health and Social Development, Dr Mpho Phalatse opened the River Park Community Based Substance Abuse Treatment Center on the 22 of August.

The River Park Clinic, which has won platinum status after achieving the ideal clinic standards, will house the center that will render the much needed outpatient rehabilitation services to users, their families and the community

From the research conducted by the Social Development, it is reported that 60% of the youth in Alex is battling the scourge of substance abuse. It was revealed that the most commonly used drugs were crack, dagga and nyaope.

This is the fifth facility that the multi-party government launched as part of the City's Integral Strategy to eradicate substance abuse and other related social ills.

Since February 2018, the City has opened three outpatient treatment centers in Tladi, Soweto, Eldorado Park Extension 9 and Joubert Park in the Inner City, as well as the Gold-

en Harvest in-patient facility in Northworld.

Mayor Mashaba said the war on drugs was the priority that all in the City should embrace and work towards realizing its objectives of driving drugs out of the city.

"I'm honored to be with you today to launch yet another institution that will bring much-needed relief and hope to our residents. For long, our people have been suffering in silence. They have battled substance abuse for years. For whatever reason, residents battling substance abuse have not always had access to facilities like this from which to seek meaningful treatment.

They were simply left to fend for themselves. But help has come. With this facility, we usher in a new tomorrow filled with the hope and promise of a healthier and better life. This is the fulfillment of a promise we made to you; to restore your dignity so that you may lead an enriching life and become active and productive citizens of our City."

MMC for Health and Social Development, Dr Phalatse said she was excited to be in Alex, an area where she worked at as a medical doctor before she decided to venture into politics.

"I made a promise when I entered the world of politics that I will not forget the community of Alex, because they need all the services they can get. We are glad today to add values in this township by improving the services in this clinic. Substance abuse is a huge problem in Alex, and if you walk around during the day you will see a lot of young people roaming the streets, because they are not in school or working. As a result many of them end up using drugs," said Phalatse, adding that as government they cannot sit back but needed to act.

Mpumi Tlou, a social worker from South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SANCA) Central, said that they are excited about the launch of the center as it will ease the patient load on SANCA, and that they look forward to strengthening the existing relationship with the city.

Law enforcement authorities, service providers and substance abuse researchers were all in agreement that drug dependency, in all its forms, is a massive problem that creates serious health, social, legal, and economic problems for the City.

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