

# Hard work pays off for matrics

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JG Meiring High School in Goodwood can proudly boast this year with a 100% pass rate.

In fact, the school even received a certificate from the Western Cape Education Department for being one of the province's most improved public schools, with the greatest increase in the number of learners achieving access to bachelor degree studies.

"It's the first time in quite some time that we've achieved such good results," says the school's principal, Theodore Linderts.

This year, 101 of the school's 135 matriculants achieved bachelor results. "That's up from 67 in 2011," Linderts says.

He says the secret to the school's dramatic improvement is teamwork.

"Our learners were a lot more committed, but also our teachers," he says.

In 2012, JG Meiring ran winter and spring schools, as well as after-school classes.

Linderts says the teachers monitored each and every learner and gave regular feedback, making sure that learners understood their work every step of the way.

"That ensured that we could stay ahead of possible problems that might crop up," Linderts says.

This year, the school also boasts four A candidates, as opposed to last year's one - Nasreem Adriaanse with 84,5%, Amy Fraser with 83,7%, Carmen Fisher with 82,8%

and Naadirah Moola with 80,8%.

"I am very proud of my results," says Nasreem. "I worked very hard for those results." And it shows, she got distinctions for all her subjects besides English. Nasreem will start studying at UCT this year, towards a BCom in accounting.

Amy says she's never been more proud, after hearing about her results.

She improved from being the sixth in the grade in the beginning of the year, to being the second best learner.

Amy was awarded the book prize for history in 2012 and was also the top learner in her school for English home language and business studies.

She will be studying a bachelors in social

sciences, also at UCT, this year, with an eye on moving into politics in the future. When asked: "Why politics?" she says it's because of the rich history in South Africa.

Carmen says asking questions when she didn't understand the work was what helped her in matric.

"I worked on a daily basis so that by the time it was exams, the work wasn't too much for me," she says.

Carmen will be studying chartered accountancy at UCT this year.

Naadirah says she is ecstatic about her results and that she was very stressed before the time.

She will be studying physiology at UCT this year and her dream career is to become a forensic pathologist.

## Thumbs up for class of 2012!

Jg. Meiring High Schools A candidates all have big plans for the future. Here they are with their principal. From left: Amy Fraser (83,7%), Neadlirah Moola (80,89%), Principal Theodore Linderts, Nasreen Adriaanse (84,59%) and Carmen Fisher (82,89%). Read more about the schools' achievements on page 5.  
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