

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR SUBJECT CHOICES FOR MATRIC AS YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

The **SMART** CHOICE

The right choice means further study opportunities and strong job prospects.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS: (These are non-negotiable)

- Home Language
- First Additional Language
- Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED:

Information Technology (IT) or Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

02 **Why:** Digital skills are in VERY high demand globally. IT is more technical (programming), while CAT focuses on office-based application. **Choose IT if:** You're interested in coding, app development, AI, or computer science.

Life Sciences (Biology)

04 **Why:** Needed for medicine, nursing, environmental science, and biology-related careers. **Pairs well with:** Physical Sciences and Mathematics.

Accounting

06 **Why:** Key for business, commerce, finance, and entrepreneurship. **Pairs well with:** Mathematics and Business Studies.

TOP TIPS:

Talk to your teachers: They know your strengths.

Think long-term: Choose subjects that keep university/college doors open.

Don't just follow friends: Choose based on your abilities and career goals.

Check university and tertiary institutions admission requirements early

Mathematics (NOT Mathematical Literacy)

01 **Why:** Essential for careers in science, technology, engineering, finance, IT, and medicine.

Business Studies

03 **Why:** Valuable for understanding how businesses and economies work. Useful for entrepreneurs and corporate careers.

Physical Sciences

05 **Why:** Required for careers like engineering, health sciences (medicine, pharmacy), and environmental science. **Pairs well with:** Mathematics and Life Sciences.

Geography

07 **Why:** Useful for careers in environmental science, urban planning, and teaching.

BE AWARE!

Mathematical Literacy: While easier, it limits university and career options. Only choose this if you're really struggling with Mathematics and don't plan a science/commerce career.