

2020 SACEE PUZZLE PARADE AND LANGUAGE CHALLENGE REPORT

COVID-19 and the subsequent National Lockdown have had far reaching implications for the education sector. As schools struggled to adapt to new teaching conditions, reduced teaching time and adjusted budgets meant that many schools found the need to put all extra educational activities on hold. This had a direct impact on the implementation of the 2020 SACEE National Language Challenge where less than a third of our usual entrants were able to participate.

While the number of participants was significantly lower than in 2019, the 2020 SACEE National Language Challenge continued to provide an English Language benchmarking service to those schools that were able to enter. It should be noted that at the time of compiling the report 2 schools had not submitted their results.

	2019	2020
No. of Participants	31 563	9 913
Grade 1 – 3 Puzzle Parades	52 schools	18 schools
Grade 4 – 7 Language Challenge	62 schools	20 schools
Grade 8 – 11 Language Challenge	32 schools	11 schools

Below please find the 2020 results with a comparison to the 2019 results.

GRADE	2020 NO. OF LEARNERS	2019 NO. OF LEARNERS	2020 NATIONAL AVERAGE	2019 NATIONAL AVERAGE	2020 HIGHEST SCORE	2019 HIGHEST SCORE
1	994	3104	70.49%	71.04%	19 x 100%	111 x 100%
2	978	3205	67.33%	74.64%	4 x 100%	61 x 100%
3	1081	3181	68.75%	78.26%	0 x 100%	57 x 100%
4	1095	3445	51.95%	49.53%	96%	90%
5	1124	3429	63.95%	57.13%	98%	97%
6	1163	3473	51.72%	59.09%	98%	97%
7	1043	3143	57.50%	63.61%	96%	99%
8	697	2574	65.37%	52.89%	96%	93%
9	671	2338	70.06%	56.33%	98%	95%
10	545	1819	71.19%	55.44%	100%	94%
11	522	1852	72.35%	58.52%	100%	100%
TOTAL	9 913	31 563				

The full list of prizewinners can be found [here](#).

Special mention should be made of the following schools and learners:

- Stirling Primary had 7 learners who achieved **100%** in Grade 1
- Nika Weis from Clarendon Girls High and Erin Commaille from Rhenish Girls High achieved **100%** in Grade 10
- Charlotte Moss from Rhenish Girls High achieved 100% in Grade 11

These learners and schools should all be commended for their excellence and noteworthy performance.

We would like to commend all principals and teachers who have gone above and beyond this year to support their learners during these trying times. Thank you to those who have continued to support SACEE. We trust that you will find the results informative and useful in benchmarking your school's English Language proficiency against National norms and averages, and, for those schools which have participated in the past, plotting and measuring your progress against previous years.

We encourage all schools to recognize their top performing learners, particularly those who achieved outstanding results. Please find here a template for a certificate that can be used to award your top scorers.

Please note that only the overall top three learners (including tied places) in Grades 4-11 are awarded a cash prize. Unfortunately, due to the decline in entries the value of the prize money needed to be reviewed and adjusted. We are truly sorry for this; however, these have been unpredictable times where many changes have been necessary.

We ask all schools with prize winners to complete [this page](#) and send us their banking details by return email so that we can transfer the prize winner's cash prize into your school account. We would appreciate it if you could award the prize winners their relevant amounts.

Kind regards

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