

Be a **TREND SETTER**, a thoughtful **LEADER**,
DISCOVER the next big thing.
Go **WIN** that Oscar, that world **TITLE**
that coveted **NOBLE PRIZE**,
WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING
IN THE LIFETIME AHEAD OF YOU?
THAT FUTURE STARTS HERE!



CARING

RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

DILIGENCE

WORCESTER
GYMNASIUM

A MINUTE WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Our passion at **Worcester Gymnasium** is to guide every learner towards a **bright future** in the real world.

The world has become a global village of diverse cultures and creeds. Your **future** might be in managing mega corporations, or doing volunteer work in remote villages. Success today is as much about making a difference as it is about having a career.

That is why being the principal of a school like **Worcester Gymnasium** fills me with tremendous **pride**. It is a school with a wholesome balance between achieving **excellence** and **having fun**; between personal **focus** and **caring** for others. It's a school where **academics** cannot thrive without **culture** and **sport**. It's a place where our values create a **safe** environment for **individuality**.

The **positivity**, **caring spirit** and **happiness** of our learners and teachers is clear to see. We offer fertile soil for you to grow into a young adult who can face the future with **confidence**.

Thank you for considering Worcester Gymnasium a worthy option as your future high school. I can assure you that everyone is **welcome** here and that there's already a special place for **YOU**.

Charl Schoeman
Principal
Worcester Gymnasium



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

“My years as a Gimmie are some of my most cherished memories. Worcester Gymnasium created endless opportunities for me, not only in sport which is my passion, but also in academics, culture, leadership and socialising. I was able to build new friendships and learnt wisdom from others, which I use daily. I am forever grateful for that which Worcester Gymnasium offered me.”

Wenda Nel
South African 400 m hurdles champion and Olympics athlete
Matric 2006



“For me as a young artist and dreamer, this culturally diverse school had a very big impact on my identity as a young coloured girl. There was a dialogue about my future and I was exposed to so many opportunities and possibilities about what I could do if I only wanted to do it. Sending me to Gymnasium was the best decision my parents could have made.”

Shimmy Isaacs
One of SA's most highly regarded female comedians
Matric 1999

“The school provides a lot of support. If you are less fortunate, they will help you be the best you can be and enjoy the privileges you otherwise would not have had. All learners are treated the same and are given equal opportunities. It is one of the best schools and I would recommend it to any new learner.”

Rogail Joseph
SA hurdles athlete in Olympic training squad
Matric 2018



“I can say, without a doubt, that Worcester Gymnasium is a good school. They taught me moral values: to remain humble, to be myself and always to do my best. It doesn't matter in which crowd you are; don't change for other's sake, because Bosvarke are unique.”

Cheswyn Ruiters
Performing artist and winner of Maak my Famous
Matric 2014

“Worcester Gymnasium gives endless opportunities for each and every learner, and definitely opens doors to the future. It's also a place where children don't have labels, and everyone can be themselves.”

Lerencia McPherson
Matric 2020



“I like the spirit among the learners in the school. I like the way in which different cultures gel and how we always function as a unit. Singing “School in Union” has given me goosebumps from the start.”

Marco Appel
Matric 2019

“Worcester gymnasium offers activities to accommodate the preferences of all children. I also like the diversity and the opportunity to learn more about different cultures.”

Lené van der Merwe
Matric 2022



ESSENTIALS AND EXTRAS AT A GLANCE

Our mission

To educate our learners, through our pursuit of excellence on all terrains, as a value-driven educational institution with Afrikaans and English as teaching mediums, towards disciplined, responsible, independent, ethically informed and critically thinking citizens who can confidently take up their rightful place within a multicultural society.



Our values

Responsibility, Integrity, Respect, Diligence and Care



Our nickname

Bosvarke



Dual medium

We teach in Afrikaans and English



Mandarin

Official subject for Grade 8s and 9s



Digital Technology

Digital Technology is already used from grade 8



Learning Facilities

Science and computer labs, restaurant, kitchen, EGD workshop



Creative programmes

Thriving music department, Art subjects at Hugo Naudé Art Centre



Traditions

The century-old Matric Parade is the crowning jewel of our many traditions



Wellness

Academic assistance, career guidance, counselling

BE FUTURE READY



Did you know that in 15 year's time most young people will be in jobs that don't exist today? The world is changing quickly and **we need to keep up**.

E-Learning started at Worcester Gymnasium when the provincial **Department of Education** selected us as a pilot school. Now **tablets, laptops, cellphones** and **Wi-Fi** in the classroom take centre stage in the way we approach educating our learners.

Our school has **three computer centres** with 120 computers in total, and our tech-savvy teachers use **data projectors, document cameras** and **interactive white boards** every day.

We clearly believe in **hands-on learning**, which is why we have **state-of-the-art Science laboratories**, a **fully equipped restaurant kitchen**, numerous **learning excursions** and open minded thinking so that we are always prepared for what the **21st century** may bring!

BE FUTURE READY: SUBJECT CHOICES

Of course, technology and our great facilities are just resources for developing the most important ingredient of a quality education: Knowledge. Here's the quite extensive list of subjects we offer:

Grade 8 and 9

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|----|-------------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Afrikaans Home Language | 11 | Hospitality Studies |
| | Afrikaans First Additional Language | 12 | Digital Technology |
| 2 | English Home Language | | |
| | English First Additional Language | | |
| 3 | Mathematics | | |
| 4 | Social Sciences | | |
| 5 | Technology | | |
| 6 | Natural Science | | |
| 7 | Creative Arts | | |
| 8 | Economic and Management Sciences | | |
| 9 | Life Orientation | | |
| 10 | Mandarin | | |

All subjects are compulsory. You may take both Afrikaans and English as Home Language from Grade 9 if you meet the necessary requirements.

Grade 10, 11 and 12

One subject each in Groups 1,2,3 and 4. Three subjects in Group 5.

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Afrikaans Home Language | 5 | Accounting |
| | Afrikaans First Additional Language | | Business Studies |
| 2 | English Home Language | | Design** |
| | English First Additional Language | | Dramatic Arts** |
| 3 | Life Orientation* | | Engineering Graphics and Design |
| 4 | Mathematics | | Geography |
| | Mathematical Literacy | | History |
| | | | Life Sciences |
| | | | Music |
| | | | Physical Sciences |
| | | | Visual Arts** |
| | | | Information Technology |
| | | | Hospitality Studies |
| | | | CAT |
| | | | Tourism |
| | | | Marine Biology** |

****Taken outside of normal school hours.**

If the demand for subject is not sufficient, or the choice cannot fit in with the timetable, you may be requested to change this choice. There is no guarantee that you will be able to change a subject after the timetable has been finalised.



Academics is important to us



But learning goes beyond the books



Under the microscope in the Biology lab



Getting to grips with Physical Science



Trying and testing in the state-of-the-art Science lab



Molecular structures made fun



The techies of the future in the computer lab



Practise: no better way to get the mind going



Training future ready chefs and waiters



Getting ready for a career in Technical Design



Music teaching of the highest standard



Modern technology is in every classroom

BE EXCELLENT

Excellence is our **passion**.

Our matric results speak for themselves: We have an **almost perfect** pass rate which includes many **A-aggregates**, hundreds of **subject A's** and **bachelor passes** for most matrics... year after year. Because we know a **healthy report card** can give you a great start in life, our school is geared to help every learner **achieve the best results** they possibly can.

But we also know that excellence goes far beyond the classroom and the past years alone gave us many reasons to **celebrate**.

- » Silver medal at Africa Youth Championships
- » Gold medal: World Ballroom and Latin Championships
- » SA champions in discus and tumbling
- » SA colours in discus and tumbling
- » National winners: Podiumpret and Radikale Redenaars
- » Mayor and speaker in Junior Town Council
- » Piano and singing student on UNISA's honours roll
- » Captain SA u/16 jukskei boy's team
- » Three hockey players in invitational team to the Netherlands
- » Five silver medalists at Eskom Science Expo
- » Learners who serve on the committee for the Hugo Naudé Arts School
- » Worcester Standard and SuperSport Let's Play Sportman of the Year
- » Winners of the Worcester Standard Sevens Tournament
- » SANESA equestrian award for best school in its category
- » More than 70 learners with provincial colours in sport
- » Cape Winelands Sports Awards: Best Junior Sport woman of the year
- » WG Productions: Film It Award Winners
- » Member of Senior Boland Women's Cricket Team...
and much more.

At **Worcester Gymnasium** we start doing now what will set us apart one day. We **dream big**, **work hard** and **persevere**, in and outside the classroom.





Silver at Africa Youth Championships



National Orator Champions



Let's Play Sportsman of the Year



Mayor and speaker: Junior Town Council



SA Rugby Elite player development



Award at Sing Harmonie Western Cape



Winners of Summer and Winter Interschools



Piano and singing student on UNISA'S honours roll



Four hockey players at indoor nationals



Third place: National Chinese bridge competition



SA champion: Super Smash Bros



Six gold medals: Twizza Super schools



SANES award: Best High School



Winners: Worcester Standard 7's



Four learners at ATKV Symposium



Youth Art Festival: Double Gold



Three bronze medals at Goju Kai SA's



Sevens player in Boland team



Top performers: Versatility



International Ballroom Champion

BE BALANCED

Don't think that academics is the "be all" of our school, because too much of only one good thing is not that good at all. Worcester Gymnasium offers many great activities that can help you find your balance.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- » UCSA
- » Choir and acapella group
- » Drama Club
- » Musicals
- » Earth Club
- » School newspaper
- » Mr and Miss WG
- » Miss Junior WG
- » Debating and orating competitions
- » Cultural excursions
- » Eisteddfods
- » Land Service
- » Film it
- » Trinity/Unisa Exams
- » Talent Competition
- » Online Sounds
- » Eisteddfod
- » Shakespeare Festival
- » Bravo Evening
- » WG- Productions
- » Bosvark Radio

SPORT

- » Rugby
- » Sevens rugby
- » Netball
- » Fast 5 netball
- » Boys' hockey
- » Girls' Hockey
- » Summer league hockey
- » Cricket
- » Tennis
- » Swimming
- » Athletics
- » Target shooting
- » Chess
- » Tug-of-War
- » Golf
- » Cross country
- » Mountain biking
- » Pompoms

OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- » Media guidance
- » Computer Literacy classes
- » Teacher-parent meetings
- » Leadership development (student council, senior council, class committee, hostel prefects, media prefects, ICT prefects, committees of various associations)
- » Blood donation clinics
- » President's Award
- » Career expos
- » Olympiads
- » Excursions
- » Sports tours
- » Cricket, hockey and netball umpire courses
- » Fist Aid
- » Eduvelopment
- » Reading Program
- » Degree senior system
- » Mentor system gr.12





Rugby



Netball



Hockey



Tug-of-War



Swimming



Chess



Cricket



Art



Athletics



Music



Acapella singing



Hip hop



Drama



Earth Club



Sevens rugby



Golf



Cultural tour: Europe



Mountain Mill Mile



Hairspray outing



Sea and Sand course

ANNUAL MATRIC PARADE

The annual [Matric Parade](#), held on the Grade 12's last day of school, is a [century-old](#) tradition which we proudly uphold to this day.



SUMMER & WINTER INTER-SCHOOLS

Twice a year, in [summer](#) and in [winter](#), we meet friends from out of town for an epic [inter-schools clash](#): [Jan van Riebeeck](#), [Stellenbosch](#) and [Charlie Hofmeyr](#) in athletics, and [Hermanus](#) in winter sports.



MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

Worcester Gymnasium is famous for the decades-long tradition of biennial musical productions in which we showcase our **creative talent** on a grand scale.



BRAVO EVENINGS

Our glamorous Bravo Evenings give our **performing artists** the chance to treat parents and fans to the best work of the year. The choir performs with various items.



BE YOU

At **Worcester Gymnasium** we're proud to say our school is as **vibrant** as our country. **Diverse teams** are smarter and more innovative (a well-researched fact!) and as a dual-medium school we embrace the **dynamic energy** that comes from crossing the language barrier.

Loud, shy, wonderful, weird, sporty or a bit of a nerd... **It doesn't matter who you are or want to be**, somewhere in our school there's a place where you will **thrive**.

And if you haven't quite found yourself yet, we will be happy to **assist with guidance** on subject, career and study options, and counselling on personal matters.

Through **mutual respect** and a **caring spirit**, we believe in creating a **safe space** for all individuals to be the **best they can be**.





WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS

Classrooms are equipped with:

- » Modern, interactive teaching technology
- » State-of-the-art laboratories for teaching sciences
- » Three up-to-date computer centres with 120 computers in total
- » Fully equipped restaurant kitchen for practical hospitality studies
- » Engineering Graphics and Design studio equipped for extra-curricular software training
- » Fully equipped Mandarin lecture room





We also have:

- » 3 rugby fields
- » 1 astro hockey turf
- » 2 grass hockey fields
- » 5 netball courts
- » 4 tennis courts
- » 2 cricket pitches and fields
- » 7 cricket practice nets
- » 1 three-lane tartan athletics practice strip
- » Sempark: Multipurpose surface course with upgraded swimming facilities
- » Brandwacht boys' hostel on the school premises, featuring a gym and recreation room
- » TV room, study hall and dining hall
- » Seminarie girls' hostel five minutes from the school premises, featuring a swimming pool, lawn, lounge, TV room, study hall and dining hall

Lunch and supervision for day boarders available



THOSE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

A school can never be excellent without **excellent teachers**. We are happy to report that our teachers are **highly qualified, fully bilingual** (some are fluent in three languages!) and **100% committed** to **keeping Gymnasium** an exceptional institution.

Let the **facts** do the rest of the talking:

- » Our teachers provide support at other institutions in subjects such as **Mathematics, Life Sciences, Business Studies, Computer Applications Technology, Afrikaans, English** and **Microsoft Partners in Learning**. Some of our teachers train other educators.
- » **A number** of our teachers are **qualified** to **mark Senior Certificate exam papers** and they often represent our school as **senior, deputy** and **chief markers** as well as **internal moderators**.
- » On the **sports** field, we have coaches who are **accomplished sportsmen and women**. In recent years our team produced **provincial colours** in **netball, rugby, hockey, swimming, cricket and athletics**.
- » Our coaches are **equally experienced** as **sports administrators**. They regularly serve in management committees of **provincial teams and associations**. Some also have experience as **provincial** or **national coaches**, referees, selectors or **technical officials**.
- » Culturally our teachers do their part as **judges** during **art festivals** (music and theatre), **as producers** and as members of **various esteemed music groups**.
- » We have a **fully qualified councillor** to look after the well-being of both learners and staff.
- » Our **teachers are lifelong** learners too. As current **trends change**, so do the **knowledge** that needs to be conveyed to the **next generation**, and our **open-minded principal** leads a group of 21st century teachers who pass the test with flying colours.





Subjects
we offer:

30

Sporting codes
at the school:

18



Learners:

999

Teachers:

52



Grade 12s with average A's:

32 (2021)

28 (2020)

20 (2019)

18 (2018)

Matric pass rate:

98% (2021)

100% (2020)

98.4% (2019)

95.1% (2018)

OUR SCHOOL IN NUMBERS



Cultural and
extra-curricular activities:
At least 24 types



Events hosted by learners
at our restaurant:
10



Staff in non-school
sports, administration and
other committees:

32



Matric subject A's:

284 (2021)

322 (2020)

244 (2019)

200 (2018)

Grade 12's qualifying for further studies:

98% (2021)

100% (2020)

96.3% (2019)

91.8% (2018)

Average A's in Grade 8 to 11:

145 (2021)

147 (2020)

145 (2019)

135 (2018)



Teachers qualified to mark National Senior Certificate exam papers:

20+ (including senior, chief and national markers, as well as moderators)

Excellence is our passion!

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