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Keegan Bartlett, Gareth Burton-Durham, Stephen de Ujfalussy, Mike Egan, Chiara Faul, Russell Johnson and Neale Lucas-Bull achieve distinctions in maths and science

Once again, as in most previous years there were a record number of distinctions amongst the Maths Success matric students. In addition, learners from other grades achieved outstanding results. Here is some background as to how **Keegan, Gareth, Stephen, Mike, Chiara, Russell** and **Neale** managed to achieve them.

Keegan Bartlett from Trinityhouse High School started his lessons with Maths Success in August 2006 when he was in Grade 11. He was an A maths student in Grade 10 but his marks dropped substantially to a C symbol by the time he started his lessons at Maths Success. At the end of Grade 11 he improved his maths marks to a B+ and continued improving in Grade 12 to achieve a distinction on Higher Grade in the IEB exams.

Gareth Burton-Durham from St Stithians Boys' College started his lessons with Maths Success in March 2004 when he was in Grade 9. At that stage he dropped to a C symbol but was very keen to improve on it. He managed to achieve a great improvement despite being away from school for two and a half months in Australia in 2005 and for a similar period in India in 2006. His perseverance and efforts were greatly rewarded when he achieved a distinction on Higher Grade in the IEB November examinations.

Stephen de Ujfalussy from St David's Marist Inanda started his lessons with Maths Success in October 2006 when he was in Grade 11. He was getting a B symbol for maths but, like Gareth, was motivated to do better. He improved steadily and achieved a distinction in maths on Higher Grade and a C+ for Additional Mathematics in the IEB November examinations.

Mike Egan from Greenside High School started his Additional Mathematics lessons with Maths Success in Grade 12 at the beginning of September last year. He did not understand several important sections of the Ad Maths syllabus and was keen to improve. Weeks of hard work were richly rewarded when Mike obtained a distinction in the GED exams.

Chiara Faul from Kingsmead College started her lessons with Maths Success in February 2006 when she was in Grade 11. She was finding Grade 11 science very difficult but was very motivated to build a solid foundation in order to be able to achieve a distinction. Her great effort and motivation were richly rewarded when she obtained a distinction on Higher Grade in the IEB examinations. In addition to science Chiara was also helped with maths and additional maths, where she was able to ask questions whenever she needed and she also achieved distinctions in those two subjects.

Russell Johnson from St Stithians Boys' College started his lessons with Maths Success in May 2006 when he was getting only a C symbol for maths. By the end of Grade 11 he managed to improve

both his maths and science marks to an A symbol. He continued with his efforts and was pleased to learn that he achieved distinctions in both subjects on Higher Grade in the November IEB examinations.

Neale Lucas-Bull from St Stithians Boys' College dropped maths from higher to standard grade before he started his lessons with Maths Success in Grade 12 in June last year. With my help and encouragement he achieved a distinction on Standard Grade in his IEB matric examination.

Keegan, Gareth, Stephen, Mike, Chiara, Russell and Neale achieved their results because they wanted to do well and were willing to listen to and follow my advice. I congratulate them all on their efforts and wish them every success in the future.

There were other distinctions and great improvements in results, in grades below matric, amongst our students in the November examinations:

Kalinka Faul, sister of Chiara, also from Kingsmead College, started her lessons with Maths Success in February last year when she was in Grade 10. She was finding maths, science and additional mathematics very challenging and was even seriously considering dropping ad maths. After her first assessment lesson I saw that Kalinka had great potential and I encouraged her to keep working on all three subjects. Her efforts were greatly rewarded when she achieved distinctions in all three.

Vidhya Jayawardena from Rand Park High School started her lessons with Maths Success in Grade 11 at the end of May last year. She achieved a distinction in maths and improved her science from a C to a B symbol, both on Higher Grade.

Rafael Powell from St John's College improved in Grade 11 from a C to a B+ symbol in the short few weeks before he wrote his November exams.

Well done to Kalinka, Vidhya and Rafael.