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Kalinka Faul and Nancy Liu achieve distinctions in maths, advanced maths and physical science in the November 2009 exams

Once again, as in most previous years, there were distinctions amongst our Maths Success students. In addition, learners from a variety of different backgrounds achieved outstanding results. Here is some background information as to how Kalinka and Nancy managed to achieve them.

Kalinka Faul from Kingsmead College in Johannesburg started her lessons with Maths Success in February 2007 when she was in Grade 10. She was always an above average learner but was concerned that doing maths, advanced programme maths and science could put her under a lot of pressure. Of particular concern to her was advanced maths as it was very different to the normal maths she was used to. She thought she would not be able to cope with it and was even considering dropping the subject.

During her first assessment/evaluation lesson, I realised that she was perfectly capable of coping with all three of those very demanding subjects. I made absolutely sure that she understood and enjoyed every section of the advanced maths syllabus and she mastered it quickly. She achieved 80's and 90's in all three subjects all the way through Grade 10, 11 and 12. Months of hard work were richly rewarded when Kalinka achieved her distinction in all three subjects in the November IEB exams.

Apart from distinctions in Maths, Advanced Programme Maths and Physical Science Kalinka also excelled and achieved distinctions in Accounting, Afrikaans, English and Life Orientation.

This year she is studying for an Electrical Engineering at Wits University. Well done!

Nancy Liu from Roedean School started her lessons with Maths Success in Grade 12 in March 2009. Like Kalinka, she was an above average learner but wanted to make sure she had as many distinctions as possible as she wanted to study in one of the prestigious colleges in the USA. She followed the program conscientiously and was richly rewarded with a distinction in Maths, Advanced Programme Maths and Physical Science in the November IEB exams.

Apart from distinctions in Maths, Advanced Programme Maths and Physical Science Nancy also excelled and obtained distinctions in Accounting, Afrikaans, English and Life Orientation. She will start her studies in the USA later this year. Well done!

There were other Matric students who achieved outstanding results in 2009:

Calvin Fraser from Brandcliff House achieved 60% for maths and 50% for science in his Matric exam. When Calvin started his lessons with Maths Success in September 2008, in Grade 11, he was barely managing 30% in maths. That is an outstanding 30% improvement in just over a year! Well done!

Julian Joubert from Parktown Boys High School achieved 73% for maths and 59% for science in his Matric exam. When Julian started his lessons with Maths Success in January last year he was getting only 38% for maths. That is a superb 35% improvement in his final year! Well done!

Kreeson Pillay from Trinityhouse High School achieved 58% for maths and 60% for science in his November Matric exams. He improved by 13% in maths and 7% in science compared to his year-end Grade 11 exams. Well done!

Arnu Pretorius wrote Cambridge A-Level exams in November last year. With the help from Maths Success he wrote four exams: Advanced Level Mathematics – Pure Mathematics 1 and Pure Mathematics 2 and 3 as well as Advanced Level Mathematics – Mechanics 1 and Mechanics 2. Arnu was advised to do those subjects over two years: Pure Mathematics 1 and Mechanics 1 in first year and the rest in the second year. He was keen, however, to finish quickly, worked hard and passed all four in one year. Well done!

Mark Snell from St Stithian's Boys College achieved 65% in maths (2% above class average) and 68% for science (7% above class average), both subjects in the top set. Well done!

Jan-Harm Swanepoel always battled with maths and many times wished he could drop the subject. But with encouragement from his parents and Maths Success he persevered and was rewarded with a pass of 58%. Well done!

Kalinka, Nancy, Calvin, Julian, Kreeson, Arnu, Mark and Jan-Harm achieved their results because they wanted to do very well and were willing to listen to and follow my advice. I congratulate them all and wish them everything of the best in the future.