

JuniorTukkie hosts information session for Grade 9 learners and their parents

The JuniorTukkie Office, which forms part of the Department of Enrolment and Student Administration (DESA) at the University of Pretoria (UP), hosted an information session for Grade 9 learners, their parents and Life Orientation teachers on Saturday, 22 July 2023. More than 1000 Grade 9 learners and parents attended the information session, which aimed to assist learners in making informed choices about their intended career paths and to give guidance to both learners and parents on making safe and responsible subject choices for Grade 10.



Learners, parents and teachers visited faculty exhibitions in the Rautenbach Hall on the Hatfield Campus, where they had the opportunity to engage with faculty staff in a relaxed and informal environment.

Keynote speaker, Mr Wallace Isaacs, Deputy Director: Enrolment and Student Administration, encouraged learners to, from a young age, plan ahead and set their goals on tertiary studies to ensure that they end up in successful careers. Learners and parents were also informed about the excellent study opportunities offered by the University of Pretoria on its vibrant campuses, where students are guaranteed a high standard of education.

A TuksSport video and presentation by Mr Steven Ball, Director: TuksSport showcased the University's winning culture and outstanding programmes, as well as the world-class performances achieved by TuksSport athletes. Guests were entertained by a memorable musical performance by Phuti Mathuba and Colette du Toit. The audience enjoyed every minute of it.

Dr Petrus Lombard explained how the JuniorTukkie programme assists new first-year students in their transition from high school to university, and how the knowledge and experience they gain while being part of this programme from Grade 9 to Grade 12, contributes to their successful university experience.

Dr Pieter Clase reminded learners and parents about the importance of making informed subject choices for Grade 10. He said: 'While learners in Grade 9 are often not yet sure about which careers they are interested in, it is important to tackle the process step by step and in a positive way. Learners and parents should work together in planning an exciting and interesting future of study and work by determining a suitable choice of subjects for Grade 10'. Each learner in the audience received a Grade 10 subject choices brochure—a helpful guide for Grade 9 learners and parents. This brochure contains important information on subject choices and admission requirements for degrees offered by the University of Pretoria.

Guests were treated to light refreshments, after which the programme concluded with a tour of the University's Hatfield Campus.