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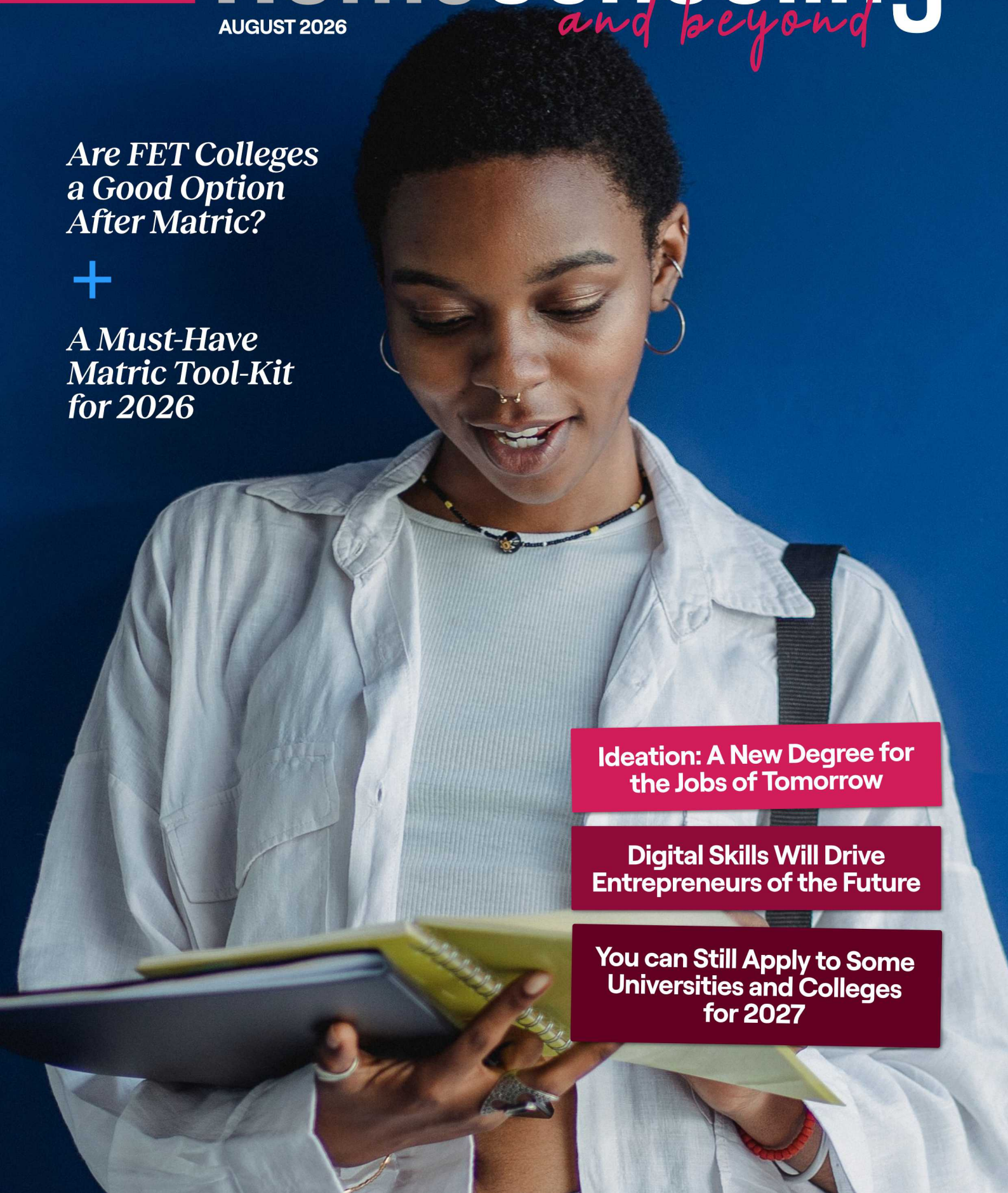
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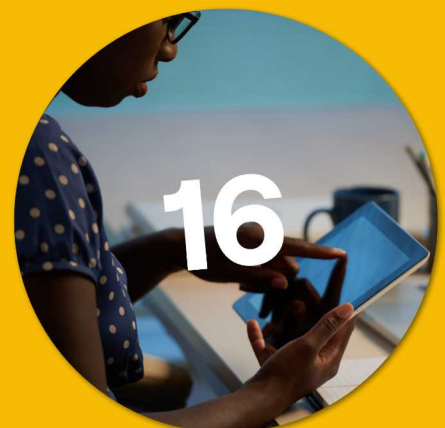


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Kagiso Trust's Makers of the Future Toolkit

Makers of the Future is a free practical toolkit to help South Africa's 2026 matric class navigate their most critical year.



First up, I want to share some really exciting news: SA Homeschooling & Beyond is the proud recipient of a grant from the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA). This means we can expand the magazine's scope and reach from just homeschooling to the

broader community of parents grinding away to support their children's educational journey. Thank you MDDA!

Whether you're helping your kids with homework after a long taxi commute or trying to figure out what your child will do after matric, we're here for you. Keep an eye out for exciting upgrades as we grow and expand.

This August issue lands at an important time for the matric class of 2026. Finishing school no longer means following one set path. With youth unemployment still high, the focus is turning towards resilience and practical skills.

This month's features look at how higher learning readiness is being rethought. Kagiso Trust has launched its Makers of the Future toolkit, a free resource that helps learners cope with exam

pressure and introduces them to options such as technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges.

Vocational paths and structured learnerships are proving to be a strong route to economic independence by pairing classroom teaching with real workplace experience. Demand for technology skills also means digital education is now central to future job security. From coding to specialised qualifications like Inscape's Bachelor of Design in Ideation Design, young people are learning to think for themselves rather than just memorise facts.

The high school experience is changing too. Some alternative schools now combine a structured timetable with more flexibility. Flanders Campus offers robotics and other tech-focused learning, while Praxis Education runs Independent Examinations Board (IEB) pathways through full-time campus study or a hybrid model. For families still working through university applications, we also look at public and private institutions with later registration deadlines, so options stay open a bit longer.

Just remember, your best is good enough.

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When parents think about their child's future, they often ask practical questions.

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Will this qualification prepare them for a successful career?
Is this a wise investment?**

These are important questions. But in a world being reshaped by artificial intelligence, climate change, digital transformation and rapidly changing industries, perhaps we should also be asking a different question:

Are we preparing young people for the careers that don't even exist yet?

For decades, education has focused on teaching students what to think. Today, employers are increasingly looking for people who know how to think, how to identify opportunities, solve complex problems, collaborate across disciplines and create meaningful change.

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- **How could it be solved differently?**

→ **What impact could this solution have on people, businesses, or society?**

These are exactly the kinds of thinkers organisations increasingly need.

Many parents still associate design with traditional creative careers. While those industries remain important, design today extends far beyond graphic design, fashion, or interiors. It has become a way of thinking that drives innovation across business, healthcare, education, technology, government, sustainability, and entrepreneurship.

At **Inscape**, we believe creativity should have purpose.

Our Bachelor of Design specialising in Ideation Design equips students to transform creative thinking into practical solutions. Throughout the three-year programme, students develop the mindset and skills to research complex challenges, think critically, collaborate effectively, test ideas and design innovative solutions with confidence and purpose.

Rather than simply learning theory, students apply their knowledge to real-world challenges through research, experimentation, and collaboration. The result is graduates who are equipped to solve complex problems,

adapt as industries evolve, and make an impact across a wide range of sectors.

Inscape is proud to be the only higher education institution in South Africa offering an accredited Bachelor of Design specialising in Ideation Design. It's a qualification designed not just for today's careers, but for tomorrow's opportunities.

The future will belong to people who can ask better questions, investigate complex challenges, connect seemingly unrelated ideas, and design innovative solutions that create meaningful impact.

For parents considering the best path for their child, perhaps the question is no longer whether design is a career. Perhaps the better question is whether we can afford to educate young people without teaching them how to innovate.

Because every meaningful change, every new business, breakthrough product, improved service, or social innovation began with someone who dared to imagine a better way.

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Flanders Campus: A High School Experience Built for the Future

It is an immersive, technology-rich campus experience where learners are supported academically, encouraged to think independently and introduced to the possibilities of university life.

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Learners benefit from the structure of a full school day through MS Teams while becoming comfortable with the technology, independence and responsibility they will encounter after high school.

Flanders Campus also creates a valuable bridge between school and tertiary education. Its connection with Belgium Campus iTversity introduces learners to a university environment and strengthens their awareness of careers in technology, engineering and other evolving fields.

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Are Learnerships a Valid Gateway to Careers in 2026?

Vocational education is changing how young South Africans think about work. In a market where formal employment is scarce and traditional university paths face oversubscription, it offers a practical path toward professional resilience and economic independence.

South Africa's education system is under strain. With youth unemployment at 59.7% in 2025, public tertiary institutions are under heavy pressure. The country's 26 public universities accept about 210,000 first-year students a year, leaving thousands of matriculants without options. That shortfall is pushing parents and school leavers to rethink what career readiness looks like.

Learnerships and technical and vocational education and training (FET/TVET) colleges offer a structured alternative to traditional degrees. Rather than relying on a theoretical curriculum, these programmes combine workplace-based learning with institutional coursework which provides a direct route to employment and gives learners practical, job-ready experience.



Dr Linda Meyer, managing director of IIE Rosebank College, says university acceptance is not the only route to a fulfilling career. "By exploring alternative education options, managing stress effectively and keeping an open mind, students can find fulfilling and rewarding career opportunities," says Meyer.

*"The journey to success is rarely a straight route – and flexibility and resilience are vital to navigating it successfully."
– Dr Linda Meyer, MD of IIE Rosebank College"*

A core part of this vocational system is the Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) framework, established under the Skills Development Act. SETAs balance industry demand against skills supply, register learnership agreements and disburse skills development levies to fund youth programmes.

Sparrow FET College, for example, partners with civil society organisations to deliver accredited qualifications ranging from early childhood development at National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 4 to information technology and professional cookery.

The main advantage of a learnership is its dual structure. A standard 12-month learnership at an accredited college typically runs six months of classroom instruction alongside six months of workplace-based learning. The programmes are government-subsidised or corporate-funded, so participants earn a monthly stipend while studying and avoid student debt. MICT SETA, for instance, sets standard funding rates that include monthly learner stipends alongside corporate host fees to support workplace integration.

For parents weighing up post-matric options, it's worth understanding the administrative safeguards behind these qualifications. A qualification must be registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), and the training provider must appear on the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) registry of licensed providers.

How to Apply for a Learnership:

Securing a place in an accredited learnership takes preparation. Prospective applicants should follow these steps:

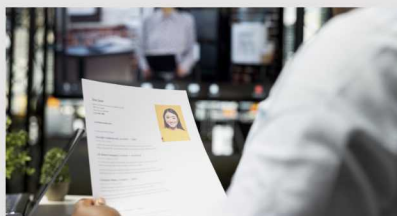
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Before submitting any documents, confirm the training college is registered with the DHET and that the specific learnership is accredited by the relevant SETA and SAQA.



2

Compile a CV, certified copies of a South African identity document, and recent academic results or an official matric certificate.



3

Check the minimum requirements, which vary by trade. Technical programmes such as welding or automotive repair may accept a Grade 10 or 11 pass, while business administration and digital coding usually require a full Grade 12 qualification.



4

Many reputable FET colleges require an initial literacy and numeracy entrance assessment. A small registration or screening fee may apply, though this varies by sponsoring partner.



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Once accepted, the learner, the training provider and the employer sign a formal learnership agreement registered with the SETA, which sets out the curriculum timeline and stipend details.



Home Learning Can Give Young Children a Strong Start

For parents considering homeschooling, the early school years can feel daunting. Yet Grades R to 3 offer an important opportunity to build the literacy, numeracy and life skills children will use throughout their education.

The home already plays a central role in a child's development. As highlighted in the World Bank's Building Human Capital Where It Matters report, young children depend on the adults around them for more than care and safety. Reading, conversation, routines, play and everyday learning opportunities all contribute to their progress.

Because early learning gaps can become difficult to close later, children need a structured approach from the beginning. South Africa's CAPS curriculum provides this framework through regular listening, speaking, reading, writing and numeracy activities, together with ways to monitor development.

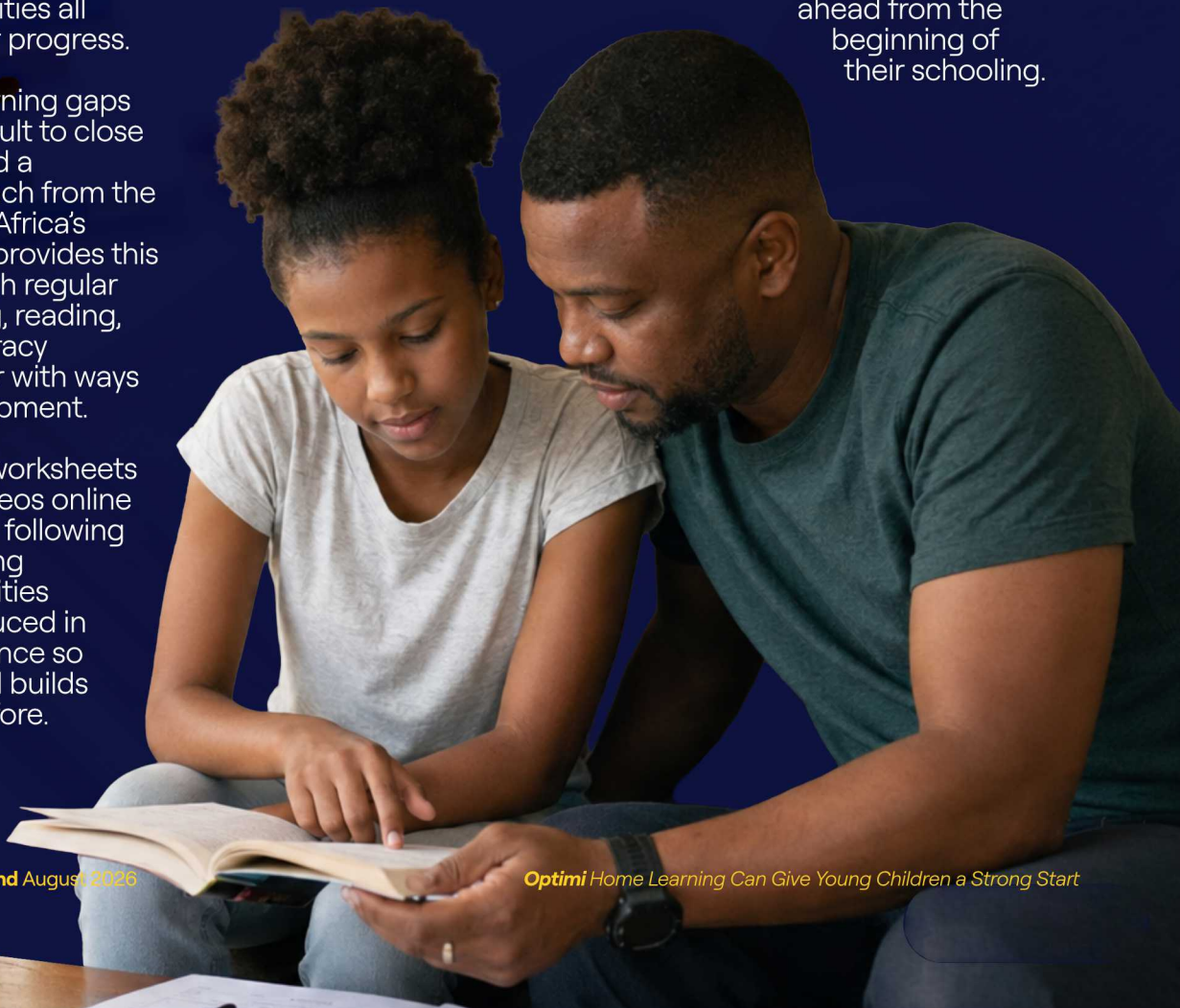
However, finding worksheets or educational videos online is not the same as following a complete learning programme. Activities need to be introduced in the correct sequence so that each new skill builds on what came before.

Impaq's Grade R to 3 homeschooling offering supports parents with CAPS-aligned learning materials, facilitator guides, workbooks, learner aids and readers. Play-based activities help keep younger children engaged, while portfolio assessments, memorandums and the Optimi Learning Portal allow parents to record marks and monitor progress.

"Strong foundations aren't about pushing children harder," says Louise Schoonwinkel, Chief

Commercial Officer at Optimi Schooling, of which Impaq is a registered trademark. "They're about building confidence through small, repeated wins, such as reading daily, practising basic numeracy and keeping to routines that make learning easier."

With a clear plan and accessible support, parents do not have to navigate homeschooling alone. A well-structured home learning environment can help children develop confidence, enjoy learning and build a strong foundation for the years ahead from the beginning of their schooling.



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South Africa's unemployment crisis is driving the need for digital entrepreneurship. Discover how coding, AI literacy, and digital education are empowering entrepreneurs to compete globally and fuel economic growth.



South Africa's unemployment crisis is placing enormous strain on communities, especially young people trying to enter an increasingly competitive job market. With traditional employment options shrinking, entrepreneurship is increasingly becoming the route people take into economic participation and long-term stability.

But succeeding in today's global digital economy takes more than business ambition. Digital skills such as coding, data analytics and AI literacy are becoming essential for entrepreneurs who want to innovate and stay competitive. Wider access to digital education and entrepreneurial training could help South Africa build a new generation of

entrepreneurs and drive economic inclusion, both at home and across the continent.

"Through the development of key digital skills, entrepreneurs can make a significant impact on South Africa's economic growth," says Raeesa Kader, Academic Programme Leader at the MANCOSA School of

Accounting, Finance and Tax.

Entrepreneurs now operate in an environment shaped by digital platforms, data, automation and artificial intelligence. For them, digital skills are no longer optional. They're necessary for survival and competitiveness in the modern economy.

Digital skills have effectively become the new currency of entrepreneurship: they determine whether a business can compete, scale and stay relevant in a technology-dominated economy.

Skills such as coding, data analytics, cybersecurity awareness, digital marketing and AI literacy help entrepreneurs improve operational efficiency, cut costs through automation and make faster, evidence-based decisions.

"According to the OECD Going Digital Toolkit, the right mix of digital competencies accelerates technology diffusion, improves productivity and reduces the skills mismatches that hinder economic performance. Coding

enables custom solutions and automation. Data analytics uncovers customer insights. And AI literacy is becoming particularly critical because artificial intelligence is reshaping industries, from finance and education to healthcare and retail," says Kader.

The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2025 says AI is expected to disrupt nearly every industry, changing the skills required across global labour markets.

"In practical terms, these skills lower costs (e.g., via automation), open new revenue streams (e.g. e-commerce, digital products), and future-proof businesses against disruption. Entrepreneurs who master them turn challenges like rapid tech change into opportunities for agile growth. Ultimately, digital skills empower entrepreneurs to innovate, remain agile and compete effectively in a rapidly evolving global economy," explains Kader.

South Africa has long produced tertiary graduates whose skills and work ethic are sought after by international corporations, and many are recruited straight out of university to work abroad. But are South African entrepreneurs held in the same regard? Technology now gives them a platform to prove their abilities.

"South Africa's entrepreneurial talent is undeniable, but geography and infrastructure have historically limited access to global markets. Digital skills dissolve those barriers. Digital skills help South African entrepreneurs overcome traditional geographic and economic barriers by enabling

them to participate in global digital ecosystems. Through digital platforms, entrepreneurs can market products internationally, access online marketplaces, engage in remote work opportunities and provide services across borders," says Kader.

"More than 60% of future jobs are projected to require digital skills, according to the World Economic Forum. Digital education is not a supplementary offering; it is a core intervention."

The opportunity is already visible in the numbers. South Africa's e-commerce market reached R71 billion in 2023, a 29% year-on-year increase, according to the WorldWideWorx South Africa Online Retail Report 2024. Entrepreneurs with the digital skills to participate in that ecosystem are already competing globally. Those who don't are increasingly being left behind. Data analytics helps entrepreneurs understand global consumer trends and tailor products to international audiences, while digital communication tools let them collaborate with partners, suppliers and clients abroad in real time.

"Importantly, digital transformation supports inclusivity. South African entrepreneurs from underserved communities can use digital platforms to access funding opportunities and broader customer networks. This creates



opportunities for economic participation and entrepreneurial growth that were previously inaccessible. As Africa's digital economy continues to expand, entrepreneurs with strong digital capabilities will be better positioned to contribute to economic development," says Kader.

That's without even considering the unemployment crisis facing South Africans who hold only a Senior Certificate. Unemployment among tertiary graduates is also rising sharply, and the government simply isn't creating enough jobs to keep pace.

This has pushed young people, who are often responsible for supporting multiple family members, toward entrepreneurship as a way to avoid poverty. Giving them digital skills means they won't have to depend on the government to create jobs for them.

"Access to digital education is critically important in addressing both youth unemployment and economic inequality in South Africa. The economy is becoming increasingly digitised, yet many young people still lack access to the digital infrastructure and opportunities needed to participate meaningfully in the modern workforce. Digital education equips individuals with practical and transferable skills that improve employability and entrepreneurial potential. Skills such as digital communication, coding, financial literacy, data analytics, cybersecurity awareness and AI literacy are increasingly valued across industries," says Kader.

According to Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey Q1:2025, youth unemployment for those aged 15 to 34 stood at 46.1%, a 9.2 percentage point increase over the past decade. Of the 4.8 million unemployed young people in that period, 58.7% had no prior work experience whatsoever, nearly six in ten still waiting for their first opportunity. In a labour market that increasingly demands digital capability, a young person without digital skills is doubly disadvantaged.

"More than 60% of future jobs are projected to require digital skills, according to the World Economic Forum. Digital education is not a supplementary offering; it is a core intervention. It creates alternative pathways into freelancing, entrepreneurship and the growing gig economy. Digital education also contributes to reducing inequality by providing individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds with access to global knowledge networks and online business ecosystems. Public-private partnerships, investment in digital infrastructure and curriculum innovation are all essential to ensuring that digital transformation becomes inclusive rather than exclusionary," says Kader.

Building digital skills among young people is only half the challenge. The other half is dealing with obstacles that are familiar to entrepreneurs of any skill level.

Kader explains: "The most common barriers are cost, connectivity and confidence. The digital divide remains a significant challenge, particularly in rural and under-

resourced communities, limiting full participation in the expanding digital economy."

"There is also a trust barrier. Many entrepreneurs remain hesitant to digitise financial or customer data due to concerns around cybersecurity, privacy and technological complexity. These concerns are understandable. According to IBM's annual Cost of a Data Breach Report, the global average cost of a data breach now exceeds US\$4 million, a potentially devastating impact for many SMEs," continues Kader.

These challenges aren't insurmountable, though. Tackling them will take a joint effort from government, educational institutions, industry and the private sector, with investment in digital infrastructure and affordable connectivity a priority.

"Most importantly, practical and applied digital education builds the confidence entrepreneurs need to adopt technology strategically and responsibly. Entrepreneurs also need access to practical training and support ecosystems that help them adopt technology strategically. The broader goal is to demystify technology and position it not as a liability or disruption, but as an enabler of productivity, innovation and inclusive economic participation," says Kader.

Digital transformation should be approached incrementally. Small businesses don't necessarily need advanced systems right away; even basic digital tools such as cloud accounting, digital payment systems and social media marketing can meaningfully improve business performance.



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It's not too late.

From traditional campus degrees to flexible private college placements, many institutions are still accepting applications with some offering rolling admissions until classes reach physical capacity in early 2027.

Take a deep breath. If your child missed the early winter deadlines for South African public universities, their dream of starting a degree in 2027 is still alive. While highly competitive selection courses like medicine and engineering have closed their gates, a number of fully accredited public universities and premier private institutions keep registrations open well into the second half of the year.

Our list below of some of the institutions still accepting undergraduate applications after 31 August include direct links to official portals (where available), faculties and courses, and practical entry requirements to help your family secure a placement for the upcoming academic year.

Public Universities (2027 Intake)

Institution & Application Portal	Closing Date	Eligible Faculties & Undergrad Courses	Application Requirements & Process
University of Limpopo (UL) Apply to UL	30 Sep 2026	• Humanities: BA programmes, Media Studies, Social Work. • Management & Law: BCom tracks, LLB. • Science & Agriculture: BSc Life/Physical Sciences.	• Apply online. • No application fee. • Upload ID and Grade 11/12 results.
University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Apply to Wits	30 Sep 2026	• Humanities: General BA, Fine Arts, Speech Pathology. • Commerce, Law & Management: BCom, BAccSci, LLB. • Science: BSc Biological/Mathematical streams.	• Online portal. • R100 application fee. • Select programs require NBTs.
University of the Free State (UFS) Apply to UFS	30 Sep 2026	• All Non-Selection Courses: General BA, BCom, BSc, BTh, and Higher Certificates across all campuses.	• Apply online. • Free application. • ID and academic transcripts required.
University of the Western Cape (UWC) Apply to UWC	30 Sep 2026	• Arts & Humanities: All general BA learning tracks. • Economic & Management Sciences: BCom, Info Systems. • Natural Sciences: General BSc tracks.	• Online application portal. • Free application. • Clear digital document uploads.
University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) Apply via CAO	30 Sep 2026	• Humanities, Law & Management: BA, BCom, LLB. • Agriculture, Engineering & Science: General BSc streams.	• Must apply via Central Applications Office. • CAO administration fee applies
University of Zululand (UNIZULU) Apply via CAO	30 Sep 2026	• All General Programmes: Arts, Education, Science & Agriculture, Commerce, Administration & Law.	• Central Applications Office process. • Standard CAO fee structural payments.
Vaal University of Technology (VUT) Apply to VUT	30 Sep 2026	• All Diplomas & Advanced Diplomas: Human Sciences, Management, Applied Sciences, remaining Engineering.	• All Diplomas & Advanced Diplomas: Human Sciences, Management, Applied Sciences, remaining Engineering.

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University of Johannesburg (UJ) Apply to UJ	31 Oct 2026	• All Remaining Undergrad: General diplomas and degrees across Business, Humanities, Law, and Science.	• Free online application. • SA ID owners get automated results retrieval.
Walter Sisulu University (WSU) Apply to WSU	31 Oct 2026	• All General Qualifications: Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Management, Commerce, and Natural Sciences.	• Online system processing. • Free upload format.
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Private Colleges & International Online Institutions

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Rosebank College (The IIE) Rosebank Apply	Feb 2027 (Rolling Admissions)	• Commerce, ICT, Humanities, and Education (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates).	• Submit online application form. • Application fee (~R300). • ID and matric document check.
Emeris (The IIE - Formerly Varsity College, Vega, and MSA) Emeris Portal	Feb 2027 (Closes early if full)	• School of Law (LLB, BA Law), Management, Finance, Accounting, IT, Humanities and other contact learning courses.	• Online portal application. • Fee applies. • Spots secure sequentially based on space.

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Eduvos Eduvos Apply	Oct 2026 (Block 4) Feb 2027 (Block 1)	Applied Science, Commerce & Law, Information Technology, Humanities.	4 intake structures per year. - Online submission system. - Fast-tracked placement reviews.
Damelin Damelin Apply	Continuous (Rolling)	Business, Corporate Training, Media & Design, IT, Matric rewrite classes.	- Web registration or on-campus walk-in. - Flexible open enrolment models.
Richfield Richfield Apply	Jan / Feb 2027	Information Technology, Business Administration, Higher Certificates.	- Direct web system application. - High-speed digital onboarding setup.
AFDA AFDA Apply	Dec 2026 / Jan 2027	Film & Television, Performance, Business Innovation, Creative Writing.	- First-come, first-served campus matching. - Audition or interview required.
Open Window Open Window Apply	Nov 2026 (Recommended)	Visual Communication, Film & Animation, Creative Technologies (Game Design).	- Portfolio submission mandatory. - Design review interview step.
Red & Yellow School Red & Yellow Apply	Jan / Feb 2027	BA Creative Communications, BCom Digital Marketing, Diplomas in Copywriting/Art Direction.	- Online portfolio/cv check layout. - Early bird fee breaks available.
ETA College ETA Apply	Jan 2027	Sports Management, Coaching Science, Fitness (Exercise Science).	- Online submission portal. - Minimum NSC entry thresholds apply.
IIE MSA (Formerly Monash) IIE MSA Apply	30 Sep 2026 (Standard) 31 Jan 2027 (Late window)	Business, Social Science, Health Sciences (Public Health), Information Technology.	- International format application setup. - Late fees apply after September.
MANCOSA MANCOSA Apply	Oct 2026 (Late 2026) Jan / Feb 2027	Distance BCom, Public Administration, BBA, Higher Certificates.	- Remote learning platform registry. - Rolling application tracks open.
Regenesys Business School Regenesys Apply	05 Oct 2026 (Late 2026) Jan 2027	BBA, BCom, Higher Certificates in Business/ Retail Management.	- Business network application link. - ID, CV, and matrix records upload.

The Answer Series: A South African Success Story

How a humble teacher's passion for Mathematics became an iconic South African institution for learner support.



What began as one teacher's passion for helping learners truly understand Mathematics has grown into one of South Africa's most trusted educational brands across major subjects from Grades 7 to 12.

In 1971, Anne Dommissie began teaching Mathematics and Physical Science at Groote Schuur High School in Cape Town. Her philosophy was simple but powerful: learners learn best when they first wrestle with a problem themselves and are then guided through a clear, logical solution. At a time when rote learning dominated classrooms, Anne's approach focused on understanding, confidence, and independent thinking — with exceptional results.

After marrying Dave Eadie in 1973 and starting a family, the couple decided to turn Anne's teaching methods into a book so more learners could benefit. Working late at their dining room table — long before computers and word processors — Anne handwrote the

mathematical content while Dave prepared the diagrams. Their first publication, "The Answer", was born.

Demand for the Maths guide grew rapidly, followed by requests for additional grades and subjects. From these humble beginnings, The Answer Series (TAS) developed into a nationally respected range of study guides written by experienced subject specialists and trusted by learners, parents and teachers across South Africa.

Over the years, TAS has become known for clear explanations, worked examples, accessible language, and learner-friendly guidance that encourages self-study and genuine understanding rather than memorisation.

The effectiveness of TAS has also been demonstrated through pilot projects conducted with provincial education departments, where learners using TAS study guides showed significant improvements in matric pass rates.

Today, TAS continues its mission of making learning easier, more engaging, and less intimidating. Its latest development is a comprehensive Grade 7 Mathematics publication designed to help learners navigate the challenging transition to high school. The focus is not simply on getting the right answer, but on understanding concepts, developing problem-solving skills, and building confidence along the way.

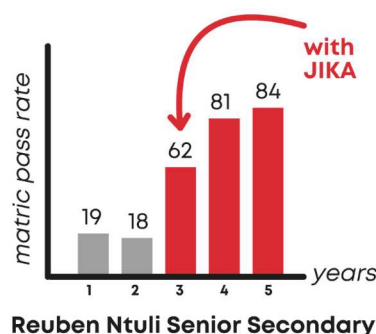
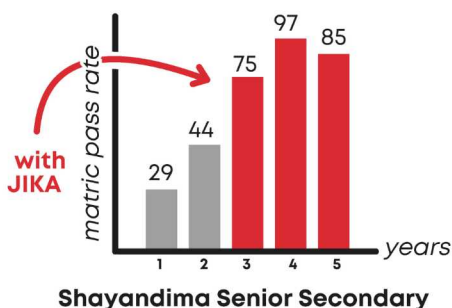
Perhaps the greatest reward for founders Anne and Dave is the feedback they continue to receive from grateful learners and parents, like:

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"Outstanding explanations, examples and exercises!"

More than fifty years after it began around a family dining room table, The Answer Series continues to help South African learners discover that with the right guidance, understanding really does change everything.



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EduXplore: Exploring New Possibilities in Education

Education is changing. Across South Africa, more families are exploring alternatives to traditional schooling in search of learning opportunities that better suit their children's unique needs, talents, and future aspirations. As the educational landscape continues to evolve, parents are increasingly looking for personalised solutions that allow children to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This is where EduXplore comes in.

EduXplore is South Africa's leading expo platform dedicated to alternative education, homeschooling, private schooling, educational resources, skills development, and lifelong learning. Designed for parents, educators, and learners alike, EduXplore brings together a wide range of educational providers, service organisations, training institutions, and extracurricular opportunities under one roof.

A Growing Movement

Homeschooling and alternative education have experienced

remarkable growth in South Africa over the past decade. What began as a response to challenges within the traditional education system has evolved into a thriving movement built on flexibility, independence, and personalised learning.

Many families are discovering that education is not simply about completing a curriculum or obtaining qualifications. It is about cultivating curiosity, developing character, fostering critical thinking, and preparing children for a rapidly changing world.

EduXplore serves this growing community by connecting families with the resources,

information, and support they need to make informed educational choices.

More Than an Expo

EduXplore is far more than a traditional exhibition. It is a gathering place for families who value learning as a lifelong journey.

Visitors can explore a diverse range of exhibitors, including:

- Homeschooling curriculum providers
- Private and cottage schools
- Educational resource suppliers
- Teaching aids and learning tools
- Extracurricular activity providers
- Tertiary institutions and training organisations
- Gap year opportunities
- Skills development programmes
- Entrepreneurship and career guidance services
- Sports and outdoor activity providers
- Apprenticeship and vocational training opportunities

In addition to exhibition stands, EduXplore events feature lectures, demonstrations, children's activities, and opportunities to engage directly with educational experts and experienced homeschooling families.

Whether you are starting your homeschooling journey, considering alternative schooling options, planning for tertiary education, or simply looking for

enrichment opportunities for your child, EduXplore offers valuable insights and practical solutions.

Education for the Whole Family

One of the unique aspects of EduXplore is its belief that learning extends beyond the

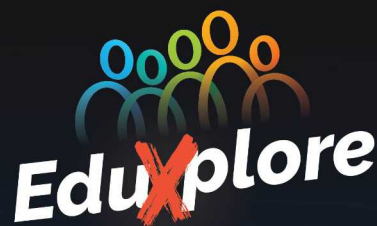
classroom and beyond the child. Education is a family journey.

Parents play a vital role in shaping their children's educational experience, and many families discover that they themselves continue learning alongside their children. EduXplore embraces this philosophy by creating opportunities for meaningful

conversations, networking, and knowledge sharing among families, educators, and industry experts.

The result is a vibrant community united by a shared commitment to helping children reach their full potential.

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Why CAP Kids Is Steadily Becoming South Africa's Most Trusted Homeschool Curriculum

"Too often, CAPS aligned programmes feel rigid or schoollike, but CAP Kids manages to strike the balance: it gives parents the structure they need without boxing children into worksheets and rote learning. Instead, lessons are playful, hands-on, and developmentally sound, exactly what young learners need from Age 1 through Grade 3."

If you've spent any time exploring homeschool options in South Africa, you'll know the landscape can feel overwhelming. Every programme promises structure, confidence, and quality, but very few actually deliver all three in a way that feels doable for real families with real schedules.

That's exactly what the CAP Kids homeschool curriculum strives to do, and why so many parents are gravitating toward it. It's not just another curriculum; it's a set of thoughtfully designed lessons that understand how children learn while keeping it fun.

What makes CAP Kids exceptional is its

grounding in the CAPS curriculum while still embracing the warmth, creativity, and flexibility that homeschooling allows. Too often, CAPS-aligned programmes feel rigid or school-like, but CAP Kids manages to strike the balance: it gives parents the structure they need without boxing children into worksheets and rote learning. Instead,



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lessons are playful, hands-on, and developmentally sound, exactly what young learners need from Age 1 through Grade 3.

One of the strongest features of CAP Kids is how it builds parental confidence. Many parents worry they're "not teachers," but this curriculum removes that fear entirely. Every weekly plan is laid out clearly, every activity has purpose, and every concept is introduced in a way that feels natural. Parents aren't left guessing what to do next or whether they're "doing it right." The curriculum guides parents step by step, while still leaving room for family rhythm, creativity, and the child's own pace.

Let's talk about quality, because CAP Kids doesn't compromise. The resources are beautifully designed, age-appropriate, and aligned with how children actually develop foundational skills. Literacy and numeracy are introduced gently but

intentionally. Fine-motor and gross-motor development are woven into lessons. Emotional learning, values, and confidence-building aren't afterthoughts; they're part of the DNA of the programme. This is the kind of holistic education that sets children up not just to pass assessments, but to thrive.

Another standout element is accessibility. CAP Kids is one of the few South African curricula that manages to be both high-quality and affordable. In a country where homeschooling is growing rapidly, especially among families seeking safer, more flexible, and more personalised education: affordability matters. CAP Kids has made it possible for more families to access a structured, CAPS-aligned programme without sacrificing excellence.

But perhaps the most compelling reason CAP Kids is becoming a favourite is simple: it

feels human. It was created by someone who understands children, understands parents, and understands the realities of home education. There's warmth in the way lessons are written. There's intention behind every activity, and there's a genuine commitment to supporting families, not just selling a product.

CAP Kids is refreshingly clear, grounded, and effective. It's no surprise that it's quickly becoming one of South Africa's most trusted homeschool options. If you are a homeschooling parent, you can try the CAP Kids curriculum for free today.

**Yours in Education,
Miranda**



An Essential Toolkit for the Matric Class of 2026

By Kagiso Trust

One of the country's leading development agencies, Kagiso Trust, launches Makers of the Future, a free, practical toolkit to help South Africa's 2026 matric class navigate their most critical year.



Your future doesn't start after matric, it starts now – and you don't have to figure it out alone. That's the message of the Makers of the Future toolkit, launched by Kagiso Trust to support South Africa's 2026 matric cohort through one of the most consequential years of their lives.

The free, downloadable toolkit provides practical tools, study strategies, comprehensive information on post-matric pathways and direct links to funding and support resources.

"Every year, hundreds of thousands of learners start matric knowing it matters but not always knowing how to manage it," says Mankodi Moitse, CEO of Kagiso Trust. "They face identical challenges: managing exam stress, understanding options, accessing funding. Yet we expect each learner to solve these problems individually."

The toolkit consolidates everything they need, including:

- Monthly planning guides;
- Evidence-based study techniques;
- Exam strategies covering everything from preparation to handling panic in the exam hall;
- Stress management strategies and contacts for mental health support; and
- Detailed breakdowns of post-school options.

"Success in matric isn't built through overnight cramming or 24/7 studying," says Moitse. "It's built through consistent, strategic effort. The toolkit shows learners how to study smart, not just hard."

A substantial portion of the toolkit focuses on post-matric pathways, deliberately presenting technical and vocational education (TVET), universities, learnerships, direct employment, entrepreneurship and structured gap years as equally valid options depending on individual strengths and circumstances.

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“There is no single ‘correct’ path after matric,” says Moitse.

“TVET launches many people into successful careers. University works brilliantly for others. Some learn best through learnerships or by starting businesses. All these paths can lead to meaningful work and financial stability.”

The toolkit includes comprehensive comparisons of post-matric options, information on 99 in-demand jobs for which qualifications can be achieved within a year, success stories from different pathways, a decision-making tool, application calendars, National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) guidance, bursary links, and contact

details for South Africa’s 50 TVET colleges.

While designed for learners, the toolkit is also a resource for parents, teachers and anyone supporting young people through this transition.

“Parents want to help but don’t always have current information about funding or TVET reforms,” says Moitse. “Teachers are experts in their subjects but may not know details of every pathway. This toolkit equips everyone with the information they need.”

The toolkit emphasises that success doesn’t happen overnight, drawing on the Setswana proverb “Tlogatloga e

tloga kgale modiši wa dikgomo o tswa natšo šakeng” – step by step, the cattle herder rises from the kraal.

“Success is built through consistent effort, one brick at a time,” says Moitse. “This toolkit provides the building blocks. But learners have to pick them up and use them. Nobody can build their future for them.”

The Makers of the Future toolkit is available as a free download on the Kagiso Trust website: www.kagiso.co.za.

Kagiso Trust encourages schools, businesses, community organisations and individuals to download and distribute the toolkit widely.

“The difference between a learner who thrives and one who struggles often isn’t talent or potential,” says Moitse. “It’s access to the right information at the right time. We’re putting that information into as many hands as possible.”

The toolkit launch is part of Kagiso Trust’s year-long advocacy campaign promoting skills-based education and TVET pathways as critical responses to youth unemployment.

“In a country where nearly three out of five young people aged 15 - 24 are unemployed, guiding learners toward pathways with genuine employment outcomes isn’t just good advice – it’s an imperative,” says Moitse. “The toolkit is our contribution to igniting human capacity, one learner at a time.”



Download the Makers of the Future toolkit at www.kagiso.org.za.



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