

Dear Mrs Mack

Firstly, I'd like to say thank you so much for the scholarship you have given me. My family and I really appreciate it. I have really enjoyed my grade 9 year, although it was very challenging.

I enjoyed learning new things but I must admit, this year was much more difficult than grade 8. There was much more work and the work was more challenging. There were, however, many highlights that I especially enjoyed about this year.

Firstly there was showcase. Showcase is a very big Arts and Culture play that we had to perform. We were divided into groups, and then given a fairy tale. My group got Beauty and the Beast. We then had to create a whole play based on Beauty and the Beast with costumes, props and set. We had a period of about 2 months to do this. Although this was very challenging and a lot of hard work, I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a great learning experience and we all had a lot of fun.

We also had a very good soccer season this year. We were awarded the Team of the Year prize and I made the first team.

Another highlight of this year was our biology outing to Kirstenbosch. My friends and I had a lovely time exploring the gardens and learning about the different Biomes.

I was also elected Class Captain for Term 3 and 4. This was a lovely privilege and I enjoyed carrying out my duties.

I also had to make a very important decision this year. I had to choose my subjects for grade 10. After much consideration, I decided to take Mathematics, Accounting, Consumer studies and Life Sciences. I decided to choose subjects that I am good at as well as subjects that I will enjoy. I enjoy working with numbers and I think that it is one of my strong points. I also enjoy baking, that is why I decided to take Consumer Studies

Grade 9 was definitely a big step up from grade 8 and it was definitely more challenging but I managed to get through it even though I had to endure many late nights and busy weekends. I am satisfied with the marks I achieved because I know I did my best and I know that I worked very hard. I look forward to what 2014 brings :)

Once again, thank you so much for your support and your sponsorship. I really do appreciate it! I trust that you also had a good year and I hope you enjoy the holidays!

Kind Regards

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