

Dear BrainlineEXPRESS Client,

SENIOR SCHOOL BrainlineEXPRESS (Grades 8 to 11): 2021 and onwards

The product has been adapted to enable learners to succeed in either the CAPS or the IEB NSC (National Senior Certificate) examinations and is designed to aid **seasoned home educators** in completing the CAPS-compliant year work assessment section of the various grades for each learner.

It offers home educated learners the opportunity to self-assess their progress through the South African CAPS curriculum (year work) as required both by good educational practice and by law. Home schooling parents are expected to make use of assessments that have been set by suitably qualified and experienced educators when compiling the annual portfolio of work for each learner.

The portfolio of work provides the necessary measurement of mastery of the required skills that is fundamental to education.

Record of such completed and marked assessments must be kept by the parent as these may be required by a duly authorised person from the Department of Basic Education.

The senior school BrainlineEXPRESS product **includes**:

- **assessment items** for year work to be done by learners either under supervision of an invigilator (mostly controlled tests) or as their own work (mostly tasks and assignments);
- **marking guidelines** for use by parents when marking completed tasks and formal tests;
- a **cover sheet** to record all marks;
- a safe virtual (cloud-based) **storage space** to save the work portfolio for record-keeping purposes. *(Note that the uploaded portfolio of year work will not be marked or moderated by Brainline.)*

The senior school BrainlineEXPRESS product **excludes**:

- Teacher support (via any communication platform);
- Live and/or recorded teaching sessions/lessons;
- Content resources (such as notes, PowerPoint presentations, videos, additional past papers);

- Technical support, should issues be experienced by clients due to malfunctioning hardware or software. *(Note that the latter should not occur as the product is supplied in simple PDF format.)*
- Final year-end examinations;
- An academic report.

A senior school BrainlineEXPRESS learner who wishes to qualify for a Brainline-accredited year-end report, must enrol with **both** the grade-appropriate BrainlineEXPRESS product **and** the corresponding Report-2-Go product.

BrainlineEXPRESS portfolios available: 1 FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT-2-GO: 2021 and onwards

Learners who choose not to follow the Brainline IEB-aligned grade appropriate product, and:

- opt to use the BrainlineEXPRESS product or
- are completing the lawfully required year work outside the Brainline framework

but wish to obtain a **Brainline-accredited year-end report**, must enrol for the REPORT-2-GO product and complete all the requirements.

The REPORT-2-GO option **includes**:

- **Early access** to the **compulsory Oral Assessment Tasks (OATs)** that must be **completed and submitted** for marking by Brainline in both the selected Home Language and First Additional Language;
- **Early access** to the **compulsory Practical Assessments Tasks (PATs)** that need to be **completed and submitted** for marking by Brainline in relevant subjects;
- **Year-end access** to the IEB-aligned subject content resources for use in preparation for the final examinations, including
 - All recorded teaching sessions/lessons;
 - Content resources (such as notes, PowerPoint presentations, videos, additional past papers).
- A **fixed year-end examination timetable** for the learner's chosen subjects, which:
 - must be written on the prescribed dates and times;
 - must be submitted via the learner management portal (www.brainonline.com);
 - will be marked by Brainline;
- A **Brainline-accredited year-end Report-2-Go report**.

The report is composed of marks from the compulsory

- OATs in relevant subjects;
- PATs in relevant subjects; and
- year-end examinations which, depending on the subject (e.g. Computer Application Technology), may include a practical examination,

all of which will be marked by Brainline.

Note that:

- failure to submit OATs or PATs (for whatever reason) will mean that the subject will have no result. In essence, this means that no mark will appear on the report for such a subject and the learner will effectively have failed the subject.
- In order to fulfil the requirements for a valid report, the outstanding OATs or PATs will need to be submitted (along with a late submission fee) by 15 January of the following year.
- Year-end examinations that are missed for whatever reason cannot be rewritten on an alternative date or time during the November examination session.
- In order to fulfil the requirements for a valid report, the outstanding examinations must be written during the Supplementary Examination Session the following January. A set timetable (alternative dates are not possible) for such examinations is made available by mid-December, allowing enrolment for such examination(s) at the set fee.
- Upon submission of all outstanding components for a subject and the scheduled marking thereof, an updated report will be made available to the learner by the end of February.

Enrolments open: 1 MARCH 2021
Approval/ access to brainonline.com: 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

Kind regards,
The Brainline Team