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Greetings Matriculants,

Key points about **study skills**:

- **You will develop your own personal approach to study and learning in a way that meets your own individual needs.** As you develop your study skills you will discover what works for you, and what doesn't.
- **Study skills are not subject specific** - they are generic and can be used when studying any area. You will, of course, need to understand the concepts, theories and ideas surrounding your specific subject area. To get the most out of your studies, however, you'll want to develop your study skills.
- **You need to practise and develop your study skills.** This will increase your awareness of how you study, and you'll become more confident. Once mastered, study skills will be beneficial throughout your life.
- **Study skills are not just for learners.** Study skills are transferable - you will take them with you beyond your matric examination into new contexts. For example, organisational skills, time management, prioritising, learning how to analyse, problem solving, and the self-discipline that is required to remain motivated. Study skills relate closely to the type of skills that employers look