

# Kutlwanong Centre for Maths and Science awards learners



***From left to right: Chite Lebotse from Matshumane Secondary School, Majeletje Mogaladi, Tumelo Mabitsela, Dennis Komane from Pontil Secondary School, MEC Ishmael Kgetjepe, Tshepiso Lehungwane from Moreko Secondary School, Khutjo Maefa Makgoga from Rebone Secondary School and Kelies Lekala from Matshunmane Secondary School.***

Kutlwanong Centre for Maths and Science awarded top maths and science matric learners of 2015. The event was held at Jane Furse Comprehensive School on Friday 29 January where amongst the dignitaries attended were; Limpopo Education MEC Ishmael Kgetjepe, Kutlwanong Managing Director Tumelo Mabitsela, Kutlwanong, Community Social Investment Manager Solly Letswalo, circuit managers, educators, pupils and other community members. Kutlwanong Centre for Maths and Science is offering learners free maths and physical sciences lessons on weekends and holidays. The programme is sponsored by AVENG Group Construction Company and aiming to improve the standard of maths and science in schools. AVENG is sponsoring a total of 25 Kutlwanong Centres in different provinces in the country.

This year, five best performing Kutlwanong students were awarded bursaries from AVENG to further engineering courses in different institutions. "These were our first awards and we are aiming to award our learners annually start-

ing from now," said Rebone Kutlwanong Centres Manager Majeletje Mogaladi. He said the centre has started a few years ago and it has benefitted hundreds of students residing in three circuits in Sekhukhune. The centre is situated at Rebone Secondary School in Riverside near Jane Furse. "Our centre accommodates pupils from three circuits which are, Mmashadi, Glen Cowie and Phokwane.

Our criterion is that we visit schools and select best performing maths and science learners in grade 9. We then offer them free lessons on weekends and during holidays where they receive free stationery and lunch," he said. Mogaladi said last year they had 39 learners passed in mathematics level 7 and 36 learners passed in physical sciences. "This is a great achievement to us. It shows that we are doing good and improving every year," he said. He said to motivate and encourage the learners, class tests are written where top marks achievers are taken out for the weekend in lodges and resorts. "This is done through the sponsors free of charge and is giving a challenge amongst our learners that they must work hard," he said. Mogaladi added that their syllabus ends in June and top achievers in the mid-year examinations are taken to the holidays in Cape Town where they meet with other Kutlwanong students from other centres. "We have opened doors to many learners around the three circuits where some received bursaries to peruse their careers in tertiary institutions. We are continuing to offer the best quality of education basically in maths and science as the stream is the most important one recently," he said.