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## **Benefits of Portfolio Interviews:**

### **For the Students**

- accountability for their learning
- ownership for progress in learning
- increased commitment to school work because they present to parents
- increased interaction between student and parents
- independence
- self assessment
- active participation in the evaluation process
- learning of real life skills
- increased self confidence
- enhanced self esteem
- development of leadership skills
- empowerment
- fostering of organisational, communication and critical-thinking skills
- ability to set, work towards and evaluate goals

### **For the Parents**

- assumption of a significant role to play in their child's learning
- active participation in their child's learning
- better understanding of that learning
- less intimidating environment
- first language communication
- forum for parents to have a voice
- more relaxed atmosphere
- further communication between home and school
- a forum for parents to talk to their child productively and positively
- a forum for parents to see their child's enthusiasm for work
- a chance to gain a better understanding of school itself
- a chance to recognise the importance of encouragement

### **For the Teacher**

- increased student participation
- increased parent involvement
- more effective use of interview time
- freedom to take on an observing role

Parents wishing to also engage in the more formal interview process can request this at the completion of the Portfolio Interviews.