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Suidooster actors and Annie's Wardrobe complete the second round of mentorship in the month of September

With just over a month to go before the participating finalists must submit their final products (a short film and a film poster design) Suidooster's actors Esther von Waltsleben, Marco Spaumer, Jawaahier Petersen, Eden Classen and Dean Smith have been investing more of their time to work with all the Filmit finalists and guiding them in the filming and editing phases of their filmmaking process.

Marco Spaumer, who plays Tim du Plooy in Suidooster, worked with finalists from Paarl Boys' High, CBC St Johns, Curro Durbanville and Parkdene High. Marco is "impressed by the bold ideas and choices the learners made in their creative endeavour". He finds that this generations' access to cell phones, social media and steaming services empowers and challenges them to be daring and move outside of their comfort zones. "What I really appreciated of these learners was their willingness to embrace all the ideas and thoughts I threw their way. It was a privilege to share my experience and my own "toolbox" with the next generation of creatives. It was wonderful and more stimulating than I initially anticipated".

A fantastic addition to the Filmit mentoring team is Annie's Wardrobe from Cape Town. The participating learners were invited to create character and costume mood boards which they could submit alongside their working script. Annie's experienced staff members took the time to have a look at these mood boards and advise on how learners could improve their character portrayals through costume planning and design. "From day one, Annie's Wardrobe had a firm policy to be an accessible supplier and formal mentor to newcomers who have decided to enter the wonderful world of entertainment. It is a privilege and honour to contribute to the Filmit mentoring programme", Ernst Seegers (Annie's Wardrobe). According to Seegers - over the almost twenty years Annie's Wardrobe has been in business - many students have become key players in the industry, started their own companies and are now some of Annie's Wardrobe's most valued clients. Investing in the youth is a worthwhile cause and contributes towards the growth of all sectors within the entertainment industry.

Now that the second mentoring phase has come to an end, all filmmaking teams need to complete the filming and editing of their movies. All movies and accompanying film poster designs need to be submitted on the 11th of October. These movies will be uploaded and streamed on Paul Roos Gymnasium's YouTube channel between 18 and 24 October. The public will be able to vote for their favourite movies during this time. The winners will be announced on the 11th of November 2021. Cash prizes to the value of R25 000 has been sponsored by ClemenGold. Winners will also receive one-on-one mentorship from celebrities and industry specialists such as Neil Sandilands, Nicole Fortuin, Erica Wessels, Deon Lotz, Infinity Films and more. Prizes also include site visits to film studio locations and special effects production sites such as Gravitron. The Red & Yellow Creative School of Business donated an online Graphic Design course to the value of R16 500 or the learner who designed the best film poster. Filmit was made possible by Atterbury and WeBuyCars.