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NEWSLETTER NO 6 OF 2026

Dear Parents,

I extend a warm welcome back to our learners and staff as we commence the second term for 2026. This term is a very full one, with lots of activities that are planned. In addition, the Grade 8 to 11s will commence with mid-year exams in July and at the end of July, the Grade 12s will write the first stage of their prelim exams. I take this moment to wish all our learners and staff a successful and exciting second term.

IMPORTANT MATTERS TO FOCUS ON IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- *Academic Parent and learner feedback meetings*
- *Ed-Admin Account migration*
- *Grade 9 Subject choice meeting*

CAMP FEEDBACK

The children that attended camp had a very exciting experience. The camp combined adventure and leadership identification. There were a few rainy days, but on the whole, the weather played ball and the children got opportunity to try out a wide variety of activities. I was pleased to note that all our children got involved in all of the activities and had a really good time.

ACADEMIC FEEDBACK / PARENT INTERVIEWS

At the end of the first term, we issued the first term academic reports to the children. We didn't have an opportunity to schedule academic feedback sessions with parents, and to that end, we are now going to hold that on Saturday, 9 May from 09:00 until 11:00. The feedback session will end promptly at 11:00.

Please note that learners are expected to be present with their parents and dressed in school uniform for the feedback session.

There is no need to book timeslots to see the staff, however, we do ask that all discussions are kept to a maximum of 10 minutes. If longer time is required, we respectfully ask that you make a separate booking so that you can discuss your child's progress in greater detail. Please bear in mind that other parents also would like to see the teacher concerned.

ED-ADMIN APP

During the course of the holidays, we migrated the accounts system from D6 to Ed-Admin. We will shortly email the new statements of account to all parents to check that the brought

forward balances are correct. We will continue to run D6 in parallel with Ed-Admin while we verify that all data has correctly been copied across. If there are any issues, please contact me so I can investigate the concern.

SUBJECT CHOICE MEETING: GRADE 9

Kindly note that we will hold a meeting for all Grade 9 parents on the 18th May at 18:00 in the school hall to discuss subject selection for Grade 10 in 2027. All Parents and Grade 9 learners are requested to attend.

BLOOD BANK DONATIONS

The South African Blood Bank will be at our school for Blood donations. This will happen on Friday, 22nd May. This is a very worthy cause. Learners must be 16 years old, weigh at least 50Kg and be in good health to make a donation to the blood bank. Every unit of blood we donate saves up to three lives. We encourage our children to become involved in this cause. Emmanuel and Quinton, in Grade 12, are our Blood Bank Ambassadors. Any learner that would like to donate blood must please hand in their names to either of these two ambassadors. Learners making donations will receive 2-hour credit towards their community hours.

SUMMER SCHOOL

A special thank-you to all the staff that gave up their holiday time to provide intensive tuition to our Grade 12s in the run-up to Prelims. I'd like to thank the Grade 12s for their regular attendance. I hope the sessions were meaningful and of great assistance.

SCHOOL FEES

I would like to start off by thanking all the parents who keep their accounts up to date. Your continued support and prioritizing your school fees is truly appreciated.

Sadly, there are a number of parents who are in arrears with their school fees. This is of great concern as it affects the smooth running of the school. Parents in arrears will be contacted and when we do make telephone call to you, please do not avoid answering our calls. If you do not take our call or reply to our emails, we will be left with no choice but to suspend your child from classes. I trust we will not have to resort to this method to get a response from those parents who are in arrears. Kindly note that all our communication is logged and tracked so we know when an SMS is received on your device, even to the date and time when you opened such communication.

ACADEMIC BADGES

We will announce the learners who have achieved academic badges in our assembly on the 13th May. A newsletter will also go out with this information for parents to see.

CYCLE TEST SCHEDULE

Cycle tests are written each Wednesday at 7:50. Please ensure that your children are at school on time for these tests. The full schedule was published on the school's website but the remaining tests for the term are included below:

Date:	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
13 May	Assembly				

20 May	English	Maths	Maths / Maths Literacy	English	Afrikaans/ isiZulu
27 May	Maths	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Business Studies/ Geography/ Physical Science	Accounting / CAT	English
3 June	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	English	English	Maths/ Maths Literacy	History / Accounting / IT
10 June	Social Sciences	EMS: Business	Afrikaans / isiZulu	Life Sciences / IT / Art	Business Studies/ Physical Science
24 June	NS: Science component	SS: History	Accounting	Afrikaans/ isiZulu	Maths/Maths Literacy
1 July	NS: Life Sciences component	EMS: Accounting	CAT / History / IT	Business Studies / Physical Science / History	Life Sciences / CAT / Art
8 July	Creative Arts	Natural Science	Life Sciences / Art	English	Maths/Maths Literacy
15 July	Mid-year Exams				Afrikaans/ isiZulu
22 July	Mid-year Exams				English

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

Please could parents take note of the following important dates for the forthcoming term:
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DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
07 May	Second term Starts	All learners and Staff
09 May	Parent/Teacher Interviews 09:00 to 11:00	All parents, learners and staff
13 May	Assembly	All Staff and Learners
18 May	Gr 11: Applications for Prefecture opens	Grades 11 Learners

18 May	Gr 9 Subject Choice Meeting	Gr 9 Parents and learners
20 May	Cycle tests begin	All parents, learners and staff
22 May	Blood Bank drive	All learners and Staff
29 May	Gr 11: Applications for Prefecture closes	Grades 11 Learners
01 June	Scheduling Prefecture Interviews	Grades 11 Learners
08 June	Prefecture Interviews commences	Grades 11 Learners
08 June	Mid-year Exam schedule issued	School Management Team
08 June	Demarcations published	School Management Team
12 June	Civvies day School dismisses at 12:00 Prelim timetable issued	All parents, learners and staff
15 June	First day of Mid-Term Break	All parents, learners and staff
16 June	Youth Day	All parents, learners and staff
23 June	Last day of Mid-term break	All parents, learners and staff
24 June	Second half of the term continues. Prefecture interviews continue	Grades 11 Learners
15 July	Assembly & Prefecture Announcement	All learners and Staff
16 July	Gr 8 to 11 Mid-year exams start	Gr 8 to 11 learners and Staff
27 July	Gr 12 Prelims start	Gr 12 learners and Staff
05 August	Gr 8 to 11 Mid-year exams end Gr 12 Prelims part 1 ends	Gr 8 to 11 learners and Staff
06 August	Planetarium excursion	All learners and Staff
07 August	Term 2 Ends Term 2 Reports Issued Civvies day	All parents, learners and staff

10 August	Gr 12 Winter School starts	Gr 12 learners and Staff
21 August	Gr 12 Winter School ends	Gr 12 learners and Staff
03 September	Third Term Starts Gr 12 Prelims part 2 starts	All parents, learners and staff

As we prepare to start school on Thursday, I would like to wish everyone all the best for this packed term.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Harris
Executive Headmaster