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MID-YEAR EXAMS, PRELIMS & MANDELA DAY

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1 MID-YEAR EXAMS

We will start our mid-year exams on **Thursday**. Please note that all learners must be at school at **07:45** as in most cases, a 3-hour exam must start at 07:50 for 10 minutes reading time. I therefore need to ask all parents to please ensure that their child arrives timeously for the start of the exam.

⚠ A learner arriving late will NOT be given extra time.

We also expect that all learners come to school with the **correct stationery** as borrowing from fellow learners is not allowed. Stationery must be stored in a **see-through pencil case or a plastic sleeve**.

GRADE 11 — IMPORTANT

These exams are particularly important for the **Grade 11s** as these marks will be part of the final mark reflected on the Grade 11 report at year end. It is the **Grade 11 report that is accepted by universities** when children apply for admission, so it is imperative that children maximise their marks.

Grade 8 to 10 learners must also note that the weighting of the exams carries a significant part of the term mark:

GRADE	EXAMS + CYCLE TESTS WEIGHTING
Grades 8 & 9	60%
Grades 10 & 11	75%

Normal classes for Grade 8 to 11s will take place up to and including the **15th July**. Learners do not have permission to stay at home until the exams start, whereafter, they then follow the exam timetable.

During the exams, the grade 8 and 9 learners will remain at school from **07:45 until dismissed at 14:30**.

Grade 10 & 11 learners must arrive **30 minutes before an exam starts** and may leave after they have written their exam(s) for the day. It will be the learner's responsibility to arrive timeously for each exam. An exam that is missed cannot be made up unless a **doctor's note** is provided.

2 PRELIM EXAMS — GRADE 12

The Grade 12 learners will start writing Prelim exams from the **27th July**. Normal classes, teaching and revision continues until then, and the expectation is that all Grade 12s will attend classes each day. Grade 12s are expected to report at the hall at least **30 minutes before an exam is to start**. Late arrival will not allow the learner to have extra-time to complete their exam.

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3 MANDELA DAY

Tomorrow is celebrated as **Mandela Day**. Our school gets involved each year. We collect dry foodstuff and turn them into **Mandela Hope Jars**. Each jar can feed 4 people and provides a nutritious balanced meal.

The Preparatory school also supports this initiative, although it originally started in the College. We welcome and appreciate all the donations that our Preparatory School has made.

We are appealing to all our parents to support this initiative. We made **180 jars last year** and we are hoping to equal or better that record this year. We are looking for donations of:

- 2 kg packet of rice, or
- 500g of dry lentils, or
- 2 x 500g dry soup mix, or
- 1450g bulk soup powder or 6 x 50g soup powder (any flavour), or
- 2 boxes of 12 of any flavour stock cubes, or
- R35 in cash

Cash donations will be used to buy any of the above ingredients that we may need to complete the jars.

★ **2 merits** will be awarded to children that bring in an empty large coffee jar, large peanut butter glass jar, or large mayonnaise glass jar into which we will pack the ingredients.

We will be taking the jars to **Kencare, Kensington Methodist Church** on **30 July** so there is still opportunity for last minute donations.

4 PREFECTS 2026/2027

We will hold a **formal assembly on the 15th July** to announce our prefects for the 2026/2027 academic year. I will make the appropriate announcements in my next newsletter.

5 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

As you are aware, we have moved our school data onto **Ed-Admin**. This means that our accounts have also moved onto the new system and all parents have **new account numbers** on the Ed-Admin system.

We would like to request all parents to update their payment references as follows:

1. Please look at your Ed-Admin account.
2. On the top right of the statement, you will see your account number. This will be a **6-digit number starting with 30XXXX** where XXXX is the remainder of your account number.
3. If you look at your statement, just above the comment section, you will see a line that says: **"Please use XXXXXX and your child's name for all payment references."**

4. Please update your **BENEFICIARY REFERENCE / RECIPIENT REFERENCE** on your banking app to include that 6-digit number along with your child's name.
5. This will assist our computer's AI system to pick up your payment and make sure it is allocated correctly.
6. We ask parents who still are using the **old Ed-Admin account numbers** especially, to update these to the new account number as the old number causes confusion.
7. Finally, please note that we have many families with the same surname. A surname alone is not helpful when allocating payments. To prevent misallocated payments, please include the **child's first and last name** with the account number.

6 IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

Please could parents take note of the following important dates for the remainder of this term:

DATE	EVENT	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
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

Yours sincerely,

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