



NEWSLETTER 68/2025

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

RE: END OF TERM 1 – GRADE 9 NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress and achievements of our students and express my gratitude to our BHS parents for your continued support throughout this term. This term was indeed short, challenging and yes, a lot of adjustment for our grade 9's.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your child. It has been a pleasure witnessing their growth and development over the past few months. Thank you to our team of amazing educators who always go above and beyond to teach and support our BHS learners.

Our learners were involved in very exciting planned activities during this term. A fun-filled trip to Ushaka Marine on 13th March 2025 allowed many of our learners to engage in informative group discussions and an amazing Dolphin Show to end the day. Our annual Valentine's Day Show showcased many of our learners' talents and skills in the arts.

We also encourage our learners to participate in sport and the various cultural programmes offered at our school, as we pride ourselves on catering to each child's holistic development at Brettonwood High School.

Parents kindly take note of the following:

ACADEMICS AND DISCIPLINE

A school's success is based on its discipline and academic achievements. Our team of hardworking and dedicated educators pave the way for discipline and enforcing the code of conduct. We aim to be the best. However, we still have learners with

- Uniform infringements
- Shaving issues
- Late coming
- Attending lessons late and bunking lessons
- Poor work ethic and meeting deadlines for assessments
- Non- attendance to the after school eighth lesson program

In this term it was a real challenge to get learners focused and ready for the internal tests set by subject educators. Parents are urged to be involved and ensure learners have a proper study timetable and revision program.

Parents of learners who continue to disregard the code of conduct and show lack of interest in their children's academics and who do not co-operate with educators will be contacted immediately for a consultation.

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ID DOCUMENTS

The Department of Home Affairs has provided an opportunity to assist learners with obtaining ID CARDS. Learners will be identified and letters will be sent home to start the process. Parents are urged to accompany your child in this regard.

POLICIES

Kindly take note that we have a ZERO TOLERANCE TO BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING. Cell phones including ear pods and smart devices are NOT ALLOWED at school. Kindly refer to the Code of conduct for the various sanctions.

UNIFORM

Uniform and attire play a crucial role in maintaining discipline and order at our school. Learner's defaulting will be dealt with and in certain cases parents will be contacted. As we approach JUNE exams there will be NO UNIFORM INFRINGEMENTS TOLERATED. Name badges are compulsory for clear identification during exams. Winter uniforms, including ties is compulsory in term 2 and 3.

COLLECTIONS/ LEGACY PROJECT

Sincere thanks to everyone who has brought in the TWO REAMS OF PAPER AND SPORTS FEE (R200). However, the Grade 9 team have NOT received all the above mentioned. We appeal to you to please ensure that you meet your obligations to the school so that we can have all necessary resources and examination papers printed for our learners.

The legacy project is the highlight of Brettonwood school culture. We would like for our class of 2025 to contribute to the upliftment and legacy of our school and future generations to come.

The R150 contributed will allow them to give something to our school that we lack at our school, which is air conditioning in the hall, to ensure each learner is comfortable during assemblies and examinations. Parents, please support us in this endeavour as we continue to strive for excellence.

LUNCHBOX WEDNESDAY

We have started a new initiative at our school 'Lunchbox Wednesday'. This was done to encourage our learners to focus on healthy eating habits as well as bringing a healthy packed lunch on a Wednesday which will eventually lead to healthy choices every day. We urge you to ensure your child/ward makes healthy food choices and live healthy lifestyles, as this greatly impacts their performance and attention during lessons.

EVENTS

There are many events and activities planned for TERM 2. Letters will be issued with regard to cost of each event. Learners together with parents MUST plan for these events as collections will begin in term 2.

1	Grade 9 excursion	9 May 2025
2	Picnic Day	TBA

The upcoming June Examinations are a crucial time in the academic year. We encourage you to create a positive and supportive home environment which can significantly enhance your child's learning experience. Parents, do ensure that your children are well equipped and prepared for each paper written. A timetable will be issued well in advance for study purposes. Regular

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check-ins with your child should be done to ensure they have all the necessary resources, stationery, textbooks and updated note books at all times.

I also take this opportunity to alert all parents and learners about the consequences of dishonesty and cheating during exams and tests. Learners will be required to appear before a disciplinary hearing with their parents present when caught cheating. Medical certificates must be brought to school in the case of a learner being absent during a scheduled exam.

As we look forward to the upcoming break, I encourage you to take this time to rest and recharge with your families. Term 2 holds many more opportunities for growth and achievement, and I am confident that with our collective efforts, our learners will continue to thrive.

All learners return on **8 April 2025** for the commencement of Term 2. Please ensure that your child comes prepared for Day 2 of the timetable. Term 1 report will be issued to learners tomorrow, **28 March 2025**. A parent meeting is scheduled for 15 April 2025. Parents of learners who struggle with academics or have behavior problems will receive invitations to this meeting.

School closes on **28 March 2025** at **9h45**. Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to me, Mrs Maistry (Grade Head) or Mrs Lazarus (HOD) supervising the grade, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Your feedback is always welcome and helps us to improve our practices for the benefit of all our learners.

For more information our school as an amazing informative website which you can access to at www.brettonwoodhighschool.co.za . Also visit us on our social media platforms : [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#).

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable break ahead.

Warm regards,

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