

NEWSLETTER 69/2025

Dear Parent/ Guardian

26 March 2025

RE: END OF TERM 1 – GRADE 11 NEWSLETTER

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. It is pleasing to know that many of you have shown keen interest in the overall progress of your learner in this term.

This term has been a long yet productive term in many aspects with our grade 11s. There has been many aspects to celebrate. There has been overall victory in our extracurricular activities such as debating. Our grade 11 debating team has been consistently winning in weekly matches against many prestigious schools. These exceptional learners have also won best speaker awards and become mentors to the junior grades. As a result, the junior team also won their match. I want to salute this grade 11 team for their excellent and consistent performance. We encourage all grade 11s to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The general discipline of the grade 11s have improved drastically as many of our learners have become more mature in their response to their compliance to the code of conduct. All classes have improved overall in terms of discipline. However, there are a few exceptions with some learners. However, late coming and absenteeism is still of major concern with certain learners. We need your support, as a parent, on these issues. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time and that they produce a letter of absence when they return to school. Learners engaging in fights over trivial issues is also concerning. These issues of contention could have been resolved verbally and amicably. However, learners resort to violence. We appeal to you, the parent, to advise your child on these matters and to preach self-restraint to them.

The aspect of collection of reams of paper, sports fees and legacy fees is another issue of concern. All learners are required to bring 2 reams of paper and pay R200 (sports fees) as well as R150 (legacy fees). Thank you to all those who have responded positively to these requirements. However, many learners have not complied to this issue as yet. We urge all parents to make payment so that these collection issues can be concluded early in term 2.

Many learners have improved as far as uniform is concerned. This serves as a reminder that all learners should be neatly clad in their Winter uniform in term 2 and 3. This means that all learners need to wear a tie and blazers. Only the complete tracksuit will

be allowed. In other words, the tracksuit jacket must be worn with the pants. The issue of short skirts must be addressed with your child. While most of the girls comply with wearing the correct length skirts, extremely short skirts are still worn by a minority. We require your support on this issue. Hair dye and extensions are also not allowed, yet some learners infringe on this issue.

There are some learners who are still struggling with their subject packages as a result of choosing subjects that they are not inclined to academically. We urge you to monitor the academic progress of your child as learners are allowed to change subjects before term 3.

The Ethekwini Municipality is embarking on an Identity Document Drive. We encourage all learners who have not applied for their documents to take advantage of this opportunity presented to our school, as it is free of charge. Hence there is no financial cost incurred on your part. Please support this drive by providing the school with all the necessary paperwork, ie. Learners birth certificate, learner's ID number, parent name, parent ID number and contact details. Your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

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. Please note that Term 1 reports will be issued to learners on **15 April 2025**. Also note that a parent meeting is scheduled for learners who have struggled with academics or experienced behavioral issues. This will take place on **15 April 2025**. Invitations will be sent to such parents and the learners report will be issued to the parent.

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

We want to wish the grade 11s a restful and enjoyable holiday and may they be rejuvenated to embrace the challenges of term 2. We look forward to seeing all our learners, in good health, neatly attired in their uniforms and on time on the first day of next term.



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