

NEWSLETTER 71/2025

Dear Parent/ Guardian

27 March 2025

RE: END OF TERM 1 - GRADE 10 NEWSLETTER

As we bid farewell to a wonderful term at Brettonwood High School, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and hard work.



We are pleased to reflect on what has been a successful and rewarding term. Our staff members have gone above and beyond to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment.

Grade 10 has been an extraordinary academic year, as learners had the opportunity to engage with subjects of their choice in most cases. As we approach the release of the academic reports early next term, we encourage parents and guardians to carefully review their child's performance.

Should your child be experiencing significant academic challenges, it is advisable to consider a subject change at this stage. Adjusting now can help alleviate stress and promote better academic outcomes over the next three years of high school.

During the course of the term, learners and staff have been involved in a wide range of extra and co-curricular activities that we have enjoyed and celebrated. Please may we continue to encourage participation in and out of the classroom.

Learner ID Cards

We are excited to announce that through a partnership between our School, the eThekwini Municipality and the Department of Home Affairs, we will be able to expedite the process of ID acquisition for all elegible (16 years and older) Brettonwood learners. Parents and learners are urged to take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Ream Collections and Sports Fees

We would like to thank all parents who have graciously supported our Ream Collections, Sports Fees, and Legacy Project initiatives. For parents who have not yet contributed, we kindly request that these requirements are met at the start of the new term to ensure that your child is fully prepared.

School Uniform

As we prepare for Term 2, we would like to remind parents and learners of our school uniform policy. High standards of appearance remain a priority, as we believe they foster a sense of pride and responsibility. Learners will be expected to wear the full **winter uniform** next term, which includes a tie at all times and a blazer on Mondays for assembly. Please note that any non-uniform items, such as unauthorized jackets, will be confiscated. We appreciate your cooperation in upholding our school's code of conduct.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for academic success. All learners are expected to be at school by **7:30 am**, with the main gate closing promptly at **7:45 am**. Should your child be absent, please ensure that a written explanation is provided upon their return. We kindly request that medical and personal appointments be scheduled outside school hours whenever possible.

Cell Phones and Earphones

Please be reminded that mobile phones and earphones are not permitted to be seen or used during the school day, including during lesson changeovers. Any learner found in possession of a cell phone will have it confiscated, regardless of whether it was in use. A penalty fee of **R100** will apply for the return of confiscated phones. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged personal belongings. In the event of an emergency, the school office will contact you directly.

Behaviour and Discipline

We are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and disciplined learning environment. Unfortunately, we have received reports of unacceptable behaviour by some learners, both on school premises and on school transport. We kindly request your support in reinforcing the importance of respectful conduct at all times. Brettonwood High School takes pride in being a **bully-free zone**, and any form of bullying, teasing, name-calling, or violence will not be tolerated.

Term 2 Academic Calendar

Please note that Term 2 will be shorter than usual due to public holidays that fall on school days. This condensed term presents both challenges and opportunities. Your support and involvement will be vital to ensure that your child stays focused and motivated.

The upcoming **June examinations** are a crucial part of the academic year. We encourage parents to foster a positive learning environment at home, support regular study habits, and celebrate the efforts and achievements of your children. Please also ensure that your child is equipped with all necessary resources, such as textbooks and stationery.

We remind parents and learners that any form of dishonesty, including cheating during assessments, is viewed in a serious light. Learners caught cheating will be required to appear before a disciplinary hearing, accompanied by a parent. Additionally, a valid medical certificate is required for any absenteeism during formal assessments.

For regular updates and information, please visit our school website: www.brettonwoodhighschool.co.za

Should you require any assistance or support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish you and your families a safe, restful, and happy term break. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to educate and develop your children.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B. Ndlovu Grade 10 Head Mrs S. Michael Deputy Principal