



Hoërskool Voortrekkers

Witsie

Mission

Die skool se voornemmer is om die skool te ontwikkel deur 'n partnerskap tussen ouers en onderwysers wat tot die ontwikkeling van ons kinders en die ontwikkeling van die gemeenskap deur middel van hoër kwaliteit onderwys dra by.

The school's aim is to develop the school through an equal partnership between parents and educators resulting in the enrichment of our children and the development of each one to further full potential through quality education, to the benefit of the community.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

NEWSLETTER

1. Programme 11 October – 22 October 2021

11 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 4 Girls Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
12 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 5 Boys Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
13 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 5 Girls Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School Scope for end of year given
14 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 1 Boys Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
15 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 1 Girls Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School Gr 10 – 12 Report Cards
18 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 2 Boys Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
19 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 2 Girls Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
20 October	Gr 12 CAT Prac Group 1 8:00; Group 2 13:30 Gr 8, 9 - Day 3 Boys Gr 10 – 12 All learners at School
21 October	Gr 8, 9 - Day 3 Girls Gr 10, 11 Tourism PAT All other gr 10, 11 – no school
22 October	Gr 10, 11 Tourism PAT All other gr 10, 11 - no school. Gr 12 Merit Awards and Admission letters Gr 8, 9 no school

2. **GRADE 12**
NSC Final Examinations start on 27 October 2021.

3. SUBJECT CHOICES GR 9:

The subject choice forms of the gr 9 learners must be returned, as we must start planning the timetable for 2022.

4. FORMS / VORMS:

The following forms need to be returned to school:

- Whats App consent forms
- Reregistration forms
- Blue cards that are sent out with report cards.

5. SCHOOL FEES:

We are experiencing financial difficulties due to the impact of COVID 19. We urge all parents to please pay school fees. School fee statements will be handed out with the report cards. We are a **fee-paying** school and therefore you have a responsibility towards the school. All outstanding accounts will be handed to debt collectors in 2022.

6. COVID PROTOCOLS

We would like to thank all parents for enforcing the wearing of masks to protect our learners at school.

7. END OF YEAR EXAMS

The end-of-year timetable will be handed out on 15 October 2021.

Gr 10 & 11

The revised weighting for SBA in Grades 10 and 11 counts 60% of the final progression mark. The 60% weighting will comprise all assessment tasks conducted in term 1, 2 and term 3. The increased weighting of 60% for SBA will ensure that the teachers' ongoing assessment in the classroom plays a more important role than the final end-of-year school-based test in determining whether the learner will be promoted. The current 25% weighting of School Based Assessment (SBA) is increased to 60% and the examination component which is currently 75% is decreased to 40% resulting in a 60:40 weighting as opposed to the current 25:75 weighting.

GR 8 & 9

The revised weighting for SBA in Grades 8 and 9 counts 80% of the final progression mark. The 80% weighting will comprise all assessment tasks conducted in term 1, 2 and term 3. The increased weighting of 80% for SBA will ensure that the teachers' ongoing assessment in the classroom plays a more important role than the final end-of-year school-based test in determining whether the learner should be promoted to the next grade. The end of the year test will carry a weighting of 20% in Grades 8 & 9.

8. TEXTBOOKS:

Textbooks must be returned to school. Please ensure that the textbook is in an acceptable condition. Textbooks are very costly, and it is worrying to note that some learners do not look after their textbooks. If a textbook is ruined or lost, the parent must pay R300 per textbook before the report cards are released at the end of the year.

9. UNSUPERVISED LEARNERS:

More and more learners are unsupervised at home. We are experiencing high absenteeism and poor performance. Parents we urge you to arrange supervision and to limit your child's free time. Learners must be at home after school preparing for the exams.

10. EXAMINATION RULES:

Firstly, we may not deviate from the prescribed exam times. This means ALL learners have to write the exams as scheduled WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

The Gauteng Department of Education Policy clearly states that a medical certificate must be handed in if a learner does not write an exam paper. A note from a parent is not a valid reason for missing an exam.

There have been many inquiries concerning cram-time. There is no official cram-time. Classrooms are available for study purposes. The majority of grade 8 and 9 learners are still of school going age. These learners must be at school for the entire day. It does happen that grade 10 and 11 learners write only one exam paper per day.

Please note that if a learner arrives late at school during the exam, no extra time may be given to complete the exam paper.

11. POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONES:

No learner may use a cell phone during school hours. A learner's phone will be confiscated if it is used and only returned at the end of the year. Policy regarding the use of cell phones during an exam, states that the learner **may not** have a cell phone on him/her. This also applies to smartphones.

12. AGM:

A reminder that the AGM to approve the school budget for 2022 will be held on 28 October 2021 at 18h00 in the school hall as per attached notice.

13. OUR VALUES:

Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be safe

Vorie Regards



Mrs A Black
Principal