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Dear Parents and Guardians

The mid-year assessments concluded today for learners. It was a new experience for several grades that should translate into quality learning. We are mindful of the adjusted academic programmes of the past two years that denied learners the experience of full-scale examinations. Interpreting this term's results require a new approach, because there is no valid reference for any meaningful comparison. We need to track learners' progress from Term 1 and assess their progress in the areas that we identified at the parent-teacher-learner conferences earlier this term. We will speak further on this in the parent meetings scheduled for next week.

Parent Meetings

Three virtual meetings are scheduled. All three meetings start at 6pm. Invitations were emailed.

20 June: Grade 8 and 9

22 June: Grade 10 and 11

23 June: Grade 12.

Meetings will focus on grade matters, an academic overview of the mid-year assessments, and the Semester 2 programme. Parents may post questions in the chat which staff will monitor and answer. The end-of-term letter will include links to the recordings of these meetings.

Last week of Term 2

Contrary to learners' perception that nothing happens at school during the last week of term, this is a very important part of the term programme. School starts at 08h00 and ends at 13h05 from Monday to Thursday, and at 10h30 on Friday. Grade assemblies will replace sport periods.

Monday 20/06: Day 1 and 2 (shortened periods) of Semester 1. Learners will receive their answer scripts to check their marks and clear up any uncertainty about the assessment. Grade 8 and 9 will have the last periods with their elective teachers.

Tuesday 21/06: Semester 2 starts with Day 2. The Semester 2 timetable is attached to this letter. Grade 8 and 9 learners meet their new elective teachers. These introductory lessons are very important to their success in the new subject. Grades 10 to 12 will have in-depth discussions on the mid-year assessments and focus on the identified weaknesses as well as continue with new work over the next few days.

Our vision of success:

GSHS learners are accountable, well-balanced people striving for academic excellence, while living lives of significance and service.

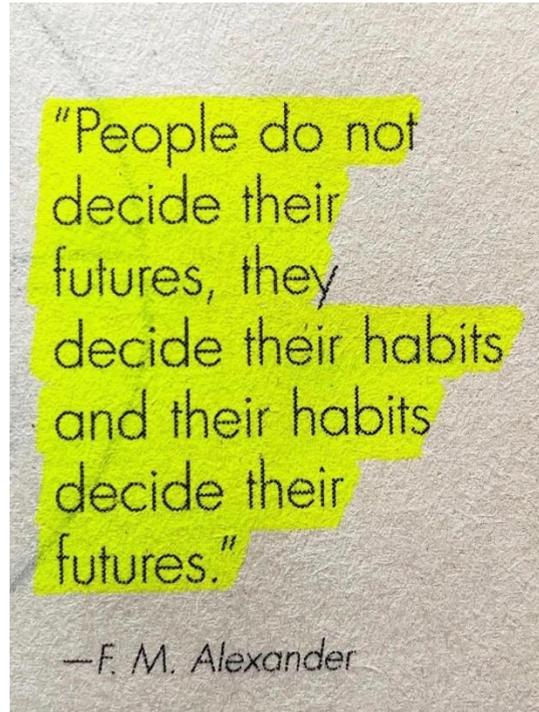
Wednesday 22/06: Day 3

Thursday 23/06: Day 4

Friday 24/06: School Assembly, Academic tracking and General Knowledge Quiz

Parents and guardians should note that work done during the last week of term will not be repeated. School attendance is a non-negotiable.

Food for thought



Stay blessed.

Marius Ehrenreich