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Dear Parents and Guardians

Term 1 reports were published today. The halls were filled with shrieks of delight (or surprise?) when learner reports became available on their devices. Parents who have the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal or the Edana Parent Portal, would have received the report on the portal. All parents should also have received it in an email. We aim to migrate all families, parents and learners, to the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal. Communication will be more immediate, and two-way communication is simplified.

A "How To" video will be published on Tuesday to assist parents who are not yet using this platform.

Staff Matters

We welcome Ms Sameegah Joseph (Afrikaans and LO) and Ms Nicole Darries (librarian) in place of Mr Anthony Kronenberg and Ms Jamie Erasmus respectively. Ms Paula Gerard (English) resigned at the end of Term 1. Her post is still vacant – none of the many applicants were suitable. Mr Dorian Esau takes her Head of Gr. 10 position, and will be assisted by Ms Phumla Sono.

The Term 1 Report

Please note the following important information regarding this report:

- ☞ The school wants to ensure that all learners – from Gr. 8 to 12, produce results that meet the minimum requirements for a bachelor's pass. The internal pass requirement is set at 50% in every subject in order to achieve this objective. This requirement is applied in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The Department of Basic Education's promotion requirements apply in Term 4;
- ☞ A score below 50% is denoted by an asterisk (*) in the BAW columns to draw your attention to the underperformance;
- ☞ A blank in the mark column indicates that the learner missed the assessment with a valid reason. Class averages do not apply in Terms 1, 2 and 3;

- ☞ A 0 (nil) score indicates that the learner missed the assessment without a valid reason. Such a result is deemed to be incomplete and may result in a FAIL report in Term 4. This requires your urgent attention;

Parent-Teacher-Learner Meetings

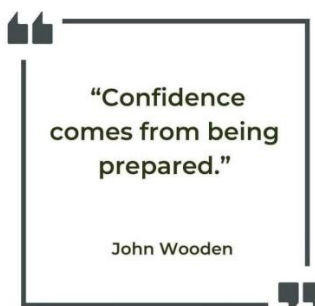
Intervention meetings are scheduled for Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April from 16h00 to 18h15 on both days.

Where learners achieved below 50% in a subject, parents and learners would be required to attend intervention meetings with the respective subject teachers. In all of the above instances, teachers will make personalised meeting slots available on the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal. The booking platform will be available on the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal, from Wednesday morning, on the 10th of April, for parents to book their slots with the respective teachers.

Parents who do not receive an invitation but would like to meet with a teacher, may email the teacher to initiate the request. If space allows during the intervention sessions, a meeting will be scheduled. If not, an alternative meeting time will be fixed.

Term 2 Academic Programme

Term 2 has 51 school days. Of these, FET and GET examinations require 16 days and 10 days respectively. There are therefore 35 actual schooldays (FET) for instruction – three of which are done. This includes all school days up to the last day of term. **We (learners, parents and teachers) need to hold one another accountable for our time-on-task.**



Extra classes resume on Monday, 8 April. These classes build skills and confidence and improve exam preparation. Learners are strongly advised to attend these classes.

Our vision of success:

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

The assessment programme will be published shortly.

This term is punctuated with public holidays that disrupt our academic rhythm. Election Day on 29 May will be another disruption. All the public holidays hold great historical and symbolic significance; however, they can not be non-academic days for learners.

Newly-elected School Governing Body

The SGB elected their office bearers who will serve until January 2025. Office bearers are elected every year.

Chairperson - Mr Eugene Avontuur
 Vice chairperson - Mr Shaheid Schrueder
 Treasurer - Ms Feroza Cassim
 Secretary - Ms Ragiema Petersen
 Minute Secretary - Ms René Herbert

The SGB started their work in earnest. The school appreciates all that they do, and we wish them a very successful term of service.

Solar Project – Phase 2

The capacity of the school's solar plant was doubled to completely overcome loadshedding in the short term, and counter energy price inflation over the long term. The revised capacities are 100 kVA inverters, 125kW battery storage and 60kW solar array. Although the capital cost is astronomical, it is an excellent investment in the future, in both the generation capacity of the installation and the resultant savings, as well as the peace of mind that learning and teaching will not be interrupted by outages.

Winter School Uniform

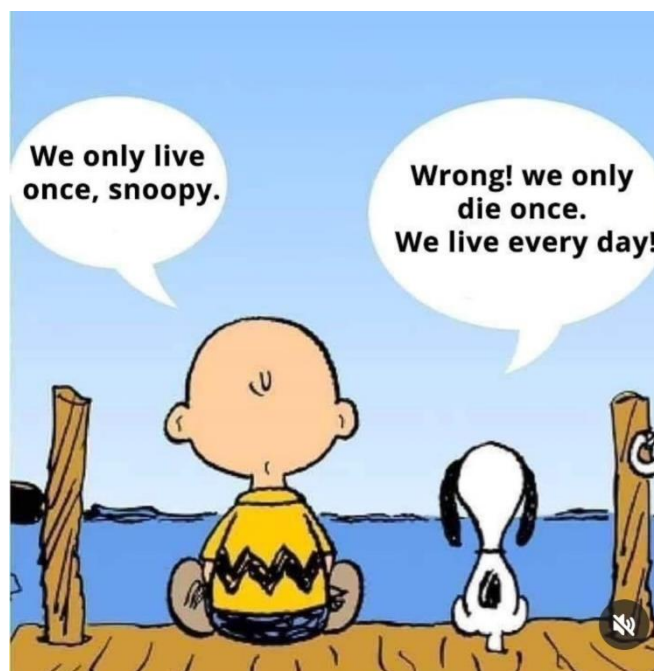
The official switch-over to winter uniform is on 29 April. Parents should familiarise themselves with the school uniform and ensure that learners are appropriately attired. This remains the parents' responsibility.

The uniform shop at the finance office has stock of most winter items. Please purchase the winter uniform in good time.

Important Dates

April	10	Eid ul-Fitr
	11	Poetry and Monologue Evening
	12	Interschools Science Quiz
	15 – 19	Literacy Week
	18 – 20	Gr. 11 Fashion Show
	22	Blood Donation Clinic
May	01	Workers' Day (school closed)
	20	FET Mid-year assessments start
	27	GET Mid-year assessments start
	29	National Voting Day (school closed)
June	07	GET and FET Mid-year assessments end
	10 – 14	Normal classes resume
	14	School closes at 12h00 Staff lunch at 12h30

Food for thought



Stay Blessed!
 Marius Ehrenreich