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Dear Alex Family Members

Back to school for Term 3

After a holiday that ended up longer than planned with a good deal of very disturbing activity in the country there is a good chance that your family is feeling a bit unsettled. Please make a deliberate effort to check on the anxiety levels of your children as they prepare to return to school and to write some exams. Please don't assume that everything is ok. Teenagers are not well known for their interactiveness. They may not be aware that they are stressing. Please take some precious time to engage with them and create opportunities for dialogue. Sometimes a problem shared is a problem halved.

We return to school for Term 3 on Monday 26 July. We start with the two days of exams that were scheduled for Thursday 1 July and Friday 2 July last term. The updated timetable is on our website for download (<https://bit.ly/3kGUza7>). Please ensure that your children are aware of the papers that they must write. The venues are on the timetable and the seating plans are on the arhs.vip site. If anyone is in quarantine or is displaying any symptoms that are on the Covid-19 list, they must remain at home. The safety of everyone at school is more important than any exam. If this is the case, please contact the school to ensure that we know the details.

As a result of the move in term dates and a few adjustments made by us, we have a new version of the academic days document. You last had version 5 printed and stuck to your fridge door. Please discard that and replace it with version 7 (<https://bit.ly/2V4dDV4>). Please take note of the Summer Sport Awards Assembly on Friday next week. Those in the green group who will be working from home on Friday will be invited to join us in the hall by 13H20 to accept the award. The list of those getting an award is at the end of this newsletter. We normally invite the parents of the award winners to join us in the assembly. We will ask you to join us via a live feed on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/CF6yLB1Fa0A>). Only the award winners will be in the hall; the rest of the blue group will join from their classrooms.

Reports for Term 2 will be sent on Wednesday 4 August. The Grade 10s will have until Friday 6 August to make a subject change if they wish to. If a subject change is needed, please send your child to Dr McGregor with a letter from you stating that you would like the specified subject change and the reason (e.g., not coping with current subject). Please do not email the teacher or Dr McGregor with your requests. We have a process that must be followed to ensure that there are no administrative errors.

Only Grade 10s may apply for a subject change before Friday 6 August. Grade 11s will have a final opportunity to change one subject at the end of the year.

Last term I asked you to have a little book inspection over the holidays. We are particularly concerned about books that don't have a contact plastic cover or books that are in poor condition (broken spine or missing or torn covers). Please identify any books that need attention. If you can, please set your child the task of repairing or covering the book. If you need materials, please send your child to Ms Felix next week to get what is needed. I need everyone to support us in this cause. We don't want to waste money replacing textbooks that should have been better maintained.

We are still collecting blankets and jerseys and jackets for people who need them. If you have any winter woollies that you are no longer using, please don't leave them in the cupboard for the moths to eat. Send them to school, where there is a collection box outside the printing room. I am sure you appreciate your winter kit when the weather is bad; imagine being without shelter and warm blankets and clothes. It makes a big difference to the recipients.

Stay safe and warm this week.

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal

List of Summer Sports award winners for assembly on Friday 30 July at 10H30.

Athletics	
Ajam	Umar
Bell	Nuriya
Brandon	Ntsiki
Chimwendo	Patrige
De Villiers	Bradley
Dlepu	Siviwe
Dolonga	Qhama
Fourie	Ian
Gxoyiya	Joshua
Mcalu	Likhaya
Mhlontlo	Sithenkosi
Pillay	Tamica
Qoma	Aqhama
Ryan	Raheem

Sam	Siyavuya
Sobekwa	Luvo
Van Tonder	Adeeb
Swimming	
Botha	Jasmin
Lugogwana	Luniko
Rautenbach	Cadwyn
Girls' Cricket	
Bosman	Jade-Leigh
Botha	Amber
Campodonico	Abigail-Taryn
Damons	Jasmin
Grootboom	Tamzin
Holster	Ashleigh
Kramer	Cleo
Mardon	Maalikhah
Oerson	Charisma
Pienaar	Brooklynn
Boys' Cricket	
Felix	Mordecai
Hufkey	Luke
Le Minnie	Kayrian
Rockman	Gerhard
Sokutu	Aphelele
Wabanie	Caleb
Cricket Scorers	
Bosman	Jade-Leigh
Campher	Lauren
Draai	Cassidy
Hahn	Stephanie
Hutton	Ciara
Jordaan	Clarissa
Pienaar	Brooklynn
Stoffberg	Tashlynn

Boys' Water polo	
Dyakala	Siphesihle
Felix	Connor
Padayachee	Sachin
Schroeder	Daniel
Van Zyl	André
Van Zyl	James
Girls' Water polo	
Cohen	Julia
Cragg	Cally-Rae
De Kock	Mieke
Kirsten	Rebecca
McLean	Casey
Palmer	Georgia-Jo
Seeber	Morgan
Water polo Scorers	
Bassadien	Sàrah
Batsis	Evangelos
Doyle	Ross
Ross	Jamey-Lee
Schroeder	Alexa
Sokutu	Lusanda