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## The end-of-winter newsletter

When I consider the possibility that today and tomorrow could be close to the coldest days of this year, it is a little sobering to think that next week holds the first day of September. I am sure we all appreciate the rain that has accompanied the last few cold fronts. Enjoy Spring Day on Wednesday next week and don't gripe about the cold weather or the rain because we need the rain, and sometimes we have to endure.

We had another fantastic Alex moment today as we celebrated our academic successes from the first half of the year. Congratulations to all the award winners. If you would like to see the recorded assembly, please follow the link. <https://youtu.be/fYwf4-CYnAg>

The Grade 12s made a start on their trial exams this week with CAT and IT practicals yesterday and today, respectively. The full exams begin in earnest on Monday and we welcome the grade 11s back to attendance every day. We wish our Matrics all the very best.

A reminder for parents and guardians of Grade 12s: if the Grade 12 is ill on the day of an exam and they cannot write, please contact us. You will need a medical certificate. If the Grade 12 is in quarantine, they must report to Cordingley House (where the clothing shop is) to write the exam in the isolation venue.

Everyone else in the school should keep their children at home if there is any sign of illness or if anyone in the family has been sent to get tested for Coronavirus antibodies.

The Grade 11 register classes have been split into their colour groups. The blue group will go to their existing register class and the green groups will go to the following:

venues for registration on Monday:

Green 11S - Ms Stapelfeldt in PB06

Green 11E - Ms Weber in PB09

Green 11N - Ms Everard in TF09

Green 11I - Ms Hague in TB07

Green 11O - Mr McCoy in PB05

Green 11R - stay with Ms Kruger in TB09

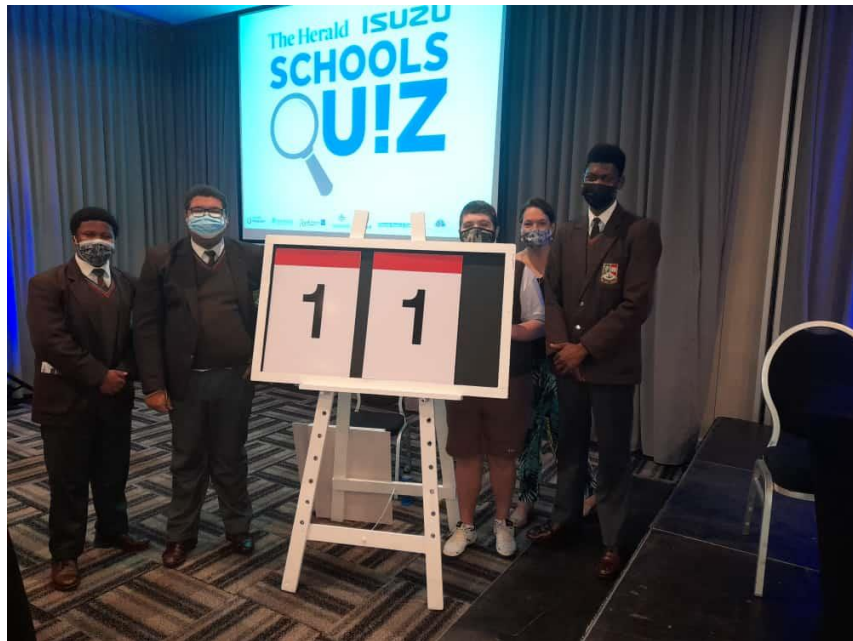
Green 11Z - Mr Kleyn in TF01

A few of the larger subject classes have been moved into larger venues to keep everyone safe.

I am sure that you will remember that we had a few supply issues with the brown school jersey at the start of the year. I had made a concession to allow the wearing of tracksuits during the school day to keep everyone warm if they could not get a jersey. The supply of the brown jerseys has been restored and, as of the start of the second term, we went back to the original rule which kept the tracksuit for use with sport, as it was designed. There are still a few people wearing their tracksuits to school. Please be aware that tracksuits are not to be worn to school. If anyone is cold, they can wear additional undergarments in order to keep warm. Our tracksuits don't wear very well. They are not made of a very robust fabric and they start to deteriorate fairly soon with daily use. We need to look good when we use them at sporting events.

Please keep an eye on the dress of your children. They should not wear white socks with formal school uniform; their earrings should be gold or silver and 3mm in diameter or less. We don't allow sparkles or dangles on earlobes with school uniform. Anyone with long hair should clip or tie up the hair that falls into the face, and any hair that can reach the collar. These are fairly practical requirements. Please support us in this regard.

We wish our Quiz Team all the very best for tomorrow. They will be competing in the semi-finals, and hopefully the finals of the Isuzu Herald Interschools' Quiz Competition. They have ended the last two days with the highest score of the day, giving us all a good dose of adrenalin when they were 5-1 down and came back to win the round. From the left: Bayolise Vukuza, Kieran White, Rieth Schultz, Ms Smit and Isaac Ugue.



Please keep yourself and your loved ones safe and warm this week.

Regards

Matthew Ridgway  
Principal