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Dear Alex Family Members

The Student Leaders newsletter

You could be forgiven for thinking it is Friday, or I am a bit early with my newsletter. I take full responsibility. It is Thursday and this is the last newsletter for the year.

The reason for not waiting for tomorrow is that I need to send you all the link to join us for the announcement of the Student Leaders for 2022 tomorrow morning.

We have invited all the Grade 11s to school tomorrow for the short assembly that will start at 08H00. If you go to https://youtu.be/q_pH34U-QJ0 tomorrow after 08H00 you will be able to see the assembly and find out who have been appointed for 2022.

We are very excited about these appointments every year. We are lucky enough to witness young people growing into their leadership abilities during the year.

I must apologise to anyone who has had trouble getting through to us on the phone in the last few weeks. We have been moving from analogue to digital lines and there have been a few bumps on the journey.

We are very proud of our musicians, who entered and did us proud in the South African Music Teachers Awards competition last month,

Finalists:

Piano Duet – Adam Powell and Hannah Barth

Solo Piano – Mathew Draai



3rd Place Ensemble Category:
Flute Quartet – Micaela Porter, Sanelisiwe Soci,
Cadwyn Rautenbach, Danielle Edwards



3rd Place Solo Category:
Solo Flute – Micaela Porter



1st Place Ensemble Category:
Flute and Piano Duet – Micaela Porter and Hannah Barth



A reminder about the textbook retrieval process. We have had a wonderful response so far and our books are in good condition. We are going to save a lot on the replacement of books. Thank you all for your support in this process. Would you could have one more look in all the places that textbooks hide and drop off any lurking books this week so that we can get them all back.

Please can I also ask that you be very careful when appointing a private scholar transport service to send your children to school daily. Please check that they are properly licensed. They must have a professional driver's licence and, more importantly, you should be asking for a police clearance certificate. There are many service providers who can conduct a police check within 24 hours and it costs between R150 and R200. These checks can be quite irritating, but we are trusting these service

providers with our precious children. After all these checks, please also keep an eye on the state of the vehicle that is used.

The stationery lists for 2022 are up on our website:

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 9](#)

[Grade 10](#)

[Grade 11](#)

[Grade 12](#)

If you are getting the opportunity to have a break this December, please relax and enjoy some down time after another tough year. If you are travelling, please start your holiday as you get into the car to start the journey. If you encounter slow traffic, take the time to enjoy the scenery. Stop at the padstal and enjoy the break. Rushing the journey can make for an unpleasant start to your holiday.

A final decision about our return to everyday attendance for all grades will be taken in January. I will send you a survey and the SGB will make the call. I will let you know as soon as we have a decision.

Thank you all for all your support of Alex this year; for investing in our children in so many ways. They may not express their appreciation now, but they do appreciate all you do for them.

Alexans, wash some dishes this holiday. Give your folks a break!

Reports will be sent out on Friday 10 December. School will start on Wednesday 19 January 2022. Make sure that you are well rested. We expect 2022 to be a busy, exciting and abundant year.

Please keep yourself and those that you love, safe this week

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal