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Dear Alex Family Members

Term 1 on notice and Term 2 anticipated

My first letter of the year was dated 2 January and I was soliciting your insights to inform a decision that had to be made about a return to full capacity at the start of term. Looking back, I think you provided me with good insight. We made good choices for our children. The return to full-time attendance and full capacity was a daunting prospect. I was staggered at my first lesson to see how many people there were and how close together they all were.

Be reminded that we do not have an academic day tomorrow. Our final assembly for the term will be at 08H00 on <https://youtu.be/FCG9ii-X13o>. Once the assembly is over, we will send out the reports. If you need a hard copy of the Term 1 report, please pop in to reception from the start of Term 2 and the ladies will print for you.

Sadly, we have to say farewell to Ms Smit this term. Ms Smit joined us in the Afrikaans department in 2019 and has made a significant contribution to the team and to the wider school. All her classes will be sad to see Ms Smit join her family in Grahamstown as they embark on a new adventure. Ms Smit was the teacher in charge of our quiz team that won the Herald general knowledge quiz last year. She will be missed on the tennis courts and her infectious laughter and bubbly personality will be missed in the staff room. We send Ms Smit off with our best wishes for every success in the city of saints.

We start next term on Tuesday 5 April. We will not have a late Tuesday start because we have scheduled an assembly to start at 07H45 with Grade 10s in the hall and the other grades in Register classes. Please remind your children that they need to be at school promptly for the start of an exciting term.

On our first weekend back in Term 2 we will be making the trip to George to play a derby fixture against York High. The teams and times are at the end of this newsletter.

The protocol relating to the logistics is as follows:

1. Arrive at school NO later than 3:30am
2. Make sure you have used the toilet before leaving home
3. Report to your COACH on arrival at school
4. Your COACH will check you onto your bus
5. You may NOT swop buses.

6. You MUST travel in vary form or school uniform. Tracksuits may be worn over vary form. You should take your school tracksuit with you in case of cold weather.
7. You may only bring one bag. This is for your sports kit
8. Bringing valuables is to be avoided. Please place them in the custody of your coach while playing.
9. There is only ONE Toilet Stop on the way to George
10. You will Not be allowed to go to any shop on the way, so please bring padkos
11. Your behaviour on the buses must be as for normal school activities – no initiation or other behaviour problems
12. You are not allowed to wear civvies at any time on Saturday
13. During the morning, you must stay at York and watch sport until the last fixture has been played.
14. You may NOT leave the school with anyone during the morning – this includes your parents
15. Report to the same bus immediately after the last match has been completed
16. If you are going home with your parents, or someone else's parents, you must give a letter, written and signed by your parents, to the teacher in charge of your bus
17. If you experience any problems during the day, you must find Mr Meyer or Dr McGregor
18. The buses will leave George at approximately 14:30pm
19. Buses will return to Alex and pupils must be fetched from Alex.

Congratulations to Caylee de Klerk, who won the pre-cadet category of the South African Kurash championships.

We also take the opportunity to congratulate Skye Banks, Culumanco Komanisi and Janreu Oosthuizen on completing all 35 levels of the coding game 'Tanks' in a recent event.

We have a very full schedule for term 2. There are so many exciting highlights that it could seem a little daunting. For me, the excitement far exceeds the anxiety. I know that is not the case for everyone. Please be sensitive to the underlying anxiety that has persisted from the last two years and that can be aggravated by the anticipation of all this activity. Our children are not always well-practised in verbalising or dealing with their stress. We need to take active steps to support them.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week. Remember how important it is to have some quality time with your children this holiday.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Ridgway
Principal

Alex vs YORK
@ YORK
SATURDAY 9 April 2022

Rugby

Time	TEAM	FIELD
9:30	U14 A	B-FIELD
10:00	U16 A	A-FIELD
10:30	U 15 A	B-FIELD
11:15	2NDS	A FIELD
12:45	1STS	A-FIELD

Netball

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
09:30	U 14 A	YORK U 15 A vs U 16 B	YORK U16 B vs U16 C
10:15	YORK U 15 B vs U16 D	U14 B	YORK U15 C vs U16 E
11:00	U 16 A	2NDS	U14 C
11:45	1STS	3RDS	

Boys' & Girls' Hockey

Time	ASTRO	FIELD - A	FIELD -B
09:30	1 ST GIRLS		U14 B GIRLS
10:30	1 ST BOYS		U16 B GIRLS
11:30	U16 A GIRLS	2 ND BOYS	2 ND GIRLS
12:30	U16 A BOYS	U14 A BOYS	U 14 A GIRLS

Tennis

Boys & Girls 1st team