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Dear Parents and Learners

MATRICS

We share with great excitement the achievements of our matric learners from 2022, Declan Wildeman (7 distinctions), Ryan and Jordan Hobbs both with 5 distinctions. Twenty-five (25) of the thirty (30) learners achieved a bachelor's certificate (83%). A 100% pass rate was achieved with 35 subject A's, 39 subject B's, only 3 learners received a Higher Certificate. We are very proud of each of these learners and would like to encourage our current Grade 12's to commit to a dedicated work ethic from day one this year.

PT

All learners have been issued with timetables for their PT periods. PT uniform is a pair of **black** shorts or **black** track suit pants, with a **white T-shirt**. Girls are required to wear full bathing costumes; board shorts may be worn over them. Parents, please note that PT is part of the required Life Orientation programme of every learner. If your child is unable to take part in PT, for health reasons, a doctor's certificate must be provided.

SPORT ON WEDNESDAYS

Our Gala will be on **Friday, 17 February** and our Athletics day will be on **Friday, 17th March**. Learners may come to school in their PT clothes for the entire day. Sport is **compulsory**; we therefore request that you send a doctor's certificate to school if your child is unable to participate.

SCHOOL TIMES

Just to recap, school times are:
Monday to Thursday 07:30 to 14:00 and
Fridays 07:30 to 13:33

ABSENTEES

If a learner is ill, please notify the school before 08:00. Any learner who feels ill during school hours or who has a doctor's appointment, **must** be collected from the office. If your child is late for school, ie they miss their register class, please instruct them to report to the office, to prevent you receiving an email notifying you that your child is absent from school.

NOTES

When you report your child absent, late etc, please assist by putting the **name, grade and class** (A or B) in the heading.

SWIMATHON

Please support our learners by sponsoring the number of laps they will swim. This will take place on Thursday, 2 March from 18:00 until 20:00. Bring your picnic basket and chairs and join in the fun!

ACCOUNTS

Please be reminded that school fees for Period #3 are due at the end of this month (February). Your accounts will be emailed to you at the end of each month. All monthly fees are payable in advance, by the 7th of each month. Interest will be charged on overdue accounts.

All parents who wish to make use of our discounts for fees paid annually, half-yearly or quarterly, please notify Mrs Sterley (finance@helderberghs.co.za), if you have not done so already.

SUBJECT CHANGES

Learners who wish to make a subject change, must complete a "Subject Change Form", which is available at the Office. The form needs to be completed in full and signed by parents and the relevant Educators.

Grade 11 learners, should you wish to change a subject, it must be done **before end February**

Grade 10 learners, should you wish to change a subject, it must be done **before 14 June**.

YEAR PROGRAMME

If you have not already, please print the year planner from our website.

Please take note of our change to the close of term 1:

School closes on **Friday, 24 March**.

CIVVIES DAYS AND UNIFORM

Learners who do not conform to the dress code for 'Civvies Days' will be sent home to change before being allowed back in the classrooms. It is not appropriate to wear "loungewear clothes/pj's" to school on civvies day.

Girls must make sure that their skirts are the required length (10cm above the ground when kneeling). No long or painted nails.

Boys hair must be short at all times and faces clean shaven.

Learners need to obey the General Rules and Standards of the school at all times.

EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

Mondays	-	Recorder / Music – Mrs Johnson
Tuesday	-	Arts classes in Mrs Combrinck's class
Wednesdays	-	Sport
Thursdays	-	Drama & Arts Club – Drama/Poetry/Acting Ms Christian & Music Instruments Mrs Johnson

Photography Tour

Mrs Mason is planning a photography tour to the Northern Cape and Namibia from 26 April until 2 May. They will be visiting the Orange River, Fish River Canyon, wild horses at Garup,

Kolmanskop, and then back down to Augrabies and then home. If your child doesn't want to miss this wonderful opportunity, please contact Mrs Mason, c.mason@helderberghe.co.za

HELDERBERG COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

We bring to your attention that our school is situated on a piece of property not under the management of HCHE. To this end HCHE has decided to make use of the booms just before the dam, during the day, with effect 20 February. Access to the college will be monitored and managed by a security company, therefore we kindly ask you to cooperate with this. From 6pm each day, both booms will be in use and stricter security will be implemented. As further information becomes available we will keep you updated.

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Yours faithfully



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