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Dear Parents and Learners

MATRICS

We share with great excitement the achievements of our matric learners from 2021. A 100% pass rate was achieved, 14 subject A's, and 28 subject B's. 2 B-average, 10 C-averages, 7 D-averages and only 1 E-average with a 48.1%. 75% of the 20 learners received a Bachelor's certificate. We are very proud 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 Athletics day will be on **Friday 11th March**. Learners may come to school in their PT clothes on that day and keep it on the whole day.

Sport is **compulsory**; we therefore request that you send a doctor's certificate to school if your child is unable to participate.

NPCH GARDEN

Thank you to all who made a contribution to the NPCH-garden. An update on our progress: Our newly appointed organic farmer has started a herb garden where the Social Science Garden used to be (next to one of the teachers' houses). We have planted our first crop in our main garden: 1500 lettuce and kale seedlings on 16 & 17 February. The seedlings were donated by Rijk Zwaan Seed Company. The President's Award Candidates are learning and working hard in the garden. They have also harvested their first basil. Please like and share our video on the school's Facebook page.

SCHOOL TIMES

Just to recap, school times are:

Monday to Thursday 07:30 to 14:00 and

Fridays 07:30 to 13:33

Time tables have changed to make each period the same length. Please see new time tables on our website. They are also available from the office.

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.

SWIMATHON

Please support our learners with sponsoring their Swimathon which will take place on Thursday 3 March. Bring your picnic basket and chairs and join in the fun !

ACCOUNTS

Please be reminded that school fees for Period #2 are due at the end of this month (January). 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 (returning and new) who wish to make use of our discounts for fees paid annually, half-yearly or quarterly, please notify Mrs Sterley (finance@helderbergshs.co.za), if you have not done so already.

SUBJECT CHANGES

Learner 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 need to make changes **before end February**

Grade 10 learners need to make changes **before 14 June**.

YEAR PROGRAMME

All learners were issued with a Year Programme at Registration. If you did not receive one, you may print one off our website.

Please take note of our change of term 1 dates:

School closes on **Friday 18 March** and not 17 March as previously indicated.

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.

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 - Chess – Mrs Basson’s class room
Wednesdays - Photography Club – Mrs Mason’s class room
Thursdays - Drama Club – Mr Africa - Foyer
Thursdays - Art Classes - Mrs Combrinck’s class room

HIKE

Mr Mason is planning a Greyton/McGregor hike on 17 and 18 March. If your child is interested to join, please contact Mr Andrew Mason at a.mason@helderberghe.co.za

Photography Tour

Mrs Mason is planning a photography tour to the Eastern Cape from 30 March until 6 April. They will be visiting Oudtshoorn, and Addo National Park. If your child is interested to join, please contact Mrs Mason at c.mason@helderberghe.co.za

NOTES

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

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Yours faithfully



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