

NOTE:

First lesson starts at 07h30 promptly. Pupils need to be at school at least 30 minutes before their first lesson for Covid-19 checks and sanitising

**HPHS NEWS**

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THINK ON THIS:

“Study while others are sleeping, work while others are loafing, prepare while others are playing and dream while others are wishing” – William A. Ward

14 August – Gr 12 prelim timetable on D6

21 August – Gr 9 Orientation

08h00 – 10h00 – ALL GR 9s TO ATTEND

24 August – Gr 12s at school plus the Gr 11, and 10s return

24 August – ALL PUPILS FULL WINTER UNIFORM

27 August – Gr 9s return

31 August – Gr 8s return

23 Sept – 4 Oct School holidays

15 Dec – End of year holidays begin

Dear Parents



Hyde Park High School is excited to welcome Mrs M. Kallie our new principal, having been appointed by the Department of Education with immediate effect. A huge note of thanks goes out to all our educators for continuing to step up and assisting in any area needed, in order to ensure that our pupils receive the necessary support during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The second term is whizzing past for the matric pupils and they have adjusted well to the compacted timetable. The Grade 11s were back for a short period only to have to return to lockdown learning. We look forward to the return for lessons of our Gr 10 – 11s on the 24th August – The Gr 10s 3-day timetable will be made available soon.

LESSON SCHEDULE

ALL PARENTS AND PUPILS TO NOTE BELOW:

FULL WINTER UNIFORM FROM 24th AUGUST

LESSON 1 STARTS AT 07H30:– Pupils must be here 30 min before their first lesson

Classes have been blocked into longer sessions for the Gr 10 – 12s and this has worked well for our seniors, following a three-day cycle with the school day ending at 15h15. The plan is that from Monday 24th August, we will run a three day on, three day off program with work given to do at home on the off days.

- Gr 12 continue with their 3-day cycle every day
- Gr 11 & 10s will begin their cycle on Monday 24th August – 26th August.
- The Grade 9s return on the 27th August – 31st August (3 day cycle)
- Gr 8s return on 31st August for orientation followed by their school day. This is the first day of their 3 day cycle. Timetable info will follow soon.

A message from the Principal Mrs M Kallie

12 August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce myself as the newly appointed principal of Hyde Park High School. I am honoured, humbled and exhilarated to lead an excellent staff and school, with such a rich tradition of quality education, and am eager to work with you towards the success of your child/ward’s educational experience.

I arrive at the school as a seasoned educator who has had the opportunity of being a Head of Department (Mathematics and Sciences), Deputy Principal and Principal. I am also a student and a life-long learner who has an insatiable appetite to constantly learn. In line with my goal to continue the culture of educational excellence at Hyde Park High School, I am committed to exploring new ideas to meet the national and international demands facing young people.

My vision for the school is that the learners feel inspired to achieve in all facets of their school life. We can collectively achieve this vision by focusing on a collaborative effort by all stakeholders in education in ensuring the delivery of quality teaching and learning, and developing high standards of learner discipline and life skills. I am committed to working with the School Governing Body, School Management Team and staff to continue the rich legacy of educational excellence at our school, by building strong relationships with the parents, learners, community and school partners. Our team will remain goal-focused in adopting a robust approach to the implementation of a holistic school curriculum, ensuring the educational success of all our learners.

To all the learners, always remember, “You are a product of the decision that you take and not your circumstance”. Do not be deterred by the current situation in the world. Embrace the challenges that face you. “This too shall pass”. Remember, you are a very special group of 2020 learners who will be remembered for your resilience.

I would also like to thank the District D9, SGB, staff and learners for the warm reception that has been extended to me. I will continue to work hard to ensure that Hyde Park High remains a school of choice. I thank you in advance for your unwavering support in ensuring the delivery of quality education at our school and all our collective successes.

Yours in Education

M. Kallie (Principal)

A message from the Governing Body

Dear Hyde Park High School parents and learners

The SGB would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Melanie Kallie, our long-awaited new Principal, to Hyde Park High School.

Mrs Kallie accepted the position in July and was introduced to the educators and staff on the 5th August 2020. She will be introduced to the learners as each phase returns to school.

Mrs Kallie comes with over 17 years of experience in education. Further to this, Mrs Kallie has obtained both her Honours and Masters in the area of Education Management and is currently pursuing her Doctorate. Our new Principal is also known and respected in education circles for having led a team that set up and built a school, Kibler Park Secondary School, from scratch in Johannesburg South. Prior to that Mrs Kallie was at Rand Girls High for many years. We are very excited to have Mrs Kallie join us as part of the Hyde Park family and feel honored that she accepted the position to take up the baton. The SGB feels this is the start of even greater things to come for our school.

In December 2019, the SGB advised parents that Mr Vogiatzis was retiring at the end of the year and that a selection panel had been formed and tasked with the mandate to make recommendation for a new Principal.

The selection panel, made up of eleven people, submitted recommendations to the Department of Education. This happened after a thorough shortlisting and interview process, that took place over three weekends, with many excellent candidates that had responded to the position advertised in the Government Gazette. The final stage of this process has now been completed and the recommendations made received final approval by the HOD at the Gauteng Department of Education in July 2020.

The SGB would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs Aling, our Deputy Principal who has been in the position of Acting Principal since January 2020. Her dedication and commitment have ensured that the area of learning has continued through turbulent times for education in our country. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Aling.

We are also very indebted to Mrs Lyall who has been Acting Deputy and supporting Mrs Aling in the execution of her duties. The added responsibilities and drive to succeed is very much appreciated.

Please feel free to engage with Mrs Kallie and welcome her to our school. We look forward to having her on board and enjoying many years of continued success as a school.

As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to have a strong, extremely capable team in management and we wish everyone only success as they strive towards even greater outcomes going forward.

Kind regards

SGB

Hyde Park High School

Tuck Shop

A reminder to all pupils that the tuck shop may not be open for the foreseeable future, due to Covid-19 related restrictions and it is therefore essential that a packed lunch is brought to school every day. **Sharing of juice and lunch is not permitted.**



Google Classroom

All pupils are reminded to keep up to date with assignments and Google Class work using their unique email address S(admission number)@hydeparkhs.com. they will need to enter the temporary password **HydePark1!** the first time they use the new google class. Thereafter the pupil can set their personal password. Some subjects may not use the new system immediately in order to preserve historical work submitted. All pupils should have registered for each and every one of their subjects and be completing all outstanding assignments. Consult the school web page for the necessary access codes. It is vital that pupils in all grades take time to ensure they are up to date to ensure their smooth re-introduction to formal classes.

School Fees

We sincerely thank those parents who continue to ensure that their school fees are up to date. We need your support more than ever now and all parents are reminded of their obligation to pay fees which are vital for a successful and thriving school. If you are behind in your fee payments please ensure that this matter is corrected as soon as possible. Our school is struggling to meet financial commitments and this will directly affect your child's education. Please also note our banking information.

Banking details: First National Bank Hyde Park, Branch 255805, Account No. 62566724871.

Urgent support needed:

Computer, Laptop and financial donations

We are appealing to all our parents and alumni. Should you or your company be in a position to donate any new or used computer equipment or make a much-needed financial donation to the school, this would be greatly appreciated. The school is desperate to increase the classroom support network, with the change in teaching methods, due to Covid-19 as well as raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the school's infrastructure. Please contact Mrs Avril Wright at the school directly on 011 447-2281 or email her on info@hydeparkhs.com to discuss further.

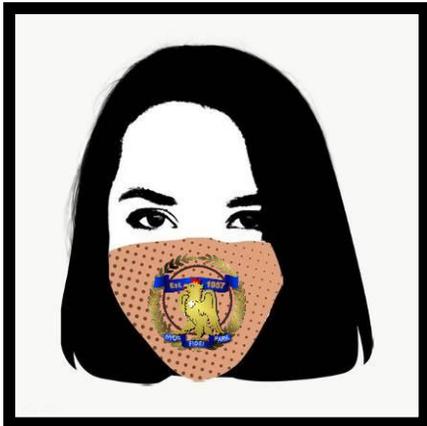
Absentees and attendance

Parents are urged to call the office by 09h00 should your child not be at school on any given day. This is critical for monitoring of all absent pupils. It is important that we ensure that pupils do not take advantage of staying at home.

It is essential that all pupils attend their lessons once school resumes, in order to keep up with the curriculum. We are in this together, will strive for success and not give up under adversity.

Social Distancing (the new buzz word)

Please discuss social distancing with you child for their return to school. It is crucial that our pupils appreciate our insistence to maintain social distancing standards at break times as well as in the classroom and that they take this responsibility seriously.



UNIFORM

NOTE: The wearing of masks remains compulsory

SPECIAL NOTE!

Full winter must be worn by ALL pupils from the 24th August 2020.

Grade 8 Admissions for 2021

The admissions process and applications opened on the 25 June 2020 and has now closed on the 25 July 2020. All relevant supporting documents are currently being verified.

Grade 9 – 11 applications for 2021 will close at the end of August and must be processed directly with the school.

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Social distancing at Hyde Park High

If your friend is too close – step back and tell them. If they are being irresponsible with the wearing of their mask, alert them! We all have to be smart about this to protect everyone and reach the conclusion of the academic year in the safest way possible. It takes a group effort and a change in mentality and thoughtfulness, under these extraordinary circumstances, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

A little bit of fun being had by the Grade 12s



A group hug!



A “hello” how is your day going!



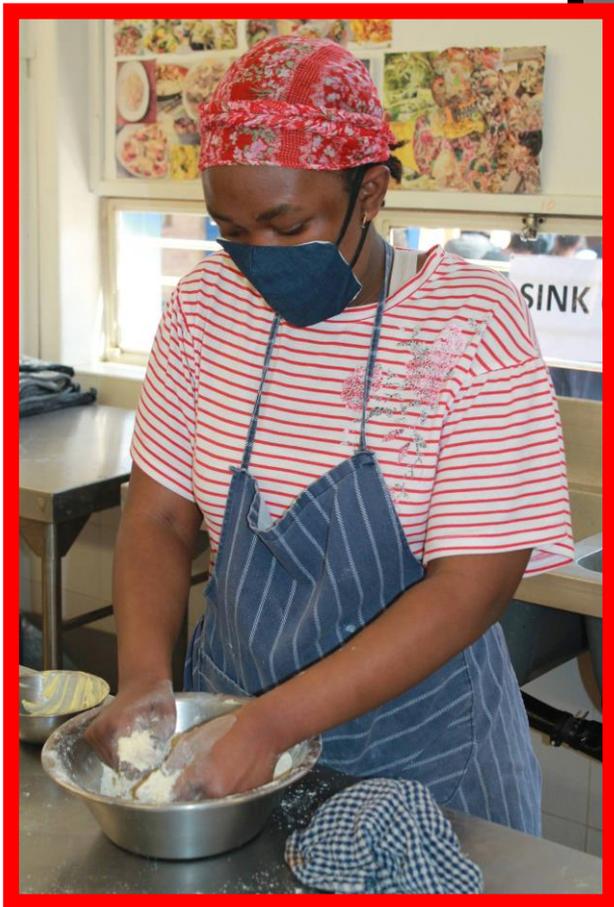
COVID-19 - Coronavirus

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| BATS | HEADACHE | PANDEMIC | SORE THROAT |
| CAREGIVERS | HOSPITAL | PARAMEDICS | SPREAD |
| CASES | ICU | PATIENTS | STAY SAFE |
| COMMUNITY | ISOLATE | PNEUMONIA | SYMPTOMS |
| CONTACT | JOB LOSSES | POSITIVE | TESTING |
| CONTAGIOUS | LOCKDOWN | PPE | TIREDNESS |
| CORONAVIRUS | LONG TERM CARE | PRECAUTIONS | TREND |
| COUGH | LUNGS | QUARANTINE | UPDATES |
| DOCTORS | MASKS | RECOVERY | VACCINE |
| ESSENTIALS | NURSES | RESTRICTIONS | VENTILATORS |
| FEAR | NURSING ATTENDANTS | RUNNY NOSE | WASH HANDS |

The Grade 12 Consumer Studies learners recently had their practical assessment, which ignited their creativity and passion for the subject.



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