



Circular No: 02/2019

14 June 2019

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of what has been an extremely busy term culminating in the June Examinations. Our boys continue to excel in so many areas and we are indeed collectively proud of their numerous achievements. I wish to thank you for your continued support in assisting us to help them achieve their goals in every sphere of College life and be the best that they can be.

Term Three – Tuesday 9 July to Friday 20 September 2019

Please take note of the following important information/dates concerning Term 3 2019.

Friday 11 July: Boys leave for the Interschool Cultural and Sport Exchange against Affies; Cultural Activities

Saturday 12 July: Interschool Sport vs Affies [A]

Friday 19 July: Interschool Cultural Exchange with PBHS [Olivier Cultural Centre]

Saturday 20 July: Interschool Sport vs PBHS [H] compulsory attendance

Friday 26 July: Boys leave for the Interschool Exchange against KES

Saturday 27 July: Interschool Exchange vs KES [A]

Saturday 3 August: Reunion Day - Interschool Exchange vs. Glenwood [H] compulsory attendance

Tuesday 6 August: Gospel Choir Evening

Friday 9 August: Public Holiday Women's Day

Saturday 10 August and Sunday 11 August: Free weekend

Friday 16 August: Leavers' Dinner and Dance

Saturday 24 August: Family Day with Hockey 5s Tournament and the Nashua 7s Tournament

Friday 30 August: Prestige Music Concert

Friday 13 September: Sport and Cultural Awards Ceremony

Friday 20 September: Special Routine with school closing at 12:30 for the end of Term 3.

June School Reports

Full mid-year reports can only be processed by the end of the first week of Term 3. Earlier interim mark reports will be emailed during the first week of the school holiday, reflecting mid-year marks as prescribed by national education policies (a combination of mid-year exams and Term 2 tasks, dependent upon the subject concerned). The interim reports can also serve the purpose of a final check of marks before production of official mid-year reports, so any discrepancies can be resolved by boys with their subject teachers when they return on 9 July.

June Examinations

These examinations are now behind us, and we share in the success of those boys who have excelled. We encourage each boy to reflect on his results and put plans in place to improve them if this is necessary in the second half of the year. A very useful exercise for all boys in need of remediation, is to re-do the exam paper over the holidays using their notes and textbooks. The question papers will be placed on the school Moodle in due course and boys should analyse their areas of weakness going forward. For boys in need of academic support, the first step is to approach their subject teacher for assistance. In addition, Peer Tutors are available through the Housemasters, and there is a programme of academic support on offer at the school. Details of this are available on the school Moodle. We draw your attention, once again, to the practical strategies for improvement in specific subject areas that are available on the d6. The school Moodle also provides extensive academic resources, and boys must make full use of these. Academic success is a combination of sound teaching as well as thorough preparation and consolidation on the part of the student. Boys must be held accountable for their own results and they must take responsibility for their successes or failures.

Parents' Evenings [Alan Paton Memorial Hall from 17:15]

All boys are expected to attend with their parents:

- Wednesday 17 July - Form 6
- Wednesday 24 July - Form 5
- Tuesday 31 July - Form 4

The Form 3 Subject Choice Meeting for parents and boys will be held in the Alan Paton Hall on **Thursday 18 July at 17:30**. This evening is compulsory for all Form 3 boys, as there will be valuable subject information provided by the Subject Heads. Important information regarding subject choice has been placed in a circular which is available on the d6. In addition, detailed information on subject choices is available under Academics on the d6 and on our website. The final date for the submission of the subject choice forms is **Friday 23 August**.

Form 6 Art Exhibition

The Form 6 Art Exhibition will take place during the month of August, the final date is determined by the Department of Education's external moderation. Once the date has been set parents will be notified via the d6.

Trial Examinations

The 6th Form Trial Exams run from Monday 26 August until Wednesday 18 September. During that time, the 6th Form dayboys will be required at school only when they write an exam, for sport practices and matches. 6th Form boarders have their normal routine.

Cultural and Sport Exchanges

I again request parents to be generous in their offers of hosting PBHS on Friday 19 July. The success of these exchanges depends largely on the kindness of the home school community, and I ask you to help us again in this regard. It is also essential that boys continue to meet their winter sporting commitments until the end of the season.

Please note that we will be travelling to Affies on Friday 12 July for the fixtures to be played on Saturday 13 July, and to KES on Friday 26 July for fixtures on Saturday 27 July. The Affies exchange will cost R610 and the KES exchange R595. We welcome the support of as many members of our community as possible.

Cultural Events

We are thrilled to announce that seven members of the Jazz Band are off to the Standard Bank National Youth Jazz Festival in Makhanda [Grahamstown] from 26 June to 2 July.

The SASMT Eisteddfod is taking place in Pietermaritzburg from Monday 29 July to Thursday 8 August, College is fortunate to have twenty-nine music students playing sixty-six pieces of music during that time.

The interschool exchange with Affies will see the introduction of a Music Exchange on the Friday evening, this will be repeated with the PBHS exchange to College on Friday 19 July.

We invite parents to experience the Music Department's growth by joining us at one of the following:

Sunday 14 July: Choral Celebration Network Concert at the Playhouse in Durban

Tuesday 6 August: Gospel Choir Evening hosted by Maritzburg College

Friday 30 August: Music Department Prestige Concert

Tours, Leadership Camps and Hikes

The following are taking place during the Term:

- Acting Prefects Identification Camp: takes place at College from Tuesday 6 August to Thursday 8 August.
- Form 5 Work Experience, Economics and History Tours: take place from Monday 16 September to Thursday 19 September.
- Forms 2 to 4 Leadership Camps: take place from Sunday 15 September to Thursday 19 September.

These Leadership Camps will be supervised by our staff and professional instructors.

Staffing

Term 2 2019 Appointments

1. Mr Nithia Pillay: Promoted to Departmental Head of Department: Business Commerce and Management Studies
2. Mr Shaun Sinclair Sports Officer: Cricket & LO
3. Mrs Nikki Price: San Sister

Term 2 2019 Resignations

1. Mrs Ghemma Wylde: moving to St Anne's College
2. Mrs Dedre Immelman: relocating to Bloemfontein to join her partner
3. Mr Ryan Tooms: relocating to Pretoria to join corporate
4. Mr Dennis Zondi: retirement

Term 3 2019 Appointments

1. Miss Sanele Kunene: Visual Arts Educator
2. Miss Minenhle Mtshali: IT Administrative Assistant
3. Mrs Joanne Hoyle: Zarm Farm Co-Ordinator
4. Mr Thingo Tshabalala: IT Technician
5. Mr Sanele Radebe: Junior Finance Clerk

Term 3 2019 Internal Promotions

1. Mr Jacques Lyons: Day Housemaster Strachan House
2. Mr Nollie Duvenage: Assistant Day Housemaster Strachan House

2020 EXCO Appointments

1. Mr Ingo Talke: Senior Deputy Headmaster [Mr Guise-Brown is retiring in December]
2. Mr Ryan Kyle: Deputy Head: Boarding [Mr Marwick is standing down in December]
3. Mr Matthew Marwick: Deputy Head: Admissions, Discipline & Marketing

Code of Conduct

The Executive Committee, having fully investigated, monitored and debated the cell-phone policy, decided that there would be no fundamental changes. It would, however, be re-worded to ensure that the objectives of the policy were clear.

Parents are made aware of the following points relating to the cell phone policy:

- 5.13. Cell phones are not permitted to be used by learners at school between the hours of 07:25 and 14:00, or in the library at any time. They may be carried on the learners' person, but they may not be visible.
- 5.14. If a cell phone is confiscated from a learner, it will be for the minimum duration of three weeks. There will also be a penalty of three two-hour detentions.
- 5.15. Cell phones or smart technology devices may not be used to photograph, film, record or save any anti-social or inappropriate content. Cell phones or smart technology devices may also not be used to disseminate, comment on or post such content via any social media platform.
- 5.16. Learners may not interact or engage inappropriately on any school social media content or platform.
- 5.17. Cell phones or smart technology devices, except for an approved calculator, are not allowed in an examination or test venue.
- 5.18. Learners who bring cell phones, smart phones or educational technology devices to school do so entirely at their own risk. Should they go missing, the school has taken the stance that they will not be responsible for this loss.

Security Access to College

Parents are to note that with effect from Tuesday 9 July 2019 the following gate times will apply during term time:

Service Entrance Gate - Princess Margaret Drive

Open between 06:00 and 08:00 only. Boys dropped off in Princess Margaret Drive are to enter College using this gate.

Basketball Gate at the 3rd Form quad – Princess Margaret Drive

This gate will be open between 08:00 and 18:00. At the end of the school day boys are to exit College using this gate. The Service Entrance gate will not be open.

Head Boy's Gate (Pedestrian Gate) times strictly as follows:

- **Monday to Friday**
Open between 06:00 and 08:00 for pupils arriving at school by bicycle or motor cycles. Please NOTE no pupil on foot will be allowed through this gate during this time.
Closed 0800 to 13h30
Open 13h30 to 18h00
- **Weekends**
Closed Saturdays until 16h00 unless a written request for permission to open earlier or to close later has come through
Open Saturdays 16h00 to 18h00
Open Sundays 08h00 to 20h00

Pedestrian Gate (behind New Shepstone House) is to remain locked at all times and will only be opened for Free Weekend access between 14h00 and 18h00

Visitor access to campus is also being adjusted with ALL visitors being required to identify themselves using an accepted form of identification document. They will be required to sign in with the security personnel stating who they have come to see and the reason for the visit. On exiting they will also be required to sign out. Visitor access, as in the past, is restricted to Princess Margaret Drive and the main gates off College Road.

Passive Fundraising for College

As most of you are aware, College is part of a number of rebate/support programmes.

MySchool was the first rebate programme we registered for. This programme provide a monthly income which benefits the school in a number of ways in particular 50% of the funds generated are used for the upgrading and maintenance of the College gardens. Simply download the MySchool App on [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) and scan your virtual card at till points to give back to your causes every time you shop.

Makro is launching its new education programme in 2019. Called m=Educ8, the programme is a simple and effective way for schools to earn revenue every time parents purchase anything from Makro. The programme gives financial earnings to schools as a direct percentage of each Makro purchase made. It is very user friendly, easy to join and easy to manage. How does it work? Download the Makro mCard app on your mobile phone and link it to your current Makro card using the number on the card. Then sign up to the m=Educ8 programme. For every R1000 spent by parents, the school earns R5. So please download the app, link your card or get a card if you haven't already done so and help our school.

Litres for Education is another way you can support College through your monthly fuel spend. By registering with an approved Litres for Education (LFE) service station and linking your membership to Maritzburg College, a portion of your monthly fuel spend is given back to the school. A list of approved LFE suppliers is on our D6 communicator under Resources. College's LFE number is 393 – which you need to quote when you fill up. More information is available from www.litresforeducation.co.za.

School Fees

I again appeal to all parents to pay the school fee to enable us to continue to provide an uncompromised educational service to your sons. Please make paying school fees a priority.

I wish you and your boys a restful and enjoyable July holiday and every success to all our boys who are at provincial tournaments..



CJ Luman
Headmaster