27 November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are very excited to have your child/children at our school in the New Year!

To help you to prepare for this exciting new chapter, please note the following points:-

1. 2026 FEES

Please note that we are extending to you a special offer:

If you pay the annual fee, biannual fee, or any monthly instalment/s for your 2026 account BEFORE Friday 19 December 2025, you can pay for next year's costs using this year's fee scales i.e Enjoy a discount of about 6.4%* for 2026 school fees (Grades 4 to 12) and 4.7% for 2026 hostel fees. We have decided to reduce the school fees for Grades R to 3 from next year onwards to make these grades more affordable. The fees for Grades R to 3 are slightly lower next year than they are this year, so there is no advantage to paying them in advance. We have also made a 20% reduction in after-care fees for next year to make this very helpful service more affordable in future years.

* The Gauteng Department of Education cut subsidies to independent schools by 23% last year without warning. This resulted in a loss of income of R1,5 million for our school. The same cut was applied this year and will be applied again next year. We have absorbed this loss without passing it on to our parents and guardians. This meant that we had to cancel all our site development projects and cut our other budgets to the bone. This helps to explain why we could not keep our school fees increases as low as we (and you!) would like.

2. TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS IN 2026

1st **Term:** Monday 12 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 (Grades 8 – 12)

Tuesday 13 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 (Grades R – 7)

2nd Term: Tuesday 13 April 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026

3rd Term: Monday 20 July 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026

4th Term: Tuesday 5 October 2026 – Friday 4 December 2026

School Holiday: Friday 6 February 2026 (not Friday 13 February as previously published)

3. UNIFORM SHOP

To avoid long queues, please do not plan to visit our Uniform Shop just before the start of school. The shop and office are open from Monday 5 January until Friday 9 January 2026 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm to assist you timeously. From Monday 12 January 2026 the uniform shop will be open daily at the usual times.

To maintain the quality of these garments, it is necessary to follow the washing and care instructions on the labels.

4. CORRECTED DATES

Camp Discovery's availability for the Grade 8-11 Camp has slightly changed our published 2026 dates, with our apologies.

- The Hostel exeat weekend will now be Friday 6 February 2026 (Cornerstone Holiday) to Sunday 8
 February 2026.
- The Grade 8 11 Camp will take place from Friday 13 February 2026 to Sunday 15 February 2026 (please see Camp Form attached).
- Our Term 1 Parents' Meetings will take place on Saturday 21 February 2026.

Kindly note these amendments.

5. OFFICE DATES

The school office will be open from Monday 8 December 2025 - Monday 15 December 2025 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and will re-open on Monday 5 January 2026 from 7:15 am – 3:45 pm and closes at 2:00 pm on Fridays.

6. REPORT COLLECTION

- 2025 Final School Reports for Grades R 3 can be collected at school on Tuesday 2 December 2025 after their concerts between 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- 2025 Final School Reports for Grades 4 7 can be collected at school on Wednesday 3 December 2025 after their concerts between 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- 2025 Final School Reports for Grades 8 & 9 can be collected at school on Thursday 4 December 2025 between 7:30 am to 10:30 am.
- 2025 Final School Reports for Grades 10 & 11 can be collected at school on Friday 5 December 2025 between 7:30 am to 10:30 am.

Please ensure that all expenses for 2025 have been settled before this.

Yours in quality education,

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