

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Guardians

## November Exams 2021

A very busy end-of-year lies ahead and that includes our November examinations for Grade 4-7 pupils.

### Pre-November Exams

A **Grade 4-7 Parents' Consultation** will be held on **Wednesday 3 November from 16h00–19h00** in the John Tladi Hall at Plot 2. Parents of pupils who are in danger of failing a particular subject or those in a position to repeat the year will specifically be invited to attend. Other parents are welcome but are asked to give due consideration to Covid safety around crowds. The subjects (and respective teachers) that will be available for consultation are English, Mathematics, FAL, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences.

**Term 3/4 report** will be emailed on Monday 15 November and the **Top Ten for Term 3/4** announced on the same day. Please remember to visit ADAM to get regular updates on your child's progress.

### Exam Period Logistics

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| <b>11 November</b>    | Last day for extra-curricular activities.  |
| <b>15-16 November</b> | School lessons will be used for <b>revision</b> purposes for Grade 4-7. We will follow the normal school timetable and end daily at 13h30.   |
| <b>Grade 7s</b>       | Write exams from <b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> . On the <b>17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> , Grade 7s will follow a special timetable that includes Maths, English, FAL, and Creating Tomorrow. |
| <b>Grade 4-6s</b>     | Write exams from the <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> .   |

#### A daily structure follows:

| <b>Grade 4-6 (17-23 November)</b>             | <b>Grade 7 (19-23 November)</b>               |
|---|---|
| 07h25 School starts                           | 07h25 School starts                           |
| 07h50 Exam reading time                       | 07h50 Exam reading time                       |
| 08h00-09h00 Exam (1 hour)                     | 08h00-09h30 Exam (1.5 hours)                  |
| 09h00 Reading/Textbooks collected             | <i>post exam textbook collection</i>          |
| 09h30-09h50 Break                             | 09h30-09h50 Break                             |
| 09h50-10h40 A Class - formal revision session | 09h50-10h40 A Class - formal revision session |
| B Class - independent study                   | B Class - independent study                   |
| 10h40-10h50 Break                             | 10h40-10h50 Break                             |
| 10h50-11h40 A Class-independent study         | 10h50-11h40 A Class-independent study         |
| B Class - formal revision session             | B Class - formal revision session             |
| 11h40   | May go home if not doing athletics            |
| 11h50-12h30                                   | Sports (for inter-house athletics team)       |

All pupils may **go home at 11h40** unless they are on the athletics team. The **athletics team will train until 12h30**. Anyone on campus after this point will enter a **study venue** until 13h30. Parents must come in to collect their children at the Outdoor Classroom. No loitering on campus will be allowed. **Top Ten pupils** may wear civvies for the duration of exams and have permission to leave school after their exam at 09h30.

The exam timetable follows:

| Red Dates indicate PEPPS Schools Common Papers |             |             |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GR   | WED, 17 NOV | THU, 18 NOV | FRI, 19 NOV | MON, 22 NOV | TUE, 23 NOV |
| 4  | ENG         | SS          | MATHS       | AFR/SEP     | NS          |
| 5  | AFR/SEP     | MATHS       | NS          | ENG         | SS          |
| 6  | MATHS       | ENG         | AFR/SEP     | SS          | NS          |
| 7  |             |             | ENG         | MATHS       | AFR/SEP     |

*Pupils must return their subject textbooks on the day of their exams.*

### *Exam Support and Preparation*

1. Exam **scopes** will be on myHomework from 29 October and can be found under Resources in the relevant classes. Teachers are also supplying hard copies.
2. Parents should support their children in constructing a workable study timetable and hold them accountable for keeping to the plan, making notes and practising to prepare for the exam.
3. Teachers will set children up for success by sharing **practice questions** that are similar to the exam paper. These will serve to allow children to move in the right direction while preparing for the exams and will be uploaded to myHomework.
4. Teachers will award up to 3% extra per exam for **evidence of preparation**. Please encourage your child to create summary notes and use past papers to prepare. They will be rewarded for their effort and their results will reflect the hard work.
5. Teachers have **Extra Contact Time** booking sheets available and children can book a slot to clarify concepts at a convenient time.
6. Every exam will end with an open-ended question where the child can "**show what they know**". These allow for the accumulation of bonus marks.

### *Post-November Exams*

- 24 November** Grade 1-7 Enrichment day (special programme)
- 25 November** Grade 4-7 Special programme to return and moderate exams.
- 26 November** Special programme (including Grade 7 Farewell, Grade 1 Bell Ringing Ceremony, Grade 4 (2022) meet the teacher and *Tour de PEPPS*, Grade 7 (2022) Leadership Development).

School continues until **1 December**. In the final week, we will close at 13h00 daily except for the last day when we close at 12h30. More details of the final week will be communicated in due course.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers if there is anything that you wish to have more clarity on. It does tend to be a stressful time for children and so it is very important that we support them emotionally and practically.

Yours in pursuit of excellent education

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