

4 February 2021

Dear Muizenberg High family

We are excited to welcome you back after a well-deserved break and a delay in the reopening of schools in the new school year. The school's Senior Management Team (SMT) started with organisational meetings as early as January 25, and the staff joined us from February 1. Since then, we have been in various subject meetings, training sessions, and designing our day-to-day lessons. During our training sessions we built on our knowledge and experience of Google classrooms and we equipped ourselves to use this method of teaching more effectively.

Our vision for 2021 is: **Implemented accountability through structures, systems, processes and procedures.** We strive to make this a year of innovation, thorough planning and implementation.

Many lessons were learnt last year and clear communication to our parents/guardians and learners is at the core of our day to day operations. To achieve this goal, we are creating a **Google mail contact address** list for each family in our school. We therefore request that every family complete the Google information form, which will be sent to you via the SMS link and the website. As from March 1, we will communicate only via the email system, thus it is vital that you fill in the form as soon as you receive the link.

Once a family has received its Google email address, all school information and a weekly academic schedule for each subject (the blended learning programme) will be uploaded to the family on the Google site. We are confident that this initiative will improve and streamline communication between the school and the Muizenberg family.

Each class will also have a **Google register class**. This will enable parents/guardians to contact register teachers to communicate absenteeism and essential information concerning learners directly to the register teachers.

Wellness Centre:

Many families have been affected by the pandemic and the second wave we are currently experiencing. Please contact the school if you require support, and we will put you in touch with the wellness centre to support the children during this time of grief and sorrow.

Textbook issuing

- It is vital that teaching and learning start on 15 February, or on the first day your child must attend school (we will have alternating days, except for Grade 12). For this to happen learners need to have stationery and their text books right from the start. Thus the school has a **text book roll out programme**.

- Please cover the text books in plastic and encourage your child to look after the text books as the department of education has invested heavily in text books.
- Each text book will have the name of the learner in the text book to ensure that the book will stay safely in the possession of the learner for the duration of the year.

Grade 12

1. On **Monday 8 February** the grade 12s will come to the hall and collect the textbooks from their subject teachers who will meet them in the hall. Teachers will sit similarly to report evening meetings. Entry is through the hall door, and strict health and safety protocols will be adhered to.

Programme:

12A - 8:30 – 9:00 (2020 11A)

12B - 9:00 – 9:30 (2020 11B)

12C - 9:30 – 10:00 (2020 11C)

12D - 10:00 – 10:30 (2020 11D)

Grade 10 and 11

- The subject teacher will issue the text book of that subject on the first day of the term that the learner attends class, as the learner enters the class.

Grade 9

1. On **Tuesday 9 February** the grade 9s will come to the hall and collect the textbooks from their register teachers and grade heads who will meet them in the hall. Entry through the hall door, and strict health and safety protocols will be adhered to.

Programme:

9A – 8:30 – 9:00 (2020 8A)

9B - 9:00 – 9:30 (2020 8B)

9C – 9:30 – 10:00 (2020 8C)

9D - 10:00 – 10:30 (2020 8D)

Grade 8

The learners will receive their packs on the orientation programme in the hall on **Friday 12 February**. For more information on the grade 8 orientation refer to the grade 8 orientation paragraph.

Gr 8 – Orientation

- All grade 8 learners to attend a **compulsory orientation programme**. The purpose of this orientation is to prepare them for the transition to high school and ensure that they are ready to start the academic year. The learners will receive their text books and lessons and tutorials in how to use google classrooms.
- Dates and times of the orientation is as follows: **Thursday 11 February** from 08h00 to 13h00 and **Friday 12 February** from 08h00 to 11h30.

- Learners must use the entrance gate at Dover road (at the front entrance of the school) and exit using the same gate. **(No mask no entry)**
There will be teachers and guardians (student leaders) at the gates to assist parents and students.
- Dress code - Summer uniform
- **What to bring:**
Own diaries, stationery, own hand sanitizer, Lunch - no tuck shop to buy food.
Any queries, please address them to Mrs. Jahura on bjahura@muizenbnerghigh.org.za or Mrs. Dreyden on ddreyden@muizenberghigh.org.za

GRADE 12 – 2020 RESULTS:

We have received two different dates for the release of the Grade 12 – 2020 results: 23 or 24 February. We will confirm the date as soon as we have confirmation from WCED in this regard.

As we partner to support each learner to reach their full potential, we are looking forward to creating opportunities to develop our learners and to instil a GROWTH MINDSET, a love for learning, and a strong sense of purpose. We will communicate with you as frequently as possible and I pray that we will experience a peaceful, blessed 2021.

Keep safe and take care.

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