



Jeppe High School for Boys

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Dear Jeppe Boarding Parents,

I hope and trust that you are well during this unsettling time, following the increase in the national numbers and the 'confirmation' of the Third Wave of the coronavirus within our country and, more acutely, the Gauteng area.

I would like to acknowledge the uncertainty at times, as well as the resulting disruption to all our lives - either due to positive cases or necessary isolations as the result of exposure to someone who has tested positive. I would also like to acknowledge, however, the wonderful work which has been done by our boarding facilities, including the boys, in keeping the environment relatively safe throughout these past months (over a year). It has been a remarkably responsible effort and now, even with the presence of two (2) positive results within a boarding house this week, we have again been able to be measured and responsible in our actions and allowed general routines to continue.

It is my sincere hope that the upcoming five day break (Wednesday, June 16th - Monday, June 21st) will once again give us something of a 'circuit breaker'/reset, ahead of a week of on-campus revision and an important two-week test period.

As always, I would sincerely like to encourage boys to be responsible with their behaviour over the weekend - while we have experienced an increase of cases at school the vast majority of necessary isolations or positive cases come from community interactions, social functions or, unavoidably, home exposure. We are unfortunately, once again, in a phase when a heightened sense of vigilance is required.

Please continue to communicate directly with your son's Boarding Housemaster should you have any questions regarding processes or isolations, or indeed with myself if needed.

Before Mr Hillock's notes on the upcoming examination period, I think it would be remiss of me not to comment on the recent issues which we have had regarding vaping, both at school and within boarding. While I acknowledge that, for some, this issue is something of a minor one I would like to reiterate that the school considers vaping in the same light which we have always considered the smoking of cigarettes - very seriously.

There is no doubt, unfortunately, that it seems that younger grades almost routinely now get exposed to vaping during their social interactions, but it remains a significant, and increasingly evident, health risk and often leads to additional risky behaviour. We, therefore, cannot and will not tolerate this within our 'homes' and I ask all parents for their continued support in rooting out this habit and protecting the health and well-being of our boys.

I would be happy to engage with any parents in this regard, should you have concerns, at any time as well. I hope and trust you all have a wonderful, safe and healthy weekend.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Murison', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal line at the bottom.

Peter Murison
DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Jeppe Boarding Establishment Routine - Exams

INSPECTION TIMES: Inspection remains an important part of the day. Personal inspection, beds, lockers and duties will be checked by the master on duty.

Monday to Friday:

- Inspection is at 07:40

Saturday and Sunday:

- Inspection is at 08:40

DRESS CODE:

If boys are not writing on that day:

- Full school tracksuit, PE shirt underneath. No other shirts. Takkies and socks.

If boys are writing on that day:

- Full school uniform.

MEAL TIMES:

Monday to Friday:

- Breakfast 07:00 (Grade 9 and 10) and 07:20 (Grade 11 and 12)
- Lunch 12:00 (Grade 9 and 10) and 12:20 (Grade 11 and 12)
- Supper 17:30 (Grade 9 and 10) and 17:50 (Grade 11 and 12)

Saturday and Sunday:

- Breakfast 08:00-08:30, Lunch 13:00-13:30 and Supper 17:30-18:00

ALL OUT TIMES: Boys will be expected to be out of the house between 13:00 and 16:00 in the afternoons. There will be absolute quiet in the house. No ball games or music will be tolerated.

AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS: There will be no boarders in the school block during exams. The koppie, tech labs, top basketball courts, Centenary House and the Sports Office area are no-go zones during the morning.

There will be no boys playing sport before 13:00 and no one in the indoor cricket centre, on the astro, on Rhino Park or on any of the fields. The basketball courts are also out of bounds.

PREP TIMES: Prep will be compulsory and is to be observed in silence. The master on duty will take all the prep sessions in each house's prep rooms. There will be a 30 minute break between morning preps and a 15 min break in the evening.

Monday to Friday

- Session 1: 08:00-09:00
- Session 2: 09:30-10:30
- Session 3: 11:00-12:00
- Session 4: 18:30- 19:30
- Session 5: 19:45-20:45

Saturday and Sunday

- Session 1: 09:00-10:00
- Session 2: 10:30-11:30
- Session 3: 19:00-20:00

MEAL LISTS: All meal lists will be filled in by 2pm every Wednesday for the following week. The link will be sent by the housemaster. It is imperative that the meal lists are filled in accurately.

AFTER YOUR LAST EXAM: The boarding houses are undergoing some painting and deep cleaning over the July break. As such, all items must be removed, including trolleys, bedding, books and clothing. Any items left behind will be donated to charity and that boy will be levied R150 for the removal and cleaning thereof.

The mattresses will be deep steam cleaned and the lockers will be cleaned.

ADMIN: It is important that boys and parents please understand that boarding must function as smoothly as possible during this time. If you are not going to be staying in boarding then please ensure that you email the housemaster prior to exams informing him of this decision.

It is also vital that you and your son do not change plans during the week as this proves difficult to manage for the masters on duty and the kitchen.

Signing in and out will be of the utmost importance and it will be a requirement that the housemaster is notified, in person, of any changes.

BOARDING HOUSEMASTERS