



Jeppe High School for Boys

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the conclusion, this morning, of our final school assembly for the year, and in advance of the next school newsletter and the boys beginning their final examination session of the year, I thought it opportune to update parents on some developments at the school.

From a COVID perspective, for the third week in a row this term, we continue to be COVID-free with, to our knowledge, no pupils or staff either COVID positive or in isolation. In addition, a long-awaited gazette was published last weekend allowing the resumption, under certain conditions, of spectators at school events. Accompanying this Headmaster's Letter, please find an additional letter from Mr Gittins regarding this exciting development and alerting you to the protocols which need to be followed, particularly for those parents wishing to watch their sons at Pretoria Boys High School this Saturday (30th October).

In addition to the above gazette, the government also recently announced that the COVID vaccine would be available to children aged 12 and older. Whilst we welcome this development, at this stage, we have chosen not to be a vaccination site for Jeppe learners. This is primarily because those parents who do wish for their son to receive the COVID vaccine are able to take them to numerous vaccination sites with minimal effort or logistical frustration and it is therefore not necessary for the school to facilitate this process. While examinations can be stressful times, we also believe that the flexibility of the days for the majority of boys will assist, too, in the time available, should parents undertake to have their son's vaccinated.

From an academic perspective, our matric learners completed a wonderful Valediction service last Friday (22nd October) and are now fully-focused on their year-end examinations. The Grade 10 and Grade 11 boys begin their year-end examinations on Tuesday, 2nd November, whilst the Grade 8 and Grade 9 boys will have a week of Mathematics, English and Afrikaans focused revision from Tuesday, 2nd - Friday, 5th November, during which attendance is compulsory, and will commence examinations on Monday, 8th November. [Please find the Grade 8 and 9 Revision Week Programme linked here.](#)

It has been a unique journey to this point of the year but the annual academic challenge at the end of the year is one which we hope and expect our boys will approach with the necessary grit and determination. As always the academic staff remain available to boys and will provide the best support possible, primarily via the online platforms (Google Classrooms) and/or email.

*Turning **black** and **white** into **gold***

As highlighted in my previous letter dated 23rd September 2021, and our subsequent school newsletter, the school's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Tuesday, 9th November at 6PM** with one of the main orders of business being the approval of the 2022 budget. In this regard, the budget was accepted by both FINCOM and the School Governing Body at a meeting earlier this week and will be presented to the parents for their approval at the AGM.

All parents are encouraged to attend the AGM as a quorum is once again required this year. In order to facilitate planning for the AGM, [please could you complete the linked RSVP form](#). Should a quorum not be reached on the 9th November, the mandatory follow up AGM will be held on Tuesday, 23rd November, at which no quorum is required.

With Monday being a public holiday as a result of the local government elections, I trust that all families will enjoy the long weekend. For those boys involved in extramural activities (the likes of which we will never take for granted again) we look forward to watching you in action this weekend and wish you all the best in finishing your seasons on a high.

Yours in health and education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Jackson', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Dale Jackson
HEADMASTER