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Dear Grade 12 Parents

### ACADEMIC CURRICULUM FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

The Department of Education has released the teaching and assessment plans for the Class of 2020 towards the end of last week.

All our Subject Heads report that no topics have been “trimmed” from the curriculum for 2020. Further to this, they also indicate that the full curriculum will be assessed in the Final November 2020 NSC Examinations. Your son can use past examination papers, without reservation, as preparation for forthcoming examinations. Whilst the curricula for Accounting and Business Studies have not changed, the single examination paper is now split into two papers. These are the only deviations from the 2019 examination papers.

Subject Heads have also indicated that there is sufficient time in the revised calendar for us to teach all the outstanding work, without compromising our high academic standards. This comment does not come as a surprise. Firstly, we are reaping the benefits of having started teaching the Grade 12 curriculum at the beginning of November 2019. This has given your son a four-week edge over the rest of the Class of 2020. In addition, we have made remarkable progress in covering accessible content during the lockdown period. This has given your son another advantage over his peers.

In addition to teaching the outstanding content, we have allocated time to consolidate the work that was covered during the lockdown. Over and above this, we have set aside sufficient time for revision prior to the Trials and final NSC examinations. We expect that your son will make maximum use of these opportunities to clarify any concepts that he had not grasped previously.

In respect of School-Based Assessment (SBA) tasks, the June examination has been removed for all subjects. The number of outstanding assessment tasks per subject for the remainder of the year is reflected in the table below. The Trials examination counts as one of these tasks.

Subject	No. of tasks	Subject	No. of tasks	Subject	No. of tasks
English	3	Afrikaans	2	isiZulu	2
Mathematics	3	Maths Literacy	3	Physical Sciences	2
Life Sciences	3	Accounting	3	Business Studies	3
History	2	Geography	2	EGD	7
Dramatic Arts	5	Visual Arts	6	Life Orientation	2

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As the SBA component comprises 25% of the final mark, we encourage your son to prepare adequately for these tasks and to ensure that he gets the best possible mark in these tasks. A good SBA mark increases the likelihood of obtaining a good final mark.

At the beginning of the 2020 academic year, your son set himself academic goals. Our teaching staff are eagerly awaiting the return of your son. We will provide him with all the necessary support so that he may realise his goals. The success of your son in his final year of schooling is just as important to us as it is to you and your son.

We thank you for your support during this time.

Yours faithfully

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