

DEAR PARENTS,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to each new family, their son/s and all the new staff members. I trust that you will find your niche in the Griffin Community.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

This is the first lengthy newsletter for 2026. Please take careful note of all the information contained in this newsletter. Your son will be given a hard copy of the acknowledgement and personal particulars form attached to this newsletter in a brown envelope. Please complete this acknowledgment and personal particulars form and return it to your son's Form Teacher in the brown envelope. This system might be necessary from time to time, particularly if the School requires a hard copy reply slip to be returned. In such cases, please promptly sign the brown envelope, together with any reply slip, and return it via your son to his Form Teacher. Each term end report will be sent in this brown envelope. **Thereafter all communication will be sent through the Ed-admin Multi-Portal App and or via email** from a school email address in the wbhs.co.za domain.

ED-ADMIN MULTI-PORTAL

The Ed-admin Multi-Portal app is available to all staff, parents and students. Download and activate the application by using the code: **462557**. For any queries, please email school@wbhs.co.za. As a parent, you can add your sons **WBHS email address** for him to gain access. This can be done by selecting my student, then editing the student profile.

KARRI APP

The finance team has rolled out the Karri Application to help with the management and ease of payment for tours, lockers, bus and art fees as well as other collections. School Fees and Boarding are excluded at this stage. If you have not yet installed the Karri Application, please follow the instructions for downloading and installing the App by clicking on the following link: [Karri](#)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We welcome the following staff members to Westville Boys' High School:

Ms Angela Reece (History), Mr Llawdden Roux (Mathematical Literacy/Mathematics), Mr Alphas Mtilene (Life Sciences), Ms Nsindiso Biyela (Geography), Ms Sanita Deodutt (Physical Sciences), Ms Taryn Nixon (Geography), Ms Sarah McKenzie (English), Mr Simphiwe Shange (English/Zulu), Mr Wade Paton (Sports Officer), Mr Chad Desplace (Junior Sports Officer), Mr Reilly Coetzee (Mathematics), Mr Denzil van Heerden (Learnership LO) and Ms Nomla Ragaven (Administration).

We look forward to their contributions and trust that they will find their niche here at WBHS.



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026

Boys are to arrive at school by 7.30 am. A reminder that **only Grade 12 boys may be dropped in Wandsbeck Road**. Please stick to this rule - it is a privilege for Grade 12s, and if not adhered to it causes congestion. Grade 8 - 11 parents please drop your son off in Jan Hofmeyr Road or Dunbar Road.

School academic lessons end at 14:20 pm from Monday to Thursday. **On Fridays, school will now end at 13:00**. Parents will be notified in advance should any of these times change.

All boys are expected to wear **full school uniform** for the first five (5) days of term 1. Please ensure that your son has a haircut, is clean-shaven, and that his shoes are polished. We will be conducting neatness checks on the first academic day and will continue to do so for the remainder of the week. We will contact parents of boys who do not comply with the uniform code and the hair and shaving regulations. Any request for deviation from the dress code must be done by submission of the application form together with supporting documents as per the Code of Conduct. **The deviation must be submitted and approved by the SGB before practicing the deviation.**

Only official school bags are allowed (specialised bags for specific sports are an exception). Please refer to the Uniform Brochure and Code of Conduct Letter on the Ed-admin Multi-Portal app. Summer shirts may be worn from **Wednesday 21 January 2026**.

1ST TERM SPORT

Summer Sports Fixtures have been included in this Newsletter. Weekly fixtures will be placed in the Sport Information folder on the Ed-admin Multi-Portal app.

MATRIC CLASS OF 2026

GRADE 12 NSC EXAMINATIONS: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

There are approximately **121 normal school days** of teaching before the start of the Trials Exams and thereafter approximately **14 school days** before the Matrics start their process of writing the National Senior Certificate Examinations. I would like to wish the Matrics and their parents good luck for the final stretch of their school career.

Populated Matric entry forms will be sent home for parents and Matrics to check and sign before the end of January. It is imperative that you check the spelling of **ALL** names and that the ID number is correct. Corrections at a later stage becomes near impossible. The application form **must** be submitted to the Examinations Department together with a copy of a South African ID or a Passport. The copy of the ID or Passport must be made here at school by Mrs Kriese, Form Teachers will facilitate this process.

Matrics who are not yet in possession of a South African ID or Passport must ensure that they do not delay in applying for this compulsory document. Admission into every final exam requires an original ID or passport.

ACADEMIC MATTERS 2026

It is imperative that you ensure that your son attends school every day and if he misses school that you communicate the reason for his absence early in the school day. Upon return to school, he must ask for the work missed and get up to date as quickly as is possible.

Should your son be absent from school, please notify the relevant Form Head as well as Mrs. Olckers at Reception via email reception@wbhs.co.za or the Ed-admin Multi-Portal app. An automated absent email will still be sent out but your son's reason for absence will be noted. It is vital to note that should your son be at school but fail to attend registration with his form class in the morning, he will be marked absent and the automated absent email will be sent.



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Should your son be absent for an assessment of any type, he will receive a zero unless there is documented proof of absence for the following reasons: illness (Doctor's letter), trauma, court appearance or a Provincial or Nationally sanctioned sport or cultural event. An extended or early holiday is not an acceptable reason for absence.

Should you want to request a subject change for your son, all applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to Mr Chain prior to the cut-off dates below:

Grade 10 – Friday 07 August 2026 and for

Grade 11 – Friday 10 April 2026

Please note that there are no subject changes allowed in Grade 12.

LOCKERS

All 2026 locker payments must be made via the KARRI App. Lockers will only be issued once payment has been received. Lockers will be allocated on the first day of term 1 and then every Monday after Form Head Assembly thereafter.

CONTACT PERSONS: 2026

Grade 12 Form Head **Mr Sean Groenewald** groes01@wbhs.co.za

Grade 11 Form Head **Mrs Bronwyn Parker** bronpa01@wbhs.co.za

Grade 10 Form Head **Mrs Nicole Kalicharan** kalini01@wbhs.co.za

Grade 9 Form Head **Mr Byron Tucker** tuckb01@wbhs.co.za

Grade 8 Form Head **Mr Jean-Luc Daruty De Grandpre** daruje01@wbhs.co.za

BGA Form Head **Mrs Geraldine Martin** martge01@wbhs.co.za

Deputy Headmaster / Form Heads, Daily Discipline and Counselling – **Mr Vince Van Rensburg**
vanrv01@wbhs.co.za

Deputy Headmaster / Academics - **Mr Leslie Chain** chail01@wbhs.co.za

Deputy Headmaster / Boarding and Admissions - **Mr Guy Coombe** coomg01@wbhs.co.za

Director of Sport - **Mrs Pam Hayward** haywp01@wbhs.co.za

Reception - **Mrs Teresa Olckers** reception@wbhs.co.za

Bursar - **Mrs Berenice Eksteen** schoolfees@wbhs.co.za

For any issues relating to broader education and classroom activities, the first port of call is your son's form teacher. If this issue is not resolved, this can then be escalated to the Form Head of the grade, subject or department (as is appropriate). Should this not solve the issue, an appointment can be made to see the appropriate Deputy Headmaster, after which a conversation can be arranged with the Headmaster.

All of our staff are fully committed to the learners and we want to make sure that everyone at the school develops to fulfill their potential and find their purpose.

The school is in the fortunate position to have a competent **counselling team** under the leadership of Deputy Headmaster, Mr Vince Van Rensburg. The team is made up of our freelance registered counsellor, Mrs Wendy Kempster, Mrs Nicole Kalicharan (Career Guidance) and Mr Sifiso Gininda.

For all **sports related queries**, please contact the MIC in charge or the Director of the relevant sport, these details have been included in this Newsletter.

Queries concerning **School and Boarding Fees** are to be directed to the Bursar, Mrs Berenice Eksteen schoolfees@wbhs.co.za and queries related to **all other fees** are to be directed to Mrs Karen Denyssen denyka01@wbhs.co.za.



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ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Academic Support Programme comprises extra revision or master classes conducted by teachers in the afternoons as well as a tutoring/mentoring/collaborative learning programme conducted by our top academic leaders and boys. If your son experiences any shortcomings or challenges in any subject, he is strongly advised to take full advantage of these opportunities.

The Academic Support Programme for Term 1 will be uploaded on the Ed-admin Multi-Portal app. For more information, please contact Mrs. Roopram by email: roopsa01@wbhs.co.za

CODE OF CONDUCT

All boys and parents have signed the Code of Conduct on their admission to Westville Boys' High School. The boys' copy of the Code of Conduct is placed on the classroom noticeboards. If you require another copy, please ask your son to get this from his form class teacher.

The Code includes provisions covering behaviour, specific rules and regulations, co-curricular policy, security of property, electronic devices, substance abuse, uniform and appearance. If you feel that your son might have difficulty in meeting those requirements, it is important to discuss this with the SGB, the Deputy Headmaster or the Headmaster as early as possible to avoid any future problems.

MEDICAL AID AND ACCIDENTAL INSURANCE COVER 2026

It is vitally important that the School be informed if your son is covered by Medical Aid. As you know, the School acts *in loco parentis*. For example, if parents are not present, and any boy needs to be hospitalized in an emergency, it is essential for us to know whether he is covered by medical aid or not. This will determine whether he would be admitted to either a private or a public hospital.

Please be advised that we have moved from **OneSure** to **Hollard** for the medical insurance cover provided for our boys. This decision was made to ensure greater **efficiency and ease of processing** claims.

Kindly note that this insurance **does not replace your existing medical aid**. Rather, it is designed to cover any shortfalls you may experience, up to the limits outlined in the policy. The full policy document is available for review under **Documents** on **Ed-admin Multi-Portal App**.

We encourage all parents to familiarize themselves with the coverage to ensure clarity on how it may support your child's medical needs.

WBHS FOUNDATION & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The **WBHS Educational Trust** has been at the forefront of raising funds for the upgrading of our academic facilities. Thank you to the largest contributing component, our parents. No matter the amount it is truly appreciated.

The **WBHS Foundation** was established to complement the role of the Trust. It is registered as a public benefit organisation and a non-profit company and offers opportunities for advertising and BBBEE points. The Foundation has raised over R14 million rand, which has provided numerous bursaries to deserving learners, and enabled the purchase of 3 Boarding Establishments and the upgrade of Huberta, Griffin, Sweiden and Founders Houses.

Your financial support is appreciated – Westville Boys' is a very different place as a result of it. Any queries concerning the Trust should be directed to Mrs Paula Robertson on robep01@wbhs.co.za and the Foundation to Mrs Pam Hayward on email haywp01@wbhs.co.za.



GRIFFIN LEGACY NETWORK

Parents are invited to become part of the **Griffin Legacy Network**, a growing community that connects our school family with trusted community partners. By joining via the Old Boys' website at www.woba.co.za, parents can enjoy exclusive partner benefits while simultaneously contributing to the vital work of the School Foundation. Participation in the Griffin Legacy Network is a meaningful way to support the long-term sustainability and development of the school, while strengthening the spirit of the Griffin community. It takes only a few minutes and your membership card can either be posted, collected or given to your son.

MYSCHOOL, MYVILLAGE UPDATE – INTRODUCING MYDIFFERENCE

We would like to inform parents that our previous fundraising partner, MySchool, MyVillage, has now been replaced by the MyDifference platform. This initiative allows the school to benefit through a partner rebate when parents shop at Woolworths. To participate, parents are encouraged to download the Woolworths app and register Westville Boys' High School as their chosen benefactor. This is a simple and effective way to support the school through everyday shopping, at no additional cost to families.

M=Educ8 School Programme

If you have a Makro card, please download and register on the mCard app, then link your profile to Westville Boys' High school. www.makro.co.za/m-educ8

SPONSORSHIP

Westville Boys' High School is sincerely grateful to our valued sponsors — **Manuchar, CMH Group (Suzuki), Belgotex Sport, aQuelle, Bidvest, Bluff Meat Supply, Puma, Cargo Bulk Movers, Reebok, Nashua, Hawk Monitor, Hyundai Springfield, Marshall Security and Sigma Accounting** — for their generous support throughout 2025. Their partnership plays a vital role in enabling excellence across our sporting and school programmes.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are proud to announce that the following sponsors have come on board across various codes: **Sygnia Financial Management, Canon, Sync Apparel Software & Alfa Sports**. The school continues to seek major sponsors for each of our sports codes. We offer a range of attractive branding and exposure opportunities within our highly engaged Westville Boys' High community, particularly through the many home fixtures hosted during the year. Businesses interested in partnering with the school are invited to contact our Commercial Director, Mr Grant Durose, at business@wbhs.co.za.

GRIFFIN CLUB – Connecting Our Community

Parents, staff and supporters are invited to join the Griffin Club, a social club that meets once per term on a Friday evening in the Bowdens Longroom and provides an opportunity to connect in a relaxed and welcoming environment. The Griffin Club plays an important role in building relationships and strengthening the partnership between home and school, a connection that is vital to our boys' development throughout their journey at Westville Boys' High School.

Each gathering offers light meals, a cash bar, and an enjoyable social atmosphere. For a nominal annual membership fee of R 350 per person, members will be entered into an attendance draw for cash and other exciting prizes.

Parents wishing to register for 2026 are encouraged to complete the form at the link below, after which we will be in touch regarding subscription details: <https://forms.gle/fA7R2poKLFaTbYBg9>

We look forward to welcoming you into this growing community.



THE GRIFFIN ACADEMY

The Griffin Academy offers extra support, tuition lessons and coaching in various areas of school life: academics, sport, leadership and cultural activities. The sports element of the Griffin Academy is designed to develop the full potential of all boys in the school and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Please visit the school website to see what is on offer and to book and pay for these training sessions. For additional information please email admin@griffinacademy.co.za.

GRIFFIN PRIDE – Supporters' Merchandise

Since the launch of our Supporters' Merchandise range in 2023, Griffin pride has never looked better. From seat cushions and umbrellas to caps, T-shirts, golf shirts and more, our range offers high-quality, practical merchandise designed for proud supporters of Westville Boys' High School.

This exciting initiative is driven by our Old Boys' Committee, and we are proud to share that every cent raised is reinvested directly into campus development, benefiting both current and future generations of boys.

We encourage parents to get behind this initiative, wear their Griffin colours with pride and support the ongoing development of our school. Merchandise can be ordered online at www.woba.co.za.

Support the school. Wear the pride. Be part of the legacy.

IN CLOSING

2026 promises to be a wonderful year! Good luck to each of our Griffins, their parents and our staff.
Incepto Ne Desistam: May we not shrink from our purpose!

Sincerely,

GRAHAM STEELE
HEADMASTER



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