



Hoërskool BOSMANSDAM High School

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Dear Parent / Geagte Ouer

I must say that there are some positives in 2020 despite Covid-19 and the economic and social destruction it has caused. One is the rainfall we have had so far this year, which reminds us of winters of years ago. Two years ago all conversations were about the drought, now it is Covid-19. I guess we must look around us for the small blessings as well.

COVID-19

Both the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Health have visited our school to verify our readiness and protocols for Covid-19. They had comprehensive checklists and we passed both tests with flying colours. I would like to once again thank Mr Dirks, our Covid-19 compliance officer, the SMT, staff and cleaning staff for their efforts in keeping the school and the immediate environment as safe as possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming our **Grade 10 learners on Tuesday, 21 July 2020**, to our school. Parents must please ensure that their children arrive at school in good time - but not before 06:45 - to allow for the screening process to take place. School will still start at 08:00 in the morning.

Please find the protocol for the return of Grade 10 - 11 on our school website. Just Google 'Bosmansdam High School' and it will take you to our site. Click on the Covid-19 tab at the top left hand side of the page, scroll down to 'Official Covid-19 Documentation' and click on 'Action Plan for Grade 8 - 11'.

Also, applications for learners without comorbidities to learn from home have now closed. The parents who have applied must wait for confirmation and approval from the WCED before the students can stay at home. If you have any queries in this regard, please contact Ms Swartz at dswartz@bmdhs.co.za.

Please note that calls for the closure of schools by certain parties and unions have not been ratified by DBE or the president and it is business as usual. This can obviously change at any moment, but I will keep parents informed of any changes in return dates or school closure the minute I receive official notification from the DBE and the WCED. Intussen gaan ons aan. Ek sal dus vir u amptelik in kennis stel indien daar enige verandering is ten opsigte van die reëlings wat in hierdie Bosteleggram verskyn.

Parents of Grade 11 students must please note that the **Grade 11 students will only attend school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from next week on.** The **Grade 10 learners** will only attend school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, so again, their first school day back will be on Tuesday 21 July 2020 - God willing. Grade 10 and 11 students must wear school uniform to school.

Dit is dus uiters belangrik dat studente die skool bywoon want toetse en eksamens gaan aan soos gewoonlik. Hulle het reeds maande se skoolwerk verloor en kan nie verdere onderbrekings bekostig nie.

EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS

English Paper 3 will be written on Friday, 7 August 2020, by the Grade 12 learners. Please ensure that your child attends school on that day (unless they have symptoms) as it is a very long paper and it counts considerably towards the final examination mark.

The District office cannot give us an indication of when the Grade 12 Preliminary examinations will start. We have planned for the prelims to start on 24 August 2020, but will confirm the minute we receive confirmation from them.

I would also like to remind all parents and students that, should a student miss an examination due to an invalid reason, only one opportunity will be given to rewrite the examination (after hours). Should a student miss this opportunity, he/she will receive an incomplete mark and must repeat the year. Dis daarom baie belangrik dat leerders nie afwesig is vir toetse en eksamens sonder 'n geldige rede nie.

There will be no tests series or reports issued during the second term as per Circular S3 of 2020. However, control tests will be written and PAT's and SBA tasks must be handed in certain subjects. The subject teacher will advise and information will also be posted on Google Classroom.

TUCK SHOP

We have quite a bit of stock available from our tuckshop as we could not reopen it due to the pandemic. It was stocked-up just before the pandemic struck us and we have thus decided to sell it at cost prices. Please see our [stock list](#).

As we would prefer to make bulk sales, prices are negotiable. Please contact Ms Suzette van Wyk at svanwyk@bmdhs.co.za for more information or phone the school at 021 5581070 to speak to her.

SCHOOL FEES

We occasionally get enquiries regarding the payment of school fees due to the lock down and some grades not attending school. Please note the following response by Director William Jantjies of the WCED in this regard:

“Payment of school fees is compulsory if all the necessary legislative rules have been complied with by the school, irrespective whether the schools have been closed during the lockdown period.

period. If the parent does not qualify for exemption, he/she will be required to continue paying the school fees.”

Again, I cannot thank the parents who continue to pay their school fees enough; you help to keep the school and staff going during these difficult times. Any queries in this regard can be forwarded to Ms Delise Burger at dburger@bmdhs.co.za.

U ondersteuning, maak nie saak hoe klein of groot nie, maak 'n verskil en word opreg waardeer en verseker dat kwaliteit-onderrig steeds by ons skool plaasvind.

ERRATA

A mistake was made in Bostelegam 2.2. of 2020 which I would like to rectify. Please note that Keneilwe Sekooa was in the 9th position amongst the top achievers in Grade 12 for the first term. The top achievers in Bostelegam 2.1. of 2020 was correct, but her name was omitted in the next issue. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Vriendelike groete

D.R. Human
SKOOLHOOF / HEADMASTER
17 Julie 2020

IMPORTANT DATES / BELANGRIKE DATUMS

Friday 7 August :

Gr 11 & 12 English P3
Schools close

Maandag 10 Augustus	Publieke Vakansiedag
Wednesday 12 August	Schools reopen
Maandag 17 Augustus:	Graad 9 keer terug (voorlopig)
Maandag 24 Augustus:	Gr 12 Prelims start (provisionally)
Tuesday 25 August:	Grade 8 returns (provisionally)