



ACADEMIC MATTERS
PARKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Message from the Editor

A big thank you must be extended to Mr Wayne Kassebaum for driving this initiative. "Academic Matters" will be distributed every two weeks. We hope you find this supplement informative and beneficial - **Advancement Team (Ed)**

Featured Subjects: Mathematics and History

Mathematics (Mr J Odendaal)

Grade 12s are reminded of the ongoing discussions of June Exam Papers that take place on Monday afternoons (15:30 – 17:00) in the Auditorium. These will continue for the remainder of the term.

Cycle Test Content (Gr 10 - 11):

Grade 11: Surface Area and Volume

Grade 10: Euclidean Geometry

Term Tests (Gr 8 and 9):

Grade 9: 24 August: Straight Line Graphs (Notes)

Grade 8: 22 August: Common Fractions, The Theorem of Pythagoras, Area and Perimeter

History (Mr J Furlonger)

Congratulations to the following boys for coming first and second in the Parktown Junior Social Science Olympiad:

Matthew Thomson (received 80%)

Muaaz Moosa (received 75%)

Grade 8's are currently preparing for an in-class assessment on Colonisation, making sure they know the map of Africa as well as understanding the consequences of Colonisation. This will also be assessed in their cycle test.

Grade 9 will be doing an in-class assessment on the genocide in Rwanda, which will also be the material covered in the cycle test.

Learners need to remember that spelling and grammar is just as important as studying basic facts. History is ever-changing, as is the content of the subject, and learners must keep up to date with current affairs. Grade 9 and 11 boys will soon be covering the Apartheid section, and with the elections that have taken place, learners must see how the past affects them today.

Grade 10 learners are in the process of studying South African history from the 1700's. They too are entering assessment times with essays and source- based questions. As there is no history cycle test in the programme, it will take place in class.

Grade 11 boys are doing assessment on Israel and Palestine, and will soon have another formal assessment on Nationalism.

Grade 12 learners have done their last assessment and have access to past papers to prepare for the prelims and final exams.

Last note – Mr Pillay

This is an important period for Grade 12 learners with regard to consolidation and preparation for the Prelims (26 August) and Finals (19 October – Practical Exams; 26 October - Written Exams).

Grades 8 to 11 write cycle and class tests from 29 to 31 August and need to remember that every mark counts towards the final result.

It is never too late to do what is needed to raise the bar – wherever you may be located along the spectrum – whether it is the need to secure a pass, or to achieve a first class pass.

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Sacrifices made now will bear rich fruit in the future.

Make sure you have a study programme, designated study area and that your test and study timetable is clearly visible at your desk. Use varying study methods. Avoid just sitting and reading and passing this off as 'studying'. Avoid distractions such as the television on in the background, listening to contemporary music, snacking while studying etc. – rather use these, as well as sport, as reward, during study breaks.

For the learning experience to be meaningful and enjoyable, the brain should be bombarded with a variety of stimuli: reading, writing, drawing, underlining, using highlighters, bright colours, different font, diagrams, mnemonics and so on. Once the learning experience, and in this instance, studying, becomes enjoyable, results will improve automatically.



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