



SCHOOL MATTERS

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE



Every day you show up, you are investing in your future self. Do not underestimate the power of attendance.

Unknown

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

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Academics

Firstly, a big word of thanks to all the parents who ensure that their children attend school and support the school activities so faithfully. Our school calendar allows ample opportunities to relax and unwind amid our busy schedules. On the eve of such a break, I would like to emphasise the importance of school attendance. School attendance is compulsory and not optional. Apart from the fact that it is the right thing to do, learners miss out on too much academic work if they are constantly absent. A large contributing factor to our academic success lies rooted in the fact that we have far more teaching time than the average public or three-term school.

Midstream College's matrics have a preliminary exam of about five weeks before the final exams, while several public schools write exams for up to 13 weeks during the same period (a June exam of 5 to 6 weeks and a preliminary exam of 6 to 7 weeks).

If your children are absent, please inform their register teacher ahead of time and provide a valid reason. Learners who are repeatedly absent, especially on Mondays and Fridays, will compromise their re-admission for 2027 and matrics not at school can be deregistered for the final examinations.

Furthermore, I would like to honour the learners and teachers involved in our extra-mural activities. Thank you for your positive carpe diem attitude. A special salute to everyone involved in this weekend's sport on the eve of our end-of-April break. The College offers various extra-curricular opportunities for learners, and to those who let these opportunities pass you by, heed the wise words of Mark Zuckerberg:

The biggest risk is not taking any risk... In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks.

Considering the fluctuating weather patterns lately, learners already have permission to wear either full summer or full winter uniform as of today. The final transition will be communicated later. Learners will also be permitted wear their full school tracksuits as an alternative during June and July.

Rest well and recharge your batteries for the busy period lying ahead in the run-up to the June examinations.



Sport



Culture

LOST & FOUND & SECOND-HAND STORE

Lost and Found is open from Monday to Friday (07:00 – 08:00) and is closed in the afternoons. Enquiries must be made in person regarding lost items as the volunteers do not respond to enquiries via messages or WhatsApp. Lost items are only kept for one month.

The second-hand clothing store is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 07:00 to 08:00. Alternate times for the afternoons are updated weekly on the WhatsApp profile picture (082 520 0478).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We would like to request cooperation from all parents to ensure the best possible academic performance of our learners. One aspect of this is school attendance, which must not be compromised. If a learner is absent, we request that parents communicate the reason for the absence to the relevant grade heads and registration teachers as early as possible. Should a learner be absent for a scheduled assessment, a valid medical certificate has to be submitted before an alternate test can be scheduled. We have picked up on a trend that certain learners are absent on Mondays or Fridays. In future, learners will be requested to submit a medical certificate for their absence on those days should this trend continue.

WINTER TRACKSUITS

The Uniform Shop now has the new winter tracksuits in stock. Bearing in mind that learners will be permitted to wear tracksuits to school during June and July, you might want to consider this option.



A reminder that the 2025 matric certificates may be collected at the office Monday to Friday, from 07:30 to 15:00.