

# RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

*The Oldest Girls' School in South Africa*

**Principal: Ms E H Slabber**

26 August 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians and Learners

## **Online Classes to Resume as School Closes for 2 Days, Covid Numbers Dependent**

We have been riding this Covid19 rollercoaster for over a year and yet I continue to be surprised by the curve balls, the dips and dives with which this pandemic continues to challenge us.

Despite my cautiously optimistic email of Sunday in which I expressed my view that we had perhaps past the worst of the infections at school, our numbers this week have continued to climb. As of today, to my knowledge, we have 19 positive Covid cases among learners and two staff members who are now showing symptoms and are in isolation. As a result of contact with other learners, we also have almost 150 learners in isolation.

I have been in continuous contact with the Western Cape Education Department throughout yesterday and today. They finally contacted me this morning to inform me that the SG has sanctioned a two day decant (temporary move of schooling from the physical building to the learner's home) and a review on Monday to assess the ongoing Covid 19 infections. Please take note the school is not closing; educators will be in their classroom but learners will attend online. Rhenish Girls' High School will close for the learners on Friday and Monday – 27 and 30 August. Learners will return to physical school on the premises on Tuesday 31 August.

Online schooling will take place as per the school timetable on these two days. Attendance will be taken in each lesson and absence from a lesson will be treated as bunking a lesson. Recordings of these lessons will only be made available on request by the parent providing a valid reason why a learner missed the online teaching. All staff will be present at Rhenish Girls' High and they will teach from their classrooms.

Please note the following:

- The Art Grade 12 Theory paper will go ahead as scheduled for Monday 30 August at 13H30 – 16H30 at the PJ Olivier Art School.

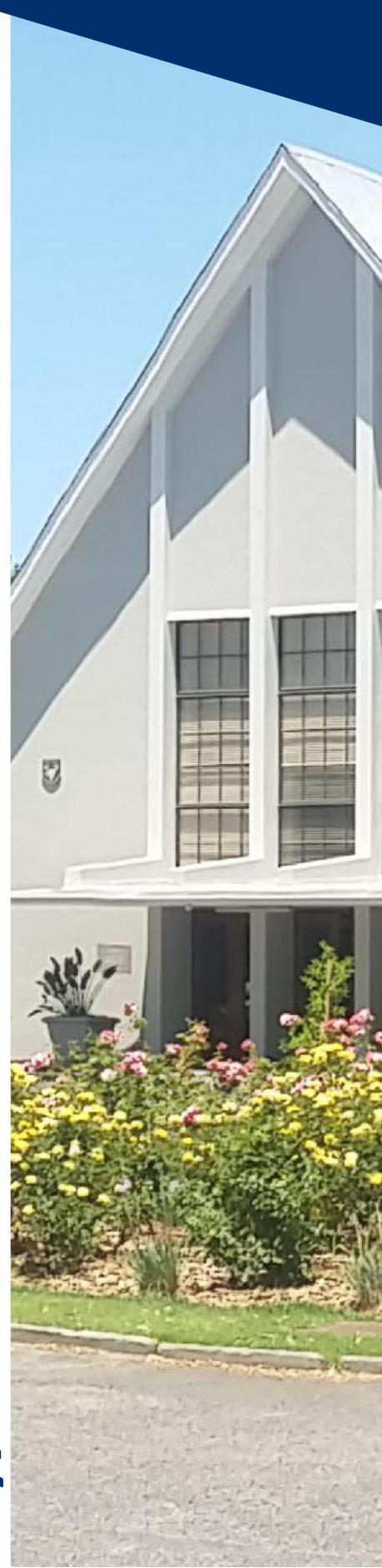
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- All tests scheduled for Monday 30 August have been moved to Tuesday 31 August.
- Assembly on Monday, the following applies:
  - Grade 12 – Maths and Maths Lit online teaching
  - Grade 8 – 11 – Day 2 Period 2 online teaching
- The tests scheduled for this Assembly period all move down one slot.
- The teachers will reschedule SBAs and class tests and an updated timetable for the term will be made available in due course.

Day	Date	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 8
5	Friday 2021/08/27	German orals online	Accounting <b>New date to be confirmed</b>			
6	Monday 2021/08/30	Mathematics and Math Lit online Teaching for all Gr 12s	Day 2 Period 2	Day 2 Period 2	Day 2 Period 2	Day 2 Period 2
7	Tuesday 2021/08/31	ART Prelim after school Life Sciences	Mathematics/ Maths Lit	Mathematics	History SBA	Day 5 Period 6 German oral / AFR HT & FAL skryfprojek
8	Wednesday 2021/09/01	German	EGD SBA period 6 and complete after school History	CAT test		Day 5 Period 6 German oral / AFR HT & FAL skryfprojek

I apologise to all parents, learners and staff for this disruption and for the short notice of this decision. It is frustrating for all parties, but I have consider the health of all of our learners and our staff and this seems like the most prudent course of action right now.

We sincerely hope that this closure will serve to break the cycle of infections among our learners. For this to happen, however, I desperately need your co-operation. Please, for the next five days, keep your daughters at home. Do not let them use the school closure as an excuse to socialise. While friends may be symptom free on the day they mix, they may be carrying the infection and the symptoms will only develop at a later stage. Closing the school is a drastic measure and we all need to treat it with the seriousness with which this decision is taken.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Ms E H Slabber