

Glen Austin High School

Newsletter: January 2018

Official Welcome



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Important Notice Regarding Operations and Security at Glen Austin High School:

Glen Austin High School Management would like to inform our stakeholders that there was a security breach at the school during the last weekend of January.

Although certain assets have been stolen, management would like to reassure all of our parents, learners and stakeholders that this incident will in no way affect operations at Glen Austin High School.

Additional security measures are being put in place in order to ensure the safety of our employees, learners and stakeholders as well as the security of all assets.

Glen Austin High would like to reassure all of our stakeholders Glen Austin High School is committed to maintaining the effective functionality and security of the organisation.

Best Wishes

The Glen Austin High

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE - PRINCIPAL MR. B MOYO

To all our esteemed stakeholders including parents, learners, the School Management Forum and the School Management Team, I say thank you for joining us in our 2018 journey of excellence.

Glen Austin High, in year 5 of our history, and we proudly proclaim ourselves as an accomplished 100% pass rate school. We have placed ourselves at the citadel of learning. We have carved our own history; rather we have woven our fabric into the tapestry of High School learning here in Midrand and beyond. Our distinguished class of 2017 has produced 18 bachelors, 4 Diplomas and 1 higher Certificate passes. These proud achievers will be our ambassadors throughout South Africa and beyond.

To the Grade 8s: We welcome you and say, you have made a right choice. Welcome to the school of excellence. We are here to groom and develop your potential all the way to matriculation.

To the Grade 10s: Welcome to a new phase. You will realize soon enough that most of your success will be hinged on the choice of subjects that you are pursuing. We will guide and help you to settle in. We have already put in place a portfolio that deals with school counselling and learner support and this team is led by Mrs. van Heerden.

To the retained and progressed learners: Our eyes will be on you from day one. The teachers through -out the two day pre-opening workshops examined ways of rendering a lot of assistance to you. Extra classes will embark in earnest and they will be geared to support you.

To the promoted learners: We say go on. Out do yourself, do your best and continue to achieve your best.

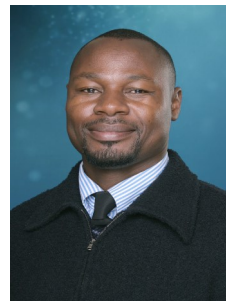
Now to the class of 2018: This is your last leg. You have not arrived yet. Today you start an arduous and often painful journey. We want to you to succeed. But it also takes a commitment and dedication from your side. We expect a much more improved performance from you. And as usual, our mantra is that we are a 100% pass rate school.

Outlining the vision for 2018: GAHS has a competitive edge. We are small energetic and we have a reputation for quality. Our theme this year is ... 'accelerated effort on excellence'.

Lastly we thank the board for entrusting us (the school) with a duty of care. We share your ideological vision of success and expansion. We will count on your support in all our endeavors.

Mr. Moyo

Vice - Principal: Glen Austin High School



Mr. B .Moyo



Matric Results



Congratulations to the Class of 2017



We are thrilled to inform our parents, learners and stakeholders that our 2017 Matric class achieved a 100% pass rate with 17 Bachelor's passes, 5 Diploma passes and 1 Higher certificate pass.

Message to the Class of 2018



We welcome the Class of 2018 to Glen Austin High School. You are destined to reap the fruit of consistent hard work at our school. In 2018 we would like you to be part of high achievers through "accelerated effort on excellence" which is our theme for the year.

The Educators and Management of the school are committed to working hard every step of the way with every one of our Grade 12 learners to ensure that every Glen Austin Learner achieved his or her true potential. We are confident that the class of 2018 will achieve excellence in the Matric Results.

Our dedicated team will ensure that through teamwork and collaboration with all stakeholders at Glen Austin High School that we maintain and exceed our 2017 results.

Update Centre



Learner Conduct Column: Mr. B Moyo

Discipline: a Pathway to Excellence

Discipline is not about getting kids to do what you want them to do. That's what dictators do, and the teachers at Glen Austin High are not dictators—they are educators with a passionate interest in groom our learners for lifelong self-discipline and success.

Discipline is providing an environment in which positive teaching and positive learning can occur simultaneously. Discipline is not control from the outside; it's order from within.

To achieve further success, the school has identified that enhanced Discipline is one of our key pillars for 2018.

Discipline- we believe in a more disciplined school. New members have been co-opted into the discipline committee to tighten up a review our discipline policy. We don't want discipline matters to deter us from concentrating on the core business.

This year, merits will be used to motivate and encourage a well cultured community of learners. Our LRC including prefects will be much more empowered in their duties to manage discipline at the school.

Discipline and good conduct is part of the culture of Glen Austin High School and forms one of the key pathways to excellence.

The Learner Representative Council and the 2018 Prefects will be actively involved in ensuring that discipline is maintained at the school, As part of the culture of the School culture – the school will constantly engage the student body the LRC, to listen and engage in a free flow of communication. The suggestion box is still open for use—The school will take views and interests of learners very seriously



Glen Austin High Prefects 2018

We look forward to the continued cooperation of all of our learners as we strive to achieve our goals.

Grade 8 Orientation



GRADE 8 : MR F BOTSANZIRA

FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL

The 17th of January was an exciting day for the 2018 grade 8 learners, the grade 8 teachers and the prefects. The first day of school was a great success as the grade 8s settled in and enjoyed themselves. The prefects were outstanding in orienting the juniors on their first day at Glen Austin High school.

At day end the learners and prefects were exhausted from all the different activities during this school fun filled day.

The grade 8 first day at school was a great success and has laid a strong foundation for the 2018 academic year. We look forward to seeing all of our Grade 8 Learners at the Grade 8 Orientation on Saturday 03 February. Please contact admin@glenaustinhg.co.za for further information

SCHOOL POLICIES

The grade 8 learners were introduced to the schools ethos and policies that address school uniform, discipline and mobile devices (i.e. tablets and mobile phones). The prefects took the grade 8s around the school premises highlighting the expectations of the school from the learners at large. The juniors were well catered for by the school cafeteria, for which canteen cards are in the process of being issued. The Grade 8 Learners will also be learning the school song and Grade 8 Oath in preparation for their time at Glen Austin High School.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

The junior learners were tested on their learning styles a process designed to enhance the learning experience. Results were collected, analyzed and will be disseminated to the school at large to improve the learning experience for the tech savvy generation. The learning style test was designed and customised by Mrs. Van Heerden one of Glen Austin High's highly experienced Educators.

GRADE 8 CONCERT

Highlights for this term include the Grade 8 Rookie Concert to be held at 18h00 in the school hall on the 8th of February and our grade 8 learners have been hard at work to prepare for the concert. The Grade 8 Concert will end on a high note with the learners taking the Glen Austin High Oath and receiving their certificates of potential.

We look forward to seeing all the Grade 8 parents at the Rookie Concert.

HOD LANGUAGES



ENGLISH: MS. R GILL

Challenges and Advice for the Year Ahead – Ms Gill (HOD – Language)

'There are 7 days in the week, and SOMEDAY is not one of them'

I recently showed the Grade 12s a video called, 'Try Something New for 30 Days' (Matt Cutts), and afterwards, was quite impressed with the learners' responses. Hloni wanted to read every day, and Paul wanted to start a music group. But the overwhelming majority wanted to achieve ... 'better marks'!

Achieving 'better marks' is a journey that requires self-discipline and routine, but it needs the spark of desire – and it is this spark that I see in our Matric's this year.

It is nice to see that the Matric's are 'revving their V8 engines' as they focus on the 'finish line', but really, they are already half-way down the track, as the race towards the NSC exams starts ... in GRADE 11!

Grade 11 could be regarded as the 'first step' on one's career path – that of reserving a place in a tertiary institution – and to do so, one needs to achieve impressive results in one's year-end exams. So, to Grade 11s, now's the time to start the year with a 'thirty-day challenge' that replaces time-wasting habits with constructive and productive ones – ones that will 'pay off' and present rewarding results.

Towards the end of last year, learners in Grade 11 were asked to give advice to the Grade 11s of 2018, and Mpiti Mosothoane had these words to offer:

I'd like to indulge you on what you should expect in Grade 11, and how you should tackle it.

Grade 11 is a significant year in your life, because it's the year when you use your marks to apply for university. It is also very challenging and it needs hard work. Perseverance is key to passing Grade 11 and getting the required marks.

You will be put under a lot of pressure; the work load is massive as it is also preparation for Matric. To achieve maximum marks, you need to stay focused and avoid all distractions. However, it is also lots of fun, as it is pre-matric, so please, does not think that it's all hell. Planning fund-raisers for your matric dance is creative and inter-active, so don't hesitate to enjoy yourself in the process.

Shy away from all your previous mischievous activities, because they could be the source of a sad life. And if you do abstain, it could be the beginning of beautiful things to come. So don't lose focus on your goals and purpose, and good luck in the year ahead!

Good advice, Mpiti! I hope the Grade 11s take heed.

Regards

Ms R. Gill



The Management of Glen Austin High School takes great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Ms Gill as the Head of Department for Languages at Glen Austin High School.

Ms. Gill joined Glen Austin High in 2015, and over the past three years has proven herself to be a bastion of excellence.

Ms. Gill is the Senior English Educator at Glen Austin High and achieved excellent results with the 2017 Grade 12 Final Examinations. With a 100% pass rate for English Home Language we are confident that Ms. Gill will take the Languages Department to new heights in 2018.

Ms. Gill's Achievements include:

100% pass rate for Grade 12 Learners English HL
School convener of inter-school public speaking competitions
Producer of school productions
Script writer of educational theatre productions
Public Relations Expertise



HOD Mathematics and Science



PHYSICAL SCIENCE: MR. T SIBANDA

MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE TIPS FOR LEARNERS

Do all of the homework. Don't ever think of homework as a choice. It's the most important way that students practice and master the concepts taught in class. Set up a regular time and place that make doing the homework feel automatic.

Fight not to miss class. Math class moves fast, teaching a new concept every day. What students do today builds towards tomorrow. Math punishes absences; to keep up, students have to make time to come back and learn what they missed. So if there's an optional appointment to be made, take care not to schedule it during math.

Find a friend to be your study partner. We all have reasons for legitimate absences. So find a friend who will take good notes when you're gone and will call that night to fill you in on the homework. This is good practice for the real world, where building positive relationships is necessary to thrive. In more advanced classes, it's a good idea to build a study group to practice for tests.

Establish a good relationship with the teacher. High school teachers many learners, so it's important to distinguish yourself. During the first week of school, introduce yourself. Let your teacher know that you are interested in her class, and welcome the opportunity to learn. Ask questions that show you're paying attention. Teachers respond best to students who show that they care about the class.

Analyze and understand every mistake. Our culture has become perfection- focused, and it's tempting to ignore our mistakes. Students want to pass over a mistake made on homework or a test, to just let it go. But it's important to fix mistakes and understand why they were made; otherwise we're doomed to repeat them. Take time to figure out the thinking behind a mistake, and figure out how to do it right. Ask the teacher if you're unclear. In advanced classes, it can be helpful to write a paragraph of reflection about why errors were made.

Get help fast. If a student realizes that something is difficult, he should seek as much help as possible as quickly as possible. Teachers are very receptive to requests for extra help. Straighten out misunderstandings before they start to snowball.

Don't swallow your questions. Questions are the vehicle by which we learn. If you have one, ask it. Chances are that many of your students have the same question. Saying it out loud will help you, your classmates, and the teacher. Asking good questions is a lifelong skill, and school is a safe place to practice. The more questions we ask, the easier it gets. A good teacher will respect all questions. If you feel that your teacher embarrasses you for asking a question, talk to your parents and have them tell the administration; this is a serious problem.

Basic skills are essential. Quick: what's 9 times 7? To be successful, students must be able to answer this correctly in their sleep. The multiplication tables are the basis for most high school math problems. If your child doesn't know them, practice! Make flash cards, buy a computer program, and practice, practice, practice.

Understand what the calculator is doing. It's not enough to know how to use the calculator; students need to know what the answer means. They should ask themselves what the calculator is doing for them, and always analyze the calculator's answer. For instance, if the teacher asks for "the square of negative three," many students will type in " -3^2 " which gives the answer " -9 ." But the real answer is " $(-3)^2$ ", or 9. Students should play around with their calculators and become familiar with the way they work.

Good Luck to all of our learners taking Mathematics and Science in 2018. If you apply the tips above and with the Educators you are sure to achieve success.

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Regards
Mr. T Sibanda



A Warm Welcome



MS. CN NZUZA

MS NZUZA WILL BE TEACHING COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY AND LIFE ORIENTATION TO OUR GRADE 10-12 LEARNERS

In a nutshell

Qualifications:

B.A. Communications

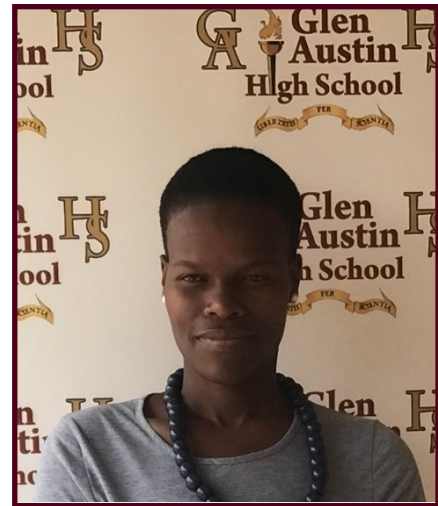
Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Experience

Taught CAT for 8 years from grade 10 to grade 12

Taught grade 8 EMS for 1year.

Ms. Nzuzza is a highly skilled Educator who has achieved 100% pass rate for Grade 12 learners CAT for 3 consecutive years. Ms Nzuzza brings a wealth of knowledge and educational experience to the GAHS Team.



MS. KIREN ANILKUMAR

MS ANILKUMAR WILL BE TEACHING ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AND LIFE ORIENTATION TO OUR GRADE 8 - 9 LEARNERS.

In a nutshell

Qualifications:

B.A. Education

Subject Areas: English and Life Orientation,

Specialisation: Physical Education.

Ms Anilkumar is a passionate and talented Educator who will play an active role in Languages Department at Glen Austin High.

Ms Anilkumar will also be taking a leading role in Land Service and our extra curricular activities.



Grade 12 2018 Information



Class of 2018

Departmental Requirements



education

Department:
Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NATIONAL
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

It is of extreme importance that all Matriculants are registered in order to be permitted to write exams and obtain a National Senior Certificate. Therefore we ask all parents whose learners don't have Identity documents to ensure that they have them as soon as possible. Learners who have identity documents are to bring them to school so that copies can be made and kept safely in the school file.

NB: Foreign learners must ensure that they have a study permit to be allowed to write exams and obtain a National Senior Certificate.

REQUIREMENTS WHEN APPLYING FOR SMART ID CARD:

(FIRST TIME ISSUANCE OF A SMART ID CARD): YOUTH WHO ARE 16 YEARS AND ABOVE:

Birth certificate
Certified copy of one of the parent/legal guardian/informant's identity document
Death certificate or certified copy if parents are deceased
Proof of residence (where it is available) or provide residential address

Grade 12 Uniform

Grade 12 Represents the last year of an incredible journey for the learners.

It is a time when learners are required to work hard to achieve success in their National Senior Certificate Examinations.

At Glen Austin High an intensive academic programme is in place to ensure that each and every Grade 12 learner achieves their true potential.

Grade 12 learners set the standard for the younger grades and represent role models for the whole school.

The Grade 12 Uniform is aimed at ensuring that the appearance of these young ladies and gentlemen reflects the discipline, professionalism and pride of our Matric's.

The Uniform for Grade 12 Learners is available from the supplier Alges and all Grade 12 Learners are required to wear the uniform.

Planning is underway for the special matric bomber jackets exclusively designed for the class of 2018, with customised embroidery including the learner name.

The Grade 12 Head Mr. Mukhabele will also communicating with the learners with regard to the Grade 12 Jackets, Fund Raising and the 2018 Matric Farewell.

CLASS OF 2018



Calendar

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS TERM

Inter-House Sports Day 2 February (school hours)

Grade 8 Orientation Day 3 February 10-12

Grade 8 Rookie Concert 8 February 6pm

Principal / Parents Meeting 10 February 10 am

Valentines Dance 16 February 6 pm

Cycle Tests 5—16 March

Human Rights Day 21 March

Term 1 Ends 28 March



Our Calendar for 2018 is exciting.

The school will do a lot of cultural activities that will make the school a happy place.

The teachers are eager to push performance, dance, art and drama to dizzying heights.

Grade 12 Extra Lessons Schedule February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	29 CAT Economics Life Science	30 STAFF MEETING	31 IsiZulu Afrikaans	1 Business Studies Physical Science Visual Arts	2	3
4	5 Accounting EGD Geography	6 Maths Maths Literacy	7 English	8 CAT Economics Life Science	9	10
11	12 IsiZulu Afrikaans	13 Business Studies Physical Science Visual Arts	14 Accounting EGD Geography	15 Maths Maths Literacy	16	17
18	19 English	20 STAFF MEETING	21 IsiZulu Afrikaans	22 Business Studies Physical Science Visual Arts	23	24
25	26 Accounting EGD Geography	27 Maths Maths Literacy	28 English			

From The Sports Department



Extra mural activities play a significant role in the broad spectrum of education, towards the maintenance and development of physical and mental capacities of children and adults alike.

- Sports at school aim at inculcating in our pupils qualities of sportsmanship and equipping them with essential skills for life.
- Many life skills can be learnt through participation in sports and cultural activities. Learners should be provided the opportunity to joyfully participate. As a school we strive towards reducing the number of onlookers and increasing the number of participants.



Extra Mural Activities for 2018

SPORTS	CLUBS
Athletics	Youth Development Programme
Soccer	Drama and Dance
Netball	Chess
Touch Rugby	Public Speaking and Debate
Volleyball	Art Club
	Entrepreneurship Club

Learner Involvement

1. The level of involvement by learners in extra mural activities is seriously considered when appointing Prefects and LRC members.
2. Merits are also awarded to learners who are consistent in their participation in practices and matches.
3. Learners are encouraged to do at least one sport a term each, and one club throughout the year.

The Annual Inter House Sports Day will take place on Friday 2 February at the school sports field.

Our three houses: The Elephants, The Eagles and The Sharks will compete to claim the best sporting achievements for their houses.

All learners are advised to bring sunscreen, a cap, water bottle for the day.

G.A.H.S Sports Committee

Grade 12 Fundraising Activities: Mr. Mukhabele



Celebrating The Day of Love

Valentine's Day is less than 3 weeks away and we just can't wait to celebrate it. Who wants to miss an opportunity to celebrate love and shower the ones they love with gifts. As per usual, we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day in style. More details are to follow with regards to ticket prices, gift prices, dress code, competitions, song requests as well as the date. But one thing is for sure, we are dedicating an entire week to the spirit of love. So in the meantime, save some money for the big celebration. See Pinterest for some great ideas, they can save you money and put A SMILE on your loved one's face.

The Glen Austin High 2018 Valentine's Day Activities include:

Raffle for a beautiful Valentines Hamper

Novelty Items on Sale on the 14th of February

Annual Valentine's ball on the 16th of February



The best love is
the kind that
awakens the



Proceeds from the 2018 Valentines Day Activities will go towards
the Class of 2018 Matric Farewell.

Thank you for your support!

Important Information

The school buses leave the school at 15h30 everyday.

The D6 Communicator is used to keep in touch with parents and advise of any departure time changes. During exams or if there are no afternoon activities parents may be advised that the bus will leave earlier.

If there is an away sports game, parents are required to pick up their children from GAHS at the indicated time.

Sports cell phone number: 074 851 4655 | Drivers' Supervisor: 062 961 0021

All-important information regarding the school, such as important dates and homework will be uploaded onto the D6 Communicator.

Follow the link and keep in touch with us:

<http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>. Ensure to set the application to allow notifications and alerts to pop up on your pc or mobile device.



[www.facebook.com/Glen Austin High School/ Midrand](http://www.facebook.com/Glen-Austin-High-School-Midrand)



Parents are reminded that school starts promptly at 07h30 am.

All vehicles entering the facility will be required to display a vehicle disk for the drop off zone.

Vehicle disks will be issued by the Administration Department.

For any queries please contact admin@glenaustinhigh.co.za

COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Message from the SMF



Glen Austin's School Monitoring Forum

SMF serves as a platform for parents to engage with the school

The SMF consists of representatives of:

- ✓ BOARD
- ✓ PARENTS
- ✓ PRINCIPAL
- ✓ TEACHING STAFF
- ✓ NON-TEACHING STAFF



THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOL'S POLICY MAKING PROCESS AND STRATEGIES.

The SMF has a chairperson & six portfolio's, each headed by a parent

- ✓ FINANCE
- ✓ ACADEMICS
- ✓ COMMUNICATION
- ✓ INFRASTRUCTURE
- ✓ SPORTS & CULTURE
- ✓ MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THEM!