

Principal's Message

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Welcome Remarks

Welcome back to another school year to all of the students, families and staff members who are returning to Glen Austin High School. I would like to extend a very special welcome to our new students, staff members and families who are joining us this year. I'm looking forward to working with everyone as you start your journey through your new school. While you were away, our committed teachers have come in during the start of the year preparing their classrooms and getting their resources in order to get ready for a wonderful, rewarding and enjoyable school year. Our diligent custodial staff has worked very hard to prepare all of the rooms in our buildings and beyond for opening day. We have also received the results of the matrics 2018 which will be analysed in full in this edition.

This is the first edition of our monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep parents informed of upcoming events, activities and important events. This edition contains an abundance of important information, so please read it carefully. You can also access our newsletter on our school website. Please be certain to read this issue closely and become familiar with the regulations and policies that are listed that will have an impact on learner school life. Please check the website each month to view our future newsletters.

As we start the new school year, these always become important:

1. **Uniform** : all learners are expected to be in proper school uniforms as properly described in the relevant policies list. Hair must be combed, clean and smart at all times.
2. **School fees**: in order to continue to offer a good service to the stakeholders, our appeal is for all parents to clear all outstanding arrears and to keep abreast with fees payment at all times.
3. **Annual meetings**: an annual calendar has been attached on the D6 communicator. Along the way, we will frequently remind the parents on upcoming meetings. We urge all parents to attend our meetings as they are important platforms for information sharing and feedback.
4. **Weekend classes**: the scheduled weekend classes for the Grade 12s begun on the 26th January. These will continue till the November examinations as is the norm at Glen Austin High. Later selected remedial classes will be added from Grades 8-11 for the identified small groups of learners. We thank all parents in advance for the support and assistance in this endeavor.

Mr B.Moyo





CLASS OF 2018 RESULTS



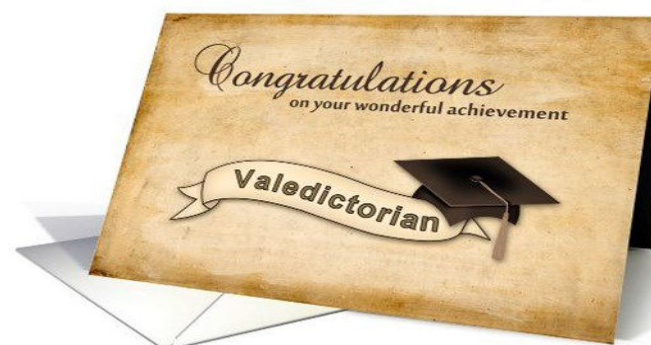
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 MATRICULANTS

LEARNERS	No. OF LEARNERS WROTE	No. of LEARNERS PASSED or FAILED	% PASS RATE
MAINSTREAM	24	24 PASSED	100%
PROGRESSED LEARNERS	3	3 FAILED	0%
OVERALL	27	24 PASSED	89%

No. of BACHELORS PASSES	No. of DIPLOMAS PASSES	No. of HIGHER CERTIFICATES PASSES	No. of LEARNERS WHO FAILED (PROGRESSED LEARNERS)
15	8	1	3

TOTAL DISTINCTIONS OBTAINED = 12

SUBJECT CODE	A F R I C A N S T U D I E S	Z U L F A L L	L I F E	M A T H	M L I T	B S T D	G E O G	L F S C	P H S C	V S L A	E C O	G R D S	A C C N	E N G H L	C A T N
PASS RATE % (24 MAINSTREAM)	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	91	100	100	100
PASS RATE % (INCL. PROGRESSED LEARNERS)	93	100	100	100	95	73	85	77	100	100	100	91	100	96	100





GRADE 8 2019

MRS KATSANDE

On behalf of the school I would like to welcome the grade 8 learners to the school as they start an important journey of their high school.

I am pleased to inform you that the grade 8s started this important phase very well. They have been very excited and enthusiastic from day one and have managed to integrate into the high school smoothly. As a school we wish them well in all their endeavors.

Highlights for grade 8 in Term 1

Rookie concert

As a school tradition the Rookie concert is conducted annually as we welcome the grade 8 learners into the school. The concert aims to allow these young minds to showcase their talents in drama, poetry, dance and song. The concert ends with a candle lighting ceremony.

The concert is going to be held on **Thursday the 7th of February 2019** from **6pm-8pm**. The learners are very excited and busy with rehearsals. We are inviting all the parents to come and support the grade 8s.

Orientation camp

As per school tradition, our Grade 8 learners will be going on an orientation camp to Grootvlei in Pretoria. This will be a three day trip that will be undertaken from **8-10 March 2019**. All Grade 8 learners are expected to participate in this orientation camp. The learners will check in at the camp site at **9am on Friday** and check out **Sunday at 10am**. Please note that the school bus will leave the school premises at 8.15 am on Friday and that there won't be lessons for the grade 8s. Parents are advised to pick the learners at school on **Sunday the 10th of**



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Mrs. ROBERTSON

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GIRLS TALK



MRS S NCUBE

22 January 2019



The Glen Austin High School girls were treated to a show by Enteractive Productions today, a company that specializes in children's, educational and corporate theatre. The show spoke about personal hygiene and menstruation in an entertaining and informative manner. The actresses allowed our young ladies to ask some questions about the topic at the end, and the learners showed great enthusiasm in doing so.

The show itself was relatable, funny and well thought out, and focused on some very real-life situations in terms of menstruation and hygiene, also promoting a product range that goes by the name "Gyna Guard". Glen Austin High School would also like to boast about the good behaviour of our girls during the show – they were attentive, and were eager to participate in asking questions at the end.



BOYS TALK



MR F MOYO

22 January 2019



While the girls were having their talk about health and hygiene, Mr F Moyo (the host) and the male teachers hosted the boys to a talk about boy's hygiene, drugs, peer pressure and girls. The talk started with hygiene and how it is important to take good care of themselves and bath daily as they are going through puberty changes. Mr F Moyo also spoke about the dangers of drugs and how peer pressure plays a role.

The generation that we are teaching is exposed to so much, it is important for us as educators to educate learners about the dangers they are exposed to.

The host also touched on the importance of young men being respectful towards women. The music that the learners listen to is very explicit and objectifies women, therefore educating them about respecting women is of importance.

It was a very informative session.



Inter-house Athletics – 25th January 2019



It was competition time again between Eagles, Elephants and Sharks as the school hosted the annual Inter-house athletics. The 3 houses competed against each other in both track and field events. The weather was on our side, as it was not too hot. Learners were also geared up with their sports clothes, water and umbrellas. The competition was tough, as it is every year.

I applaud each and every learner that took part in the event, as well as those who qualified for the inter-school competition.

Congratulations to Sharks for winning the inter-house athletics 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR 2019 CLASS REPS



BOYS

8A

MASEKOANENG	LANGANANI
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8B

NAPO	NKAZIMULO
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9A

NDUNYANA	SINAYE
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9B

SIBUSISO	MOYO
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10A

SHEZI	SIBONELO
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10B

MOKOENA	KABELO
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11A

MNYEMBANE	KABELO
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11B

CONNEL	AIDEN
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GIRLS

8A

LALLA MALAIKA

8B

SHOBA LINDIWE

9A

PATAKI MOJADJI

9B

AKHONA NXUSELA

10A

NGEBULANA

NOMTHANDAZO

10B

KUNENE WAKHILE

11A

MOKWENA TSOSELETSO

11B

MAIMELA NKALIPHO



LEARNER REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LEARNER REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT GLEN AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

1. The LRC, as a highest body of elected leaders of the learners of the school, must
 - (a) promote the best interest and welfare of the school and its learners;
 - (b) liase between learners and the school management;
 - (c) with approval of the principal, undertake projects and programmes aimed at
 - (i) improving and maintaining the school environment and facilities;
 - (ii) providing cultural, sport and social activities for learners; and
 - (iii) improving the health and welfare of learners;
 - (d) assist the principal and teachers to ensure adherence to the code of conduct of the school by all learners so as to create and maintain an orderly and disciplined school environment conducive to learning; and
 - (e) perform any other reasonable tasks assigned to the LRC by the principal and educators.

2. The LRC may with the approval of the principal and educators establish committees for specific functions or projects of the LRC.

MS S NCUBE

Prefects and RCL Scheduled Meetings



DATE	GROUP	PURPOSE
04 FEBRUARY 2019	PREFECTS	STRATEGIC MEETING
06 FEBRUARY 2019	RCL	PLANNING AND ORIENTATION
11 FEBRUARY 2019	PREFECTS	DUTIES
13 FEBRUARY 2019	RCL	ELECTIONS AND DUTIES
18 FEBRUARY 2019	PREFECTS	ENTERTAINMENT
20 FEBRUARY 2019	RCL	CLASS CONCERNS
25 FEBRUARY 2019	PREFECTS	MONTHLY REVIEW
27 FEBRUARY 2019	RCL	MONTHLY REVIEW
04 MARCH 2019	PREFECTS	LEARNER CONCERNS
06 MARCH 2019	RCL	TERM REVIEW
08-10 MARCH 2019	RCL	LEADERSHIP CAMP



GAVIN'S CORNER

Janu-worry is finally over and what a month it has been. Financial bondage is also officially over and for most the year can finally begin. We are just thankful that all the students and staff members managed to have a restive festive season and it was good to see all the old and new faces in the school. The school community grows stronger year by year and we are thankful to the lord that such is happening.

The grade 10's were buzzing with excitement because this year there has been a host of new subjects and learning areas that they can take and these subjects are grouped in a way that learners can make a choice that is aligned to their personalities. Thumbs up to the school, this is something truly revolutionary.

Seeing it is a new year and that means clean slate. Meaning the events, failures and achievements of last year stay in last year. I encourage that students and parents alike set goals and targets of things they'd like to do and achieve in order to make 2019 a year to remember. Of course there will be challenges and obstacles but do not allow them to defeat you because that is just one battle don't let it be the catalyst of your defeat in the war. This year my theme is Evolve because I want to evolve in every aspect of my life and I urge everyone to at least strive to grow in any way, be it spiritually, mentally, emotionally etc.

Also another year and another batch of matric students. More structures have been put in place to see to it that these students receive the quality education they deserve. The road feels long but in actuality it can go by very fast, so urge this year's matriculants to strive for excellence, to suffer now so you can enjoy later. Take every challenge with a teaspoon of sugar.

Before I even forget I would humbly like to congratulate the Sharks o winning their maiden sports day title as the best house in Glen Austin high. But take nothing away from anyone the day was filled to the brim with spirit, fun and joy.

The year looks set to be memorable, I pray the lord bless you all and that you continue in your gracious stride to make 2019, 20-mineteen.

ENGLISH EDITORIAL

English: "Anonymous writer"

1. Read as much as you can

Just as we say that listening is closely related to speaking, reading is closely related to writing so our number 1 tip for improving your English writing would be to **read as much as you can!** This will help you improve your vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, and show you there are many different ways to communicate ideas. For example: If you need to write a description of a house or a bio of yourself, a great idea is to read some other bios or house descriptions, from books, magazines, brochures, the internet or whatever source you can think of. After having read others, then you can attempt to write your own.

2. Keep an English dictionary

You'll be able to look up words to clarify their meaning and to learn antonyms and synonyms so as not to repeat words or phrases, which will better your communication skills.

3. Brush up your grammar

Even though you don't have to "study" grammar, your English writing will improve a lot if you work on grammar exercises. Also, remember that grammar is more important when you write than when you speak because it is usually more formal and more structured.

4. Check your spelling before and after writing

How do you feel when you read something full of spelling mistakes in your own language? Poor spelling can spoil an otherwise interesting piece to read, and we generally write for other people to read what we've written.

5. Keep a diary in English It will make you write every day to turn writing into a routine activity. Besides, you are "writing to yourself", which can make you feel liberated and satisfied.

You don't need to write elaborate sentences: you can keep them as simple as you want.

6. Learn how to expand your basic sentences into more elaborate ones

There are five basic sentence structures in English:

- **Subject – Verb** (John studies; My friend is playing)
- **Subject – Verb – Object** (I like apples; Mary reads novels)
- **Subject – Verb – Adverb** (She speaks fluently; These flowers are everywhere)
- **Subject – Verb – Noun** (My father was a chemist, You are a student)
- **Subject –Verb – Adjective** (Jenny is happy; Linda is pretty)

7. Learn how to organize a paragraph

An useful way to improve your English writing skills is to start your paragraphs with a **topic sentence**: i.e. a sentence that explains what you are going to write about. Continue with **supporting sentences**: i.e. sentences that provide more information about the topic. Finish with a **conclusion**: i.e. it is generally a summary of the ideas developed in the body of the paragraph. **Learn how to make transitions** between paragraphs to signal relationships between ideas so as to create a fluent body of text.

8. Write an outline

Even in a very simple piece of English writing you have to keep some kind of an organization to convey the message you want in a clear orderly way. There are many different ways to write outlines and these have much to do with the way you organize things in your mind.



ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

TERM 1: JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

GRADE 12 SATURDAY EXTRA LESSONS

DATE	Saturday 26 January	Saturday 02 February	Saturday 09 February	Saturday 16 February
TIME	Grade 12	Grade 12	Grade 12	Grade 12
1st SESSION 08:30-10:30	Maths	Economics	Accounting	Afrikaans
	Maths Literacy	CAT	Geography	Isizulu
		Life Sciences	EGD	
10:30 - 11:00	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2nd SES- SION 11:00 - 13:00	Physical Sciences	English	Afrikaans	Maths
	Business Studies		Isizulu	Maths Literacy
	Visual Arts			

Kindly note:

1. Saturday extra lessons are compulsory for all Grade 12 learners. Non attendance will not be tolerated.
2. All learners must attend BOTH sessions.
3. Be punctual.
4. You may attend in home clothes.

Policy References

This is the beginning of the year, so GAHS is appealing to parents to familiarize themselves with the following school policies :

- ◆ Code of Conduct
- ◆ Drugs Policy
- ◆ Tablet Policy

Softcopies of these policies are available on our school website.

School Bus Information

- The bus dedicated for the holiday classes will pick ALL monthly bus learners
- The learners who have opted to join this bus service will also be added to our daily routes
- Grade 11 monthly bus learners will also be picked up as soon as their programme commences
- Parents that are not part of the monthly bus service can contact Admin to make arrangements.
- Bus arrangements can be a one way ticket or a two way ticket.



D6 Communicator

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 for on your pc or mobile device.



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