



HATFIELD
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Dear Parents

WELCOME AND KEEPING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN

What a joy it will be to have all the pupils back this upcoming week! We are ready for the happy invasion of our corridors again. I do trust that you had a profitable time of investment into your families over this period.

We welcome a good number of new families into the school for the first time. We understand that starting a new school or starting school for the first time can be overwhelming. Please know that both our teaching and administrative staff are here; wanting to help and ensure a smooth introduction for you.

To parents, new and old, feel free to call or e-mail as often as you need questions answered. At the back of the school diary you will find specific e-mail addresses of staff members or alternatively you are always assured of getting a prompt reply from Debbie at admin@hatfieldcs.co.za. Pauline, our school receptionist feels like an old friend to families who have been with us for a while and I know that new parents and pupils will find her most approachable. She is always a good starting point when in doubt about anything. Also, remember to consult your FAQ booklet for parents when in doubt. Old parents will have a hardcopy of this booklet and new parents will receive one on Tuesday. In addition, it is available on our app.

Please download our school app, which will have various bits of information for you, including the weekly newsletters.

How to download our app

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You will receive an electronic copy of a newsletter from us each Friday. (They won't all be as long as this one, I promise. Starting a new school year just requires a lot of information and our policy is to over communicate rather than to under communicate.) Should you require a hardcopy, please ask at reception. I urge you to read them diligently and thereby keep abreast of all school happenings. A very comprehensive letter went out with reports last year (and was e-mailed to new parents) which has a lot of important information for this year. If you have mislaid yours, please mail admin@hatfieldcs.co.za

Each pupil will receive a diary on the first day of school. The diary is central in the effective running and management of our school. If in doubt about anything, you may like to consult the diary first. We do have a few available at reception for parents to purchase should you want a copy of your own at a cost of R200. Please browse through the diary, in particular the beginning pages. Much of what you need to know is in there. (On receipt of the diary, please have a quick look at it and return any faulty copy to the school reception by Monday 23 January.)

At Hatfield we place a high priority on communication and keeping you well informed. However, we easily forget what it is like to be new in an organization. Please feel free to let us know if there is anything that we could have done or told you that would have made your transition smoother. Gather your thoughts over this next season and drop Debbie Holloway an e-mail at admin@hatfieldcs.co.za.

MATRIC RESULTS 2016

We once again thank the Lord and commend pupils and staff on an **OUTSTANDING** set of matric results. Herewith some highlights:

- * 45 candidates – all passed.
- * All 45 achieved University passes.
- * **120** distinctions – in all subjects.
- * **Average 2.7 distinctions per student.**
- * 7 students in the top 1% nationally for various individual subjects.
- * 12 students achieved 6 distinctions and more.
- * A, B & C symbols totalled 278 as against 48 D, E and F symbols.
- * 100% pass on the online school, with 1 pupil achieving 7 distinctions.

* **TOP CANDIDATES:**

- **Eight Distinctions**
Dietmar Marggraff

- **Seven Distinctions**
Silvia Eldring
Julia Laba
Tasha Pretorius
Corlia Swart
Michelle van der Watt
Alexander van Heerden

- **Six Distinctions**
Megan Loots
Chloë Marais
Sonita Scheepers
Kristen Smith
Gary Summerfield

- * The following students were placed in the top 1% of IEB candidates for particular subjects:

Accounting:	Alexander van Heerden
Afrikaans:	Chloë Marais, Sonita Scheepers, Corlia Swart
Business Studies:	Louise Nel, Alexander van Heerden

CAT:	Megan Loots, Corlia Swart
Geography:	Dietmar Marggraff
Life Orientation:	Dietmar Marggraff, Louise Nel, Alexander van Heerden
Maths Literacy:	Sonita Scheepers
Mathematics:	Dietmar Marggraff

* **SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS:**

Accounting:	4 out of 7 candidates
Afrikaans:	18 out of 39
Business Studies:	5 out of 26
CAT:	2 out of 7
Dramatic Arts:	5 out of 16
EGD:	6 out of 9
English:	12 out of 45
Geography:	4 out of 13
History:	6 out of 16
IT:	4 out of 6
Life Orientation:	18 out of 45
Life Science:	5 out of 9
Maths Literacy:	7 out of 15
Mathematics:	13 out of 31
Physical Science:	6 out of 27
Visual Arts:	1 out of 4

Whilst we celebrate these phenomenal top achievers, we are just as excited about those who attained university passes through sheer hard work and commitment. Thank you to teachers and parents for coaching and coaxing with such passion and perseverance. It certainly paid off!

THE UPCOMING TWO WEEKS

As these first two weeks are rather complex and busy, we'll take it day at a time. Full details will be given for the week starting Mon 16 Jan. Details of the week starting 23 Jan will be fleshed out in the next newsletter but we'll itemise the upcoming events which may assist in your planning.

MONDAY 16 JAN

- **Staff return.** Owing to the fact that staff will begin with a series of meetings, the office will only be open to parents and the public from 10:00.
- **HS swimming starts** (swimmers have details)

TUESDAY 17 JAN

- **New Pupil Orientation.**
 - * 09:00
 - * Minor Auditorium (Ground Floor of HCC)
 - * Pupils come in uniform
 - * All new pupils come this day; including pre-primary pupils. Those moving up from our Gr 00 to 0 come as well as they meet their teacher and see their classroom.
 - * We end with tea in the sports pavilion and Primary School pupils should be finished soon after 10:30. High School pupils will be slightly later (Gr 8 – 10 at 11:00 and Gr 7 at 11:30)
- **All pupils going into Gr 7 in 2017 are having an introduction to High School**

- * New pupils will meet as communicated in the Minor Auditorium
- * Existing pupils will go directly to YPF at 09:30
- * Pupils may be collected from YPF at 11:30
- * All pupils wear their school uniform

WEDNESDAY 18 JAN

- **All pupils return at 07:30**
 - * Gr 000 and 00 go directly to Toddlers World.
 - * Gr 0 go to classrooms (#5 and #7.) Parents come to the classrooms for a briefing from 07:30 – 08:30. It is not necessary for both parents to attend.
 - * Gr 1 – 12 meet in the YPF from where they will be directed to their Flock Classes.
 - * Active teaching takes place this day and we ask that all pupils have their books and stationery.
- **Gr 11 pupils** start with a 2-day Biblical World Seminar. I trust that they find this most useful in their life preparation. They will only receive their text books on Friday.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, we hand out **text books** to pupils. In order to avoid the end of the year challenges, we would like to ask that you assist us by ensuring that your child writes his/ her name in the front of the books issued on the form provided. This should have been done in class. Pupils are asked to have an NIV bible at school. Please ensure that this is purchased and brought to school on a daily basis.
- Sports staff will meet pupils to clarify their **selected sport** for the term.
- All pupils will have had the **Code of Conduct** read and explained to them and will sign acknowledgment thereof ('so that man is without excuse!')

THURSDAY 19 JAN

- **Gr 7s will have swimming trials** during their Sport & Recreation period (bring costumes, caps and towels.)
- **Gr 1-6 Parents Meeting**
As our General Parents Meeting takes a slightly different format this year (details below) we regret that we ask PS parents to come out on two evenings in these first two weeks.
 - * All parents of Gr 1 – 6 are to please attend.
 - * The meeting will start at 19:00 in YPF
 - * There will be a general meeting for about 40- 50 mins which relates specifically to PS issues. Thereafter parents go to classrooms with teachers for an introduction to the teacher and to classroom procedures of that particular class.
 - * Teachers have been asked to ensure that you are not kept longer than 20:30.

FRIDAY 20 JAN

- Our School Pastor, Blaine Vorster warmly invites all fathers to join him for our **Dad's prayer meeting**. We usually have one of these per term. It's from 06:00 – 07:00 in the School Boardroom (main administrative block.)
- **We have a very important meeting for all matrices and their parents.** Pupils and parents will be briefed on the demands and expectations of their matric year. This will include essential academic information. We urge at least one parent to attend.
 - * Foyer Hall (Ground Floor: HCC: approach via the main doors and the Foyer Hall is on your right)
 - * 07:30 – 08:15

- * Once parents have left at 08:15, matrics remain for a briefing on their very important ORT (One Research Task.)
- **Gr 7 SEL workshop and camp**
Gr 7s have a Social Emotional Learning Workshop during the school day. Thereafter they begin their one-night camp (which takes place at school.) When pupils arrive at school, they take their camping gear directly to the YPF.
- **Swimming Trials: U/10 to Gr 6s** during the school day (this includes any Gr3s that are U10)

MONDAY 23 JAN

- **Swimming trials:** Gr 1 – u/9; during school time
- **1st Snr Cricket trials**
- **All sports start** as per the co-curricular schedule
- **General Parents Meeting**
Please prepare for something different. It will be a long-ish evening and will include staff, pupils and parents. This is because we would like to address two very important community issues.
 - * 19:00 – 21:30
 - * Main Church Auditorium
 - * Attendance
 - We require that all pupils from Gr 6 – 12 be there (a register will be taken.)
 - We ask that at least 1 parent from each family (whole school) be there. If you are unable to attend, please could you notify Mr Bleeker (PS) or Mr Pienaar (HS)
 - * Pupils are to wear their uniforms

TUESDAY 24 JAN

- **1st Snr & 1st Jnr Cricket Trials**

WEDNESDAY 25 JAN

- **HS Inter-House Gala** (details next week)
- **1st Jnr Cricket Trials**

THURSDAY 26 JAN

- **Career Expo** for Gr 9, 11 & 12. This is hosted in the YPF. Parents are welcome to pop in during the morning. We have loads of exhibitors and many other schools attending.
- **Gr 9 IQ Tests** during the school day.
- **PS inter-house gala** (details next week)

FRIDAY 27 JAN

- **Training Leaders**
 - * Our exciting guest speaker is Mr Andrew Molver. Andrew is a Partner and Litigation Attorney at Adams and Adams, is the Legal Counsel to the Public Protector and an Elder at Hatfield. Many will remember Andrew for his excellent address at the Matric Valediction of 2015. I know that it will be well worth your while to attend.



- * Functions Hall
- * 06:30 – 7:15 (a great way to start the day!)
- * We invite all HS pupils and any parents and staff to attend and require student leaders and student council to be there. You are encouraged to come; and bring friends; (I think it'll be awesome!) We have just two of these early morning sessions a year.

SATURDAY 28 JAN

- **Child Dev Seminar:**

One of the pillars of Christian education is the working together and clear understanding between home and school for the well-being of the child. One of the opportunities that we have for clarity of understanding is the annual Child Development Seminar. As communicated, it is a requirement of all families entering the school to attend this course.

The details for 2017 are as follows:

- * Saturday 28 January
 - * 08h30 – 15h00
 - * Functions Hall; HCC (not Koponong Hall as communicated); members of our Parents Association will be there to direct you to the venue
 - * R150 per person & R250 per couple; this will automatically be billed to new parents and others attending; it is therefore vital that you please reply to admin@hatfieldcs.co.za by Mon 23 January to confirm your attendance (with the number of people attending.) Thank you to those who have replied already.
 - * This cost includes a light lunch and tea
 - * In addition, this day affords new parents with an opportunity to meet other new parents and representatives of the Parents Association.
- **PS Choir Day;** the choir will have all details soon

REGULAR BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

- School Times: School will start promptly at 07:30 for all pupils from Gr 0 - 12. Gr 000 & 00 may be dropped off any time between 07:30 and 08:00 but not after 08:00 as the programme starts at that time. Herewith the finishing times:

GRADE	FINISHING TIME
Gr 000, 00 & 0	12:30
Gr 1 - 2	13:00
Gr 3	13:10
Gr 4 - 6	13:25 Monday 13:45 Tuesday - Friday
Gr 7 - 12	14:00 Monday

- Parents are regularly asked to notify the school of any interventions that your child has received (therapy, counselling etc.) We have this information on file and staff update themselves in anticipation of their new intake of pupils. However, should you feel that you would like to highlight any special needs, please would you communicate this to the Phase Leader concerned who will in turn ensure that all staff teaching your child are informed. If your child is in the Primary School, you may prefer to speak to the flock teacher and Phase Leader.

Gr 000 - 3	- Felicity Barber	- fbarber@hatfieldcs.co.za
Gr 4 – 6	- Andrew Bleeker	- ableeker@hatfieldcs.co.za
Gr 7 – 9	- Gail Botha	- gbotha@hatfieldcs.co.za
Gr 10 – 12	- Julian Hitchcock	- jhitchcock@hatfieldcs.co.za

- If your child is on any strong medication (e.g. Roaccutane, Ritalin etc) please notify the staff who teach him / her. It may be helpful to jot down a short summary of the possible side effects of the medication and give Phase Leaders a copy. This will assist us in our understanding and managing of individual pupils. In addition, please include this in your form.
- In the mornings, we have staff on the playground from 07:00. We cannot take responsibility for pupils dropped earlier than this. (Gr 00 and 000 not earlier than 07:10)
- Whilst we have enormous respect for the God given mandate of parents, we do ask that you assist us by adhering to some boundaries.
 - Please never walk in to a teacher's classroom or disrupt a lesson. Their focus must be undivided and must be on the pupils in their care. Teachers may not stop their teaching for a quick word with a parent.
 - We request that you don't wait in the corridor for teachers during break times or after school. They are often rushing for a quick cup of tea or going to an extra-mural activity.
 - Please don't gather for conversations outside a teacher's door. We request that you do this in the JP Playground or elsewhere while waiting for children.

Staff are more than willing to see you and indeed we encourage these interactions. However, I do request that you arrange a more formal meeting time with them.

- Car park: We urge parents to exercise extreme caution when driving on our property. Should you be corrected by any of our staff members or students on duty, please interpret it in the light of our concern for the safety of the children in our care. Please do not park in staff parking areas at any time of the day. These areas will be clearly demarcated.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

- CREDIT CARD MACHINE: We are happy to say that we now have a card machine at reception to assist with any payments.
- SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS: Statements are emailed on a monthly basis to parents and school fees are due by the 7th of every month. January school fees should have already been settled. Should you not have settled your school account, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.
- SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS: School fees are due by the 7th of the month (except in December where they are due prior to the report collection date). Reminder emails are sent on the 10th of the month. Please strictly adhere to this policy and in exceptional circumstances make arrangements with the finance office should you need to. Please ensure that the reference on the bank statement for internet payments can

be clearly traced to your school fee account by using your child's name or account number for accurate allocation, and send a proof of payment to finance@hatfieldcs.co.za.

- ANNUAL SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS: A discount of 5% on the school fee amount only, applies, should the annual payment be made prior to 28 February 2017. The discount will be reflected on the statements sent out at the end of March 2017. Should you wish to pay in advance please let the finance office know by emailing Liezel or Lauren on lvermaas@hatfieldcs.co.za or lsmith@hatfieldcs.co.za and let us know that this is your intention. Annual accounts will be emailed out in the first week of February once the book levies have been finalized.
- 2017 SCHOOL FEES and aftercare charges have been mailed previously. If in any doubt, please contact the finance office or mail lvermaas@hatfieldcs.co.za.

THRIFT SHOP

Mrs Nain Zorzi, our gracious thrift shop assistant will willingly assist you with needs. Thrift shop times are:

- Tuesdays 13:00 – 14:00
- Wednesdays 07:30 – 08:00
- Thursdays 13:00 - 14:00

Our shop requires more stock, so if there are items that have been outgrown and in good condition, please consider passing them on to the Thrift shop. This can be done by bringing them to reception.

STUDENT SHUTTLE SERVICE – CENTURION

The school has a shuttle service collecting students in the Centurion/Irene area. This service runs from Monday – Friday during school terms and families are charged R17 per student per trip. The collection points are as follows:

- Total Garage @ Centurion Gate (c/o John Vorster Drive & Akkerboom Street.) The Combi collects @ 06:30 and leaves promptly @ 06:45.
- Viva Vita Pizza (Alexander Road, Irene). Combi collects students @ 06:55 sharp.

The driver has been instructed not to wait for any latecomers. Students should reach school between 07:20 & 07:30. Families will only be charged for the times that they make use of the service. Please e-mail Mrs Hastie on ghastie@hatfield.co.za should you wish to make use of the service for 2017. You will be required to fill in an Indemnity Form before making use of this facility.

With all that being said.... May this be a year of God's blessing and favour on the school. Our prayer is that we would be trustworthy and effective in the task that He has called us for in the school.

Kind regards

Graeme Holloway
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL