



GREENSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Explorers

The theme for this year, "We Will Rise!", seems particularly apt for the Explorers who have done an admirable job of rising to the challenges of grade 11! We know that this is not possible without the support and example set by parents and guardians.

As we wrap up a very busy and fruitful term one, there are a few points we would like you to bear in mind:

1. **School Values**

Greenside High is a values-based school. We know that you are just as invested as we are in instilling the twelve values in our leaders of tomorrow. For this holiday, we would really like the Explorers to reflect and focus on **integrity**.

Integrity is all about doing the right thing, whether someone is looking or not. While not always easy, embracing integrity as a leading value in life creates selves we can be proud to be.

2. **Pro-Optimus**

Congratulations to all our award recipients! The red blazers suit the Explorers. We are sure there are many more on the way as the grade continues to strive for academic excellence and continues to proudly serve the school.

3. **Information Evening**

This year's information evening might not have been as well attended as we had hoped but we loved seeing the learners attend with their parents and guardians. We cannot thank you enough for your continued dedication to working with us to ensure the best for our Explorers.

We would like to encourage all parents to make a concerted effort to attend information evenings, parents' evening and other such events so that we can work together to support your child academically and pastorally.

4. **Representative Council of Learners**

The Explorers always take their roles on the RCL seriously and do their best. We are proud of all the learners selected by their peers to represent their interests. A special congratulations must be extended to the RCL executive, many of whom are Explorers.

Owen Boulton (Grade 11) and Kofi Gosu (Grade 12) have been elected as the chairs of the RCL, Amina Doucoure (grade 11) has been elected as the Deputy Chair and Thabisile Tshabalala is this year's secretary.

We wish them well and know that the Explorers will support this year's RCL.

5. Learner Wellness Day

Greenside High School's Wellness Day was a resounding triumph — an expertly designed, beautifully executed celebration of what it means to care for the whole adolescent. From the first rotation to the final whistle, the school was alive with energy, purpose, and genuine joy.

The day offered learners a rich menu of activities: Study Skills with Vagus Nerve Exercises in the Hall, Mindfulness in the Tech Centre, Clay Therapy and Paint Therapy in the Gym, Active Rest through Games in the T-Block Quad, Ball Games on the Top Field, and an Obstacle Course on the Bottom Field. Crucially, learners had the agency to choose the activity that spoke to their individual needs — and that freedom made all the difference. Where there is choice, there is investment; where there is investment, there is growth.

Adolescence is one of the most neurologically dynamic and emotionally demanding seasons of human life. Wellness Day met our learners exactly where they are. The Vagus Nerve Exercises gave learners practical, physiological tools to regulate stress and restore cognitive clarity ahead of assessments. Creative therapies — clay, paint — opened non-verbal channels of emotional expression and activated states of deep, restorative flow. Mindfulness offered stillness in a world that rarely stops. Physical activity — games, ball skills, the obstacle course — flooded the brain with the endorphins, serotonin, and dopamine that adolescents need to thrive.

The whole school engaged. Not reluctantly, not passively — but with enthusiasm and full presence. The evidence was everywhere: in the laughter on the fields, the concentration in the studios, the calm in the Mindfulness room, the pride on faces at the finish line of the obstacle course.

Active rest rejuvenates the mind. Wellness Day proved it — brilliantly.

6. Fundraising

We wish to provide everything we can to give the best support and best learning experience to our learners. In order to make those wishes come true, we are doing our best to fund raise.

Movie Night will take place on Thursday, 26 March 2026 from 17h00 to 21h45.

Learners who purchased tickets are welcome to join. There are still tickets available for the Movie Night – these can be purchased at the main gate on Geers Avenue, on Thursday 26 March 2026 from 17h00.

We would love to see as many Explorers there as possible! This is an opportunity to help the school and have some well-deserved down-time after the busy term.

7. Report Collection

Reports will be emailed to parents at the end of term 1. Parents are to ensure that the school has the correct email address. If your e-mail address has changed recently or you have not been receiving communication from the school, please contact admissions@greensidehigh.co.za as soon as possible.

8. School Uniform

Wearing the school uniform correctly and proudly reflects well on the school and the grade and in turn, reflects well on every student. Learners are encouraged to look up the uniform rules in the code of conduct but here are a few rules we would like to highlight:

- Learners may wear small gold, silver, black sleepers or studs to school. Only one earring per ear is allowed, worn on the lobe, and a matching pair must be worn.
- Having noticeable piercings or wearing jewellery in any part of the body (e.g. nose/ eyebrows/ tongue) is not allowed.
- No make-up may be worn to school – This includes lipliner on the lips.
- No hair in face. Long hair hanging in the face must be clipped back. Fringes may not be longer than the eyebrows.
- Learners may wear a black, red or green band to keep hair out of their face.
- Learner badges form part of the school uniform. Learners who have lost their badges are to pay R65 to the Finance Office to have it replaced. Damaged or broken badges must be replaced at a cost of R65. Learners who do not have a name badge will be demerited.

9. School Thrift Shop

We would like to encourage you to make use of this facility which is situated on the school property for your convenience. Not only does it make buying uniform more affordable, it is also the environmentally responsible option.

We would also like to encourage learners to donate items that they have outgrown. Let's be as sustainable as possible!

School uniform repairs are also done at the thrift shop, at a reasonable cost. There are no excuses for torn anything!

10. Attendance

Regular attendance remains a cornerstone of academic success. Learners who attend school consistently are better able to keep up with coursework, participate in learning activities and achieve their academic potential. We encourage parents to reinforce the importance of punctuality and daily attendance with their children.

11. Important Dates -TERM 2

Please make sure to diarise these dates and do your best to attend the Parents' Evening.

- Schools reopen on Wednesday, 8 April 2026.
 - a. Academic Day 3 on the school timetable. School will dismiss at 14h00
- Open Day – Saturday, 11 April 2026.
- Grade 9, 11 & 12 Parents' Evening – Tuesday, 14 April 2026 [16h30 – 18h30].

- Grade 8 & 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday, 16 April [16h30 – 18h30].
- Monday, 27 April 2026 – Freedom Day [Public Holiday].
- Friday, 1 May 2026 – Workers' Day [Public Holiday].
- Friday, 8 May 2026 – GHS Social. Earlier close, times to be confirmed at the beginning of term 2.
- Friday, 22 May 2026 – Grade 8 – 11 Exam Training.
- Monday, 15 June 2026 – Special School Holiday
- Tuesday, 16 June 2026 – Youth Day [Public Holiday]
- Friday, 26 June 2026 – School Closes.

We hope you have wonderful and restful break! Make sure that when you return, you are ready to take on the exam term.

Keep safe!



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Mr M Moyo



Grade Head
Ms T Veriava



Deputy Principal
Ms A Hicks



Principal
Mr C Strauss



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