

Visionaries

Term 1 - 2026

End of Term Newsletter

Thank You

As we reach the end of a busy and productive first term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, learners and staff for their continued commitment to our school community. Below are a few important updates and reminders.



We Will Rise!

Our theme for 2026, "We Will Rise!", speaks to resilience, determination and the ability to meet challenges with confidence. Throughout the year, learners are reminded that obstacles are part of the journey and that growth often comes through perseverance and a willingness to keep moving forward.

The role of parents in shaping attitudes and values remains invaluable. When learners see perseverance, responsibility and commitment demonstrated at home, they are more likely to approach their own challenges with the same determination and positive outlook.

Report Collection

Learners' Term 1 reports will be emailed to parents at the end of the term. Parents are kindly requested to ensure that the school has their correct and updated email address so that reports are received without delay.





Movie Night - Fundraiser

Our upcoming Movie Night will take place on Thursday, 26 March 2026, from 17h00 to 21h45. Learners who have already purchased tickets are welcome to attend. There are still tickets available, which can be purchased at the main gate on Geers Avenue on Thursday, 26 March 2026. We encourage learners to support this event as it contributes to school fundraising initiatives.



Information Morning

We would like to sincerely thank the parents who attended the grade 8 Information Morning and braai, we thoroughly enjoyed your company and getting to know you. Your presence demonstrates a genuine and vested interest in your child's education, which is invaluable to their success.

It remains imperative that parents attend meetings to which they are invited, as important information is shared during these sessions. We encourage all parents to make every effort to attend future meetings.





Representative Council of Learners (RCL)

A huge congratulations to the newly elected members of the Representative Council of Learners:

Chairperson – Owen Boulton (Gr 11) and Kofi Gosu (Gr 12)

Deputy Chairperson – Amina Doucoure (Gr 11)

Secretary – Thabsile Tshabalala (Gr 10)

Deputy Secretary - Leago Soka (Gr 8)

Treasurer - Tejal Kalian (Gr 10)

Public Relations Officer - Amani Aboojee (Gr 9)

We wish them every success as they represent the learner body and contribute positively to school life.

School Uniform Reminders

To maintain the standards and identity of our school, the following uniform regulations must be adhered to:

Learners may wear small gold, silver or black sleepers or studs. Only one earring per ear is permitted, worn on the earlobe, and a matching pair must be worn. Noticeable piercings or jewellery in other parts of the body (e.g. nose, eyebrows, tongue) are not permitted.

No make-up may be worn to school, including lip liner.

Hair may not hang in the face. Long hair must be clipped back. Fringes may not be longer than the eyebrows.

Learners may wear a black, red or green hair band to keep hair out of their face.

Learner badges form part of the official school uniform.

Lost badges must be replaced at a cost of R65, payable at the Finance Office.

Damaged or broken badges must also be replaced at R65.

Learners who do not have a name badge will receive demerits.

We appreciate parents' support in ensuring that learners adhere to these regulations.



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.

Learner Wellness Day - 17 February 2026

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.

School Thrift Shop

Parents and learners are encouraged to make use of the School Thrift Shop, conveniently located on the school premises.

Learners who have outgrown their uniforms are encouraged to donate them to the thrift shop.

Learners who require uniform items can purchase them at an affordable price from the thrift shop.

School uniform repairs are also offered at the thrift shop at a reasonable cost.

This initiative helps support families while promoting sustainability within our school community.

Important Dates - Term 2

Wednesday, 8 April 2026 – Schools reopen (Academic Day 3).
School dismisses at 14h00.

Saturday, 11 April 2026 – Open Day.

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 – Grade 9, 11 & 12 Parents' Evening
(16h30 – 18h30).

Thursday, 16 April 2026 – Grade 8 & 10 Parents' Evening
(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 school closure - times to be confirmed).

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.



Holiday Wishes

As the term comes to an end, we wish all our learners, parents and staff a safe, restful and well-deserved holiday. May this time provide an opportunity to relax, recharge and prepare for the exciting challenges and opportunities that await in Term 2.

