# **Parthmood Petros** Friday 19 February 2021 - Volume 4

## From the Headmaster's Desk

**Dear Parents** 

#### **Return to School**

As we end the first week of our annual teaching program, I am grateful that God has blessed our Northwood boys and staff with good health.

The transition back into the physical teaching environment has been a very smooth one, no doubt aided by the boys' focus on meeting all health and safety protocols. I am proud of how our young men have responded to expectations and their actions certainly bode well for their future conduct.

#### Attendance model for week 2

On Monday afternoon 15 February we received a visit from Dr BN Mthembu on behalf of Dr Nzama, the HOD. The purpose of the visit was to consider our application for deviation in terms of a rotational school attendance model. The visit went well, and Dr Mthembu approved our deviation application. We will therefore return to full capacity from Monday 22 February.

#### Grade 12 Knighting Ceremony

This morning saw one of our most special traditions take place as our grade 12 boys were Knighted by their parents. These young men are entering the final part of their journey from Squires to Knights and we wish them well as they embark on their most important school year.

#### **Mentor Prefects**

During the Knighting Ceremony a second group of leaders, Mentor Prefects, were announced. As our grades grow bigger in terms of numbers of boys, it is crucial that we extend our leadership group within the school. The more leaders we have, the better our opportunity to further enhance the positive culture amongst our boys. The boys who will serve in these positions have been identified through the prefect selection and voting system and through the input of the staff. I have no doubt that they will serve their school with great honour and will have a positive impact on the school's culture. The boys' main responsibility will be to work in a mentoring capacity to

the grade 8 and 9 boys, but they will also be heavily involved in our junior leadership development program. Well done to all of these young men on their selection.

#### **Release of the Grade 12 Results**

The release of the grade 12 results will happen from midnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February with official results being released at the school from 10 am on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Our prayer is, that in spite of an extremely challenging year, the results will reflect our boys' hard work and our teachers' dedication.

Have a blessed weekend and thank you for being part of the Northwood





**Mentor Prefects** 2021

Congratulations to the following boys:

Joshua Clemens - Head Chun-Ju Chen Luthando Zimba Sikhona Ngcobo Tapiwanashe Hungwe Abhay Singh Kyle Archary Neikel Gounden Sumit Raghavjee Yastheen Deonundhan **Daniel Sardinha** Blake Buckthorp **Brandon Calitz** Cade Little **Devin Rogers** Jared Calitz Josh de Klerk Joshua Samuel Kade Wood Liam Ellis Luca Diener Luciano Gomes Luke Walsh **Michael Broughton Richard Browning** 



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#### Becoming a Knight

The process of training for Knighthood began before adolescence, inside the prospective knight's home, where he learned courtesy and manners. Around the age of 6 to 7 years, he would be sent away to train. For at least seven years a page was instructed in manners, courtesy, cleanliness, and religion.

A page became a squire when he turned 14 (if he did well) being assigned or picked by a knight to become his personal aide. This allowed the squire to observe his master while he was in battle, in order to learn from his techniques. This was to uphold the knight's code - chivalry that promoted generosity, courtesy, compassion, and most importantly, loyalty. The knight acted as a tutor and taught the squire all he needed to know to become a knight. Some squires became knights for performing an outstanding deed on the battlefield, but most were knighted by their lord when their training was judged to be complete.

A squire could hope to become a knight when he was about 18 to 21 years old. Once the squire had established sufficient mastery of the required skills, he was dubbed a knight. The squire was made to vow that he would obey the regulations of chivalry, and never flee from battle. Knights followed the code of chivalry, which promoted honour, honesty, respect to God, and other knightly virtues.



# Academics

MRS R STANLEY Email: <u>rstanley@nwood.co.za</u>

#### NBT

The National Benchmark tests provide a significant indicator for learners to assess their ability to excel in a university context. We are encouraging our learners to do the NBT preparation workshops, as they are great preparation for learners who will be going to university in 2022 from both a Maths and Academic Literacy perspective.

As universities have yet to return for 2021, some of them have yet to make a decision about using NBTS for 2022. However, we can confirm that for 2022, Stellenbosch require it for all Law degree candidates, University of Pretoria require it for all Health science candidates and Varsity College require it for all their learners. UCT confirmed that the NBT will be expected this year.

Learners are encouraged to write the NBT in their matric year while the content is still fresh in their minds. This is because the NBT is valid for 3 years so should a learner change degrees or take a gap year; he can use his NBT result for future applications within the 3-year window.

Therefore, we would encourage our learners to attend the workshop to ensure that they are ready for university as well as the NBT tests.







## Saturday Lessons

Dear Parents,

Below you will find the schedule for our Saturday support lessons starting this weekend.

Time	Gr9	Gr10	Gr11
8.00am – 8.45am	AFRIKAANS	LIFE SCIENCE	MATHEMATICS
	Mrs Johnson	Mr Robertson	Mr Steenhuisen
	Mrs Brent	Mr Le Roux	Mrs Mountjoy
8.45am – 9.30am	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS	BUSINESS STUDIES
	Mr Barry	Mrs Naidoo	Mr Wiblin
	Mr Hale	Mrs Prins/Mrs Stanley	Mr Viljoen
9.30am – 9.45am	Break	Break	Break
9.30am – 9.45am 9.45am – 10.30am	Break EMS	Break ENGLISH	Break PHYSICAL SCIENCE
	EMS	ENGLISH	PHYSICAL SCIENCE
	EMS	ENGLISH	PHYSICAL SCIENCE
	EMS Mr Wiblin	ENGLISH Mr Barry	PHYSICAL SCIENCE Mr Reddy
9.45am – 10.30am	EMS Mr Wiblin Ms Dorman	ENGLISH Mr Barry Mr Coldbeck	PHYSICAL SCIENCE Mr Reddy Jagdeo
9.45am – 10.30am	EMS Mr Wiblin Ms Dorman MATHEMATICS	ENGLISH Mr Barry Mr Coldbeck PHYSICAL SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE Mr Reddy Jagdeo ACCOUNTING

It is important to note that there are two elements to these lessons.

The same subject is taught in two groups – the first group caters for students who want to achieve at the highest end of the spectrum – so these are in reality masterclasses focusing on extending students. The attendance of these lessons is optional with a limited number of spaces available.

The second group is for invited students who have not met the minimum expectations in specific subject areas or who are struggling to cope with the demands of the subject. The parents of these boys will receive an invitation via email during the course of today. Attendance of these lessons is compulsory.

We understand that boys have sporting commitments on a Saturday and these will be viewed as a valid reason not to attend.

The aim is to expand on our Saturday school offering during the coming weeks and months. Extra lessons will resume after school from Monday 1 March so that boys can reap the maximum benefit of attending these sessions. Extra lesson schedules will be published on the POA and in the Northwood News.

I am grateful to all the teachers who are willing to sacrifice their time to assist our boys.

Thanking you in advance.

R. Stanley Deputy Headmaster



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Mrs J Hoyer Email: jhoyer@nwood.co.za

Mrs S Reddy Email: sreddy@nwood.co.za

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