



15 December 2020

Dear Parents

The accompanying report is evidence of the efforts of your child for 2020 and in most instances there are many successes, and your son or daughter can be described as a winner. For a few there is the pain of failure but the challenge is "not to give up" and to tackle 2021 with a patient, consistent effort in order to become a winner. Covid-19 has posed many challenges but despite this our learners have produced magnificent results. I have used the quotation below previously but it is particularly pertinent for 2020.

Nancye Sims wrote for such an occasion.

***Winners take chances.***

*Like everyone else they fear failing,  
but they refuse to let fear control them.*

*Winners don't give up.*

*When life gets tough they hang in until the going gets better.*

*Winners are flexible.*

*They realise there is more than one way and are willing to try others.*

*Winners know they are not perfect.*

*They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.*

*Winners fall, but they don't stay down.*

*They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.*

*Winners don't blame fate for their failures, nor luck for their successes.*

*Winners accept responsibility for their lives.*

*Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.*

*From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.*

*Winners believe in the path they have chosen even when it's hard,  
even when others can't see where they are going.*

*Winners are patient. They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort  
that's required to achieve it.*

*Winners are people like you. They make this world a better place.*

Congratulations to all learners who have passed the year and who now proceed to the next grade. Well done to those who have been placed in the top five of their grade.

**Grade 8:**

1. Altacia Baker (84,0%)
2. Layla Ho Yee (77.2%)
3. Siphiso Macoba (75.7%)
4. ILitha Mayekiso (75.2%)
5. Indiphile Ntswayi (75.1%)

**Grade 9**

1. Takunda Taruvunga (83.7%)
2. Dylan Pedro (81,0%)
3. Sibuyiselwe Manqina (77.9%)
4. Lisakhanya Cefa (77.7%)
5. Deborah Ntumba (77.4%)

### **Grade 10**

1. Matthew Tstotetsi, (85,0%)
2. Khanyisile Njobe, (77,6%)
3. Iviwe Gwangwa, (77,5%)
4. Anathi Kwekwana, (77,3%)
5. Akeefah Solomon, (76,0%)

### **Grade 11:**

1. Emily Mannoe (86.8%)
2. Osinda Bosman (82,1%)
3. Chante Samaai (81.7%)
4. Yonela Magobiane (76.6%)
5. Sibahle Manciya (75.9%)

### **The school pass rate for 2020 is as follows:**

- ◆ Grade 8: 99.6%
- ◆ Grade 9: 100,0%
- ◆ Grade 10:98,3%
- ◆ Grade 11:97,8%

The overall pass rate for Grades 8-11 is 99,98%.

Congratulations to the learners (below) who have been elected to the Representative Council of Learners for 2020.

### **Grade 12**

Lukhanyo Sonyamba  
Osinda Bosman  
Lidy Morisho

### **Grade 10**

Takunda Taruvinga  
Aaron Chitowe  
Blessings Kabongo

### **Grade 11**

Mpho Pukwana

### **Grade 9**

Karoukia Mundeba  
Olona Colelo  
Mivuyo Bitso

### **School Fees**

Please ensure the First Fees, R4500, for 2021 are paid before the end of December 2020. The First Fees cover the start-up costs for 2021, and must be paid before the start of the new academic year if your child is to benefit from all that the school offers in its programs. School Fees are payable over 11 months from January to November in 2021. Please note that all fees are due in January 2021 and that a monthly payment plan is a concession for parents who pay regularly.

### **School Fees (not including First Fees) for 2021 are as follows:**

- Grade 8: R16 445 p.a. (R1 495 per month)
- Grade 9: R16 170 p.a. (R1 475 per month)
- Grade 10-12: R15 400 p.a. (R1 100 per month)

### **Parents who pay fees in full may deduct discount as follows:**

- 7,5% if paid in December on full school fees.
- 5.0% January if paid in January on full school fees
- 2,5% if paid in February on full school fees.

Parents are encouraged to use EasyPay or EFT to pay school fees during the school holiday. The school depends on these payments in order to pay December salaries and creditors. The school Bank Account details are: Rhodes High School, FNB Rondebosch, a/c no. 50141423489.

**Dates to Diarise for January 2021:**

- 20 School Office opens
- 25 All Educators on duty
- 27 Term 1 commences for all learners
- 29 New Parent Function at 6.00pm  
Grade 8 Parent Meeting after the function

**Dates to Diarise for February 2021**

- 1 Grade 12 Parent Meeting at 7.00pm
- 2 Grade 9 Parent Meeting at 7.00pm
- 8 Grade 11 Parent Meeting at 7.00pm
- 9 Grade 10 Parent Meeting at 7.00pm

**The first school term commences at 8.30am on Wednesday 27 January 2021 for learners.**

A normal daily time-table will take place unless further Covid-19 Regulations prevent this. The school will communicate any changes during January 2021.

**A special thanks to the following staff who will be leaving Rhodes High at the end of 2020.**

- Ms Jade Damonse who is taking up a post in the Northern Suburbs
- Mr Moses Matthew who is retires after 22 years at Rhodes High School
- Mr Lawrence Mbobi who retires after 24 years at Rhodes High School

We deeply appreciate the many years of dedicated service that these members of staff have given to the Rhodes family and wish them all the best for their new paths in 2021. Each will be missed for the special contribution made to the life of Rhodes High School.

Thank you to all parents for the part played in the life of the Rhodes High School family. A special thanks to the Governing Body for all their dedication and hard work. I pray that the festive season will bring a time to be with loved ones, to relax and be refreshed for the year ahead. Please maintain social distance and wear a mask. May God richly bless each family!

Yours sincerely



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PRINCIPAL**