



# The Glen High School

18 May 2023

Dear TGHS Parents

Term 2 has been a hectic term, with masses of learners participating in all facets of school life. A vibrant atmosphere is the norm at our school, with hundreds of learners on the school premises until late each evening.



### Staff News

Our school cashier and procurement officer, Mrs Louw, has been extremely ill and hospitalized for an extended period. She is now beginning to recover and is scheduled to return to work in the middle of June. We pray for recovery and wellness for Mrs Louw and look forward to her return. Please keep Mrs Louw in your prayers.



Ms Masilela has taken on the role of department head for the Business Studies and EMS department until the position is filled in a permanent capacity.

Ms Nhlapho has accepted the position of SGB appointed head of Mathematics.

I would like to thank both Ms Masilela and Ms Nhlapho for becoming part of the School Management Team and wish them every success in their leadership roles.

### Current Learner Admission Number

The Glen has 1176 learners enrolled for 2023 as opposed to 1135 in 2022 and 1139 in 2021. The school is a high-pressure placement school with many desperate families still trying to have their child placed at this late stage.

### First Term Academic Results

The table shows a comparison of 1<sup>st</sup> term results over the past 3 years



	% Average Mark			% Pass Rate			% Bachelor Pass		
	2023	2022	(2021)	2023	2022	(2021)	2023	2022	(2021)
Grade 8	58,3	55,43	(58,67)	63,9	43,97	(55,8)			
Grade 9	57,99	60,75	(54,08)	49,6	65,1	(55,3)			
Grade 10	61,15	58,85	(57,84)	95,4	92,75	(91)	75,9	70	(67,8)
Grade 11	56,91	56,57	(56,28)	93,9	94,67	(98,2)	72,4	67,6	(59,5)
Grade 12	63,09	60,79	(60,90)	96,3	94,97		81,4	77,4	(75)

### Areas of concern

We are in the process of analyzing grade 8 learner profiles that have been received from the primary schools, and have been alarmed by the large number of grade 8 learners who have been identified as having learning barriers. Learning barriers impact the learners' abilities to read, comprehend, and to write effectively. These barriers require special educational concessions in order for learners to reach academic goals.

Our grade 9 group has a pass rate of 49,6% which is very much in line with what they achieved in term 1 of their grade 8 year in 2022. This is a concern as it shows a trend of unsatisfactory results for the group of learners from one year to the next. Achieving above 50% for English HL and above 40% for Mathematics and First Additional Language is a challenge for the grade 9 group.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT LEARNERS ATTEND INTERVENTION CLASSES.

#### Areas of celebration

The Bachelor pass percentages for grades 10-12 are very pleasing. This is an indication of good quality results that enable learners to apply for entrance into tertiary studies.

The pass rates in the FET band are to be commended.

I would like to thank the teachers of The Glen for their enormous efforts in leading our learners to academic heights.

#### Learner Absenteeism and Late-coming

It is a well-known fact that learners who absent themselves from school and/or arrive late on a regular basis, lose out on valuable teaching and learning. These losses have a negative impact on academic results that cause major gaps in learners' knowledge.

I am pleading to parents to ensure that their child attends school every day.

#### Term 1 Learner Attendance Statistics

Grade	Attendance Goal	% Attendance	% Absentees
8	98%	94%	6%
9	98%	92%	8%
10	98%	91%	9%
11	98%	88%	12%
12	98%	90%	10%

The learner absentee trend shows that as learners progress to higher grades, they absent themselves from school more often. This is a worrying feature, because these learners need to maximize contact time with their teachers in order to benefit academically and be well prepared for assessments. **Parents, please do not entertain willful absenteeism.**

#### Sport

##### Cross Country

In preparation for the 2023 Cross Country league, our team travelled to Cape Town to participate in the Two Oceans Half Marathon. Our athletes and their coach, Mr Cupido, completed the 21 km race. Congratulations go to Sibusiso Jiyane for who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the junior boys' race, well done.

##### Netball tour to Hillcrest 2023.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 the 1<sup>st</sup> netball team made their way to Durban Kwa-Zulu Natal. They took part in Hillcrest High School's Easter sports festival. The Glen Team played against Edenglen High School, Suid-Natal High School and Hillcrest High School. They played with great skill and determination but lost the games.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 The Glen Team won against Carter High School and lost against Curro Hillcrest in.

#### e-Sport

In Term 1, The Glen High School's e-Sports Team entered a national tournament hosted by ACGL. I would like to use this opportunity to give feedback on results. We received the following placements:

##### **Team based games**

CS GO - Bronze  
Fortnite - Bronze  
Rocket League C - Gold

##### **Single player games**

Chess - 2 x Silver  
2 x Gold  
FIFA - 1 x Silver  
3 x Gold

## Safety

The school still has a major concern about the large number of learners who are left at school until late in the afternoon and into the evening. Parents are reminded to arrange their child's transport according to their child's sport and extra lesson commitments.

Formal teaching ends at 14h15 each day, extra lessons extend to 15h30 and sports are scheduled to end between 16h00 and 16h30 unless matches run later. Please be aware of your child's afternoon schedule and arrange transport accordingly.



## Compliance with the School Code of Conduct for Learners

Please revisit the school's code of conduct, as well as the uniform and appearance regulations. Copies of these documents will be made available under *RESOURCES* on the D6 Communicator. I would like to urge you to carry out your own parental compliance checks before allowing your child to leave home each morning. Please get all aspects of your child's dress code and appearance in line with school policies in order to limit unnecessary conflict between staff and your child.

## Application for exemption from the payment of school fees

The Glen High School is a public fee-paying school, and as such parents have a legal obligation to pay fees. In the event that parents are unable to meet the financial obligations to the school, they are asked to contact Mrs M. Pienaar, [schoolfees@theglenhs.co.za](mailto:schoolfees@theglenhs.co.za) or 012 348 8625, to make financial arrangements.

## Call for Service Providers

The school is compiling a database of service providers for the procurement of a variety of goods and services. Community members who supply any goods and services related to teaching and learning, electronic devices and support are invited to visit our D6 communicator for the list of documents to be submitted for placement on the database.



Kind regards,  
Mrs C. W. Nel  
Principal

Having a place to go is  
*Home*  
Having someone to love is  
*Family*  
Having both is a  
*Blessing*