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# School Newsletter

## (Newsletter 9/2020)

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### DEAR MCA FAMILY

Greetings to all MCA parents, guardians, staff and learners in the Most Powerful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us thank the Lord for a Covid-free MCA which we have been praying for all along - we have had no Covid-19 cases for over a month now! We will continue to pray as the country and the world is still engulfed with the pandemic. I would like to thank our staff and learners for adhering to set procedures right throughout the outbreak and by the same breath call on everyone to continue staying safe, observing all the safety protocols wherever they are. Parents must continue to inform the school about any positive cases, thereby protecting everyone.

We have started our last term with 96% of learners now physically attending school. We are still running both contact and online classes until further notice.

Enjoy the info on the latest school developments contained in this Newsletter. Stay blessed!!

**L Mthembu (Exec Principal)**

### PARENTS MEETING for 2021

A 30-50 minute virtual parents meeting to bring parents up to speed with the latest developments and to present plans for 2021, is planned for **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of September at 5h30pm via Youtube Live Streaming**. Parents will be able to send comments and questions during the meeting.

A link to join the meeting will be sent out via email, WhatsApp and SMS as soon as it is ready.

### Parent-Teacher Conference

Teachers are planning a series of meetings with parents to discuss the progress of their children, especially learners that may need extra support before the exams. These will either be physical meetings or telephonic conversations. Expect more info telephonically next week, if your child is on the list.

### LAST TERM OF 2020 (AS REVISED):

- Term 3: **24 Aug to 04 Dec**  
(mid-term break - 03 to 11 Oct)

Details of our plans for Academics:

- **24 Aug to end of Sept** – syllabus completion
- **October:** Revision and Remedial Programme
- **From 24 October/November:** Final Examinations
- **04 December:** School closes!!

### 2021 RE-ENROLMENTS (NOW CLOSED)

We would like to thank all parents who have responded to our request to fill in the re-enrolment form online. Those who had not responded were assisted over the phone.

We can now report that 465 out of 484 learners are RETURNING to MCA in 2021!!

Applications for New Enrolments are still open till all spaces are filled - applications are only done online: [www.mcacademy.co.za/admissions](http://www.mcacademy.co.za/admissions)

We have had to limit the number of applications due to influx and new control measures have been put in place:

*All applicants now have to fill in a short request form on our website and request to apply for admission. Where spaces are still available, MCA will then reply with a UNIQUE number and the link to apply online.*

### MCA Staff news

We would like to inform parents that Mr Wanda (SS and Geography teacher) is no longer with MCA. We wish him all the best in his new career. A suitable replacement will be announced soon.

### URGENT ANOUCEMENT:

**PHOTO DAY: Tue and Wed, 08 & 09 Sept 2020**  
**Learners must come in FULL SCHOOL uniform**

## SURVEY FOR ONLINE SCHOOL IN 2021

Some parents have opted to continue with our online mode of schooling until the end of the academic year 2020. This has made us to assume that there may be other parents who may be interested in having their children receiving their lessons online in **2021!**

We are doing a little survey aimed at checking how many parents would be interested in the ONLINE SCHOOL in 2021 so that we can start planning for this as early as possible.

Our PROPOSED plan for the ONLINE SCHOOL is as follows:

- National CAPS curriculum will be followed.
- Learner will be registered for a 2 year programme and will cover work for two grades, (**See example below**)

*Learner registers for **Grade 8 and 9** as Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.*

*In **Year 1**, learner will do two Languages, Mathematics, Life Orientation, Creative Arts and Social Sciences.*

*In **Year 2**, learner will do two Languages, Mathematics, Econ and Management Science, Technology and Natural Sciences.*

The following are proposed 2 year programmes:

**Grades 6 and 7, Grades 8 and 9, Grades 10 and 11.** Grade 12 will be separate. (**No lower grades**)

- Some lessons and assessments will require physical attendance at school (a set programme will be followed).
- Sport will be available but optional (Physical education for Life Orientation will however be compulsory)
- School Fees will be less than the normal fees paid as there are extra costs for devices, data and e-books involved.

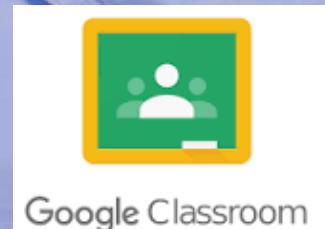
Now that you have all the facts, please complete [a short survey here](#). (Please note that this is a mere survey – it has no obligation to you whatsoever!!)

Feel free to ask clarity seeking questions or send comments to the Executive Principal on [principal@mcacademy.co.za](mailto:principal@mcacademy.co.za) - that will help us with our planning, should this become an option in 2021.

**Please note again: ONLY parents with children in Grades 4-12 can fill in the survey.**

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

## Google Classroom



MCA launched Google Classroom for ALL learners in Grades 4 to 12 at the start of Term 3. Joining is **OPTIONAL!** We applaud a handful of learners who have joined already. Please use the following Class Codes to join if you have not yet done so (**you will not be able to join after 11 Sept**):

Grade	Class Code	Grade	Class Code
4	ymjync4	8	sqhjuwx
5	6d3pafw	9	evb5khw
6	vub37jr	10	sbijruf
7	643cuat	11	evk5rvk

For now, Google Classroom will be used for extra study material and revision exercises as learners attend school only two days in a week.

### Guidelines on JOINING and using Google Classroom?

- ✚ Make sure that they have a working Gmail address, preferably own learner's Gmail address (it's easier with a Gmail account than any other email account).
- ✚ Download the Google Classroom App [here](#) if using a smart phone (**If on computer, click [here](#)**)
- ✚ Join your class using the Class Code supplied, by clicking on the PLUS sign, choose 'Join Class', insert Class Code.
- ✚ Keep checking notifications on their email inbox for messages about new work posted as well as announcements and reminders from teachers.
- ✚ Google Classroom allows learners to send 'private comments' to teachers if they seek clarity on some work.
- ✚ Exercises submitted online will be marked and scored. Learners will be able to see their marks and the correct answers for the assessment
- ✚ **Learners must make sure their names on Google Accounts match their school names (Strange names will be deleted).**
- ✚ **Full training will be given to learners next week.**

**In our next NEWSLETTER, we will publish a list of free ONLINE material to help learners prepare for their exams!!**