



21 October 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Grade 8 and 9)

Dear Parents / Guardians

At the end of every school year we ask our learners to volunteer their time to do twenty hours of community service as part of our holistic school development.

This is a compulsory activity to be done during the days after their final examinations during the last days of school (28 and 29 November and 2 and 3 December). Learners need to make their own arrangements to work at an organisation or within the community. They may not complete these hours at another school or in a business that would not be regarded as a community service organisation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the learners to extend their awareness of what is going on around them, especially where there is a need within various communities. We have had very positive feedback from the learners who have taken this opportunity seriously. Some learners will meet people they would never have had the opportunity to meet. They will engage with people from different walks of life, and of different ages. Learners may even find they learn a completely new skill. The best part is that the learners often learn more about themselves and an awareness is created of those around them who are either less fortunate, in need of assistance, or work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure communities are looked after.

In addition, these hours can be of enormous value when they apply to institutions for their post-matric studies. Many institutions and organisations will ask if, and where, learners have completed some sort of community service, and they need to be able to provide proof of this. In some Health Sciences fields, this is a pre-requisite for entry into the courses they apply for.

These community service experience evaluation forms, which need to be stamped with the organisation's original stamp, must be handed to their register teachers on the last day of school, 4 December, by 08h00 as part of their clearance for receiving their final reports. No changes to hours, or tippex, will be allowed on the forms. These forms will be returned to the learners to put into their community service portfolios.

We hope that you will support us in helping your daughter/s to be well-rounded citizens.

Kind regards,

TA MEGOM (Mrs)
Headmistress