



Dear Parents and Pupils,

A very warm welcome to our New Year 2022.

We have high expectations for this 1st term. We know that each young person will give of their best each day through hard work and at the same time having loads of fun.

I welcome all our excellent Wendon Staff. Thank you for your continued support, it is so appreciated. Let 2022 be an outstanding year of laughter and good health.

We welcome two new teachers: Mrs Locke is our Register Teacher for Grade 9 & Computer teacher. Mrs Moodley joins us as our Register Teacher for Grade 11 and Maths Teacher for Grade 8 - 12. We are extremely blessed to have you join our Wendon family.

A special warm welcome to all our 'brand new' pupils and families.

May your time at Wendon Academy be a happy one.

Our new pupils for this year are as follows:

Primary School	Intermediate Class	Rylee Douglas Ayanda Gumede
	Senior Class	Blake Loubser
High School	Grade 8	Callum Palmer
	Grade 10	Cebolenkosi Mbatha

Our special thoughts are with you as you commence your first day with us.

Our theme for the year:-



Our teachers and staff are:

Mrs Hicks

Managing Director - 083 626 6923

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Intermediate Class & Art Mrs McPherson

Senior Class Mrs Smith, HOD Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 8 Ms Horn

Grade 9 Mrs Locke

Grade 10 Mrs Gooding, Senior HOD High School

Grade 11 Mrs Moodley

Grade 12 Mrs Cross

Computers Mrs Locke

Workshop & Sport

Secretary/Librarian

Financial Secretary Mrs Lockyer

Mr Kilroe-Smith (Captain)

Mrs Laskey

Class Assistant

Housekeeping

Caretaker & Sport Mr Clarence Mozirandi

Mrs Mozirandi

Ms F Duma & Ms S Duma

SCHOOL HOURS:

School hours are as follows for ALL our children:-

Primary School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h20
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10
High School	Monday – Thursday	07h45 – 13h30
	Friday	07h45 – 12h10



No children will be allowed to leave the classroom on Friday before 12h10.

No aftercare facilities are available at Wendon.

NB!!!! Parents Information Letter

We have sent a **Parents Information Letter home today** from your class teacher, highlighting information about what your child will cover for this year. Should you wish to address any queries that you may have for the teacher, please send a note in your child's homework book.

The Eagle's Nest



"The Eagle's Nest" Newsletter will be sent out each week on a Tuesday. A huge amount of effort goes into this informative newsletter. The newsletter will inform each family as to what is taking place at school. Please take the time to read through it and place it on your fridge for reference. It will certainly assist you when planning ahead and allowing your child to be prepared for what will be happening at school. If you would like to receive The Eagle's Nest electronically, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter. For our "old" parents we will continue to email through to you – if your e-mail has changed, please fill in the slip.

Medication

Unless prior authorization is given, we are not in a position to administer any medication, we do however have Panado for headaches etc. Please could you fill in the tear off slip if your child is **NOT** allowed Panado.



CELLPHONES / IPODS / ELECTRONIC GADGETS

Due to the continuing problems incurred by the use of cellphones and theft, **NO CELLPHONES are allowed at school.** Parents may phone the school to forward messages and pupils have access to the telephone at school for emergencies. Please support us on this ruling.

If a child is caught with his / her cellphone / iPod or any electronic gadget, it will be confiscated and kept locked away until the end of the term if NO letter has been sent to the school from the parents / guardians.

No exceptions will be made to this rule!

OPEN DOOR POLICY – MRS HICKS

Please feel free to phone or arrange a time if you have any concerns regarding your child. In the event of an emergency, this is the direct contact number. Cell: **083 626 6923** (Mrs Hicks)

EVENTS TO REMEMBER & TERM DATES: These will be in the Newsletter each week. Please refer to the weekly Newsletter for any updates. Please find term dates at the end of the newsletter.

DROPPING OFF / COLLECTION OF CHILDREN:

- Please drop and collect your child in Wendover Road before and after school.
- Captain (Mr Kilroe-Smith) will monitor the arrival of pupils from 06h40. Captain & a teacher on duty will take your child's temperature and sanitize at the entrance of the school property. No parent is to drive off until you receive a thumbs up from Captain or the teacher on duty. We ask that you please drive with caution.
- At 07h45 the school bell goes for class.
- If you are running late please drop your child at the bottom gate, which will only be locked at 08h00.

- **No child must be dropped off or collected at the top gate.** (unless by prior arrangement). High Wycombe Road is extremely busy and dangerous for any child to run across the road or on opening doors when leaving a parked car.
- **Please do not speed up or down Wendover Road.** Our children are crossing this road continuously. At times they may run across the road without looking which could have fatal consequences. **SOME OF OUR PARENTS BELIEVE THEY ARE ON A RACE TRACK!!**
- **Please DO NOT do U-turns on the road, cones have been placed on the road to prevent this happening.** Proceed down Wendover and turn or proceed to the end of the road, turn left to join up onto Pitlochry Road.
- Please discourage children from running over to your car to chat. Once dropped off, they must proceed into the school property.
- A teacher will be present at the gate in the afternoon to supervise our children going home.
- **NB!!! PARENTS, IF YOU HAVE NOT COLLECTED YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL BY 14H15 ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY OR 12H30 ON A FRIDAY, THEY WILL BE BROUGHT INSIDE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND THEN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE TOP GATE. Please phone the school if you have a problem.**
- NO TEACHER will be on the premises after 15H00 Monday to Thursday and 13h30 on a Friday. If you are running late, please contact the school in order to inform us of the situation. Your child will receive your message.
- **Parents, it is important to arrive at school on time. Our children become anxious if they are late continuously and it disrupts the class. Children arriving late continuously will have to deal with the consequences set down in the Code of Conduct. This causes distress for your children who are powerless to correct their late arrival at school. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!**

PLAYGROUND

See Health Protocols for further information.

Two teachers will always be present on the fields during break times to resolve issues if necessary.

We have two breaks, the first break is from 10h10 to 10h30 and the second break is from 12h00 to 12h20. Please send healthy snacks and plenty of fluid to drink in this heat. No fizzy drinks please.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please adhere to the school uniform. If you do not have a copy of the Uniform requirements, please contact Mrs Laskey and she will be happy to give you one. It is imperative that our pupils take pride in wearing the Wendon Academy Uniform. No exceptions will be made for the wearing of incorrect uniform. The compulsory Wendon Academy school bags (R290) / sports bags (R130) need to be used. If you require these bags, please speak to Mrs Laskey.

TRACKSUITS

PRIMARY SCHOOL: Summer uniform. For cooler days, a jersey and tracksuit top may be worn. Please no full tracksuits in summer.

Winter: Full tracksuits can be worn or long black trousers together with the tracksuit top and jersey for the boys. Girls may wear the full tracksuit or their skirt and tracksuit top and jersey. The children have an option of wearing the V-necked jersey beneath the tracksuit top for additional warmth.

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADE 8/9/10/11 & 12: The tracksuit may only be worn for sport if needed. If cold, the seniors have a V-necked jersey and blazer to wear, NO tracksuit tops may be worn to school. On arrival at school, blazers are to be worn ONLY – jerseys may be worn under the blazer.

NB!! Tracksuits are available from Gem Schoolwear

HAIR STYLES / CUTS

Please make sure that your child arrives at school with appropriate and acceptable hair styles. Inappropriate hairstyles include any type of dyed hair colour, hair cuts - ridges / steps/ shaved lines / (half) braided. These designs are not acceptable as per the Code of Conduct and that has been signed and accepted by each parent. If your child is to be sent home, it will be at your cost to correct their hairstyle before being allowed back to school.

Please see a sample of an acceptable boys' haircut below.

SCHOOL BADGES (R25 each from Mrs Lockyer)

PRIMARY SCHOOL : Badges required on all shirts and blouses **only**.

HIGH SCHOOL: Badges required on all stiff collared short sleeved shirts which can be worn in summer and winter and school blazer.

If you have not bought badges for the uniform, please do so urgently.

SPORT / P.E KIT

Sport will resume this week as per the timetable, PS – Tuesday and Thursday, HS – Wednesday

For the 1st term full sport kits costumes and towels must be sent to school for the allocated sports days.

TROPHIES

All floating trophies that were awarded to pupils in 2021, need to be returned to school by Friday 4th February 2022. Congratulations once again to all our worthy achievers for 2021.

ART



Please send in an old and large T-Shirt for Art. Our aprons just don't seem to do the job. Wendon Academy does not have a techni-coloured school uniform – so send in those T-Shirts please! The bigger the T-shirt the better!! **To those who have not yet paid their R700 Art and Practical levy for the year, please do so as soon as possible.** This can be paid directly into the school account along with the school fees.

COOKING

Please send in an 'apron' for your child to become our Wendon chef of the year 2022 close your eyes when you see the uniform if no apron has been supplied.

HOMEWORK DIARY

This is not only used for homework but for the parents to communicate with the class teacher whenever necessary. If needing to see the teachers at any time, please write a note and you will receive an appointment date and time.

MY SCHOOL CARD

A simple way to raise funds for the school without costing us a cent – Its MONEY for JAM!!!. We will forward an application form to each parent next week, in the hopes of securing support in this fundraising endeavor.

use your card
at our partner outlets



Calendar of Events

January

Wednesday 19 th	Start Term 1	
Tuesday 25 th	PS Parent Information Meeting	Info to follow
Wednesday 26 th	HS Parent Information Meeting	Info to follow
Friday 27 th	Educate & Fascinate	R25/pupil

February

Friday 11 th	Red and white Civvies - Valentine Braai	R25/pupil
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March

Mon 7 th - Wed 9 th	PS & HS Parent Interview Week	
Friday 11 th	Wendon Gala at Atholl Heights School	
Wed 16 th & Thurs 17 th	Grade 12 Leadership Camp	
Friday 18 th	Civvies & Ice Cream Cones End of Term 1	R20/pupil

April

Tuesday 5 th	Start of Term 2	
Thursday 14 th	Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Eggs	R20
Friday 15 th – Monday 18 th	Easter Weekend	Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 th	Freedom Day	Public Holiday

May

Monday 2 nd	Public Holiday	
Friday 6 th	Spell-a-thon	
Thursday 26 th	Grade 10, 11 & 12 Study Leave	
Friday 27 th – Tuesday 31 st	Tests & Examinations	

June

Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd	Tests & Examinations	
Friday 10 th	Grade 12 Wendon Ball	
Mon 13 th – Wed 15 th	PS & HS Parent Interviews	
Thursday 16 th	Youth Day	
Friday 17 th	Special School Holiday	
Thursday 23 rd	Sports Day & Hot Dogs End of Term 2	R20

July

Tuesday 18 th	Start Term 3	
Friday 29 th	Grade 12 Beach Volley Ball	

August

Friday 5 th	Civvies & Pancakes	R20
Monday 8 th	Special School Holiday	
Tuesday 9 th	National Women's Day	Public Holiday
Tuesday 16 th	School Photographs	
Wednesday 31 st	Pupils returning to Wendon Academy 2023	Reply

September

Friday 2 nd	Spring Walk	
Mon 12 th – Wed 14 th	Parent Interviews by appointment only	
Friday 23 rd	Art Extravaganza Evening Picnic	R25
Thursday 29 th	End of Term 3	R20

October

Tuesday 11 th	Start Term 4	
Friday 28 th	Grade 12 Farewell Breakfast and final walk & ringing of the bell	

November

Wednesday 2 nd & Thursday 3 rd	Gr 10, 11 & 12 Study Leave	
Friday 4 th to Friday 11 th	Tests & Examinations	
Friday 25 th	Year End Braai	
Tuesday 29 th	Primary School Prize Giving End of Term 4 for Primary School	08h15 - 09h15 09h15
Wednesday 30 th	High School Prize Giving End of Term 4 for High School	08h30 - 10h30 10h30

Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to the calendar

School fees are due now. Thank you

New Contact Details

Have any of your details changed since 2021?? Please send in your new particulars for our records, on the slip below.

To our Wendon families, have a successful and exciting year ahead with us.

Special regards

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

“I am not what has happened to me. I am what I choose to become” – Carl Jung