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**26 March 2026**

Dear Parents and Guardians

## **TERM 1 NORTON HOUSE BULLETIN**

It has been a positive and energetic start to the year in Norton House, and we are pleased to share some highlights from the term.

### **A WARM WELCOME**

We began the term with a special welcome function under the pecan nut trees, bringing together new families, our incoming Grade 8 boys, and our outgoing matrics and their parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to build a sense of community from the outset.

We are delighted to welcome **21 new Grade 8 boys** into the hostel. During the function, we shared a short fable by **Aesop** about the four oxen who stand together in a circle to protect one another from a lion. The message was simple but important: when the boys stand together, support one another, and act as a brotherhood, they create a strong and safe environment for all.

### **SETTLING IN AND MENTORSHIP**

To support our new boys, we have formalised our mentorship programme, pairing each Grade 8 with a Grade 12 mentor. In addition, the boys were hosted for ice cream and an informal chat before the first leave-out weekend. It has been encouraging to see how well the new boys have settled. They appear happy, comfortable and already part of the Norton House family.

### **ORIENTATION WEEKEND**

Our orientation weekend was a great success and ended with a walk, to Vincent Park with Mr Miles. This helped the boys become familiar with their surroundings and where they can access essential services during the term.

### **ACADEMIC FOCUS – PREP SESSIONS**

We have introduced a more collaborative element into our evening prep sessions. Early feedback from the boys has been very positive, with many appreciating the opportunity to work together and support one another academically.



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## TUTOR GROUPS AND CONNECTION

Each grade has been allocated a tutor, adding another layer of academic and pastoral support. We are intentionally creating opportunities for connection, and each term will include a tutor-based activity. This term, the boys all enjoyed a braai with their tutors in a relaxed and informal setting.

Grade 12 Hostel Tutor:	Mr Paxton <a href="mailto:pax@selborne.co.za">pax@selborne.co.za</a>
Grade 11 Hostel Tutor:	Mr Breytenbach <a href="mailto:c.breytenbach@g.selborne.co.za">c.breytenbach@g.selborne.co.za</a>
Grade 10 Hostel Tutor:	Mr Fourie <a href="mailto:j.fourie@g.selborne.co.za">j.fourie@g.selborne.co.za</a>
Grade 9 Hostel Tutor:	Mr Rusteberg <a href="mailto:m.rusteberg@g.selborne.co.za">m.rusteberg@g.selborne.co.za</a>
Grade 8 Hostel Tutor:	Mr Jacobs <a href="mailto:j.jacobs@g.selborne.co.za">j.jacobs@g.selborne.co.za</a>

## CELL PHONE ROUTINE

To support healthy routines and better rest, cell phones are now handed in at **21h15 during silence time** and returned at **06h15** the following morning. We are grateful for the strong support from parents regarding this initiative.

## HOSTEL CLOTHING

A Hostel hoodie and golf shirt can be purchased for **R900**. Please provide proof of payment through the finance office. We currently have some stock available and will place an order for more stock when required.

## LEADERSHIP

The following learners were inducted as prefects at the start of the term: Grigorios Antonakas, Sanda George, Imibongo Magwevana, Sabelo Vuso and Owami Nkatu (Hostel Head Prefect). They have had a strong start to the year and have been reminded of the true meaning of servant leadership.

## VALUABLES

It is important to ensure that all items are clearly labelled to avoid anything being misplaced. Please note that the school cannot be held responsible for any valuables your son chooses to bring to the hostel. We recommend that he not bring valuables with him.

## HOSTEL OPERATIONS

A few operational matters are being addressed:

- The newly installed washing machine has proven to be inadequate, and a replacement is being investigated.
- With **66 boys currently in the hostel**, we are beginning to explore options to refurbish certain dormitories to better accommodate our growing numbers.



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## STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome **Mr Fourie** and **Mr Rusteberg** to the hostel staff this year. They have already made a positive contribution to our hostel life.

## FEE COLLECTION

The ticket system introduced last year continues to work well. Parents are required to pass through the finance office before hostel entrance at the start of each term. This has contributed to a smoother and more efficient process. A friendly reminder that Term 2 fees are due by **1 April 2026**. Please contact the finance office on 043-722 1822 to check your Hostel account balance.

## CONCLUSION

As we move through the year, our focus remains on building a **supportive, disciplined and caring environment** where every boy feels that he belongs. Like the oxen in the story, we want our boys to know that when they stand together, they are stronger.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Learners return: Tuesday, 7 April 2026 between 14h00 – 17h00 (in full school uniform, please adhere to these times). Please take note of the Hostel Out-Weekends in the calendar below.**

Yours faithfully

MR ALLAN MILES  
NORTON HOUSE SUPERINTENDENT



## TERM 2 – IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL – 2026

7	HOSTEL BOYS ARRIVE (14h00 – 17h00) in <b>FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM</b>
8	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL DEBATING - LEAGUE
10	PEARSON DERBY (AWAY)
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13	SGB MEETING (17h30)
14	SOCCER – ROUND 3 GRADE 8 – PARENT MEETING (17h30)
15	HOCKEY – MERRIFIELD TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr) DEBATING – LEAGUE
	GRADE 9 – SUBJECT CHOICE PARENT MEETING (17h30)
16	SOCCER – ROUND 4
17	GRAEME COLLEGE DERBY (HOME)
18	
19	MUSIC IN THE PARK (Berea Gardens)
20	BIG BLEED (Grade 10 - 12)
21	TEST DAY
22	SOCCER – ROUND 5 TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr)
23	TEST DAY
24 – 27	HOCKEY – HIBBERT SHIELD/CUP/SHIELD (1 <sup>ST</sup> /16A/14A) RUGBY – GREY HIGH FESTIVAL (1 <sup>st</sup> /16A/15A/14A)
27	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – FREEDOM DAY</b>
29	SOCCER – ROUND 6 TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr)
30	TEST DAY OOSKUS DERBY (HOME) <b>SHORT FRIDAY (13H30) – HOSTEL OUT WEEKEND (30 – 3 May)</b>



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1	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (WORKERS DAY)</b>
4	COPPER DRIVE
4 – 9	EISTEDDFOD (Vocal / Contemporary)
5	TEST DAY GRADE 10 PARENT MEETING (17h30)
6	SOCCER – ROUND 7 TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr)
7	TEST DAY EISTEDDFOD (Marimbas)
8	DALE COLLEGE DERBY (AWAY)
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10	MOTHERS DAY
11	JERSEY WEEK COLLECTION (2 weeks) SGB MEETING (17h30)
11 – 15	EISTEDDFOD (Piano / Instrumental)
12	TEST DAY EISTEDDFOD (BAND EVENING) CLARENDON
13	SOCCER – ROUND 8 TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr)
14	TEST DAY
16	QUEEN'S COLLEGE DERBY (HOME)
17	
18	EISTEDDFOD – SHOWCASE EVENING (CLARENDON)
19	MUSIC EVENING (Selborne College Music Centre) 18h30
20	PORT REX DERBY (AWAY) SOCCER – ROUND 9 TENNIS – LEAGUE MATCH (Snr)
22	INTERACT - CIVVIES DAY (In aid of a Pet Drive) GRADE 10 – LO EXAM
25	GRADE 10 & 11 EXAMS COMMENCE
27	SOCCER – ROUND 10
28	GRADE 8 & 9 EXAMS COMMENCE
29	GREY COLLEGE DERBY (HOME) <b>SHORT FRIDAY (12h30)</b>
30	GREY COLLEGE DERBY (HOME)



## JUNE

1	STAFF DEVELOPMENT / <b>LEARNER STUDY DAY</b>
5	ST ANDREW'S DERBY (HOME)
6	
8	SGB MEETING (17h30)
12	GRADE 8 – 11 EXAMS END CAMBRIDGE HIGH DERBY (AWAY)
13	CAMBRIDGE HIGH DERBY (AWAY) <b>HOSTEL OUT WEEKEND (13 – 16 June)</b>
14	FATHERS DAY
15	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</b>
16	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – YOUTH DAY</b>
19	STIRLING HIGH DERBY (HOME)
20	
23	SOCCER – ROUND 11
24	INTERHOUSE ACTIVITIES
25	QUARTERLY AWARDS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SOCCER – ROUND 12
26	STAFF PLANNING DAY

## JULY

20	<b>HOSTEL BOYS RETURN (14h00 – 17h00)</b>
21	TERM 3 – First Day of School

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DEBATING – THE GAUNTLET DRAMA – REZA DE WET GOLF – CAPE SCHOOLS HOCKEY – INTERPROVINCIAL (U14 / U16 / U18) SQUASH – INTERPROVINCIAL (U14 / U16 / U18)
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