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## **“GETTING IT DONE - 2021!!”**

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

A happy and cheerful welcome to all for this extraordinarily challenging academic year. Our theme for this year, “GETTING IT DONE-2021” speaks to the continued commitment of our staff to deliver on the curriculum under this pandemic.

The Minister of Education has announced the Academic year as follows:

- Term 1: 25 January (SMT and Admin Staff); 01 February (Educators); and 15 February (Learners) to 23 April
- Term 2: 03 May to 09 July
- Term 3: 26 July to 01 October
- Term 4: 11 October to 15 December (Learners); 17 December (Educators)

Parents, we are getting requests for exemption from paying school fees for January. We wish to clarify this apparent misunderstanding. School fees are to be paid for an academic year, not a calendar year.

Our staff have been hard at work preparing for the return of our learners at the start of this year and in that spirit, we will be issuing textbooks and stationery packages next week. We regret to inform you that if a learner has outstanding textbooks for 2020, he/she must first submit these books before books for 2021 will be issued to him/her.

Learners report to school by 08:00 am. The different grades to report as follows:

Monday 8 February, Grade 12  
Tuesday 9 February, Grade 11  
Wednesday 10 February, Grade 10 and  
Thursday 11 February Grade 9.

The Grade 8 learners will have their orientation day on Friday, 12 February. A previous letter outlining the orientation programme has already appeared on our website, [www.lawsonbrown.co.za](http://www.lawsonbrown.co.za).

Parents, we are reverting back to our Code of Conduct, with reference to our learners’ appearance. Our learners will be following our normal time- table with the groups attending on different days. It therefore means that they are to wear their summer uniform on the days that they attend school. We will be starting with lessons on the first day. Learners who have Music and Accounting as a subject are reminded that they need to pay for their workbooks. Our language Educators are advising learners to start reading their setwork books. On the days that the learners will not be attending, we urge them to keep up with the homework they will be given.

We researched the possibility of on-line teaching last year and found that it was not a viable option for us. Contact sessions and written work have worked for us and we will, therefore, continue with these methods. We rely on your assistance in this regard.

I trust that this information will help with your own planning and support for our programme.

Kind regards

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**PRINCIPAL**