



**AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL : “We nurture talent”**

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NEWSLETTER 1 OF 2023

## **Welcome back to all learners, parents and staff members**

From the acting Principal's office:

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful December holiday. We trust you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. We are delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and look forward working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

# WELCOME BACK!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Baseline Tests (Gr 4 – 12):

Grade 7 :

Afrikaans  
Mathematics  
Natural Sciences  
Sosial Sciences

23 January 2023  
24 January 2023  
25 January 2023  
26 January 2023

Grade 9 :

Afrikaans	23 January 2023
Maths	24 January 2023
EMS	25 January 2023
Natural Sciences	26 January 2023
Social Sciences	27 January 2023

Gr 10 :

Accounting	23 January 2023
Afrikaans	24 January 2023
Business Studies	25 January 2023
Economics	26 January 2023
History	27 January 2023
Life Sciences	30 January 2023
Mathematics	31 January 2023
Maths Literacy	01 February 2023
Physical Sciences	02 February 2023

Gr 4,5,6,8,11 and 12 will write the following Baseline Risk Assessments:

Afrikaans	23 January 2023
English	24 January 2023
Mathematics	25 January 2023

Baseline Tests (Gr 1 – 3):

English	24 January 2023
Maths	25 January 2023

RCL nomination	20 January 2023
RCL election	23 January 2023
RCL results	27 January 2023
Gr 10 – 11 awards	27 January 2023
Remedial Classes resume	30 January 2023
Extra-curricular resumes	01 February 2023
Grade 8 Orientation Camp (Tentative date)	02 – 04 February 2023
Gr 4 – 12 Assessments start	01 February 2023
Valentine Ball	17 February 2023
Gr 4 – 12 Control Tests start	06 – 23 March 2023
School close for Term 1	24 March 2023

***DISMISSAL TIMES GR R***

Gr R learners will dismiss at 12h00 for the duration of Term 1.

***DISMISSAL TIMES GR 1***

Gr 1 learners will dismiss at 12h00 until 31 January 2023.

***DISMISSAL TIMES GR 2 & 3***

Gr 2 dismiss at 13h20.  
Gr 3 dismiss at 13h50.

## ***PUBLIC HOLIDAYS***

The school will be closed on 20 and 21 March 2023 due to Human Rights Day.

## ***BASELINE TESTS***

It is compulsory for learners to write Baseline Tests. Baseline Reports and remedial letters (where applicable) will be provided to parents on 10 February 2023.

## ***ROBOTICS***

Robotics will continue from Grades R – 3. No additional fees payable.



## ***ORIENTATION CAMP***

An Orientation Camp for the Gr 8 learners will tentatively take place from 2 - 4 February 2023. More details to follow.

## ***COMMUNICATION***

### **D6 Communicator**

Parents must load the D6 Communicator onto your PC and will keep you up to date with all the latest events at Amity. You can download the Windows compatible installer from website:

[www.school-communicator.com/downloads](http://www.school-communicator.com/downloads)

On opening the website see “please select” and choose Amity International. Follow instructions for an easy download.

#### **Mobi site for D6**

We also have a mobi site which is available free to all clients.

School communicator mobi address: <http://schoolcommunicator.mobi>

**Homework WILL be downloaded and available on the D6 Communicator.**

## INDUCTION MEETING

Foundation Phase  
Intermediate & Snr Phase  
FET Phase

23 January 2023 from 17h30 - 18h00  
23 January 2023 from 18h10 – 19h00  
23 January 2023 from 19h00 – 20h00

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



Learners must wear the correct school uniform, with sensible black school shoes (no markings/colors etc.). Please ensure you write your child's name on all uniforms and PE kit. The correct PE kit must also be worn – white golf shirt or navy blue/t-shirt/ (no sports tops) and plain navy bottoms (no markings or brand names). We will strictly be enforcing this.

### **Grade 1 – 12 Amity International School uniforms**

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
<i>Navy blue school skirt</i>	<i>School grey pants</i>
<i>White half-sleeve shirt</i>	<i>White half-sleeve shirt</i>
<i>Navy blue hair band</i>	<i>Plain black belt</i>
<i>Black school shoes</i>	<i>Black school shoes</i>
<i>Navy blue tights / stockings</i>	<i>Grey school ankle socks</i>
<i>Plain navy blue tracksuit (PE Uniform)</i>	<i>Plain navy blue tracksuit (PE Uniform)</i>
<i>Navy blue cap</i>	<i>Navy blue cap</i>
<i>Navy blue scarf for Muslim Learners</i>	<i>White taqiyah for Muslim learners</i>
<i>Navy blue dry-mac</i>	<i>Navy blue dry-mac</i>
<i>Navy blue tie (compulsory during winter)</i>	<i>Navy blue tie (compulsory during winter)</i>
<i>Navy blue pullover with embroidered school badge</i>	<i>Navy blue pullover with embroidered school badge</i>
<i>Navy blue V neck jersey with embroidered badge</i>	<i>Navy blue V neck jersey with embroidered badge</i>
<i>School navy blue/ grey long pants (winter)</i>	
<i>Navy blue blazer with school monogram (compulsory for Gr 10 – 12 learners)</i>	<i>Navy blue blazer with school monogram (compulsory for Gr 10 – 12 learners)</i>
<i>Navy / white golfers or plain white T-shirts</i>	<i>Navy / white golfers or plain white T-shirts</i>

### **Contact details for uniform providers :**

Parveen Sacoor : 081 590 8726 // 012 384 2315

## APPEARANCE

Monday, 21 January 2022, will be the deadline for all learners to correct any inappropriate clothing/hair/nails etc. Learners (boys) are NOT allowed to wear skinny pants/zips on the sides of their grey school pants etc. Learners appearance will be checked during registration period. If a learner is not dressed according to the

Code of Conduct, he/she will immediately be sent home, to dress accordingly and return to school. **We urge our parent's assistance in this regard.**

### **General Appearance**

- **Hair**
  - Boys' hair must be cut neatly, above the collar. Fringes must not be over the eyebrow area. No tails are allowed. Side-burns may not extend further than mid-ear.
  - Boys are required to come to school clean-shaven (see exception below)
  - Girls' hair must be neat at all times and, if long, should be tied back neatly in plaits / pony tails or buns.
  - ALL hair must be firmly secured in plaits / pony tails or buns.
  - All ribbons, slides, Alice bands or hair-bands are to be navy blue.
  - No exotic hairstyles are permitted (e.g. steps, mushroom hairstyle, "spike" hairstyles, etc.)
  - Boys' fringes must not cover the eyebrows.
  - The moderate use of gel will be permitted for boys to neaten their hair. Gel may not be used for exotic hairstyles such as spikes
  - Dyed, bleached, shaven, streaked or highlighted hair is not permitted.
  - No fashion accessories are to be worn.
  - Boys will be permitted to wear a beard based **on religious grounds**. A written letter from the parent must be supplied to the school, indicating the above. This letter will be kept on the learners file.
  
- **Nails**
  - Nails must be kept short so that they cannot be seen over the fingers when hands are held palms-up.
  - Nail polish is not allowed.
  
- **The following are not part of Amity International School (S.A.) uniform and will be confiscated or removed if worn:**
  - Jewelry of any kind i.e. gold chains, bracelets, novelty necklaces, fancy watches, etc. If religious chains or pendants are worn, they should not be visible i.e. must worn under the shirt.
  - Only "Medic –Alert" bracelets may be worn.
  - Earrings will only be permitted for boys on religious grounds, on written motivation to the Principal by the parent.
  - Make-up
  - Nail polish
  - No colored lip gloss or lip balm will be permitted. Only natural lip balm will be allowed.
  - Only wrist bands for religious purposes will be allowed. All other wrist bands will not be allowed.

Learners will be allowed to wear formal P.E. clothing for the entire day on the days they have P.E. / extra-curricular. **However, learners who do not own formal P.E. clothing, should wear their formal school uniform, bringing a tracksuit along, so that they change clothes before and after P.E.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- Learners are allowed to wear civvies on their birthdays. If a learner has a birthday during the holiday, he/she will be allowed to wear civvies the day school re-opens.
- If a learner's birthday is over the weekend, the learner will be allowed to wear civvies either on the preceding Friday or on the following Monday.
- We suggest that only cupcakes/ doughnuts or party packs are sent for learner's birthdays. Sending cakes makes it difficult to share with the entire class.



## **SAFETY AND SECURITY OF LEARNERS**

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore, we would just like to remind you that all children must be collected on time at the end of the school day (within 30 minutes), by the designated parent/transport. Parents **MUST** contact the school office if there is a change, i.e. another adult will be collecting your child (Junior or Senior) – we will not let your child go home unless we are notified.

## **TEXT BOOKS**

Text Books are available from Fatima at 072 273 8786. Learners must have all their textbooks and scripts covered by the end of 20 January 2023.

## **FORMAL ASSESSMENTS**

Learners will receive the Formal Assessment Time Table as soon as educators have been informed about Assessment Task by the various subject facilitators.

Learners who do not submit their assessments on time, will receive a consequences sheet from the Educator, indicating that the learner submitted his/her assessment late. An additional three (3) dates will be allowed for the learner to submit the assessment. Marks will be deducted as follows: 5% of the mark for each day late i.e. First date (-5%); second date (-10%) and third date (-15%), where after a zero mark will be allocated.

## **DETENTION**

Detention will take place on Wednesdays, during extra-mural activities. The merit and demerit system will strictly be implemented and adhered to this year.

## **MEDIA COMMUNICATION**

**D6 APP**

Register on this app as soon as possible. Parents gain access to newsletters and other information on this app.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

The school's newsletters are emailed to parents, as well as posted on the D6 app.

### **WEB PAGE**

Information regarding the school's activities etc. is posted on a regular basis. Please visit our website <http://amitysa.co.za>.

### **FACEBOOK**

Visit the school's Facebook for a day-to-day glimpse into the life of our learners, educators etc. and like our page. (Amity International School South Africa)

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Yours in Education

*K. Meli*

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Mr K.Meli  
(Act. Principal)

**Education is our passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare it ...**