



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

2020 Was a very tough year for most of us. Things did not go the way we wanted, planned, or dreamt it would be. We have so many excuses for why we cannot reach our full potential this year. If we do badly in the exams, fortunately we can blame it on 2020! Everybody will understand.

Really? Do we have any valid excuse?

There was a lady, born on 27 June 1880 in Alabama, USA. At the age of 19 months she got terribly ill. The doctors called her illness "Congestion of the brain and stomach". Today we know that she had meningitis, which can be fatal. After she recovered, her parents realised that she was blind and deaf.

Despite her inabilities, she still went to school, where she was taught how to listen and speak. She listened by putting her fingers on people's lips and in their neck. She learned the manual alphabet and how to communicate by finger spelling.

She completed her Grade 12, went to college and received her BA degree at the age of 24.

Later in her life, she wrote different books about her life. She became a role model for other disabled people. She died at the age of 88, after a full, worthwhile life.

So...do we really have the right to blame COVID-19; the lockdown; anything or anybody else for not being able to achieve our absolute best in 2020? Are there anyone of you (the learners) who are deaf or blind? Or even worse: deaf AND blind? No... we are complaining, although we have almost everything that we need. The responsibility for becoming the best version of YOU, lies with YOU. With NO ONE ELSE. C Botha

Important dates

Term 4	06 October – 11 December <i>Teachers return 05 October – 15 December</i>
05 November	Gr 12 Final Exams Start
09 November	School finishes at 13:00 (9 Nov-10 Dec)
16 Nov – 9 Dec	Gr 7 – 11 Final Exams
11 December	Prize Giving for Gr 7-11 (no parents; learners only)
11 December	Last day of school for 2020 (Gr 7-11 finish at 11h30)

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR GRADE 12 LEARNERS WRITE UNTIL THE 15TH OF DECEMBER!

Absentees

If your child is going to be absent from school, please email all office staff so we ensure the message is received:

office@riversidecollege.co.za

info@riversidecollege.co.za

a.human@riversidecollege.co.za

Uniform Stock

We would like to inform you that we placed our order for more uniform stock over 2 months ago. Our supplier has informed us that our stock order is delayed as they are only able to work with skeleton staff. We will be out of stock of some items until the end of Term 1 2020. Considering this, we have a list of alternatives that you as parents may purchase until we have stock available. Please see below a list of what your child may wear should you not be able to purchase from us due to sold out stock:

School Bags

We will only receive stock in the second Term next year due to unforeseen circumstances at the manufacturing company. Parents can look for a second-hand bag on Riverside College 2nd Hand Buy and sell on Facebook or Learners can use a maroon school bag in the meantime till we receive stock. Here is the Facebook link : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riversidesecondhand>

Grade 000-Grade R

- *Grade R plain maroon T-Shirts (Available retail outlets)*
- *Grade R plain maroon Sweatshirt (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain Maroon Small School Satchel (Available @retail outlets)*

Grade 1-Grade 12

- *Plain white school shirt (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain maroon Pullovers/ Jerseys (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain white Golf Shirt for sport (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain maroon sport cap (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain maroon school satchel (Available @ retail outlets)*
- *Plain maroon tog bag (Available @ retail outlets)*

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Have an awesome weekend
Keep safe
High School Staff