

Dear Parents & Guardians

We are excited to welcome our students back for what will prove to be an awesome year, full of individual and collective successes. I am confident that our students are going to give their personal best every day, in both academic and social endeavours.

To our first Grade 12 group, a special word of encouragement. Your last year at school will happen in a heartbeat! The school team is ready and excited to help you, therefore, please don't hesitate to ask for their assistance when needed. Make 2017 a memorable experience, and as you prepare for your future, consider what legacy you will leave at Glen Austin High, as an individual and as the first Grade 12 class.

To all the new Grade 8 learners of 2017:

Take the time to get to know the Glen Austin family, and go out of your way to participate in all the school activities. Make an effort to connect to your fellow learners, and together, we can create a positive culture at Glen Austin High School.

Despite the delay caused by the rainy season, the new building has been occupied and we are currently using six of its classrooms. Furthermore, we are looking forward to using the new school hall, once completed.

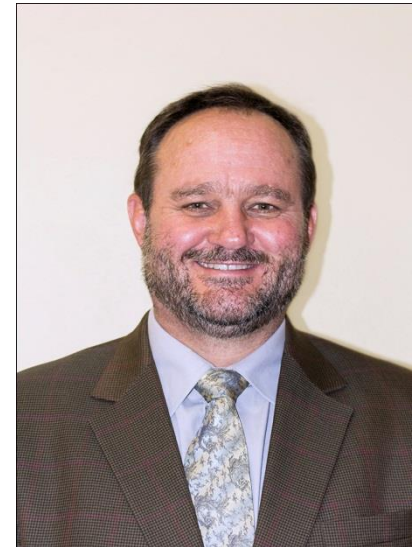
Empathy – being aware of and sharing another person's feelings, experiences, and emotions

The Grade 8s have chosen 'empathy' as their theme for 2017. The rapid decline of empathy in our society has resulted in people criticizing, insulting, bullying, assaulting, killing and torturing each other more and more. We, as the Glen Austin family, fully support this Grade 8 theme, and are encouraging our stakeholders to join in.

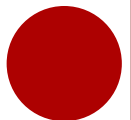
Principal Abbott.



**From the principal's desk**



**Mr H. A. Abbott**



“Pressure is a privilege”. This was a saying constantly recited to me by a close friend throughout this year. 2016 has been a year pregnant with challenges, frustrations and a few insurmountable mountains, but I stand very grateful in the fact that the rough terrain has moulded and built my muscles and stamina for what’s to come.

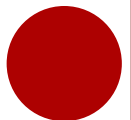
Being the 2016 President of the Learner Representative Council has given me a foretaste of what to expect as the 2017 Head Boy of Glen Austin High School – on that note, thank you for all those who have voted me into this position.

I would like to thank the Glen Austin High School teaching staff for the recognition of being Boy of the Year 2016 – it didn’t come with ease but the pressure has been well rewarded.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY**



Mark Ndlovu



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL

It is the end of my third year in Glen Austin High School, and I must say, looking back I had a wonderful experience at the school. I have also been taught a lot that I am grateful for; Glen Austin High school has given me knowledge, understanding, perseverance, assurance and many other qualities I think I would never have if I had attended another school. I have developed not just as a person, but as a leader of the school - and in life. I take this as an opportunity to help not just the school to grow, but myself too.

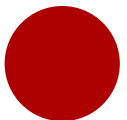
My vision for Glen Austin for the next year is as follows; I see a complete high school with lots of learners. I see leaders working alongside with the staff making the school a better environment to work and study in. Furthermore, I see success and a good academic year, especially for the first Grade 12s of the school, goals being accomplished, and the school running as smoothly as any other top private school. Even more, I see Glen Austin as simply one of the best!

Lastly, I believe that the school will achieve utmost success in all its endeavours.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.



Avuyile Gxyoyia





## **NEW EDUCATORS 2016**

**Welcome**

**It's with  
pleasure that  
we welcome  
Mr Mazula to  
the GAHS  
family  
(Mathematics  
Teacher)**

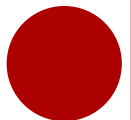




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**Welcome**

**It's with pleasure that we welcome Mr Mpofo to the GAHS family (Life Orientation, Business Studies)**





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**It's with pleasure that we welcome Mrs Joubert to the GAHS family (Life Orientation, English teacher)**

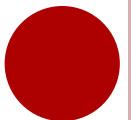




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**It's with  
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Mr Mutadza to  
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family  
(Mathematics  
teacher)**

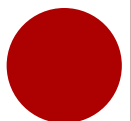




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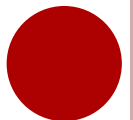
**It's with pleasure that we welcome Mrs Katsande to the GAHS family (Mathematics & Mathematical Literacy teacher)**





Disrespect is such a harmful thing that a person can experience. Disrespect is also the same as bullying. It affects everyone because they get sad, depressed and they also get anxiety. I feel like we should all unite and become one big happy nation, and respect every person we see, even if it's a stranger. Love defines us all; love and respect is the glue of everything.

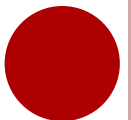
Kaone Motsaathebe





## **ARTS AND CULTURE - DANCE**

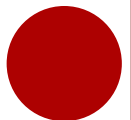
GAHS is officially registered with the Dance Sport School League. The learners will be focusing on Hip Hop and Street Dancing! We wish our dance team the best of luck for the season ahead.





## **INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS**

**The Eagles and the Elephants go to their first round of battle for the year at the Interhouse Athletics on 2 February. Best of luck to both teams!**

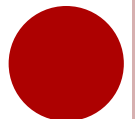




Please note that there is a delay with the delivery of statements. Parents can expect statements before the end of January.

## **FINANCE**

There were payments made without references. If your payment doesn't reflect on your statement, please consult finance.





## **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

The school buses leave the school at 4pm everyday.

If there is an away sports game, parents are required to pick up their children from GAHS on the time that is given by the sports department.

This notification will be in the indemnity letter that you are required to sign if your child is attending an away game.

The sports cell phone number is 074 851 4655

Drivers' Supervisor  
Sam 062 961 0021

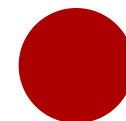
Drivers:  
Godfrey 062 448 7217  
Shadrack 062 961 5337



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 Softball matches Athletics practice Public speaking	2 Chess practice Touch rugby pract Athletics pract Land service Art,SMF Meeting	3 Grade 8 camp Dancing Chess practice	4 Grade 8 camp	5 Grade 8 camp
<b>6 Athletics practice Softball practice Public speaking</b>	7 Chess matches Touch rugby prac Art club Drama club Science + Tech club	8 Softball matches Athletics practice Public speaking Parents/ Principal Gr 8+9	9 Chess practice Touch rugby pract Athletics pract Land service Art Parents/Princip al Gr10-12	10 Interschool athletics Dancing Chess practice	11	12
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## FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Make a note of what's keeping us busy during the month of February.



# **VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATION**

## **Valentine's Day Cupcakes**

Land Service will be  
selling delicious  
cupcakes on Tuesday,  
14 February

**Only R15 per cupcake  
– vanilla or chocolate  
filled with jam,  
caramel or  
marshmallow**

*Life is short – eat  
a cupcake*

**Treat your loved one,  
friend, teacher, parents or  
yourself to a mouth-  
watering filled cupcake**





All-important information regarding the school, such as important dates and homework, will be uploaded on D6. Follow the link and keep in touch with us:

<http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>



Follow us on Facebook for an update of all our activities at the school:

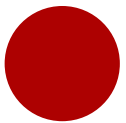
Glen Austin High School - Midrand



If you need any information regarding the school, have a look at our website

[www.glenaustinhigh.co.za](http://www.glenaustinhigh.co.za)

# D6 COMMUNICATOR AND SOCIAL MEDIA







Italy



France

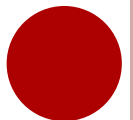


Switzerland

Across the  
ALPS

This year we  
will be visiting  
Italy,  
Switzerland  
and France.  
We have sent  
booklets home  
with the  
learners.  
Please fill out  
the attached  
form and  
return it to  
school  
#LetsGo2017

**2017 OVERSEAS TOUR**

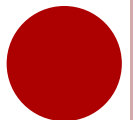




## **BEST SCHOOL IN MIDRAND**

Last year we were ranked number 1 under the best schools in Midrand. Follow the link and vote for us so that we can rightfully withhold our position.

<https://oflocal.co.za/midrand/top10-best-schools-midrand>





## Parent Pointers

### Focusing on the Importance of Learning

- ▶ Talk positively about the importance of education.
- ▶ Let your child see how much you enjoy and value learning.
- ▶ It is OK if you do not have all the answers to your child's questions, but it is important to show that you know how to find the answers.
- ▶ Learning builds confidence; and a child who is confident is more open to new opportunities to learn.

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## Parent Pointers

### Providing Homework Support

- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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## Parent Pointers

### Communicating With The School Year-Round

- ▶ Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- ▶ Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. *We need you on our team!*
- ▶ Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.

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**PARENT POINTERS**

