

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER II

We are living in unusual, uncertain times! We are uncertain about our health, uncertain about the economy, uncertain about what lies ahead and uncertain about our academic year. We want to, and have to, do what we can to save our academic year. A lot is going to depend on how parents will discipline and motivate their children.

Education is one of the things we have a certain amount of control over. We don't know if we are looking at the next few weeks before school re-opens or if we are faced with a longer term loss of school days, so we will be doing our best to address the situation week by week. We are definitely facing a school calendar re-shuffle. The department is talking about scrapping the June and September holidays, the possibility of longer academic school days, the condensing of the syllabi and much more. At Victoria Park we are going to be doing what we are able to, so that learners are prepared and ready for when schooling resumes. We will be communicating via the d6 connect mail system, the Victoria Park website and WhatsApp groups.

The teachers are trying to adapt to new ways of teaching and all have very different skill sets. By now you should have received the "lockdown resources" (available on school website) and from that you will know what is still to be covered academically this term. In these times it is of the utmost importance that the learners' school work is a priority, so that when they return to school they are academically fit and ready to absorb the catch-up lessons that will be provided, where possible. We cannot stress enough, how important your role is in keeping your child's academic work up to date.

Please be careful of fake news, especially on social media. We undertake to communicate with you as soon as any formal directives are handed out by the department, government and/or educator unions.

We have compiled a list of contact email addresses of our subject heads, the "d6 connect" person and the address for any other general queries. For academic queries please use the subject heads and if there is still uncertainty, the specific WhatsApp group. Tania Minnie will assist you with "d6" queries and you

can direct any other queries to our school e-mail.

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Stay positive and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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