

23 April 2021

Dear Grade 10 Parents

This year sees us celebrating our fifteenth 'Bishops Epic' and this letter is the first of several that will deal with Epic. The Bishops Epic takes place at the end of the fourth term and involves the whole grade, with the exception of those away on exchange. This year's dates are Tuesday 23 November to Wednesday 8 December.

This mail is addressed to all Grade 10 parents, as experience has shown that keeping the exchange parents in the loop is useful.

By way of introduction, there will be an online information evening this term on **Tuesday 4 May at 6.00 pm**, which we would like to you to 'attend'. I will send you the link closer to the time.

It is important to attend this Epic meeting to try and understand the vital role you will play in the success of your son's Epic experience and to understand details like the last night, safety, kit, the correct footwear and food – it will hopefully prevent last minute confusion and help you and your son prepare appropriately for what should be a wonderful experience.

You can also read about the Epic on the Bishops website <http://college.bishops.org.za/epic/default.aspx> or navigate via the Bishops College website, under 'Pastoral' and then 'Epic'. The 'Parents Communication and Documents' link will be the best place to retrieve current information.

Please note that in term 4 boys either do an exchange or Epic; both cannot be done in term 4, as we simply do not have the capacity. Please also note that it is the exception (and a very rare one) that a boy is allowed to miss Epic or any part of Epic – if you foresee that this might be the case, then please be in touch with me sooner rather than later. Epic is part of the school curriculum and as such is compulsory for all who are at school in term 4.

There are two dates we would like you to diarize now. The first is the evening of Sunday 21 November for the 'Blessing of the Boots' Service, when we 'send' the boys off into the wilderness and the second is Tuesday 7 December – the fathers' (or significant

paternal figure) and sons' last night (you can leave Cape Town at 12 pm on Tuesday and be back in the office before 12 pm on Wednesday).

Please also find the consent form attached. This is something you will have to print, fill in and sign and return to admin (or to me). You will also have received/ or will shortly receive an online questionnaire from the Admissions Secretary pertaining to dietary requirements, medical aid details and medical conditions, which pertain to the consent form (and which are critical for Epic). Please update all these details too. Please could I have the consent form by the **end of May**.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly, otherwise I look forward to seeing you online on 4 May (there will be a recording of this presentation available afterwards).

Also attached is a letter about boots.

Kind regards  
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