

1 May 2022

Dear Grade 10 Parents

This year sees us celebrating our sixteenth 'Bishops Epic' and this letter is the first of several this year that will deal with Epic. The Bishops Epic takes place at the end of the fourth term and involves the whole grade 10 grade, with the exception of those away on exchange. This year's dates are Tuesday 22 November to Wednesday 7 December. This email is addressed to all Grade 10 parents, as experience has shown that keeping the exchange parents in the loop is useful.

You might already have noticed that R6000 was charged to your account at the end of term 1. So, by way of introduction to Epic, there will be an information evening this term on Tuesday 10 May at 6.00 pm, in the Memorial Theatre, which we would like you to 'attend'. This precedes the Grade 10 Parents Social, which you may wish to attend after the meeting.

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, food and cost – 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 at <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 the latest information going forward.

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 Friday 18 November at 12.30 for the 'Blessing of the Boots' Service, when we 'send' the boys off into the wilderness and the second is Tuesday 6 December – for 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 10 am on Wednesday).

Please also find the consent form attached. This is something you will have to print, fill in and sign and return to the B.S.U. by the end of June, either in person, via your son or via email. Please could the consent form be handed in or emailed to Nicky Lewis (nlewis@bishops.org.za) in the B.S.U.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly, otherwise I look forward to seeing you on 10 May. Also attached is a letter about boots.

Kind regards

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