



Silvies@60 – Honour the Past, Shape the Future

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Colleagues and Learners,

Warm greetings to you all.

As we conclude the third week since school reopened on 14 January 2026, I would like to thank every parent/guardian, staff member and learner for the positive start to the year. Our shared goal for 2026 is clear and unwavering: a 100% pass rate in all grades and all subjects; starting in Term 1. This can only be achieved through teamwork, discipline, and a strong home–school partnership.

1) Positive learner behaviour and punctuality – Well Done!

I wish to commend our learners for the positive behaviour we continue to observe at school; your respect, cooperation, and willingness to do the right thing are noticed and appreciated. Let us protect and grow this culture of good conduct, because discipline supports academic excellence.

A special word of congratulations to learners who are consistently on the school premises by 07:25. Well done to you and well done to your parents/guardians for ensuring that you start your day on time. Punctuality is a life skill, and it directly impacts learning time, class readiness, and overall performance. Let us keep raising the standard—every day, every learner, on time.

2) Best wishes to our athletes

We extend our best wishes to our athletes competing this afternoon at Langenhoven High School. We are proud of you—represent Hoërskool Silvertown with discipline, confidence and sportsmanship. Remember: you carry the Silvertown name, and you carry it with honour.

3) Academic excellence begins at home and in the classroom

To support our learners effectively, I encourage the following non-negotiable study habits:

A. Study skills that make a difference

- Study daily—short, focused sessions are better than last-minute cramming.
- Revise classwork the same day it is taught.
- Practise past questions and examples in every subject.
- Ask for help early—do not wait until the week of assessment.
- Sleep well and eat properly—learning is affected by fatigue and poor routines.





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B. A study timetable

Every learner must have a weekly study timetable that includes:

- Homework time
- Revision time per subject
- Preparation for tests and tasks
- Time to read and practise key concepts daily

Parents/guardians are kindly requested to check the timetable and sign/monitor progress. Tutor teachers and subject teachers will also guide learners to improve their planning and consistency.

C. A suitable study place

Learners need a dedicated space that supports learning:

- Quiet and well-lit
- Free from distractions (TV, loud music, unnecessary phone use)
- With basic stationery and learning resources available

4) SIYAVULA App – A key tool for 2026 success

We remind all learners and parents/guardians that the SIYAVULA app is an important support tool for learning; especially for practice, revision, and strengthening key concepts.

Please note the following:

- Learners are expected to use SIYAVULA consistently as guided by their teachers.
- Monitoring will be taking place to track usage, progress, and completion of assigned activities.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to support and monitor learner participation at home.

This is not to police learners, but to support growth, identify learning gaps early, and improve performance through regular practice.

5) Appreciation for school fees payments

To all parents/guardians who have already made the annual school fees payment of R3 500 for 2026: thank you sincerely. Your commitment strengthens teaching and learning and supports the effective functioning of the school.

We appeal to all parents/guardians to continue supporting the school financially so that we can keep the school fees account positive and ensure we maintain quality resources, services, and academic support programmes for all learners.





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6) Request for printing paper (ONE RIM PER TERM)

In order to support teaching, learning, assessment activities, and academic resources, we humbly request parents/guardians to assist by sending one rim of printer paper per term, going forward.

- Printing paper must be handed to the Tutor Teacher.
- This contribution will help the school sustain essential academic printing needs for learners.

Your support in this regard is deeply appreciated.

7) Weekend motivation

As we enter the weekend, I encourage every learner to keep momentum going:

- Use the weekend to revise the week's work
- Prepare for the week ahead
- Stick to your study timetable—consistency builds confidence

Parents/guardians, thank you for your continued partnership. Staff, thank you for your dedication and sacrifice. Learners, remember: **excellence is not an event—it is a habit.**

Let us continue to work together as one team.

Yours in education,

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