



# HOËRSKOOI SILVERTON

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## TERM 2 REOPENING NEWSLETTER

From the Office of the Headmaster | 6 April 2026

### Welcome back to Term 2, Silvies family!

*“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and disciplined execution.”*

### A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Guardians, Learners, Staff and Valued Stakeholders,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to Term 2 of the 2026 academic year. As we continue celebrating 60 years of Hoërskool Silvertown, we do so with gratitude for our past, confidence in our present, and bold commitment to our future.

This term calls for focus, discipline, teamwork and renewed excellence from every member of the Silvies community. Our standard remains clear: 60% and beyond, nothing less. Every lesson, every task, every support function and every interaction must reflect the quality and pride of a school that is shaping the future while honouring its legacy.

Let us begin this term with purpose. Let us teach with passion, learn with seriousness, support one another with integrity, and ensure that Term 2 becomes a term of visible progress, order and achievement.

### Why the school is reopening in a staggered manner

Hoërskool Silvertown will reopen in a staggered manner for Term 2 in the best interests of safety, organisation and academic continuity.

Grade 12 learners will return on Wednesday, 8 April 2026, as scheduled, because they are our exit class and every teaching day remains critical in preparation for the National Senior Certificate examinations.

Learners in Grades 8 to 11 will return on Monday, 13 April 2026. This arrangement is necessary because the school is still managing important logistical matters linked to the decanting process, including the readiness of classrooms, electricity, ablution facilities, safety on site, and the arrangement of furniture and teaching spaces.

This is not a delay in learning, but a strategic and responsible measure to ensure that all learners return to a safe, functional and properly organised school environment. We appreciate the patience, understanding and cooperation of the entire school community.



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## Key opening arrangements

Date / Time	Arrangement
Wed, 8 Apr 2026   07:00	Staff opening for Term 2 in the Excellence Emporium.
Wed, 8 Apr 2026   07:25	Official Term 2 opening for Grade 12 learners just outside the Excellence Emporium.
Wed, 8 Apr 2026	Grade 12 learners officially resume classes.
Sat, 11 Apr 2026	Parent / Guardian grade meetings and Top 10 Achievers announcements.
Mon, 13 Apr 2026	Grades 8 to 11 learners return to school.

## Parents / Guardians meeting schedule - Saturday, 11 April 2026

Grade(s)	Time
Grades 8 and 9	08:00 - 09:15
Grades 10 and 11	09:30 - 10:45
Grade 12	11:00 - 12:45

### Important recognition reminder:

At each grade meeting, the Top 10 Achievers for Term 1 will be announced. Parents / Guardians of learners who form part of the Top 10 Achievers Club are kindly requested to ensure that learners arrive on time and are dressed in full formal school uniform. The Grade Guardian will confirm whether your child is part of the Top 10 Achievers Club.



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## What parents/guardians should do in preparation for Term 2

- i. Ensure that your child returns to school punctual, neat, well-rested and mentally prepared for the demands of the term.
- ii. Check that all books, stationery, timetable requirements and school uniform items are ready before the first day of attendance.
- iii. Set clear study routines at home, monitor homework completion, and create an environment that promotes discipline and concentration.
- iv. Communicate regularly with the school, attend meetings, and partner actively with teachers and grade guardians in support of learner progress.
- v. Reinforce the school's academic standard at home: 60% and beyond, nothing less.

## What each staff sector should do in preparation for Term 2

<b>Teachers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare thoroughly for every lesson from day one and protect teaching time at all costs.</li><li>• Track curriculum coverage, intervention plans and learner support with urgency and precision.</li><li>• Identify learners at risk early and drive subject improvement relentlessly.</li><li>• Model professionalism, punctuality and academic excellence daily.</li></ul>	<b>General Assistants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure classrooms, offices, walkways and school grounds are clean, safe and ready for use.</li><li>• Support the final arrangement of furniture, resources and spaces efficiently.</li><li>• Report maintenance concerns immediately and assist in restoring order where needed.</li><li>• Take pride in presenting a school environment worthy of the Silvies name.</li></ul>
<b>School Safety Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inspect all risk areas, monitor access points and ensure the school opens in a safe and controlled manner.</li><li>• Address hazards urgently, especially around movement areas and temporary spaces.</li><li>• Maintain visibility, vigilance and strict adherence to school safety procedures.</li><li>• Support a calm, disciplined and secure start to the term.</li></ul>	<b>Administration Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure registers, communication systems, filing, reporting tools and learner records are up to date.</li><li>• Support parents, staff and learners with accurate information and prompt service delivery.</li><li>• Maintain order in admissions, finance, correspondence and school operations.</li><li>• Reflect the school's professionalism through efficiency, courtesy and accountability.</li></ul>



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## Our collective standard for Term 2

As we celebrate 60 years of Hoërskool Silverton, we must remember that our legacy is not honoured by words alone, but by performance. This term, every class, office, corridor and support area must reflect excellence in action.

**Let us hold one another accountable. Let us serve with pride. Let us aim higher. Let us excel in what we do - 60% and beyond, nothing less.**

*"The future depends on what we do in the present." - Mahatma Gandhi*

**Welcome back to Term 2. Let us make it count.**

Warm regards,

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