

# CARACAL NEWS



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK :

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we are speeding towards the end of term one, I would like to highlight a few important priorities and expectations.

Firstly, next term we will place a stronger focus on academics. While sport remains an important part of school life, classroom performance and academic progress must take priority during this period.

Secondly, we will continue to enforce our cellphone-free policy. Learners are not permitted to have a cellphone or any other devices including earphones etc. visible or in use during the school day! We ask for your full support in reinforcing this at home.

We also maintain a zero-tolerance approach to discipline. Respect, responsibility and adherence to school rules are non-negotiable.

We kindly remind parents of the importance of paying school fees on time, as these contributions enable us to provide quality education and maintain our facilities.

It is our dream to have more and more parental involvement in all our activities. We would like to start boasting about our Parent Supporter's club in the next few months. Please have a look out for the communication on the Parent's group. Should you want to get involved in school any of our committees such as SGB, DC-Hearings, etc. please contact the school or myself.

Lastly, my door remains open to parents who wish to discuss matters concerning their child. However, all meetings must be scheduled by appointment to ensure that I can give you my full attention.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,  
Mr. JC Visser

"Champions aren't made at the start of the term — they're made in the last 30 days."

As part of our commitment to **Academic Excellence**, please take note of the following important academic regulations, expectations and dates for Term 1.

## 1. Subject Changes According to Policy

### Grade 10 and Grade 11

- A learner may change a maximum of **two subjects** in Grade 10 and Grade 11 as stipulated in the circular.
- The closing dates for subject change requests for 2026 are:
  - **31 March 2026 – Grade 11**
  - **30 June 2026 – Grade 10**

No requests will be considered after these dates.

### Grade 12

- In exceptional cases, a learner may change **one additional subject** at the end of Grade 11. This change must be finalised **before 15 December of the Grade 11 year**.
- Grade 11 learners are encouraged to make use of the opportunity to change subjects early to optimise teaching and learning time.  
Poor academic performance and university entrance requirements do **not** qualify as exceptional reasons for subject changes in Grade 12 or at the end of Grade 11.

## 2. Subjects with a PAT Component

This applies to:

Tourism, EGD, CAT, Automotive, Electrical Technology, Fitting and Turning, and Civil Technology.

- Absence during scheduled SBA and/or PAT tasks without a valid reason, or failure to submit tasks without a valid reason, will result in an **incomplete result or no result**.
- Learners who absent themselves from examinations, SBA tasks or PAT without a valid reason will **not be allowed to sit for the final examination**.  
A learner must report to the **Academic Deputy Principal** if absent during a test or examination.

## 3. Test Cycle and Attendance

Formal tests will take place from **16 February to 16 March**.

- If a learner is absent for a formal test and does not submit a valid medical certificate, the learner will receive **zero (0)** for that paper.  
Formal assessment tasks are also conducted during normal class periods; daily attendance is therefore essential.  
Policy on Absenteeism:
- If a learner is absent for **10 consecutive school days** without valid reason or communication from parents, the school may request removal of the learner from the system. The learner may then have to reapply for admission.
- The school is at full capacity with waiting lists in all grades.  
For a learner to qualify for progression at the end of the year (based on number of years in a phase), the learner may **not be absent for more than 20 days without valid reasons**.  
Parents are urged to notify the school immediately if a learner is absent with a valid reason.

## 4. Term 1 Count Down

There are **30 school days remaining** for Term 1.  
Report cards will be issued on **27 March 2026**.

## 5. Irregularities During SBA's and Cycle Tests

Academic integrity is non-negotiable.

- Possession or use of a cell phone during a formal test or SBA will result in confiscation of the device and a sanction of **zero (0)** for that assessment.

The use of crib notes carries the same sanction — **zero (0)**.

Our school does not tolerate cheating or attempts to cheat. We pride ourselves on the credibility and reliability of our formal assessments.

## 6. Study Tips During Test Cycle

### For Learners:

- Study daily and follow a study timetable.
- Revise notes, textbooks and previous work.
- Ask for help where needed.

Get enough rest and eat properly.

### For Parents:

- Provide a quiet study environment.
- Monitor study time and limit distractions.
- Encourage regular attendance and punctuality.

Motivate and support your child consistently.

Let us work together to uphold high academic standards and ensure a successful Term 1.

# Essential Month (02 –20 Feb)

## February: A Month of Love and Giving Back



February is known as the month of love, and this year we are choosing to show that love in a meaningful way – by giving back to our own school community.

Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and essential goods to support families in need within our school. Items such as canned food, rice, maize meal, pasta, long-life milk, toiletries, and other basic necessities can make a significant difference in the lives of those who may be struggling.

As a school, we believe in caring for one another and standing together in times of need. *Your donation can make a world of difference to someone in need. Let's make this month about giving back.*

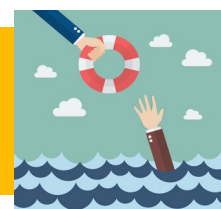
We encourage learners, parents, and staff to open their hearts and contribute where they can. Together, we can spread kindness, compassion, and hope.



# TEST TIMETABLE TERM 1 2026

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>16 Feb</b> <b>Mon.</b>	Maths Assignment	Maths Assignment	Afrikaans	History	English
<b>18 Feb</b> <b>Wed.</b>	INTER HIGH				
<b>20 Feb</b> <b>Fri.</b>	CA	CA	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths
<b>23 Feb</b> <b>Mon.</b>	Tech PAT	Tech PAT	Acc 1.5 hrs	EGD	Agri Tech/LS
<b>25 Feb</b> <b>Wed.</b>	NS Task	NS Task	English	Afrikaans	History
<b>27 Feb</b> <b>Fri.</b>	Maths	Maths	EGD	Agri Tech/LS	Geo Mapwork
<b>2 March</b> <b>Mon.</b>	EMS Acc	SS Geo	BS	CAT	Tourism/Tech Subjects
<b>4 March</b> <b>Wed.</b>	SS Geo	NS	Geo Theory	PS/Tech Science	EGD
<b>6 March</b> <b>Fri.</b>	Afrikaans	English	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Geo Mapwork	PS/Tech Science
<b>9 March</b> <b>Mon.</b>	English	EMS Acc	Acc 1.5 hrs	Acc 1.5 hrs	Acc 1.5 hrs
<b>10 March</b> <b>Tues.</b>	NS	EMS BS	Tourism/Tech Subjects	BS	CAT/Electrical
<b>11 March</b> <b>Wed.</b>	EMS BS	SS History	Geo Mapwork	Tourism/Tech Subjects	Afrikaans
<b>12 March</b> <b>Thurs.</b>	SS History	Afrikaans	PS/Tech Science	English	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths
<b>13 March</b> <b>Fri.</b>	Maths	Maths	History	Geo Theory	BS/Civil
<b>16 March</b> <b>Mon.</b>	LO	LO	Agri Tech/LS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Geo Theory
<b>27 March</b> <b>Wed.</b>	Eng	Eng	Afrikaans	Afrikaans	Afrikaans

*Monday asks quietly: 'Will you keep the promise you made to yourself?' Answer with your actions—not your words, not your plans, just your presence.*



## TERM 1 2026

Classes are **compulsory** for all **progressed learners, repeaters in a grade,** and if you fail any subject.

CYCLE	DAY	DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
1	MON.	16/02	Afrikaans	Tech	English/BS	PS/Tech Science
	TUES.	17/02	English	NS	Afrikaans/History	Geo
	WED.	18/02	INTER HIGH NO INTERVENTION CLASSES			
	THUR.	19/02	EMS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	LS
2	MON.	23/02	Tech	Afrikaans	PS/Tech Science	English/BS
	TUES.	24/02	NS	English	Geo	Afrikaans/History
	WED.	25/02	SS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	PS/Tech Science
	THUR.	26/02	Maths	EMS	LS	Maths/Maths Lit/TM
1	MON.	02/03	Afrikaans	Tech	English/BS	PS/Tech Science
	TUES.	03/03	English	NS	Afrikaans/History	Geo
	WED.	04/03	Maths	SS	PS/Tech Science	Maths/Maths Lit/TM
	THUR.	05/03	EMS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	LS
2	MON.	09/03	Tech	Afrikaans	PS/Tech Science	English/BS
	TUES.	10/03	NS	English	Geo	Afrikaans/History
	WED.	11/03	SS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	PS/Tech Science
	THUR.	12/03	Maths	EMS	LS	Maths/Maths Lit/TM
1	MON.	16/03	Afrikaans	Tech	English/BS	PS/Tech Science
	TUES.	17/03	English	NS	Afrikaans/History	Geo
	WED.	18/03	Maths	SS	PS/Tech Science	Maths/Maths Lit/TM
	THUR.	19/03	EMS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	LS
2	MON.	23/03	Tech	Afrikaans	PS/Tech Science	English/BS
	TUES.	24/03	NS	English	Geo	Afrikaans/History
	WED.	25/03	SS	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/TM	PS/Tech Science
	THUR.	26/03	Maths	EMS	LS	Maths/Maths Lit/TM



# GR12 COMPULSORY PERIOD 7 CLASSES TERM 1 2026

DATE	DAY	INTERVENTION	DATE	DAY	INTERVENTION
14/02	Sat	GEO/TS	07/03	Sat	BS/TS
16/02	Mon	EGD	09/03	Mon	BS/TS
17/02	Tues	PS/TRSM	10/03	Tues	Afrikaans
18/02	Wed	MATHS & MATHS LIT & TM	11/03	Wed	Maths/MLIT/TM
19/02	Thurs	LS/Agri Tech/TS	12/03	Thurs	BS/TS
20/02	Fri	Acc/Tech Subjects	13/03	Fri	Acc/Tech subjects
21/02	Sat	HISTORY/TS	14/03	Sat	Geo Mapwork/TS
23/02	Mon	EGD	16/03	Mon	EGD
24/02	Tues	English	17/03	Tues	PS/TRSM/TS
25/02	Wed	PS/TRSM/TS	18/03	Wed	Agri Tech/TS
26/02	Thurs	LS/TS	19/03	Thurs	CAT/TS
27/02	Fri	History/TS	20/03	Fri	LS/TS
28/02	Sat	EGD	21/03	Sat	PS/TS
02/03	Mon	Geo/TS	23/03	Mon	History/TS
03/03	Tues	PS/TS	24/03	Tues	Geo/TS
04/03	Wed	Maths/ML/TM	25/03	Wed	Maths/ML/TM
05/03	Thurs	ACC/TS	26/03	Thurs	Afrikaans
06/03	Fri	English	27/03	Fri	School closing

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that a seventh period has been introduced to extend the school day for Grade 12 learners. This period will take place after the sixth period and will conclude at 15:00. Consequently, the school day for Grade 12 learners will now run from **07:20 to 15:00**.

It is important to emphasize that this additional period is **not an extra class**, but rather an extension of the regular school day. During this time, educators will continue with the syllabus to ensure all curriculum requirements are met efficiently.

# RCL INAUGURATION



On 2 February 2026, our newly elected Representative Council of Learners (RCL) was officially inaugurated in a formal and dignified ceremony. The event marked the beginning of an important journey of leadership, service, and responsibility for these learners.



During the ceremony, our leaders committed themselves to upholding the values of our school, serving their peers with integrity, and leading by example throughout the year. We are especially proud to announce the appointment of our Top 8 Leadership Team, who will guide and support the RCL in fulfilling its vision for 2026.

We congratulate each member of the RCL on this remarkable achievement. Being chosen as a leader is both an honour and a responsibility, and we have full confidence that they will represent our school with pride, dedication, and excellence.

We look forward to a year of strong, positive learner leadership.



***From left to right*** : Vusumuzi Mtshali (deputy headboy), Luyolo Thanda (deputy headboy), Mr W Bezuidenhout (RCL Mentor), Thandolwethu Cele (deputy headboy), **Ernest Mopalami (Headboy)**, Mr J Erasmus (Deputy Principle and RCL Coordinator), **Rose Shai (Headgirl & Chairperson)**, Sikhanyiso Mofokeng (Deputy headgirl), Mr J Visser (Principal), Mmapitsi Monyela (Deputy headgirl) and **Bontle Mogola (Deputy headgirl & vice chairperson)**

# Outstanding Learner Achievement for 2025

## Victory Uche Uyaemesi Shines as District's Top Electrical Technology Learner

At Hoërskool Elspark, we believe that ***We Are the School of Opportunities***—and Victory Uche Uyaemesi has seized his with remarkable results! Victory has achieved the best results in Electrical Technology across the entire Ekurhuleni South District, proving that when opportunity meets dedication, extraordinary things happen.

This outstanding accomplishment reflects Victory's perseverance, commitment to excellence, and the practical skills he has developed through our school's hands-on approach to technical education. His success demonstrates how Hoërskool Elspark creates opportunities for learners to transform their potential into achievement.

Principal Mr J. Visser and HOD Mr G. Brink congratulated Victory on this remarkable milestone, celebrating both his individual effort and the quality education that made it possible. "Victory's achievement shows what becomes possible when learners embrace the opportunities we provide," they noted.

This district-topping success brings honour to our school and serves as powerful inspiration to fellow learners: opportunities are here for the taking, whether in technical subjects, academics, or beyond.

Congratulations, Victory! We are proud to have provided the platform for your success and wish you continued achievement in all your future endeavours.

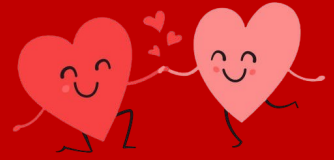


From left : Mr J Visser (Principal), Victory Uche Uyaemesi (learner) and Mr G Brink (HOD)



Above: Victory Uche Uyaemesi Certificate of Excellence

# VALENTINES BALL



## Parents' Valentine's Gala: A Night of Hollywood Glamour to Support Our School

Get ready to step back in time and onto the red carpet!

Our school community is thrilled to invite parents to an exclusive Vintage Hollywood-themed Valentine's Evening—an adults-only celebration designed to help you unwind while raising vital funds for our school.

### **Why You Should Attend**

Parenting is rewarding, but let's be honest—you deserve a night off. This is your chance to dress to the nines in formal attire, enjoy live entertainment, and reconnect with fellow parents in an elegant setting. No kids, no cooking, no responsibilities—just an evening of well-earned indulgence.

### **What to Expect**

Gourmet two-course meal served in style

Live performance by TWISTED—proving parents still know how to party

Raffle prizes to be won throughout the evening

Cash bar for your favorite drinks

BYOB welcome—bring your own cooler box (R100 fee applies, though the first 20 couples enjoy this complimentary)

### **Event Details**

Date	:	20 February 2026
Time	:	18:00 pm
Venue	:	Hoërskool Elspark Hall
Price	:	R500 per couple / R250 per single
Dress Code	:	Formal/Black Tie
Age restriction	:	Adults 18+ only



### **Your Support Matters**

Every ticket purchased directly benefits our school and, by extension, our children. By joining us, you're not just treating yourself—you're demonstrating to our students that their education and wellbeing matter enough for their parents to show up in style.

Spaces are limited. Secure your tickets early—especially if you want to be among the first 20 couples to receive complimentary cooler box entry.

**Contact Mr. Sampson at 067 151 6043 to book your spot.**

*Let's make this a night to remember—for us, and for them.*



# OTHER NEWS




## Honours evening 2026

This is what commitment looks like.

3 February 2026

#buildingstrongertogether

Deputy head girl & Vice chair person

Head girl & Chair person

Head boy




## RCL Camp 2026

A weekend of growth, courage, and conversations that shaped the leaders of tomorrow.

5-8 February 2026

#buildingstrongertogether



Billboard Space Available  
- School Grounds

### PUT YOUR BRAND IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Imagine your business message capturing the attention of thousands of engaged parents, dedicated staff, and active community members every single day. This isn't just advertising—it's becoming a visible pillar of the community.

More Than a Billboard—It's a Partnership  
Join an exclusive network of businesses that don't just advertise here; they belong here. When you support the school, the community supports you.

✉ Secure Your Spot Today  
Spaces are limited and highly sought-after. Don't let your competitor claim this prime real estate!  
**Contact:** hoof@hselspark.co.za



Your future customers are already here—make sure they see you first.



**Any person / organisation interested to hire the school hall / entertainment area / field can phone**

**Nicole at 011 893 2013/4.**