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Dear Unity Parents, Learners and Staff,

### **Buses @ Unity College**

The Unity buses form an integral part of the daily life at the College.

Since Newton House's involvement in the School from April this year, large monetary investments have been made to ensure that our vehicles are road worthy. All four of our vehicles have had extensive work done from engine overhauls to fitting new tyres. These improvements and repairs were necessary to ensure the safety of our learners and drivers first and foremost and to ensure that our vehicles pass the required road worthy tests.

We are currently investigating *the possibility* of selling one of the Jinbei's and replacing it with a new Toyota Quantum. I will keep you updated in this regard.

The current bus fares do not cover the fuel and repair costs which means that the College is substantially subsidising the bus fares for all the routes. Regrettably, we therefore have no option but to increase these fares from 2019:

Please find the relevant bus service fares; on our website, in "Documents" under [Administration](http://unity-college.org.za/documents/) (<http://unity-college.org.za/documents/>).

### **New School Uniform 2019**

In case you missed our [September newsletter](https://mailchi.mp/1f7ac98eab6d/unity-college-newsletter-september-2018) (<https://mailchi.mp/1f7ac98eab6d/unity-college-newsletter-september-2018>) here's what was communicated:

*We are very excited to announce the new school uniform that **will be phased in from January 2019**. This means that **learners with existing uniform will be allowed to wear it for the remainder of 2019**. No civvies will be allowed unless specific to an event....*

By [reading more](http://unity-college.org.za/new-school-uniform/) (<http://unity-college.org.za/new-school-uniform/>), you will be able to access what the new uniform looks like as well as obtain the order form (orders start 2019 again), dress code & timetable, pricing 2018 etc.

Alternatively, access the forms [here](http://unity-college.org.za/documents/) (<http://unity-college.org.za/documents/>) under Administration.

We hope you find this news as exciting as we do!

All (already) confirmed orders *placed this year* will go out to the supplier *before the end of term* and delivery will take place January 2019.

Girls grey Skorts will be available at School & Leisure Heathway Centre (see order form for more details), mid-January 2019.

### **Staffing for 2019**

Sadly we have to say farewell to Mrs Anita Wylie and Mrs Esmé Pelser who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Mrs Raadiya Mohammed-Chothia will also not return in 2019.

From January we will also have the services of Mrs Kay Smith in our Admin Department who has been appointed in a part time capacity.

Because of growth in learner numbers, the Junior Phase will open an additional class.

The School's Management Team has been interviewing applicants for the past couple of weeks and I can now proudly report that all the vacancies have been filled with people that will add enormous value to Unity College.

### **CAPS curriculum:**

A follow on from our 26 Oct. 2018 notice re the implementation of differentiated CAPS curriculum January 2019, applicable to Intermediate and Senior Phases;

From 2019 Unity College will align itself with the Differentiated CAPS Curriculum for Gr. R to Gr. 5.

Two streams are available:

- A Life Orientation stream: The curriculum consists of promoting skills from which the learner will benefit for life. The aim of this stream is the promotion of independence and supported work placement. This is a skills based stream with a less academic or theoretical component, but is assessed and accredited qualifications can be achieved.
- A vocational stream: Vocational Stream courses are chosen for applicability to the interests and capabilities of learners, and with a view to their employability

The following accredited courses are offered:

- Knowledge Network (to be included in the Office Administration Vocational Training)
- Consumer Studies
- Ancillary Health Care
- Office Administration

Academic and Life skills subjects will include:

- English home language
- Mathematics
- Personal and Social well being
- Natural Science
- Physical Education
- Afrikaans first additional language
- Arts and Crafts
- AET Numeracy and Literacy up to level 4 (NQF1)

All literacy and numeracy / Mathematics classes are run concurrently ensuring that each student is able to work at his / her own level and pace.

Thank you,

Mr Deon Visser  
Principal