



December 2025

GRADE 10 - PARENT INFORMATION LETTER

Congratulations that your child has reached this phase of his/her school career. This is most certainly an important year. We therefore ask for your cooperation to ensure that your child performs according to his/her potential this year. The aim of this letter is to provide you with more information about what will happen in Grade 10 during this year and what you can expect.

1. Registration process for 2026

- Registration of all learners will take place at the school on Tuesday 13 January 2026 from 12:00 until 14:00 (Gate 3).
- A parent/guardian must be present during registration to sign the relevant documents.
- Learners will receive a school diary, a timetable and textbooks on the day.

TEXTBOOK COLLECTION FOR 2026 VIA DRIVE –THRU

- All the parents who paid their registration fee can collect their textbooks on the date indicated.
- If the registration fee is not paid, please do not go through the drive-through because the textbooks will not be available at the collecting point.
- Please stick to the time indicated for each grade. These textbooks will be at the collecting point.
- If the payment for registration was made a day before the collection date, please bring the bank slip (proof of payment) for the registration fee.
- No pedestrians allowed.
- Parents need to sign to receive textbooks.

THE TABLE BELOW SUMMARIZES THE DIFFERENT ALLOCATED TIME SLOTS.

	DATE	TIME	GATE
Grade 12	13/01	08:00-10:00	3
Grade 11	13/01	10:00-12:00	3
Grade 10	13/01	12:00-14:00	3
Grade 9	13/01	10:00-12:00	1
Grade 8	13/01	08:00-10-00	1

2. Absenteeism

Learners must keep absenteeism to a minimum. They miss a lot of schoolwork when they are not at school. Parents must send a hand-written letter or a doctor's letter as soon as the child returns to school and the learner must hand in the letter at the Grade Head. According to the Schools Act, learners may be absent from school no more than 10 days per annum, or else they must re-register. If a learner is absent, please email the Grade Head before 08:00 in the morning to inform the teachers.

Email address is: **charlene@fhodendaal.co.za**

Please arrange all doctor/dentist appointments, pupil/driver's licenses or any other appointments for after school.

If your child is absent on the day of a test/exam, a **doctor's letter** MUST be submitted. Your child will then get an opportunity to write the test/question paper during detention. No letter = 0 marks. Please phone the school, inform the Grade Head if your child is ill, and will be missing a test.

3. Latecomers

Please see your child's diary for rule 4.3 bullet 1.

4. Cell Phones

Please see your child's diary for rule 4.14.

5. School uniform and appearance

Your child must still obey all the school rules (please see rule 4.1 and 4.2) until he/she writes the last subject at the end of the year. The new track suit can be worn on Fridays.

6. School fees

School fees for 2026 is R18 200. **A Compulsory first payment of R1 700 is payable before/on 13 January 2026 for each learner.** (This is not applicable to debit order users or school fees getting paid by Military Veterans/Trusts) Thereafter 10 instalments of R1650 is payable monthly from February till November. School fees settled before 28 February 2026, receive a 5% discount. School fees can also be paid by debit order – which includes discount, contact us at finance@fhodendaal.co.za for a debit order form. All school fees in arrears will be handed over to our Attorneys.

7. Outstanding Textbooks

The learners receive textbooks when they register. If a learner loses or damages a textbook, he/she must immediately pay **R380** at the finance office in order to get a replacement. Outstanding textbooks from 2025 will result in **no** textbooks issued in 2026.

8. Academics and pass requirements

To qualify for a National Senior Certificate, the learner must achieve the following.

- Home language: 40% minimum
- Pass any other TWO subjects with: 40% minimum
- Pass any other THREE subjects with: 30% minimum

If your child is absent on the day of a test/exam, a doctor's letter **MUST** be submitted. Your child will then get an opportunity to write the test/question paper during detention. No letter = 0 marks. Please phone the school, inform the Grade Head if your child is ill, and will be missing a test.

9. Subject changes

The National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement states that a learner is only allowed to change **TWO** subjects during his/her Grade 10 and 11 phase.

Please note that:

- If a learner changed two subjects in Grade 10, he/she will not be allowed to change any subjects in Grade 11 or 12.
- If a learner changed one subject in Grade 10, he/she will only be allowed to change one subject in Grade 11. No subjects will be changed in Grade 12.
- If no subjects were changed in Grade 10, he/she will be allowed to change two subjects in Grade 11. No subjects will be changed in Grade 12.
- Subject changes will take place in **JUNE. PLEASE SEE MRS. CILLIERS DURING BREAK to change your subject.**

10. NSC exam registration

Learners are already provisionally registered for the Grade 12-examination during their Grade 10 and 11 year. It is therefore of the utmost importance that your child – as soon as he/she turns 16 – applies for an identity document/card (ID). Learners **may not** write the Grade 12 examination if they are not in possession of an official ID-document, so please ensure that your child gets his/her ID this year already.

11. Parent evenings

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST COMPULSORY PARENTS EVENING WILL BE ON 21 JANUARY 2026. It will start at 18:00. Please arrive at 17:30.

Parent evenings are scheduled throughout the year in order to give you the opportunity to communicate with your child's educators in person. At the same time, the reports are usually issued. Should you experience any problems regarding your child's academic progress, you are welcome to consult the subject teacher and/or Grade Head.

12. Value-driven school

Hoërskool F.H. Odendaal is 'n value-driven school. Each grade has been assigned a specific value for 2026. Every term the school will focus on a different value. The value for Grade 10 for next year is **PERSEVERANCE** and the general values (per term) are as follows:

- Term 1 – Self respect
- Term 2 – Critical thinking
- Term 3 – Tolerance
- Term 4 – Resilience

We ask all parents for their co-operation and support, by implementing the same values at home.

13. Detention

Should a learner transgress a school rule, he/she receives demerits (negative points). When the demerit total reaches -30, the learner must sit compulsory detention as punishment. Detention takes places on Monday-, Wednesday- and Friday afternoons directly after school, and lasts 1 hour. The Grade Head or Grade Assistant will supervise the learners during that hour.

Learners repeatedly transgressing a school rule will not be tolerated. The Grade Head will phone you and invite you to the school for a meeting. We will give you the opportunity to attend your child's classes with him/her to determine the cause of the problem. Through collaborative effort we will improve your child's behaviour to ensure a positive academic outcome.

14. Traditional school

The school respects the cultural aspect of traditional school but cannot allow a learner to miss any important work and examinations.

Learners will not be allowed to attend initiation school during their Grade 12 year, please ensure your son/daughter attends before then. You as a parent must also write a letter in which you give your child permission to attend the traditional school.

15. Fundraising activities

There are two fundraising events arranged by the school annually. It usually takes place at the end of March and September. This excursion is to Gold Reef City and a Fun day at school. Our school encourages all learners to take part in the excursion and the fun day. It is usually a lot of fun! Please note: If your child's balance has more than -200 debit points, he/she will not be allowed to attend the excursion or the Fun day.

16. Contact details and Social Media

Admin office: admin@fhodendaal.co.za / 012 800 1141

School website: www.fhodendaal.co.za

Facebook: **Hoërskool FH Odendaal Info Page**

Instagram: **hs_fh_odendaal**

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