



BREBNER HIGH SCHOOL
Information Brochure for Parents
2025



NB: IN DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL CLOSING DATE, THE SCHOOL REQUESTS APPLICATIONS TO BE HANDED IN NO LATER THAN 31 AUGUST 2024.

(NB: See Admissions Policy for details)

Brebner High School is a co-educational, English Medium school situated in the Helicon Heights suburb of Bloemfontein.

NB: ALL PROSPECTIVE LEARNERS AND THEIR PARENTS MUST NOTE THAT THE PARENTS OF BREBNER HIGH SCHOOL HAVE DECIDED THAT PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES TO BREBNER HIGH SCHOOL IS BINDING TO ALL PARENTS AND ALL NEW PARENTS THUS ALSO BIND THEMSELVES TO THIS DECISION, AND AGREE TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS. (Regulation for exemption for school fees is available from the Bursar's office)

Parents must further note that this school is in the lowest subsidy bracket of the Department. Parents not living in the school's feeder area and who have financial constraints are advised to enquire about fees at their local schools.

NB: SPACE ON A BUS ROUTE IS NOT GUARANTEED WITH THIS APPLICATION

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: **NO FAXES OR EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Fill in the application form (available at the office or on our website www.brebnerhigh.co.za) and hand deliver or courier to:
Brebner High School, Limousine Street, Helicon Heights

Office switchboard numbers: **051 - 436 2267**

Applicants and their parents/guardians could be required to attend a personal interview. The following **must** accompany the application form:

1. The application form must be signed by the person/persons responsible for payment and care of the applicant.
2. June 2024 report - no application will be accepted without this. **If an applicant is successful, the year-end report and the transfer letter from their prior school, must be handed in on the first day of the new school year.**
3. Copy of birth certificate with an ID number or child's ID document.
4. Copy of parents'/guardians' ID documents.
5. If a prospective learner has been accepted, the parent will receive an SMS from the school no later than 30 September 2024. A R2 000-00 deposit must then be paid within 7 days of receipt of this SMS, to secure the child's space. This will be considered part of the Term 1 school fees and will reflect as such on the account.
6. Please note that for hostel an additional R2 000-00 deposit must be paid within 7 days of receipt of this SMS, to secure the child's space. This will be considered part of the Term 1 hostel fees and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

BUS SERVICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- 1. SPACE ON THE BUS IS NOT GUARANTEED IF LEARNER IS ACCEPTED TO THE SCHOOL!**
- 2. Parents of learners who are accepted at the school and who would like to make use of the bus service MUST ASK FOR AND COMPLETE A BUS APPLICATION FORM after payment of the school deposit has been received.**
- 3. SINCE THERE IS LIMITED SPACE ON THE BUSES, ACCEPTANCE IS BASED ON FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE.**
- 4. Learners will only be placed on the bus at the beginning of the new school year if fees are paid up to date.**
- 5. Some bus transport is dependent on Service Providers and the school can not be held liable in the event of strikes or unavailability of these buses. IF THE SERVICE DOES NOT RUN FOR ANY REASON, PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT.**

IMPORTANT BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

1. In order to apply for a learner to use the bus service, a parent must complete and hand in an application form. Please ensure that a recent ID photo of the learner is attached to the application for use on the ticket for identification purposes. Please ensure that you sign the register when handing in, as proof of application.
2. The approval of the application will be dependent on available space. If there is no space at that time, the learner will be placed on the waiting list.
3. Please **DO NOT PAY** any amount until the admin office contacts to confirm that your application has been successful.
4. Once accepted on the bus, **A R2 000-00 deposit must be paid within 7 days to secure the learner's space.**
5. When making a payment, please use the learner's name, grade and "Bus Fees" as reference.
6. Please note that the issuing of a bus ticket can take up to TWO working days from the date of the payment showing in the school's account. Please ensure you have made alternative transport arrangements for your child until such time as they have a temporary/permanent bus ticket in hand.
7. Please ensure that the learner has the original proof of payment at hand when collecting the ticket.
8. When phoning the bus ticket office, please take note that between the hours of 7:30-8:00, 11:15-11:45 and 13:30-14:15 they are assisting learners and are not able to take calls.
9. You may contact Ms Portia Mokhethi, the Bus Admin lady, on 0735373110. Please use this number for Whatsapp communications, clearly state the query and the learner's name and grade. She will assist during office hours, 7:30-15:30 on this number.
10. For any payment arrangements, please fill out an 'Arrangement Form', which is available from the admin office or email Ms Mokhethi on mokhethip@brebnerhigh.co.za. Please include the following in the email: learner's full names and surname, learner's grade, the route, the date(s) of payment(s) and amount(s). Please note that the issuing of a temporary ticket may take up to TWO working days.

SUBJECT CHOICE: (NB: see notes below subjects)

The medium of instruction at the school is ENGLISH.

GRADE 8 AND GRADE 9:

English Home Language

Afrikaans OR Sesotho First Additional Language

MATHS Mathematics

NS General Science (Science and Biology)

SS Social Science (History & Geography)

EMS Accounting and Business Economics

LO Life Orientation

CA Creative Arts

TECH Technology

NUM Numeracy Enrichment

GRADE 10 TO 12:

Learner must select one subject per row:

Compulsory	English			
Compulsory	Life Orientation			
Combination 1	Afrikaans FAL	Sesotho FAL		
Combination 2	Mathematics	Maths Literacy		
Combination 3	Life Sciences	Economics	Geography A	Tourism
Combination 4	Physical Science	Business Studies		
Combination 5	Accounting	Consumer Studies	Geography B	CAT

NOTE:

Certain academic criteria apply for selection of subjects. This is available from the school.

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

SPORT: Netball (Girls); Hockey (Girls only); Soccer (Boys and Girls);
Basketball (Boys and Girls); Chess; (Boys and Girls); Rugby (Boys); Drilling Team (Boys and Girls)

Learners should attend all sport meetings wearing a Brebner High School Tracksuit or sport shirt & shorts.

CULTURAL: Debating; Public Speaking; Academic Societies; Choir

GENERAL INFORMATION

The school's uniform is available at:

Trio Suppliers – situated at 38A Victoria Road, Willows, Bloemfontein.

Kloppers – Waterfront

Certain Items are available at the school's Bookroom. Please enquire.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school allows a variety of uniform (specified below). This is done in consideration of expense and individual learner convenience in terms of body positivity.

Girls (Summer)

Open neck short sleeved white shirt with/without Brebner badge, Brebner Golf Shirt or Brebner Sport Shirt
Brebner skirt (Brebner blue with the 3 box pleats)

White socks

Plain black school shoes

Brebner jersey, Brebner High School blazer/jacket and Brebner High School Hoodie. School tracksuits may be worn.

Grey flannel trousers may be worn.

Navy, white or black trainers/sneakers may be worn with tracksuit. No other colour sneakers will be allowed.

Girls (Winter)

Long sleeved white shirt with/without Brebner badge

Brebner skirt (Brebner blue with the 3 box pleats)

Blue school slacks or grey flannel trousers

Grey Brebner socks

Navy blue ribbed tights may be worn as an alternative to socks

Plain black school shoes

Brebner jersey, Brebner High School blazer/jacket and Brebner High School Hoodie. School tracksuits may be worn.

Navy, white or black trainers/sneakers may be worn with tracksuit. No other colour sneakers will be allowed.

Boys (Summer)

Open neck short sleeved white shirt with/without Brebner badge, Brebner Golf Shirt or Brebner Sport Shirt

Long grey flannel trousers

Grey Brebner socks

Plain black school shoes

Brebner jersey, Brebner High School blazer/jacket and Brebner High School Hoodie

School tracksuits may be worn.

Navy, white or black trainers/sneakers may be worn with tracksuit. No other colour sneakers will be allowed.

Boys (Winter)

Long sleeved white shirt with/without Brebner badge

Long grey flannel trousers

Grey Brebner socks

Plain black shoes

Brebner jersey, tracksuit top, Brebner High School blazer/jacket and Brebner High School Hoodie

Wearing of ties is optional.

School tracksuits may be worn.

Navy, white or black trainers/sneakers may be worn with tracksuit. No other colour sneakers will be allowed

Grade 12 Learners: The SMT, in consultation with the grade 12 learners and their parents, introduce a specific uniform for the Grade 12 learners for that specific year. If any dispute about that specific uniform arises then the “traditional” Brebner uniform must be worn.

If the school allows learners to come to school for any purpose or occasion in clothes that are not classified as the “school uniform” then;

- The clothes worn may not be provocative. Skirts and dresses may not be higher than 4 fingers above the knee.
- No offensive or political slogans may be on clothes.
- Tight fitting or “revealing” shorts and pants may not be worn. Girls may not wear “revealing” or low-cut tops.
- Acceptable underwear must be worn and may not be visible.

General appearance: (for school attendance)

(The discretion of the principal or person acting in this capacity will be binding should any dispute arise regarding appearance).

1. All learners’ uniforms, nails and shoes must be clean at the start of each day.
2. Make-up, long and/or painted nails will not be tolerated with school uniform. Nails will be regarded as long if they extend beyond fingertips. No decorative, colourful gel or acrylic nails will be allowed.
3. Chains and pendants may not be extravagant and excessive and only basic rings of significant importance may be worn.
4. The wearing of earrings will be permitted as follows:
 - a. Only one studded or sleeper earring per ear lobe may be worn. Studs should not be bigger than 2mm in diameter. Sleepers may not exceed 15mm in size. Gold and silver sleepers are allowed. Gold, silver, white pearl and white diamond studs are allowed.
 - b. Strictly no facial or body piercings will be allowed, apart from one hole per earlobe.
5. Hair must be kept neat and clean and no extravagant or unhealthy hair style will be permitted. The interpretation of “extravagant” and the conditions leading to an “unhealthy hair style” will be at the sole discretion of the principal. The following general guidelines are however given:
 - a. No excessive “punk”, “afro”, “mohawk” or “spiky” hairstyles.
 - b. “Steps” in hair must be neat, tapered and must not lead to contravention of the principle of extravagance.
 - c. No hair may extend over the eyebrows or eyes at all. Boys’ hair must be kept off their shirt collars.
 - d. If hair exceeds 4cm in length, it must be plaited or tied in a ponytail or bun.
 - e. Hair must not protrude over the ears.
 - f. If girls’ hair protrudes over the neckline, then the hair must be tied up (navy blue, black, Brebner green, Brebner yellow or white hair ties only).
 - g. Hair extensions will be allowed but must not be extravagant.
 - i. Curls: hair must be tied down at the base of neck.
 - ii. Straight hair: one ponytail at the base of the neck.
 - iii. Braids: only braided from the front to back, not exceeding 5mm in thickness. Clear plastic beads and metal cuffs in gold or silver are allowed. No loose ends at the end of the braids are allowed. Braids may not hang past the learner’s lower back.
 - h. No learner may alter his/her natural hair colour with more than one shade lighter or darker than their natural colour. Extravagant colouring of hair may not be done without permission from the Principal. Learners may not have more than one colour present in their hairstyle.
 - i. Braids, dreadlocks or plaited hair must comply with the above regulations and must be neat with no loose ends.
 - j. Dreadlock hairstyles must meet the same requirements as braided hair. Visible tattoos on any part of the body are strongly discouraged.
6. Beards are allowed, but must be kept neat and trimmed. No goatees will be allowed.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Brebner High School maintains the right to compel parents to obtain all writing books or pay a deposit on certain prescribed books and these books must be available by the beginning of the 2nd week of the first term. (Government allocation is used mainly for notes which are free of charge). Part of the book deposit will be refunded at the end of the year when books are returned and dependent on the condition of the books.

TRANSPORT

Transport to and from school is solely at the cost of the parents. Punctuality is important for academic achievement.

SCHOOL HOURS: 07:50 TO 14:00

NB: If your application is successful, please acquaint yourself with our Code of Conduct. We expect our parents to play an active role in our learners' discipline and we therefore want you to explain the Code of Conduct to your child/ren as we will not tolerate any deviation from the rules of the school. You will also be required to join the relevant Grade WhatsApp group. The link will be sent to you at the beginning of the year.

SEE WEBSITE: www.brebnerhigh.co.za