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## Important Dates:

16 November - Start of examinations

*12 December* - End of 2020 Academic Year

### **Socials**





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# Online vs Offline - Sign of the Times

"We're frustrated." "Life is chaotic right now." "It's just not how we thought this year would go." Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, there is one question we should be asking ourselves - "What do we think we'll learn from this entire experience?"

I've realized that our lecturers at TUKS do a great deal more about facilitating opportunities for your growth, because let's be honest, most of the content—definitions, theories, models—can easily be retrieved in a whopping five seconds with a targeted Google search.

Equipping you with self-awareness and critical thinking skills that you can carry with you into the real world upon graduation is what matters. Meeting that goal, however, hinges upon whether you can create an experience—something that significantly alters the way you view the world and yourselves.

Ironically, and unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has created such an experience. It's unlikely to be forgotten, and if viewed with a growth mindset—the belief that one's skills and qualities can be cultivated through effort and perseverance—it can be lifechanging.

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We effectively have three opportunities for growth, including practicing adaptive performance, engaging in intellectual opposition, and learning to manage stress. I challenge you to consider these growth opportunities as you manage your way through the remainder of this semester.

We lost our most important asset, which was face-to-face contact with our lecturers and hands-on learning. It's easily the most challenging thing our lecturers had to do, reinventing our curriculum into a new form using the tools our families had access to. We had the privilege to have online learning and TUKS has created the opportunity for all to partake in this new learning environment. Let's embrace this opportunity and view this with a growth mindset. Remember we are not alone; we have all the support from our peers and faculty staff of TUKS rooting for us.

Make 2020 a life-changing experience. We only have 53 days left this year. Which means we only have 53 more stairs to climb before we reach the end of our 2020 stairway. Yes, this year has been extraordinary and although we must complete our final exams online, please take the necessary steps to make this process as seamless as possible. There might be challenges and with the right mindset you can succeed in anything. Remember to stay safe and all the best for the final stretch.

# House CA Handover Event 2020



On 4 November House CA had our official Handover Event via Microsoft Teams. At this event the House CA Executive Committee 2020/2021 was introduced and an overview was given of the events that we were planning for the upcoming year to spark interest with the firms that attended. This event was attended by representatives from the following firms: AGS, BDO, Bookit, Deloitte, EY, FirstRand, KMPG, Mazars, Nedbank, PwC, Snatch.work and SNG Grant Thornton. Prof Johan Oberholster and Mrs. Julia Venter attended the event on behalf of the Accounting Department. We are looking forward to hosting great events with these firms to be able to connect you better with your future employers. We encourage you to be on the lookout for the events that we will be hosting next year!

### Peas in a Pod Visit

Peas in a Pod is a specialist house of safety for 14 girls during the school term who come from abusive backgrounds.

We were made aware that the girls needed help with their schoolwork as this year proved to be a struggle for them. Therefore, as House CA we had arranged to go and tutor these girls before their exams.

This past weekend (7 November) House CA went to Peas in a Pod for the first time to tutor 5 girls that are in grades 7, 8 and 9 with Mathematics and Afrikaans. We will be implementing this tutor program next year as well and we are planning to go to Peas in a Pod at least once a month as we realized these girls need all the help they can get.

Pictured top, left to right: Nongcibelani Mashilo (External Outreach), Bianca Nieuwoudt (Chairperson), Nkateko Mangwane (Vice-Chairperson & Socials)

Pictured bottom, left to right: Thuso (Peas in a Pod house mother), Nkateko, Nongcibelani, Bianca





## Mazars X House CA Hoodies Update

The hoodies that have not been collected at the previous two opportunities may be collected when we are returning to campus. However, there are two alternative options where you can have your hoodie delivered to you via Postnet for R99 or alternative arrangements can be made if you live in Pretoria. Please send an email to housecalo@gmail.com if you prefer one of the alternative options.



## LOCAL BUSINESSES

Just Breakout Escape Rooms

Just Breakout offers a fun, entertaining, enjoyable and a world phenomenon escape room experience in Hatfield, Pretoria. Players have 1 hour to think outside the box to solve a variety of puzzles, using given clues, to achieve the ultimate mission or task and escape. Just Breakout is perfect for team building and having fun with friends, family and work colleagues.

Instagram: @just.breakout

## EXPLORE THE INTERWEBS

Radiooooo

Radiooooo.com is a collaborative site for sharing and discovering great music from all over the world and from different periods of time. Simply pick a country on the map of the world, pick a decade from the 1900s to 2010s and just let yourself get carried away by a unique and vast musical collection, selected with love, by humans for humans!

Website: radiooooo.com

App Store/Google Play: Radioooo

## MOTIVATION CENTRAL

P. MacDonald

"Life is a gamble from minute to minute so play it today for all there is in it. The flick of an eyelash, the quirk of a smile. A good deed here and there makes it all worthwhile. So make life a garden for everyday and gather your rosebuds while you may."

### **SOUL SOOTHIN' RECIPES**

### Fudgy Brownie Cookies

### Ingredients:

- $\cdot$  1/3 cup + 1 tbs brown sugar
- $\cdot 1/3 \text{ cup} + 1 \text{ tbs flour}$
- · 1 egg
- · 2/3 cup dark chocolate
- · 2 tbs butter
- · 1/2 tsp baking soda
- · 1/2 tsp baking powder

### Method:

- 1. Melt chocolate and butter together
- 2. Whisk egg into brown sugar until airy and frothy
- 3. Combine melted chocolate+butter into brown sugar mixture
- 4. Sift remaining dry ingredients into sugar+chocolate mixture, folding gently until just combined
- 5. Chill dough in fridge for 30 minutes
- 6. Preheat oven to 160 degrees
- 7. Portion tablespoon amounts of dough onto baking tray and bake for 12 minutes. Let cool once done





### 2020 (Amended April 2020) tart 4 May - Complete 0

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### **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA** Explanation of lecture days for 2020 (Amended April 2020)

Start 4 May 2020 (Complete Q1)

Semester 1: 03 February – 29 June

Quarter 1: 03 February - 8 May

 $Mo = 8^*$ , Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (36 lecture days) \*Monday 4 May repeating Monday 16 March

Quarter 2: 11 May - 29 June

Mo = 8 Tu = 6, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

29 June Tuesday timetable is followed Monday

Semester 2: 3 August - 13 November

Quarter 3: 3 August - 21 September

Mo = 7 Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Quarter 4: 28 September - 13 November

Mo = 7, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

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### **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

#### **CALENDAR 2020 MAIN DATES** (Amended April 2020)

Start 4 May (Complete Q1 -

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1 January		New Year's Day
3 January		Academic year commences
6 January		Commencement of online registration for senior
		students
6-17 January		Summer School
13 January		Commencement of online registration for first year
		students
13-25 January		Assisted online registration for first year students at
		Hillcrest campus
24-26 January		Special orientation for non-RSA students
25 January		Welcome Day
27-31 January	1.	Orientation programme for new first year students at
		Hatfield campus
	2.	Assisted online registration of senior students at
		Hillcrest campus
30 January		Closing date: Submission of final marks for Autumn
		Graduation
		(Students will receive degrees in absentia on the official
		graduation dates announced earlier)
1 February		INSYNC first year concert
3 February		Lectures commence for quarter 1 and semester 1
8 February		Rag
10 February		Anniversary of the University's founding
17 February		Closing date for amendments or cancellation of
,		modules (quarter 1, 2 and semester 1)
17 March-3 May		University closed for face-to-face lectures and
		assessments due to the Coronavirus pandemic
21 March		Human Rights Day
10 April		Good Friday
13 April		Family Day
27 April		Freedom Day
1 May		Workers' Day
4 May	1.	Lectures commence online after recess for quarter 1
,	"	and semester 1
8 May		Lectures end for quarter 1
11 May		Lectures commence online for quarter 2
16 June		Youth Day
29 June	1.	Tuesday timetable is followed
	2.	Lectures end for quarter 2 and semester 1
	3.	Last day for discontinuation of modules
15 June-30 July	3.	Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities
15 Julie-30 July		before and during the examination period
1-21 July		Examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-
1-21 July		semester modules
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#### S0004/19 (Amended April 2020)

22-28 July		Supplementary examinations of first-quarter, second-
		quarter and first-semester modules
30 July		Last day of submitting supplementary examination
		marks of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester
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31 July		Closing date: Submission of final marks for spring graduation
29 July-2 August		July short recess due to COVID-19
3 August		Lectures commence for guarter 3 and semester 2
9 August		National Women's Day
10 August		Public Holiday in terms of legislation
15 August		# Choose UP day
18 August		Closing date for amendments or cancellation of
		modules (quarter 3, 4 and semester 2)
18 September		International Students Day
21 September		Lectures end for quarter 3
22 September		Spring day
23-27 September		September short recess due to COVID-19
24 September		Heritage Day
28 September		Lectures commence for quarter 4
2 November-12 December		Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities
		before and during the examination period
13 November	1	Lectures end for quarter 4 and semester 2
	2.	Last day for discontinuation of modules
16 November-5 December		Examination of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-
		semester and year modules
7-12 December		Supplementary examinations of third-quarter, fourth-
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12 December		Academic year ends
15 December		Last day for submission of supplementary examination
		marks of third-quarter, fourth- quarter, second-semester
		and year modules
16 December		Day of Reconciliation
23 December		University closes at 10:00
25 December		Christmas Day
26 December		Day of Goodwill
4 January 2021		Academic year commences

**GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2020** 

28 September – 2 October 10 December

Spring Graduation Ceremonies
Graduation Ceremony for LLM in Human Rights