



# Woodlands International College

## Junior College Newsletter

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*Dear Woodlands Family,*

I think the topic on everyone's minds at the moment is security. Security at home, security at work, and obviously for us at Woodlands, security at College. With the spate of issues at other Schools on the East Rand we are correct to be concerned. I don't think we should panic. However, we do need to take things seriously. Therefore, we have introduced newer, stricter security measures in general, including the perimeter of the College and access control (including the car stickers). We have been in constant contact with the new Security and Guarding Company and we will be introducing further measures as we go along. We do need everyone's co-operation in this serious matter, so please don't contradict the guards; they have been given specific instructions in the best interests of our children.

We have also practised specific drills within the College, trying not to alarm the children, but still taking the matter seriously. Nothing is perfect, and we are still a work in progress. We have taken advice from industry professionals in this regard. I hope everyone received the email with further information with regard to security in general at our College.

Further to security, there has been a spate of warnings concerning the "Momo Challenge" online. We once again urge you not to panic, but rather to ensure that you check the safety settings of your child's devices. All parents are also requested to read the information regarding our College iPad User Agreement, and all parents and students must abide by this policy – it is in place to protect your children!

So remember, never, ever, give up.

*Dr G Pienaar*