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Dear Parents/Guardians

Events on the Bloemfontein Campus the past week

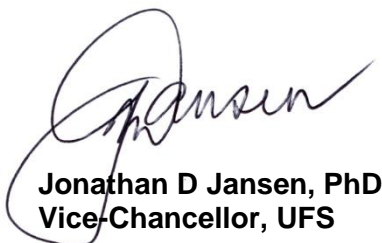
All academic and administrative services on the Bloemfontein and South Campuses of the University of the Free State (UFS) will resume on Monday 29 February 2016. We have worked hard to secure the Bloemfontein Campus and more than doubled the security arrangements, with the interdict firmly in place.

The university management condemns in the strongest possible terms the violence that took place at Xerox Shimla Park on the night of Monday 22 February 2016. It also condemns the disruptions of the university that followed Monday's event, which resulted in the suspension of academic and administrative activities on the Bloemfontein Campus. In line with the terms of the interdict, the university will not tolerate any protests or disruption.

It is important to remember that losing an academic week has major implications for students, staff, families, and of course the university calendar. Losing any additional time will severely disadvantage students, who desperately need the academic time to catch up with lectures ahead of the coming tests and examinations. Many more students will struggle to complete the academic year if any further time is lost. We therefore urge all students to focus and apply themselves fully to their academic work when classes resume.

I apologise to students and parents for time lost and inconveniences suffered. This is a difficult time for universities country-wide, but I assure you that we will continue to do everything in our power to make sure that the academic programme continues uninterrupted.

Finally, adjustments have been made to the teaching calendar and students will be given all this information on arrival. No student will be disadvantaged in terms of tests or assignments as a result of the unfortunate closure of last week.



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