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**G**len Agricultural College students in Bloemfontein returned to campus on 5 May. Studies at the College were temporarily halted on 19 March following a protest by students.

The student protest focused on hostel conditions, safety and maintenance issues. The Acting HOD for the Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Tshepo Mabilo, welcomed students back to Glen College, emphasizing how the importance of academic operations and belonging, can create a positive and supportive environment for students.

He called on students to be enthusiastic and pointed out that the maintenance challenges have been resolved, working in partnership with the Department of Public Works to repair hostels, replace doors and fix plumbing and electrical issues.

The College has appointed an Acting Principal in the form of Prinsloo Swart who was introduced by the HOD to the students. A move, that the department has described as decisive action to strengthen the College leadership. The College will implement an academic recovery plan to make up for the lost time.

Newly-appointed Acting Principal Prin-



sloo Swarts, in his speech said the College Management team has big dreams and these are about developing and empowering students. He reiterated that South Africa needs talented young people to build and inspire the agricultural industry to perform at its best.

*In photo top: The Acting HOD for the Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Tshepo Mabilo addressing students.*

*In photo bottom: Glen Agricultural College students being orientated and welcomed back to the college.*

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