

# Collegiate Girls' High School

15   
Years of Excellence  
1874 - 2024

P O Box 27870 | Greenacres | Gqeberha | 6057 | Tel: +27413737705 | Fax: +27413742817 | [collegia@cghs.co.za](mailto:collegia@cghs.co.za) | [www.collegiatehigh.co.za](http://www.collegiatehigh.co.za)

## END OF TERM ONE NEWSLETTER – 20 MARCH 2024



Dear Collegiate Community

As we bid farewell to another term, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have embarked upon during our sesquicentennial year. Several years in the making, this term has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by significant milestones and unforgettable moments that have further cemented our legacy of 150 years within the community of Gqeberha.

Our sesquicentennial celebrations started with the 150 dedication assembly, followed by the raising of the 150 flag, symbolising our long-standing presence in and dedication to the Gqeberha community. All girls and staff in the Collegiate Schools received a gift, of the commemorative 150 lapel pin, to wear proudly as a tangible reminder of the generations who have been part of this wonderful school.

The event that marked the start of our celebrations was undoubtedly the Principals' Cocktail Function, where we had the pleasure of sharing and reminiscing about our rich history while looking ahead to a future filled with promise and

possibility. It was a joyous occasion that brought together staff of both schools, fellow heads of schools, our colleagues from the Education Department, old girls, past staff, and friends of Collegiate to celebrate our shared legacy and vision for the future, so ably captured in our 150 Jubilee launch video.

Reflecting on our journey over the past 150 years, it is awe-inspiring to witness the remarkable progression from the humble origins of a house at 15 Western Road to the influential institution we are today. From providing basic education to 38 girls in 1874 to shaping the lives and futures of the countless individuals over the years, our impact extends far beyond the confines of our campus, touching the lives of many in the community and beyond.

A window to this impact can be found in *The Old Girls' Stories* posts on social media twice a week. They are truly a testament to the value of a Collegiate education and I encourage you to read them. They shine a light on the importance of our values and the sisterhood that comes from a girls' only school experience. Our legacy lies in our old girls who carry forth the ethos and culture of our school. May their

involvement support the future development of the grand old lady, Collegiate.

As we celebrate our sesquicentenary, we also look to the future with great optimism and excitement. Our commitment to innovation and excellence is exemplified by initiatives such as the recent STEAM Week, where we are equipping our girls with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Likewise, our enchanting production of "Cinderella" showcased the immense talent and creativity of our students, reminding us of the importance of nurturing both minds and spirits.

Of course, amidst the celebrations, we have also remained steadfast in our commitment to our academic and extracurricular pursuits. From sports days and galas to Inter-House Water Polo, the much-anticipated Matric Dance and Fashion Show, guest presenters in Life Orientation, academic assessments, the birth of e-Sports, our learners have continued to excel and shine in all their endeavours. Our juniors enjoyed their Mixer with the Grey boys and we

walked tall at our Open day inviting all the prospective Girls of the College to experience what we are privileged to enjoy every day.

As we prepare to embark on a well-deserved break, let us carry forward the spirit of celebration, gratitude, and optimism that has defined the first term of our sesquicentennial year. Together, let us continue to be proud ambassadors of Collegiate and active contributors to the betterment of the Gqeberha community as we live out our motto, *Facta non Verba*.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break, journey mercies for those who are travelling, and camaraderie and healthy competition for those on sports tours. I look forward to enjoying more 150-celebrations with you in the term ahead.

Warm regards,

**MRS L ERASMUS  
PRINCIPAL**

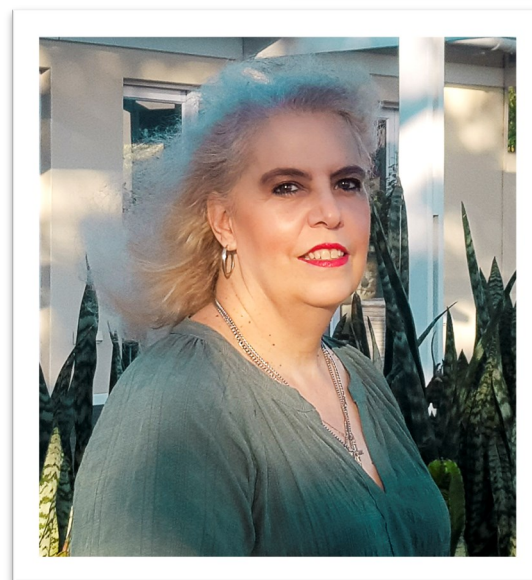


## STAFF FAREWELLS

During the course of the term, we took leave of two staff members: one at the end of January and one at the end of February. **Ms Sarah Purchase** left to return to full-time post graduate studies at the University of Pretoria. Ms Purchase was an integral part of school life and we are grateful to her and her meticulous attention to detail. We wish her well in her future endeavours. In her place we welcomed **Ms Leila Dos Santos**, who completed her teaching practical training at Collegiate last year. Being an Old Girl, Ms Dos Santos has settled in with ease.



At the end of February and in her 25th year on the teaching staff of Collegiate, **Madame Luiza Dos Santos** closed the door on the physical French classroom and has joined the online world of international teaching. During her time at Collegiate, Mrs Dos Santos has taught French, as well as English and Afrikaans when required; she has been a Grade Head; served on the School Management Team; been a Hostel Prep Tutor; edited the School Magazine; headed-up Debating, the French Club and guided the Junior City Councillors; and has been involved in overseeing outreach programmes and charities. We wish Mrs Dos Santos much fulfilment in her new challenge and we thank her for the quarter of a century that she has given to Collegiate.

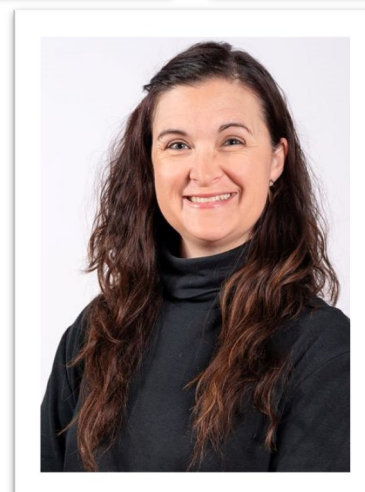


**Monsieur Barnaby Shone** has taken up the mantle of French teaching. Mr Shone is no stranger to schools, having been in the Sports Departments and classrooms of Winchester College, St Dominic's Priory, Queen's College, Queenstown Girls' High School, Balmoral Primary School and Kingswood Junior School. We wish him much fulfilment in the French classroom and thank him for increasing the number of male educators on the staff by 20%!



In January last year we welcomed **Ms Sivuyile Ngcawe** to the Counselling and Wellbeing Department. Over the past year, Ms Ngcawe was a support for many of the learners and we are saddened that her time at Collegiate has been so short. However, life takes one on different paths which have their own timing. The path that Ms Ngcawe has now chosen will take her to the Social Development Department in Gauteng, to gender-based violence prevention programmes, and later in the year to motherhood. We are grateful for the support that she has given to the girls of the College, and we wish her well in the next stage of her life's journey.

The relocation lure has tugged at **Mrs Joni Jones** and she leaves us to join her husband in the Western Cape, where he has been working since November. We are indeed saddened to lose such a vibrant, inspirational and committed educator and member of the Collegiate family; however we recognise the importance of nuclear families being together. In the just shy of two years that Mrs Jones has been at Collegiate, she has made a remarkable impact on her learners and the level of Art at the school. She has also been involved in photography and was responsible for the set production for *Cinderella*. Whilst we say farewell officially today, Mrs Jones will be assisting in the interim period until her successor joins the school.



## ACADEMIC MATTERS

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

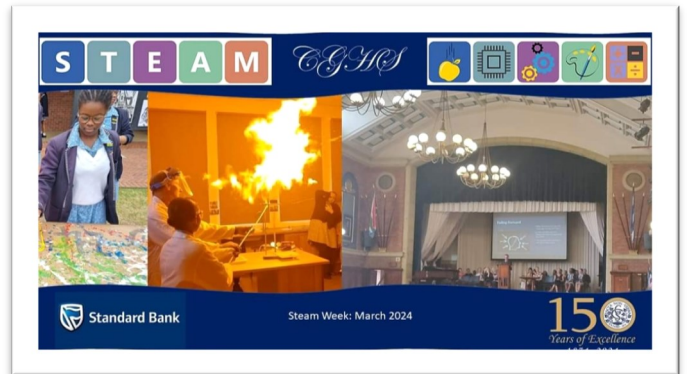
The Nelson Mandela District Class of 2023 Awards Ceremony was held yesterday. At this ceremony, Collegiate Girls' High School was recognised for Excellence in Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Accounting, Computer Applications Technology, Consumers Studies, English Home Language and Life Orientation in the category of Quintile 4 and 5 Schools. The awards go to the top performing school in those subjects. In addition, we attained an award for 100% pass rate, and, based on enrolment numbers and achievement, we were placed second in the district.



### STEAM WEEK

In March, we focused on STEAM events of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Our events were diverse in this week and we encourage you to visit our Social Media pages for insight to the events. There was the NMU Chemistry Department lessons, iAfrica Robotics and Coding workshops for Grade 8s featuring a team from Cape Town visiting us for two days of robotics and coding activities, the Kuunda Disrupt Education Team with Pepper the Robot from Standard Bank.

The Standard Bank STEAM Week proved to be a chance for us to expose our learners to all the possibilities in the working world and inspire them by giving them a glimpse of the future.



### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Once you have reviewed your daughter's report, we trust that you will discuss your daughter's progress with her. We are pleased with the academic progress that our learners have made with many excelling in various subjects. However, if there are areas of concern in certain subjects, we encourage you to discuss these concerns with the particular subject teacher. There is an opportunity to do so, in person, on the evening of Thursday, 4 April 2024 between 16h30 and 18h30.

You will need to book a time-slot with the teacher(s) you wish to see. Consultations are limited to five minutes with five minutes between slots. Please find the link to the booking form and instructions on how to make the bookings here. You will need to know the name(s) of your daughter's teacher(s) of the particular subject(s) about which you are concerned. Please note, that as time-slots are limited, you might not be able to see a particular teacher if all slots have already been booked. You are then encouraged to contact the teacher via email to set up a meeting or telephone call during the week.

We will not be able to accommodate you on the evening without a pre-booking.

Please click on the following link:

<https://www.collegiatehigh.co.za/teacher-booking>

Only available time slots for that teacher will show. If no time slots are visible, it means that that teacher is fully booked. You will receive a confirmation email at the email address you specified with all the details of your booking.

We are partners in your daughter's education and value the opportunity to engage with you regarding any intervention necessary to ensure your daughter's academic progress and ultimate success.

### SUBJECT CHANGES

Grade Tens have until the end of Term Two to make a subject change. A maximum of TWO subject changes are permitted. Grade Elevens are allowed to make ONE subject change, only after the NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS, for their Grade Twelve year.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are thrilled to share the wonderful community work accomplished by our Collegiate learners this term, reflecting one of our core values: compassion.

Last year, we concluded, with a remarkable effort, the refurbishing of the St Augustine's library and computer room. Our learners volunteered for cleaning and repainting both venues. Additionally, they showcased their artistic talents through an Art competition for a mural, further enhancing the library's ambience. Thanks to our partnership with Community Chest, we have procured new carpeting for these spaces. The library's grand reopening is scheduled for 12 April.

This year, we embarked on the impactful 150 Cancer Care



Bags initiative. Our dedicated staff and learners collaborated to curate essentials for the bags. There was collections of blankets, storybooks, handmade bookmarks, sanitisers, hand creams, lip balms, tissues, and handmade toiletry bags. These 150 bags were delivered to the CancerCare Unit in Newton Park, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those battling cancer.

Our learners engaged in various community projects, including heartwarming visits to the EP Children's Home, where they made playdough and spent quality time with the children. Our Interact team also prepared sandwiches for donation to Love Story, embodying the spirit of giving. Another highlight was our visit to the Algoa Council Home of the Aged, where our learners brought joy to the residents through games like bingo.

As part of our ongoing commitment to social responsibility, we have kickstarted our annual 67 Blankets Challenge, honouring Mandela Day by dedicating 67 minutes to community service. We encourage each learner to knit or crochet 5 squares. We encourage you to involve family members in teaching your daughter knitting or crochet skills, fostering a sense of community and creativity.

Please find details below:



**67  
BLANKETS  
CHALLENGE**

Help keep Gqeberha warm this winter.  
Each register class, led by their RCL member, is requested to hand in  
**5 (five) knitted blankets by  
9 July 2024**

1 SQUARE = 60 ROWS PLAIN GARTER STITCH,  
30 STITCHES, DOUBLE KNIT WOOL,  
NEEDLE SIZE: 4  
CROCHETED SQUARES = 15 CM X 15CM

**150** Years of Excellence  
1874-2024

Mandela Day

## SGB ELECTIONS

We would like to thank every parent who took the time to come to cast your vote on 5 March 2024. Unfortunately, we did not reach the quorum therefore no vote could take place.

On 19 March 2024 we reconvened and we would like to congratulate and thank the following parents for their commitment to serve the school for the next three years:

## CINDERELLA

Collegiate Music, Dance and Drama learners have had a very busy first term rehearsing and performing the Enchanted Version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical adaptation of 'Cinderella'.

Heading up the production team was Mrs Hemingway who directed the production. Ms Mbengashe conducted the orchestra as musical director. The talented team of choreographers from Nicki-Ray Productions, Nicki Rayepen, Abigail Ranwell (an old girl), and Seraya Mentor led our talented troupe of dancers.

Mrs Hemingway began rehearsing with the cast in August of last year, and continued in the December holidays. The cast sacrificed countless hours to ensure the production was a success. Mrs Jones and the Art Enrichment Society began working on the gorgeous set in January and the Music Department and several Music learners rehearsed every Saturday afternoon.

The cast were joined by First Aid members who ensured their safety and TECRU members who ensured that all the technical aspects of the show ran smoothly. Mrs Hemingway was assisted by a stellar technical team including her sister, Lara Potgieter, Hayley Libbrecht (an old girl) and Mr Ian Storm.

As there were so many talented learners who auditioned, the production featured two casts. Alternating the role of Cinderella were the sublimely talented Katherine Wilson and Avethandwa Goboza, while the role of the Fairy Godmother was split three ways and was performed by the phenomenal Aisha Mxokozeli, Libhongo Mdani and Hannah

Frank Fourie, Catherine Hutchinson, Delano Knoetze, Grant Kucherera, Garth Lotz, Ernst Loyson, Qaanitah Sallie and Zama Zulu.

They will serve alongside the staff elected members and learner representatives on the School Governing Body from 2024 to 2027.

Nel (old girl). The hilarious Ava Beary, Camryn Robinson and Omhle Manona had the cast in stitches as the Stepfamily.

The angelic voice of Cwenga Williams could be heard in her role as the Queen. Jessica Smith had audiences laughing out loud as Lionel. The cast was fortunate to be joined by male learners from Grey High School and Victoria Park High Schools with Jermaine Otigo and Christopher Martin alternating as the Prince, and Asad Pillay and Mark Taylor alternating as the King.

The production was held at the Savoy Theatre from 13-16 March and was a hit with audiences, young and old! We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who had supported the musical. Without an audience, there would be no applause and there were multiple standing ovations.



## SPORT

First Term has been impressive to see how busy our girls and the campus have been. Not only practising, but also touring, playing in derbies and leagues, mid-week matches and then starting trials for the winter season ahead. We have already played some of our pre-season Hockey and Netball matches and tournaments. We would like to congratulate our First Team Hockey on their impressive second place at the Spar challenge this past month. We would also like to congratulate the u16A



Hockey Team who won gold participating in the Pearson Festival with twenty teams from various schools. The hockey season ahead looks promising.



We started off with the high-performance Water Polo camp before selecting our respective Water Polo teams. We had a successful Water Polo season and special mention must be made of Emma Stevens and Elizabeth Horn who were selected for the Eastern province u18 Currie Cup team where they received a bronze medal alongside our head of Water Polo, Mr Seko Zondani.

Our Tennis, Cricket, Squash, Swimming and Chess teams were committed to a successful season and took part in all activities with passion. Our Cross-Country runners, our Pilates and Artistic swimming girls also too part in our extensive sports programme.

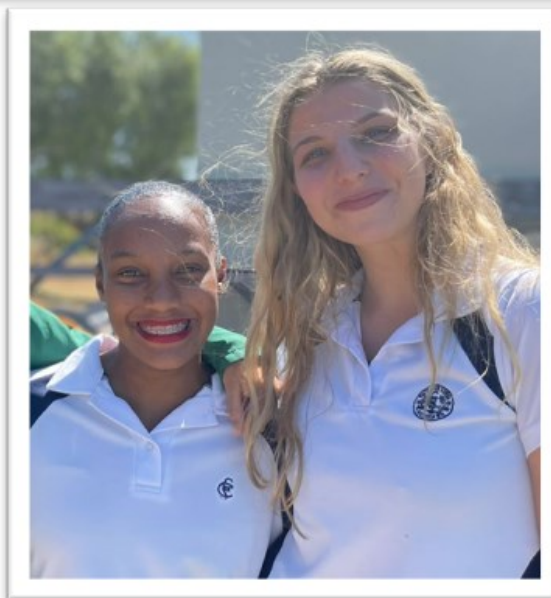
Special mention must be made of our Artistic Swimming girls. Artistic Swimming had a great start to the year. We are very privileged to have the coaching skills and talents of old girl, Mrs Moira Norden, an internationally recognised coach and judge. In the level 1, 15 and over age category figures, Tristan Marais, Iminathi Tiso and Tylon Beaton came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.



In the level 2, 15 and over age category figures, Shanna du Plessis, Jordyn-Leigh Roman and Kate Erasmus came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Shanna, Jordyn-Leigh and Kate then teamed up to win the level 2 free trio event.

In the level 3, 13-15 age category figures, Kim Dell-Robertson came 5th.

In the level 3, 15 and over age category figures, Rachel Taylor came 1st and Aneesah Lindoor came 2nd. Aneesah then partnered with Kim to place 2nd in the level 3 free duets.



We would like to wish Aneesah Lindoor and Kim Dell-Robertson well as they represent the Eastern Cape at SA Nationals in Gqeberha in the upcoming school holidays.

At Aquatics Day we had the privilege of displaying some routines from our seniors as well as a routine from our beginners. We played host to the Eastern Cape School Championships where our learners achieved excellent results. In the Level 1, 13-15 age category figures, Lucy Hutchinson, Afikile Tyiso and Shiloh Walsh came 5th, 6th and 7th respectively.



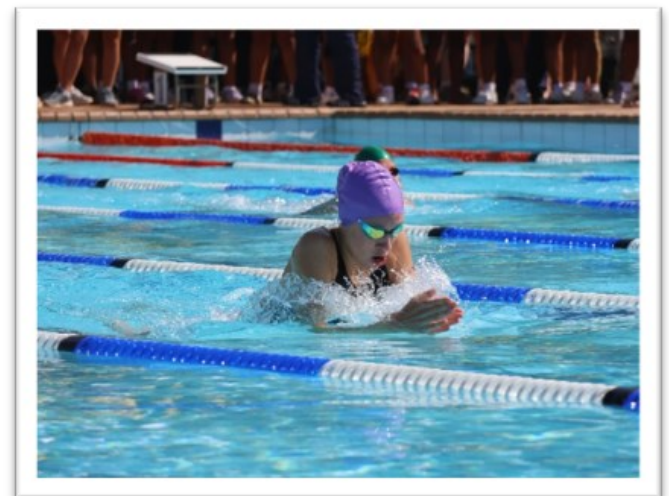
It must be mentioned that our ESport Club is making ground breaking strides. We officially launched our ESport Club in March during our STEAM week. Our girls have already participated in leagues against other schools in the country and we are excited to see this initiative grow from strength to strength.



Our staff, coaches and teams have been on Water Polo tours, a Cricket tour, a Tennis tour and a Squash tour. Our sporting teams have played in local festivals, hosted and played in many derbies and the leagues will continue through the year and season. What a privileged it is to give our learners these opportunities.

Our metaphorical Collegiate flag has been flown multiple times in East London, Makhanda, Knysna, Cape Town, Johannesburg and soon we will be planting our flag in Paarl and Stellenbosch many times over.

Our sports department has held a successful Inter-House Athletics Day and Aquatics Day.







We would like congratulate Jenna Coetzee, Chloe Watson, Jamie Brown and Aneesah Lindor who were part of the team that broke the 2009 record for the u16 Individual medley relay with a time of 2:20:13.

The Collegiate Swimming Team was selected from the Gala Results. They participated in the Pearson Prestige Gala, teaming up with Grey High School and coming first.

At our Athletics Day we saw our learners sprint, jump and throw. A special mention must be made of Bronwyn Shone who won a Bronze medal at the Eastern Cape Schools Provincial Athletics Championships and Milla Delpont who took gold at the EPA Championship with Javelin.

At our Inter-House Gala we saw the talents of our swimmers and we are thrilled to report that Queen Mary was victorious, followed closely by Queen Victoria. Congratulations to Sienna Gous, Grade 8 Mary Swimmer, for breaking the 2019 OPEN 200m FREESTYLE RECORD with a time of 2:09:27.

We look forward to a full calendar of sporting events during the second term. Please follow our social media pages as well as the SOCS app for information. We look forward to hearing the spirited cheers of the girls of the college next to the turf and courts le by our cheerleaders of 2024, who were announced today.



# Collegiate Girls' High School Wellbeing Conference: 13-15 June



## Special Features:

- Shuttle Service
- Excellent **Catering for lunches, teas and suppers** from Capitol Catering and Old Grey
- **Entertainment** from Centrestage
- **Break-Away Sessions** featuring a wide range of options for delegates: art, drumming, animal therapy, parent's perspective on LSEN, ON the Couch Discussions, Concession Applications, the role of a Wellbeing Department.

Contact Penny Stephenson at [pennys@cghs.co.za](mailto:pennys@cghs.co.za) with queries and pricing options.

The Wellbeing Conference expo:  
<https://forms.gle/3ezzrJD4kP5xMpG49>

Who should attend: school management teams, grade heads, teachers, psychologists, social workers, therapists, counsellors.

Should you wish to register as a delegate, please visit this page: <https://forms.gle/XRZTmVfjUUzhzyz2g7>

## Programme Highlights:

### 13 June:

- 14:00  
Arrival of delegates, Wellbeing Expo, Music and Networking
- 15:00 onwards
- *In the Flow* address by Principal, Mrs Louise Erasmus
  - Kathy Balshaw, expert in Clifton Strengths, Positive Education and building on what is strong, not wrong
  - Estee Cockcroft of Screensmart on *Human Connection versus Chronic Technology Distraction*
  - *Laughter* with Gino Fabbri of Centerstage
  - Being Full and Well Supper

### 14 June:

- 08:00 onwards
- Bizskills presents two CPTD accredited courses: *Understanding the Learner's Brain during Stress and Conflict, Criticism and the Programmes in our Mind*
  - Dr Ela Manga on *Breathing and Burnout*
  - Devan Moonsamy, author and frequent guest on local television, on *The isms that divide and the wellbeing that unites*
  - Keynote address by Vivienne Schultz, author, founder of A2B Transformation, programme designer of Global Change Agent Academy. Manager of certificate programme Responsive Leadership based on neuroplasticity principles.
  - Break-away sessions
  - Centrestage performance and Celebrations at Old Grey with Build a Burger and Build a Connection

### 15 June:

- 08:00 onwards
- Financial Fitness
  - Philippa Fabri, Doctorate in Inclusive Education, co-founder of Elsen Academy
  - Lara Hayward, Life Healthcare, social worker and educator
- 11:45
- FareWELLS



# COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF DAY

**FORMAT: FOURBALL ALLIANCE**  
**TEE OFF: TWO TEE START 10H30 TO 12H30**

**FRIDAY 24 MAY  
2024**

**PE GOLF CLUB  
WESTVIEW DRIVE  
MILL PARK  
GOEBERHA**



**COSTS:**

- Cost of fourball **R2500-00**
- Cost of Tee Box sponsorships **R2000-00**
- Cost of 1st and 10th Tee Box sponsorships **R2500-00**



All spouses and partners are welcome to join the prize giving dinner for R125-00.

For bookings contact Stefan Ferreira: 078 800 55 27 or stefan@steamm.co.za

COLLEGIATE GIRLS' SCHOOLS  
FOUNDERS' WEEK PROGRAMME



*Order of Events*



Tuesday		7 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
17h30 for 18h00	Nostalgia Night : a pairing of past girls & present parents	Games Club	
Wednesday		8 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
16h00	Old Girls vs 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Matches	Sports Fields	
17h30	Old Girls Post Match Gathering	Games Club	
Thursday		9 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
15h00	Waterfield House Old Girls Hostel High Tea and Tour	Waterfield House	
18h00 for 18h30	OCGG Reunion Dinner	Stevenson Hall	
Friday		10 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
08h00	CJS Founders' Day Assembly and Tea	Junior School Campus	
10h30	CGHS Founders' Day Assembly and Flag Raising Ceremony	High School Campus	
	Followed by Founders' Tea and Tours	Ivy Leaf	
13h00	Coffee Shop on campus open for lunch and social gatherings	Games Club	
14h30	Sports Derby: CGHS vs Pearson	Sports Fields	
Times to be confirmed	CJS U13A Hockey vs Clarendon Park	CGHS Astro Turf	
	Grey 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Hockey curtain-raiser vs Queens College		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Team Hockey: CGHS vs Pearson		
	The Games Club open for Old Girls and Parents	Games Club	
Saturday		11 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
08h00	Sports Derby: CGHS vs Pearson	Sports Fields	
	Coffee Shop on campus open for social gatherings	Games Club	
Sunday		12 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024	
15h00	Collegiate Schools' Prestige Music Concert	Tramways	

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION