

Collegiate Girls' High School

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WELCOME TO TERM THREE - 19 JULY 2023

Dear Collegiate Community

It was wonderful to welcome the girls back for the third term yesterday on Mandela Day, the day on which we remember the first democratically-elected President of the new democratic South Africa and put into action all that he stood for. The national theme for Mandela Day this year is: "It is in your hands". The focus is to use one's hands to do good in the world, and this year specifically to help end hunger and mitigate climate change by planting trees and food in our communities, cities, gardens and on our pavements. Herewith the link to a video clip by the Nelson Mandela Foundation shown to the learners in assembly:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RQFwUtQwEQ

Again, this year, your daughters and many of you have taken the time to knit for our annual 67 Blankets project. The blankets were distributed at the end of last term to Mosiac Children's Home, Love Story, Nazareth House and homeless people.

We have two new members of staff, one to the academic staff and one to the administrative staff.

Ms Pamella Ndovela has joined the Geography and Life Orientation Departments. Ms Ndovela is a graduate of Rhodes University, having completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Science and Geography in 2019, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education in

Geography and Social Sciences in 2020. Ms Ndovela started her teaching career at Brylin Independent Learning Centre before moving to Urban Academy where she has taught for the past 18 months.



For over a term, we have been without a fulltime IT Infrastructure Manager and Administrator, so we are pleased that **Mr Sibu Kameni** has taken up this position. Mr Kameni has numerous IT qualifications and has experience not only as an IT Technician having worked for 9 years in this role at WR360, but also has experience as an IT Instructor at the CTI Education Group.

LEARNER LEADERSHIP

At Collegiate, we strive to cast our leadership development widely with all having opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. The Learner Leadership system is thus structured around portfolios and working committees in the various areas of the School. The working committees start mid-year in Grade Eleven and continue until Valedictory in Grade Twelve. Each committee is led by a Prefect. Should a member excel and actively demonstrate ongoing leadership within and beyond the committee; should she embody loyalty in alignment with our values; and should she be contributing to the betterment of our school community, this member is considered for the Prefect Body.



Yesterday, we inducted Hayley Libbrecht to the Prefect Body in recognition of the exceptional leadership and service skills she has shown and commitment to upholding the core values of our school. We congratulate Hayley and place our trust in her ongoing contribution for the benefit of the school community.

Next week, you will receive exciting news when we launch our build up to our 150 Jubilee celebrations in 2024.

I wish all well for the term that lies ahead.

Mrs Louise Erasmus Principal

