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END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER – 7 DECEMBER 2022



Dear Collegiate Community

As one journey ends, so another begins. Yesterday, the last of the Class of 2022, concluded their high school journey; as they left for the adult world, their shoes remained, a gift to another to ease the daily journey to school. If their shoes could talk, I wonder what stories they would tell of the Collegiate girl who wore them. Would they speak well of the character of their owner? What reputation has gone with her? Would they be able to say: *whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—she had thought on such things* (Philippians 4: 8).

I would like to think that the years that lie ahead will reveal good character of those who trod the corridors of Collegiate in 2022, that all will realise that it matters not what the world perceives you to be; it matters only what you know yourself to be.



Before you judge my life, my past or my character. walk a mile in my shoes.

At the end of any year, we bid farewell to some as their path takes them down another route. Firstly, our gratitude goes to **Ms Koleka Jambela** and **Mrs Hedwig van Rooyen**, who stepped in to teach isiXhosa SAL and Life Orientation respectively, while Mrs Douglass has been on extended sick leave. Both are old friends of the Collegiate Community and we thank them for their assistance. We look forward to the return of Mrs Douglass next year.

In January, a bubbly **Ms Tereza Duncan** joined the Collegiate staff. Ms Duncan came all the way from Gauteng to the windy city of Gqeberha to teach Information Technology, Computer Applications Technology and Computer Literacy. Beyond the academic classroom, Ms Duncan guided the Chess club diligently and proved to be a caring class teacher to her B2 class. However, Ms Duncan has chosen to return to Gauteng for now and our best wishes go with her.

Over five years ago in August 2016, a young 23-year-old **Mr Grant Snyman** took up the position of clarinet and saxophone teacher. He had recently graduated in clarinet performance and had passed it cum laude. In time, he became the Concert Band Director, and has led the band to great heights.

During his time at Collegiate, Mr Snyman has graduated with a Masters in Music, majoring in

choral and orchestral conducting. He has also had the honour of having performed on the national and international stage. We have been privileged to have such a budding maestro walk our corridors and develop the musical talents of so many of our learners and we thank him for having been an exceptional ambassador for Collegiate in his music involvements in the Gqeberha community and abroad.

Ever the learner, Mr Snyman is currently a doctoral student at the Nelson Mandela University and his focus for the next year will be on completing his PhD. We celebrate with him in the opportunities that lie before him in the world of academia and, no doubt, on the international concert stage.

Ten years ago, **Ms Elizabeth Dodd** joined the English and Geography Departments and was also the Head of Water Polo. During her time at Collegiate, Ms Dodd has produced three beautiful children who have also revealed Ms Dodd's ability to juggle being a mom, a teacher, a matric marker and even an examiner, not to mention running the English Department for a year. Now, a new journey beckons as Ms Dodd and her family prepare to emigrate to Australia. We wish her well.

REPORT, MAGAZINE AND BOOK COLLECTION

We look forward to seeing some happy and excited faces tomorrow morning between 07:00 and 09:00, when collecting reports, magazines and textbooks. We remind you that the only entry point is the pedestrian gate on Conyngham Road. The campus is in "NSC Marking Centre lock-down" and no one may venture further than the Gym Hall.

Congratulations to all who achieved their personal goals for the exams. We commend all learners and staff on their hard work to ensure that all proceed to the next grade. The 2023 register class lists will

be up in the Gym Hall for your information. The register class groups have also been created on MS Teams and your daughter will receive a welcome message at the start of the new school year.

To those who are considering changing a subject for whatever reason for the 2022 year, please speak to the relevant teachers. **Subject changes for Grade Elevens going into Grade Twelve, must be finalised by the end of tomorrow**, in order for us to submit to the Department of Education in time. **No subject changes for Grade Twelves will be permitted in**

2023 and we remind you that no one may do Physical Sciences without Mathematics. These are national rulings. Dr Radue and Mrs Marriner will be in the Gym Hall tomorrow to assist with subject change administration.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

Please note the following from our Academic Head, Mrs Gerber:

Tutoring

Tutoring is offered in all subjects and we encourage our parents and learners to contact the respective Subject Heads or the Academic Prefect, Nicole Lister, to arrange for extra lessons where this is deemed necessary.

A Studying Workshop will be presented by Nicole Lister and the Academic Committee on Friday 10 February for learners wanting to interact with our Academic Committee to learn about the tips that have helped them succeed.

Selling of notes and exam papers on social media

Please note that notes and examinations set up by teachers or the Department of Education may not be sold by an individual if the individual does not own the copyright, if it is not the intellectual property of the individual and if the individual does not have the written permission of the school to make a profit from the resources of the school. Learners who have advertised the school's notes and assessments on social media for sale must please remove these posts.

Outings and tours

The Grade Eleven Life Sciences learners went on a field trip in October to Van Stadens Nature Reserve where they could observe the workings of our beautiful planet. A combined Life Sciences, Geography and History Heritage Tour to the Cradle of Humankind is planned for the senior grades next year – a fantastic opportunity for our learners to experience the curriculum in reality. Mr Marriott will communicate more details in the new year.

Should you still need to purchase Collegiate Workbooks, Mrs Brooks and Mrs van Oudtshoorn will be in the Gym Hall to assist you.

Travel and Tour - ACADEMIC TOUR in September 2022

If your daughter has attained over 75% aggregate, she is eligible to join the September 2023 Academic Tour to the United Kingdom organised by Travel and Tour. Details are included with your daughter's report and the contact person at our school is Ms Kromhout. This promises to be an exciting tour and opportunity.

NSC Examinations

Our very first group of Matrics taking Information Technology as a subject wrote their final IT Examinations. Well done to these pioneering girls.



We were also proud of our Grade 12 learners who spoke in a PE Express Video about their experience of the Accounting Paper Two examination.

We await the NSC results next year with much hope and excitement and commend the Class of 2022 on their diligence these examinations. Some wrote under difficult circumstances and the perseverance shown demonstrated a positive work ethic. Not even loadshedding could prevent our learners from beating the traffic to be on time for each examination.

Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition took place on Friday 4 November. The Guest Speaker was Ms Sarah Walmsley. It was an incredible exhibition of art works. Twenty-one learners in Grade Twelve displayed their work. Congratulations to the learners and Mrs Jones on this evening of talent and creativity.



Dance

There was much excitement on 2 November when a number of the Grade 9 dancers performed for their peers. Organised by the Afrikaans Department in lieu of their prescribed setwork, we were treated to a selection of different dance styles. It was an upbeat farewell to Grade 9 and good wishes for the examination.

Dance is certainly a great interest at Collegiate and we congratulate our many girls who performed well in various dance festivals. To those travelling overseas to compete these holidays – our best wishes for a successful competition.



SPORTING MATTERS

Cricket

Term Three was brief but busy. The 1st Team recorded a great win against Pearson and Alexander Road but went down to a well drilled Woodridge College. Many thanks to Coach Mr Connor de Lange who has made a massive difference to improving skills of the players and to Miss Brooke Kruger for taking control of the 2nd team and infusing a high level of enthusiasm. We are looking forward to the construction of two nets at the school to further the skills of the cricketers.

Tennis

Collegiate hosted Kingswood, Pearson and Framesby in our successful inaugural Quadrangular u15 Tennis Festival in October.

Water Polo

It was once again a short and enjoyable term of water polo for the Collegiate learners. The traditional Tuesday League moved to our brother school in the fourth term and this provided our teams with some much-needed game time. The

league continues to promote development and camaraderie and is thoroughly enjoyed.

On the touring front, the 1st and u15A teams as well as the 2nd team, for the first time ever, made the trip to East London in the first week of term to participate in the annual Clarendon Stayers Tournament.

The season reached the mid-way mark with our 1st and u14A teams jetting off to Johannesburg to participate in the respective St Stithians Stayers and Roedean Tournaments. The Collegiate teams represented the school ever so well to end 12th and 8th respectively. Well done to all our water polo girls and a huge thank you to our passionate staff for the many hours that goes in to preparing the various teams.

Good luck to our Collegiate sporting heroes who are representing their province in various Tournaments during the December holidays.

D6 CONNECT APP

We firmly believe in creating a school environment that will improve the performance of learners as well as the involvement of parents. As part of our vision for improving communication, we are pleased to introduce the d6 Connect application to you.

The d6 Connect application will allow us to communicate all school and learner information to our parents with a two-way communication system as well as real-time “help” functionality. The app also complies with POPIA. It is free for parents to download from the Google Play Store, iTunes Store and from the d6 Education website. D6 Connect - will send the information directly to your phone.

MY SCHOOL CIRCLE

Make Our Circle Bigger with [MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet](#). Thank you to all our supporters who are

already part of our MySchool circle. If you are not, please join our **MySchool** circle: Online <https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register> or download the MySchool App and choose us as your beneficiary.

UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you to all who participated in the survey on our uniform dress code recently. Real Research managed the survey sent to all the parents, learners and staff. The links were open from 13 September to 14 October. A total of 637 responses were received. The general feeling about the dress code of the school was very positive. As a result of the survey there is a need to revisit the style/cut of the summer dress, as it tends to be ill-fitting. Options will be investigated with relevant professionals in the new year.

GRATITUDE

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who contributed so willingly to the food parcels for our support staff. These ladies and gentleman are an integral part of the Collegiate Community and it is thanks to them that we work and learn in a beautiful school. Your generosity reflects the respect and appreciation they deserve.

We also thank all those who serve on the School Governing Body. The SGB plays a vital role in the direction and ethos of the school and in ensuring that there is good governance, good stewardship of the finances, sound HR practices, and the necessary policies and procedures to ensure your daughters receive a quality education in a pristine and safe facility, so that they are equipped for success in life. Special thanks to **Mr Rob Preller** who has fulfilled the role of Treasurer for the past five years, and to **Mr Craig Luckman**, the Human Resources governor for the same period. Their term of office draws to end with their daughters having completed their schooling. Both have given many hours selflessly to the school and have governed with the necessary diligence and expertise. They leave Collegiate in a good position financially, and with clear policies and procedures in place for HR management.

Thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs van Dyk for documenting the year in the annual school magazine that you will receive tomorrow. It is truly a superb publication and showcases the many aspects of Collegiate life. We are a busy school and offer so many opportunities to your daughters, for which we can all be grateful.

Personally, I wish to thank all staff – educators, administrators, sporting staff, counselling staff, estate staff, support staff, hostel staff and security staff for all their hard work and commitment to Collegiate and the wellbeing of your daughters.

As we enter the holiday season, my wish is for all to slow down, rest, spend time with friends and family, read a book and be kind to all.

May God bless you and keep you safe until we meet again in the new year.

Warm regards



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