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~ Celebrating 149 Years ~



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Dear Girls, Old Girls, Staff, Parents and Friends of the School

With the ending of each year, one tends to look back and reflect on the events of the year. That is the charge of this annual School Magazine: as you turn the pages so you will be drawn into “celebrating 149 years”. It will soon be clear to you that a “normal” year at Collegiate, is incredibly busy, exciting, happy and vibrant. How wonderful it has been to witness the joy experienced as a goal was scored; the beauty of each Matric walking on the red carpet towards the Matric Dance; the cheering on Athletics Day; the pride on receiving a Blazer Award; and the significance of ordinary moments of being in a classroom and engaging in the process of learning. 2023 enters the history of Collegiate as a year when all can say, “That was a job well done”!

My reflection, however, goes further than what is between the pages of this magazine. It falls on the ethereal experience of the recent 111th Carols Service held in our magnificent quad. So much of what Collegiate lives through the Carols and the service of the girls who do not sing carols: our motto, *facta non verba*; good work ethic – many hours spent practising; compassion for those in great need; responsibility to the community; respect for the history and traditions that follow on from year to year. As I gazed upon the girls raising their voices, felt the music feeding my soul and the prayers bringing peace, so I realised why it is always Carols that returning old girls remember – it is the togetherness experienced while shoulder to shoulder on the stands, the sisterhood that shines through and the intangible sense of being part of what has gone before and is still to come.

Now my reflection turns to “what has gone before and what is still to come”. Our grand old lady, Collegiate, is on the eve of her sesquicentenary, of turning 150 years! The excitement is mounting, just as it was ten years ago on the eve of turning 140. Whilst 2014 itself was an important milestone for Collegiate, it was also a time of looking towards 2024. It was a time to ensure that the grand old lady moved with the times, while staying true to herself; that the grand old lady remained a values-driven place of excellence and community involvement; that the grand old lady would continue to give girls the confidence required to take on the world and lead in a changing society; that the grand old lady would have the facilities to achieve in the academic and cultural spheres, the STEAM field, and sport; that the grand old lady would be enriched in diversity.

Is the grand old lady ready? Has she moved with the times in the past ten years, while staying true to herself? My reflection leads me to an emphatic, “Yes”!

In 2014 the Collegia Trust Legacy 2024 Project was launched with the aim of *providing for real growth and delivery of exceptional education for girls to produce South Africa's future leaders through the funding of facilities, educational and community programmes at the Collegiate Girls' High School*. This was a



Artwork by Chelsea Duri, Grade 11

clear looking to the future. Whilst the Legacy 2024 Project has not yet reached the sustainable target, it is a vehicle through which Old Girls and donors can contribute to achieving this goal, and many have done so.

In addition, the master plan for the campus development was finalised, and this has guided decisions over the past decade. Within the school, the Gill Gray Media Centre was renovated into a modern Resource Centre. The reception area was remodelled to be welcoming to all who enter, the staffroom enlarged, a staff workroom and printing room created, the computer labs extended, the IT management area created, a boardroom added, the old blue area flooring replaced with modern flooring, and the cloakrooms modernised. The Digital Technology strategy has ensured that Collegiate is fully-functioning for the cyber-age and the addition of a generator keeps the lights on!

On the greater campus, cricket nets have been added to cater for this growth sport, re-introduced ten years ago after an absence of almost a century. The hockey astro has been upgraded to a water-based astro and a mini-astro added. The water polo pool is soon to be heated, a fitness centre will be opened as one of the 150 Jubilee projects, and we



FROM THE HEADMISTRESS'S DESK

are looking to add lights to the netball courts. A great addition has been the conversion of the cottage to The Games Club where gatherings take place. More plans will be revealed in the new year which will make this the social hub for learners, parents, staff and old girls.

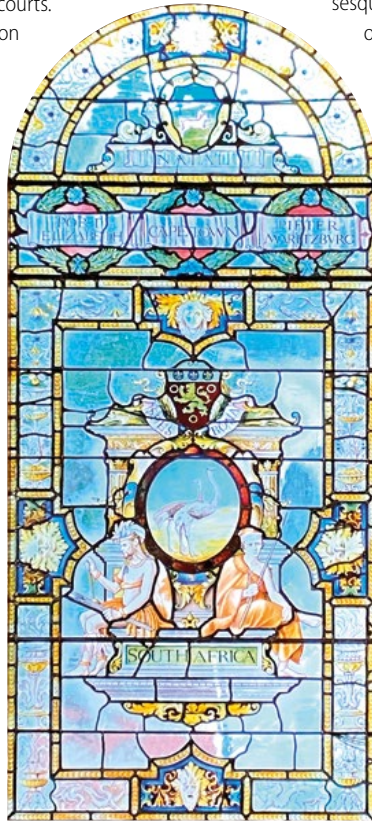
We have also made the grand old lady more accessible with the addition of wheel-chair ramps and accessibility bathrooms, and the gardens have sprung to life with the aid of borehole water and the loving hands of landscapers. Waterfield House, too, has become an even more welcoming home from home for the learners from out of town. A modern servery was added to the dining room, and the gardens replanted around a braai pit.

Girls' artworks adorn the corridors, Lizo Pemba's *Xhosa Wedding*, and the five courageous women who reflect our values, grace the walls of the main foyer, and our "Comfortable in our Skins" philosophy honours our diversity, unites and ignites the Collegiate of tomorrow.

Throughout this time, we have added to our academic offering with the introduction of Information Technology, and we have cemented our reputation of a top-class academic school, maintaining a 100% National Senior Certificate pass rate each year, a grade average above 70%, numerous provincial award representatives, and being the school with the highest number of subject distinctions in the province.

Our Music Department has continued its standard of excellence throughout the past decade. Each year it nurtures exceptional talent, both individually and in the Concert Band, various Ensembles and Choir. With six full-time teachers and one part-time Music teacher, we are in dire need of realising the vision of a Performing Arts Music Centre, to take the grand old lady to the next level. I encourage you to visit the Advancement and Development section on our website, where you can view the vision document and watch the fly-through of the proposed Music Centre, while listening to the recording that placed our Wind Band first the 2021 in the Classical International Youth Music Competition. Imagine if out of the 150 Jubilee year, this vision becomes a reality and we are able to break ground for the Music Centre.

Ending my reflection on the past ten years, I am confident that the grand old lady is standing proud for her



sesquicentennial celebration. We are ready to open the year with the hoisting of the 150 flag at a dedication assembly, to launch our high and junior schools' celebrations at a prestigious function hosted by the Principals, to unveil our Fitness Centre, hold a STEAM Week, a musical production, a Literary Festival, a Wellbeing Conference, a Netball Festival, an U15 Spring Sports' Festival of Water Polo, Tennis, Cricket and Rapid Chess, and to conclude the St Augustine's and 150 Books for 150 Years projects. We are also looking forward to an exciting Founders' and Reunion Week from 6 to 12 May 2024 when we will welcome our old girls, parents, supporters and friends of the College onto our campus to celebrate the grand old lady with an array of festivities.

Before ending, I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful staff of Collegiate who go beyond the ordinary and pour passion into their work, be it tending to the gardens, the friendly welcome at the guard-house, or teaching, coaching and guiding the learners of Collegiate. In addition, the members of the School

Governing Body give willingly of their time and expertise for sound governance of the School, and I thank them for this. A special tribute to Mrs Liesl Nienaber, the Chairman, Mr Angus de Beer, ITC, and Mrs Claire Coleman, Human Resources, whose terms end with the matriculation of their daughters. You have served Collegiate well. Thank you to the Editor, Mrs Hayley Carter, her Assistant Editor, Mrs Lynn van Dyk, and the Magazine Team who have also served Collegiate well by producing this fine record of a successful year.

To end, my thoughts turn to the magnificent 19th century stained-glass window by Clement Heaton, that graces the landing of the main staircase of the school. This has been lovingly restored by local stained-glass artist, David Manning, and the light now streams through the glass, enhancing the beautiful colours and images. It reminds us that reframing and securing the historical aspects of Collegiate, lights our path to the possibilities of the future.

I wish you all a relaxing holiday and a blessed festive season. May God bless you and keep you safe until we meet again. Mag God jou in die palm van sy hand hou. Uxolo malube nani.

Warm regards,
Mrs Louise Erasmus



Back Row: Mr P Greenway, Mrs J Moreton, Mrs M Loubscher, Mrs H Dutton, Mrs E Grobbelaar, Mrs B Douglass, Mrs R Taylor, Mrs H Vlok, Mrs L Hemingway, Mrs C Kelly, Mrs N Winchester, Mrs S Majara, Mr R Marriott, Mr D Marshall
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Absent: Mrs N Unwin



MEMBERS OF STAFF

MEMBERS OF STAFF MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Deputy Principal:	Mrs S Gerber, BA, HDE Mrs A Nel, BEd (FET)
Heads of Department:	Mr A Beynon Mrs H Carter, BA (Hons), PGCE Mrs J Jooste, HDE (HE) SEC Mrs R Lotz, BTech, PGCE Mrs C Kelly, BA, PGCE (From Term 4)

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Mrs G Agenbag, MMus, LTCL	Mrs J Kingwill, BSc, HDE *	Mrs L Riley, BCom Acc, PGCE
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Miss Jade Ashby, BA (Hons), PGCE	Mrs M Loubscher, BEd	Mrs P Stephenson, BSc, HDE
Mr J Batista, BA, PGCE, CELTA	Mrs B Majara, BCom, PGCE	Mr A Scholtz, BSc, HDE *
Mrs T Botha, BSc (Hons), HDE	Mr R Marriott, BSc, HED	Mrs R Taylor, NatDip (CID)
Ms L Coetzee, BA, PGCE	Miss K-L Marx, BA (Hons), PGCE	Ms N Timba, MA, HDE
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Mrs B Douglass, BA (Hons), HDE	Miss B Mellet, BCom, BSc (Hons), MSc, PGCE	Mrs H van Rooyen, BA, BEd, HED *
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Mrs D Human, BCom Acc, BEd (Hons), PGCE	Miss E Rampai, NDipIT, SAP, MCSE, PGCE	<i>* Substitutes</i>
Mrs J Jones, BA(Psych) (Hons), BA (Fine Arts) (Hons)	Mrs C Range, MMus	
	Miss J-L Reynolds, BEd (FET)	

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Mrs S Brand, BPsych (Couns) MA (Clin) Psych	Mr S Kameni, ITE Certificate, ISNE Certificate	Mrs C Posthumus, NatDip (Sport Management)
Mrs R Barkhuizen	Mrs S Marriner	Mrs Y Smith, NatDip
Mrs B Brooks	Mr D Marshall	Mrs N Unwin
Mrs H Dutton, NQF 4	Mr A Müller	Mrs L van Dyk
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HOSTEL STAFF

Waterfield House Mother:	Mrs J Jooste	Assistant Operations Manager:	Mrs S Majara
Matrons:	Mrs D Dell (Enrolled Nurse) Mrs L Niven (Enrolled Nurse)	Professional Resident Tutors/Mentors:	
Operations Manager:	Mrs L Cooper	Seniors and Juniors:	Dr C Radue (until end of Term One), Ms X Mkhonza
		Junior School:	Ms E Rampai (until end of Term Three)

HOSTEL SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs F Mdingi	Mrs M van Dyk	Mr X Goyi	Mrs N Tame	Mr M Manda	Ms N Qubuda
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The winds of change have certainly blown through the corridors of Collegiate this year. In addition to welcoming a number of new staff members in January of this year, we have bid farewell to a number of others.

Our new head of the Afrikaans Department, Mandy Loubser, quietly but ably slotted into her role; Penny Stephenson was a welcome addition to the Mathematics Department; Jade Ashby to the English Department, where she has made her presence felt and has revived the VDF; Shirli van Vledder joined the Music Department; Sivuyile Ngcawe became part of the Counselling Department; and Devereaux Davis joined the Geography Department.

Both Eunette Stoltz and Heather Shaw embarked on a new phase when they retired earlier this year. Heather became a granny for the first time in August 2023 and is enjoying her time in the United Kingdom.

At the end of January 2023 Collegiate staff were saddened to hear of the passing of Louise Lightening after a long illness. She taught French part-time to our learners. In March, Luiza Dos Santos lost her husband, Carlos, after a long and difficult fight against cancer. Carlos was a past chairperson of the Governing Body and always had the best interests of Collegiate at heart. We continue to hold Luiza and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sue Hofmeyer left us at the end of Term One to join her husband on an Addo Game Farm, where she has been involved in the start-up of a school for the local children. This has been funded by an overseas investor and Sue was extremely excited to begin this new phase in her life. Jenny Kingwill

stepped in and agreed to teach Mathematics until the end of this year.

Devereaux's stay at Collegiate was short-lived as she departed at the end of the Second Term to join her partner in Holland, which left the Geography Department a teacher short. Pamella Ndovela became part of the Collegiate family at the beginning of Term Three and slotted comfortably into the Geography Department.

Chantelle Radue made the decision to uproot herself and move to Western Australia. It was touch-and-go that her visa would come through in time for her to start at her new school. All was well when the desired visa was approved a few days before she was due to depart. Anton Scholtz took over the teaching of Physical Sciences throughout Term Two and the learners benefitted from his vast experience. Old Girl, Tracey Adams, was able to temporarily fill the gap when he travelled up Africa for a few weeks. Our permanent replacement, Bernice Mellet, finally received her official transfer to Collegiate and arrived a few weeks into Term Three.

Jeneé Moreton left after serving as the IT Manager for fourteen years. We wish her well in the IT business world. The IT department welcomed Sibuleka Kamen, during the June holidays.

We also welcomed back Bev Douglass and were pleased that she has recovered from the illness which kept her away.

Unfortunately, Gail Helmie has been unable to be present with us for a large part of this year due to illness and we continue to keep her and her family in our prayers. Hedwig van Rooyen once again showed that she is a multi-talented



STAFF REPORT

teacher and is able to step in wherever she is needed. Rionne Barkhuizen underwent a procedure and was off temporarily while she recovered.

We were fortunate to have past staff member Janne Walthew return to teach Timmy Vincent's classes while she recovered from an operation.

Roelien Taylor suffered a set-back to her health and was unable to continue teaching during Term Three and Term Four. We continue to keep her in our thoughts while she recovers after a long and serious operation. We welcomed Anton Scholtz back in Term Four to assist with some Technology and Computer Literacy classes.

We congratulate Sarah Purchase on attaining her Honours Degree in Educational Support this year. Well done, Sarah!

Timmy Vincent and Jenny Kingwill welcomed grandchildren. Elizabeth Rampai, our second-year Intern, completed her PGCE earlier in the year. She was offered a position in Gauteng and left us at the end of Term Three in order to take up this position at the beginning of the new term. Elizabeth has been an asset to Collegiate as well as the Hostel and we shall miss her.

Jacques Batista made the decision to step down as HOD, at the end of Term Three in order to focus on his studies and allow for more time to be creative in the Drama Department. We welcomed our new HOD, Cari Kelly, early in Term Four.

Congratulations to Ciska Range who passed her LTCL Piano

Recital examination with distinction. Her many hours of dedication and playing have paid off and we are proud of Ciska. We are also proud of Euleen Grobbelaar who received her SA A Netball Umpire Grading at the recent SPAR National Championships.

Sarita Brand, our part-time Clinical Psychologist for the past two years, has decided to focus her energies on her growing private practice and we thank her for the support that she provided to so many during her time at Collegiate.

Also leaving us at the end of the year is Sibongiseni Majara who has worn two hats during her time at Collegiate: part-time Hostel Assistant and part-time EMS educator. We thank her for the role that she has played in both the Hostel and School, and our best wishes go with her.

Andrew Beynon will be leaving at the end of the year to take up the position of Head of Hockey at Grey High School, his alma mater. We are grateful for his contributions as a member of the School Management Team and for the wonderful work he has done for Hockey and Water Polo at Collegiate. He will be missed and we wish him well.

As the year continues to ebb and flow, Collegiate remains steadfast in all that she does. We know that despite many comings and goings, Collegiate will continue to uphold our five pillars: Good Work Ethic; Integrity; Compassion; Responsibility; and Respect. Those who join us will continue to 'follow on'.

Mrs N Winchester







LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Diane Weideman
20 years



Jessamy Kromhout
15 years



Anneke Nel
15 years



Hayley Carter
10 years



Chantell Posthumus
10 years



Liska Mey
10 years



Nicola Unwin
10 years

FAREWELL TO EUNETTE STOLTZ



On 12 March 1993, the then Principal of Collegiate, the late Miss Ellis, sent Mrs Eunette Stoltz a letter offering her the Afrikaans post from April that year. In it, she wrote: "We hope that you will have a long and happy association with the Collegiate and we look forward to welcoming you to the school next term." Thirty years, later, we can confirm that Mrs Stoltz has indeed had a long and happy association with the Collegiate. In her application letter for the position, Mrs Stoltz had written, "Indien my aansoek suksesvol is, verseker ek u van my heelhartige ondersteuning aan u skool." [Should my application be successful, I assure you of my wholehearted support of your school.] Mrs Stoltz has shown that she is a person who keeps her word and has been fully committed to Collegiate and the welfare of Collegiate learners past and present throughout the past thirty years.

During her time at Collegiate, Mrs Stoltz has fulfilled many roles and has done so with commitment and to the best of her abilities. She has coached Netball, been involved in Athletics, run Power-Walking, Cross Country, Road-Running and Synchronised Swimming.

Mrs Stoltz also had the unenviable task of being the



Detention teacher for a number of years and I am certain that all were treated fairly, but none escaped.

Over the years, Mrs Stoltz has also been a Grade Head of several grades, Nine, Eleven and Twelve, and shown understanding and firmness with the learners in the grade.

Other areas of involvement have been running the Grade 11 camp, the awarding of Department girdles, organising a highly successful Cultural Assembly, being involved in the Matric Dinner and

the entertainment for it – and much more.

In 1999, Mrs Stoltz was made the Subject Head of Afrikaans and ran the Afrikaans Department with precision for twenty-one years. Never one for the limelight, Mrs Stoltz has quietly got on with whatever task was assigned to her without any fuss or bother, conducting herself at all times with grace and tact. To use the words of the late Ingrid Scholtz: "This is a teacher who is held in high regard by peers and pupils alike." (2003)

Mrs Stoltz, we salute you and acknowledge you as a teacher par excellence, whose influence lives on in the lives of those who have crossed your path.

Mrs L Erasmus

FAREWELL TO HEATHER SHAW

An extract from the Staff Report in the 2006 school magazine reads: "Miss Sandra Goosen went off early in the second term on extended sick leave and we are most grateful to Mrs Heather Shaw, who stepped in with such good grace at very short notice in the Mathematics Department." The then Headmistress, Miss Ellis, assured Mrs Shaw that it would be for a short time only.

Always humble, Mrs Shaw did not want any farewell or fuss to be made over her. She said she arrived quietly and will leave quietly. However, it is always fitting to pay tribute to one who has given so much so selflessly to so many.

For the first few years at Collegiate, Mrs Shaw taught only Mathematics before moving into Geography in 2009 and taking over as subject head of Geography in 2014. Passionate about bringing her subject to life, Mrs Shaw has been on many Geography outings, camps and rafting trips down the Orange River (and tutored Maths).

For several years, Mrs Shaw was the Grade Head for Grade



Eight pupils and her welcoming nature and constant positivity made each new girl feel very quickly that she belonged at Collegiate. Mrs Shaw taught the girls the values of respect, service and gratitude not only through words, but by example. Mrs Shaw was the House Head of Queen Mary House and tackled this task with vigour.

A natural teacher, Mrs Shaw exercises great patience and has always been willing to spend time in the afternoons assisting girls who might be struggling academically. This carried over into

the Hostel where Mrs Shaw has assisted many boarders at evening prep over a number of years.

Teaching is always so much more than academic work and much about life is learnt through extra-murals. Mrs Shaw has spent many hours on the sports fields with pupils teaching them skills and then accompanying them to their sports fixtures. Her wonderful gift of encouragement would uplift the girls and she would take delight in celebrating their success. At Collegiate she has coached Hockey, Athletics, Swimming,



FAREWELL TO HEATHER SHAW

supervised Public Speaking at All Girls Festivals and managed teams on many tours, not only locally, but also internationally. What a privilege it was for the Hockey teams in 2011 and 2013 to travel to Holland with Mrs Shaw, a former South African Hockey player herself.

I first met Heather Shaw when I started teaching in 1988 at Victoria Park High School. We both taught Mathematics then and Heather gave me, a new teacher, much guidance. This first experience and my impression of Heather as kind, energetic and inspiring with a keen sense of fun, has lasted

through the years, and I am sure will continue into her retirement ventures.

Mrs Shaw has been a stalwart at Collegiate, has served the teaching profession well and touched many lives. She is hardworking, level-headed, loyal and caring, with many stories to tell in a witty and heartfelt way. We wish her well for her adventure and we know she will continue to touch lives and bring joy, always.

Mrs L Erasmus

DEPARTMENTS



ACCOUNTING AND EMS

Mrs J Reynolds, Mrs L Riley, Mrs S Majara

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Mr S Kameni, Mrs N Unwin, Mrs B Brooks
Front Row: Mrs Y Smith, Mrs S Marriner,
Mrs L van Dyk, Mrs D van Oudtshoorn
Absent: Mrs R Barkhuizen*



AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT

*Mrs M Loubscher, Mrs H Vlok,
Mrs H van Rooyen, Mrs A Nel, Ms K Marx*





COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND IT

*Mrs L Riley, Ms E Rampai,
Mrs D Human,
Mr K Gibson*



CONSUMER STUDIES

Mrs R Taylor, Mrs R Lotz, Mrs J Jooste

COUNSELLORS

Mrs S Ngcawe and Mrs S Brandt



DRAMA AND CREATIVE ARTS

*Mrs D Weideman,
Mr J Batista, Ms J Ashby*



DEPARTMENTS

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

*Mrs K Weideman, Ms L Coetzee,
Mrs L Shone, Mr P Greenway*

*Seated: Mrs H Carter, Ms J
Kromhout, Ms J Ashby*



FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Mrs L Shone, Mrs L Dos Santos

ISIXHOSA

Ms N Timba and Mrs B Douglass



LIFE ORIENTATION

*Back Row: Mrs B Douglass,
Ms S Purchase, Mrs S Gerber,
Mrs E Grobbelaar*

*Front Row: Ms P Ndovela,
Mrs C Posthumus, Mrs H van
Rooyen, Mrs H Carter*



MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

*Mrs P Stephenson, Mrs T Botha,
Ms K Monaghan, Mrs S Vanderlinden,
Mrs A Vincent, Mrs J Kingwill*



MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

*Mrs L Mey, Ms Z Mbengashe,
Mr S Deli, Mrs C Range,
Mrs G Agenbag, Ms S van Vledder
Absent: Mrs L Hemingway*



PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

*Ms B Mellet, Mrs S Arthur,
Mrs Z Grobbelaar,
Mr R Marriott, Ms X Mkonza*



SOCIAL SCIENCES

*Mrs S Gerber, Mr P Greenway,
Ms P Ndovela, Mrs C Kelly,
Mrs N Winchester*





DEPARTMENTS

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

*Mr A Beynon, Mrs C Posthumus,
Mrs E Grobbelaar*



◀ TECHNOLOGY

*Ms E Rampai, Ms K Monaghan
Absent: Mrs R Taylor*



VISUAL ARTS ▶

Ms L Coetzee, Mrs J Jones



ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Mr D Marshall, Mr A Müller

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Front Row: Ms V Mhakana, Mrs N Nohana, Mrs P Dinca*



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Front Row: Mr W Sobantu, Mr E Lamani, Mr D Mtetwa*



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Front Row: Adv D Saayman, Mr F Fourie, Mrs L Nienaber, Mrs L Erasmus, Mr A de Beer

Absent: Ms S Mfecane, Mr G Kutcherera

2023 SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

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Deputy Principal:	Mrs A Nel (co-opted)
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Staff Reps:	Mrs R Lotz Mrs S Marriner Ms K Monaghan Mrs Z Grobbelaar
OCGG Rep:	Mrs C Heyneke (co-opted)
Minuting Secretary:	Mrs Y Smith (co-opted)
RCL Reps:	Ms T Naidoo Ms T Finnis Ms S Mfecane
Head Girl:	Ms K Nienaber (co-opted)



RCL

Back Row: S Tyakume, M Hart, N Mokhele, V Ndyoko, T Moahloli, M Tuku
Second Row: B Burley, A Ismail, A Loyson, K Nicolls, Y Oliphant, S Wood, C Yiannaros
First Row: L Skepu, T Finnis, A Bhadra, G Yiannaros, J Roman, A Ismail
Seated: S Mfecane, O Makhuluma, K Nienaber, Mrs R Lotz, F Melariri, C Louw, M Caliste
Absent: T Naidoo, O Emms



PREFECTS

Back Row: R Harcombe, N Lister, M Evans, S Bradshaw, H Libbrecht
Second Row: L Mgwebi, K Preston, R Pugh, P Colman, I Pringle
First Row: Z Debeshe, H Price, T Njezula, E Porter, E Reddy, A Kempton-Jones
Seated: G Fourie, K Nienaber, Mrs R Lotz, F Melariri, M du Raan
Absent: C Critchlow



ACADEMIC BLAZERS



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Back Row: R Harcombe, N Dames, N Mokhele, G Wiehahn, S Mdludlu

Second Row: J Lubbe, M Hart, B Melariri, T McNamara, G Ferreira

First Row: G Yiannaros, C De Beer, H Price, A Ismail, G Fourie, M Moorhouse

Seated: S Naidoo, J Smith, Mrs S Gerber, N Lister, A Mabutho





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Kyla Nienaber (Head Girl), Mrs L Erasmus, Favour Melariri (Deputy Head Girl)



MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

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Seated: S Ntlama, M Vermaak, Mrs H Vlok, Mrs R Lotz, I Buwa, A Kempton-Jones*



MATRIC CLASS OF 2023 E1



Amber Murray



Anathi Ntontela



Avuzwa Gotyana



Emihle Botha



Emihle Ngqozo



Erin Slater



Favour Melariri



Halle Booyesen



Hannah Nel



Jessica Christoffels



Kendall Williams



Kyla Nienaber



Lily-Anne Gibson



Lithalethu Qwane



Morgan Evans



Nicole Heuer



Nicole Lister



Nina van Bochove



Olivia Emms



Paige Bezuidenhout



Paige Brown



Shaazia Panday



Sinelitha Mludlu



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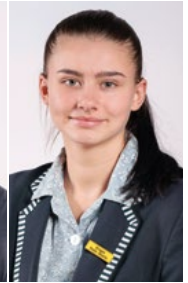
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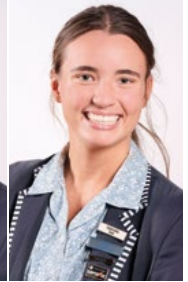
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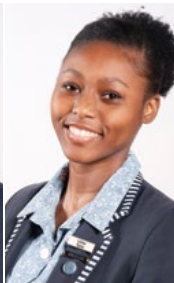
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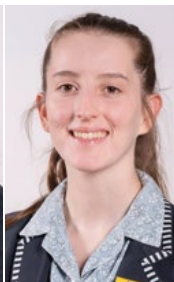
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Sarah Douglas-Henry





MATRIC CLASS OF 2023 E3



Abbygail Kempton-Jones



Dakota-Lee Scott



Dini Tembeni



Emma Wedderburn



Holly Price



Inathi Buwa



Jaryn-Tai Harris



Jemma Scholtz



Jordyn Marriott



Kate Meyburgh



Kayla Bowman



Kerra Cloete



Khanyisulwazi Madonsela



Khwezi Sikutshwa



Kim Mfiki



Likhaya Losi



Lisakhanya Skepu



Madison-Marie Bright



Mia Erasmus



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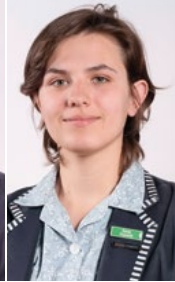
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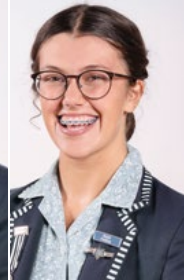
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Liyema Mahlalutye



Maryke Du Raan



Michaela Botha



Mikayla Vermaak



Naledi Mokhele



Owethu Dokolwana



Palesa Tshofela



Saadiyah Sallie



Saneliso Ndika



Thandwayo Njezula



Yolanda Gwija





Aphiwe Mqumevu



Caitlin De Beer



Danielle De Lange



Elizabeth Porter



Georgia Stone



Inga Madlingozi



Jade Bredell



Jade Brown



Jamie Rudlin



Jorja Ioannides



Kayleigh Killian



Lara Kleinhans



Lathitha Zinto



Lisakhanya Nxati



Lolwethu Ludada



Lolwethu Matokazi



Mia-Cara Hart



Nadia Jacobs



Pétra Coltman



Rachel van Rensburg



Rebecca Harcombe



Rhys Pugh



Samika Naidoo



Simnikiwe Ntlama



Sofia Safwan



Summer Ross



Tarryn Thomas



Tasnim Hossain





COLLEGIATE FROM GRADE 1 - 12

Back Row: G. Tait, N. Van Bochove, L.-A. Gibson, H. Harvey, B. Neale-Shutte, K. Mleyburgh, I. Madlingazi, G. Wiehahn, S. Bradshaw, H. Ilibrecht, E. Slater

Second Row: H. Price, R. de Villiers, K. Preston, K. Killiam, G. Stone, N. Dames, M. Botha, S. Douglas-Henry, J. Lubbe, K. Cloete, J. Nel

First Row: A. Kempton-Jones, E. Porter, K. Nienaber, S. Naidoo, J. Ioannides, D. de Lange, M. Bright, A. Kockott, D. Scott, L. Venter

Front Row: T. Harts, H. Nel, N. Jacobs, A. Dick, L. Scout, G. Fourie, C. de Beer



MATRIC DANCE

4 February 2023 – the day of the Matric Dance – was truly a day to remember. In actual fact, the first three weeks of Term One were memorable. One could hear the excitement buzzing amongst the Matrics through the corridors of Collegiate. The topics of hair and nails, dresses and shoes occupied our minds from the moment the school year started.

On the evening of the dance, the Grade Twelves arrived in all manner of transport from tractors, to luxury vehicles to party buses – much to the delight of the crowd. It was truly a beautiful moment to see everyone looking so elegant and glamorous on a night we will never forget.

We danced the night away on the patio which was transformed into a dance floor and we were served a delicious three course meal. The energy throughout the evening was electric and the hall was exquisitely decorated which gave the evening a final touch of class.

The Grade Twelves of 2023 are truly grateful to Mrs Lotz and

Mrs Vlok and their helpers for once again organising such a wonderful event.

The Fashion Show was held on 6 February where we were able to model our beautiful outfits for our family and friends. There was a wonderful atmosphere of sisterhood and the girls' dresses formed a kaleidoscope of colours as we took to the ramp.

We wish to thank Mrs Kelly and the Grade Twelve register teachers for organising this successful event.

Favour Melariri







MATRIC DANCE







MATRIC DINNER

"You can be anything you want to be, if you believe in yourself and work hard towards your dreams." – Unknown

This anonymous quote encapsulates the essence of the very successful Matric *Barbie-themed* Dinner that was hosted by the Grade Elevens. The Matrics brought the iconic Barbie dolls to life with their outfits – from the classic Barbie to the adventurous Barbie explorer and the glamorous Barbie fashionista.

The pink Barbie photo box became a hub of laughter and entertainment, as the girls struck playful poses showcasing their dedication to the theme.

The hall was transformed into a spectacle of pink. Guests were treated to various entertainment acts by our very creative and talented Grade Eleven girls and staff members. A big thank you goes to them all for the time and effort they put in.

We would also like to thank Mrs Erasmus for allowing us the opportunity to host the dinner. Thank you to LX Events for transforming the Stevenson Hall into an amazing Barbie Wonderland. Thank you to the TECRU girls for their assistance with music, lighting and sound. We are also grateful to Capitol Caterers and Mrs Lotz for the delicious meal and who can forget the amazing selection of pink desserts which offered a sweet conclusion to the meal.

Without the planning, expertise and steadfast commitment of the Grade Eleven register teachers, this event would not have been possible. Special mention must be made of Mrs Vlok for leading the Dinner Committee in the planning of this wonderful evening. It would not have been possible without all her support and guidance. Thank you for creating the most beautiful memories for the 2023 Matrics.

Jaime Löest







HEAD GIRL'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Could this be real? Is it really real that I stand before you today? Mrs Erasmus, I cannot believe I am saying goodbye to our weekly Wednesday meetings. Is it really real that I greet the parents of these incredible girls for the last time? Is it really real that I officially say "hellooo" to the learners of Collegiate Girls' High School for the very last time? As much as I cannot believe it and wish that it was not the last of the last, this is reality now. Every battle we have fought, every tear we have shed, every test or exam paper we have cursed and most importantly every day that we decided to get up and go again has led to THIS day. This is the day you leave your legacy behind and set out on a new adventure with the tools and equipment you have gathered over these five years.

After five years of quietly sitting in assembly and tentatively listening to speeches from very important people, I have learnt this: it is not about the destination but rather about the journey and the memories you create and lessons you learn as you walk this path of life.

As I stand here in this moment with all of you, I am reminded of our first memory of when we embarked on our high school adventure: the infamous Grade Eight camp. We arrived with the excitement of the promise of a high school career that would be filled with friends, achievements and incredible memories that would last a lifetime. I remember us all arriving at the gates, wide-eyed and eager to impress. Our first goal was to find that perfect *Disney Channel* best friend who would stick with us forever. Our second goal on the Ghost Walk was to fight with our lives to avoid being bashed into the wall and break bones, to grip that newfound bestie as we charged through the haunted dark passages, trying not to leave our shoes behind.

Grade Nine started off with a bang: January, February, March, and then blank. Just when we were preparing for a holiday at home, the school was preparing for online learning. Before I could even begin to process the fact that there was a virus, I had a new best friend: Microsoft Teams. We should have



been more aware that the year was going to be a mess when the Aquatics Day was shortened due to an intense heat wave and the Athletics Day was cut short because of a thunderstorm. Apologies to the teachers for the blank screens and eye rolling while they taught us online.

"Bio... sheeooo, dropping" is literally the only thing I remember from Grade Ten. People started dropping Biology like flies, one after the other. This was also the year the Sports Department experienced uncertainty like never before – from sports events possibly happening, to being postponed and then being cancelled.

Grade Eleven was an absolute 'show' – from Grade Eleven camp, to the panic of our marks, to the last Carols performance, and a whole lot more. Towards the end of the year, we were blessed with a Biology tour to Van Stadens. I believe that it was more of a trial run for who you would pick to end up with stranded on an island. We made it back alive.

The first phase of Matric was facing Mrs Erasmus in absolute shock for a solid two minutes as she used her academic English to make us believe that our Matric Dance was a 'no





go'. But the show went on and turned out to be more than I could have ever imagined. What an incredible evening with such beautiful people in one place! This was also the first year in a while that the Matric Dance was held at the school. I still think of that night whenever I enter this hall. Shortly after that we had our Founders' Day and it could not have been a better day weather-wise, but I forgot the flag on stage.

We then arrived at what many had been dreading – the learning part of Matric. They were not lying when they said that we would be learning for the rest of the year, because what happened to the June holidays? Arriving back in the Third Term we were all preparing for our Trial Examinations (aka academic comebacks). Then came our 'Barbie moment' for which we really have to thank the Grade Elevens and Mrs Vlok. Just around the corner was this day, the day we say our farewell, the day we become 'Old Collegiate Girls', the day which is worth celebrating as we have accomplished what many people wish they had accomplished.

Speaking of accomplishments, I want to pay tribute to my Mom and Dad. None of this would have been possible without you because without you, there would be no Kyla. Dad, one of the many things I have learnt from you is to have faith and to trust the Lord with all your heart and believe that He has a plan and to be thankful for what He has given us and do His work here on Earth. Mom, you are a woman of many words and how lucky I am to be your daughter. You have taught me the art of perseverance and never to back down or let anything get in the way of achieving my best. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to attend such an

amazing school where I had the privilege to discover who I am and what I am capable of. I truly believe that I would not be the person I am today if it were not for your patience and efforts in raising me, Mom and Dad. I love you.

To my friends, what would I do without you? Thank you for still welcoming me at break times after a solid week of not being present. You could not have made it more obvious when you applauded me upon my arrival. Thank you for looking out for me when the times were looking "sketchy". All the crazy ideas to make us feel included truly made this year at school a memorable one. It scared me to think that I may lose some of my closest friends because of the busy year that lay ahead and the parties I would not be able to attend but I was wrong. I thank God every day for you because you made sure that I still had the Matric year we all dreamed of. That bucket list will forever exist and we cannot disappoint, so for as long as we live, we have to do everything that we planned to do.

If it were not for this or any school, we would have bigger problems than unemployment. We would not know who we are or what we are capable of. Thank you Collegiate for allowing me to discover who Kyla Lee Nienaber is.

I wish you all the best, Girls of the College, for the years you yet have to live. My wish for you is that you find your own happiness and let go of things that hold you back from being who you are.

Head Girl 2023 signing out.

Kyla Nienaber

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13 October 2023

Dear Matrics, Parents, Staff and Girls, but especially Matrics.

It is now time for me to bid my farewell to the Class of 2023. Each of you entered the corridors of Collegiate in 2019 as a Grade Eight excited and in awe of your Grade Twelve Old Pot. Now you are standing on the threshold of adulthood saying goodbye to your New Pot, who in turn will do the same in five years' time.

The rite of passage that today is for you, will be the rite of passage for the Class of 2024 in a year's time, and the rite of passage for the Class of 2025 a year after that, and so the years will follow and the girls will too.

In ten years' time, you might return to this hall and reunite with those beside you. In twenty years' time, you might do the same, and again in thirty. And those who come after you, will do the same.

There is something profoundly comforting in that, for it creates a bond between you and those who are beside you, and those who have gone before you, and those who are yet to come. The bond is a bond of sisterhood, of shared experiences and it will always be there for you. Hold on to it and hold on to your friends.

Parents, you entrusted your daughters to the staff of Collegiate five years ago. Thank you for doing so. Thank you for giving your daughters the opportunity to become part of the Collegiate community and thank you for giving us the opportunity to lead them on their educational journey to adulthood.

Matrics, you are now young women ready to leave the protected confines of Collegiate. You are eager to take on the world and to put behind you the time of high school. You have the self-assurance that the world is there for you and you are filled with anticipation as you ready yourself for freedom and excitement.

My advice to you is that which I have given to others before you, and no doubt will give to others after you. It is a five-point plan:

Point 1: Remember your roots.

- Your family whose blood runs in your veins and who have raised you to be the women you are today;
- Your education which has shaped you and given you the skills to think, to be curious, to learn, and that has instilled values in you;
- Your friends with whom you have shared so much;
- And your country which has given you a place in the world.

If you remain loyal to these – your family, your education, your friends and your country – you will remain grounded and part of a community.

Point 2: Breathe, pause, reflect:

- When you are overwhelmed;
- When you are anxious;



- When you are stressed;
- And when you face complex situations and conflict.

If you do this, you give yourself the chance to become calm and not to take rash action that could lead to damage and hurt. Only once you have done these three things – breathe, pause, reflect – should you act.

Point 3: Treat all with kindness:

- We are all living life as best we can;
- We all have our own story which has led us to our view on the world;
- See things from the perspective of another and then see that we are all people with a common humanity;
- Always be kind, especially to those who have nothing to give you.

Point 4: Always seek to do the right thing:

- Be honest;
- Be responsible;
- Be respectful of others and ALWAYS, ALWAYS act from a position of integrity.

Point 5: Strength comes from within.

- Get to know yourself;
- Look within your heart and soul;
- Draw from your inner being and you will be able to take on the world with confidence.

If you do all this, leaning on the values instilled in you, you will be able to say one day, I have done my best, I have fulfilled my purpose, I have made the world a better, kinder and healthier place.

Finally, there is an African, Sudanese, proverb which states:

We desire to bequeath two things to our children: the first one is roots, the other one is wings.

You have your roots firmly grounded not only in your family, but also in the values that have shaped you. Hold onto these. If you do, you will then have the freedom to fly, to leave the nest and explore, knowing that you will always have your roots and the canopy of your family tree to be there for you when needed.

Class of 2023, I wish you well for the future. Go into the world and live your life as strong, responsible and kind women who can make a difference in the lives of others.

Mrs L Erasmus



GRADE HEAD'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Good morning, Mrs Erasmus, Staff, Parents, Girls of the College and especially the class of 2023. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today.

2023 has been a wonderful year filled with excitement. Sport and cultural activities are back in full swing, travel across the country is wide open and "normal" has returned. Grade Twelves, I hope you are grateful that in your final year of high school, you were able to participate in all the activities that you enjoy and I hope that you took full advantage of this. This year we saw the return of whole school attendance at Athletics Day, the Inter-House Aquatics Day and the Inter-House Winter Sports Day. The cheerleaders have returned and, in turn, an elevation of spirit surrounding all co-curricular activities. We were able to enjoy the Matric Dance and the Matric Dinner which were both hosted in our beautiful school hall and proved to be elegant and entertaining events.

Events and education do not just happen and there are so many key players who need to be recognised. A very big thank you must go to all the Matric parents. Matrics, do not underestimate what your parents have done for you. They take you to and from school and co-curricular activities, ensure you are fed, make sure you do your homework and provide a roof over your head. They are a shoulder to cry on, a friend to laugh with, a person to moan at, they are a pillar of strength, a mentor to learn from, your biggest fan and, for many of you, a small loans bank. So, thank you, Parents, for the many roles you play and all the support you give.

We also need to thank all the other role players: all the teachers that you have had along the way, especially the ones who went above and beyond to ensure you got to this point; and all the behind-the-scenes staff who run the school, front office, sport and culture, counselling, grounds and security. To the Matric team of educators: Mrs Winchester, Ms Kromhout, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Jones, Mr Batista and Mrs Dos Santos, thank you for guiding the Matrics this year. To Mrs Erasmus, thank you for your continued support, both of me and the Grade Twelves.

To Kyla, Favour and your team of prefects, what a spectacular



job you have done in leading the school this year! Kyla and Favour, the kind, friendly and supportive manner in which you have led your prefect body and the school this year is admirable. Your calm and collected demeanour is so refreshing and you always seem to take everything in your stride. I know you have had a hard year but I also know that the experiences you have gained this year and the lessons you have learnt will stay with you and help you to continue to develop into incredible young women.

Finally, Matrics – I want to introduce all of you to 'Flexi Rexi'. She is one of my daughter's favourite toys. We have her in an array of colours and different sizes. There is so much we can take from this little toy and so before we learn from her, I would like all of you to put your hand underneath your seat where you will find your own 'Flexi Rexi'. I wanted to share her with you today because of what she represents. Firstly, you will notice how flexible she is. In life, there are going to be many times when you will need to be a little flexible! There will be times when you will need to adapt to change – be flexible, change can bring about new opportunities.

There will be times when your plans will need to change – be flexible, changed plans can lead to wonderful new adventures. There will be times when things do not go your way





and you may have to take a different path – be flexible. New ideas and change do not happen if everything and everyone always stays the same. I know that this year you had to deal with a lot of changes, but things will never get better if we are not open to change and willing to be a little flexible. Apartheid would not have been abolished if change did not happen. Wars would not end if no one was open to compromise. Women's rights would not exist if society did not change. Be flexible and open to change!

But you will notice 'Flexi Rexi' is only flexible to a point. Yes, be flexible, open to change and be willing to adapt but stick to your values. Those are not flexible and they will keep you on the right track. When your arms are too short and your goals are just out of reach, remember this quote: "Be stubborn about your goals but be flexible about your methods." – Unknown

The second thing you will notice about 'Flexi Rexi' is that she is a T-Rex – one of the most fearsome dinosaurs ever to roam the planet. Go out there and be fierce! No one ever got anywhere by being meek and mild. Stand up for what you believe in! Fight for what is right! Fight for your place in this world and do not let others keep you down. The Melinda Gates, Michelle Obamas, Maya Angelous, Taylor Swifts, Beyonces and Ellen DeGeneres of the world did not just sit back and let life happen to them. They went out and fought for their place in this world. Be a force to be reckoned with.

Put your best foot forward.

But... Be fierce, but don't be mean!

"Be fearless, be brave, be bold, love yourself"
– Haruki Murakami

The last thing we can learn from 'Flexi Rexi' is about time and failure. 'Flexi Rexi' was made on a 3D printer. It took me 203 hours to 3D print a 'Flexi Rexi' for each of you. There are many times in life when if you do not put in the time, you will not reap the rewards. Big things take time. Big ideas take time. Big accomplishments take time. All those women who fought for their place in this world had to put in many hours to reach their dreams. I also had about thirty-five failed prints when printing 'Rexi'. Failure is part of life and part of the creative process. Without failure, you cannot learn.

"When you take risks, you learn that there will be times when you succeed, and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important." – Ellen DeGeneres

I hope this little 'Flexi-Rexi' keep-sake goes with you on your life's journey and constantly reminds you to be flexible and fierce and to put in the time and learn from your failures.

I wish you everything of the best. I leave you with this quote by Jeff Ocasey: "Success is not just about reaching the destination, but about the journey through the ups and downs. It is up to us to enjoy the ride."

Mrs C Kelly





QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOUSE

House Captain:	Holly Price
House Head:	Mrs C Kelly
House Committee:	Inathi Buwa, Simnikiwe Ntlama, Naledi Mokhele, Madison Bright, Hannah Brannigan
Staff:	Mr Marriott, Mr Batista, Mrs Agenbag, Mrs Douglass, Mrs Lotz, Ms Timba, Mrs Winchester, Mrs van Dyk, Ms Reynolds, Ms van Vledder, Ms Ndovela

Queen Alexandra's theme for 2023 was 'The Yellow Yankees' and I am proud that we 'batted it out of the park'!

We started the year off strongly at Inter-House Athletics Day. The House not only sang their hearts out on the stands, but the track was filled with the colour yellow. Every Queen Alexandra member performed to the best of her ability. A special mention must be made of the Alex girls who broke records and those who stepped out of their comfort zones and were able to lead Queen Alexandra House to victory.

At Inter-House Aquatics Day, we swam incredibly well and took every race in our stride. The day was filled with many amazing memories. Congratulations to the undefeated Water Polo team.

The theme for Inter-House plays this year was 'Netflix Sci-Fi'. Queen Alexandra House performed a unique and adapted version of *The Umbrella Academy*. Our play was a great success and Queen Alexandra won awards for Best Actress, Best Director and Best Supporting Actress.

The charity we supported this year was Love Story. The learners came together and showed their chopping skills in the Consumer Laboratory where they cut up vegetables. The vegetables were then used by Love Story in their soup kitchen. We are so grateful that we could dedicate our time

and make a small difference in the lives of others.

Queen Alexandra House was able to display their general knowledge skills in the Inter-House Quiz Competition. With the help of the Quiz team and the Queen Alexandra House members in the audience, we managed to take home Gold. Queen Alexandra House also participated in the Inter-House Tennis, Debating and Chess.

In the Third Term, the annual Winter Sports Day took place. The learners participated in Inter-House Cross Country, Hockey, Netball and Soccer. We are so grateful to all those who took part and for those who cheered on the sidelines. A special congratulations to the Queen Alexandra Netball girls who managed to come out on top.

Our House Day took place on 11 October 2023. Our guest speaker was Mrs Candice Parker, the Managing Director of Nashua Gqeberha. She spoke to the learners on 'The art to leading a balanced and successful life'. The advice we received was insightful and inspiring. It was a great honour to have her address our school.

On Speech Night, we were elated to be announced as the House of the Year as winners of the Inter-House Trophy which was the cherry on top. We are so proud of all the Queen Alexandra girls for their support, participation and enthusiasm.

A big thank you to Mrs Kelly for her support and guidance throughout the year. Thank you to the Queen Alexandra House Committee for their hard work, encouragement and always being ready to help when needed. I would not have been able to do it without you.

It has been an honour to be a part of and lead Queen Alexandra House as 2023 has been an incredible year for us. I wish next year's committee well. Keep the flag flying high!

Holly Price







QUEEN ELIZABETH HOUSE

House Captain:	Elizabeth Porter
House Head:	Ms Monaghan
House Committee:	Danielle de Lange, Jaryn-Tai Harris, Rouché de Villiers, Saneliso Ndika, Palesa Ntshofela
Staff:	Mrs Arthur, Mrs Botha, Mr Gibson, Mr Greenway, Mrs Human, Mrs Nel, Mrs Range, Mrs Vanderlinden, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Vlok, Mrs Dutton, Mrs Unwin, Mrs van Oudtshoorn

What an amazing year Queen Elizabeth House has had where we really demonstrated our talents. Our theme for this year was 'Lizzy Bomb Squad'. We really did blow the 'roof off the school'.

It started on a blazing hot day at the Oval on Athletics Day. Many Queen Elizabeth House girls participated in the different events and cheered their hearts out. We placed second overall at Inter-House Athletics Day.

Three weeks later, the 'Bomb Squad' found themselves in the swimming pool. Our girls swam hard placing us first in the Inter-House Swimming and second in the Inter-House Water Polo.

In Term Two, Inter-House Plays were definitely the priority.

Queen Elizabeth House performed the play 'Wednesday', where Wednesday Addams visits Collegiate. Sophia Wood did not just showcase her acting skills, but also her dancing ability as she took the lead as Wednesday Addams. Our very own Oluhle Ntenga received the Best Supporting Actress award, after portraying Mrs Nel brilliantly.

The Winter Sports' Day was held in Term Three. The Netball, Hockey and Soccer players really showed the school they meant business. We ended in fifth place for Netball and Queen Elizabeth House took first place in Inter-House Hockey.

Our charity this year was Oosterland, an orphanage in Despatch. We spent four weeks of Term Three making and selling cheesecakes in order to donate our profits to this charity. We were able to raise R8000 and we hand delivered a cheque to Oosterland. We paid two visits to our charity where we played with the children and had a picnic with them.

We ended our year with a successful Queen Elizabeth House Day, where we welcomed Dr Niel Littleton, a haematologist and the founding member of the Igazi Foundation. Dr Littleton is renowned for performing the first stem cell transplant in the Eastern Cape.

It was an honour to have led this amazing House. I am incredibly proud of the girls. A special thank you must go to Ms Monaghan, our House Head, and all those involved in making these events possible.

Elizabeth Porter







House Captain:	Sophie Bradshaw
House Head:	Mrs E Grobbelaar
House Committee:	Mia-Cara Hart, Anoyolo Busakwe, Jayde Lubbe, Lithalethu Qwane and Nicole Dames
Staff:	Mrs Gerber, Mrs Loubser, Mrs Lotz, Ms Marx, Mrs Mey, Ms Ngcawe, Ms Purchase, Mrs Riley, Mrs Weideman, Mrs Barkhuizen and Mr Müller

This year has flown by and it has indeed been a huge responsibility as well as a great honour to be the House Captain of Queen Mary.

This year our theme was 'Mary Mavericks', a nod to our unwavering and fighting spirit. The year started early in February for Queen Mary House as we were the first of the Houses to host a House Day. We were incredibly lucky to secure Ms Jennifer Lindridge, a well known author and philanthropist as well as a very proud Old Girl, as our guest speaker. Ms Lindridge's love for Collegiate and animals was evident in her passionate and engaging address.

The Queen Mary House Committee chose the Animal Welfare Society as our charity this year. The learners visited the shelter to hand over dog food donations and show love to the animals.

Our athletes shone at Athletics Day while being cheered on by our 'Mavericks' on the stands. There were some outstanding performances from Queen Mary learners and we placed

a strong third.

The Inter-House Aquatics Day was the next events on the calendar. Queen Mary came second in the swimming competition, while the Water Polo players played with all they had, and placed third.

Term Two was just as busy with both the Inter-House Plays and Inter-House Quiz Competition taking place. Although Queen Mary was unfortunate not to feature in the awards at Inter-House Plays, the off-stage camaraderie and friendships formed across the grades made this event a highlight. Although we had some of our brightest brains participating in the Inter-House Quiz, glory was not ours and we placed fourth.

Winter Sports Day, featuring Soccer, Netball, Hockey and Cross Country, is always a highlight for learners, who spend the day cheering on their various teams. Queen Mary put up a brave fight in all disciplines finishing fourth in Hockey, first in Soccer, fourth in Netball and third in Cross Country.

In Inter-House Tennis, we placed third. We tied for second place with St Michael and St George in Squash and came fourth in Cricket. We placed third in Chess and unfortunately we did not make the Debating final.

I am extremely proud of the learners in 'green' this year, who gave of their best throughout the year. I am grateful to Mrs Grobbelaar and Mrs Lotz for their support and encouragement.

My blood will forever be 'green'.

Sophie Bradshaw







QUEEN VICTORIA HOUSE

House Captain:	Lathitha Mgwebi
House Head:	Mrs L Hemingway
House Committee:	Gemma Wiehahn, Lisakhanya Skepu, Lara Kleinhans, Ovayo Mle and Hayley Libbrecht
Staff:	Mrs Ashby, Mrs Carter, Mrs Dos Santos, Mrs Helmie, Ms Kromhout, Mrs P Stephenson, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Marriner, Mr Marshall, Mrs Posthumus, Mrs Jones

For Queen Victoria House, the year 2023 has been full of memorable moments. It was a great privilege to be able to lead and guide the House, as we embarked on a year filled with achievements, growth and memorable experiences.

Queen Victoria embraced the vibrant theme of 'Vicky Violet Riders'. We distributed purple bandanas to each member, symbolising our unity and encouraging active participation in various events. The enthusiasm and commitment have truly shone through in every activity.

During the Inter-House Athletics, in the First Term, the stands and the field were alive with energy. Although we came fourth, the determination and team spirit displayed by our House were commendable.

Similarly, in the Inter-House Aquatics competition, our Queen Victoria girls showed their swimming prowess and sportsmanship. The dedication and effort displayed by each member was truly inspirational.

In the Second Term, we had the privilege of witnessing the talent and creativity of our House during the Inter-House plays. We showcased our play inspired by *Stranger Things*, directed by Lathitha Mgwebi and Kayla Preston with House member, Mia Jack, winning the Best Actress Award. The performances were captivating, showing the hard work and

dedication of our talented Queen Victoria members.

One of the most memorable events of the year was undoubtedly our Queen Victoria House Day. We were honoured to have Dr Priscilla Mensah as our guest speaker, who enlightened us on the importance of empowering women through education. It was a truly eye-opening experience, reminding us of the incredible potential within each and every one of us.

As the term drew to a close, we put our knowledge to the test in the Inter-House Quiz, where we proudly secured third place.

Alongside our active participation in various events and activities, Queen Victoria House took a profound step towards making a positive impact in our community. We chose to volunteer through the Love Story organisation, a charity that works tirelessly to support those in need. Through our involvement, we were able to contribute our time and effort to make a difference in the lives of others.

In Term Three, we faced another exhilarating challenge when the Inter-House Cross Country, Soccer, Netball and Hockey competitions took place on the same day. Despite our valiant efforts, we narrowly lost Inter-House Netball by one point to Queen Alexandra House, resulting in a second place finish. Although it may have been disappointing, it is important to recognise the dedication and teamwork displayed by our members throughout the day.

I am grateful to the Queen Victoria House Committee for their unwavering support, enthusiasm and collaboration to make this year unforgettable. Together, we have created an atmosphere of positivity, unity and growth.

Thank you to Mrs Hemingway for taking me under her wing and guiding me throughout the year.

May the 'Vicky Violet Riders' always ride high, inspire others and make a positive impact in the years to come.

Lathitha Mgwebi







House Captain:	Maryke du Raan
House Head:	Mrs J Jooste
House Committee:	Isabella Pringle, Nicole Heuer, Paige Brown, Kamvelihle Matikinca, Nande Ntshona
Staff:	Ms Coetzee, Mrs Grobbelaar, Ms Mbengashe, Ms Mkhonza, Ms Rampai, Ms Mellet, Mrs Kingwill, Mr Beynon, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Smith

2023 was an exciting and successful year for the St Michael and St George House girls. As usual, we outdid ourselves with the theme of 'Red Romans'.

Term One started with the annual Inter-House Athletics Day. With Kamvelihle Matikinca leading our spirit committee, it was clear why the boarders secure the Spirit Cup every year! Every girl was keen to participate in Inter-House Athletics and contribute to the House in any way possible. The day was a massive success, and all the girls enjoyed themselves despite the heat. Inter-House Aquatics later in the term, always a favourite event for the boarders, was a day filled with much cheering and laughter. We managed to dominate most of the Water Polo matches.

St Michael and St George House Day took place at the beginning of Term Two. Our chosen charity for the year is Khazimla. Mrs Renee Whittal came to address us and share how Khazimla is dedicated to supplying and supporting girls less fortunate with sanitary products. I am proud to say that the girls in the Hostel took the charity work very seriously this year and wanted to become more involved. We had weekly drives with the ladies who run Kazimla, where we re-packed

the sanitary products into individual plastic packets. We hope to continue assisting in the years to come to ensure that we stay involved in the community. The term ended on a high note when our Inter-House Quiz team, led by Nande Ntshona, placed second, narrowly losing in the final.

Our entry in the Inter-House Play Competition led by Isabella Pringle in Term Three was a highlight for the girls in blue and red. Our play, *A BODA Murder Mystery*, was an absolute masterpiece. Many hours of rehearsals and dedication resulted in us winning the competition. The Best Director Award went to Isabella Pringle, Danni Barrow was named Best Supporting Actress and we also won Best Play, and Most Creative Play.

Inter-House Cross Country, Hockey, Netball and Soccer took place on Winter Sports Day. As always, no boarder girl said 'no' to participating in these events and we all ran in the Inter-House Cross Country event. We placed third overall in the Inter-House Netball.

Inter-House Squash, Tennis and Cricket took place later in the Third Term. The girls were extremely invested in Inter-House Cricket this year, and we did exceptionally well. Mr Marriott gained a few boarder Cricket players for the First Team in the process.

Thank you to the House Committee for their dedication and help this year. Thank you to Mrs Jooste and all the hostel matrons for their guidance through this challenging year. Your mentorship, support and assistance are greatly appreciated.

I am proud to have called myself a boarder for the past five years and to have had the opportunity to lead the Hostel. I do not doubt that the St Michael and St George House will forever impact every boarder's life as much as it has impacted mine.

Maryke du Raan





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HOSTEL STAFF

Back Row: Mrs S Majara, Mr X Goyi, Mrs F Dmingi, Mrs M van Dyk, Mrs N Qubuda, Mrs N Tame, Ms E Rampai

Front Row: Ms X Mkhonza, Mrs L Niven, Mrs L Cooper, Mrs Jenny Jooste, Mrs D Dell

Absent: Mr M Manda



HOSTEL PREFECTS

Back Row: P Brown, M Vermaak,

Middle Row: K Madonsela, D Tembeni, K Matikina, N Heuer

Seated: S Frank-Meek, I Pringle, Mrs J Jooste, M du Raan, S Mdludlu



WATERFIELD HOUSE

In January, the Hostel doors swung open again to welcome back our ninety-two boarders, who were brimming with excitement and renewed energy after a long summer holiday. Friendships were rekindled, new connections were forged and dreams were reimagined. It marked the beginning of another year of growth, learning and unforgettable experiences.

Our traditional 'In-Weekend' at the start of the term proved to be a great success, with the highlight being the time spent at the waterslides at King's Beach. Our social at Grey allowed the new Grade Eight boarders to meet their counterparts from our brother school. One event seamlessly flowed into the next and it was encouraging to note that the boarders' involvement in the extra-curricular programme has seen a significant improvement.

The Inter-House events are always hotly contested, and we took pride in bringing home the Tennis and the Inter-House Play Trophies. Regardless of the outcomes, our boarders display exceptional spirit, and we are proud to report that the Spirit Trophy remains with St Michael and St George

for another year. Well done to Kamva Matikinca and the Hostel Committee for passionately leading the boarders as cheerleaders.

Our Hostel Head, Maryke du Raan, and Deputy Head, Isabella Pringle, have led Waterfield House outstandingly this year. Their passion and love for the Hostel have been evident in their leadership. Mikayla Vermaak's mentorship of the Grade Eight group has been commendable. Every Grade Twelve boarder has a leadership role, whether it is prep duty, dormitory inspection, roll call, or table placements for meals. Their last week at school, especially at the Hostel was quite emotional with the Mother and Daughter Tea, victories at Prize-Giving, the Valedictory Sunrise trip and Valedictory Breakfast. As we bid the Matric boarders farewell, we trust that the memories made at Waterfield House will stay with them forever.

We continue to upgrade Waterfield House as funds allow, making it a comfortable and welcoming space for our boarders. The curtain project throughout the dormitories was completed early this year, and various areas in the Hostel





received a fresh coat of paint. We extend our gratitude to Mrs Schoeman and her committee for their fundraising efforts. The funds raised will be used to upgrade the bathrooms. Our rain tanks have been connected to the borehole to ensure a constant water supply to the Hostel. The Cool Room was painted, and the old wooden shelving was replaced with new metal shelving, ensuring compliance with our kitchen's health and safety requirements.

We said farewell to Mrs Bernadette Glisson, who was medically boarded. We also said goodbye to Dr Chantelle Radue, who has taken up a teaching position in Australia. Lastly, we said goodbye to Ms Elizabeth Rampai, who was offered a teaching post in Gauteng. Ms Rampai played a significant role in the lives of our Junior boarders. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of each of these staff members at Waterfield House. These positions have been filled by two very energetic and lively staff members – Mrs Lisa Niven and Ms Jade Ashby – who have made a significant impact on our team.

The successful running of the Hostel would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and dedication of Mrs Cooper, Mrs Dell, Mrs Niven, Mrs Majara, Ms Mkhonza, Dr Radue, Ms Rampai, Ms Ashby, as well as prep teacher, Mrs

Jones, and our support staff. I extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to each of them. Vera Swartz and her team continue to provide our boarders with delicious and healthy food. We appreciate their efforts to cater for our boarders. Thank you to Mrs Erasmus and the Hostel Committee for their continued support and for entrusting us with the responsibility and privilege of being a part of our boarders' lives.

I continue to urge everyone at Waterfield House to "Leave everyone you meet better than when you found them. Become an encourager of potential, rather than a destroyer of confidence." – Anonymous

The following awards were made at our recent Boarder Banquet:

- **SAM BEYNON FLOATING TROPHY** – Hostel Fellowship Award for the girl who is loyal, has time for everyone, loves the Hostel and the girls, has enthusiasm and is loved and respected by the girls: **Mikayla Vermaak**
- **ENA QUIN CUP FOR THE MOST COURTEOUS AND HELPFUL BOARDER:** **Ninke Schoeman**
- **HEIDI BERRINGTON TROPHY FOR THE BOARDER ALL ROUNDER** – this includes academic as well as sports involvement: **Nicole Heuer**

Mrs J Jooste







ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS TOUR: IRELAND AND ENGLAND

Thinking back on the Academic Tour will always elicit gorgeous memories. Words cannot fully convey our deep sense of gratitude for having been afforded such an opportunity. It certainly was eventful for us, and without a doubt it was worth all the travelling.

Dublin was magical – with its rolling pastures, lights, bridges and the river Liffey streaking through the city. We visited Phoenix Park and an art gallery and roamed the glittering streets at night in search of a well-priced supper. We travelled across the Irish Sea to Wales and through the countryside of England to see Oxford, Cambridge and London. Oxford and Cambridge were memorable stops. We adored the whimsical cafés and bookshops. Stratford-upon-Avon was simply beautiful too, but London was the cherry on top. We were scared silly on the London Eye, took pictures at Madame Tussaud's and watched the West End show "Wicked".

As this was in fact an Academic Tour, we visited Trinity College in Dublin, Oxford University, King's College in Cambridge and

Queen Mary College in London.

Treasured memories include a flight in the Fly 360° simulator at the Science Museum; finding the most delicious fish and chips wrapped in paper; watching the South Africa versus Tonga Rugby World Cup match in the hotel lobby; seeing the stained-glass windows at the Christ Church Cathedral; and even the stress of missing buses and losing hotel keys. We loved everything about it. Perhaps the best thing of all was the friendships we made.

A very special thank you must go to Ms Kromhout for accompanying us on the tour. We are deeply appreciative of her hard work and perseverance. It is because of Ms Kromhout that this tour was a success. Thank you to Travel and Sport for their organisation. We are sincerely grateful to our parents for granting us this opportunity and assisting us to prepare for the tour.

Sienna Govind





ATHLETICS

Back Row: D Martin, J Coetzee, Y Oliphant, M Walters, I Madlingozi, O Freercks, M Freercks, M-C Hart, E Pio, D de Lange
Second Row: R Krause, C Eary, S Mbanguta, C Watson, J Hill, M Delpont, C Pieterse, M Bright, B Shone, Y Nomoyi, G Carloo, T Henderson
First Row: A Wilmot, G Doussis, N Mitchell, B Bukani, M Munnick, R Mukumbira, M Bosman, K Brennan, J Grobler, K Nogalawe, T White
Front Row: O Makhuluma, K Zulu, J Lubbe, Mrs E Grobbelaar, Mr C Harmse, L Kleinhans, S Biggs, E Nicol

The first event of the 2023 Collegiate Athletics season was the PE High Schools District event. Our athletes were the stars of the track and the field and eagerly represented their school with pride.

PE High Schools participants

U14	Jade Grobler, Elizabeth Nicol, Charlotte Eary, Eres Pio, Kyrh Mack
U15	Milla Delpont, Bukho Bukani, Bronwyn Shone, Khazimla Nogalawe, Jenna Coetzee
U16	Maria Freercks
U17	Jessica Hill, Sithenkosi Mbanguta, Danielle Martin
U19	Lara Kleinhans, Madison Bright, Mia-Cara Hart, Kerra Cloete

From these participants, three of our phenomenal athletes, namely Jenna Coetzee, Kerra Cloete and Bronwyn Shone,

were selected as members of the Metropolitan Team to participate in the Eastern Province Championships, where they performed outstandingly:

- Jenna Coetzee placed first in the U15 Girls 800m and set a new record.
- Bronwyn Shone received a silver medal for the U15 Girls 100m.
- Kerra Cloete placed first in the U19 High Jump.

Jenna Coetzee went on to participate in the South African Schools Athletics Meet, where she was placed third in the U15 Girls 800m event.

Our athletes have had an amazing season, every stride being a highlight, whether it be on the field during practices or at the track during a meeting. None of this would have been possible without Mrs Grobbelaar and Mr Harmse. We are most appreciative.

It has been an honour to be the Athletics captain and now it is time to pass the baton to the next captain to lead in 2024.

Jayde Lubbe



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

On 1 February, the girls of the College attended Collegiate's annual Inter-House Athletics Day at the Westbourne Oval. The girls arrived fuelled with passion, competitiveness and good sportsmanship. Roars of encouragement echoed around the track, giving the Grade Eight learners a good feel

for the sensational spirit our learners display for their respective houses. Black, green, yellow, purple and red t-shirts filled the stands with a cheerful presence and a strong sense of unity.

Each participant took to the track with all of their might and left it beaming with pride. Special mention must be made of the amazing athletes who broke records, namely Jenna Coetzee in the U15 1500m, Amy Wilmot in the U14 Shotput, Lilian Krige in the U15 Shotput and Amy Botha in the U16 Shotput.

Queen Alexandra is commended on their outstanding performances, emerging victorious on the day.

We are very grateful to Mrs Grobbelaar, the Sports Department and the staff for all of the organisation behind the scenes that contributes to this day being a huge success year after year.

Jayde Lubbe







CHESS FIRST TEAM

Back Row: D Duri, Q Munir, C Williams, M Tendayi, J Murray

Seated: E Reddy, Mrs N Winchester, Ms S van Vledder, Mr F Odendaal, Mr JP Adams, L Papu

“You may learn much more from a game you lose than from a game you win. You will have to lose hundreds of games before becoming a good player.” – Jose Raul Capablanca

On reflection, I think it is safe to say that this has been an eventful year for the Collegiate Chess team. January saw new and eager-to-learn players flocking to join Chess so we were able to enter two teams into the NMB Schools' League.

2023 saw the return of the All Girls' Festival in Bloemfontein. This event was filled with new friends, joyous times and many tactical games from which we could learn, giving us a worthwhile experience that allowed us to bond as a team. We placed ninth overall after seven rounds.

For the first time, Collegiate hosted a Community Chess Tournament, which allowed learners from other high schools to participate and share their love for the game. Morningside High School came third, second place went to Collegiate Girls' High School while Pearson High School emerged victorious.

Term Two and Term Three were the busiest as we had our

highly anticipated League Chess matches. Both teams spent their Friday afternoons playing against Nelson Mandela Bay's strongest teams.

Other highlights of the year were the home and away Derby Days. The top four travelled to Stellenbosch where we drew with Rhenish High 2-2. Our second Derby took place at home and we lost to Oranje 2½ – 1½. Despite the loss, Collegiate proved to be a force to be reckoned with.

I would like to thank all the teachers and girls who have assisted in making this year an extraordinary one, whether it be popping in to watch a Chess match or accompanying us to matches. A special thanks must go to our coaches, the Sports Department, Ms van Vledder and Mrs Winchester.

I am extremely proud of each and every Chess girl. They have performed well and have worked hard to improve their game. I wish them nothing but the best for next year.

Evania Reddy



CHESS SECOND TEAM

*Back Row: K Grootboom, K Wilson, V Ntumba Makolo, L Ntsikelelo, J Friskin, I Qhina
Seated: V Dyasi, Mrs N Winchester, Ms S van Vledder, Mr F Odendaal, Mr JP Adams, T White*





CRICKET



Cricket celebrated its tenth year as an official sport at Collegiate. Palesa Tshofela was appointed as Captain for 2023 and led the team with distinction.

Newly erected practice nets have made a significant difference to the improvement in skills. Mr Connor de Lange and Ms Brooke Kruger have taken full advantage of the new facility, further enhancing the excellent coaching provided to the girls. This was most noticeable during the Six-Aside Tournament at Framesby where our team beat both Framesby and Pearson, losing to the best team in the League, Woodridge, by one run on the last ball.

Tsepiso Malahleha-Qaku and Sithenkosi Mbanguta represented Eastern Province as part of the U19 Women's Cricket Team.

A highlight of the year was the opportunity the cricketers were given to play a role in the 2023 Women's T20 Cricket World Cup.

RESULTS

Collegiate First Team

vs Westering: won by 43 runs
vs Victoria Park: won by 34 runs
vs Framesby: lost by 7 wickets
vs DF Malherbe: lost by 2 wickets
vs Pearson: lost by 8 wickets
vs Alexander Road: won by 7 wickets

Collegiate Second Team

vs Woodridge: lost by 8 wickets
vs Linkside: won by 6 runs
vs Victoria Park: won by 42 runs

Thank you to all the Cricket girls for their hard work and dedication this year. Congratulations to Jeanne Steyn who has been appointed as the Captain of Cricket for 2024.

Mr R Marriott



CRICKET FIRST TEAM

Back Row: J Steyn, L Sugden, K Wiehahn, T Malahleha-Qaku, T Mc Namara

First Row: Z Hay, E Mhlontlo, B Burley, S Mbanguta

Front Row: S Naidoo, Mr C de Lange, P Tshofela, Mr R Marriott, N Primo



CRICKET SECOND TEAM

Back Row: M Kolosa, L Marais, S Punyamurthy, E Gobodo, O Yaphi, S Wood, E Zimmerman, J Prinsloo

Front Row: B Isaacs, Ms B Kruger, S Makalima, Mr R Marriott, N Makasana



CROSS COUNTRY



Pounding heart, blood, sweat, tears, adrenaline rushes and wanting to give up a million times are some of the symptoms all Cross Country athletes experience daily. We are a strange species. We complain about training or not wanting to train every day, but as soon as we are sick or injured, all we want to do is train. We run with a burning chest, pretending we do not have a cold. We get withdrawal symptoms when we cannot train because running teaches one perseverance.

This year has been an exciting year for Cross Country at Collegiate. Collegiate sent a Junior and a Senior team to compete in the All Girls' Festival in Bloemfontein. This tour was amazing and allowed the girls to bond as a unit. The girls competed in many events, including a flower relay and a race that looked like a maze. Collegiate took part for the first time in the Rhenish Derby in Stellenbosch against tough competition. We competed in many Leagues and we came second in the Framesby Cross Country League. We hosted the most memorable League on our home ground which was more like an obstacle course but it was definitely the most exciting race.

I am proud of our Cross Country girls. They have a smile on their faces and are up for the challenge – no matter the weather.

Our thanks must go to Mr Marriott who has been instrumental in growing Cross Country at Collegiate. We have even made our mark on the Mill Park Golf course with our weekly training runs.

I am excited to see what lies in store for Cross Country at Collegiate and I am grateful for the impact it had on my life.

Mia-Cara Hart





CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row: K Unwin, C Watson, J Coetzee, S de Ridder, C Catterall, K Erasmus, M Edwards

First Row: L Mzuzu, T Henderson, L Bresler, J Quevauvilliers, E Price, L Ngogo, K Zulu

Seated: J Lubbe, M Hart, Mr R Marriott, Mrs Z Grobbelaar, S Bradshaw, H Price





HOCKEY





Collegiate Girls' High School had yet another successful Hockey season.

The U14Bs participated in a local festival in Gqeberha. The U14As travelled to East London to take part in the annual Rob Taylor Festival where they played some amazing hockey.

The U16B team toured to Knysna to participate in the Oakhill Festival. The U16A side began their season playing in the Pearson Festival. They then travelled to Stellenbosch to take part in the Bloemhof tournament where they placed sixth overall. A special congratulations must go to the U16C team for having an unbeaten season.

The First Team travelled to East London where they took part in the Gregg Beling Festival. The girls played well and remained unbeaten. They then toured to Johannesburg to take part in the annual St Mary's Festival. The girls played their hearts and souls out to place fourth overall out of 32 teams after narrowly losing in the semi-final in extra time. The First Team then made their way to Bloemfontein to compete at the National All Girls' Festival and eventually placed seventh overall.

During the season we had multiple Derby Days and League games. This year the Hockey girls competed in Stellenbosch, East London and Gqeberha. The season culminated with the U14As competing in the Rising Stars Challenge where they were placed fifth overall. The U16A side competed in the prestigious Top 12 Tournament in Paarl where they ended eighth overall. The First Team competed in the Super 12 Tournament, ending eleventh overall with a victory against Herschel. The First Team ended the season ranked seventh in the country.

All the Hockey teams can be incredibly proud of themselves, especially since we had less time to prepare owing to the new Astro being constructed.

Congratulations to Queen Elizabeth House on winning the Inter-House Hockey.

The following girls were selected to represent Eastern Province at Nationals during the June and July holidays:

U18A

Elizabeth Porter, Kyla Nienaber, Tiara Finnis, Gabriella Tait, Alulutho Adams

U18B

Jenna Peltenburg

U18B non-travelling reserve

Hannah Griffin

U16A

Ayanda Klaas, Cassidy Williams, Gemma Bower, Khazimla Nogalawe, Taryn Peltenburg

U16B

Anna Porter, Lauren Labercensie

U16 non-travelling reserve

Tayla Paxton

U14A

Emihle Mazomba, Noliitha Makasana, Jana Prinsloo, Lusanele Ntsepe

U14B

Isla Minderon

U14 non-travelling reserve

Nicole Otigo

A special thank you to all the coaching staff, especially Mr Beynon and Mrs Posthumus, management and ground staff for all their hard work in making this season successful. Thank you to the school for making our new dream facilities a reality. Good luck to all the players for next year.

Elizabeth Porter





HOCKEY



HOCKEY FIRST TEAM

Back Row: A Pienaar, G Tait, L Kleinhans, L Upton, N Dames, J Brown, G Bower

First Row: A Adams, H Griffin, D de Lange, K Nienaber, C Williams, T Finnis

Seated: G Fourie, Mr A Beynon, E Porter, Mrs C Posthumus, J Peltenburg



HOCKEY SECOND TEAM

Back Row: T McNamara, K Wiehahn, G Wiehahn, E Stevens, R Ivings

First Row: K Rudman, L Venter, J Rudlin, W-U Jikela

Seated: A Lindoor, J-T Harris, Mrs C Posthumus, M du Raan, K Goedde

Absent: J Steyn



HOCKEY THIRD TEAM

Back Row: A Pearse, S Louw; N Schoeman; D Coltman; R van Rensburg
First Row: T Henderson; S Lobishe; A Croft; J Swans; C Heukelman; T Turner
Seated: T Njezula; Ms M Snyman, H Brannigan, Mrs M Loubscher, S Ntlama



HOCKEY FOURTH TEAM

Back Row: J Alberts, L Mdani, L Sugden, K Campher, H Dutton, L Löt, D Erasmus
Middle Row: L Nongqoto, N Sallie, C Duri, T Beaton, S Greevelink, C Louw
Seated: B Isaacs, O Swanepoel, Mrs H Carter, Ms S Venter, Ms E Rampai, K Mfiki, S Mochaba



HOCKEY



HOCKEY U16A TEAM

Back Row: H Campbell, J Coetzee, L Killian, E Horn, A Pienaar

Middle Row: T Peltenburg, E Olivier, A Knott, A Klaas, A Porter, K Brennan

Seated: K Nogalawe, Ms J Reynolds, T Paxton, Mr M Abrahams, N Mitchell



HOCKEY U16B TEAM

Back Row: A Ferreira, A Bresler, M Freercks, E Ferreira, C Davis-Taylor

Middle Row: S Mfecane, C Watson, S de Lange, C Pieterse, K Barton, J Roman

Seated: M Hoyle, I Newman, Mr A Moodaley, J Brown, B Shone

Absent: B Mgudlwa



HOCKEY U16C TEAM

Back Row: M Everts, P Brooks, E Wilson, T Bettridge, P Stevens

Middle Row: S Ntlabezo, K Legg, L Lamont, M Munnick

Seated: S Snobola, K Botha, Mr A Beynon, A Burrell, E Jack



HOCKEY U16D TEAM

Back Row: S Brannigan, A McGuire, E Harth, L Henry, J Assam

Middle Row: C Kucherera, S van Eeden, Y Davids, N Farrell

Seated: A van der Merwe, Ms B Kruger, L Marais, Mrs Arthur, N Meneguzzo

Absent: L Naik



HOCKEY



HOCKEY U14A TEAM

Back Row: C Grobler, J Grobler, O Freercks, A Fourie, C Eary

Middle Row: N Makasana, R Creighton, J Prinsloo, R Harmse, A Wilmot, E Manson

Seated: I Minderon, E Mazomba, Ms K Monaghan, L Ntsepe, N Otigo



HOCKEY U14B TEAM

Back Row: G Doussis, S Butler, E Pio, C du Toit, K Mack

Middle Row: L Ahmed, E Zimmerman, J Palmer, L Olatunji

Seated: T Frans, R Creighton, Ms K Monaghan, S Mdyogolo, E Adshade



HOCKEY U14C TEAM

Back Row: D Duri, J Herman, A van Wyk, S Ford, B Guest, K Phiri, G Carloo
Middle Row: S Biggs, D De Wet, K Ndwandwa, A Nomganga, J Prinsloo, A Fani
Seated: K Scott, Mrs C Kelly, Y Mabutho, Ms C Cooke, O Sinyanya





NETBALL





With a total of 19 teams, 285 matches played, and 3479 goals scored, the 2023 Netball season drew to a close.

I am extremely proud of each and every one of the 184 Netball players who contributed to this extraordinary season.

It was a very eventful year, which started off with the Despatch Tournament, followed by the Madibaz Tournament which saw our girls excel.

The U14As have made tremendous strides as they grew as a unit. They showed a lot of promise and we wish them the best of luck for the years to come.

Amy Botha, the U16A captain, described this year as her "favourite Netball season, filled with hardworking and committed players." This was clearly proven by the successful season. The U16 tour to Paarl saw the team flourish against tough opposition. They improved as the year progressed and they became a force to be reckoned with.

The First Team reached various milestones. We won Bronze medals at our Collegiate Netball Festival, and went from placing in the bottom set at St Andrew's last year to coming sixth in the top set. Finally, and most memorably for the first time in a decade, we beat our biggest rivals, Pearson!

This season was a great success, but it cannot merely be ascribed to the number of goals, intercepts and wins, but also the coaches, supporters and players who made it all possible.

This year, through our consistent training, Mrs Grobbelaar and Mrs Krige helped us reach tremendous heights. They never allowed us to give up and always believed in us.

Thank you to everyone who showed their support this season, from the teachers to the cheerleaders, to the learners and to the parents. I would like to thank my family who have been my biggest supporters.

Thank you to my fellow First Team players who brought their own personal flair and uniqueness to our special team.

2023 truly was the best season yet and we really did give it "everything, everything, everything!"

Nicole Lister



NETBALL FIRST TEAM

*Back Row: P Brown, M-C Hart, J Löest, M Evans, N Mokhele, M Botha, B Melariri
Seated: M Vermaak, Mrs E Grobbelaar, N Lister, Ms K Marx, Y Oliphant*



NETBALL



NETBALL SECOND TEAM

Back Row: E Mtala, K Cloete, H Cobaza, S Ndika

Seated: L Skepu, A Busakwe, Mrs E Grobbelaar, O Makinana, S Mbanguta



NETBALL THIRD TEAM

Back Row: I Buwa, I Madlingozi, S Sam, J Nel

Seated: S Vumenjani, K Madonsela, Mrs E Grobbelaar, O Mle, Y Peter



NETBALL FOURTH TEAM

*Back Row: L Matokazi, A Mnqumevu, C Coetsee, L Qwane, N Ntshona
Seated: Z Debeshe, K Matikinca, Mrs E Grobbelaar, K Konqobe, L Kuboni*



NETBALL FIFTH TEAM

*Back Row: A Aluko, T Thomas, F Melariri, A Matiwane
Seated: C Lion, O Madikane, Mrs E Grobbelaar, L Singeni, M Munshi*



NETBALL



NETBALL U16A TEAM

Back Row: M Bosman, K Nicholls, A-J Saayman, L Krige, B Bukani

Seated: A Botha, Mrs T Heynie, A Loyson



NETBALL U16B TEAM

Back Row: S Tyakume, V Ndyoko, N Mehlo, T de Vos

Seated: R Coombes, I Nonganga, Mrs T Heynie, A Ndlovu, Z Bavuma



NETBALL U16C TEAM

*Back Row: M Tukulu, C Adams, C Hyman, M Xulu
Seated: K Mmolutsi, L Qwane, Mrs E Grobbelaar, S Wood, O Ngxangane*



NETBALL U16D TEAM

*Back Row: A Gumenge, I Tiso, K Crane, M Kolosa
Seated: M Tukulu, Mrs E Grobbelaar, T Harts
Absent: A du Plessis, C Strydom*



NETBALL



NETBALL U16E TEAM

Back Row: R Mukumbira, M Fourie, D Ledwaba, K Spire
Seated: S Pappoe, L Doyi, Mrs T Heynie, L McNamara, O Makhuluma



NETBALL U16F TEAM

Back Row: L Damane, N Tundube, O Manona, Z Hay
Seated: Y Sizila, C Elbourne, Mr C Harmse, O Qaba, O Makhuluma



NETBALL U14A TEAM

Back Row: E de Witt, B Mtize, L Ferreira, E Duru

Seated: Z Knoetze, L Jam Jam, Mr C Harmse, R Krause, K Mack



NETBALL U14B TEAM

Back Row: O Nduma, T Castelyn, T Moahloli, E Gobodo, G Olivera

Seated: M Lloyd, Mr C Harmse, I Fernandes



NETBALL



NETBALL U14C TEAM

*Back Row: A Gqeke, U Nondlazi, C van Bochove, M Sigcawu, L Rala,
Seated: O Tonjeni, Mrs E Grobbelaar, A Mncwabe*



NETBALL U14D TEAM

*Back Row: A Mdani, S Kruger, S Evans, S Stuurman
Seated: Y Mabutho, I-M Mahamba, Mrs E Grobbelaar, E Stears, Y Mzozoyana*



NETBALL U14E TEAM

*Back Row: L Dettmann, J Staples, C Ward, J Paterson, T Majara
Seated: A Mahlalutye, A Erasmus, Ms R King, Z Ngwenya, B Chuene*



NETBALL U14F TEAM

*Back Row: J Cundy, J Naudé, E Kyazze, M Smit, V Browne
Seated: N van Heerden, Ms R King, A Reyneke*

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The Squash year has flown by. Every Friday, the First, Second and Third Squash Teams played League matches against different schools and gave it our all.

Congratulations to Madison Everts, Jessica Murray and Isabella Newman who made the Eastern Province U16 team and Nerissa Primo and Nicole Heuer who made the U19 Eastern Province team this year.

The Dave Hodgson Squash Festival was our first 'non-ranking' tournament of the year, which was held in Makhanda where the team played some great Squash.

The All Girls' Festival of 2023 was a highlight. We played our hearts out against some top opposition and are grateful for the support of the Collegiate girls who came to watch and

cheer us on. We received our medals and certificates with pride as we were placed Third overall. This was a remarkable achievement and we are very proud of Nicole Heuer, Nina Mitchell, Nerissa Primo and Madison Everts.

Inter-House Squash was another memorable experience where the Squash girls brought their A-game and the Borders were beaten by Queen Victoria in the final.

Thank you to the teachers involved, the Sports Department and most importantly to our coaches, Mrs Human and Tryone Dial. This year has been memorable and we have made unforgettable memories that we will cherish for years to come. I will miss the irreplaceable atmosphere of the green-walled Squash courts.

Nicole Heuer





SQUASH FIRST TEAM

Back Row: N Primo, M Everts, N Mitchell

Seated: L Kilian, Mrs D Human, Mr T Dial, N Heuer



SQUASH SECOND TEAM

Back Row: A Porter, A-L Myers, H Campbell, I Newman

Seated: Mrs D Human, B Burley, Mr T Dial

Absent: L Naik



SQUASH THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: K Rodger, J Quevauvilliers, C du Toit, E Vuta
Seated: E Manson, Mrs D Human, Mr T Dial, J Eaton*





INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS DAY

Inter-House Aquatics Day took place in Term One. The day was filled with smiles, good camaraderie and hard work. This year Inter-House Aquatics was held at the Collegiate Pool for the first time in two years. Queen Elizabeth House emerged victorious. Special mention goes to:

Jenna Coetzee who broke the 2010 U16 100m Backstroke record.

The top U14 swimmer: Zandri Knoetze with 41 points.

The top U16 swimmer: Jenna Coetzee with 74 points.

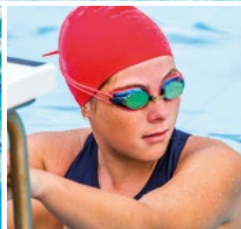
The top U19 swimmer: Tiara Finnis with 59 points.

The second event of the day was Inter-House Water Polo. The learners encouraged their teams by filling the arena with lively cheering. This competition was won by Queen Alexandra House.

The third and final event of the day was the Artistic Swimming demonstration where the learners were treated to a wonderful performance which left them in awe of the talent on display.

Thank you to the Sport Department and Mrs Arthur for their hard work and organisation.

Kate Meyburgh







SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING



SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

Back Row: K Erasmus, R Taylor, L Qwane, V Ndyoko, H Campbell

Middle Row: A Lindoor, S du Plessis, O Ngxangane, O Madikane, K Kongqobe, S Botha

Front Row: A Nqwaba, J Roman, T Catterall, Mrs S Arthur, I Tiso, M Mangqengwana, T Beaton

It has been a really great year for Synchronised Swimming and our team has improved significantly.

On 25 February, Collegiate hosted the Eastern Cape Schools Synchronised Swimming Challenge. Our girls performed brilliantly – showcasing their skills, dedication and determination. Another cherished memory of the season was our Synchronised Swimming display at Inter-House Aquatics day. We had the opportunity to show our passion for the sport with the beautiful and carefully planned choreographed routines. In April, Rachel Taylor, Aneesah Lindoor and Tayla Catterall were selected to compete at Junior Nationals in Cape Town where they performed extremely well. Special mention must be made of Aneesah Lindoor who was given the opportunity in September to represent South Africa in Athens, Greece, at the World Aquatics Youth Championships for Artistic Swimming.

None of this would have been possible without the instruction of our amazing coach, Mrs Norden. Without her hard work and dedication, our team would not be what it is today. Her constant motivation and inspiration have improved our success significantly and we are extremely grateful to have such a dedicated coach. I would also like to extend our gratitude to Mrs Arthur, whose behind-the-scenes efforts have not gone unnoticed. We appreciate her dedication to the team. Collegiate's Synchronised Swimming has a great and promising future. Thank you to all the girls who made this year such a success.

Tayla Catterall





Throughout the year, the Club, General and Learn-to-Swim teams have worked hard to achieve at their various levels.

The Collegiate Swimming Team competed in a number of events this year – one being the Pearson Prestige Gala where Collegiate together with Grey took first place. Collegiate competed at a B Group Gala for the first time. At this gala, some of our swimmers were selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the South African Schools Gala in Durban. Madison Fourie and Jenna Coetzee took part in the South

African Short Course Gala held in August in Somerset West. We are most proud of their achievements.

Many people say that Swimming is an individual sport, but it really is the team that surrounds you that makes the sport so rewarding.

Thank you to Mrs Posthumus and Mrs Vlok for all their hard work and dedication to the sport as well as to the swimmers.

Kate Meyburgh



SWIMMING FIRST TEAM

Back Row: Z Knoetze, E Stevens, R Harcombe, G Stone, M Fourie, J Coetzee
First Row: R Krause, C Watson, K Mack, A Fourie, M Bright, A Loyson, Y Nomoyi
Seated: I Minderon, K Meyburgh, Mrs C Posthumus, Mrs H Vlok, T Finnis, I Prinsloo





SWIMMING



GENERAL SWIMMING

Back Row: J Cundy, G Doussis, E de Kock, E Duru, E Kyazze, O Manona, E Bowker
Middle Row: A Gcusa, L Damane, I Qhina, A Erasmus, L Khuse, L Gallant, K Ndwandwa
Front Row: K Tobias, I Peter, C Posthumus, Mrs H Vlok, R King, A Poyana, T Harts





2023 was a year filled with excitement for our Tennis Team. We started the year with the annual Merrifield tournament in East London where we placed fourth overall. It was a successful weekend for our girls, considering that it was the very first tournament of the season.

In March, we competed in the annual Selborne/Clarendon Mixed Doubles Tournament with Grey High School. Our team managed to win both our singles and mixed doubles against Kingswood and the Queen's College/GHS team. Unfortunately, we lost against the host teams Selborne and Clarendon. Our energy and hopes remained high as we played our rivals Pearson in the semi-finals, which we unfortunately lost. We went on to beat Stirling High School in the play-offs, placing us third overall. This was a memorable tour, where we grew much closer as a team and left having made many new memories.

In Term Two, our Top Four girls went to the All Girls' Festival in Bloemfontein. The team did well playing against strong tennis schools. We enjoyed meeting new people from all over the country, being able to watch other sports being played, and being able to support our fellow Collegiate sisters just as much as they supported us. We ended up placing

eleventh overall.

Throughout the year we also played many League and Derby Day matches where we gave of our best. We travelled to Stellenbosch to face Rhenish. Although the results were not in our favour, the experience was very exciting for the team. The Third Term ended with the annual school championships and Inter-House Tennis.

The tour to Sun City during the September holidays is one of the highlights on the Tennis Calendar. Our young team played their hearts out and made the most of this wonderful opportunity. Collegiate came ninth out of sixteen teams. This is a tour that challenges one's resilience in very hot conditions. It is also enjoyable and an opportunity to play against schools with whom we do not normally cross paths.

I would like to thank the Tennis team for their help and support. Thank you to Ms Purchase for her assistance and listening ear – even if it was not at all Tennis-related. Thank you to our coaches, managers and the Sports Department who made all of the tours a reality for us. It was an honour to lead the Tennis Team of 2023.

Maryke du Raan





TENNIS



TENNIS FIRST SQUAD

Back Row: H Shearer, T Peltenburg, I Pringle, B Shone, G Fourie

Seated: J Peltenburg, Ms S Purchase, M du Raan, Mr A Barnard, T Paxton



TENNIS SECOND SQUAD

Back Row: L Harty, T-A Bettridge, G Bower, T McNamara, K Halferty

Seated: Z Mostert, Ms S Purchase, D Barrow, Mr C Stoltz, J Assam



TENNIS THIRD AND FOURTH SQUAD

Back Row: S van Staden, G Pretorius, M Potgieter, P Stevens, J Naudé

Middle Row: O Makhuluma, V Makwetu, Y Mabutho, E Mazomba

First Row: T Frans, Ms S Purchase, L Lamont, Mr C Stoltz, M Munshi

Absent: L Ntsepe, U Nondlazi





U15 WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

U15 Collegiate Girls' High School Water Polo Tournament, powered by Old Mutual Wealth

The U15 Collegiate Water Polo Tournament is always a highlight on the sporting calendar and the 2023 edition was no different.

The tournament, however, took on a new title in 2023 and was officially labeled as the U15 Collegiate Girls' High School Water Polo Tournament, powered by Old Mutual Wealth.

This partnership has taken the tournament to new heights and we are grateful to Old Mutual for stepping in and supporting girls' sport.

This tournament plays host to top schools from around the country including some teams from Cape Town, Johannesburg, George, Makhanda, East London and Gqeberha. A welcome addition to this year's tournament was the inclusion of Hellenic Academy from Zimbabwe.

Reddam House from Constantia once again came out on top and achieved back-to-back winner's status.

A huge thank you must go to the entire Collegiate Water Polo community for making this year's tournament a successful one.

The future is bright for Water Polo at Collegiate and there is no doubt that being able to host this prestigious tournament alongside partners like Old Mutual Wealth, goes a long way to building a consistent and successful programme.

Mr A Beynon



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The life of your average Water Polo player consists of red eyes, the smell of chlorine, scratch marks and exhaustion.

This year has been yet another eventful and jam-packed Water Polo year. Well done to every Water Polo player for putting in hours of training and for representing our school so well.

The Derby Days are always a highlight on the calendar and a special mention must be made to all the Water Polo girls for beating Pearson in every age group in our fixture against them in Term One.

At the end of last year, our First, Second and U15A Teams participated in the Clarendon Stayers' Tournament and our First Team travelled to Johannesburg for the annual St Stithian's Tournament. These tournaments allowed the juniors in the teams a platform to adapt to playing without the Grade Twelves.

The U14A and U15A teams have done exceptionally well throughout the year in their respective tournaments.

Both the Second Team and the U15B Team were able to participate in the annual Oakhill Chukka Festival which is always a fun-filled weekend.

The First Team participated in the Brian Baker Tournament in Makhanda at the beginning of the year and then travelled to Johannesburg for one of the most prestigious Water

Polo tournaments in the country, the St Peter's Tournament. This tournament is special in that it is the last time that the Matrics represent the school.

Recently, the newly selected First Team travelled to Cape Town to participate in the Reddam Tournament. Many memories were made and many lessons were learnt.

The following girls were selected to represent Nelson Mandela Bay at the end of last year to participate at the Water Polo Inter-Provincial Tournament.

14A – Jamie Brown

15A – Elizabeth Horn, Aimee Pienaar, Yanelisa Nomoyi

19A – Nicole Dames, Nina van Bochove
(non-travelling reserve)

There was tough competition between the Houses at Inter-House Water Polo on Aquatics Day. Well done to Queen Alexandra House for placing first.

I salute all the Water Polo players. Behind every cap is a tough 'cookie', one who has put in hours of hard work and training. Without your effort, we would not have been able to make this year a success. Thank you to the head of Water Polo, Mr Beynon, and all the coaches and managers of each team for giving of their time to make all this possible.

It was a huge privilege to be Water Polo captain this year.

Nicole Dames





WATER POLO



WATER POLO FIRST TEAM

Back Row: M Bright, R Ivings, A Botha, G Wiehahn, M Botha, E Horn, A Pienaar, E Stevens
Seated: D De Lange, N Dames, Mr S Zondani, Ms K Monaghan, N van Bochove, S Bradshaw



WATER POLO SECOND TEAM

Back Row: M Konold, Y Nomoyi, K Meyburgh, J Bredell, R Coombes
Seated: A Loyson, Ms J Ashby, L Venter, Ms R King, K Nienaber



WATER POLO THIRD TEAM

Back Row: C De Beer, A Knott, J Swans, N Schoeman, D Coltman, C Davis-Taylor, J Ioannides, K Barton
Seated: C Robinson, Ms E Roode, M Evans, Ms X Mkhonza, M Hoyle



WATER POLO U15A

Back Row: K Legg, M Everts, E Jonker, I Scott, L Krige, L Heny, C Watson
Seated: A Burrell, Mr A Beynon, J Brown, Ms S Edwards, K Brennan,



WATER POLO



WATER POLO U15B AND U15C

Back Row: C Strydom, M Wessels, E Harth, K Hechter
First Row: K Crane, M Burger, G Atkinson, P Brooks, L Painter, L Davis
Seated: I Peter, L Naik, Ms R King, M Munnick, N Sallie



WATER POLO U14A

Back Row: A Wilmot, A Fourie, L Ferreira, O Freercks, E de Witt, R Krause, J Prinsloo
Seated: E Manson, Ms J Reynolds, C van Bochove, Ms C Rawstron, E Adshade



WATER POLO U14B AND C

Back Row: K Mack, B Guest, I Lavoie-Bands, M Lloyd, J Paterson
First Row: G Olivera, S Evans, S Butler, J Herman, A van Wyk, I Fernandes
Seated: I Minderon, Ms A King, S Mdyogolo, Ms D Davis, R Harmse





ACCOUNTING TUTORING



ACCOUNTING TUTORING

Back Row: K Madonsela, J Ioannides, A Elliott, G Wiehahn, J Löst, K Matikinca
Seated: A Ismail, Ms J Reynolds, O Mkuhlu, Mrs L Riley, E Reddy

ART ENRICHMENT



ART ENRICHMENT

Back Row: V Ntumba Makolo, G Barnes, M Kockott, H Dutton, J Kapp,
First Row: A Reyneke, A Lindoor, K Erasmus, S Konza, C Duri, A Albany
Seated: M Tendayi, J Marriott, Mrs J Jones, E Wedderburn, A Mabutho



The Art Room is a hive of excitement every Tuesday when the Art Enrichment members meet and share creative ideas. The aim of the Club is to exercise creativity and develop visual literacy by exposing members to varied art media and art styles. This year, the Club has worked on various creative projects from a lino cut printmaking project, using grids to improve drawing styles, to a collaborative portraiture artwork exploring Collegiate identity.

To give our learners a true sense of enrichment through the Arts, we were able to visit various galleries. Mrs Jones was able to provide an insightful perspective into the artworks on display. Two highlights included seeing the David Goldblatt exhibition at the GFI Gallery and going on an outing to

the Nelson Mandela Bay Museum where we saw work by renowned South African artists like William Kentridge, Willie Bester and Diane Victor.

A highlight in Term Two was a guest lecture by artist Cedric Vanderlinden, owner of Art on Main and curator for Underculture Contemporary. Mr Vanderlinden put together a presentation of his artworks and also talked to our members about how to establish a career in the Arts.

Thank you to Mrs Jones for her passion for the society and for creating a space where we can be creative and share our diverse expression.

Jordyn Marriott



BALLROOM DANCING

With Ballroom Dancing classes back in full 'swing', spirits have been high. Members are always welcomed with a line dance and the bright warm smiles of our talented instructors, Mr and Mrs Roberts.

Our dancers competed in the annual Dare2Dance Inter-Schools Ballroom Dancing competition held on 6 May this year. Returning to the Feather Market Hall made the atmosphere of the night more magical and memorable. The dancers did exceptionally well, claiming second and fourth positions in the Silver Ballroom category, second and fourth places in the Silver Latin category and fourth in the Bronze Ballroom category. The night was filled with cheering and singing from a supportive audience. Despite being from different schools, we became one on the dance floor as we put our all into the group line dances which took place between categories. It was a great opportunity to connect.

After the excitement of the Inter-School's Ballroom Dancing competition, it was time to focus and set goals for the upcoming Ballroom and Latin Dance Bar Tests. The hard work of the past terms paid off. All our dancers received over 80%

for their tests, with a number of them receiving Scrolls and Silver Bars at Queen Elizabeth House Day.

I would like to thank the Ballroom Dancing Society head teacher, Mrs Mey, for the immense amount of effort she has put into the running of the society, and for always being reliable and informative. A special thanks also goes to all the teachers who took time out of their day to sit in during our classes and to take register. It does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. I would like to thank the Ballroom Committee for assisting me in organising the stand at the Society Fair and Open Day where we were able to promote Ballroom Dancing.

The annual Grand Ball, hosted by Dare2Dance Studios, was held at the Feather Market Centre in October. It was a fun-filled night of dancing with friends and meeting new people.

Thank you to all the Ballroom dancers for another year of friendships, achievements and memories. Never stop dancing and join in to have a 'ball'!

Kaylee Villet



BALLROOM DANCING COMMITTEE

Back Row: Mrs L Mey, Mr P Greenway

Standing: L Mazwane, K Villet, M Mangqengwana, Ms P Ndovela



The Bio-Science and Environmental Society, an engaging and dynamic haven for Science enthusiasts, has once again proven to be a hub of creativity and discovery throughout the year. The society's dedication to hands-on learning has led to the creation of remarkable experiments that bridge the gap between theory and practice.

One of the highlights of the society's activities this year was the creation of a candy DNA model. The exploration of chemical reactions took centre stage with experiments such as exothermic and endothermic reactions, where members had the delightful task of creating their own ice cream. The laughter that echoed through the classroom was testament to the success of this experiment. Diving deeper into the world of chemistry, the club delved into experiments such as the creation of lava lamps, the explosive excitement of elephant toothpaste and many more exciting experiments.

A remarkable aspect of the society is its commitment to inclusivity. The club has consistently welcomed learners from all grades, regardless of whether they take Science or not. Participants found themselves engaged and enthralled by the interactive experiments and formed lasting memories and friendships.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering guidance of Miss Mkhonza, the dedicated teacher in charge of the Bio-Science and Environmental Society. Her mentorship and support have been instrumental in shaping the society's success. The society's committee wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation for her constant encouragement and dedication. The society has not only deepened its members' understanding of Science and Biology but has also ignited a passion that will undoubtedly shape their academic journeys in the years to come.

Likhona Noti



BIO-SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Standing: L Noti, Ms X Mkhonza, D Tembeni and S Mdludlu

CATS

Our goal this year was to write and produce a short film. In order to do that, we wanted to create a comfortable space where members could express their emotions. Every Tuesday, we played games as a sort of 'ice breaker', before settling down to some serious planning of our short film. There was a clear progression as we grew together as a society. We created a welcome environment for learners who are interested in Drama to explore ideas and share opinions.

Our short film will be released at the end of this year. We are extremely proud of how far we have come.

Thank you to Mr Batista for attending the sessions and guiding us throughout the year.

Amy Heukelman



CATS

Back Row: S Biggs, K Wilson, T Elliott, M Mc Kerr, J Naudé

Seated: S Wood, Mr J Batista, A Heukelman



CHARITY BAZAAR

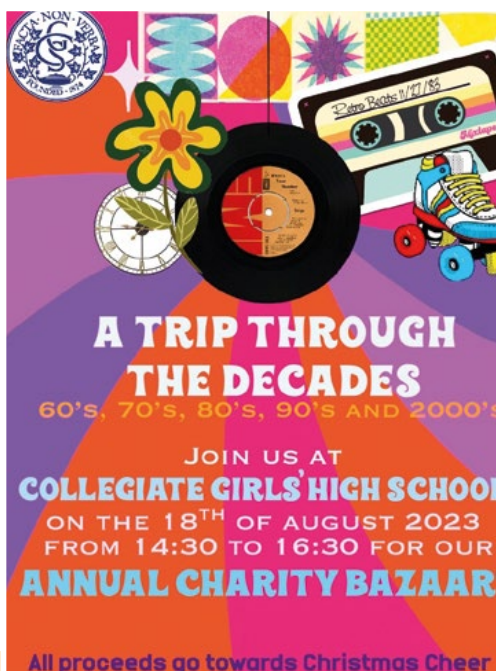
The annual Charity Bazaar's theme this year was 'Through the Decades' and it truly was a day filled with excitement, great food and many memorable moments well spent with friends.

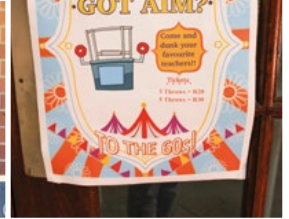
In the weeks leading up to the event, learners worked incredibly hard to plan and organise their classes' contributions. They used creativity to decorate their themed stalls and plan their fashionable and funky outfits for the occasion. A variety of goods was on sale, from delicious food and sweet treats to attractive arts and crafts as well as highly entertaining activities. Many grades sold all their stock, proving the success of the event.

The Charity Bazaar was supported by the Collegiate community. We were able to raise R56 133,55 which was donated to Community Chest and will be used to brighten up the lives of those less fortunate in our city.

Thank you to Mrs Vanderlinden and Mrs Lotz for all their planning and organisation. Thank you also to all the teachers who assisted their classes plan and co-ordinate their stalls.

Gabriela and Christina Yiannaros







This year was my second year as a member of the Cookery Club and helping Mrs Jooste and Mrs Lotz in the Consumer Studies kitchen. I will miss seeing the girls' happy faces once they have completed their tasks.

This year, the girls made various sweet and savoury treats, including crumpets, French toast bites, Bovril and cheese pastries, brownies and more. Gina, one of the members, said, 'I loved meeting new girls whom I had never spoken to before and interacting with others. I also enjoyed making

new dishes'.

I have loved being able to help where I can – teaching the girls new skills in the kitchen, showing them how things work and giving them a better understanding of how to cook and bake. Thank you to Mrs Lotz and Mrs Jooste for all the planning and organisation this year. I hope the girls continue to enjoy learning new cooking techniques and making new friends while having fun.

Mikayla Vermaak





Debating League began early in Term One for our Senior Debating team, as we aimed to continue Collegiate's outstanding tradition of success in the PE Debating League. Our team demonstrated its tenacity by participating in engaging debates on diverse topics. The team's persistent commitment and desire to improve were truly remarkable. While the Senior team faced some challenges and did not achieve the desired result this year, our Junior team truly shone.

The success of our younger teams this season has been nothing short of amazing. They rose to the top of the Junior Debating League thanks to their commitment, effort and great debating abilities. Winning the League earned them a well-deserved place in the 2023 Makhanda Provincial Debating Tournament.

They also relished the opportunity to take part in the All Girls' Festival hosted in Bloemfontein. This much anticipated event brought together brilliant female debaters from

schools all over the country and provided our team with an exceptional platform that allowed them to debate against formidable opponents.

The Inter-House Debating competition allowed learners from different Houses the opportunity to showcase their ability to speak clearly and captivate the adjudicators and audience alike. After several engaging debates, Queen Elizabeth House prevailed.

Overall, this year has been stimulating and busy owing to the return to the majority of the Debating Leagues. The Debating Society has experienced incredible development, and I have no doubt that the future debaters will raise the bar for Collegiate Debating.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Weideman and Mrs Winchester for their support, encouragement and excellent organisational skills.

Naledi Mokele



DEBATING

Back Row: J van Tonder, N Goliath, C van Heerden

Seated: N Mokhele, Mrs D Weideman, O Kama



FIRST AID HEAD

Standing: S Sallie, Mrs S Arthur

First Aid is immediate help offered by lay rescuers to people suffering from unexpected accidents. It is a vital life skill that teaches us always to remain calm and equips us with the necessary tools that are needed to deal with an emergency.

We started the year by showcasing First Aid at both the Grade Eight Society Fair and Collegiate's Open day. Our stall attracted many curious learners and parents asking questions on what First Aid entails and how the learners can become First Aiders.

In May and June this year, many of our girls completed their Level One and Level Three First Aid courses. The learners give back to the school by volunteering their time to assist at all sport matches and Inter-House events throughout the year. When on duty, First Aiders work together with paramedics who share a lot of very valuable expertise while treating the injured.

Our Level Three Grade Elevens and Twelves signed a declaration allowing them to assist with First Aid, not only at sporting games, but throughout the school day as well.

Being a First Aider at Collegiate is an honour. It becomes second nature and we are passionate about helping others.

A special thank you to Mrs Arthur for her guidance and support throughout the year and for listening and coming up with solutions.

Good luck to next year's Chairperson. I wish you all the best!

Saadiyah Sallie





FIRST AID



FIRST AID LEVEL 1

Back Row: M Delpont, S Myburgh, L Gibson, V Jeena, M Wessels, G Barnes, E Wilson, M Potgieter

Second Row: L Speelman, O Manona, V Ntumba Makolo, L Vermaak, L Painter, Y Davids, H Niaz

First Row: T Raga, J Ebrahim, I Qhina, C Williams, Z Salie, J van Tonder, L van Heerden, J Pierpoint

Front Row: N Sallie, L Papu, C Kucherera, Mrs S Arthur, L Marais, S Ross, R Ellie



FIRST AID LEVEL 3

Back Row: C Duri, O Gwili, S Rahman, H Adebisi, D Erasmus, G Yiannaros

Seated: A Daniels, L Singeni, Mrs S Arthur, N Moosa, O Kama



ENGLISH MENTORSHIP TUTORING

On Monday, straight after school, classroom 341 becomes a space of encouragement and guidance for learners who need help with English. We thank Jamie Rudlin and Andrea Kockott for being such capable English mentors. They have attended the sessions regularly and they are always ready to

help. Sometimes, the best teachers are one's fellow peers. We hope that English Tutoring goes from strength to strength in the years to come.

Ms J Kromhout

FRENCH SOCIETY

The French Society may be small, but its members have shown commitment and enthusiasm this year. We aimed to be more active from the beginning of the year and I am proud to say that we have done just that. Our sessions together consisted of "la musique française" with tea (the French way) along with other activities such as hang man, hopscotch (La Marelle) and guessing games such as charades and trivia quizzes. We also held a presentation on French inventions. All of these activities focused on improving the members' French vocabulary, memory and knowledge of things or places associated with French speakers.

Although we are a small group, we have big hearts and wonderful senses of humour! I am proud of the supportive and serene environment that we created. We wish to thank Madame Dos Santos for being the heartbeat of the French

Society and for all her enthusiasm and support. As the year comes to an end, we hold onto the good memories we have experienced together. But for now, "C'est un wrap!"

Zuzokuhle NdumNdum



FRENCH SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Back Row: J Hill; J de Kock; S Bonner

Seated: Z NdumNdum; Mrs L Dos Santos; I Hendricks



On Friday 22 September 2023, Collegiate Girls' High School held a Heritage Day assembly in which we celebrated the diversity of our school and our beautiful country. The Grade Eleven Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation Committee, as well as the Cultural Committee, worked hard to bring heritage alive on stage and took charge of running the assembly.

The school sang an isiXhosa hymn, followed by the reading of religious verses in French, Arabic and Hindi and then the reading of an Afrikaans prayer. Four learners shared a dramatic rendition of the "I am an African" speech by Thabo Mbeki delivered on the occasion of the passing of the new

Constitution in 1996. The Xhosa Society presented a dance, and Indian customs were discussed by a group who showcased Indian attire and the associated traditions.

Our guest speaker was Ms Lee Duru from Algoa FM. Her speech was inspirational as she shared her own rich heritage. She spoke of how heritage is your inheritance and the link between your past and your future. She reminded us of the value of knowing and loving yourself.

The Grade Elevens also made and sold badges to commemorate Heritage Day.

Mrs S Gerber





INTERACT COMMITTEE

Standing: E Porter, S Bradshaw, Mrs S Vanderlinden, M Evans, K Nienaber





“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give expertise, we can give love, or simply a smile. What does that cost? The point is none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.”- Steve Goodier

These words echo our proud school motto ‘Facta Non Verba’ and are the reason that the Interact Club at Collegiate exists.

When I was inducted a year ago as the incoming President, I was struck by the many engraved names of past Presidents on the chain I was handed. I realised then the great honour and responsibility that I had been given.

2023 was an incredibly busy and successful year for Interact. Without the amazing support of the 2023 committee and the enthusiastic energy of the incoming 2024 Committee, none of this would have been possible.

This year, we made games, play dough and puzzles for the EP Children’s Home. We held a sanitary pad drive, made dog toys, collected teddy bears, delivered Mother’s Day cards to Nazareth House, delivered Easter eggs, and taught the

pupils of St Augustine’s about the Five Love Languages. We changed the famous ‘Love Sandwiches’ to ‘Flavours of Love’, allowing learners to bring not just sandwiches, but soups and fruits as well, to give to Love Story. Interact introduced our new ‘67 in 67’ project, making as many sandwiches as we could in 67 minutes and giving them to ‘Love Story’ in honour of the late Nelson Mandela.

The Interact Club is made up of learners across the grades who come together as they have a desire to serve others. Many of the learners supported our Valentine’s Day project by buying cards for the gentlemen at Grey and our Pink Shoelace project to raise money for CANSA.

Mrs Vanderlinden is truly the heartbeat of this society. She is a calm influence and gives us her whole-hearted support.

I know that the 2024 Committee is most capable and will continue the good work we achieved this year.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve!

Sophie Bradshaw





"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can achieve so much more," – Helen Keller

In a world where unity and collaboration have the power to transform communities, the Junior City Council stands as a shining example of this truth. Comprising a passionate group of young individuals from multiple schools in Gqeberha, the council has made it its mission to uplift our community. We were able to complete more than twenty projects. One such project was made possible under the guidance of Mrs van Dyk, as we were able to donate numerous textbooks and study guides to children who have a passion for learning but do not have access to the necessary educational materials.

Being a Junior City Councillor has transformed my perspective on life, infusing it with passion and purpose. It is a journey that has made me a better person. Every project we embark on reminds me that small actions can spark profound change. It is a profound realisation that life is about giving, not just receiving. This role has cultivated within me a sense of resilience, empathy, and an unwavering belief in the power of togetherness. Being a Junior City Councillor is not just a title; it is a life-altering experience that shapes character and fuels aspirations.

I extend heartfelt thanks to Ms Ashby for her input and support and am grateful to Mrs Jooste for being willing to

transport and accompany me to the meetings.

Lastly, to my junior, who has stepped up as a senior, and the Head of Youth Development, Tyra Naidoo. It has been a delight to work with you.

Congratulations to our newly elected Junior Councillor, Sinalo Mfecane, who is sure to be a great asset to the Council. I have every confidence that you both will fulfil your roles with a strong sense of pride.

Sinelitha Mdludlu



JCC

Standing: Ms J Ashby, S Mdludlu





This year I had the pleasure of being the Head of the Literary Society, and although it was a lot of work, the joy of leading this amazing society made it all worth it. Throughout the year, we explored multiple genres and types of writing, from humorous stories to heart-breaking poems. In the process, we discovered that the Literary Society holds an abundance of talented writers.

This year, the Literary Society brought back the Poetry Evening. The theme was 'Beginnings and Endings'. Old Girl Megan Guest was the guest speaker, who presented in a wise and gentle fashion. It was wonderful to hear various people recite poems.

It has been an honour to lead the talented members of the Society and I am so grateful for all the help Ms Kromhout and the committee have given me. Literary Society is a fun-loving group of learners who make everyone feel welcome and

accepted. I have no doubt that the Society will continue to maintain this positive atmosphere and continue to inspire the writers of the future.

Lily Gibson



LITERARY SOCIETY

Standing: I Hossain, L-A Gibson, Ms J Kromhout, S Ross, J de Kock



MATHEMATICS TUTORING

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin

Tutoring can help strengthen subject comprehension, boost confidence, and build important learning skills. Our tutors have had the valuable experience of assisting their peers in understanding Mathematical concepts. The tutoring programme has been in full swing this year, with each session a buzz of focus. Tutors were selected from the top performers and we are grateful for their dedication and

hard work in helping other learners achieve better results in Mathematics.

The Mathematics Department wishes to thank the Matric Tutors for their years of loyal service to the tutoring of Mathematics.

Mathematics Department



MATHEMATICS TUTORING

Third Row: P Coltman, J Lubbe, K Campher, J Löest, I Madlingozi, N Mokhele, S Mdludlu, G Wiehahn, M Wessels

Second Row: I Tiso, J Friskin, M Burger, P Brooks, B Melariri, P Stevens, L Mthi, O Madikane, A Beary

First Row: T Raga, A Nofemele, J Smith, A Ismail, S Wood, H Price, Z Debeshe, B Burley, G Yiannaros, N Mitchell

Seated: M Kolosa, S Pappoe, O Mkhulu, S Vanderlinden, M Caliste, C Louw, A Ah Chong



This year marked the tenth year of the Muslim Students' Association running as a society at Collegiate. We were privileged to host our weekly Monday meetings where we discussed verses of the Quran, as there are many lessons and benefits to be learnt which may help us in our present situations.

We started the year off by showcasing MSA at both the Grade Eight Society Fair and Collegiate's Open Day. Our stall attracted many curious learners and parents asking questions about Islam and some learners trying on the hijab. It was a wonderful opportunity to invite people to learn about Islam.

Our annual bake sale followed, where we sold delicious sweet and savoury items which were donated by the MSA members. It was a great success and all the money raised was donated to our chosen charity, 'Gift of the Givers Foundation', as they strive to bring hope and restoration to the most vulnerable.

Throughout the year, we continued with more charity work, as charity is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. This year, we introduced a new initiative where we, as MSA learners,

volunteered at a local primary school, assisting learners with their homework and reading. This is a wonderful project as we are taught that in Islam 'every act of kindness is charity' [Sahih Al-Bukhari 6021].

In May this year, a few of the MSA girls spoke at the Simamele Forum on the topic 'Religion'. The aim was to educate, clear misconceptions and answer any questions other learners had about Islam.

Later in the year, I was given another opportunity to speak at the Simamele Forum about the influence of leadership and how it influenced my faith as well as advice I would give to the next head of the society.

At Collegiate's Winter Sports Day, the MSA, combined with three other societies to sell ice-cream to raise money to fund the renovations of the school bathrooms.

A special thank you must go to Miss Reynolds for supervising our weekly meetings and for accommodating us throughout the year.

I wish next year's Chairperson, all the best for 2024. Inshallah!

Saadiyah Sallie



MSA COMMITTEE

A. Ismail, Ms J Reynolds, S Sallie



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PEER PROMOTERS

The 2023 Blood Peer Promoters believe in 'giving-living' and, in collaboration with the South African National Blood Services (SANBS), have carried out this motto with courage and kindness. Eager donors have been welcomed and made to feel at ease. 2023 has been another exceptional year for Collegiate as we exceeded our donation targets!

Being a blood donor can be daunting, but once donors have overcome 'the needle', it is truly a rewarding experience. Our Collegiate donors are committed to the cause and its deeper meaning, as one donation of blood can save up to three blood recipients.

On donation days, the Stevenson Hall is filled with enthusiastic learners, Collegiate staff and nurturing professionals from the SANBS team, who calm all nerves with their cheerful attitudes and, of course, cookies!

The Blood Peer Promoters would like to extend their immense gratitude to all of the 'lifesavers' who donate blood; SANBS for their continuous efforts to make a significant difference; and to Mrs Jooste for all her hard work and organisation behind the scenes to make our blood drives a success year after year.

Jayde Lubbe



PEER PROMOTERS

Back Row: T Turner, E Mtala, J Lubbe, S Naidoo

Standing: A Mabutho, S Ntlama, Mrs J Jooste, S Frank-Meek, G Ferreira

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PHYSICAL SCIENCES

The Physical Sciences Department has been a hub of activity this year.

On 21 June, the Grade Six learners from Collegiate Junior School spent the day with us. They thoroughly enjoyed being in the Jubilee Lab learning about the movement of particles due to kinetic energy, as well as making their own underwater rain.

On 31 July, some of our Grade Eleven learners celebrated National Science Week with a visit to the Nelson Mandela University's Zoology Department. They were treated to a tour through the in-house aquarium and practical laboratories and experienced what student life may be like in the not too distant future.

We were privileged to have two lecturers from the University College in Dublin, Ireland, visit us in Term Two. Professor Jeremy Simpson (Dean of Science) presented a lecture on a method to explore cell function and therapeutic delivery of medicine using nanoparticles, in other words, how medicine can be programmed to target only those cells that are ill or cancerous, instead of all cells in the body. Learners were also surprised to learn how extensively technology, in the form of robots, is being used in the laboratory.

Professor Eleni Mangina, also from University College, discussed the various uses of augmented reality, as well as how to create one's own content. Learners were mesmerised by the 'HoloLens 2', which allows one to explore holographic images in 3-D. The life-sized images that learners were able to explore included the skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. The application of this technology in schools, although expensive, would change the way learners perceive 2-D information in a textbook.

We look forward to future engagements with University College Dublin.

Many Grade Eight and Nine learners competed in the Natural Sciences Conquesta, a longstanding Olympiad in South Africa.

The Natural and Physical Sciences Department provides teacher-tutoring for learners every Tuesday afternoon from 14h20 until 15h00. Learners are encouraged to book an alternative time with the teacher involved if they are unable to attend the Tuesday slot. There are also senior learners who provide tutoring to junior learners through the 'Studying Sisterhood' when required.

Mrs Z Grobbelaar





“Change happens through movement and movement heals.” – Joseph Pilates

It was encouraging to see a number of new faces participate in Pilates this year. Classes took place twice a week and offered the opportunity to build core strength, improve flexibility and enjoy the comradery.

Ms O'Neil and Mrs Kapp guided the learners during the classes, bringing their unique approach to each class. Both are trained Biokineticists and helped the learners with

strength, resilience and development.

The learners enjoyed a variety of activities and exercises with many laughs along the way.

Pilates is an excellent discipline which is suitable for all shapes and sizes. We look forward to another successful year and hope to welcome new recruits in 2024.

Mrs S Vanderlinden





INTER-HOUSE PLAYS

This year's Inter-House plays produced memorable moments. The strength of the Drama Department shone through the five Houses' performances as each used a Science Fiction series on *Netflix* as a theme to devise an original play, incorporating multimedia and making intelligent use of physical theatre. The quality of the plays made it difficult for the adjudicators to select only one winner per category; therefore, several categories have more than one winner.

Best Original Script: St Michael and St George

Best Supporting Actress: Oluhle Ntengu and Sophie Brannigan

Best Actress: Victoria Aluko and Mia Jack

Best Director: Isabella Pringle and Holly Price

Best Play: St Michael and St George

Thank you to the House Committees, House Heads, Tecru and all the teachers involved.

Mr J Batista





In the realm of personal growth and community impact, the President's Award Programme shines as a beacon of opportunity for young individuals seeking to broaden their horizons and make a positive difference.

The physical activity section of the Award encourages students to embrace a healthier lifestyle while exploring their interests. Some participants chose to channel their energies into sports such as tennis, honing their skills and fostering physical well-being. Some found passion in dance and rhythmic movements, that not only promoted fitness, but also ignited creativity and self-expression.

The skills section of the Award allows for learners to venture into new interests like learning to drive or learning how to care for and save lives through the attainment of various levels in First Aid. The Award offers a platform for individuals to embrace their interests and grow through them.

The community service section helps learners to give back to their communities. Many of us were involved in tutoring

children at Greenwood Primary School. Others participated in beach cleanups, echoing the programme's emphasis on environmental awareness. Volunteering is about making meaningful contributions that resonate with our personal values.

The adventurous journey is a defining aspect of the Award which offers students a chance to push their boundaries and cultivate teamwork. Adventures include hiking as well as camping, challenging students both mentally and physically.

The President's Award Programme is not just about completing tasks – it is a holistic journey that nurtures life skills, leadership and a sense of responsibility. It is an invitation to explore, reflect and evolve, guided by the pillars of physical activity, skills, volunteering and an adventurous journey. I would like to thank Mrs Arthur for all her help in assisting us. The President's Award Programme would not have run as smoothly as it has without her guidance.

Likhona Noti



PRESIDENT'S AWARD PROGRAMME

*Back Row: P Mnyamana, I Hensberg, M Coley, M Freercks, H Price
Seated: C Duri, A Thomas, Mrs S Arthur, L Noti, D Tembeni.*



THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Back Row: K Joshua, V Ntumba Makola, S Kruger, S Wood, C Watson

Seated: M Munshi, N Jacobs, Mrs J Jones, T Thomas, L Lütz

Every Thursday the Collegiate Photographic Society meets to learn how to use our cameras, receive feedback on our photographs and learn about famous photographers. The aim of the club is twofold: to develop our creative and technical photographic skills, and to be the official photographers of the school. Our photographers take photos at sports matches, concerts, assemblies and other school events. This year our goal was to build up an archive of school event photographs.

To give our learners a sense of true photography enrichment, we went on a gallery visit to the David Goldblatt Exhibition at the GFI Gallery where Mrs Jones provided insight into the photographs on display. In the first term, we did a studio shoot in the Drama Room

where we learnt about composition, the rule of thirds and how to paint with artificial light in still life or fine art photography. A highlight in Term Two was starting to learn about pinhole photography and making pinhole cameras.

It has been an enjoyable year and the addition of the younger members will help the Society to grow.

Tarryn Thomas



Photographic Society and Art Enrichment members at the GFI gallery for the David Goldblatt Exhibition.



The year began with the enthusiastic addition of a group of Grade Eights, gathering in the classroom every Monday afternoon, whether it be for their daily dose of trivia, sweets, or the overall positive atmosphere this club provides.

This year, Collegiate participated in the annual Herald Isuzu Schools Quiz. The competition involved high school learners from across the NMB metro, answering questions on a month's worth of Herald newspapers. Our team of four comprised of Evania Reddy, targeting the sports and leisure pages, alongside Marvel Tendayi, Tasnim Hossain and Mikaela Caliste, who all shared the responsibility of the current affairs section. Following two enriching and thought-provoking weekends of knock-out style competition, we were thrilled to advance into the semifinals. On the much-anticipated day of the semifinals and finals, Collegiate faced off in a show-down against two past champions. While our journey did not earn us a spot on the podium, it certainly earned us respect, as well as the title of 'The Underdogs'. The competition proved to be an invaluable experience. Our hard work and efforts certainly did not send us home empty handed as we received many coveted prizes including a prestigious R1500 book voucher for our school, solidifying our commitment to the pursuit of knowledge.

A much-loved tradition within the school is the Inter-House Quiz which takes place every year on the last day of Term Two. Excitement filled the air, as the school witnessed the five Houses and a staff team engage in an intellectual battle of wits. This year a twist was introduced, in which audience questions were factored into the overall House scores. Owing to the commitment and support of the Queen Alexandra House girls, they had the edge by dominating the audience questions. Ultimately this led the House to victory.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Inter-Schools Quiz League. This year, Collegiate did tremendously well, securing podium finishes in five of the seven league

competitions, of which three were first place finishes. With these excellent results, Collegiate achieved a well-deserved second place overall.

It has been a triumphant year for the Quiz Club, and this success would not have been possible without the eagerness and support shown by its dedicated members. Thank you to everyone who played their part in making this year such an enjoyable one. Special thanks must be made to Mr Greenway for his unwavering support and assistance which has made a significant impact.

Evania Reddy



QUIZ CLUB
Mr P Greenway and E Reddy





RESOURCE CENTRE

The Resource Centre is a valuable part of the school's infrastructure. It is a dedicated space where learners can access various resources to enhance their learning experience, as well as be a place to go to relax.

The wide range of resources – including books, magazines, newspapers, reference materials and digital resources – make the Resource Centre the proud 'engine room' of our school.

Our learners utilise the designated study areas, where they work individually or collaborate with peers, attend to group projects or work in small study groups. This promotes teamwork, respect and inclusivity. The shelves offer a diverse selection of books, including works of fiction, nonfiction, and literature classics. The books are advertised in an enticing way to all who visit. There is definitely something for everyone.

The Resource Centre monitors are always keen to assist learners in finding the right resources and teach them to conduct effective research. Mrs Shone and our team work efficiently to maintain a high book circulation rate by ensuring that we regularly update and issue books. This process involves staying up-to-date with current trends, in-demand titles and curriculum requirements related to specific subjects or assignments to make certain that the space remains relevant and engaging.

We were delighted this year to receive new chairs for our work spaces to replace their well-worn predecessors. The

upgrade is sincerely appreciated.

The Resource Centre remains the hub of all things 'literary', being the venue of choice for the annual Poetry Evening, Creative Writing workshops, occasional Further Studies English tutorials and, of course, is the home of the school's active Literary Society. Thank you to our Resource Centre Manager, Mrs Shone, for always being a calm, dedicated presence.

May 2024 prove to be another productive year for our Resource Centre community, with our learners reaching their targets of '150 Books for 150 Years'!

Mihle Ngqozo



RESOURCE CENTRE MONITORS

Back Row: G Yiannaros, B Burley, H Adebisi, L Matiwana, H Campbell, Y Davids, J Quevauvilliers

First Row: S Mochaba, O Mkuhlu, A Mabutho, T Raga, F Adam, S Govind

Seated: R Taylor, R Harcombe, Mrs L Shone, M Ngqozo, Z NdumNdum

Absent: E Pretorius



STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



SCA COMMITTEE

S Botha, J Friskin, Mrs Z Grobbelaar, H Campbell, A Aluko, K Shai



STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

It says in Genesis 2:18, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.' Christianity is based on community and discipleship. It is important to find people with whom you share a common belief, to guide you through the journey of life. The Student Christian Association is a community in which we share our faith and belief in Jesus and the Word of God. We share encouraging weekly messages that help us with our individual challenges in life; or a message that simply reminds us to keep going when times are hard; celebrating and giving thanks in times of victory. Our year started with messages centred around the character of God. We discussed the faithful, loving, compassionate and gracious nature of God. We shared on the character of God which is revealed through the Bible. We shared personal testimonies of how God's character is displayed in our daily lives. It was great to see our messages fall on fertile ground and to see people growing in knowledge, faith and confidence. Because of this, it is easy to build a community based on healthy friendships. Our meetings do not only consist of messages but also allow a space to simply 'be'. Our picnic, held in Term Two, added such value to our group as we shared tasty snacks and memorable stories. Similarly, we were able to extend our fellowship to the whole school during our Easter egg hunt, where we shared

Jesus' love for all. I would like to extend my thanks to the 2023 committee for their dedication and sacrifices made throughout the year. We have grown in friendship and I appreciate all that you have done to make this society flourish. A big thank you to Mrs Grobbelaar for giving wise counsel throughout the year, for being a teacher to whom I could speak freely. It has been an honour being the leader of this society and it brings joy to my heart to see the members grow in their faith.

Koenanyana Shai





The annual Natalie Stear and Charles Kayser Speech and Elocution competitions took place on 24 May. Participants were required to recite a poem and monologue, and read an unseen extract before an external adjudicator. The participants performed beautifully. Maria Freercks placed first in the senior competition. Her intelligent approach and good preparation served her well. Sophie Brannigan placed first in the junior competition. She performed with confidence and flair.

Ms J Kromhout



M Freercks, S Brannigan

THE TRILINGUAL SPEECH COMPETITION

This year it was the turn of the isiXhosa Department to organise the annual Trilingual Speech Competition. The results were as follows:

	JUNIOR WINNER	SENIOR WINNER
Afrikaans		Nicole Lister
IsiXhosa	Bukho Mgudlwa	Yolanda Gwija
English	Aisha Mxokozeli	Blessing Melariri

It was a wonderful evening and a pleasure to listen to the engaging and enthusiastic speakers.

Thank you to all the brave learners who entered and thank you to the Mrs Weideman and Mrs Loubser for their assistance and involvement.

Ms N Timba



*Back Row: N Lister, Y Gwija, B Melariri
Front Row: B Mgudlwa, A Mxokozeli*





TECRU

Back Row: S Vumenjani, T Malahleha-Qaku, D Coltman, L Matiwana, T Turner

Seated: L Singeni, N Jacobs, Mrs D Weideman, A Matiwane, U Adams

TECRU is a very 'behind the scenes' but important society at Collegiate as we bring performances to life.

I have so many happy memories of the hours spent backstage. I will always remember quick coffee trips between performances, the stress of remembering to wear black and climbing the ladder in the hall after school shows.

Thank you to Mrs Weideman for her support and the time she sacrifices to assist us. Thank you to the TECRU Committee for their dedication. I will miss you all and I encourage you to continue to serve the school backstage and bring 'light' to every show.

Leah Scott





TUCKSHOP MONITORS

Back Row: T Turner, L Mthi, H Libbrecht, T McNamara, O Yapi

Middle Row: L Noti, L Mdani, M Mangqengwana, A Thomas

Seated: K Mfiki, Mrs J Jooste, L Zinto, Mrs T Vorster, L Skepu

Absent: C De Beer, J Steyn, A Harmse

The tuckshop in the Ivy Leaf opens during first and second breaks and after school for those learners involved in extramural activities.

Our tuckshop offers many different snacks and treats, from the highly popular samosas to custard-filled doughnuts and fresh popcorn. Our monitors are always there with a friendly smile to serve the learners and teachers. They are hardworking and enthusiastic about their jobs. We will miss the busy

breaks and friendly interactions with the learners eager to buy their lunch.

We thank Mrs Voster and Mrs Deysel for all their support and hard work. Thanks must also go to Mrs Jooste for organising the duty schedule.

We wish next year's monitors well and hope that they have an enjoyable year of service in the Collegiate tuckshop.

Hayley Libbrecht



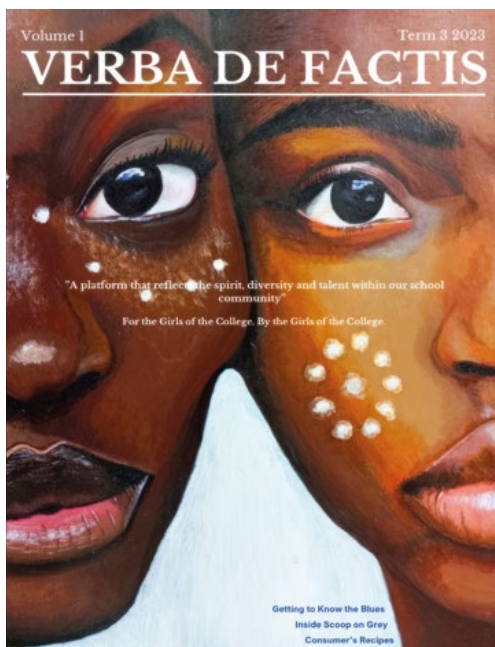


In today's fast-paced digital world that fights for the attention of people, the rebirth of Collegiate's school's newspaper was warmly received as a means to reconnect as a school community.

A dedicated team of talented Grade Ten and Grade Eleven learners worked together tirelessly to complete the first edition. The Verba De Factis is a source of great pride, shared vision and is testament to the power of collaboration and determination within our student body. We are grateful for the support of the school. An online platform meant the first edition was easily accessible to all learners and offered interesting articles, relevant stories and trendy content that grabbed the readers' attention. This is only the beginning of great things to come. We look forward to the continued growth and creativity with each new edition whilst honouring Collegiate's history and core values.

Thank you to Miss Ashby for taking on the challenge to resurrect the Verba De Factis.

Mia Jack



VDF

*Back Row: M Coley, M Wessels, L Matiwana, E Ferreira, J van Tonder
Second Row: R Mukumbira, O Yaphi, K Halferty, L Mthi, J Smith,
First Row: E Ball, S Greevelink, J Roman, A Mabutho, M Hoyle, J Kruger
Seated: T Harts, M Jack, Ms J Ashby, E Stevens, M Nhose*



This year, the Xhosa Society decided to help the Sibahle Day Care in Walmer Township. We chose this crèche because we wanted to help children in need. In order to do this, we sold waffles to raise money for the children less fortunate than ourselves. It made our hearts happy to be able

to bless those in need.

At the Grade Eight camp, we were able to promote the Xhosa Society and encourage new learners to join our society. We performed a traditional dance in the quad and answered any questions that the Grade Eights had.

We also showcased our society at the annual Open Day and were able to promote Xhosa culture.

It has been wonderful to connect with learners in younger grades. We are passionate about Xhosa culture: music, instruments and stories. It is the use of music in the Xhosa Society which creates an environment where we are able to express this passion. There is a real sense of sisterhood within the society and I am going to miss the discussions, positive energy and camaraderie.

Thank you to all the members and to Ms Timba for their support and dedication.

Avuzwa Gotyana



XHOSA SOCIETY

Standing: A Gotyana, L Scout, Ms N Timba, L Zinto and S Ndika.



67 BLANKET DRIVE

Knitting together warmth and compassion.

To commemorate Nelson Mandela's enduring legacy, the learners embarked on a heart-warming initiative, dedicating their 67 minutes to a collective act of kindness. The learners came together to knit squares and sew 180 blankets together for those in need.

The culmination of their efforts was a heart-warming distribution event. We were able to hand the blankets over to representatives from Mosaic, Nazareth House, Love Story and Thand'usana Babies Safe Home who could witness first-hand the spirit of generosity and compassion from the learners.

The impact of the learners' efforts extended far beyond the blankets themselves. Their selfless service ignited a ripple effect of kindness throughout the school community. Students were inspired to explore other ways they could contribute, leading to various initiatives to address social issues and promote positive change.

The legacy of Nelson Mandela lives on through the actions and hearts of these young learners, reminding us all that we each have the power to make a difference, one stitch at a time.

Mrs R Lotz





The Rites Of Passage Assembly aims to make the Grade Eights feel part of our Collegiate family.

After the Grade Eight camp, a special assembly was held to welcome them officially as fully-fledged girls of the College.

Each Grade Twelve old pot helped her new pot put on her blazer for the first time and the Grade Eights sang the first verse of the school song. It was a special and memorable assembly and we hope to continue this tradition.

The Grade Eights and Grade Twelves together participated in creating a mural which was printed onto a canvas and displayed on the wall to celebrate the sisterhood of the old pots and new pots.

Mrs H Carter





NATIONAL ALL GIRLS' SPORT AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On 27 April 2023, 62 Collegiate girls and 15 staff members departed by bus to Eunice Girls' High School in Bloemfontein for the annual All Girls' Sport and Cultural Festival. The festival was attended by 22 schools who competed in six sport codes and eight cultural activities. The Collegiate girls faced some tough competition and achieved some excellent results.

There was a wonderful sense of camaraderie as Collegiate girls supported and cheered each other on from the sidelines. Our girls can hold their heads high as they showed determination and courage while learning many valuable lessons. Thank you to the coaches and managers for their commitment and support. The results have been summarised in the table below.

ACTIVITY	RESULTS/ AWARDS	FINAL PLACING
Chess	Won 13.5 out of 29 matches	9 th out of 14 schools
Creative Writing	Zuzokuhle NdumNdum placed 3 rd and Sienna Govind placed 2 nd in the Poetry category	
Cross Country		Did not place in the top 5 of the 9 schools which competed
Debating	The Junior team won 1 of 5 debates. Caitlin van Heerden was ranked 28 th best speaker of 71.	
Drama	Alice Erasmus won a Silver medal for Best Supporting Actress	
Hockey	Played 7 matches with 5 wins and 2 losses	7 th out of 21 schools
Master Chef		Mia Erasmus and Jemma Scholtz placed 2 nd out of 14 schools
Netball	Played 8 matches	11 th out of 24 schools
Public Speaking		Aisha Mxokozeli placed 4 th in the Junior section
Squash	Played 8 matches with 5 wins and 3 losses.	3 rd out of 9 teams
Tennis	Ended 3 rd in their pool	Placed 11 th overall
Visual Art	Won the 'Creativity and Innovation' award	

Mrs A Nel







GRADE EIGHT CAMP

The Grade Eight Camp was a weekend filled with excitement, fun and memorable moments. The girls participated in various activities, led by the enthusiastic and dynamic 2023 prefects. They played games and competed in team-building activities. They also had informative sessions where they learnt the school song and were able to join various societies at the Societies Sign Up Fair.

The much anticipated 'Ghost walk tour' was a definite highlight, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the lively early

morning aerobics dance session on Saturday morning. The camp ended with the traditional and hotly contested Banana Relay with A5 taking home the coveted trophy.

It was a wonderful weekend where the Grade Eights got to know each other better, their register teachers and the prefect body. They definitely made memories that will last a lifetime which they will be able to reminisce and laugh about for the rest of their high school career.

Ms K Monaghan and Mrs H Carter







GRADE ELEVEN CAMP

With suitcases, sleeping bags and mattresses in hand, we made our way to the buses, ready for our exciting 'Addo Adrenalin' adventure. After we found the 'perfect seat' in the bus we could hear the anticipation for the days ahead as we sang at the tops of our voices in a key that would have horrified Mrs Agenbag.

We were welcomed with open arms by the camp counsellors and placed into teams. Team spirit was strong as we worked in our groups to design our team flags and make up war cries. Working with different people allowed us to grow our leadership abilities and be able to handle different situations. We learnt patience and improved our listening and communication skills. This experience definitely united the grade and was a great period of bonding when new friendships were formed.

The activities were designed to challenge us and get us out of our comfort zones as we endured the obstacle course, braved it out on the zip-line, had to sink or swim when our canoes tipped over and enjoyed an interesting tour through the citrus fields.

During the late afternoons and evenings, the grade bonded over the camp fire – singing, laughing and dancing together.

The camp was a wonderful experience and we all made memories that we will treasure forever. Thank you to Mrs Vlok, Mrs Lotz and the Grade Eleven register teachers for all their input, organisation and involvement and for giving us this amazing opportunity.

Gabriela Yiannaros, Yolani-Wanda Oliphant and Tiara Finnis







PREFECT CAMP

The DSG Monastery was the perfect venue for the Prefect Camp because of the breath taking views and peaceful atmosphere. We arrived with high hopes of discovering more about one another and strategizing how we will lead Collegiate through 2024.

Our camp focused on identifying each individual's strengths and developing ways to utilise them to contribute to our team. We learnt more about ourselves using the "tree of life" and found a common sense of purpose within the group. The Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl led us in a devotional time to enable us to connect with one another on a spiritual level and to help us find comfort and direction as we embark upon our leadership journey.

Marshmallows were an important feature throughout our camp as we brought out our 'inner engineer' as we tackled the Marshmallow Challenge, attempting to create a sturdy

structure out of spaghetti, string and a single marshmallow. They made a reappearance at our bonfire as we huddled around the fire with hot chocolate, telling stories and making s'mores. We woke early on the last morning and hiked through the beautiful grounds of the DSG Monastery. Some girls managed to squeeze in one last round of highly-competitive table tennis before we had to make our way back home.

Thank you to Mrs Balshaw, Mrs Lotz and Mrs Erasmus for organising such a wonderful camp that helped equip us with knowledge for our year ahead. Thank you to all of the staff at the venue who kept us safe and well-fed while radiating warmth and positivity. We feel ready to take on our roles as Prefects and to serve the School while embodying its core values.

Mykaela Moorhouse and Blessing Melariri



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: SPEECH NIGHT AND PRIZE-GIVING 2023

12 October 2023

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen; welkom Dames en Hêre; molweni Maneni Namanenikazi.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the annual Awards Ceremony of Collegiate Girls' High School. A special welcome to our esteemed guest speaker Dr Adriana Marais, the founder of "Proudly Human". We look forward to your address later in the programme and are sure that it is going to be most interesting. On stage, too, we welcome Mrs van Rooyen, the Principal of Collegiate Junior School for Girls; Deputy Principal, Mrs Gerber; and the members of our management team, Mrs Carter, Mrs Jooste, Mrs Lotz, and Mr Beynon. We welcome those in the audience: Mrs Nienaber, Chairperson of our School Governing Body, as well as all other SGB members present here tonight: Mr Fourie, Advocate Saayman, Mr Loyson, Mrs Sallie, Mrs Coleman and Mr de Beer. Welcome to the Rector of Grey High School, Mr Erasmus, and his wife. A special welcome to past Deputy Principal and Acting Principal, Mrs Biggs, and to past members of staff: Mrs Stoltz who retired at the end of March after thirty years of service in the Afrikaans Department, and Mrs Bransby and Mrs Joseph who still give so much time to Collegiate. With us from Clarendon Park Primary School is Principal Mr Derryk Jordan, who is a former Deputy Principal of Collegiate. It is wonderful to have you with us this evening, and please do take our best wishes to your staff on your school's 75th birthday this year. We also welcome Dr Sue Whale. Last year Dr Whale was with us as the Deputy Principal of Collegiate Junior School for Girls and would have taught many of you here. This year, Dr Whale is the Principal of Herbert Hurd – congratulations on your appointment. It is also a great privilege and pleasure to welcome Mrs Gill Robinson, past Principal of Collegiate Junior School. Grade Twelves, those of you who attended Collegiate Junior School, are the last of Mrs Robinson's girls that went through her watch from Grade One (some even Grade 00) to Grade Seven. No doubt, Mrs Robinson is looking forward to celebrating with you in your achievements. Finally, a very special welcome goes to the Collegiate staff, the 2023 and 2024 Prefects, all the award winners and their parents, the Grade Eleven and Twelve learners, and the Matric parents who have joined us tonight. It is such a privilege to come together as a community, a Collegiate Community, and to celebrate together. Welcome, one and all.

As I share with you my reflection on the past year in the life of what is now a 149-year "grand old lady" as I so fondly call our beautiful school, I am awash with a variety of emotions: joy, pride, gratitude, humility, compassion, love and excitement. I am so proud of our learners and especially of the class of 2023 here tonight. This group entered the year in the aftermath of the storms of last year that shook our institution and left scars on our community. It is this group who were called upon to exercise maturity and act with integrity as we reframed certain events during the year. They rose to



the occasion, and I can truly stand here and salute them. For the most part, they honoured their pledge, signified by the wearing of their Matric Badge, to uphold our five values of Responsibility, Respect, Good Work Ethic, Compassion, and especially Integrity. Thank you, Grade Twelves.

Good work ethic is a bedrock of any school that strives for academic excellence, and the good work ethic of the Grade Twelve class of 2022 gave rise to a 100% pass rate, 94,6% Bachelor passes with 141 of 149 Matrics securing entrance to university degree programmes, with the remaining eight securing Diploma passes. The grade average was an impressive 70,3%. 16,8% received A aggregates, three learners had eight distinctions, six had seven and there were 290 subject distinctions in total. This earned us the MEC Award for the Top Quintile 5 School with the most distinctions in the Eastern Cape Province. As we are by no means the largest school in the province, this is an impressive achievement. Robyn Hechter, the Dux Scholar of the class of 2022, received the award for the top learner in the Nelson Mandela Bay District with all seven of her subjects well over 90%. Of course, this was after the two Grey learners from our brother school were taken out of the mix, having placed in the top three in the province. Well done, Mr Erasmus, on this achievement of your two gentlemen.

Ladies and gentlemen, you can rest assured that academic excellence continues to epitomise Collegiate, and the good work ethic established during their school years will go with your daughters through their lives and can be applied in everything that they put their hands to.

This year, the Academic Portfolio Prefect and her committee put their hands to introducing a study skills workshop for Grade Eights and Nines. The Grade Eights and Nines who attended benefitted from the experience of their older Collegiate sisters. In addition, the 'Studying Sisterhood' which started last year continued and the peer mentoring and tutoring that this provides is of immense value.

Nothing in life should be a silo, so our Academic learners take



their talent into the community and tutor learners at St James RC Secondary School for Girls situated in Schauderville. This group of tutors, known as S2, benefits as much from the engagement with the St James girls in an environment other than the privileged Collegiate one, as the St James girls benefit from being tutored in Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Mathematics. Thank you, Studying Sisterhood and S2 group, for living out our school motto, *Facta non Verba*.

Facta non Verba runs in the blue blood of Collegiate learners, and many groups within the school involve themselves in community outreach. The groups and their deeds are too many to mention, and there is always the consideration that quiet selfless service by its nature desires no recognition, even though it deserves it. Thus, we recognise the hours that have been given by our Hockey players running a field Hockey clinic at Charles Duna Primary School in New Brighton; the hours spent at St Augustine's Primary School in Central on the "150 Books" project of renovating the library; the hours spent beach cleaning and removing alien plants, by our eco warriors; the hours spent knitting and sewing together squares for the 67 blankets projects; the hours spent at Mosaic centre in Walmer; the hours given to visiting the Nazareth House Old Age Home, Love Story, Animal Welfare, the Eastern Province Child and Youth Care Centre; the hours given to the Charity Bazaar where the girls raised R56 133.55 for the Herald Christmas Cheer initiative; the hours given by the Music learners visiting Laubscher Park West Retirement Village to spread joy through musical performances, especially of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by the newly formed 'C of the Saxes' ensemble; and so many more hours given to so many more in the greater community.

To continue on a musical note, our musicians have continued to excel with many achieving distinctions in Trinity College of

London examinations on numerous instruments. Those who participated in the Pearson Praeludium came away with a collective 11 Diploma (Double-Gold), 23 Gold, 10 Silver and 2 Bronze awards. There were also learners who were finalists in the SASMT 'Into the Mix' Contemporary and Jazz Music Competition, and others who performed in the finalists' concert of the annual SASMT competition. The Choir performed in the Choir Festival at Hoogland DRC; the Choral Celebration Festival Series at the Feather Market Centre; and were placed third in the Cantamus Choir Competition in George last term.

Other highlights were the String Ensemble participating in the Grey High School Strings Festival, the Bands Festival, the Vocal Ensemble's *Broadway: Round the Clock, a Century of Song*, and the Musical Moments Concert. We were also treated to the *Musical Maestros' Concert* which revealed that our Music Department does not only have Music educators, but talented musicians in their own right. How wonderful it would be if we could soon realise our vision and plans for a much-needed Music and Performing Arts Centre on our campus.

Moving on from the academics of the mind, the outreach of the heart, and the music of the soul, we come to the sport of the body. And what an amazing and exciting sporting year it has been. The Cricket Team has benefitted from the addition of practice nets to our campus, and the team has shown this past month that they are a team on the rise. There are exciting plans for Cricket in 2024 in line with Women's Cricket being a growth sport in the country and worldwide. Our Tennis team braved the heat of the recent Sun City Tennis tournament and have returned stronger from the experience. Collegiate had a number of learners represent Eastern Province in the following codes: 18 Hockey Representatives, 9 Water Polo Representatives, 5 Squash Representatives, 5 Swimming





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Representatives, 3 Artistic Swimming Representatives, 3 Cricket Representatives, 1 Athletics Representative, 1 Cross Country Representative and 1 Netball Representative, not to overlook the EP Reps or similar, in non-school sports such as the Equestrian disciplines, Lifesaving, Martial Arts, Indoor Hockey, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Irish Dancing to mention a few. Sport is certainly top-class at Collegiate. We are especially proud of Tiara Finnis who continues to swim at an international level; Aneesah Lindoor who competed for South Africa at the World Aquatics Youth Championships for Artistic Swimming last term; Cassidy Williams who has been selected to the South African U16B Hockey side; Elizabeth Porter who attended the South African Ladies Indoor Hockey selection camp; and Emma Jack, Likhanye Jam Jam, Elizabeth Nicol and Jemma van der Mescht who participated in the World Gymnaestrada 2023 in Amsterdam.

A highlight for Hockey was the First Team placing fourth in the St Mary's, Waverley Hockey Festival in April, and the First and U16A Hockey teams being invited to the respective Top Twelve Tournaments, and the U14A Hockey team to the Rising Stars Festival. The First Hockey team finished the year ranked seventh in the country. For Netball, the highlight was placing sixth at the St Andrew's Netball Festival and hosting our second U19 Netball Festival in July.

A further highlight not only for Hockey and Netball, but for Squash, Tennis, Cross Country and Chess was the return of the Annual All Girls' Schools' Sport and Cultural Festival hosted by Eunice Girls' High School in Bloemfontein at the end of April. Joining those mentioned sports on the buses to the City of Roses, were the following: Debating, Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Drama, and Master Chef. What a wonderful Festival it was, and I was thrilled by the camaraderie amongst the girls and the support for each other.

Camaraderie was also evident in the annual Inter-House One

Act Play Festival. The Festival allowed for our creatives to pen original scripts based on the theme of a *sci-fi series on Netflix*. As the curtains parted and performers trod the boards, it was clear that much collaboration and enjoyment had been had by all, and that Drama is alive and well at Collegiate.

Not only is Drama alive and well at Collegiate, so it is at our brother school. Grey High School hosted *Almost Maine* in July, and Collegiate learners joined the cast and crew. The calibre of the acting, the beautifully crafted production and the evident enjoyment of the cast and crew made for a 'feel-good' night. There is a much pride in reporting on the exceptional manners of the Collegiate learners who attended as audience members. It was one of the many events where one felt immensely honoured to be part of the College, as well as part of the Collegiate-Grey community.

Our greater community extends across our fields to Collegiate Junior, too, and there was much excitement when our Grade Six sisters came to High School for the morning and had a taste of high school life. They spent time with the Grade Twelves and experienced Science experiments in the Jubilee Lab, participated in a Consumer Studies practical, learnt some French, had a theatrical experience, loved the Art Room and played dodgeball in the Gym Hall. We look forward to 2025 when they will take their place as Collegiate Grade Eights.

A vital part of our community is the parent body and during the course of the year we have had several casual get-togethers at the Games Club of parents and staff members. These have provided an opportunity to create connections and to bring a greater sense of belonging to the Collegiate community. At the most recent get-together, we officially formed a PTA with Jacques Pienaar as Chairman, and we are excited for this group to be the launch pad for greater parental involvement in many areas, and especially in our exciting





150th year to come.

Turning from the people to the place, I am pleased to report that much attention has been paid to our facilities. Along with Collegiate Junior, we upgraded the original Hockey Astro of fifteen years to a water-based Astro. At the same time, we re-purposed the old carpet to construct a Mini-Astro. This allows our tiny sisters to play Mini-Hockey on a scaled-down Astro, while also providing a much-needed warm-up facility for the older Hockey players at both the Junior and High schools.

The now-functioning borehole has given life to the gardens as has the blessing of the recent rains. The gardens are being replanted and new life and beauty surrounds us, creating such a beautiful campus. Within the school, the transformation of the old 'College Girl Shop' into a boardroom fully equipped with technology for long-distance meetings was completed and the boardroom is proving its worth. Also proving its worth is the investment into a generator to keep the lights and power on during the unwelcome occurrence of loadshedding. We are most grateful and relieved to have this privilege.

We are also grateful to have had the means, along with some donations from Old Girls, to be able to restore the priceless Heaton, Butler and Bayne stained-glass window that dates back to 1892. Its beauty shines brightly once more above the landing of the main staircase.

The various bathrooms are being updated in turn and the girls are to be commended on their fundraising efforts to renovate the Matric bathrooms. A big investment has gone into building a workshop and store for the Estate. In turn, this has made available an area for an exciting development.

But it is here that I pause, as it is time to turn from reflecting on the year that has been to the year that is to come. The year the grand old lady turns 150 – our special jubilee year.

The plans for the year have been several years in the making and arise from the **VISION of CELEBRATION and FUTURE LEGACY**. 2024 is to be a year of **CELEBRATION**

- of all that Collegiate is
- of all who have been through the School
- of all its achievements
- of friendships and connections

It is also to be a year of looking to the **FUTURE** through the **legacy we create and leave for the future**. It is to be a year in which the Collegiate community worldwide unites and ignites the Collegiate of tomorrow.

Last term we issued the 150 Jubilee Celebration Year Plan and if you have studied it, you will have caught a glimpse of the enormously exciting year that lies ahead. From the Dedication Assembly on the first day of Term One, to the Thanksgiving Assembly in November, we will be on-the-go and marking the year in so many ways. It is not the time now

to go into all the events – a glimpse is sufficient – but I will speak of one of the campus projects and that is of the Fitness Centre and the hub of The Games Club. The store area behind the Games Club has now moved to the newly built workshop and store. In the next month, work will start on converting this area into a Fitness Centre for the use of all our sporting codes, boarders and more. There will be strength-training facilities and a Bio-Kineticist. We will also be opening access from the Water Polo arena to The Games Club to to make it possible to enjoy the intended Games Club coffee shop during Water Polo events. Is that not exciting? And that is but one of the projects that will be realized.

Staying focused on the 150 Jubilee year, but returning to the values I highlighted at the start of my address, I am honoured and delighted to announce our patron for our sesquicentennial year, who will be at our Founders' Week celebrations and who will deliver the inaugural lecture which is to become an annual event. We are a **values-driven** educational institution; we must plant the values and allow them to take root in our learners to equip them to make the world around them a kinder, more accepting, more compassionate world, where every action that they take is respectful, inclusive and comes from a place of integrity. It, thus, gives me great pleasure to announce that our patron for our 150th year, is one whose life embodies all five of our values. She is the former Public Protector of South Africa, former Full-Time Law Commissioner and current Chair of Social Justice at the University of Stellenbosch and founder of the Thuma Foundation for Democracy Leadership and Literacy. Several years ago, she was chosen by Collegiate learners as one whose words illustrate responsibility: "Those of us who believe in a better world must be the first to do what is right or needs to be done to achieve such a world." Her words and portrait hang in our foyer. She is none other than the esteemed Professor Thuli Madonsela and we look forward to welcoming her to our campus in 2024.

On that revelation, I reach my conclusion. Tonight, we celebrate achievement, spirit and good character through the awards that will be made. My congratulations to those who have excelled and who will be honoured tonight.

I wish to thank the staff of Collegiate for their time and commitment to the girls of this school. Our academic, sporting, administrative, finance, support, hostel and security staff have the girls of this school as their number one priority. Without the dedication and hard work of these people, Collegiate would not be the great school which it is.

I also wish to pay tribute to our Governors who work tirelessly in the interest of this school. They give the School so much of their time and expertise, and for that we are most grateful.

Ladies and gentlemen, special guests – thank you for being here tonight and I hope that you enjoy the proceedings.



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2023

GRADE EIGHT 2023	
The Certificate for isiXhosa as Second Additional Language	Onakho Nduma
The Certificate for isiXhosa as First Additional Language	Luniko Longo
The Josephine Lorie Certificate for English	Katherine Wilson
Grade Eight Academic Award	Lusanele Ntsepe
Grade Eight Academic Award	Shelby Terblanche
Grade Eight Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Jessica Eaton
Grade Eight Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Tiffany Frans
Grade Eight Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Zandri Knoetze
Grade Eight Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Eleni Kyazze
Grade Eight Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Jemma van der Mescht
The Certificate for Natural Sciences	Adrijaa Bhadra
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	
The Certificate for Creative Arts	Anika Ferreira
The Marlene Marx Trophy and Certificate for Afrikaans	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Third in Grade	Dion Duri
The Certificate for Life Orientation	Sarah Kruger
The Joint Certificate for Technology	
The Certificate for Economic Management Sciences	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Certificate for Social Sciences	Olivia Freercks
The Certificate for Mathematics	
The Joint Certificate for Technology	
The Certificate for French as Second Additional Language	
Grade Eight Academic Award for First in Grade	
The Award for the Best Work in Grade Eight	
GRADE NINE 2023	
Grade Nine Academic Award	Hannaa Niazi
Grade Nine Academic Award	Aaliyah Albany
Grade Nine Academic Award	Jordan Kruger
Grade Nine Academic Award	Neeshaan Sallie
Grade Nine Academic Award	Lynn Harty
Grade Nine Academic Award	Jade van Tonder
Grade Nine Academic Award	Giana Pretorius
Grade Nine Academic Award	Kiara Nicholls
Grade Nine Academic Award	Zara Salie



The Certificate for Creative Arts	Lilitha Papu
The Certificate for isiXhosa as First Additional Language	
The Phutumani Mondi Trophy for the Best Work in isiXhosa First Additional Language	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Mikaela Caliste
Grade Nine Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Eden Oliver
Grade Nine Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Vedhya Jeena
Grade Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Philippa Stevens
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Mieke Wessels
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Cailin Louw
The Certificate for isiXhosa as Second Additional Language	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Third in Grade	Jenna Coetzee
The Certificate for Life Orientation	Bronwyn Shone
The Loewenstein Trophy for English	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Certificate for French Second Additional Language	Clarice Pieterse
The Certificate for Mathematics	
The Certificate for Natural Sciences	
The Certificate for Technology	
The Certificate for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Certificate for Social Sciences	
The Certificate for Economic Management Sciences	
The Cup for the Best Work in Afrikaans	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
Grade Nine Academic Award and First in Grade	
The Award for Best Work in Grade Nine	
GRADE TEN 2023	
The School Prize for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Isabella Klatte
The Certificate for Best Dramatic Arts Practical	Ava Beary
The Certificate for Practical Consumer Studies Cooking	Erin Wilson
The Certificate for Practical Needlework	Kyra Butler
The Certificate for Practical Visual Arts	Kate Erasmus
The Certificate for Dance Studies	Gabriella Snygans
The Certificate for Geography	Ahlume Nqwaba
The Certificate for Mathematical Literacy	Tamrèn Champion
The Certificate for French Second Additional Language	Jordan Pierpoint
The Certificate for Visual Arts	
The Certificate for Dramatic Arts	
The Certificate for History	Rebecca Coombes
Grade Ten Academic Award	



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2023

Grade Ten Academic Award	Elizabeth Horn
Grade Ten Academic Award	Angelica Loyson
Grade Ten Academic Award	Mihlali Kolosa
The Certificate for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Yimitha Mbekeni
The Anderson Memorial Trophy for Bilingualism	
Grade Ten Academic Award	
Grade Ten Academic Award	Isabelle Newman
Grade Ten Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Kaylee Barton
Grade Ten Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Mikayla Edwards
Grade Ten Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Nazmira Soomar
Grade Ten Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Tanith Brito
Grade Ten Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Taylor Wilson
The Certificate for Accounting	Amy Botha
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	
The Certificate for Computer Applications Technology	Shanna du Plessis
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
The Certificate for Life Orientation	Elizma Ferreira
The Certificate for Consumer Studies	
The Certificate for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Certificate for Life Sciences	Jennifer Friskin
The Certificate for Mathematics	
The Certificate for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Certificate for Information Technology	
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Award for English	Maria Freercks
The Certificate for Physical Sciences	
The Certificate for Music	
Grade Ten Academic Award and First in Grade	
The Parkes Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Prize for Best Work in Grade Ten	
GRADE ELEVEN 2023	
The Donald Award for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Endinako Vuta
The Certificate for Best Practical Needlework	Cassidy Kwong See
The Certificate for Practical Art	Kaylee Villet
The Certificate for Best Practical Cooking	Zané Mostert
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology	Ninke Schoeman
The McWilliams Cup for Consumer Studies	Amber Croft
The Certificate for Dramatic Arts	Olona Gwili

ACADEMIC AWARDS 2023



The Certificate for Further Studies English	Hannah Williams
The Certificate for Mathematical Literacy	Emma (Tiggy) Stevens
The Certificate for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Lihle Mthi
The Certificate for Best Dramatic Arts Practical	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Sameera Rahman
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Jaime Löest
The Cimbelman Cup for Music	Beth Burley
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Lauren Venter
The Certificate for Computer Applications Technology	
The Certificate for Life Orientation	Helen Adebisi
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Certificate for Geography	Gabriela Yiannaros
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Certificate for Dance Studies	Lara Gaudin
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Certificate for Further Studies Mathematics	Servaana Naidoo
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	
The Boyd Trophy for English	
The Whiley Cup for French	Mignonne Coley
The Churchill Trophy for History	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Gemma Ferreira
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Kristin van Jaarsveld
The Joy Pike Trophy for Visual Arts	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	Anovuyo Mabutho
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	
An Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Skyla von Waltsleben
The Cup for Life Sciences	
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	Mykaela Moorhouse
The Certificate for Information Technology	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Third in Grade	Blessing Melariri
The Cameron-Ellis Cup for Achievement in Mathematics	
The Leith Award for Endeavour and Achievement in Physical Sciences	Tyra Naidoo
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Certificate for Accounting	
The Certificate for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and First in Grade	Jessica Smith
The Brock Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Linton Prize for the Best Work in Grade Eleven	



GRADE TWELVE 2023	
The Brunhuber Trophy for Consistent and Conscientious Endeavour	Andrea Kockott
The Prize for Consumer Studies	Favour Melariri
The Prize for Dance Studies	Olivia Emms
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	Isabella Pringle
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	Alex Harmse
The Award for Practical Visual Arts	Emily Peasnell
The Prize for French Second Additional Language	Emma Wedderburn
The Award for Information Technology Practical	
The Award for Outstanding Practical Cooking	Jade Bredell
The Langkilde Award for Outstanding Practical Needlework	Lolwethu Ludada
An Academic Award	Maryke du Raan
The Award for Best Dramatic Arts Practical	Sophie Bradshaw
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
The Prize for Visual Arts	Rachel van Rensburg
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
The Prize for Music	Hayley Libbrecht
The Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	

ACADEMIC AWARDS 2023



The Prize for English	Tasnim Hossain
The Prize for Further Studies English	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Rebecca Harcombe
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Amber Murray
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Elizabeth Porter
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Githe Fourie
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Naledi Mokhele
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Ammaarah Ismail
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Zipho Debeshe
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Mia-Cara Hart
The Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Sinelitha Mdludlu
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Mathematics	Gemma Wiehahn
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	
The Prize for Computer Applications Technology	Caitlin de Beer
The NMU Prize for the Best Practical CAT Task	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Nicole Dames
The Prize for Life Orientation	Holly Price
The Prize for Information Technology	
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Physical Sciences	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Prize for Life Sciences	Jayde Lubbe
The Prize for Geography	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	Nicole Lister
The Marie Pienaar Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
The Prize for Accounting	
The Downing Prize for History	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and First in Grade	
The Committee Prize for the Best Work in Grade Twelve	

HOUSE AWARDS 2023

The Cebe Cup for Inter-House Debating	Queen Elizabeth
The Ella Cup for Tennis	St Michael and St George
The Inter-House Quiz Cup	Queen Alexandra
The Hockey Bowl	Queen Elizabeth
The Netball Trophy	Queen Alexandra
The M S M Founders Cup for Squash	Queen Victoria
The Blaine Cup for Work	Queen Victoria



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2023

The Athletics Cup	Queen Alexandra
The E A P Andrews Cup for Drama	St Michael and St George
The Hay Cup for Swimming	Queen Elizabeth
The Marks Cup for Music	Queen Mary
The Steph Jones Cup for Water Polo	Queen Alexandra
The Inter-House Cross Country Trophy	Queen Alexandra
The Cricket Trophy	Queen Alexandra
The Chess Trophy	Queen Victoria
The Nowell Spirit Trophy	St Michael and St George
House Of The Year	Queen Alexandra

SPECIAL AWARDS 2023

The Linda-Louise Swain Trophy for Achievement in Dramatic Arts	Alice Erasmus
The Hayward Cup for Achievement in Music	Hayley Libbrecht
The Trophy for Achievement in Visual Arts	Jordyn Marriott
The Sharwood Bursary Award	Olivia Freercks
The Collegiate Old Girls' Guild Bursary	Nicole Lister
The Brock Bursary	Kate Meyburgh
The Gray Cup for School Spirit	Isabella Pringle
The Victrix Ludorum – Best All-Round Achievement in Sport	Nicole Dames
The Hargood Trophy for Sportsmanship	Danielle de Lange
The Odendaal Trophy for Sport and Academic Achievement	Nicole Dames
The Cup for the Highest Level of Sporting Achievement	Aminah Lindoor
The Glover Trophy for the Dux of the School	Nicole Lister
The Nicky Armstrong Award for Altruistic Service to the School and Community	Sadiyah Sallie
The Sheila Hellman Prize for Courtesy	Evania Reddy
The Lamp of Service Trophy	Kyla Nienaber
The Facta Non Verba Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Jordyn-Leigh Roman
The Deputy Head Girl Leadership Award	Favour Melariri
The Head Girl Leadership Award	Kyla Nienaber
The Whitehead Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Elizabeth Porter
Stephen Honour Prize	Kyla Nienaber

The following was omitted from the 2022 Magazine. Apologies to Blessing Melariri.

GRADE 10 2022

The Certificate for Life Sciences	Blessing Melariri
The Certificate for Mathematics	
The Joint Certificate for Physical Sciences	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Second in Grade	



Mark Range	English HL	Afrikaans FAL	IsiXhosa FAL	Mathematics	Mathematical Literacy	Life Orientation	Accounting	Computer Applications Technology	Consumer Studies	Dance	Dramatic Arts	French SAL	Geography	History	Information Technology	Life Sciences	Music	Physical Sciences	Visual Arts
80+	28	38	1	18	18	101	13	4	7	2	6	3	11	9	0	20	2	12	13
70 - 79	63	36	5	17	16	33	7	10	25	1	3	2	15	18	3	21	0	12	4
60 - 69	42	36	13	18	7	13	6	5	22	0	3	1	16	13	3	28	1	12	3
50 - 59	14	13	6	17	3	2	6	7	10	0	0	3	4	7	0	21	1	8	1
40 - 49	2	0	0	22	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	12	0	11	0
30 - 39	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0
0 - 29	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	149	123	25	104	45	149	36	29	66	3	12	9	48	50	13	103	4	57	21

OVERALL STATISTICS	TOTAL	%
Total candidates	149	
Overall Bachelor passes	141	94.6%
Overall Diploma passes	8	5.4%
Subject distinctions	306	





CULTURAL AWARDS

The annual Cultural Awards Ceremony was held on 26 September 2023. It was wonderful to be able to acknowledge and celebrate the cultural achievements of our learners.

Our guest speaker was Ms Jeanette Ginslov. As she is based in Sweden, she recorded a most enjoyable address where she gave aspiring artists advice on how to follow their creative dreams.

This year, a new trophy was donated by Mrs Hemingway for excellence in Voice Technique.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and may our learners continue to thrive in the various cultural activities at Collegiate.

Thank you to prefects Evania Reddy and Hayley Libbrecht for their hard work in the cultural sphere this year. We are grateful to all the society and service area heads and teachers for their time, energy and dedication. Thank you also to Mr Batista, Head of Culture, for his efforts.

Mrs H Carter



CULTURAL AWARDS 2023

The Webb Trophy	Gabriella Tait and Emily Peasnell
The Rugheimer Cup	Jordyn Marriott and Rachel van Rensburg
The Brenda Sanderson-Smith Memorial Trophy	Kaylee Villet
The MG Platt Memorial Prize for Service to the Library	Hannah Campbell
The Muriel Trudgett Award for Service to the Library	Mihle Ngqoza
The Nina Holderness Trophy for Service to the Performing Arts	Nadia Jacobs
The Cassie Vernon Trophy for Dedication and Enthusiasm in a Dramatic Performance	Lathitha Mgwebi
The AFDA Shield for Theatre Creativity	Isabella Pringle
The Jacqui Reed Cup	Mignonne Coley
The Music Department Trophy for Clarinet/Saxophone	Hayley Libbrecht
The Goldberg Cup for the Best Improvement in Violin	Cailin Louw



The Clancy Cup for Endeavour in Music	Camryn Robinson
The Fyvie Trophy for Outstanding Improvement in Music through Perseverance	Hayley Libbrecht
The Jean Momberg Cup for the Best Pianist	Maria Freercks
The Shawn Lyon Cup for the Brass Instrumentalist of the Year	Lufezo Nongqoto
The Megan Judd Floating Trophy for Excellence in Two Instruments	Maria Freercks
The Taylor Trophy for Exceptional Service to the Band	Hayley Libbrecht
The Hemingway Trophy for Excellence in Voice Technique	Hannah Nel
The Coulridge Cup for Creative Writing in Grade Nine Afrikaans	Clarice Pieterse
The Townsend Essay Prize (Junior)	Bronwyn Shone
The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing (Senior)	Tasnim Hossain
The Carruthers Trophy for Involvement in Cultural Activities in Grade Eight or Nine	Cwenga Williams
The Natalie Stear Junior Elocution Certificate	Sophie Brannigan
The Charles Keyser Prize for Elocution	Maria Freecks
The Linder Shield for Junior Public Speaking	Aisha Mxokozeli
The Award for Junior isiXhosa Public Speaking	Bukho Mgudlwa
The Audrey Sprenger Prize for Public Speaking	Blessing Melariri
The Pistorius Trophy for Senior Afrikaans Public Speaking	Nicole Lister
The Jambela Shield for Senior isiXhosa Public Speaking	Yolanda Gwija
The Leanne Cornish Cup for the Best Junior Debater	Caitlin van Heerden
The Photography Bowl	Lara Lötzt



SPORT AWARDS

The 2023 Sports Awards was held on 27 September in the Stevenson Hall. Our guest of honour was Water Polo coach Ms Christy Rawstron, a former South African Water Polo player.

The event was the culmination of the year's hard work. We want to acknowledge and thank our dedicated coaches and managers. Congratulations to all the award recipients.

If 2023 was anything to go by, next year's 150th Jubilee celebrations will be a year to look forward to on the sporting front.

Mrs E Grobbelaar



SPORTS AWARDS	
ATHLETICS	CAPTAIN: JAYDE LUBBE
Under 16 – 100m Champion	Kate Brennan
Under 18 – 100m Champion	Kerra Cloete
High Jump Champion	Queen Alexandra House – Holly Price
Inter-House Relay Race	Yolani Oliphant
Penelope Raats Senior Discus Trophy	Lilian Krige
U15 Shot Put (new record)	Amy Botha
U16 Shot Put (new record)	Amy Wilmot
U14 Shot Put (new record)	Milla Delport
Shot Put Champion	Jayde Lubbe
Javelin Champion	Yanelisa Nomoyi
Loubscher Cup Service to Athletics	Jenna Coetzee
Long Jump Champion	
SA Representative – Triathlon	
Senior Victrix Ludorum	
Athlete of the Year	
Junior Victrix Ludorum	
U15 1500m (new record)	
Middle Distance Junior Champion	
Middle Distance Senior Champion	Mia-Cara Hart

SPORT AWARDS



CHES	CAPTAIN: EVANIA REDDY
Most Promising Chess Player	Cwenga Williams
Dedication and Service to Chess	Evania Reddy
64 Caps for First Team Chess	
Chess Player of the Year	Jessica Murray
CRICKET	CAPTAIN: PALESA TSHOFELA
Most Promising Cricketer	Lusanele Ntsepe
Best All Rounder	Nerissa Primo
15 Caps for First Team Cricket	Palesa Tshofela
Best Batsman	Kyra Wiehahn
Best Bowler	Tsepiso Malahleha-Qaku
Cricketer of the Year	
CROSS COUNTRY	CAPTAIN: MIA-CARA HART
Best U14 Runner	Stacey de Ridder
Best U15 Runner	Jenna Coetzee
Best U17 Runner	Katherine Unwin
Best U19 Runner	Mia-Cara Hart
Most Promising Runner	Chloë Watson
Service to Cross Country	Sophie Bradshaw
HOCKEY	CAPTAIN: ELIZABETH PORTER
Most Improved U14 Hockey Player	Emily Manson
Best U14 Hockey Player	Jana Prinsloo
Most Promising U14 Hockey Player	Emihle Mazomba & Jade Grobler
NJ Bester Trophy - Most Improved U16 Player	Anna Porter
Smart Trophy - Best U16 Player	Cassidy Williams
Selection SA U16B Team	
U16 Dedication and Enthusiasm to Hockey	Gemma Bower
Most Improved Senior Player	Kyla Nienaber
88 Caps for First Team Hockey	
10 Caps for First Team Hockey	Maryke du Raan
63 Caps for First Team Hockey	Lara Kleinhans
51 Caps for First Team Hockey	Danielle de Lange
100 Caps for First Team Hockey	Jenna Peltenburg
104 Caps for First Team Hockey	Githe Fourie
100 Caps for First Team Hockey	Jade Brown
100 Caps for First Team Hockey	Nicole Dames
U18 Dedication to and Enthusiasm for Hockey	Gabiella Tait
100 Caps for First Team Hockey	
Lumsden Trophy - Player of the Season	Elizabeth Porter
Middlebrook Trophy for Service to Hockey	
113 Caps for First Team Hockey	



SPORT AWARDS

NETBALL	CAPTAIN: NICOLE LISTER
Most Improved U14 Player	Elah Duru
U14 Player of the Year	Likhanye Jam Jam
SA Representation Rhythmic Gymnastics	
Most Improved U16 Player	Mihlali Kolosa
Browne Trophy – Junior Player of the Year	Lilian Krige
58 Caps for First Team Netball	Naledi Mokhele
81 Caps for First Team Netball	Michaela Botha
82 Caps for First Team Netball	Mia-Cara Hart
82 Caps for First Team Netball	Mikayla Vermaak
Maree Trophy – Most Improved Senior Player	Morgan Evans
59 Caps for First Team Netball	
Service to Netball	Nicole Lister
92 Caps for First Team Netball	
83 Caps for First Team Netball	Paige Brown
Gay Anderson Trophy – Senior Player of the Year	Nicole Lister & Paige Brown
SQUASH	CAPTAIN: NICOLE HEUER
Shana Liebenberg Trophy - Junior Champion	Nina Mitchell
Lynne Neubert Trophy - Most Improved Player	Isabelle Newman
Vivienne Robinson Trophy - Commitment and Determination	Beth Burley
Service to Squash	Nicole Heuer
85 Caps for First Team Squash	
Angela Difford Trophy – Senior Champion	
SWIMMING	CAPTAIN: KATE MEYBURGH
Ingrid Kohler Shield – Most Promising Junior Swimmer	Zandri Knoetze
Inter-House Open Relay	Queen Mary House – Sophie Bradshaw
U16 100m Breaststroke Trophy	Chloë Watson
Harrow Trophy – Service to Swimming	Kate Meyburgh
Mackay Trophy – U19 50m Butterfly	Georgia Stone
De Villiers Trophy – U19 100m Backstroke	
Kent Trophy – U16 100m Freestyle	Jenna Coetzee
Peggy Hodge Trophy – U16 50m Butterfly	
Lorrie Smith Trophy – Best U16 Swimmer	
U16 100m Backstroke (new record)	
De Villiers Trophy – U16 100m Backstroke	
200m Open Individual Medley	
Joan Horn Trophy – U19 100m Freestyle	
Nan Gray Trophy – U19 100m Breaststroke	Tiara Finnis
Sherman Trophy – Senior Victrix Ludorum	
SYNCHRONIZED ARTISTIC SWIMMING	CAPTAIN: TAYLA CATTERALL
Novice Champion Trophy	Iminathinkosi Tiso
Intermediate Phase Champion	Kate Erasmus



Junior Champion Trophy	Aneesah Lindoor
SA Representation Artistic Swimming & Trampoline Gymnastics	
Moirs Hibbert Bowl – Senior Champion	Rachel Taylor
Centenary Cup – Service to Synchro	Tayla Catterall
TENNIS	CAPTAIN: MARYKE DU RAAN
U14 Singles	Tiffany Frans
U14 Doubles	Tiffany Frans & Lusanele Ntsepe
Most Promising Junior Player	Taryn Peltenburg
Roberts Trophy – U16 Doubles	Taryn Peltenburg & Bronwyn Shone
Best Junior Doubles Player	Bronwyn Shone
Kingwill Trophy for Dedication and Commitment	Holly Shearer
Open Singles Trophy	
Richardson and Kirkland Trophy Open Doubles	Holly Shearer & Tayla Paxton
U16 Singles	Tayla Paxton
Jubilee Trophy – Most Promising U16 Player	
Most Improved Senior Player	Githe Fourie
68 Caps for First Team Tennis	
Peggy English Trophy – Best Team in Lower Leagues	Fourth Team – Lynn Harty
Marchant Davies Trophy – Best Senior Team	First Team Maryke du Raan (Cpt)
Ada Smidt Wimbledon Trophy for Team Player of the Year	Jenna Peltenburg
60 Caps for First Team Tennis	
Service to Tennis	Maryke du Raan
101 Caps for First Team Tennis	
Best Senior Doubles Player	Isabella Pringle
32 Caps for First Team Tennis	
WATER POLO	CAPTAIN: NICOLE DAMES
U14 Julia Wentworth for Most Improved Player	Alexis Fourie
The Maartens Trophy – Best U14 Player	Charlotte van Bochove
Von Wildemann Trophy – Best U15 Player	Jamie Brown
22 Caps for First Team Water Polo	Gemma Wiehahn
32 Caps for First Team Water Polo	Madison Bright



SPORT AWARDS

51 Caps for First Team Water Polo	Sophie Bradshaw
Patten Cup – Most Improved Senior Player	Michaela Botha
33 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
Service to Water Polo	Nina van Bochove
61 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
Von Wildemann Trophy – Best Senior Player	Danielle de Lange
61 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
61 Caps for First Team Water Polo	Nicole Dames
Mather Player of the Year	
SA REPRESENTATIVES FOR GYMNASTICS	
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Elizabeth Nicol
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Emma Jack
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Jemma van der Mescht
Trampoline Gymnastics	Aminah Lindoor





EP REPRESENTATIVES FOR SCHOOL SPORT

Back Row: M Everts (Squash), G Bower (Hockey), G Tait (Hockey), N Dames (Water Polo), T Malahleha-Qaku (Cricket), J Peltenburg (Hockey), J Coetzee (Athletics & Swimming)

Second Row: A Porter (Hockey), S Mbanguta (Cricket), K Nienaber (Hockey), N Heuer (Squash), I Newman (Squash), A Klaas (Hockey), L Ntsepe (Cricket), C Williams (Hockey)

First Row: T Finnis (Hockey & Swimming), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), J Murray (Squash), Y Nomoyi (Swimming), H Griffin (Hockey), T Peltenburg (Hockey), K Nogalawe (Hockey), L Makasana (Hockey)

Seated: A Adams (Hockey), N Otigo (Hockey), I Minderon (Swimming), Mrs Posthumus (Head of Sport), E Porter (Hockey), J Prinsloo (Hockey), J Brown (Water Polo)



SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES

Back Row: A Lindoor (Trampoline Gymnastics), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), Y Nomoyi (Triathlon), J van der Mescht, E Jack (Rhythmic Gymnastics)

Seated: L Jam Jam (Rhythmic Gymnastics), Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport), E Nicol (Rhythmic Gymnastics)



CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SPORTS CAPTAINS



EASTERN PROVINCE CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back Row: P Coltman, M Wessels, A Elliott, H Libbrecht, M Freercks

First Row: L Gaudin, L Mgwebi, K Hechter, L Mama, T Wilson, I Tiso

Seated: T Marais, M Chengwe, Mrs G Agenbag, H Nel, H Stiglingh



SPORTS CAPTAINS

Back Row: N Lister (Netball), K Meyburgh (Swimming), N Dames (Water Polo)

Middle Row: J Lubbe (Athletics), N Heuer (Squash), T Catterall (Artistic Swimming), M Hart (Cross Country)

Seated: E. Reddy (Chess), M du Raan (Tennis), Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport), E Porter (Sports Prefect and Hockey), P Tshofela (Cricket)



The Music Department had a very busy and successful year. The Music learners have excelled and we are proud of their achievements. We welcomed Ms van Vledder as our Woodwind specialist.

The Vocal Ensemble presented *"Broadway 'Round the clock: A century of song"*. The evening's performances took us back a century with a collection of songs from the past. It was an enjoyable evening and the beautiful performances from our singers were a true reflection of Mrs Hemingway's unwavering support and positive contribution. Our talented singing students who recently participated in the annual SASMT *Into the Mix Contemporary and Jazz Music* competition in May achieved success in their respective categories.

The Music Staff of Collegiate presented their own Staff Concert and our staff impressed the audience with their piano, saxophone, violin, flute, trombone, percussion and voice performances. The well-rounded programme was an inspiration to our learners.

The Collegiate Girls' High School String Ensemble participated in various concerts throughout the year. These performances created great opportunities for our learners. Events included the Pizzicato Pizzazz (hosted by Summerwood Primary), the annual Grey High School Strings festival, the *Pearson Praeludium*, *Musical Moments* Concert and Queen Alexandra House Day. We thank Mrs Mey for her commitment

and enthusiasm.

The Collegiate Concert Band showcased their musical prowess at the Band Festival hosted by Collegiate. The Concert Band delivered an exceptional performance. We were delighted to share the evening with bands from Alexander Road High School, Herbert Hurd Primary School, and Collegiate Junior School. It was a night filled with wonderful music and collaboration. The Concert Band continued to impress the audience at our annual *Musical Moments* concert. We extend our gratitude to Ms Mbengashe, who demonstrated her skilful conducting after taken over the baton this year.

The Choir was invited to take part in the Choral Celebration Network Foundation Festivities where they shared the stage with other Eastern Cape choirs. Other concerts for the year included the Hoogland Choir Festival and a performance at Queen Elizabeth House Day. The Choir had the opportunity to take part in a National Choir Competition. In August, the choristers travelled to George to form part of the *Cantamus* Choir Competition hosted by the South Cape Sport Tours and South Cape Music Academy. The Choir placed third in their category with a result of 82,4%. We thank Mrs Agenbag and Mrs Range for their dedication to the Choir.

The Pearson Praeludium, hosted by Pearson High School, gave our learners the opportunity to put their hard work to



CLARINET ENSEMBLE

Standing: A Kelemana, A Nomnganga, R Taylor, O Freercks, C Pieterse
Absent: B Shone



SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

Standing: P Stevens, B Melariri, A Beary, R Taylor
Front Row: J Eaton, A Nomnganga



MUSIC



the test. A number of our learners took part and achieved excellent results: 11 Diploma certificates, 23 Gold Certificates, 10 Silver Certificates and 2 Bronze Certificates. Four of our learners were invited to participate in the *Pearson Prestige Concert* to showcase their talent. We are also proud of our learners who have completed the various Trinity Practical Examinations throughout the year. The high level of

performance is admirable.

It is with much excitement that two new additions were made to the Music Department this year. A Saxophone Ensemble, 'C of Saxes' and a Clarinet Ensemble, 'Claribelles' – (meaning beautiful clarinets) were initiated by Ms van Vledder.

The Music Department had the opportunity to visit Laubscher Park West Retirement Village where they presented a variety of musical items. C of Saxes bravely took to the stage. The

performances of our learners were thoroughly enjoyed by the residents. We are looking forward to hearing C of Saxes perform again.

The dedication of the Music Department is inspiring. We are grateful to the Music Staff for setting the example and for being a positive influence on our learners.

Mrs G Agenbag

CHOIR

After many hours of rehearsal, the Choir took to the stage on 4 May at the 'Hoogland Koorfees' and performed with several other choirs. It was evident by the numerous compliments that the Choir performed beautifully and brought the music to life.

The Choir performed again at the Feather Market Centre on 12 May. It was a joyous evening as eight choirs, including High School and University choirs, collectively joined in the celebration of music!

The Choir continued to rehearse diligently and many workshops were held to ensure that every note was perfected and

we were ready for the Choir Tour in August.

We then had the opportunity to participate in the seventh National 'Cantamus' Choral Festival and Competition in George where 22 choirs competed. The Choir was placed third in the Girls' Equal-voiced Choir category, achieving a distinction (82.04%). The girls left with memories that will last a lifetime. We are so proud of our achievements.

We performed again at the school's annual Musical Moments concert where the spotlight was on the various groups and ensembles to showcase their talent. The Choir performed well and the bittersweet goodbyes to the matrics left many

emotional as this year was certainly one to remember! We also had the opportunity to sing in our last performance on Queen Elizabeth House Day.

It is important to remember that these achievements would not have been possible without our hard-working and talented teachers: Mrs Range, our pianist, and Mrs Agenbag, our Choir conductor. Credit must go to both these teachers who give up so much of their time. Both Mrs Agenbag and Mrs Range's dedication, drive and their passion for the Choir are greatly admired and appreciated by all of us.

Petra Coltman



CHOIR COMMITTEE

T. Harts, Mrs G Agenbag, P. Coltman, H. Nel



CHOIR

Back Row: A Kula, I Tiso, A Ngoma, Y Mbekeni, O Manona, M Tukulu, I Nonganga, O Qaba, L Mama, M Burger, A Mxokozeli, A Mxengana, S Lusithi, L Mdani

Second Row: L Gqunta, L Mbekeni, Q Timba, C Kucherera, A Kelemana, T Marais, C Williams, L Matiwana, S Mbanguta, K Grootboom, H Kuboni, M Chengwa, H Stiglingh

First Row: S Mfecane, L Nongqoto, Y Sizila, C Louw, E Bono, A Goboza, N van Heerden, L Skepu, N Otigo, B Chuene, Y Peter, A Fani

Seated: L Zinto, A Gotyana, H Nel, P Coltman, Mrs C Range, Mrs G Agenbag, T Harts, R Harcombe, B Diko, K Matikinca





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CONCERT BAND

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Second Row: K Heukelman, I Tiso, B Shone, R Coombes, O Manona, E Stevens, C du Toit, A Beary, S Konza, C Williams, A Pearce

First Row: L Nongqoto, A Nomnganga, J Eaton, N Mitchell, A Kelemana, B Burley, C Pieterse, E Oliver, L van Heerden, A Goboza, L Jam Jam, A Adams

Seated: B Chuene, T Njezula, S Douglas-Henry, R Pugh, Ms Z Mbengashe, H Libbrecht, G Wiehahn, Y Gwija, T Harts





CONCERT BAND



This year the Concert Band was faced with several changes – including that of a new conductor, the struggle to find appropriate rehearsal times and a smaller than ever before band. Despite these challenges, and with the help of Miss Mbengashe, the Concert Band was still able to host and take part in many successful concerts. Miss Mbengashe's passion and enthusiasm for music and the Concert Band has inspired every learner and taught us that hard work always pays off.

Auditions were held for the new Grade Eight learners wanting to join the Concert Band early in the year. It was wonderful to see many smiling faces at our first rehearsal, eager to see what music we would play.

The Concert Band played in many school events this year including: the Founders' Day Flag Raising Ceremony held in the school quad, and Queen Victoria and Queen Mary House Days.

After countless evening rehearsals and weekend workshops, we once again hosted the Band Festival on 18 May. The Concert Band received much positive feedback and many compliments on our performance from parents and teachers.

Our last (and most emotional) concert was Collegiate's annual Musical Moments Concert. This concert serves as a formal goodbye to all the matrics in the Music Department. It is always a difficult one as many heartfelt speeches and goodbyes are said as the Grade Twelves realise that this is their last high school concert. This concert ended our journey in the Music Department on a high note and we were able to show off all the talent Collegiate has to offer.

A big thank you must go to Miss Mbengashe for all her hard work and dedication to the Concert Band. She did an amazing job this year. It is no easy task, but she made it look seamless.

Thank you to the matric Concert Band girls who have made the past five years so special. Thank you for all the laughs, help and constant enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the members of the Concert Band for making this year one to remember. May the music continue to live on in each and every one of you. I wish you all the best for 2024.

Hayley Libbrecht





Monday afternoons are transformed as soon as we walk through the heavy auditorium doors and are greeted by a room buzzing with tales from the weekend and laughs about some mishaps that occurred during the day. As everybody unpacks their instruments, one might spot a violinist asking to borrow rosin from her friend or our conductor, Mrs Mey, eagerly preparing to make music with the String Ensemble.

This year, many memories were made during our performances at *Pizzicato Pizazz* held at Summerwood Primary School, the *Grey Strings Festival* which included the beloved mass items (where many ensembles had the amazing opportunity to play together), and *Musical Moments*, a concert hosted annually at Collegiate Girls' High School. We were also thrilled to showcase our year's work by playing at the Queen Alexandra House Day assembly.

The main highlight of the year was one of our repertoire

pieces, "Sweet Child o' Mine", where our String Ensemble was accompanied by an electric guitarist and a bass guitarist who gave the piece extra character and allowed it to feel like the true rock classic it is. It was the first time in Collegiate's history that the Ensemble featured guitarists and I am sure that all of the members truly appreciated the depth that they added to the music.

On behalf of the String Ensemble, I would like to thank Mrs Mey for her dedication and for her passion for music that can be seen in every beat that she conducts. I would also like to thank Mrs Agenbag and Mrs Range for accompanying us on the piano during our performances. These three wonderful women have helped create a space where our strings players have been able to express themselves through the music they play. I am excited to see how the String Ensemble will grow in the years to come.

Mykaela Moorhouse



STRING ENSEMBLE

Back Row: M Chengwe, U Nondlazi, O Manona, H Niazi, C Williams, D Duri
Seated: C Louw, M Moorhouse, Mrs L Mey, N Mabasa, C Maartens



VOCAL ENSEMBLE

We started the year by preparing for our musical revue *Broadway 'round the Clock* which was staged on 16 March. Many hours were spent rehearsing during the evenings and over weekends. Although we were faced with some challenges owing to load shedding, we were well-prepared and still managed to pull off a successful event with many memorable moments.

Several Vocal Ensemble members participated in the 'SASMT Into the Mix' competition in May and Collegiate won all the prizes in the Musical Theatre category. In the Age 13-16 Category, Avethandwa Goboza won third place, second place went to Katherine Wilson and first place was won by Hannah Stiglingh. Hannah Nel was the winner of the Age 17-18 Category as well as the winner of the Robert Gillmer Floating Trophy for the Best Senior Vocalist.

Several members of the Vocal Ensemble also participated in the Pearson Praeludium and achieved fantastic results.

Our final performance of the year was at the annual Musical Moments concert where we bid farewell to our Grade Twelve

learners. The evening was filled with many tears and unforgettable moments. A special mention must be made of Mrs Hemingway's five-year-old daughter, Ella, for her beautiful tribute to me. Ella performed her very first solo on stage and sang 'Tomorrow' from the musical *Annie*, which was my very first solo with the Vocal Ensemble in our debut concert in 2019.

I can truly say that Vocal Ensemble feels like another home. It is a place where unbreakable bonds are formed and where many memories are made. Every member is free to express their love and passion for music.

A special thank you must be made to Mrs Hemingway for all the time and dedication that she puts into the Vocal Ensemble. She makes everyone feel safe and welcome, and she has truly created an environment that is filled with love and compassion. She has taught us many life lessons that we will all take with us. We are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to share the love of music as a family.

Hannah Nel



VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Back Row: A Ngoma, C du Toit, A Mdani, J Kapp, A Beary, S Wood

Second Row: T Castelyn, A Mxokozeli, M Mc Kerr, M Majara, L Mdani, C Heukelman

First Row: C van Heerden, Q Timba, C Yiannaros, K Wilson, C Robinson, A Goboza

Seated: J Smith, H Nel, Mrs G Agenbag, H Stiglingh, I Hendricks

Absent: Mrs L Hemingway, E Pretorius, L Khuse



Sarah Douglas-Henry Grade 12

YIBA NOMBULELO

Aisha Mxokozeli Grade 9

Yima, thatha umzuzu,
 Phefumla,
 Ugqibele nini ukukhe ukhok'umoya?
 Ugqibele nini ukukhe ubuk'indalo?
 Yiba nombulelo
 Hlala phantsi umzuzwana,
 Cinga,
 Ingaba usaphila na?
 Ingaba intliziyo isabetha na?
 Yiba nombulelo.
 Kwizinto ngezinto ezekwehlalayo
 Awudluli na kuzo?
 Amaxethuka obomi awuwaqabeli na?
 Yiba nombulelo.
 Funda ke ngoko,
 Ukuba ube nombulelo,
 Ngenceba yoMdali,
 Kuba usikelelekile.



HOOP

Nicole Lister Graad 12

Op die bodem van 'n wensput lê daar honderde muntstukke. Party is koper, ander silwer. Party is al groen van die ouderdom, ander blink nog. Elkeen is 'n opregte gebed of wens. Verteenwoordig deur pyn of hoop.

Ek steek my hand diep in my sak in en gooi my eie muntstuk in. Soos dit besig is om af te sak in die helder water, besef ek dit is hoe die mensdom is. Ons is niks sonder hoop nie.

Hoop...die eenvoudige vierletter woord wat eenvoudig SO baie beteken en waarsonder ek nie sou kon leef nie.

Desmond Tutu, die wêreldbekende Suid-Afrikaanse teoloog, se definisie van hoop is dat dit die vermoë is om te sien dat daar lig is, ten spyte van die donkerte.

Voorsitter...

Dames en here...

Ek sê: "Waar daar lewe is, MOET daar hoop wees."

Hoop en geloof...die twee...loop hand aan hand.

Ons lewens is vol pyn en lyding.

Dit bring my by my eerste punt.

Hoop gee jou krag. Die krag om moeilike tye te oorkom. Miskien het jy jou werk verloor; hoop gee jou die krag om dit te sien as 'n geleentheid vir iets beter. Nog 'n deur wat oop kan maak.

Miskien gaan jou ouers deur 'n egskeiding en jy sukkel om deur die pyn te sien. Ek wil jou vertel uit ondervinding, dit kán 'n gelukkige einde hê. Nuwe mense wat op jou pad gesit word en jou lewe verryk.

Hoop is die beste medisyne vir mense wat siek is. Ek lees op die webtuiste www.healthambition.com dat dit medies bewys is dat mense wat positief dink, gesonder is as mense wat glo daar is geen hoop op nie.

Tweedens...

Hoop gee jou volharding om die onbekende aan te pak. Druk deur, ten spyte van al die hobbels op jou pad. Staar op as jy val.

Hoop is die klein stemmetjie wat in jou oor fluister: "Probeer nog net een keer, aanhouer wen!"

Dave Hood, liefhebber van gedigte, professionele fotograaf en skrywer, het in 2014 in 'n opstel geskryf, dat hoop die mensdom motiveer om te volhard, al weet ons nie hoe, wanneer, waar of hoekom ons lewensverhale sal eindig nie.

Laastens is hoop 'n ingesteldheid wat jou help om die struikelblokke in jou lewe te oorkom. Hoop gee vir jou 'n padkaart wat die roete uiteensit wat jy moet volg om sukses te bereik.

Ek lees 'n artikel op www.crossway.org, geskryf deur J.L. Packer, met die titel, "Where there's Hope, there's Life", waar mense vorentoe gedryf word deur spontane hoop.

Kan jy jou voorstel hoe jou lewe sou wees sonder hoop?

Dit sal ondraaglik wees. Niks om na uit te sien nie. Altyd ongelukkig...depressief...ewige angs.

Ek wil afsluit deur die volgende gedagte by jou te laat: Die woorde van Jon Jurgensen, bekende Amerikaanse digter en spreker.

Voorsitter, die muur van Jerigo. 'n Onmoontlike krag op sy eie vir enige iemand wat die stad wou oorneem.

Dames en here, luister mooi. Voor jy by die muur kon uitkom moes jy jou pad vind deur 'n grag – agt meter wyd en twee meter diep – wat die muur omsingel.

Dan kom jy by die muur vyf meter hoog en een 'n half meter breed 'n soliede massa klip.

Klink dit ondeurdringbaar?

Voeg 'n klomp boogskutters bo-op die muur en 'n opgeleide weermag van soldate wat binne die mure waghoe. Dit was die skynbaar onmoontlike situasie wat Josua en die Israëliete in die gesig moes staar.

Ek mag dalk jonk wees, maar wat ek wel weet, is dit – om teen mure vas te loop is deel van die lewe. Hoe hoër en wyer die muur, hoe meer hopeloos skyn die situasie te wees. Die groot mure van verslawing, egskeiding, siektes en verlies.

Dit is waar hoop inkom. Net soos die muur van Jerigo omgeval het met 'n trompetter, só kan jy enige probleem oorkom deur hoop. Hoop wat jou krag, volharding en die regte ingesteldheid gee.

Voorsitter, dames en here...

Hou aan om julle muntstukke in die wensput te gooi, WANT "Waar daar lewe is, MOET daar hoop wees!"



Lilitha Papu Grade 9



Jennifer de Kock Grade 10

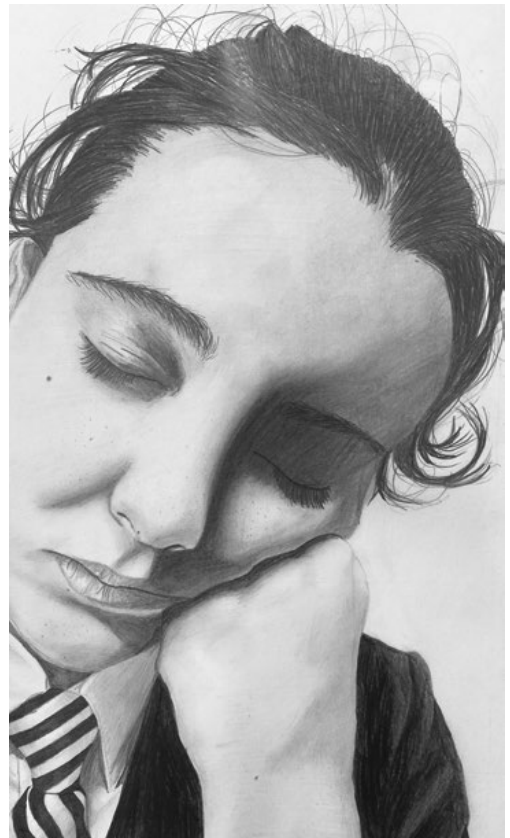
KUGQITYIWE

Bukho Mgudlwa Grade 9

Zaze zaphel' iinyembezi zam
Waze wakhululek' umphefumlo wam
Yaze yaphol' intliziyo yam.
Kugqityiwe.

Wenz' isithembiso ukuba uyakuba nam,
Xa ndiziva ndingaphelelanga,
Wenz' isithembiso sokuba uya kundikhusela,
Xa ubomi bam busesichengeni,
Namhlanje ndililolo, kuba wohlulakele,
Kukucina isithembiso sakho.

Konakele phi na?
Ndibhude phi na?
Lutshabalele na uthando lwethu?
Ingaba uzifumanel' omnye na?
Akukho nto sithandwa sam, khululeka
Isigqibo usithathile
Kugqityiwe.



Kyra Butler Grade 10



LE VRAI MOI

Emma Wedderburn Grade 12

Dans notre société, nous utilisons des choses comme la mode, des régimes, les produits de beauté et parfois les opérations chirurgicales pour améliorer notre apparence. Il y a beaucoup de raisons pourquoi, mais c'est peut-être négatif et ce n'est pas pour nous, peut-être pour les autres.

Je me suis rendu compte que, d'habitude, tout est à cause du capitalisme. Par exemple, avez-vous su que le rasage était seulement pour les hommes ? Ensuite, une entreprise de rasoirs a fait de la publicité des rasoirs pour les femmes et voilà, les femmes se rasent. C'était tout pour l'argent, et maintenant c'est la même chose.

Nous aimons des belles choses donc ce n'est pas de surprise que ce sont des utiles du capitalisme. Regarde la mode : des vêtements et des bijoux, des produits de beauté : le maquillage et le soin de peau, et les coiffures. À réussir avec ton apparence est d'avoir tout, et les choses plus chères. Vous devez avoir l'air de luxe, même si c'est plus faux que la plastique. C'est un acte. Cela cache les vrais sentiments et le vrai style de quelqu'un. Ce sont tous les tendances et ce n'est pas votre vraie identité.

Moi, dans le passé, j'ai caché mon vrai moi avec des vêtements que je n'ai pas aimés et le maquillage très féminin. J'ai arrêté. J'ai passé du temps à découvrir qui je suis. Je suis heureux maintenant et j'ai de la confiance avec mon identité. Je me sens libre.

Le problème est qu'il y a des autres qui ne l'ont pas fait et qui ne font pas la même chose. Parfois c'est difficile choisir entre ce que la société veut et ce que vous êtes. Je crois qu'ils peuvent, s'ils ont le courage. Sans un masque des tendances de la société, je pense que les gens peuvent trouver l'équilibre dans eux, pour eux.



Nande Ntshona Grade 12



Kelsey Labuschagne Grade 12



Shahira Mahomed Grade 11



WAT IS DIE ROL VAN VROUENS IN DIE WÊRELD?

Elizma Ferreira Graad 10

Elke oggend staan ek voor my spieël, en ek staar terug na 'n meisie met donkerbruin oë wat al baie gehuil het, na 'n mond wat al baie vals glimlagte gegee het. Met hande wat hard gewerk het en 'n liggaam wat al deur baie gegaan het, maar deur jare van sukkel en harde werk staar ek nou terug na 'n toekomstige onderwyseres of president, 'n dokter of brandweervrou. Maar is hierdie toekoms moontlik vir 'n jong vrou in Suid-Afrika, vir 'n jong meisie met die naam Elizma?

Wat is 'n vrou? Wel, meeste mense dink hulle is die skoonmakers van die huis, die oppassers van die kinders, die kok van die gesin of die trofee van die man. Want 'n vrou is nie intelligent genoeg om te werk nie... Wie het hierdie reël opgemaak? Wie het hierdie titel op my ouma, my ma, my suster en myself gesit? Waarskynlik 'n man wat vol van homself is en dink dat die wêreld om hom draai. Baie jong meisies word grootgemaak met die idee dat hulle niks anders as 'n huisvrou kan wees nie. So, hulle word groot, trou met 'n ryk man en kry kinders. Maar ek weet dat dit nie my toekoms gaan wees nie.

Ek weet dat ek nie twaalf jaar van my lewe hard gaan werk om net huisvrou te speel nie. Ek weet dat ek nie afhanklik van 'n man gaan wees nie, want ek weet dat ek 'n sterk, kragtige,

onafhanklike vrou gaan wees en genoeg is vir myself.

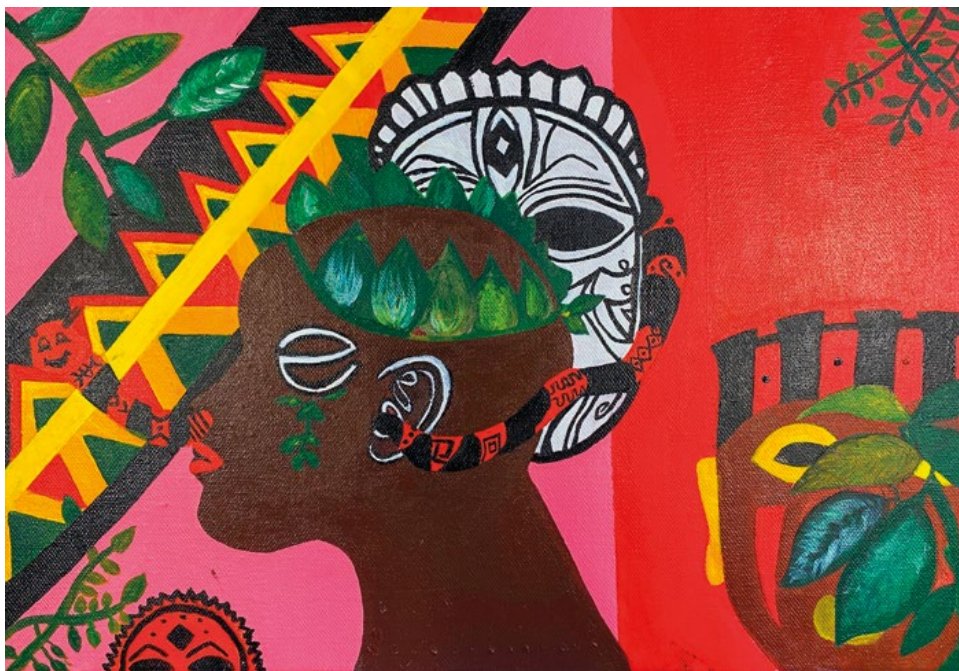
Dit is hoekom Collegiate so 'n ongelooflike skool is, want dit leer ons om 'n susterskap van dapper vroue te wees, 'n gesin van jong meisies en die toekomstige vroulike leiers van die wêreld. In ons klaskamers sien ek nie huisvrouens nie, maar toekomstige sakevroue, verpleegsters, sportsterre, dokters, polisie-vrouens, enige iets wat jy wil wees. Moenie toelaat dat iemand vir jou sê dat jou drome te groot is nie, want jou enigste limiet is jou verstand en jou hart, nie woorde en aksies van ander mense nie. Enigiets wat 'n man kan doen, kan 'n vrou twee keer beter doen. Aan die einde van die dag, is dit die vrou wat die kind in die wêreld bring; dan sê mans hulle is sterker as ons.

So volgende keer as jy in die spieël kyk, sal jy nie 'n jong meisie sien nie, maar 'n jong dame. Iemand wat brawer is as wat jy glo, sterker is as wat jy lyk en slimmer is as wat jy dink. Ek wil die vrouens in die wêreld trots maak. Ek wil my ma en ouma trots maak. Ek wil my dogters eendag trots maak, maar meestal wil ek my jonger self trots maak.

Jy is hier op hierdie aarde vir 'n rede, so kom ons maak al die vrouens in die wêreld trots. My naam is Elizma Ferreira en ek staan by hierdie waardes soos 'n rots.



Kendall Williams Grade 12



Lowethu Ludada Grade 12

UBULUMKO

Sinelitha Mdludlu Grade 12

Ubulumko lolunye uphawu sonke esinqwenela ukuba nalo, kodwa kunzima ukubeka ingqondo yethu ngentsingiselo yabo. Ngoko ke, yintoni ubulumko? Ubulumko kukwazi ukuqonda oko kubalulekileyo noko kungafanel-ekanga ukwenza izigqibo ezingqingqwa nezisekelwe kulwazi oluphangaleleyo.

Nangona kunjalo ubulumko abufani nolwazi kuba ukuba nolwazi kukuqokelela iinkcukacha zezinto ezithile. Kwelinye icala, ubulumko bubuchule bokusebenzisa ulwazi ngendlela ebanzi kwaye kukuqonda nzulu ubomi.

Xa ndiqwalasela ubulumko, andikwazi ukubulibala ubulumko obuza nengqondo yemveli yabantu abaNtsundu. Oku kuvela kakuhle kwindlela esasiphila ngayo mandulo nobutyebi bolwazi esinalo ngendalo esingqongileyo. Mandulo sasiyiqonda indlela esixhomekeke ngayo kwezinye izinto eziphilayo emhlabeni.

Uzinziso lwendalo lwalubalulekile, ukutya esasikutya kwakuphuma ngqo emhlabeni. Inyama yayityiwa manqaphanqapha yiyo loo nto izifo ezininzi sasingazifumani. Kunamhlanje nje yonke loo ndlela yokuphila sayilahla kwelinomhlwa ngenxa yokuguquka kwezinto.

Ewe, umntu unokuvuma ukuba indlela yanamhla yokuphila nokusebenzisa ubuchwepheshe kunye nenguquko eza noomashishini, iyasebenza kwaye iyakhawuleza. Kodwa, ingaba ibonisa ubulumko kwindlela esiyiphethe

ngayo indalo? Andiqondi nakanye ukuba kunjalo, kuba sibulala kancinane ihlabathi lethu kunye nathi, ngokuzikwebula kwizithethe zethu. Kunamhlanje sixakene nemozulu engagqibekiyo, izigulo ezitsha nothotho lweengxaki esingakwazi kuzisombulula.

Masibuyeleni eMbo Ma-Afrika siphuthume iinkcubeko zamandulo ukuze siphinde sifumane uzinziso lwendalo.



Emma Jack Grade 9



LE MARIAGE

Zané Mostert Grade 11

Le mariage, qu'est-ce que c'est le mariage ? Le mariage est l'amour, la confiance, la loyauté et c'est le lien entre deux personnes. Pour moi, le mariage est très important et beau parce qu'il symbolise l'amour que deux personnes partagent.

La question est, « Est-ce que le mariage fait-il encore rêver les jeunes ? » J'adorerais me marier un jour, mais seulement quand je serai à la fin de mes vingtaines parce que je veux vivre ma vie et je dois être amoureuse et je ne dois pas précipiter les choses.

Il y a des gens que ne se marient pas et, peut-être c'est le cas à cause de l'argent ou de n'avoir aucune « liberté ». Les autres, peut-être simplement juste ne veulent pas se marier.

Donc, tout le monde a ses opinions au sujet du mariage et nous devons les respecter.



Liyema Mahlalatye Grade 12



Shiloh Biggs Grade 8



Gabriel Barnes Grade 10



Taylia White Grade 11



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

DIE EEN VIR MY...

Elizma Ferreira Graad 10

My hart so alleen
Daar was niemand vir my
Maar toe het alles verander
My redder het my kom kry
Sy oë so blou
En sy hart so sag
Met woorde so mooi
Hy laat my lag
My gunsteling plek
Waar ek vir ewig wil bly
Is in sy arms
So styf en veilig om my
Die dag waar alles begin het
Ja, ek sal dit altyd onthou
Die eerste glimlag en drukkie
Sjoe, ek was so verlief op jou
En op Valentynsdag
Lyk die blomme net mooier
Sjokolade proe soeter
En ek bloos twee keer rooier
Jy mors jou tyd
Is wat almal vir my sê
Maar duidelik het hulle niemand soos jy...



Olona Gwili Grade 11



Jordyn Marriott Grade 12



TO THOSE WHO LOVE YOU NEXT

Tasnim Hossain Grade 12

Loving is easy. It is in the act of receiving love that there is a fragile difficulty, as tremulous as a leaf that is grateful for the breeze and yet so cautious as to when it will be ripped away by its windy breath. I have known and lived this hardship and delicate uncertainty since my days as a young sapling. My roots clutched the soil with a wafer-thin grip, unknowing that a storm was coming to sweep me away.

The storm's name was, as infuriating in its irony as it may be, Storm. With the mind of a poet and the heart of a fool, he was everything I never wanted in a man. Yet, at fifteen, anyone with a smart mouth and a decent face fascinated me, and so I befriended him. He was a kind boy, one who was generous with his time and his friendly affections, but it was with this generosity that came an overbearing presence. He found me pretty; this much he made clear. Whether it was my way of speaking, my mannerisms, my talents or even simply my face, he would voice his appreciation for it all.

When he told me of my beauty, it was in the tone of a fine man murmuring to himself before an even finer painting on the museum wall, with a sort of obscure fascination that filled with air which, ironically, did nothing but suffocate me. He wrote me poems, songs, stories and words that were as beautiful as they were dreadful. It filled me with fear. I was his muse and a creature worth writing about with mystical whimsicality, but how long would it be until he realized that the fairy creature he pinned to his cork board was nothing but a fake?

I didn't want to wait for him to find out. I sawed off my wings with the blunt tips of my tinfoil silver nails and I hobbled out of his life, ugly, bloody, and free. His love for me terrified me, and I did everything in my power to diminish it. I was cruel

and unkind and everything that his poems of me were not. The image of him with his brow furrowed in perplexed sorrow lies fresh in my mind from the day I revealed to him what a nefarious being I could be. I hid my terror in a coat made of thorns and I dared him to come close. He didn't. Who would?

I stopped talking to him for so long that he seemed like a distant memory. Slowly, I learned to live a life where love was given to me with the soothing comfort of a kiss goodnight, and with each person who came and left, I thought about Storm. The kind, gentle man whom I'd fashioned into the antihero of my life, whose garland of flowers I mistook for hands around my neck. It seemed almost unthinkable to me that once upon a time, a person loved me enough to want to immortalize me in his art.

One day, at the young and sweet age of only seventeen, I opened his poetry page out of curiosity and that odd, flickering desire for a sense of nostalgia, and found something beautiful and awful all at once. Me. In every second poem he'd posted since the summer of the year I broke his heart, he mentioned the fairy of his life. In the very last one, posted three months prior to his apparent radio silence, was a poem titled: "To those who love you next."

It was a simple poem, comprised of seven lines. I read through each one and felt my heart bloom with regret — not for leaving him, but for doing so with the cruelty that I did. The last line sits printed above my desk to this day: "To those who love you next, I pray they do it better than I did." And to this day, I doubt that anyone ever will. Reading that poem, truly, as the skies opened to a once dreary part of my youth, I felt a rush of bittersweet gratitude overwhelm me.



Nina van Bochove Grade 12



FOLLE DE LA DANSE

Emma Wedderburn Grade 12

Le sport est très important dans notre société. Le sport est une inspiration pour beaucoup de gens et nous l'utilisons pour être plus proche de nos amis, nos familles et tout le monde. Ça m'a donné beaucoup de leçons de vie.

Je fais de la danse irlandaise. C'est un sport difficile et je me suis blessé plus d'une fois par mois, mais je ne veux pas arrêter. C'est ma chose. Je faisais du hockey, du judo et du ballet, mais quand j'ai vu de la danse irlandaise, j'avais le coup de foudre.

J'ai commencé à danser quand j'avais douze ans, donc je danse très bien maintenant. J'ai amélioré mes danses et en 2021 j'ai qualifié pour le championnat du monde de la danse irlandaise.

J'ai appris beaucoup de leçons. Je n'ai pas de peur quand je danse, même si c'est difficile et je suis anxieuse, oui, mais j'ai appris comment à me soutenir quand je suis comme ça. J'apprends tout mes leçons dans le studio pour les compétitions.

Il y a des personnes qui disent que la danse n'est pas un vrai sport et quand ils me disent cela j'aime rire. J'ai appris que les jeunes sont méchants mais ça marche. Je suis folle de la danse.



Tayla Paxton Grade 10



Rachel Taylor Grade 11



THE LAKE OF SORROW

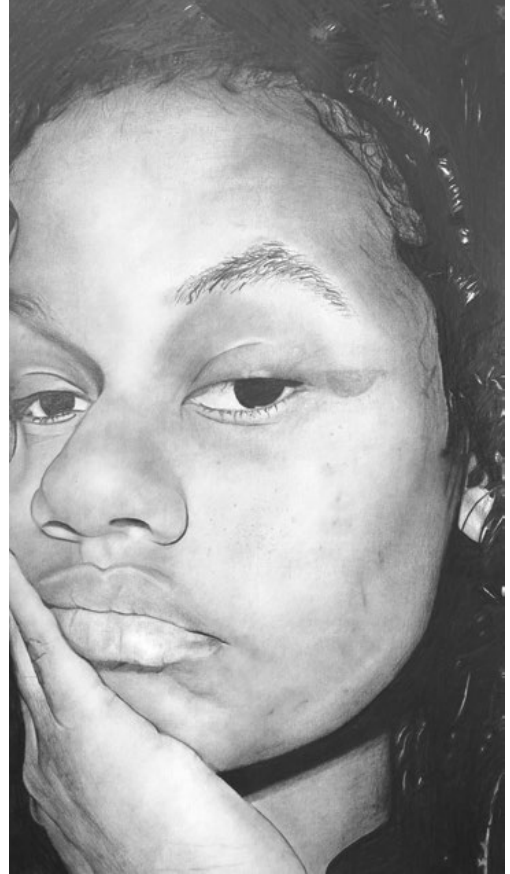
Bronwyn Shone *Grade 9 – The Townsend Essay Prize
(Junior Winner)*

It was never a good idea to fish in the Lake of Sorrow. People who did such a thing were feared and avoided, for no one was quite the same after casting their rods in its waters. Their faces paled to grey, their words became dull and few, and the lives they then led were full of misery and despair. Needless to say, the lake's banks did not harbour many visitors. The only people who ever used the lake were the poorest in the land and the sole reason for this was the lake always had fish, and the fish would always take your bait. Therefore, any man, woman or child who could no longer feed themselves or their families would walk down to the muddy banks of the lake and sit on the rickety pier jutting into it. Soon enough, before even an hour had passed, a fat, frolicking fish would be in their laps.

They would stand to live another day.

But at what cost?

Was it worth it to wake every morning, with a leaden heart, a mind like an abyss, your face an hourglass, the sand trickling down, showing everyone your dwindling time? Was it worth it to lie around, dream and never do, douse your tongue with poisoned words? Is it worth living a long life of agony and pain, or is it better to live a short one, with goodness, hope, love and spark? One must choose either the life of the Lake of Sorrow or the smell of the roses, the brightness of the sky, the searing pain of hunger. Which is better? Which is worse? Are both nightmares? Are both a curse?



Brianna Isaacs *Grade 10*

SPRING

Rachel Taylor *Grade 11 – Published in English Alive 2023*

Spring brought her lips to my cheeks,
She whispered hope into my ear.

Her kisses rested on my skin as pressed blooms.
Her delicate fingers wove sprigs into my hair.

She embraced me and I was sure that God had
sown forgiveness.

She cradled me and I knew sunshine bloomed through my
sinful blood.

Springs draped herself over my body,
She sang me back to life.

Spring loved me without behest and without trepidation.
Spring stared down a reaper of death and she did not wither.



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

TEARS OF LAUGHTER

Isabella Pringle Grade 12

The inexplicable wonder and enigmatic nature of life and love has always fascinated me and its ability to throw two souls together and say: "*Give it horns!*" This is my favourite story. A story of how my mom's and dad's tears of laughter bonded them – all thanks to the 'Puckish Johnnty' and his undying dedication to fun.

As my mom stood outside the small, dingy '*digs*' that belonged to my dad and his friend, she had a strong premonition and a stronger urge to run. The minute flat was situated in a quiet street in the '*Great Smoke*' of London. She had only met my dad twice and after a few obviously well written letters, she found herself hesitantly calling out: "*Hello, is anyone home?*". A crash, a bang and a scuttle later and she was being ushered into the '*Bachelor Pad*'.

My dad had been living in London for a year or so and had been working for a company to gain experience in the working world. He had met my mom back home in South Africa and had been planning this trip ever since. In order to impress his sweetheart, he had carefully planned a dinner on the other side of town. The plan was foolproof especially with the help of his partner in crime: Johnnty.

Johnnty was an entity all of his own. He had rakish features and a jocular spirit that emanated in great rays of elation. Before my mom and dad had a chance to say "*Hello,*" Johnnty had shoved them in the back seat of his red 2000 model Golf and was revving the engine.

Ready. Set. Go.

Amongst the ubiquitous black taxis with mournful drivers and sordid passengers, Johnnty's car was its own reality. In honour of his South African passengers, the chuffed chauffeur aptly decided to blast Johnny Clegg's '*Scatterlings of Africa*' at full volume. In the back seat, memories of the South African sun shone bright – fueled by the inexorable happiness of my loving parents. The jealous, listless English sun that filtered through the draped fog dispersed as the roaring and revving red car drove through it.

Through the turgid streets of sweltering bodies, they drove. Johnnty deftly navigated the bustling streets through the grey haze that hung like a dark cloud over the city. In the back, my parents sang at the top of their lungs and held each other tightly. Outside, the slow march of a thousand individuals slouched towards their unknown destinations. How lucky my mom and dad were – to have each other, to have a destination.

In a wondrous whirl of music notes and false tones, my mom and dad tumbled out of the car – doubled over in hysterical laughter. They laughed so hard and so deeply that their tears marked their faces like the Golf's skid marks on the tar.

Johnnty nodded his head in approval and a wave of exultance washed over him. Mission accomplished.



Hannah Brannigan Grade 12.jpg



Meca Rielly Grade 10



THE YELLOW-EYED BEAST

Megan Kockott Grade 10 Published in English Alive 2023

(Inspired by 'The Thought Fox' by Ted Hughes)

As the sky turns blue and
 Stars light the sky
 I am asleep until...
 Scratch...
 Thump...
 Squeak...
 I am awake now

 I walk to my window
 Curious of what that was Footprints
 But they are not human
 An animals.
 Small and delicate
 I feel a pull
 I want to follow them
 I want to find out who created them
 I want to know.

Opening my window
 Escaping the chains of my room
 Cold air hits my face
 Crunch
 My feet hit the ground
 I can see my breath
 Escaping my lungs

I look up to see a pair of eyes
 Beaming through the trees
 Yellow eyes
 Yellow like the sun
 Yellow like daisy's in a meadow
 They're calling me
 Crunch
 I take a step
 Crunch
 I take another
 Crack
 A stick breaks...

The world is quiet
 Everyone is asleep
 Except for me and the beast belonging to
 Those yellow eyes

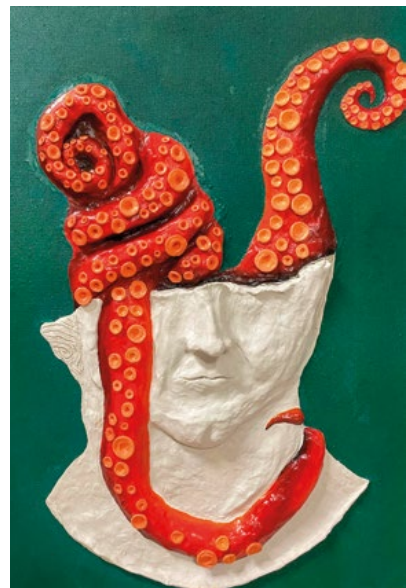
The yellow eyed beast mirrors my movements
 I take a step and so does the beast
 The full moons light shines on white fur
 A fox.
 Fur white like the cold snow
 But eyes yellow like the hot sun
 I take a final breath before

I'm awake
 In my bed
 In the comfort of my blanket
 I look at my window unopened
 There are no prints in the snow
 Or those beaming yellow eyes

It was all a dream.
 But somehow I
 Feel connected
 Connected to the fox
 Connected to those beaming yellow eyes.



Kaylee Villet Grade 11



Emma Stevens Grade 11



THE WEIGHT OF NUMBERS

Paige Bezuidenhout Grade 12

My whole life I have been controlled by numbers. Some matter more than others, but all still influence my life in one way or another. As I go through my day, I realise we all carry weight no one knows about.

There is the pressure society created for us. As I scroll through social media, I see people my age living their perfect lives. They have the dream car, the dream house, the dream family, the dream career. They have the dream life. This always leaves me thinking if I too should have my life figured out already. I expect myself to have what they have. But I don't, I don't have 10 000 followers and 50 000 likes when I post.

The pressure never ends; the weight keeps adding. Even when I am not on social media, there is pressure from school. There is yet another number that has the power to destroy me completely. There is nothing worse than receiving a test or an assignment back that you worked hard on and you do not get above seventy percent. That one number can disrupt everything you have ever planned for your future. The pressure of being in matric gets heavy sometimes.

If I don't fit into a certain size, I am ugly. If I don't get a certain number of likes, I am not interesting enough. If I get forty percent for a test, I am stupid.

All the pressure of life weighs you down, so much that you can't get up. You look at the weight you carry day to day and there is no number for it. If there were a number, it would simply read "HELP".



Mikaela Caliste Grade 9



Amy Wilmot Grade 8

Josephine Jacobs Grade 12

With a spinning head and ears deafened by the river below, I propped myself up against the bridge's stone barricade. My eyes were heavy and tired, but I managed to avoid sleep's grasp - rubbing my face of dried tears and giggling again. It all was rather hilarious – existentialism, that realisation of utter meaninglessness – and yet, when the first drop of rain rolled down my cheek – gratitude surged within me, swelling in my heart and rumbling around my head. As the sky broke – I did too, but this time, at least I wasn't alone in my tears.

You were still here – just in a different phase. The sky reminded me of that, with its heavy rain and gentle light. I'm going to miss you, love – I already do - but every time the sky opens, be it in a sea of light or as tears from the heavens, I'll be flooded with gratitude as it reminds me of you.



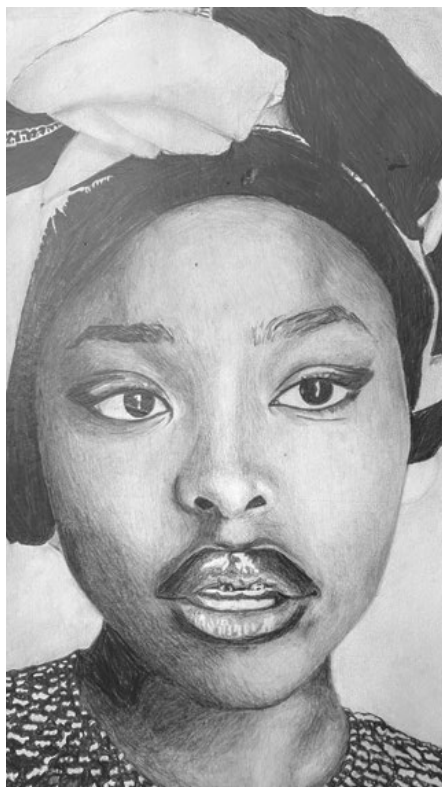
Georgia Stone Grade 12



Alexa Kieck Grade 10



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Agcobile Magwevana Grade 10



Cheyanne Elbourne Grade 9



Isabelle Jacobs Grade 11



Jordyn Kapp Grade 8



LITTLE LONELY RED

Tasnim Hossain Grade 12 *The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing (Senior Winner)*

"We have all taken turns being Red Riding Hood and we have all been the wolf." – Nikita Gill

Many times in my life, I have experienced the widespread, unspoken phenomenon: seeing red. Anger, frustration, passion, love – emotions all tainted with different hues of a scarlet blush yet anything but shy, blending within the psyche like an amalgamation of intensity. For the better part of my days, I allowed these emotions to dictate my response to every aspect of my life. Come my years of maturing, I was left bare, without a single brace against the whip of the harsh world; Little Red Riding Hood, sans a cloak.

The forest was vast, and it was unforgiving. Thorns lined every bramble bush and branches hung low on every spiny-limbed tree. The canopies overhead shrouded the ground in a deep, inescapable shadow. Every creature lived under the thicket of vegetation and never dared to emerge for fear of something bigger that didn't exist. None of the berries were kind to the tongue, the throat, the stomach, the heart. Nothing in this forest was.

Yet, I ventured in. Bare-bodied, bare-souled, I wrapped myself in a shawl of leaves and walked barefoot on the mulch of the forest floor. To me, this forest, with its shrouded canopy and its deathly fruit and its evasive inhabitants, was as good as a home. Everywhere I looked, I saw a manifestation of the turmoil that sat deep and heavy like a peridotite in my stomach.

I'd been warned of the wolves in the woods, but the notion of danger fell on me like rain through a soaked coat. I kept it

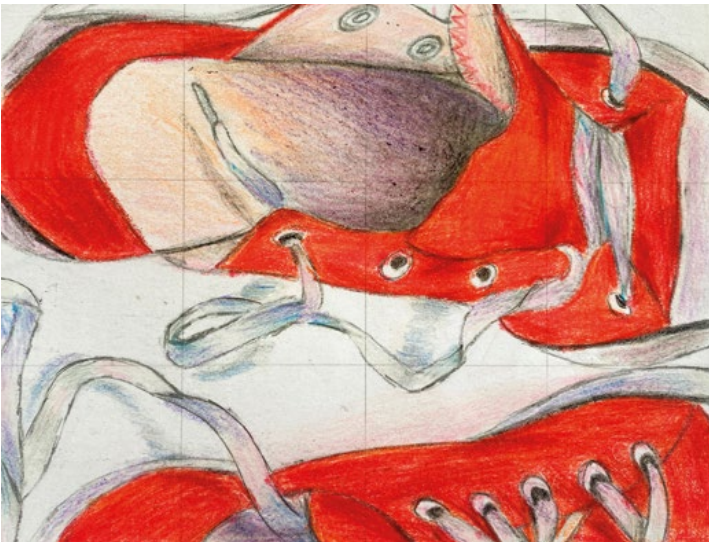
in the fabric of my mind, let it soak, and waited for it to dry out just as my mouth had days ago. I had seen enough; what more was a gaping maw and golden eyes?

I sat down beside a bed of cadmium red poppies and I gazed into their centres of beady black eyes, and I saw myself there, too. The villagers outside the forest called it vile, a deathly gut in the dip of the land, a wicker basket of the odd and unsettling. I sat there and I felt at home. What did that say about me? Little Red.

Little Red Riding Hood had lost everything except her frail body and the vermillion inside her. Little I was, red I was, and my hands shook when the heat escaped my skin into the cold air and yet the fire continued to burn inside me. For the first time in my life, the red flashing over my vision was not anger, or love, or passion, but the comfort of red poppies blooming in my vision. Soon, it would all be over.

Except it wasn't. The villagers always said the wolves came when one was most at ease, and I finally understood this when the hot, reeking breath brushed over my cold face and rendered me still. Without a shred of protection on my body and without a dredge of energy in my limbs, I was as good as a rare slab of meat laid on the forest floor, and yet my bones stayed lax. My eyes lowered and I welcomed the fear. It was the first thing I felt in an incredibly long time.

The wolf and I existed together in the dark, shrouded forest of my mind. At that moment, the fear of imminence gripped my throat like a vice, and yet, I had never breathed easier.



Adrijaa Bhadra Grade 8



Amy Heukelman Grade 10



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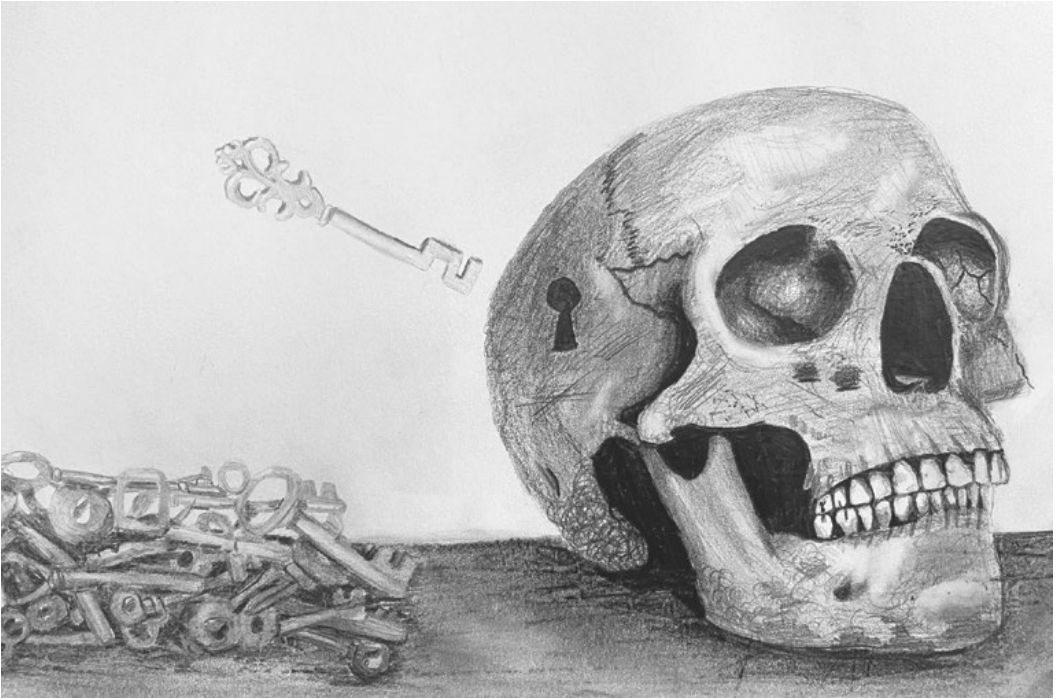
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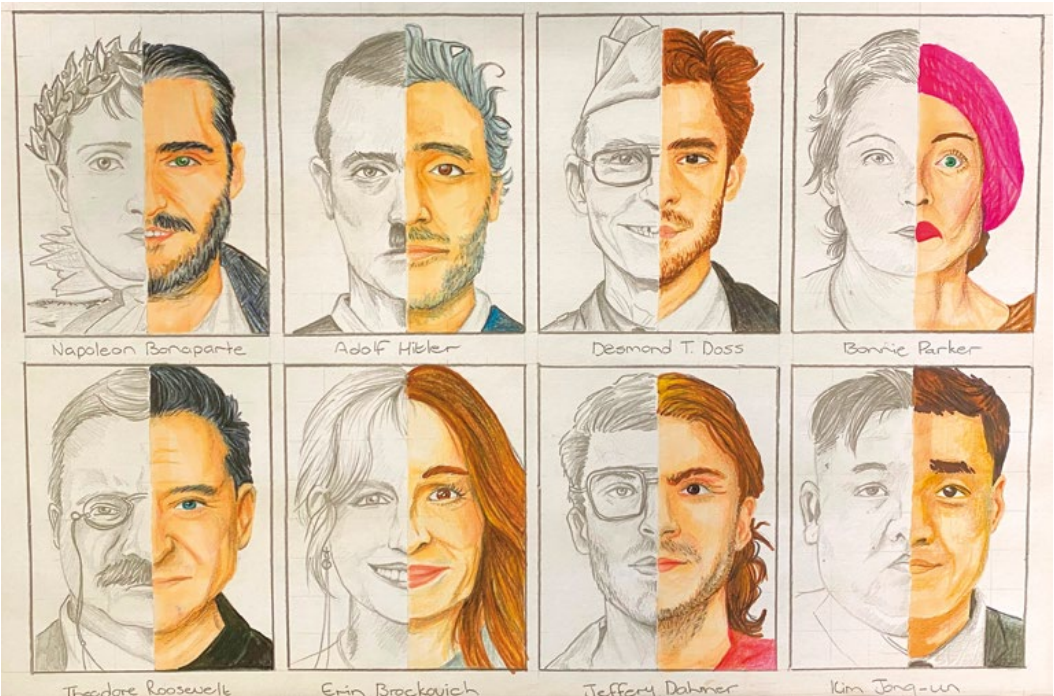
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Kayla Preston Grade 12



Kate Erasmus Grade 10



Emily Peasnell Grade 12



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Gabriella Tait Grade 12 (series part 1)



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Gabriella Tait Grade 12 (series part 3)



Aaliyah Albany Grade 9



"MY MAESTRO"

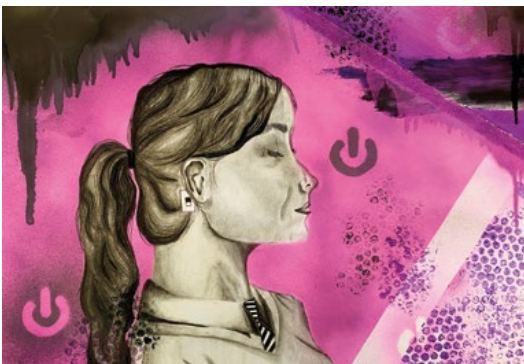
Shahira Mahomed Grade 11

In a muddle of colours spread out upon the palette of our lives, we seek organic hues. In studios full of grand and glamorous photoshoots, we seek the perfect angles, and in a world full of chaos and disorder, we seek hope, guidance and influence. Just like canvases, role models come in all shapes and sizes. We look up to others in the same way that apprentices look up to master artists, not to mimic their techniques completely, but to see what beauty they've been able to create from the blurred and rich hues of chaos, serenity, and despair, how they did it, and to build the belief that we can do the same. They give us a strong sense of direction and influence our paths in life, as well as our development of character.

As a young and inquisitive apprentice, I've always looked up to my master artist: my grandfather. There's something special about having a blood relative as a role model. He was, in my opinion, both an artist and a work of art. He had ageing hands that showed the marks of many years of hard work, where time had broken his porcelain skin into a mosaic, but remained mended with love running richly in between the cracks. He had made something great of himself with all that he had – which was initially very little. My grandfather was an orphan of Italian descent, and through hard work and dedication sold art commissions to pay his university fees, and eventually became a senior buyer for a toy company while still pursuing art on the side. Art styles were never meant to be consistent, neither was life. Just like the wrinkles in his skin, rippling through his complexion, he took the tides of life as he saw it. He taught me that I must learn to trust the process, as every artist must. Even if his life had looked too distorted and sometimes even dull, he always held the belief that he would ultimately be able to compose something to tie these imperfections together perfectly, and to create something articulate and beautiful from himself, for himself and for others. He showed kindness to the world, even when it was never shown to him. Beneath the tough

layers of his life lay a gentle soul. He was a well-read and well-grounded man, which I believe is so important for me and others to develop. Friends and family alike would seek his counsel, and he'd take them under his wing and bide his time reinventing and restoring them, helping them to turn themselves into their own masterpieces.

He created a loving home, and held a love that was so strong and so vibrant, that when he used to hug me or pat me on the back, I was convinced that my being had previously been in monochrome. It was so strong, that it still runs thickly through the veins of my mother, brother and me. My grandfather's resilience, and how he remade himself after suffering a stroke and losing his most vivid, erratic hue – his capacity to converse – was what I respected the most about him. The most difficult form of love to master is that which is unspoken. There are more actions than there are words, yet my grandfather was one of the few people who could master such a broad and nuanced language. He is my role model because he was the epitome of the phrase: "Rome was never built in a day". He managed to compose his life beautifully as an apprentice without a master artist, and left beautiful finishing touches to the souls of those for whom he cared. It'll be difficult to find a person like him in my life again, but if I can be like him in the lives of others, I wouldn't go looking elsewhere, because then I would know that I've created something from myself, for myself and for others. I attempt to see past the murky hues that have corrupted the composition of my spirit in the mess of colours thrown upon the palette of my life. The more I examine my palette, the more I notice the deep undertones of my grandfather's love and spirit that he had laid out for me as a child. I painted with my grandfather's ghost through sunsets and sunrises for many years after he died, and although my maestro was known as Sulaiman Kara, I sat with him long enough to learn that his real name was love.



Madison-Marie Bright Grade 12 (Series Part 1)



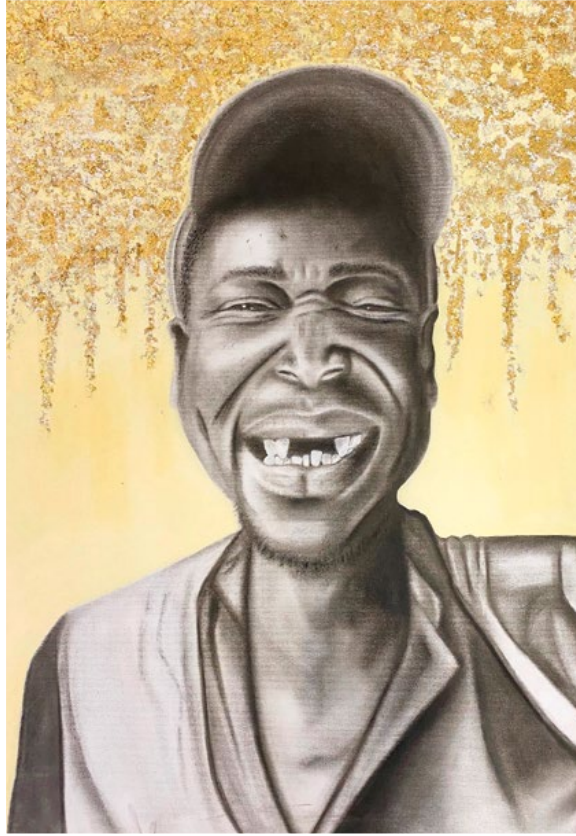
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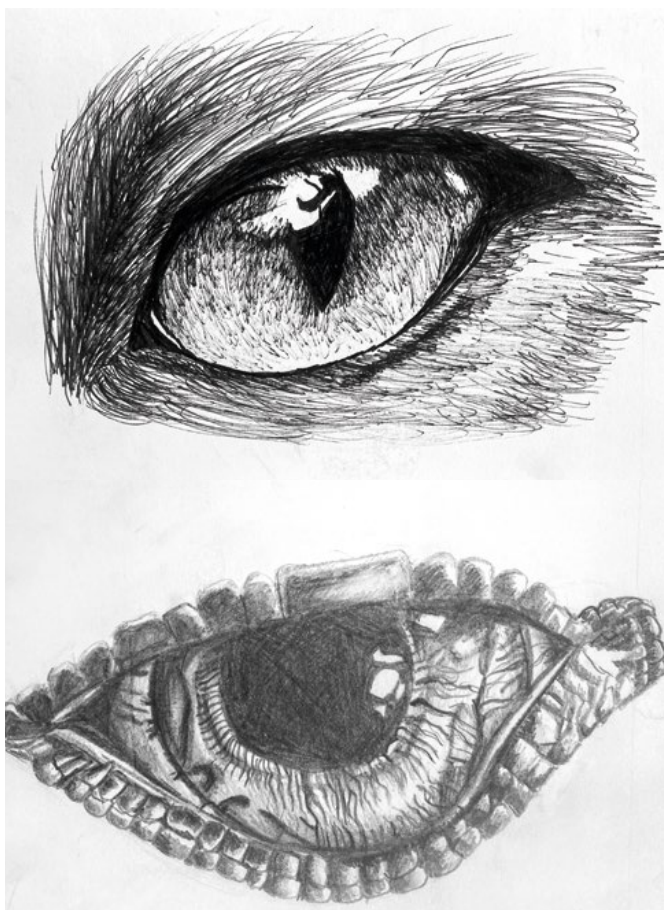
Tayla Heyneke Grade 11



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Lily-Anne Gibson Grade 12



Bronwyn Shone Grade 9



DAAR IS LIEFDE IN DIE LUG

Celsey Jansen van Rensburg Graad 10

Die kersfeesgoed is uit
En die hartjies vlieg in.
Sjokolade en teddiebere
Met die voëls wat net oor liefde sing.
Restaurante is vol bespreek
Vir daardie spesiale dag
Van liefde en rose en
'n Seun wat vir 'n "ja" wag...
Ek sit alleen op my bed en sug.
"Wanneer gaan hy my vra met al die liefde in die lug?"
My hart is seer en trane rol,
Want die ander het hande met rose, so vol.
Ek sit en wag die hele dag
Toe sien ek iets wat voor my deur wag.
'n Kaartjie en 'n beertjie en voëls wat sing
Die liefde van my lewe het dit alles gebring...



Rachel van Rensburg Grade 12



Marvel Tendayi Grade 11



FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year Collegiate celebrated 149 years since the founding of our school. As usual, the learners each received their ice creams to enjoy as part of the Founders' Day celebrations.

There was a happy atmosphere on campus as many old girls returned with their reunion groups to reminisce, laugh and share stories of their school days. It was very special to witness the joy as they reunited and to listen to the excited chatter.

The speaker for Founders' Assembly was Dr Ela Manga (Bhana) of the class of 1992, who was one of two girls of colour who joined Collegiate in 1991 in her Grade Eleven year. Dr Manga is the founder of 'Breathwork Africa' and an author of numerous books on breathing. She is committed to healing and bringing heart back into the art of medicine. She delivered a wonderful address, touching on some of her memories of Collegiate and her journey to becoming an Integrative Medical Doctor.

The Assembly was followed by the traditional flag raising ceremony in the quad. A new feature was added to the ceremony. A poem, 'The Lady of the Lamp' was read by the head girl, while the deputy head girl lit a candle in recognition of a life of service which is an important part of the Collegiate ethos of *Facta non Verba*.

One RCL representative from each grade was called up to light a candle symbolising the value linked with each grade, while Mrs Erasmus read the quote by the famous woman associated with the value. Mrs Erasmus charged each learner to be brave, truthful and kind always.

Our hostel parents worked hard to provide produce for the annual Hostel Fundraiser. On Friday and Saturday, The Games Club was a hive of activity with delicious treats and coffee on sale to parents, learners, old girls and other visitors while they watched various Derby matches against DSG.

We look forward to Collegiate's 150th jubilee next year.

Mrs Carter

THE LADY OF THE LAMP

When'er a noble deed is wrought,
When'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.
Honour to those whose words or deeds,
Thus help us in our daily needs,
And by their overflow
Raise us from what is low.
A Lady with a Lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land,
A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood.

From "Filomela" by W. Longfellow





Collegiate Girls' High School

in association with the Old Collegiate Girls' Guild

The Principal of Collegiate Girls' High School
cordially invites you to attend our
149th Founders' Day
Assembly and Flag Raising Ceremony

Date:	Friday, 5 May 2023
10h30	Assembly in the Stevenson Hall
11h45	Flag Raising Ceremony in the Quad
12h30	Tea in the Ivy Leaf

Please RSVP to Sam Marriner on (041) 3737705 or samm@cghs.co.za by 2 May 2023.

We look forward to welcoming you to share this
special day as the Collegiate Community



Facta Non Verba



Founders' Day Address – Mrs L Erasmus

One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1873, a group of Port Elizabeth residents met to discuss establishing a school for their daughters. The Grey had been established in 1856 for their boys and it was time for a school for girls. Their plans bore fruit and the Collegiate School was founded in 1874.

Last night we enjoyed a fantastic Old Girls Reunion Dinner in this Hall. In 1910 the first Old Girls dinner was held in the School Hall (then in Bird Street) on a Thursday evening. The tradition of a dinner has continued each year and it was so special to have this dinner return to the beautiful Stevenson Hall bedecked beautifully in purple and green.

It was said at that dinner in 1910: "This dinner is a step in the right direction; it helps bring the Originals (i.e. the first pupils from 1874), Old Girls and present girls in closer touch with one another, and binds us together in the common cause of working for the success of the Collegiate." And that is what is so special about Collegiate – the sisterhood lasts throughout your lifetime.

Seventy years ago, in 1953, the then Headmistress Mrs Brock wrote about the prospect of a move to this site in Parsons Hill: "There is one hardy annual – almost. Perennial now, - on which I must report, and that is the prospect of the move to the new school site – and the progress I have to report is exactly nil! We have been told by the Provincial Authorities that we may if we wish go ahead with the fencing of the new site – that they may be able to give us some idea of where the buildings are to go, but they cannot guarantee to abide by these plans – that we may engage an architect if we wish, but they cannot undertake to employ him when the time comes for building, or to carry on even with their own plans, let alone his. In view of all this uncertainty, and in full

agreement with the Junior Collegiate School, the Committee have decided to leave all plans for the new site in abeyance."

Has anything changed, I ask? It took ten years before the next Headmistress could report: "I think the keyword for the Collegiate High School for Girls for 1963 has been 'co-operation'. As we come to the end of 1963 and enter the New Year, we discover that new buildings for the school will be commenced. These buildings will include those amenities which the Collegiate High School uses as part of its daily equipment, but which are not provided by the authorities.

"It is through the co-operation of all friends and interested bodies, parents and the old Collegiate girls over the last twenty years that the school committee is able to finance these extra facilities, and it is looking for co-operation in 1964 for further funds that must be raised in order to cover all commitments."

Sixty years later, on the doorstep of 2024, our 150th year, we still rely on the co-operation of friends, interested bodies, parents and Old Collegiate girls to finance our school. I ask that you consider becoming a part of the R150 for 150 years project and in this way make your own contribution to take Collegiate to greater heights for all future learners.

Sixty years ago, the Class of 1963 had very limited extra-mural activities: Tennis, swimming, hockey, netball, athletics, chess, debating, choir, SCA, the Three Arts Club (Art, Music and Literature) and the Recorder Club! (The leader of the Recorder Club wrote: "In all probability, many of our players fell by the wayside because they were not prepared to practise" – it seems that all fell by the wayside as the Recorder Club no longer exists!) Last week, we took almost 70 learners to Eunice High School in Bloemfontein for four days to participate in the Annual National All Girls' Schools Sports and



FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS



Cultural Festival: we played Hockey, Netball, Tennis, placed 3rd in Squash, ran in Cross Country, faced opponents across the chess boards, debated, delivered speeches, received creativity and innovation awards in Art, 2nd and 3rd place for creative writing, 2nd place in Master Chef and received a silver award for the best supporting actress in our dramatic performance. Most of all, though, our girls had fun, supported one another, developed their sisterhood, and displayed good manners to all at the festival. We are a busy school today and offer so many opportunities to the girls.

Fifty years ago, in 1973, Headmistress Jenkins wrote that with the rapid passage of time their thoughts moved on to the Centenary of our school, which they would celebrate in April the following year and that they were hard at work planning the celebrations. We are now doing the same for the 150 years celebrations next year and will only rest at the end of 2024! In 1973, the school staged Shakespeare's play, "Much Ado about Nothing". Forty-four girls were involved and Miss Ellis (then a teacher and not Headmistress) and Mr and Mrs Biggs 'sweated long and hard to perfect the props for the performance'. Janet Ellis and Bridget Heugh played the comic roles and Linda Marais and Cheryl Look played the romantic lovers.

1983 brought Miss Ellis back to Collegiate as Headmistress. In her letter at the end of the year she wrote: "A school is not merely the buildings where we gather for lessons each day, nor is it just the body of people who teach or learn within the buildings. It is rather an intangible set of ideals and traditions with which we come into contact, within the framework of those buildings and people, by which we are enriched and to which we each in turn contribute something for those who are to follow." These words are as true today as they were then.

Some memories from 1983 include Cathy Belling and Mandy Carter winning first and second places as the South African entrants for the "International Scenario Writing Project for the 5th World Conference for Gifted Children, Youth and Adults." Founders' Day was celebrated on 26 August that year and Mrs Celia Robertson gave a most interesting and thought-provoking talk on "Women in a Man's World". I wonder when it will be "Men in a Women's World" or even simply, "People in the world". That year Collegiate staged with Grey

"The Lisbon Story" and a Roman Dinner was held for the Latin girls: entertainment included a short play, recitations, a Latin sing-song and Latin background music. However, perhaps the most interesting and momentous event was that after many years the matric girls were once again permitted to hold a dance in the Stevenson Hall. The Head Girl, Rosanne McWilliams reported: "The girls were thrilled and it proved to be a most successful evening enjoyed by all."

In 1993, there was a fair amount of uncertainty as to changes which may or may not come about, both within the country in general and in education in particular and Miss Ellis stated that no school individually could provide a solution to the crisis then in education and that they were deluding themselves if they thought that the education they had known in the past would continue in the future. She said that classes would inevitably increase in size but that that in itself need not lead to a lowering of standards – instead teachers would have to become more adaptable in dealing with the larger classes but greater self-discipline and active involvement would be required from pupils, who would have to take greater responsibility for their acquisition of knowledge. I am pleased to report that classes are still roughly the same size at Collegiate as in 1993 and this is due to the astute management by the School Governing Body of finances largely from school fees that parents pay so diligently and sometimes with great sacrifice. In the years to come, the financing of the school will need to be assisted more by sources beyond the parents if we are to continue to offer what we do.

Twenty years ago, in 2003 Head Girl Nina Holderness wrote: "To the Girls of the College, One day we will sit down, think back to our days in these floral blue parachutes and sticky hot blazers and long for – most definitely not these clothes – but for friendships, good times and laughs that this school has brought us!" There were certainly laughs (and horror) when the Water Polo team travelled to Cape Town for a tournament at Westerford High School and the highlight of the tour was that the school bus with everything they had taken on tour was stolen!

Mrs Kelly – Cari Maclean back in 2003 – was the Rowing Captain and at SA Champs that year she led four crews in the A-final and a crew who won the B-final! We no longer have rowing at Collegiate, but we do have Mrs Kelly!



In those days, the summer dresses were pleated and were regarded as floral blue parachutes to be worn with sticky hot blazers. At least the current girls are spared the pleats and dresses blowing up over one's head in the Gqeberha wind!

2013 was the year that history was made when Mr Derryk Jordan was appointed Deputy Principal – the first male Deputy Principal in the History of Collegiate. Mr Jordan has now moved on to Clarendon Park Primary and is doing wonderful things for the school. We enjoy welcoming Clarries girls to Collegiate in Grade Eight!

So, what has happened in the last ten years that you would find different from your memories of Collegiate?

- The School turned 140 in 2014 and hosted an All Girls' Schools Sport and Cultural Festival for the third year.
- The staff room was enlarged and the front office was remodelled to be more inviting.
- The library was revamped and modernised due to the financial generosity of Mrs Gill Gray, née De Wet, and the time and hard work of Sarah Bisdée (née Wilson).
- The original art room, which had become the old cafeteria/ Ivy Leaf and then converted to class rooms, is now a large Drama Room complete with theatre lights.
- The cottage between the pools has been converted into the Games Club.
- The College Girl shop has closed and the uniform outsourced to Birch's. The College Girl venue is now a much-needed Board Room.

- The Blue Area flooring has been replaced and the area is now lighter with an air of spaciousness. It is now the Old Blue Area!
- Canvasses of five courageous women are hanging in the Old Blue Area. These promote our five values: good work ethic, respect, responsibility, compassion and integrity.
- Lizo Pemba's striking painting, "Xhosa Wedding", commissioned in 2017, hangs in the same area.
- A selection of the girls' art pieces each year are printed, framed and then hung around the school.
- Girls' artworks now grace the Queen stairs and it is an honour for a girl to have her art work hanging there.
- The Transformation Task Team, mandated for a year at the end of 2016, resulted in the "Comfortable in our Skins" policy.
- There is now a permanent Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation Committee of the SGB.
- The Simamele Forum has been introduced where learners discuss relevant but difficult topics in a structured way. This brings greater understanding of and unity amongst our learners.
- We have introduced a successful Educator-Internship position for a post-graduate student in financial need and from a previously disadvantaged group.
- We partner with the Guardian Company on Safeguarding our learners.
- We have a Wellness Department with two counsellors, one





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with a social work background, and a clinical psychologist, overseen by a Deputy Principal.

- The Hostel Dining room boasts a magnificent servery and the garden has been re-landscaped and a braai pit added.
- The campus has borehole water.
- We have a cricket pitch (not the real Mc Coy), a successful Cricket Team and this year added much needed cricket nets to our campus.
- The Astro Turf, originally constructed in 2008, has been resurfaced and upgraded to an international standard water-based Astro Turf (borehole water) and a mini-astro installed.
- SuperSport Schools has installed cameras at the Netball courts and Hockey turf for live-streaming on DSTV.
- A workshop and storeroom have been added behind the squash courts, a much-needed addition for the maintenance and running of our campus.
- The downstairs bathroom next to the previous College Girl shop has been gutted and modernised – now the girls need to fundraise to do the same to the upstairs bathrooms.
- We have been revamping the gardens now that we have borehole water to revive life in this time of drought.

The biggest change over the past decade has been the development and implementation of a digital technology strategy. There is Wi-Fi throughout the school and the hostel. Every teaching venue has a data projector and an Apple TV. Every girl has a device which in Grades 8, 9 and 10 must be an iPad or MacBook. We are a Microsoft Teams school and use the MS Teams platform. This is the prime means of communication with the girls. In this area, Collegiate has been at the forefront in Gqeberha and we remain at the forefront of the city, district and even province in our core business – academic achievement. Each year we achieve a 100% pass rate with Bachelor passes between 95 and 100%. Our girls go on to achieve at university and in their careers, and we are proud that Collegiate is the launch pad for this. Looking back in the annals of the school, I noted that a Matric of 1898 went on to become an esteemed University of Cape Town scientist and specialist in plant taxonomy – this at a time when it was rare for females to do so. The example was set for our girls many years ago.

In conclusion, 1991, now thirty-two years ago, is, I believe, the **second founding** of Collegiate. It is the year that Collegiate's Management team and the School Committee grasped the opportunity to adopt a non-racial admission's policy and to open the doors to all children of South Africa, to act with **integrity**, one of our core values, and to start the new journey to becoming a united school of all races where all are comfortable in their skins. Journeys never really end – we just progress further down the road. Sometimes we hit potholes – large ones in our beautiful land – and the scenery might change, but the values that drive the sisterhood of strong, confident girls, united in our diversity, remain.





Founders' Day Address – Dr Ela Manga

What a great joy and privilege it is to be standing here before you today. I remember, like it was yesterday, 32 years ago on a warm windy January morning sitting here in this very hall, a hopeful but anxious 16-year-old in my new over-sized summer uniform, at my very first assembly at a new school, that for the first time, that year, had opened to people of all races.

1991 was a tumultuous time in our country's history, heaving with fear and pain but pulsating with possibility. Being one of only two people of colour in Grade Eleven, what was then Standard Nine, my presence was initially met with a cautious and respectful curiosity. But very soon, all the labels and divisions faded as I found a friendship circle and a shared sisterhood which became an important anchor in the stormy emotional seas of a young life and through the anxiety of an uncertain future.

And now returning after all these years and many life experiences, I am filled with so many emotions. I feel nostalgia, as if I was singing 'Girls of the College' just yesterday. Walking through the corridors and addressing you in the very hall that has held the dreams and visions of thousands of young women for over a century I also feel a part of something much bigger than myself, a connection to an iconic institution, but *more* importantly to a culture that is **bravely** evolving to meet an emerging future.

I feel a sense of overwhelming hope. In a world where so many systems and institutions are collapsing and clinging onto old paradigms and outdated ways of thinking, here I see an institution that is cutting edge in its approach, deeply rooted in values, open to diverse worldviews and that is providing a solid foundation for the change makers, creatives, entrepreneurs, and the future leaders of our country.

But mostly, I feel a sense of **belonging**. Standing here today, I appreciate more than ever, the belonging and acceptance that I have always experienced at Collegiate, a feeling of safety that allowed me to access my strengths and feel supported in my weaknesses and vulnerabilities. A belonging that instilled a sense of confidence to carve my own path in this world.

But what does it mean to belong?

Maya Angelou said that "true belonging is a spiritual practice, the ability to find sacredness in being part of something but also the courage to stand alone".

And this is my first offering to you today.

Many times in our lives we feel like we need to give up or hide an aspect of ourselves in order to belong, but belonging is not just about fitting in or conforming. It is about being accepted for who you are, for your unique strengths and qualities. It is about being able to express yourself freely, to share your opinions, to feel heard and respected.

Belonging also offers us the experience of feeling safe, which



I have come to realise is the primary condition required to heal and build resilience, that gives us the courage to express our passion and to follow the impulses of our heart.

About two years into my medical career, I realised that I no longer wanted to practise medicine in a conventional way. I gave up my GP practice to discover a different way of practising medicine – a way that felt more sustainable and empowering for my patients.

I did not find a sense of belonging with my fellow doctors, many of whom thought I was wayward and weird. In those years many times I didn't feel I belonged anywhere. The world felt like a dark and confusing place. I felt so alone in my vision for healthcare. I didn't realise it at the time, but what brought me courage wasn't a physical place of belonging, but a deeper belonging to the values that had been instilled in me very early on in my life.

Often in the pursuit of success and fulfilment of our dreams, and especially when we walk the road less travelled, we can often feel disconnected from a sense of belonging.

When we work hard and hold so many responsibilities, it's easy to move very far away from our original vision, our sources of energy and what really matters. We get caught up in the details of the doing and forget the big picture. It is in these moments, when we feel disillusioned and despairing that it is even *more* important to remember to return to the places and people that offered us a felt sense of belonging, to remember what matters most, to see with fresh eyes, to recalibrate so that we can follow the impulse of our heart and the path of joy again.

And so, my second offering to you today is to follow your joy always.



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When I was sixteen years old, even though I was interested in medicine, the first impulse of my heart was to study journalism. I have always had a passion for writing and stories and in fact, it was here at Collegiate that my love for writing was recognised and nurtured. With the encouragement of Mrs Paterson, we started the Creative Writing society, which I believe still exists today! Anyway, this journalism idea, to say the least, was strongly discouraged by the doctors in my family who didn't believe that this was a stable career choice.

So, the door to journalism closed, and despite the fact that I didn't get 6 A's, the door to medical school opened. After many years of very hard work and sleepless nights I made it through and found myself living the life that ticked all the boxes. A busy medical practice, a great husband, a lovely townhouse in a cool part of Johannesburg, it all looked wonderful on the outside. But inside, all was not well. I was burnt out, my career lacked meaning. I was restless, confused, and lonely. Medicine, or rather the kind of medicine in which I was trained, was no longer bringing me the joy and fulfilment I thought it would. I knew there was more. After much soul searching and a constant process of trusting my gut and following my joy, my path slowly began to unfold.

I ended up finding my passion in working with people differently, that empowered them with the knowledge and skill to support their health and wellbeing by tapping into their own inner resources and wisdom. I carved a career path that didn't exist, a multidimensional medicine that integrates neuroscience, principles of nature, art, and a function we take for granted, conscious breathing. This led to me founding Breathwork Africa, an organisation that trains breathwork practitioners globally.

Throughout my journey, my love for stories of the human spirit chased me. It sat on my shoulder as I listened to my patients reveal the layers of emotion and stressors hidden beneath their symptoms. These stories opened up a deeper understanding of myself, of life and having more compassion for others which then led me right back to my passion for writing. Life finally brought me back to my joy for writing but this time it was enriched by a deeper and wider understanding of life through my own experiences, challenges and being the witness to many stories of healing. This all led to me writing and publishing a book based on the healing journeys of my patients.

Following the impulse of the heart and the path of joy is often not easy or predictable. It means trusting with full faith the doors that open and those that close. Often it feels more difficult than choosing the path we know.

But what I have come to realise, is that there is always a bigger picture. The path is never straight, and it reveals itself as we walk it. It is only in retrospect that we can appreciate that there are no mistakes and failures and that every life experience, especially the tough ones, are necessary and relevant.

So, no matter if you are 15 and melancholic or 50 and menopausal, if we follow our gut, chase the feeling of wonder that comes with the unknown, our path will unfold exactly how it should to support our growth.

So, remember as tough as it may feel at times and no matter what happens next, always stay on the path of your joy.

I could never have imagined, 32 years ago, that following the impulse of my heart, and pursuing my passion for words would eventually lead back to this hall, this school, and to all of you.

Our school motto, 'Facta non Verba' means 'Deeds not Words'. This motto has served me well. However, along the course of my life I have also come to realise that it's both deeds and the words that matter.

The words that we speak to ourselves matter. They can either support us or stand in the way of us trusting our gut.

The words we say to each other matter, they can provide a powerful place of belonging and safety for others so that they too can trust their hearts.

In a world of AI and ChatGPT, our own authentic words matter, because they come from your unique essence.

Words are a force that can transform anxiety into creative action.

Rooted in belonging, may your words and deeds always express an authentic, courageous power, the wonder of the unknown and a joyful curiosity that will craft a path that is an expression of your unique gift to the world.

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Dr Ela Manga







As the year comes to an end, we take a moment to reflect on a successful year. This year-end summary celebrates our successes and highlights our contributions to the Old Girls' Guild while also looking forward to the 150th celebrations next year.

Membership and Growth: The Guild experienced a significant increase in membership this year, with more Old Girls joining our community. This growth has brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to our activities, and we are so grateful to all the ladies who have continued to support the Guild with both ideas and time over the last few years. Some have served for many, many years!

Reunions and Gatherings: This year, the Reunion Dinner was held in the Stephenson Hall on 4 May and what a successful reunion it was! With *Mardi Gras* as the theme, the hall was decorated in gorgeous greens and purples with candles, masks and beads layering the tables. Thank you to Mrs Erasmus for allowing us the opportunity to use the school hall and show off its beauty to all the Old Girls who attended the dinner. Thank you to a magnificent events team led by Suzanne Fincham for organizing this flawless evening. This year also saw past Matric Girls from the class of 2022 as well as from other years helping as servers and assisting at the bar. This was a highlight for young and old. We hope to continue this tradition and welcome past pupils back each year to assist us.

We were also so fortunate to have Rachel Gilbert (Matric 1948) and Rachel Heyneke (Matric 2022) walk the school corridors together as the youngest and oldest 'Old Girls' attending the dinner.

Our annual Matric Tea held on 22 July proved to be another successful gathering. Past pupil Emily Platt, from the class of 2018, addressed the Matric class of 2023. Emily gave an overview of her life experience since finishing school, highlighting the challenges, and articulating what "Shine in your own light" means. Her words were both humbling and humorous, making the girls feel more comfortable in their current space as they navigate their next steps.

We continued to hold our quarterly committee meetings throughout the year as well as the annual AGM. This gives our members the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and reminisce about their school days. These events continue to be well-attended, creating a powerful sense of camaraderie and nostalgia reiterating the value of the Alumni. We hosted the Annual Senior Tea on 4 November and our Annual Year End Committee party. Both were exciting events which were well attended.

Mentoring Programme: The Guild, along with Heather Dutton (Development, Alumnae & Fundraising Officer) continue to initiate a mentoring programme, pairing experienced

members/past pupils with recent graduates to supply guidance and support in their academic and professional journeys. This programme is still in its infancy with a hope to grow and create valuable connections within the Guild for years to come. The hope is to close the loop on the "Old Pot, New Pot" initiative and the newly formed "Study Sisterhood" initiative, providing school leavers and graduates with a support structure and further networking opportunities in fields of study.

Professional Workshops: To foster personal and professional growth, Heather hosted several Business Networking seminars throughout the year. These sessions provide the space for networking, career advancement, entrepreneurship and discussions. Members greatly benefited from these interactions.

Fundraising Initiatives: With the 150th Reunion around the corner and a jam-packed 2024 event calendar, various fundraising initiatives have begun to support charitable causes and give back to our community. These efforts included charity initiatives, music concerts and online campaigns, to name a few. The generosity of our members will be key, and the funds raised will have a positive impact on the causes to be supported from both the High School, Junior School and Old Girls' Guild.

Media, Marketing and Database: As we continue to embrace technology and mature in this space, we have seen the success and growth of the "Where in the World is She?" campaign. Old Girls can plot themselves on a map and reach out to other Old Girls in their countries or cities. This had also led to a massive growth in our database which means we can connect with more Old Girls. We wish to encourage this growth by inviting all Old Girls to access the Alumni page on the School website and update their details to stay in contact.

Bursary Awards: In recognition of notable achievements and contributions, we wish to congratulate our two bursary recipients. These awards honour exceptional individuals who have made a positive impact. The OCGG is proud to announce the recipients of the bursaries awarded at Speech Night and Prize-Giving on 14 October. Congratulations to Nicole Lister for receiving the OCGG Bursary and Kate Meyburgh who received The Brock Bursary.

In closing, as we bid farewell to another remarkable year, the Old Girls' Guild can proudly report on a year of strengthened connections among members, many successful support initiatives, and much personal and professional growth. We look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming year and invite all past Collegiate Girls to be part of this vibrant community as we prepare to celebrate our 150th in 2024.

Chelley Heyneke (née Richards, 1996) OCGG President





Hundreds of beautiful voices from both Collegiate Girls' High School and the Grade Six and Grade Seven learners from Collegiate Junior School combined to participate in this year's 111th Collegiate Carols. We are honoured to be part of an event that is greater than just the performance. We contribute to the community in a special manner and we are grateful for the opportunity to raise funds for Community Chest through our singing. During one of our rehearsals, Mr Selwyn Willis (CEO of Community Chest) reminded the learners of the incredible and valuable contribution we make to our community.

We would like to thank Reverend Claire Phelps, a Collegiate Old Girl, for reading the scriptures and for the prayer. It was a privilege to have her with us.

A presentation of this magnitude is a collective effort. The dedication of the staff, management team, administrative staff and support staff of both schools does not go unnoticed. We extend our gratitude to the schools who have offered extra support by lending us choir benches.

The outdoor performance in our school quad once again proved to be a very special experience.

May the words of the Gaelic blessing "Deep peace of Christ to you" remain with you this festive season.

Mrs G Agenbag







THE LAST WORD

'Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.'
- Charles Dickens

It is a pleasure to share our 2023 Collegiate Girls' High School magazine with you. Whilst it is a daunting task to be the editor of a school magazine, it is also a great honour and a real labour of love. 2023 has been a wonderful and busy year for the girls and staff of the College.

At the beginning of this year, I decided to embrace a spirit of gratitude after a rather challenging two and a half years. I can truly say that I have a lot for which to be thankful!

My sincere appreciation goes to Lynn van Dyk, who is the best assistant editor anyone could ask for. She has been a constant source of support and has put so much effort and hard work into this historical archive of our school year. I am blessed to work alongside her and it makes the enormous task less intimidating. Thank you too to Lynne Shone who has assisted me with proof reading. Her eagle eye and excellent editing skills have proved invaluable. Thank you to Nicky Winchester for making sure all the names in the photographs are correct.

Thank you to all the learners and teachers who helped document the year by writing reports and sharing their art work

or creative pieces with us. I am grateful to photographers Paul Greenway, Nicky Unwin, Joni Jones and the members of the Collegiate Photographic Society for taking so many wonderful photographs which make the 2023 magazine a joy to page through. Thank you as well to our official photographer, Kody McGregor, for his professionalism and reliability. The Sports Department must be acknowledged for their assistance (especially Euleen Grobbelaar, for her efficient and smooth organisation) at our School Photograph days. We are grateful to Sibukameni, our IT manager, who has spent many hours downloading and saving photographs for us. Thank you to Rob Marriott for taking a drone photograph of our wonderful Matric Class of 2023 who grace our cover this year.

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We hope that you enjoy reading the 2023 Collegiate Girls' High School magazine.

Mrs H Carter



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