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

As another year draws to a close, the tradition of reflection takes on special significance with the sun setting on the sesquicentenary of Collegiate. Reflection is more than a nostalgic look backwards; it is a tool for growth and understanding. We reflect to gain perspective, to understand where we have been, where we are, and where we are headed. Reflection is essential in our personal lives, but it also holds profound meaning for our community and our beloved school. Just as we go through various stages in life, so too does Collegiate. Our school, like each of us, evolves and transforms, and the past year has given us much to contemplate.

Every life is made up of distinct chapters, and so is the life of a school. Collegiate, now 150 years strong, has passed through many stages, each marked by growth, challenge and transformation. But Collegiate is more than a reflection of the world around it; it is a model of what society could and should be. Our vision is to educate and empower young women not just to understand the world but to transform it with courage and integrity. We stand as a microcosm of society, yet we aim to be a microcosm of the ideal society we hope to create—one that is rooted in values, equity and the courage to enact meaningful change.

The story of Collegiate Girls' High School is one of continuous growth, resilience and courage, unfolding in distinct stages over the past 150 years. It all began in 1873 when a small

group of determined mothers in the then Port Elizabeth had the vision and bravery to speak out for the need for a school dedicated to girls' education. Their foresight led to the opening of Collegiate's doors in 1874, welcoming 38 learners in a humble house on Western Road, guided by the Lady Principal, Miss Virginia Isitt. From those early days, Collegiate has steadily grown, transitioning through four different buildings to become the impressive institution it is today, with some 1,400 learners across the combined Collegiate schools.

At every stage, the school has risen to meet the challenges of the time. It has raised funds for causes like a hospital cot in the community's early days, expanded its curriculum to provide a holistic education, and sought to lead the way in embracing inclusivity and diversity. Throughout its journey—tumultuous, painful and controversial at times—Collegiate has remained steadfast, determined to act with integrity and courage, continuously shaping itself to be a beacon of progress and excellence. These stages of growth have laid the foundation for the spirit that defines Collegiate today, one that is vividly captured by the powerful symbol of the 'Courage' sculpture.

This sculpture, which stands at the heart of our sesquicentennial celebrations, represents the eternal Collegiate learner of the past, present and future. Courage, as depicted in this piece, reminds us of the tenacity and strength that have carried generations of Collegiate girls. It is surrounded by the serene beauty of the Thuli Madonsela Garden of Reflection, named for our 150th Jubilee Patron, former Public Protector and current Chair of Social Justice at Stellenbosch University, Professor Thuli Madonsela. Her unwavering message of social justice and her call for us to have the courage to "show up" resonate deeply within our community. In this garden, where Courage proudly stands amidst the blooms and tranquillity, we are invited to reflect on our place in the continuum of Collegiate's history and our role in shaping its future.

This year has been a monumental celebration of our heritage, our achievements, and our hopes for the future. As we marked our 150th year, we were reminded of the remarkable journey that has brought us here. The events—each filled with meaning and community spirit—have showcased the vitality of Collegiate today. From the flag-raising ceremony to the Literary Festival, the musical production, STEAM Week, the Spring Sports Festival, and the Wellbeing Conference, to mention but a few, each occasion has highlighted where we are now and how far we have come. The sesquicentenary has not only celebrated our past but also illuminated our future, revealing how we can continue to grow while remaining true to our values.

Our sesquicentennial year has also been a celebration of stories—life stories that have profoundly shaped our community. Throughout the year, Old Girls from across the globe have shared their reflections on our social media platforms.



These stories have brought to life the truth of the Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard's words: "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." They remind us that each chapter of our lives at Collegiate holds lessons that resonate far beyond our school years. The reflections demonstrate that Collegiate's legacy endures through each generation, carried forward by the values that continue to shape our learners' lives.

The "Old Girls' Stories" have been a testament to the values instilled at Collegiate. We have heard from Old Girls who were inspired to fight against apartheid, driven by the principles of justice and equity they first encountered here. Others have spoken about the importance of respect and treating

everyone with dignity, values they learned within these walls. Many have reflected on the discipline they developed, which now powers their mental resilience on life's toughest days. Each story is a thread in the rich tapestry of our legacy, connecting our past with our present and inspiring the future.

Reflecting on where we have been naturally leads us to consider where we are going. What kind of society do we envision, and how do we prepare our learners to build it? The future we dream of is one where our young women lead with purpose, courage and empathy. It is a future where diversity and inclusivity are celebrated, where our learners are equipped not only to understand the world as it is but also to challenge injustices and inspire meaningful change. How do we ensure that Collegiate continues to be a place where values and education come together to empower young women for this mission? This year has highlighted both our strengths and the areas where we must grow, inviting us to look forward with hope and determination. Together, we can shape a Collegiate that is vibrant, diverse, values-driven, and ready to ignite a brighter, more just society.

As we conclude this historic year, I extend an invitation to our entire Collegiate community—girls, Old Girls, staff, parents, and friends—to unite in this shared endeavour. The Collegiate of tomorrow is not just a vision but a responsibility we all carry. Let us unite to nurture and ignite the values that have defined us and will continue to guide us. Let us "show up", as Professor Madonsela so passionately urged, with courage and conviction, ready to build a future worthy of our legacy. Together, let us continue to write the story of Collegiate, one of courage, community and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Now, stepping outside to gaze upon Courage, I envision the laughter, chatter, excitement, sense of wonder, camaraderie, tears, courage and love shared amongst the girls during the various celebrations of 2024. My thoughts drift, imagining, as "years gather o'er us", past and future generations of Collegiate learners laughing, chatting, learning and creating a sisterhood that lasts a lifetime.

In closing, I am grateful for the dedication of our staff, the support of our School Governing Body, and the passion of our learners and Old Girls. Thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs van Dyk for documenting the sesquicentenary in this magnificent Collegiate School Magazine 2024. May it inspire us to envision a future where we grow and lead with courage. In twenty-five years' time, fifty years' time, one hundred years' time, and so on, this magazine will be revisited, and the past will inform the future.

Wishing you all a restful holiday season and the blessings of peace, joy and safety until we meet again.

Warm regards,
Mrs Louise Erasmus



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HOSTEL STAFF

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	Mrs L Niven (Enrolled Nurse)	Miss J Ashby (until the end of Term Three)
Operations Manager:	Mrs L Cooper	Assistant Duty Matron: Miss A Swanepoel

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The philosopher Albert Camus once remarked that, 'There is life and there is death, and there are beauty and melancholy between.' This year, the inevitable passage of time was evident as the Collegiate community enjoyed its sesqui-centennial celebrations. Perhaps more so than other years, the permanence of change was made apparent as various people joined and left the Collegiate staff body. As we lived through these shifting times, we recognized the beauty of different people and we felt the melancholy of endings; we came to realise what had been lost and had been gained.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Desirée Scholtz to the Mathematics Department. New Sports Department Staff members, Seko Zondani and Melissa Gillies, made their presence felt in the spheres of Water Polo and Hockey respectively.

Social worker, Sivuyile Ngcwane left for Johannesburg to take up a position working for the Department of Health early in the year. In her place arrived Kristy-Ann Govender, whose time at Collegiate was brief, but impactful as she decided to leave for another job opportunity doing online training in the corporate field. We happily welcomed Lara Hayward back into the fold to fulfill the role of social worker at Collegiate.

We bade farewell to Sarah Purchase, who left at the end of January to study Honours in Educational Psychology in Pretoria. In her place, we welcomed Old Girl, Leila Dos Santos, to the position of Life Orientation teacher.

At the end of February, Luiza Dos Santos decided to embark on a new journey of online teaching, thus leaving Collegiate after many years of teaching and service to the school. Barnaby Shone stepped into the classroom as the new French teacher.

Joni Jones, the Visual Arts teacher, made the decision to leave Collegiate at the end of the First Term, as her family relocated to Cape Town. She taught her senior learners online in the Second Term assisted by Lara Potgieter, who facilitated these classes. Sarah Walmsley came in to assist with the practical elements. In addition, Lara Potgieter took over Joni Jones's

Creative Arts classes. In the Third Term, Juli-Anne Norton began teaching Visual Arts at Collegiate. She was with us for two terms, whereafter she decided to take up a position at Woodridge College starting in 2025.

Marie Meurs fulfilled a part-time position of teaching Creative Arts this year, but left in the Third Term for a full-time teaching position. Lara Potgieter stepped in and taught these classes.

In April, we mourned the passing of our dear colleague Gail Helmie who had retired at the end of January due to ill health. We thank Hedwig van Rooyen for teaching her Life Orientation and Afrikaans classes.

We recognized Roelien Taylor's contribution to Collegiate, as she retired from Collegiate at the end of the Third Term. We thank Anton Scholtz for teaching her Technology classes, as well as Michelle Stark for teaching her Consumer Studies practical needlework classes.

Keith Gibson left Collegiate in the Third Term after a long career in education.

English teacher Jade Ashby departed at the end of the Third Term to take on new adventures in Cape Town. In her place, we welcomed Lara Potgieter, who, after fulfilling various positions throughout the year, stepped into the permanent role of English teacher.

We shared Gustel Agenbag's, Jenny Jooste's and Bronwyn Brookes' joy, when their daughters got married. We also delighted in Lynn van Dyk becoming a grandmother and Anton Scholtz's becoming a grandpa again. Lynn van Dyk's daughter, Ingrid, gave birth to a baby girl and Anton Scholtz's daughter, Lindsay, gave birth to a second child, a baby boy. Both Ingrid and Lindsay are Old Girls of the College.

In conclusion, it has proved to be a very busy year of comings and goings at Collegiate. A school's pulse is its community, and we are grateful to our staff, who may come and go, but whose lives are now part of Collegiate's story – a story that is filled with beauty and melancholy, and which continues to unfold in its 150th year and beyond.

Ms J Kromhout





STAFF REPORT







LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Lennox Mapapu

Jan 2005 – Twenty years



Gustel Agenbag

Jan 2010 – Fifteen years



Shelly-Anne Arthur

Jan 2010 – Fifteen years



Nicola Winchester

Jan 2015 – Ten years

FAREWELL TO MRS HELMIE



After battling an illness, Mrs Helmie left Collegiate in Term One to focus on her health and her family.

Mrs Helmie joined the staff in January 2013 as a School Counsellor and Afrikaans and Life Orientation teacher. During her time at Collegiate, she has also stepped in and taught Grade Eight History when needed. Many learners have spent time in Mrs Helmie's office receiving emotional support and guidance. Mrs Helmie's mentoring skills also extended to Prefect Leadership camps where she conducted many inspirational morning walks and devotional sessions. She also played a role in the Grade Eights' transition from Junior to High School.

Beyond the classroom and the counselling office, Mrs Helmie was a Hockey Manager, assisted with Cross Country and Tennis, and played a pivotal role in the St James Girls' School tutoring programme. A woman of deep faith and love for her colleagues, learners and God, Mrs Helmie was a support to many and we will truly miss her.

Mrs L Erasmus

Mrs Helmie was a support to many and she will be missed by her colleagues and learners. A woman of deep faith and love for her colleagues, Mrs Helmie will remain an inspiration to us.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS HELMIE



Beloved former teacher at Collegiate Girls' High School, Mrs Gail Helmie passed away on 14 April 2024.

Mrs Helmie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the Western Cape in 1986, completed a Higher Diploma in Education in 1987, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 2009 from NMU. Mrs Helmie taught at Booysen Park and Morningside High School and lectured at Varsity College. She joined Collegiate Girls' High School in January 2013 as a School Counsellor and Afrikaans and Life Orientation teacher.

Many learners spent time in Mrs Helmie's office receiving emotional support and guidance. Mrs Helmie's mentoring skills extended to Prefect Leadership camps where she conducted many inspirational morning walks and devotional sessions. She also played a critical role in the transition of Grade Eights from Junior to High School.

Mrs Helmie served the school beyond the classroom and counselling office. She was a Hockey Manager, assisted with Cross Country and Tennis, and played a vital role in the St James Girls' School tutoring programme.

Mrs Helmie was a support to many and she will be missed by her colleagues and learners. A woman of deep faith and love for her colleagues, Mrs Helmie will remain an inspiration to us.

Mrs Helmie had been battling illness and formally left Collegiate Girls' High School in Term One to focus on her health and family.

Mrs L Erasmus





FAREWELL TO MRS DOS SANTOS

When the year started, none of us thought that we would be bidding farewell to Mrs Dos Santos in this assembly as she takes her leave of us at the end of this week. But life is not a constant: it ebbs and flows and at times takes us down unexpected tributaries that open new vistas.

In October 1999, Collegiate gained a linguist par excellence when Madame Dos Santos joined the staff. Mrs Dos Santos, if I am not mistaken, speaks at least seven languages and has taught three of those – English, Afrikaans and, of course, French – to Collegiate learners over the years. However, it has been the French classroom that has been her passion and haven, and the imparting of French and a love for French, her purpose. So it was that in 2002, French creative writing appeared in the annual School Magazine for the first time, and in 2003, the French Club was born, and expanded to include French Tutoring in 2005. Over the years, the French Club has enjoyed many French movies, flipped pancakes on Shrove Tuesdays, performed French items and even plays, in cultural assemblies, held a French evening in celebration of Francophone Day, been on French Treasure Hunts, experimented with French cuisine, and so much more.

Beyond the French classroom, Mrs Dos Santos has been involved in so much more. For six years she ran the Debating Society most effectively, handing over the gavel to me when I arrived in 2006. She also guided and supported the Junior City Councillors for a few years.

From 2006 to 2009, Mrs Dos Santos was mother to the Grade Eights and her leadership coupled with gentle manner made the transition from junior school to high school that much easier for many girls. Mrs Dos Santos has also headed up Grade Twelve and took on the Grade Ten Headship this year until her path was directed elsewhere.

For six years, Mrs Dos Santos served on the School Management Team as a Head of Department and one of her main portfolios was that of charities and outreach. As such she ably steered the annual Charity Bazaars, as well as other outreach projects. Perhaps an outreach project closest to her heart has been the 150 Cancer Care Bags, into which much love was poured.

Another role that Mrs Dos Santos has played during her time at Collegiate is that of Hostel tutor and she enjoyed getting to spend time with the Bodas while overseeing their prep.

Of course, considering that Mrs Dos Santos is the linguist that she is, she could not escape the school magazine. However, Mrs Dos Santos first tested the waters in 2012 as the Deputy Editor, before taking

the plunge in 2013 when she became the Editor. For eight years she fulfilled this extremely time-consuming and precision-demanding task, each year expertly producing a quality magazine and so ensuring a record of the year for posterity.

Mrs Dos Santos dedicated most of her professional teaching career to Collegiate. Her daughters had been through Collegiate from Pre-primary to Matric and her younger daughter has now joined the Collegiate teaching staff herself. We might be saying goodbye, but we know that she carries Collegiate in her heart, always.

I will end with the words of Simran Juglal in her 150 Old Girls Stories post: *French classes with Madame Dos Santos were such a treat – despite being a small class they had tons of fun in every lesson. Madame Dos Santos's calm demeanour and infinite wisdom made her classes extra welcoming and comfortable.*

Madame Dos Santos, *merci et que Dieu vous protège.*

Mrs L Erasmus





Mrs Roelien Taylor joined the staff of Collegiate in August 2001, bringing with her a passion for teaching and an exceptional talent for Needlework. Over the years, she has expanded her expertise to teaching Technology and Consumer Studies (clothing), always with the same dedication and care that defined her career.

From 2002 to 2006, Mrs Taylor served as the teacher-in-charge of Rowing, where her commitment was nothing short of remarkable. She would rise at 04:00 to take the girls down to the Swartkops River, never once complaining, even when on many rowing trips up country to various regattas and SA Schools Rowing Champs. Her leadership extended beyond the water, as she also coached Netball and Athletics, managed Water Polo, and served as the Grade Eight Head for a number of years. Her caring nature and approachable demeanour helped new Grade Eights feel at home, guiding them through the often-daunting transition into high school.

Mrs Taylor's talents as a seamstress are exceptional. She has made countless costumes for musical productions like *The Mikado*, *The King and I*, and *South Pacific*, spending long hours and late nights working out of love for the school. Her skill and creativity extended to designing and making stunning Matric Farewell dresses, not only for our girls but for daughters of staff members and learners from other schools. As the House Mother of Queen Victoria House for a few years, she provided the Vicky girls and House Captain guidance and support and was the biggest cheerleader when Vicky won Inter-House events and the House of the Year Cup.



During the time of Carols practices, Mrs Taylor worked with the non-carol singers, guiding them in making teddy bears and later quilts then knitting squares —activities that brought joy and a sense of accomplishment to all involved. Her impact was felt not only in her professional life but also in her personal faith, which served as an inspiration to those around her. A strong Christian woman, Mrs Taylor was a part of the staff prayer group, drawing strength from her faith in tough moments and sharing that strength with others.

As Mr Wienand so aptly put it when writing a tribute for Mrs Taylor upon reaching her 20 years of service: "There

are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family." Mrs Taylor, you have truly become part of our Collegiate family.

Mrs Roelien Taylor is a strong, and dedicated woman who has served her school and community with unwavering commitment and love. Her legacy will endure in the hearts and minds of all those she has touched, and though she is retiring, she will always remain an integral part of the Collegiate family. We are deeply grateful for her 23 years of service and wish her every blessing in the next chapter of her life.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Mrs L Erasmus





TRIBUTE TO MRS JOOSTE

“In loco parentis” – a Latin term for “in the place of a parent”.

This is a term which Jenny Jooste took to heart and has lived by in her position as House Mother of the Collegiate Hostel – Waterfield House.

Jenny started her career at Collegiate in 1997 in the Needlework Room and it is here that she became the shoulder to cry on for many of the hostel girls who were homesick and unhappy. Their stories deeply touched her mother-heart and when the position of Hostel Superintendent became available in 2015, Jenny knew that it was where she was meant to be. She wanted to create a home-from-home environment for the girls where they would feel safe and comfortable. Something that was a thorn in her side, and which she managed to change recently, was the title of Superintendent - it just sounded too much like an institution! The Superintendent of the Hostel is now known as House Mother which is how Jenny saw herself – a surrogate mother to ninety-odd girls. It can safely be said that for Jenny to manage the hostel was never just a job but a calling and she has conducted herself in that exact manner.

Jenny's kindness and compassion comes from a deep-seated Christian ethic and her main focus for the girls was for them never to feel humiliated in any way. As a result, she was a strong advocate for the removal of any kind of demeaning initiation or tradition that resulted in a girl being embarrassed or uncomfortable. Her catch-phrase when dealing



with any issues between the girls is 'be kind'. She has stressed the value of a sense sisterhood in the hostel and always encourages the boarders to look out for one another and act in a way to encourage and not break one another down.

As soft-natured as she is, Jenny also knows the necessity of discipline and believes that the girls get their security from boundaries. In this way she brings about a balance and a fair handling of each incident, based on its merit.

Jenny values family greatly and sacrificed a lot of time with her own family to be a very 'hands-on' House Mother. She has always put the

needs of the hostel pupils and staff above her own and has selflessly given her time, over and above the call of duty. In theory, she has worked two jobs being House Mother and the full-time subject head of Consumer Studies and member of the School Management Team. Come weekends, Jenny was always available to drive the girls to church or to the mall so she had very little free time for herself off campus. Nothing was ever too much effort when it came to her boarders.

She will leave big shoes to fill and will be sorely missed by the boarders and Hostel staff. Although day girls are not allowed beyond the 'iron curtain' onto hostel turf, I think we will make an exception for this day girl whom we will always welcome home for a visit.

Mrs L Cooper





ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

*Miss J Reynolds, Mrs B Douglass,
Mrs L Riley*



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Emma Stevens



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Hannah Williams



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Kenyea Kettledas



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Michaela Pienaar



Mignonne Coley



Okuhle Nxangane



Onako Makinana



Oyisa Yaphi



Rumaan Ebrahim



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Sarah Louw



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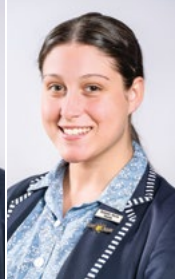
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Kaylee Villet



Kayron Pullen



Khazimla Konqobe



Lauren Venter



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Absent: H Escola, H Shearer



MATRIC DANCE

The Matric Dance was held on 3 February 2024 and was a glamorous evening where life-long memories were made.

After months of planning, dress fittings and makeup trials, the long-awaited day finally arrived. There was such excitement as the girls walked down the red carpet because we all knew the night was going to be a special one. The hall was transformed into a magical Bohemian ballroom.

After three delicious courses, the Grade Twelves took to the dance floor and danced like there was no tomorrow. In the blink of an eye, the wonderful night was over. All that was left the next day were blistered feet, messy hair, dried out mascara and 0.5 selfies.

The Fashion Show was another chance to show off our beautiful dresses. It was the time for the Grade Twelves to be the models we had always wanted to be when we were younger, and walk on the runway.

Special memories which will be treasured forever were made on both these nights.

Thank you to Mrs Lotz and Mrs Vlok for all the effort they put in to making the dance a success. Your hard work will forever be appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Z Grobbelaar, Mrs Kelly and the Grade Twelve register teachers for organising a successful Fashion Show. The Grade Twelves ticked another one off their bucket list.

Blessing Melariri



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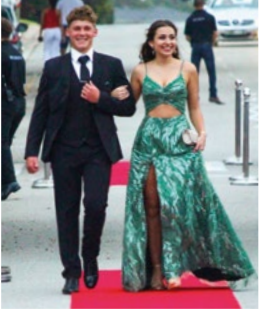
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MATRIC DINNER

On 3 October, the Stevenson Hall was transformed into a Disney Wonderland with an enchanting *Alice in Wonderland* entrance and glittering fairy lights, which added to the fairytale experience. The décor on the tables embodied the bright colours of Disney and the girls' costumes transported everyone back to their childhood.

The Grade Twelves were entertained by the Grade Elevens with songs and dances, while the teachers' skit was another highlight of the evening. It was a successful and memorable night.

The evening would not have been possible without the help

of Mrs Vlok who organised this wonderful event. We would also like to thank Mrs Lotz and the caterers for the lovely food, as well as Mrs Erasmus who gave us the opportunity to host this memorable event. We are grateful to the TECRU girls for their work behind the scenes and to the Matric Dinner Committee who put a lot of effort into planning this wonderful event.

As Walt Disney said, "You can design and create and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it takes people to make the dream a reality."

Elizma Ferreira







HEAD GIRL'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Good morning Mrs Erasmus, staff, parents, girls and for the last time, Matrics.

The end of an era has sadly come. Matrics, how did we actually get here? It seems like just yesterday we were little Grade Eights receiving the news from "Oom Cyril" that there would be a two-week lockdown after Term One. I remember the joy in everyone's eyes at the fact that we would be getting an extra two weeks of holiday, not knowing that we would only be seeing each other again many months later.

The two things I vividly remember from lockdown were, firstly, the awkward silence when you were the first one on Teams with the teacher, and you just did not know what to say, or when you were still in the meeting, alone, thirty minutes after it had ended because you had fallen asleep. Secondly there were the poor attempts of learners trying to cheat the system by saying, "Sorry Ma'am, my camera is not working", or typing in the chat box "My mic is not working" so the teachers would not pick on them. During lockdown we probably did one of three things: we either 'renegaded' our way through it with the concerning amount of TikTok we consumed, or we watched series galore, or we actually did school work – so basically, one of two things.

Grade Nine was the year we sort of came back to school but under extremely strict conditions – wear your mask at all times, stand no closer than one meter apart, always use sanitiser, etc. All you wanted to do was hug your friend, but you could not because there was always a staff member watching you like a hawk, making sure you did not. This year was the beginning of all the "yohhhhs" after anyone uttered a cough. To this day, you will still get looks when you cough.

Grade Ten was the first year we actually could get a glimpse of the true Collegiate life. Sport came back to life, we got to experience the Charity Bazaar, Grade Ten Fun Day and we were finally seniors so we practically forced anyone younger than us to stand back for us in the corridors even though we were about 50 meters from the doorway.

Then came Grade Eleven, the year we had the disease I like to call "matriculitis" in which we were almost Matrics so we



started to act like we already were. With this year came the Grade Eleven camp where I feel we really bonded as a grade and formed tight-knit connections.

All of a sudden, in the blink of an eye, we became Matrics of the school, the top dogs. Finally, the long-awaited, constantly talked about, 150th-year celebration year of the school arrived. It was an absolute privilege to be a Matric and be part of the spectacular events this year.

Nobody could have prepared us for how HECTIC with a capital H this year would be! Teachers were always reminding us of the Holy Trinity of exams which are June exams, Trials and Finals. But all we could focus on for the first few weeks of school was the Matric Dance, which had practically consumed our thoughts since the middle of Grade Eleven. Thanks to our parents for the thousands, and for some parents, tens of thousands of rands many of you spent, just to make us feel special that day.

Throughout our high school career, our grade has sort of been viewed as the rebellious grade, but I am sure we all just had different ways of expressing ourselves. There were times this year when our grade showed true 'resilience'. We felt the need to protest peacefully by wearing blue jerseys instead of





our white jerseys because our chairs in assembly were taken away and we did not "identify as Matrics anymore". We have had each other's backs through very tough times this year such as the times we were in literal mortal combat with some Life Orientation teachers to give more marks on projects.

What hurts me most is that next year, when I wake up each day, I will not see all 130 of your faces. I won't be greeted every morning by Hlumi's, "Bless, how are we?" My Science class will not be looking at each other completely clueless at what ma'am is teaching in the lesson. I will no longer hear Mrs Loubser constantly saying "Kom nou, Onako and Holly", because they would constantly keep talking in Afrikaans class. I will not receive the random group hugs from my Netball teammates during the school day, and so many more. These small moments have become such a normal part of my life and I struggle to believe that I can do next year without you all. It just will not be the same.

I know it is so easy to throw around the word "sisterhood" at Collegiate but really and truly this school has given me the opportunity to see many of you as more than just friends but in actual fact, sisters.

I will miss the twelve years I spent at this school and the unbreakable friendships and bonds formed because this really is a home away from home because you all make it so. I genuinely would not have wanted to complete my Matric year with any other group of Matrics.

This is such a surreal moment. We are about to embark on a journey, leaving our comfort zones and safe spaces. As we enter through those doors of life, we will experience many things that will take us in many different directions. I hope after all of that, you find your way back to your true self, your essence, and remind yourself of where you come from and

the values you have been taught. Never stop chasing your dreams because I am certain that our group will achieve amazing things in life.

Thank you so much to this school for accepting me as your Head Girl this year. It has been an honour to serve such an outstanding school with exceptional values. Thank you to the teachers for putting up with us as a grade – now you can finally breathe. You may not know it, but you have not only taught us, but you have shaped us into the strong and independent women we are today. Your impact on our lives will never be forgotten. Thank you for instilling in us the belief that we can succeed and have faith in us even when we doubt ourselves.

To my heroes, Mom and Dad, you can finally take off the hats of being Collegiate parents after over a decade. Who knew that such a time would ever come, and so soon? Thank you for all the prayers, for the guidance and for being my biggest supporters this year. I am so blessed to have you both in my life.

I do not even want to finish this speech because I know once I finish it, it will be officially over. I do not know exactly what the future holds, but what I know for a fact is that the blue and the white will remain in my heart forever because it truly 'makes a monster'.

From the film *St. Elmo's Fire* I quote, "We laughed until we had to cry, we loved right down to our last goodbye, we were the best".

Finally as a tear runs down my eye, with my fellow Collegiate girls by my side this is my final goodbye.

Head Girl for 2024, signing out.

Thank you.

Blessing Melariri



PRINCIPAL'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

9 October 2024

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

It is now time for me to bid my farewell to the Class of 2024. Each of you entered the corridors of Collegiate in 2020 as a Grade Eight, excited and in awe of your Grade Twelve Old Pot. Then your year was turned upside down and Covid lockdown started. You did not have the Grade Eight experience that many have had before you and those who have come after have had. You did not have the Grade Nine experience that many have had before you and those who have come after have had. Even Grade Ten had its challenges. Then slowly the world started to breathe easily once more, and the traditions so loved of old returned and Grade Eleven and Twelve have been your years. I am so proud of you, and I know that you will walk through the front gates soon as proud, confident, resilient young women ready to make your mark on the world with kindness.

The rite of passage that today is for you, is one that has been for classes before you and will be the rite of passage for the Class of 2025 in a year's time, and the rite of passage for the Class of 2026 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 supporting your daughter through unprecedented times, thank you for loving them, 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 will give to others after you. It is a five-point plan that is my guiding star, and gift to you:

Point 1: Remember your roots.

- Your family whose blood runs in your veins and who has 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.

I will leave you with the poem "Invictus" by William Henley:

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.*

Class of 2024, 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 profound difference in the lives of others.

Mrs L Erasmus





GRADE HEAD'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS



Good morning, Mrs Erasmus, Staff, Parents, Guardians, Girls of the College and especially the Class of 2024. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today.

Grade Twelves, your year was a year of lasts. It began with you bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at the Parent Information Evening (where I am pretty sure most of the information went in the one ear and out the other, much to your teachers' dismay). Then came the last lessons, Inter-House events, Old Pot/New Pot catch-ups, House Days, the Rites of Passage Assembly, the Matric Dance and Fashion Show, Founders' Day, Mid-year Examinations, Charity Bazaar, Trial Examinations, Boarder Banquet, Matric Dinner, Cultural and Sport Awards, Speech Night and Prize-giving, and finally, today, Valedictory. In addition, our 2024 was laced with sesquicentennial celebrations, including the Standard Bank STEAM Week, Literary Week, the Wellbeing Conference and the Spring Sports Festival to name a few. I truly hope you made the most of it because it is over now.

The events and lessons that have shaped this year did not happen by chance, and there are many central figures who deserve recognition. Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all the Matric parents and guardians. Never underestimate how much they have done for you – they have been your shoulder to cry on, your friend to laugh with, your personal cheerleader and for some, even your small loans bank. Thank you, parents and guardians, for your endless support, past and future!

Next, we owe a huge thank you to all the other contributors. To the teachers who have guided, nagged, begged and pleaded with you along this journey, especially those who went above the call of duty to get you here today, we are grateful. A special shout-out to the unsung heroes: the Administrative Team, the Sport and Cultural Departments, the Counselling Department, the Ground Staff and the Security Team.

To my team of Matric teachers, my very own 'Bomb Squad': Mrs Winchester, Ms Kromhout, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Scholtz, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Jones, Mr Batista and Mr Gibson, thank you for your unwavering presence and for fighting the behind-the-scenes battles on behalf of the Matrics. Lastly, a big thank you to our leading lady, Mrs Erasmus, for your continued support and encouragement both to me and to the Grade Twelves.

To Blessing, Mignonne and your team of prefects, what a spectacular job you have done in leading our school this year! May the lessons learned and the memories made, remain forever safe in your hearts.

To the snowflakes, as I have been referring to you in my mind, Grade Twelves, mostly because of your white jerseys. Here we are, at the end of your high school journey, a moment that is bitter-sweet for me as your Grade Head. Watching you grow and evolve this year has been an incredible experience. I cannot let this moment pass without acknowledging something important. Teenagers, especially those of the female variety, are truly a special breed of human. You are in a fascinating phase where you are equal parts philosopher, comedian and sleep-deprived drama queen. You manage to juggle an intense schedule of school, friends and TikTok trends, all while mastering the art of eye-rolling and making decisions about whether you really need to wash your hair today. But here is the thing – beneath all that – you have this amazing energy, vulnerability, creativity and potential that makes you unlike anyone else. You have faced challenges, celebrated victories and now you stand ready to take on the world beyond, without the safety of our school walls. It feels especially fitting that we celebrate this moment in the same year that our beloved school turns 150 – a legacy of strong, intelligent women of whom you are now part.

When I was your age, I often found myself sitting in quiet moments pondering what my life would be like after school.



What would I do? What responsibilities would I carry? It was a time of excitement but also uncertainty. I wondered, what would I have control over? What would be mine to shape? As I asked myself these questions, I came across the concept of *dominion*—a word that stayed with me. *Dominion* means having authority or control over something. It is not about power for the sake of power, but about responsibility, stewardship and positive influence. It is about finding that part of your world where you can make a difference, no matter how big or small. Whether it is your career, your relationships, your creative passions or even your personal growth, having dominion means taking ownership of your life and actively shaping it.

As you move forward, I want each of you to think about what you will have dominion over. It does not have to be the whole world – start small, but start with intent. Whether it is leading a project at university, nurturing a community or even mastering a skill, choose something to care for, to grow, and to take responsibility for. That is where your strength

will lie.

As I reflect on your time here, I see each of you poised for greatness in your own way. You have been part of a school with a rich history, but now it is time for you to build your own legacy. You have got the intelligence, heart and spirit to do just that.

So, as you step into this next chapter, know that you have the ability to take control of your own story. Be kind, be bold, be brave, and remember that you are capable of more than you know. I am so proud of all that you have achieved this year. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you.

I will leave you with my favourite poem by Khalil Gibran. May it be dear to you, as it is to me, in times of uncertainty and fear of the unknown. If my tears start flowing, I will embrace them, knowing that I have loved you as best I could.

"It is said that before entering the sea

A river trembles with fear.

*She looks back at the path she has travelled,
from the peaks of the mountains, the long winding road
crossing forests and villages.*

*And in front of her, she sees an ocean so vast, that to enter
there seems nothing more than to disappear forever.*

But there is no other way.

The river cannot go back.

Nobody can go back.

To go back is impossible in existence.

*The river needs to take the risk of entering the ocean because
only then will fear disappear because that's where the river
will know it's not about disappearing into the ocean, but of
becoming the ocean."* ~ Khalil Gibran

Goodbye, Matrics. May you become the ocean.

Mrs Z Grobbelaar





QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOUSE

House Captain:	Ayomide (Victoria) Aluko
Head of House:	Mrs C Kelly
House Committee:	Emma (Tiggy) Stevens, Anam Bomvana, Helen Adebisi, Caitlin Lion, Siyambonga Vumenjani
Staff:	Mr Marriott, Mr Batista, Mrs Agenbag, Mrs Douglass, Mrs Lotz, Miss Timba, Mrs Winchester, Mrs van Dyk, Miss Ndovela, Miss Reynolds

This year, Alexandra House chose 'Alex Allstars' as their theme, and I am proud to say that every member of Queen Alexandra House lived up to that title. We started the year with a fantastic victory by securing first place at the Inter-House Athletics Day. Despite the scorching weather, there was participation across all events and the spirit within our House remained vibrant. A special congratulations goes to our senior relay team, which finished in first place!

Inter-House Aquatics Day was another highlight of the year. It was a day packed with energy, excitement and continuous cheering. The Queen Alexandra swimmers performed brilliantly, even those who are not the strongest swimmers, made their presence known with their enthusiastic support. We were very proud to claim victory in the Open Relay. Our Water Polo team added to our winning streak by finishing first yet again. What made the day even more special was our focus on giving back. As part of our charity initiative, we collected bottle tops to help fund a wheelchair donation.

Our commitment to charity extended beyond Aquatics Day. One of the most meaningful activities we took part in this year was when we chopped vegetables after school which were used by Love Story's soup kitchen to prepare meals for those in need. It was a fulfilling way for us to contribute to

our community.

At Winter Sports Day, Queen Alexandra House continued to shine. We took first place in both the Cross-Country and Hockey competitions, showing our versatility and determination. While we finished second in Netball, our team's effort and dedication were commendable and we are proud of their performance. Throughout the year, we participated in various other Inter-House events, such as Quiz, Tennis, Debating, Soccer and Cricket.

This year's Inter-House Plays was a chance for us to showcase our creative side. Each House was assigned a different era in time. Queen Alexandra House was given the vibrant theme of 'Disco'. The rehearsals were filled with laughter, music and camaraderie and the cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Queen Alexandra House Day, Mrs Bukky Olowookorun, an accomplished lawyer and pastor, was our guest speaker. She spoke about hardship and overcoming adversity. Her message was personal and heartfelt and she reminded us that 'adver-city' is not a place we have to remain in but rather a place that we should walk through.

The highlight of the year was at Speech Night when Queen Alexandra House was announced the winner of the coveted House of the Year Trophy, which is every House Captain's dream.

This year has been one filled with incredible memories, joy and amazing people. A heartfelt thanks goes to Mrs Kelly for her constant encouragement and dedication. Thank you to the Queen Alexandra House Committee for their tireless efforts. Being a part of Queen Alexandra House has been a blessing. I am grateful to all the staff and learners in the House. I wish the 2025 Queen Alexandra House Committee all the best!







QUEEN ELIZABETH HOUSE

House Captain:	Jaime Löest
House Head:	Miss Monaghan
House Committee:	Anelisa Mandlana, Danika Coltman, Olungaka Kama, Rebecca Iving, Yathanda Peter
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

2024 once again proved to be a memorable year for Queen Elizabeth House. We were pleased by the positive spirit in the house, characterized by a general willingness to participate in the Inter-House competitions.

Queen Elizabeth House embraced the 'Ladies in Black' theme this year, starting off Term One with Inter-House Athletics and later Inter-House Aquatics Day.

One of the highlights of the year was the phenomenal success of our girls in the Inter-House plays. The talented girls shone on stage and it is no surprise that our girls were awarded the prize for Best Script, Best Director, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress. Congratulations to Yathanda Peter, Sophia Wood and Katherine Wilson. Their hard work, creativity and teamwork paid off and we are very proud of everyone.

We were fortunate to have Callan Parker (née Schroeder), Deputy Head Girl of 2012, as our guest speaker at Queen Elizabeth House Day. Callan's relatable and heartfelt message encouraged the girls to embrace their own journeys, persevere through challenges, and strive to reach their goals with

confidence and resilience.

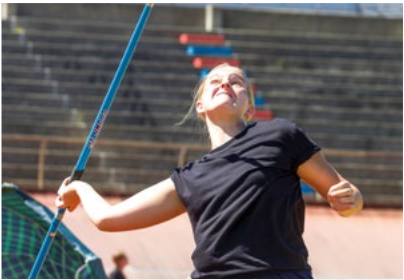
There was much excitement in Term Three as the Inter-House Cross-Country, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis and Debating competitions took place. We were thrilled to claim first position in Netball and Debating. The rest of the competitions brought a mixed bag of results for Queen Elizabeth House. Win or lose, every moment was a triumph of teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit. A big thank must go to each and every girl who participated with enthusiasm and grit.

Thank you to the Queen Elizabeth House matrics who played a huge role in the success of the House this year.

I want to extend a huge thank you to Miss Monaghan for her continued support, hard work and guidance this year.

Lastly, thank you to the incredible Queen Elizabeth House Committee. This year would have been impossible without all of you. The camaraderie, friendships and sisterhood formed will last for many years to come. I could not have asked for a more supportive and helpful team of young women.







QUEEN MARY HOUSE

House Captain:	Tiara Finnis
House Head:	Mrs E Grobbelaar
House Committee:	Talya Henderson, Mihlali Mangqengwana, Hannah Stiglingh, Salizwa Lobishe, Chelsea Duri
Staff:	Mrs Gerber, Mrs Loubasher, Mrs Lotz, Miss Marx, Mrs Mey, Mrs Riley, Mrs Weideman, Mrs Barkhuizen, Mr Müller

It has been an honour to be the House Captain of Queen Mary House this year.

Our theme for 2024 was 'Mary Mutant Ninja Turtles'. The year started early for Queen Mary House as our House Day was held in February. We were lucky to have Mr David Hugh Glover, a swimming coach and Mathematics tutor, as our guest speaker. Mr Glover's love and passion for swimming and life itself is evident and he encouraged the girls to chase after their dreams. Queen Mary House chose the EP Children's Home as their charity for this year.

Our athletes shone at Inter-House Athletics Day. Supported by all the cheering members, Queen Mary House placed second.

The Inter-House Aquatics Day followed and our swimmers swam with determination which led Queen Mary House to

beat Queen Victoria House, to finish first. A special mention must be made of Sienna Gous for breaking the record in the 200m Open Freestyle event. After the gala, our Water Polo players demonstrated good team work and they played with tenacity in the Inter-House Water Polo matches.

We also took part in the Inter-House Quiz and Squash where the girls tried hard and gave of their best.

Term Three started off with Inter-House Tennis where we played our hearts out in our doubles matches. With the Inter-House play theme, "A Vibe in Time", Queen Mary girls showcased the Rock'n Roll era and put on a great performance.

Winter Sports Day was one of friendly competition which featured Cross Country, Netball, Hockey and Soccer. Queen Mary House put up a brave fight in all disciplines.

The Queen Mary Debating girls managed to make it through to the Inter-House Debating final where they unfortunately lost to Queen Elizabeth House. Our Inter-House Cricket was the last event of the year and our cricket players showcased their teamwork and played with spirit.

I am extremely grateful for the constant support and encouragement from Mrs Grobbelaar and the Queen Mary committee members. I am so proud of all the 'girls in green' and I know that they will all continue to keep the Mary flag flying high.

My blood will always be green.







QUEEN VICTORIA HOUSE

House Captain:	Mia Jack
House Head:	Mrs Hemingway
House Committee:	Tsepiso Malahleha-Qaku, Holly Shearer, Taahira Turner, Lauren Upton, Kaylee Villet
Staff:	Mrs Carter, Miss Dos Santos, Mrs M Kelly, Miss Kromhout, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Marriner, Mr Marshall, Mrs Posthumus

I have been extremely proud to be the Queen Victoria House Captain in the school's remarkable 150th year. 'The Purple Power Rangers' gave it their all even if we did not win every event. 2024 was filled with enthusiasm, camaraderie and countless memories.

At Inter-House Athletics and Aquatics Day in Term One, the girls showcased their athletic abilities on the track and in the pool, giving it their all and breaking records in the process. The athletes were encouraged by Queen Victoria House who supported them with loud cheers and songs.

On 15 May, we celebrated Queen Victoria House Day. The Queen Victoria girls proudly wore purple ribbons in their hair in recognition of the special house they are part of. The talented and inspirational Michelle Enslin shared words of encouragement and wisdom which we will all carry with us into our future.

To end off the first half of the year, the Inter-House Quiz competition was held on the last day of Term Two. The quiz team demonstrated impressive knowledge across a wide range of topics and secured first place overall. We are very proud of

these girls!

A busy Term Three awaited us, starting with the annual Winter Sports Day, where we finished first in the Cross Country. The Netball players showed their grit and agility playing in some very close games. Our Hockey players made us proud securing second place in the tournament. Finally, we dominated in the Inter-House Soccer, claiming an impressive first place.

A dedicated cast, team of directors and backstage crew spent many hours rehearsing and put a lot of effort into our Inter-House Play. The night was a great success and the cast and crew definitely deserve special recognition for all their hard work.

Over the next few weeks, Inter-House Squash, Tennis, Debating and Cricket took place. The Queen Victoria girls showed great sportsmanship and I am very proud of their efforts. A huge congratulations must go to the Tennis Team who came first overall.

One of the highlights of the year was our charity work. Queen Victoria House partnered with Heatherbank School and assisted them throughout the year in various charitable initiatives. We volunteered to represent their school at the Ironman Competition, working as marshals and donating all money earned to Heatherbank. We also ran a bra drive for their Grade Six and Seven girls and handed over the donations on Mandela Day.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our House Head, Mrs Hemingway, and the amazing Queen Victoria House Committee. I could not have asked for a better team. Thank you for making this year unforgettable.

May Queen Victoria House continue to rise to greater heights in the years to come.







ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE HOUSE

House Captain:	Tanya McNamara
House Head:	Mrs J Jooste
House Committee:	Danni Barrow, Siyolise Nokulila, Zané Mostert, Ayabonga Sizila, Jeanne Steyn
Staff:	Miss Ashby, Miss Coetzee, Mrs Grobbelaar, Miss Mbengashe, Miss Mellet, Miss Mkhonza, Mrs Norton, Mrs Scholtz, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Smith, Mr Zondani

It feels as though we merely blinked, and 2024 has already come to a close. What a year this has been! Filled to the brim with sesquicentennial celebrations, the 150th will most certainly be earmarked in the history books.

There is never a dull moment at Waterfield House, nor a quiet one – cheering is synonymous with being a Boda. Our ‘in-weekend’ kickstarted what looked to be a promising year. Not even the infamous Port Elizabeth winds could stop us from ‘slip-‘n-sliding’ like our lives depended on it. The Grade Eights were welcomed with open arms as they embarked on their daunting high school journey.

A sea of red and blue could be seen at the Westbourne Oval and at Aquatics Day as the Bodas participated wholeheartedly in various events, displaying commendable sportsmanship. Countless late nights of cheer practice paid off as the girls stood shoulder to shoulder with their housemates. Spirits were high, faces were burnt and voices were lost while the ‘Sahara Saints’ flew the Boda flag high.

House Day left us inspired and enlightened after Ms Lucia

Mtshake from our chosen charity, The Khazimla Project, inspired us with her words. A big congratulations must go to the many Bodas who achieved at the various House Days, receiving Certificates, Scrolls, Silver Bars, White Blazers and Music Awards, to name a few.

House Plays transported us back to the Roaring Twenties, where our talented stars acted, sang and danced along to a Boda rendition of “Jazz”. The whole of Waterfield House participated, both on the stage and in the audience, making it a night to treasure. The Best Supporting Actress Award went to a very deserving Cordé Adams.

Everyone participated in the various sports events at Winter Sports Day, including the Cross Country, which the Bodas took to at a sprint (and by ‘sprint’ I, of course, mean ‘leisurely stroll, huddled together for warmth’). This year, St Michael and St George House emerged victorious in Inter-House Cricket.

On behalf of Waterfield House’s residents, I would like to express our appreciation to everyone who makes the hostel tick. To the Hostel Staff, it would have been pandemonium without your guidance. Thank you to Capitol Caterers, for your lovingly prepared meals that help us make it through each day. Our supportive matrons’ ears will definitely enjoy a holiday away from our chatter. Thank you to Mrs Jooste, whose blood runs just as red as ours. Thank you to the House Committee, who were the foundation of the hostel this year and kept the girls’ spirits alive. It has been a pleasure to see your leadership and teamwork shine through in all your endeavours.

Dear Saints, our bonds of sisterhood are eternal, and I wish you unparalleled happiness.

“Boda Boda, Boda Boda. We are Bodas on a high. We are proud to represent you. And we ought to do or die.”







2024 began with great anticipation as we looked forward to celebrating 150 years of Collegiate's existence. The excitement was palpable as our boarders returned with joyful shrieks and warm hugs after the long summer holiday. Our Grade Twelve boarders, proudly donned their long-awaited white jerseys (despite the summer heat) and were eager to welcome and guide the new boarders. The energy and sisterhood of the "bodas" were tangible as the girls eagerly unpacked their bags, sharing tales of their holiday adventures.

The compulsory first 'In-Weekend' offered the perfect opportunity for boarders to build bonds within and across grades. It was an exciting weekend, filled with activities organized by the Entertainment Committee and the Grade Twelves. Our cheerleaders took the lead in teaching new songs, with their signature "boda" spirit. The weekend's highlights included the ever-popular Music Trivia and a trip to the waterslides at King's Beach, where even our matrons could not resist joining in the fun! Walking to our brother school, Grey, with "Boarder! Boarder!" ringing through the air, stirred deep emotions within all of us. At Grey, our new boarders were introduced to their counterparts. After a lively evening of socializing, they returned to Waterfield House, knowing they were now part of a supportive and caring community – the Bodas.

Under the capable leadership of Tanya McNamara, the Head of Hostel, and her Deputy, Danni Barrow, our 2024 Prefects and House Committee have upheld the ethos, discipline, and spirit of St Michael and St George House. Their leadership

was key to the Saints once again winning the Inter-House Cricket Trophy and maintaining their stronghold on the coveted Spirit Award.

Our Grade Twelve boarders are no ordinary group. Their journey began under extraordinary circumstances in 2020 when they arrived as eager Grade Eights, only for the COVID pandemic to change the course of their school and hostel life. Despite facing unprecedented challenges, they showed resilience and forged strong bonds that have only deepened over time. Their ability to navigate difficult times with grace and strength is a testament to their character.

During Founders' week, the Hostel hosted a High Tea for former boarders as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations. Hearing them reflect on the changes that have made Waterfield House even more homely than they remembered was heartwarming. Penny Fitzhenry (née Maskell), Head of Hostel in 1984, delighted everyone with stories of the antics they got up to during their time in the Hostel – reminding us that while much has changed, some things remain the same! Mrs Cooper and I have often joked about writing the Waterfield House version of John van de Ruit's novel "Spud".

Our charity focus for 2024 has again been the Khazimla Project, whose mission is: "No girl should miss school for any reason. Period." Every boarder is involved in repacking sanitary towels for distribution to local schools. Special thanks must go to our Grade Twelves, who have been instrumental in organizing the logistics of this initiative. The sense of community and camaraderie during these packing sessions is a



HOSTEL PREFECTS

Back Row: A Thomas, J Steyn, C Heukelman, Z Mostert

Front Row: D Barrow, Mrs J Jooste, T McNamara



HOSTEL STAFF

Back Row: M.X Goyi, Mrs M van Dyk, Mrs N Qubuda, Miss J Ashby, Mrs F Mdingi

Front Row: Mrs L Niven, Mrs D Dell, Mrs J Jooste, Mrs L Cooper, Mrs N Tame

Absent: Miss X Mkhonza, Mr M Manda

beautiful reflection of our school motto, *Facta non Verba* – deeds, not words.

Waterfield House continues to evolve, with significant upgrades to our facilities. The dining room floor has been refurbished, new carpeting has been installed in the foyer and passages, and the painting of common areas and lockers has been completed. Plans to upgrade the bathrooms are in motion, and the gardens, benefiting from our borehole system, look more vibrant than ever. We sincerely thank the Hostel Committee and Governors for their tireless efforts to ensure Waterfield House remains a warm, welcoming home for all.

I always say how blessed I am to work with the staff at the Hostel. They are my 'Dream Team' – each contributing to the overall excellent running of the Hostel through their unique strengths. Lesley Cooper - Operations Manager; Debby Dell and Lisa Niven - matrons; Xolile Mkhonza - resident teacher; Abigail Swanepoel - professional tutor; our support staff and Capitol Caterers all play a significant role in creating an environment where our boarders feel safe, nurtured and able to develop to their full potential. We were sad to bid resident teacher, Jade Ashby, farewell as she transferred to a school in the Western Cape at the end of Term Three.

As I near the end of my tenure as Hostel Mother, I reflect on the past decade with immense gratitude. Running the Hostel has been a true calling, one that began to take root in 1997. Being part of the Waterfield House boarders' lives has

been an honour. While the journey has had its challenges, I have been given the strength to persevere, growing personally and professionally. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Erasmus and all those who have supported me throughout the years. Though I am stepping down as Hostel Mother, I look forward to continuing my teaching role and staying connected with the Hostel community. I wish my successor every success, and I am confident that Waterfield House will continue to thrive.

My parting words to our boarders remain the same: If you can be anything, be kind. The spirit and sisterhood you experience at Hostel is unmatched. As I have said at every Boarder Banquet, I sign off with this final mission: "Leave everyone you meet better than when you found them. Become an encourager of potential, not a destroyer of confidence."

The following awards were made at our recent Boarder Banquet:

- **The Sam Beynon Floating Trophy** – this trophy is awarded to the girl who is loyal, enthusiastic, and has time for everyone, loves the Hostel and the girls and staff and is, in turn, loved and respected by all: **Tanya McNamara**
- **The Ena Quin Cup** – this cup is awarded to the most courteous and helpful boarder: **Ninke Schoeman**
- **The Heidi Berrington Trophy for the Boarder All-Rounder** – this award recognizes both academic and sporting achievements: **Tanya McNamara**

Mrs J Jooste











Collegiate Girls' High and Grey High School History and Cultural Tour 2024

Fifteen Collegiate learners, joined by nine learners from Grey High School, embarked on a historical and cultural experience which will be treasured for a lifetime. Mr Snyman from Grey High School and Mrs Mey from Collegiate Girls' High School acted as chaperones for the tour.

The learners departed from Gqeberha on Friday, 28 June. For some learners, the Safair flight to Johannesburg was their first ever flight which was a great way to start a tour! That evening we flew from Johannesburg to Dubai. We arrived in Dubai the following day and after a short layover, we flew to Rome on an Airbus A380.

Our learners experienced their first true international travel experience when we spent over two hours in an immigration queue at Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport. Unfortunately, this resulted us missing our tour of Baroque Rome. After a difficult airport experience, we booked into our hotel in Rome and had supper at an authentic Italian restaurant.

The following morning, we stood in yet another queue, this time at the Vatican Museum. We were able to see many beautiful works of art and various artefacts as well as the magnificent Sistine Chapel. Despite our sore feet, we toured the Colosseum. Our tour guides facilitated a walking tour of ancient Rome which included the Arch of Constantine. Later that evening, we decided to use public transport to visit one of the sights from our missed tour: Trevi Fountain. The learners enjoyed their first tram ride and we had gelato, took many photos and bought gifts and souvenirs. This impromptu visit was a highlight for many of the learners.

The following day we left for Florence where we visited the Leonardo da Vinci Interactive Museum and met our tour

guide for a guided walking tour of Florence. Famous sights included the Santa Croce Basilica, Ponte Vecchio (the famous Medieval bridge), and Piazza del Duomo.

After an early start the following day, we flew from Florence to Paris. From Paris we drove through the French countryside to visit the Somme Battlefields. Sights included the Memorial of Thiepval, the South African Park in Longueval, battlefields in Beaumont-Hamel and Lochnagar Crater in La Boisselle. The brutality of the First World War could not be ignored.

The following day we drove to Caen where we went on a guided tour of the German battery (Longues-sur-Mer), the American Memorial at Colleville-sur-Mer, Omaha Beach and the Caen Memorial Museum. After our tour, we drove to Paris.

On Thursday we used the Metro to visit the Eiffel Tower and later went on a guided walking tour of Paris. Sights included the Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

On Friday we visited Disneyland Paris. We saw Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh, R2D2 and the Avengers all in the same place.

On our second last day of the tour, we visited the Louvre and some learners went shopping with Mrs Mey in the evening while others decided to rest.

On our last day in Paris, we went shopping in Paris. That evening we left Paris for Dubai and after a very long layover, we flew back to South Africa.

Thank you to Travel and Sport for co-ordinating and organising the tour. The learners are sincerely grateful to their parents/guardians for granting them this opportunity as well as to Mrs Mey and Mr Snyman for accompanying them and looking after them during this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Mrs L Mey





This year our athletes have demonstrated diligence, skill and perseverance. The 2024 Athletics season began with the annual Inter House Competition followed by the Zonal Meeting at Westbourne Oval. Many of our athletes qualified for the PE High Schools Event and Bronwyn Shone, Khazimla Nogalawe and Jade Grobler participated in the respective finals of their events.

Notable mention to Bronwyn Shone who qualified for the Eastern Cape Championships and won a bronze medal in the under 17 200m race, even though she is still under 16.

Practices with Mr Harmse were a highlight of every week, it made the season a memorable one indeed. His passion for his athletes is contagious. Without Mr Harmse and our Head of Athletics, Mrs Grobbelaar the season would not have been as successful as it was.

I'm blessed to have been Athletics Captain this year and to have met so many amazing people. I'm extremely proud of everyone and I hope Athletics at Collegiate continues to thrive.

Ayomide Aluko



ATHLETICS

Back Row: S de Lange, J de Kock, S Halgreen, E Ngcwabe, O Freercks, A Hermans, M Freercks, S Kruger, K de Necker, M Delport

Fourth Row: L Nonganga, A Njingolo, J Hill, A Aluko, C Catterall, Z Knoetze, J Coetzee, G de Doncker, Y Nomoyi, B Kepu

Third Row: Y Davids, O Tonjeni, M Bosman, L Mazwane, J Zinga, B Shone, B Bukhani, J Grobler, T Raga, Mrs E Grobbelaar

Second Row: Miss K Marx, E Nicol, K Mzembe, U Songqishe, I Nonganga, A Aluko, M Koen, M Msakatya, K Nogalawe, Mrs M Loubser

Front Row: M Dyantyi, O Makhuluma, A Reyneke, N Otigo, K Zulu, L Stofile, S Magoqwana, A Filmer



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INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

On Monday 29 January, the annual Inter-House Athletics Day took place at the Westbourne Oval.

Despite the very hot conditions, the spirit amongst the houses remained high. Joyful cheers echoed through the stands as the learners sang and proudly cheered on their respective Houses.

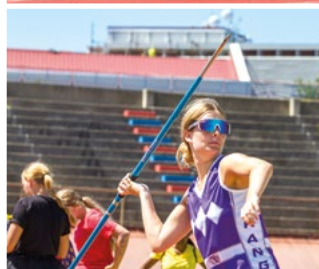
Participants competed with a sense of purpose, some for fun and others to win. Special mention must be made of Jenna Coetzee who broke the record for the U16 1500m race,

finishing in a time of 5 minutes and 15 seconds.

Congratulations to Queen Alexandra House who managed to secure first place and are commended on an outstanding accomplishment.

We extend our gratitude to Mrs E Grobbelaar, the Sports Department and staff for once again organising a successful event.

Victoria Aluko



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY





It is fair to say that this has been a busy year for the Chess team.

Although we only entered one team into the NMB Schools' League this year, we welcomed many new and enthusiastic players who were eager to learn and have since become an integral part of our team.

Four of our girls, accompanied by Mr Shone, participated in the National All Girls' Festival held in Potchefstroom which proved not only to be a learning opportunity for our girls but also a chance to strengthen friendships and create joyful moments. We placed sixth out of thirteen teams.

Some other highlights of the year were the Derby Days in which we took part. We played against Clarendon, Rhenish, Pearson and Oranje. Despite some losses, we not only enjoyed ourselves and learnt from our defeats but we also proved to be challenging opponents.

As part of the Collegiate Spring Festival sponsored by Old Mutual, Collegiate hosted a successful Rapid Chess tournament. Special mention must be made of Cwenga Williams who was the top Collegiate player of the tournament as she



came fifth overall.

I would like to thank all the teachers and girls who have helped make this year an extraordinary one, whether it be by coming to watch a match or accompanying us to matches. A special thanks must go to our coaches, the Sports Department, Miss van Vledder and Mr Shone.

I am extremely proud of all the Chess players as they have performed well and have worked hard to improve their game. I wish them well for next year.

Marvel Tendayi



CHESS

Back Row: M Tendayi, C Williams, E Bowker, D Duri

Front Row: Mr B Shone, J Murray, Q Munir, L Papu, Miss S van Vledder



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Jeanne Steyn was appointed as Cricket Captain for 2024 and led the team well.

Cricket has been a roller-coaster ride this year. After losing to Woodridge, the Collegiate Cricket team bounced back to beat two good schools from East London – Cambridge and Stirling. As the season progressed, we continued to improve substantially.

The First Team players received their caps at a capping ceremony, the first one to have been held since Covid interrupted much of the sport season.

Results

Collegiate First Team:

COLLEGIATE	RESULTS
Woodridge	Lost by 68 runs
Stirling	Won by 25 runs
Cambridge	Won by 66 runs
Framesby	Won by 7 runs
Kwazakele	Won by 151 runs
New Brighton	Lost by 5 wickets
Pearson	Lost by 9 wickets
Westering	Won by 3 wickets
Alexander Road	Won by 209 runs
Linkside	Won by 209 runs
Pearson	Lost by 61 runs

Collegiate Second Team:

COLLEGIATE	RESULTS
Pearson	Lost by 6 wickets
Victoria Park	Won by 9 wickets
Alexander Road	Won by 9 wickets
Westering	Won by 49 runs



Spring Festival 2024

Collegiate hosted Pearson, Woodridge and Framesby for the inaugural Old Mutual Spring Festival T20 Competition at the end of Term Three. The results were as follows:

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NO RESULT	POINTS
Collegiate	3	3	0	0	6
Framesby	3	1	1	1	3
Pearson	3	1	1	1	3
Woodridge	3	0	3	0	0

Unfortunately, the match between Framesby and Pearson was rained out and they shared the points. Collegiate won the T20 Festival after a tense match against Framesby on the last day.

Thank you to all the cricketers for their hard work and dedication this year. We would like to thank our coaches, Mr de Lange and Miss Kruger, and managers, Miss Timba and Miss Mellet, as well as the Head of Cricket, Mr Marriott.

Mr R Marriott



CRICKET FIRST TEAM

Back Row: Mr R Marriott, Z Hay, L Sugden, T Malahleha-Oaku, A Trow, K Wiehahn, T Mc Namara, Mr C de Lange

Front Row: S Mbangutha, M Kolosa, N Primo, M Venter, J Steyn

Absent: J Prinsloo



CRICKET SECOND TEAM

Back Row: Mr R Marriott, E Zimmerman, T Naidoo, G Barnes, L Ntsepe

Middle Row: S Twaku, M Wood, Miss B Kruger, L Marais, J Prinsloo

Front Row: H Tudhope, M Caliste, A Makedama, S Singh, B Isaacs



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country started Collegiate's 150th celebration year with Talya Henderson being appointed as Captain for 2024.

There were a number of notable highlights this year.

The National All Girls' Festival was held in Potchefstroom and Stacey de Ridder, Chloë Watson, Nia Farrell and Talya Henderson represented Collegiate. Chloë Watson is to be congratulated on placing seventh overall.

Collegiate competed in the Port Elizabeth High Schools Cross Country League. There were five league races this season held at various schools. The overall results for the age groups were as follows:

U14

L Stofile	9th
M Koen	21st

U15

S de Ridder	2nd
C Catterall	11th
H Jessiman	13th
K Zulu	17th
N van Heerden	18th
R Krause	22nd
R Dial	26th
K Petrus	27th

U16

N Farrell	6th
C Watson	7th
M Law	14th
K Hyman	16th
J Coetzee	20th

U17

M Freercks	2nd
K Unwin	26th
E Pretorius	31st
K Erasmus	33rd

U19

T Henderson	8th
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Olivia Freercks and Chloë Watson were selected to represent the Metro Team to compete in the Eastern Cape Provincials in Mount Frere.

We congratulate Mr Marriott on being appointed as the 2025 Chairman of the PE High Schools Cross Country Committee and thank him for his enthusiasm and hard work this year.

Congratulations also go to Maria Freercks who has been appointed as the Cross Country Captain for 2025.

Mr R Marriott



CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row: T Henderson, S de Ridder, M Freercks, O Freercks, K Petrus, L Stofile

Front Row: N Farrell, R Dial, C Catterall, H Jessiman, C Watson, N van Heerden, K Zulu, Mr R Marriott

Absent: M Law, K Hyman



This year marked the exciting debut of E-Sports at Collegiate Girls' High School and it has been a thrilling adventure filled with new challenges, honing skills and a lot of gaming fun.

One of the highlights of the E-Sports year has been the



weekly Thursday sessions. These afternoons have involved unwinding, having fun, building team spirit and sharpening our skills in a relaxed environment. We had the opportunity to try out new games, practise strategies and play some friendly matches.

Another highlight of the year was our participation in the weekly Fortnite League matches. These matches became a central part of our E-Sports calendar, providing teams with the chance to test their skills in competitive play. It was an intense and exciting experience as we faced off against other teams from various schools. One of our teams even made it to the Premier Leagues, a remarkable achievement that demonstrated our dedication and skill.

A huge thank you must go to teacher-in-charge of E-Sports, Mrs Human. She has spent countless hours making sure that everything runs smoothly. Her hard work ensured that E-Sports stayed afloat and made this year unforgettable.

It is clear that E-Sports has become a vibrant and exciting part of our school culture. We look forward to next year's adventures, new games and more opportunities to build on the fantastic foundation established. There is no doubt that the future of E-Sports at Collegiate is bright.

Isabella Newman



E-SPORTS

Back Row: E Duru, R Miller, M Kockott, B Mtize, H Doe

Middle Row: S Bonner, V Makolo, M Mc Kerr, S Ntlabezo

Front Row: T Harts, G Moutzouris, K Tufts, C van Heerden, I Newman, Mrs D Human

Absent: M Pienaar



HOCKEY

The 2024 Hockey season has been one to remember. We celebrated Collegiate's 150th Founders' Day playing hockey against Pearson High School. We also made history by hosting the Grey First Team's match against Queen's College as a special 150 event on our Astro Turf.

The following girls were selected to represent Eastern Province:

- U14A** Afikile Tyiso
- U14B** Gabriella de Doncker, Lauren Duckworth
- U16A** Jade Grobler, Jana Prinsloo, Emihle Mazomba, Kerrin Gillies, Taryn Peltenburg, Eden Oliver, Ayanda Klaas
- U16B** Casey Grobler, Khazimla Nogalawe
- U18A** Tiara Finnis, Gemma Bower, Alulutho Adams
- U18B** Anna Porter, Cassidy Williams

SENIOR LADIES' TEAM

Gemma Bower, Cassidy Williams

The following Collegiate girls were selected to various SA teams. Congratulations to the following:

U16 TOURNAMENT TEAM

Jana Prinsloo

U16A SQUAD

Emihle Mazomba

U17 MALAYSIA TEAM

Emihle Mazomba

U18A TEAM

Alulutho Adams

Our U14A and U14B sides participated in the local Alexander Road Hockey Festival. The U14A team then travelled to East London to take part in the Rob Taylor Festival where the girls played some lovely hockey and came back with good results.

The U16A team started their season playing at the Pearson tournament where, after a weekend of phenomenal hockey,

they were unbeaten, finishing first and bringing back the trophy. They then went to Stellenbosch for the Bloemhof Festival where they faced some tough opposition, coming home with five wins from ten matches.

The Second team travelled to Knysna for the Oakhill Festival where they competed against First teams, finishing fourth out of thirteen teams. The First team participated in the Greg Beling Hockey Festival in East London and played some good hockey. The First team then travelled to Johannesburg to participate in the St Mary's Festival, which is always a highlight in the hockey calendar. The girls faced some tough opposition and played some exciting hockey. They then went to Potchefstroom for the National All Girls' Festival, where they placed seventh overall out of nineteen teams.

Collegiate's U16As qualified for the prestigious Top 12 Tournament in Paarl. They finished their pool stage unbeaten and ranked top of their pool. After playing in the knockout matches they were able to secure a spot in the final after a win against Menlopark. They faced Paarl Gymnasium and won. This is the first time ever that a Collegiate Hockey Team has won a Top 12 Tournament. They finished their season ranked seventh overall in the country.

All the Hockey teams can be incredibly proud of themselves this season. A big congratulations goes to the Third Hockey team who were unbeaten this season as well as the U16As who were the winners of the local League.

A big thank must go to all the coaches, managers and ground staff for their hard work in ensuring a successful Hockey season. We are especially grateful to Mrs Gillies and Mrs Posthumus for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to the sport. Well done to all those who represented Collegiate Hockey and we wish everyone good luck for next year.

Alulutho Adams







HOCKEY



HOCKEY FIRST TEAM

Back Row: A Pienaar, J Coetzee, K Gillies, G Bower, T Paxton, A Porter

Middle Row: C Williams, T Peltenburg, C Grobler, J Grobler, K Brennan, H Griffin

Front Row: L Upton, N Mitchell, J Prinsloo, T Finnis, D Brown, A Adams, Mrs C Posthumus

Absent: Mr M Abrahams



HOCKEY SECOND TEAM

Back Row: E Ferreira, E Horn, K Wiehahn, E Stevens

Middle Row: A Bresler, C Davis-Taylor, H Campbell, S de Lange, R Ivings

Front Row: Miss J Reynolds, J Roman, L Labercensie, K Barton, J Steyn, I Newman, T McNamara, Mr A Moodaley

Absent: A Knott, J Assam



HOCKEY THIRD TEAM

Back Row: D Coltman; N Schoeman; M Freercks; S Louw

Middle Row: A Pearce; A Ferreira; E Wilson; T Bettridge; D Erasmus;

Front Row: Manager: M Loubser; S Mfecane; C Kuchera; T Turner; S Ntlabezo; M Hoyle; N Meneguzzo; Coach: T Preller



HOCKEY U16A TEAM

Back Row: C Pieterse, C Watson, O Freecks, E Oliver, J Grobler

Second Row: A Wilmot, L Ntsepe, A Klaas, J Prinsloo

Front Row: Mr C Posthumus, E Mazomba, K Nogalawe, R Creighton, C Grobler, Mrs C Posthumus



HOCKEY



HOCKEY U16B TEAM

Back Row: L Naik, P Brooks, P Stevens, A Fourie, M Everts, C Eary

Middle Row: R Ellie, K Legg, M Munnick, E Adshade, Y Mabutho

Front Row: Miss L Coetzee, I Minderon, N Makasana, A Burrell, E Manson, N Otigo, T Frans, Miss S Edwards

Absent: E Harth, R Harmse.



HOCKEY U16C TEAM

Back Row: C Yiannaros, L Sugden, A Maguire, E Pio, S Brannigan

Middle Row: Mrs S Arthur, K Botha, E Zimmerman, S Mdyogolo, L Lamont, J Prinsloo, Z Pantshwa, Miss B Kruger

Front Row: T du Preez, L Ahmed, L Olatunji, K Scott, I Peter

Absent: Miss J Ashby



HOCKEY U16D TEAM

Back Row: A Gqogqa, S Butler, H Dutton, L Mama, J Cunningham, G Doussis

Front Row: Miss Cooke, O Serfontein, S Biggs, S Miles, S van Eeden, O Swanepoel, A Erasmus, O Sinyanya, Mrs S Arthur

Absent: J Ebrahim, O Makhuluma



HOCKEY U16 E AND FOURTH TEAM

Back Row: L Marais, D Duri, K Phiri, Y Davids, M Wood, Mrs H Carter

Middle Row: K Ndwandwa, L Gallant, D de Wet, C Louw, S Greevelink

Front Row: Miss S Venter, A. Magwevana, A Fani, A Nomnganga, B Isaacs, K Tobias, Miss G Tait

Absent: J Alberts, J Palmer, I Gcuse



HOCKEY



HOCKEY U14A TEAM

Back Row: P Walker, C Mao-Cheia, T Naidoo, G de Doncker, S Connett

Middle Row: C de Villiers, S La Mude, R Embery, A Tyiso

Front Row: A Filmer, A Lumgair, A Ntlangani, I Rudman, L Duckworth, Miss K Monaghan

Absent: Mr A Peltenburg



HOCKEY U14B TEAM

Back Row: K Ellis, C van Rooyen, E Ferreira, R Miller, L Foster

Middle Row: L Hutchinson, K Cutting, H Tudhope, L Jackson

Front Row: A Mpofu, I Dlula, A Botha, S Ogden, L Langenhoven, Miss K Monaghan

Absent: E Ndondlo



HOCKEY U14C TEAM

Back Row: E Cameron, K Gcora, A Njingolo, L Marais, J Brown, O Powell

Middle Row: M de Bruijn, M Koen, E Rudlin, K Potgieter, H Ahmed

Front Row: Mrs C Kelly, N Normavuka, S Walsh, S Naidoo, H Charedzera, R Robinson, A Lamani, Miss K Nienaber





It is with immense pride that I report on the 2024 netball season.

Let it be said that netball at Collegiate is in good hands. The most important prerequisite of a successful team is discipline and a strong team spirit. Individual stars cannot win a game, they can only turn a game around if fully supported by their teammates. That is exactly what our first team did this season. First team, thank you for showing up! It's been a privilege playing alongside such a dedicated group of girls.

We had a jam-packed season that started with the Despatch festival early in March. Some impressive results were recorded over the two days winning 4 out of the 6 matches.

Our next festival kicked off in Paarl where we had similar successes, winning 7 out of the 8 games. Our only loss was against the very strong hosting team, Paarl Gymnasium. The u/14A and u/16A teams traveled down with us to the Paarl and what an incredible experience it was for them! Two more festivals followed with the St Andrew's- and the All Girls' Festival being two of the highlights of the season.

The busy Derby season for all our teams went by in a flash with Collegiate having enjoyed another successful year on the netball courts. Netball continues to grow in stature at all levels, and it has been wonderful to be part of this growth.

Another memorable day was our derby during the Founders' weekend. For the first time Collegiate hosted Pearson where we had some really close encounters. A great weekend was rounded off by a superb performance by the first team. It was a spectacular game, where we had numerous chances to clinch a win but, unfortunately, things just didn't quite go our way and we narrowly lost by one goal.

The 2024 Netball season will also be remembered for the successful Netball Festival that we hosted to coincide with

the 150th celebrations of Collegiate. The first team's dedication and teamwork paid off as we took home the coveted title as champions of this festival. The thrill of victory was sweet and this achievement will be cherished for a very long time. This was a wonderful event and we are thankful to the schools who came from as far as East London, Cape Town and Johannesburg during their July school holidays to join us for this special occasion.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge a truly remarkable achievement. Three of our first team players achieved more than 100 caps each for the first team. And to make it even more special, these three girls have played in the same team since grade 2 at Collegiate Junior. A big congratulations to Blessing Melariri, Yolani Oliphant and Jaime Löest.

To our incredible coaches, Mrs Grobbelaar and Mrs Krige and our manager Miss Marx – take a bow! What an exceptional year! Thank you for your dedication and the many hours you have sacrificed to coach, support and encourage all the netball girls to reach their full potential, while ensuring that the game is one to be enjoyed.

And where do we even start to thank our parents! Thank you for all the time, energy, support and money you've invested in us this season. Cheers to an amazing team effort Parents – we salute you!

To those of you who have the privilege of rocking the blue and the navy again next year, I wish you a season of success and even more amazing memories.

And finally, to our matrics who will be leaving us; I trust that your time here on court has shaped you into strong, confident individuals who are ready to take on the world. Go out there and make your mark!

Jaime Löest







NETBALL



NETBALL FIRST TEAM

Back Row: A Botha, L Krige, A Saayman, J Löest, B Melariri

Front Row: Mrs E Grobbelaar, S Mbangutha, Y Oliphant, H Coboza, O Makinana, A Loyson, Miss K Marx



NETBALL SECOND TEAM

Back Row: M Tukulu, A Ndlovu, K de Necker, S Tyakume,

Front Row: Mrs L Labuschagne, Y Nomoyi, R Coombes, Z Bavuma, C Lion, Mrs H Vlok



NETBALL THIRD TEAM

Back Row: L Qwane, S Vurnenjani, O Madikane, A Gumege
Front Row: Mrs L Labuschagne, M Kolosa, K Konqobe, I Tiso, L Kuboni, Mrs H Vlok



NETBALL FOURTH AND FIFTH TEAM

Back Row: A Aluko, O Qaba, G Barnes, A Tikili, T de Vos, O Ngxangane
Front Row: Miss O Senatle, Q Timba, Y Mbekeni, Y Ngongo, D Ledwaba, A Poyana, Mrs E Grobbelaar



NETBALL



NETBALL U16A

Back Row: I Nonganga, B Mtize, Z Knoetze, R Krause

Front Row: Mrs T Heynie, L Jam Jam, B Bukani, M Bosman, Miss X Mkhonza



NETBALL U16B

Back Row: E de Witt, V Ndyoko, E Duru, C Hyman

Front Row: Mrs T Heynie, C Adams, K Nicholls, O Nduma, Miss X Mkhonza



NETBALL U16C

Back Row: J Kapp, T Moahloli, S Kruger, A Mncwabe

Front Row: Miss P Ndovela, I Fernandes, M Xulu, O Tonjeni, G Olivera, Mrs N Mhlantla



NETBALL U16D

Back Row: T Castelyn, A du Plessis, M Webster, B Mhlaba, S Evans

Front Row: Mrs N Mhlantla, E Nicol, K Mmolutsi, R Mukumbira, O Makhuluma, Miss P Ndovela



NETBALL



NETBALL U16E

*Back Row: E Ferreira, O Manona, C von Bochove, E Kyazze, M Sigcawu
Front Row: Miss R King, E Stears, U Nondlazi, S Stuurman, K Spire, Miss N Timba*



NETBALL U16F

*Back Row: A Mdani, L Dettman, I November, N Tundube, O Ntengu
Middle Row: Miss R King, S Papoe, S Hloyi, L Rala, S Twaku, Miss N Timba
Front Row: B Chuene, A Gqeke, A Reyneke, A Lamani, I Mahamba*



NETBALL U14A

Back Row: A Trow, A Hermans, C Umeadim, M Venter

Front Row: Mrs L Riley, M Msakatya, I Nonganga, J Humby, Mr C Harmse



NETBALL U14B

Back Row: I Malusi, K Long, J de Wet, Z Xata

Front Row: Mrs L Riley, L Nozewu, L Nonganga, A Makedama, H Charedzera, Mr C Harmse



NETBALL



NETBALL U14C

Back Row: A Aluko, B Kepu, L Mazwane, Z Tetyana

Front Row: Mrs E Grobbelaar, O Menemene, S Mthala, N Bukani, S Kwatsha, Miss O Senatle



NETBALL U14D

Back Row: U Sonqishe, L Mvinjela, T Mabasa, A Wesley, S Scheepers

Front Row: Mrs Grobbelaar, A Dyasi, K Mzembe, A Kondlo, B Ndongeni, Miss O Senatle



NETBALL U14E AND F

Back Row: Mrs E Grobbelaar, L Makinana, A May, M Mapena, P Akomaning, L Ndodana, S Zulu, S Singh, Miss M Vermaak

Front Row: L Smith, C Pearce, K Meniers, Z Bisiwe, A Kondlo, S Magoqwana, Z Campbell





SQUASH

The sound of the squash ball hitting the wall and the squeaking of the girls' shoes on the court are familiar sounds heard at our weekly practices. The year has flown by and what an incredible year it has been for our teams! Every Friday, our First, Second and Third teams participated in League matches where the girls consistently gave their all.

The Squash girls have shown remarkable improvement thanks to their hard work, determination and our outstanding coach, Mr Dial. His encouragement and support have significantly led to better performances from many of our players. We are grateful for his expertise and comprehensive knowledge of the sport.

We played in many Derby Days and festivals this season. Our top six players participated in the annual Dave Hodgson Squash Festival where the girls played exceptionally well and refined their skills in preparation for the busy year ahead. A

highlight for our First Team was the National All Girls' Festival held in Potchefstroom where the team played excellent Squash and finished second overall.

Inter-House Squash is always an event full of laughter and camaraderie and this year was no exception. Congratulations to everyone who participated and especially to the winners, Queen Elizabeth House.

Thank you to Mr Dial, our coach as well as the managers, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Winchester and Mr Greenway who supported us, whether it was supervising practices or transporting us to our matches. We are especially grateful to Mrs Human, the Head of Squash for her hard work and dedication.

I will miss my fellow Squash girls and I wish to thank them all for making the year so memorable and special. I look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the future.

Beth Burley





FIRST SQUASH TEAM

Back Row: I Newman, M Everts, L Kilian

Front Row: Mrs D Human, N Primo, J Murray, N Mitchell, Mr T Dial



SQUASH SECOND TEAM

Back Row: A Porter, H Campbell, B Burley

Front Row: Mrs D Human, L Naik, D Brown, Mr T Dial

Absent: A Myers



SQUASH



SQUASH THIRD TEAM

Back Row: J Quevaulliers, S Ntlabezo, K Rodger

Front Row: Mrs D Human, E Manson, M Hoyle, E Vuta, Mr T Dial

Absent: K Long, J Eaton



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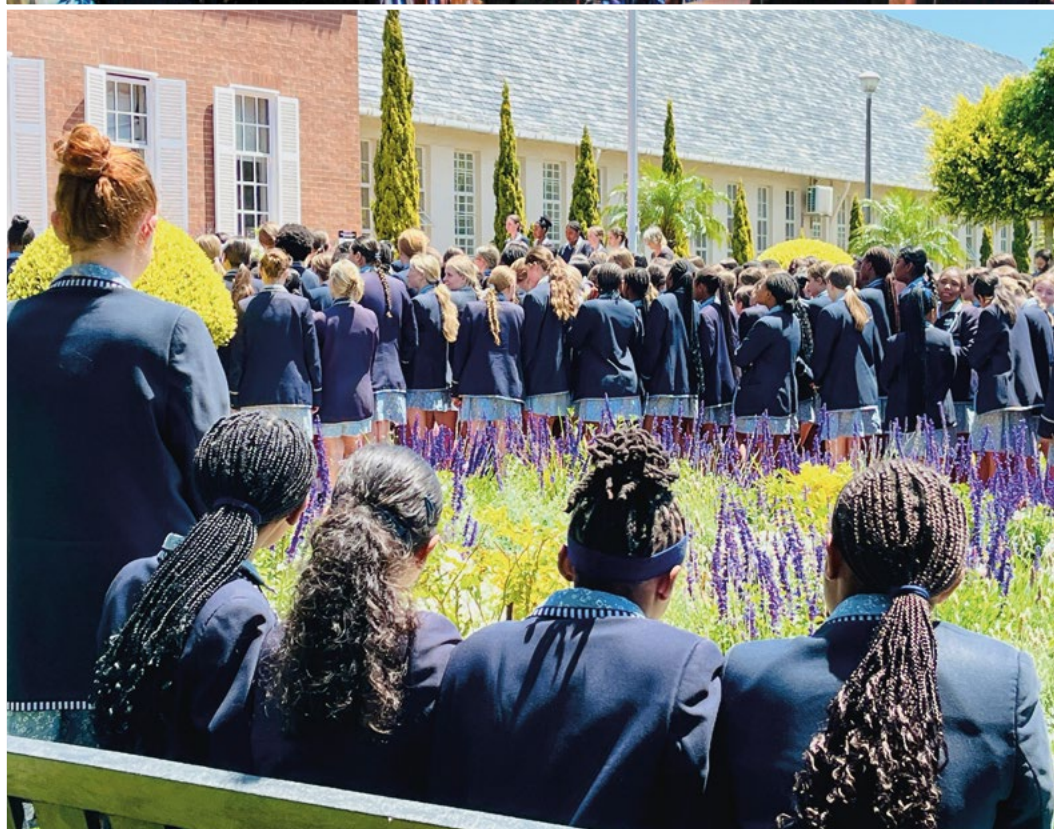


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INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS DAY

Inter-House Aquatics took place on Friday, 1 March 2024. The day was filled with high spirits, excitement and camaraderie. Our competitors treated us to some wonderful swimming, with two records being broken.

Congratulations to Sienna Gous for breaking the Open 200m Freestyle record and to the Queen Victoria House U16 relay team for breaking the 200m Individual Medley relay record. After all the excitement in the pool, Queen Mary House emerged victorious.

We then moved to the Water Polo pool where we were treated to some beautiful displays of Artistic Swimming after which, the Water Polo players took to the pool for Inter-House Water Polo. After some competitive matches, Queen Alexandra House triumphed.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sport Department for organising such a successful day and to all the staff who assisted. We also want to congratulate all participants and thank them for their efforts.

Tiara Finnis







SWIMMING



TEAM SWIMMING

Back Row: E Horn, M Freercks, Z Knoetze, J Coetzee

Middle Row: S Gous, C Watson, A Botha, M Fourie, R Ivings

Front Row: Mrs H Vlok, M Higgs, S Serdyn, V Sponneck, T Finnis, Mrs C Posthumus



GENERAL SWIMMING

Back Row: O Manona, N Mehlo, E Kyazze, I Malusi, Miss K Nienaber, Miss N van Bochove, Miss M Bright, H de Kock, J Staples, I Nonganga

Third Row: Q Apleni, K Grootboom, T Mabaso, A Erasmus, G Doussis, J Cundy, Z Tetyana, L van Heerden, G Mhlaba

Second Row: K Meniers, K Ndwandwa, N van Heerden, G Carloo, Z Mhlakaza, T Castelyn, L Gallant, Z Gomomo

Front Row: K Tobias, N Nomavuka, N Otigo, L Papu, A Mdani, O Sinyanya, B Ndongeni, I Peter, Mrs H Vlok



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

Inter-House Aquatics Day was a great success. Sienna Gous, a Grade Eight Mary Swimmer, broke the 2019 Open 200m Freestyle Record in a time of 2:09:27. The relay team for Queen Victoria that consisted of Jenna Coetzee, Chloe Watson, Jamie Brown and Aneesah Lindoor also broke the 2009 record for the U16 Individual Medley Relay in a time of 2:20:13.

The Collegiate First Swimming Team competed in a number of events this year – one being the Pearson Prestige Gala, where Collegiate together with Grey, took first place once again.

Some of our Club Swimmers, namely Tiara Finnis, Madison Fourie, Jenna Coetzee, Zandri Knoetze, Madison Higgs, Sabella Serdyn and Sienna Gous, competed at the South

African Junior National Swimming Competition held in Durban at the beginning of the year. All the girls swam exceptionally well and their hard work has truly paid off.

Mila Delpoit took part in the Level Two National Swimming Competition.

A special mention must be made of Sienna Gous who was selected to participate in the World Junior Open Water Swimming competition which was held in Italy in September this year where she finished in twenty-sixth position out of forty swimmers. She also anchored the U14-U16 age group relay which helped the team finish in seventh position.

Thank you to Mrs Posthumus and Mrs Vlok for their support and encouragement. I am incredibly proud of all the swimmers and am so grateful for the special memories that were made this year.

Tiara Finnis



Winners of the Pearson Prestige Gala in partnership with Grey High School



ARTISTIC SWIMMING

The Collegiate Artistic Swimming Team has grown from strength to strength this year. The group's hard work and dedication to this challenging sport has resulted in an array of accomplishments.

On 2 March, we competed in the Eastern Cape Schools' Challenge which took place at Collegiate. In the Level One Figures, Tristan Marais came first, Iminathinkosi Tiso came second and Tylon Beaton was placed third.

In the Level Two Figures, Shanna du Plessis, Jordyn-Leigh Roman and Kate Erasmus came first, second and third respectively. They then teamed up to win the Level Two Free Trio event.

In the Level Three Figures, Rachel Taylor came first and



Aneesah Lindoor placed second. Aneesah Lindoor then partnered with Kim Dell-Robertson to place second in the Level Three Free Duets.

Aneesah and Kim then went on to compete at the South African Junior Nationals in the April holidays. Kim achieved a first place in both her Level Three Youth Figures and her Free Solo and Duet routines. Aneesah placed third in her Free Solo and second in her Technical Solo in the Junior category. She was part of the Eastern Cape Aquatics team which placed third for their Tech Team swim.

Another special memory this year was our Artistic Swimming display at Inter-House Aquatics Day.

These excellent results and wonderful improvements of our Artistic Swimmers would not have been possible without the guidance and expert instruction of our coach, Mrs Moira Norden. Her constant motivation and light-hearted humour contributed to our success. We are also grateful to Mrs Arthur, whose quiet effort and kindness are greatly appreciated.

Collegiate's Artistic Swimming Team has a bright and promising future. Thank you to all the girls, teachers, gelatine and sunblock that made this year not only an enjoyable one but also a successful one.

Rachel Taylor



ARTISTIC SWIMMING

*Back Row: J Roman, S du Plessis, H Campbell, R Taylor, K Erasmus, S Botha
Middle Row: A Tyiso, L Hutchinson, K Dell-Robertson, I Tiso, T Marais, T Beaton
Front Row: Mrs S Arthur, G Blochlinger, A Lindoor, H Charedzera, S Walsh, Mrs M Norden*



2024 was an unforgettable year for the Tennis girls. We started the year by playing in the annual Merrifield Tournament in East London, where we were placed fourth overall. This was a positive start to the season for the Tennis girls and lifted the spirits of the team.

In March, we competed in the Selborne/Clarendon Mixed Doubles Tournament with our brother school, Grey High. This is always a competitive tournament and unfortunately after beating Nico Malan, Selbourne/Clarendon and Merrifield, we narrowly lost the play-off match against Stirling. This left us playing for fourth and fifth position with a tight rematch against Selborne/Clarendon. This time we were unable to beat our opposition which placed us fifth overall.

We played matches against many of our long-time rivals Oranje, Rhenish, Kingswood and DSG. The Tennis girls showed great sportsmanship throughout the year despite some tough encounters.

We were also fortunate enough to participate in the National All Girls' Festival, which was held in Potchefstroom. This is always a highlight on the Tennis Calendar as we are able

to support our many sporting codes and play against very strong opposition. Our First Tennis Team fought hard and managed to come ninth overall.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual Sun City Wilson Tennis Tournament. Our young team had an unforgettable experience and made many memories on and off the court. They performed exceptionally well and came third overall. This is an outstanding result as there were teams from all over the country which participated.

The First and Second Teams travelled to Graaff-Reinet in October to play in a Mixed Doubles Tournament with Grey High School. Our First Team came second and our Second Team finished fifth.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sports Department, the managers, our coach William Wickens and Miss Dos Santos for guiding us this year and making sure our tours and Derby Days were possible. It has been an honour to be Tennis Captain in 2024 and I wish the Tennis girls all the best for the future.

Holly Shearer





TENNIS



TENNIS FIRST TEAM

Back Row: B Shone, T Peltenburg

Front Row: Mr W Wickens, T Paxton, H Shearer, Miss L Dos Santos



TENNIS TOP EIGHT

Back Row: L Harty, J Muller

Middle Row: B Shone, T Peltenburg, D Barrow

Front Row: Mr W Wickens, T Paxton, H Shearer, L Duckworth, Miss L Dos Santos



TENNIS TEAMS

Back Row: Mr W Wickens, U Nondlazi, K Barton, J Assam, R Miller, E Ferreira, M Potgieter, K Lotz, Z Mostert, S Van Staden, Mrs T Botha

Middle Row: Mr J Batista, T Frans, J Jonker, J Muller, Y Mabutho, K Halferty, L Harty, E Mazomba, A Makwetu, Mrs Z Grobbelaar

Front Row: Miss L Dos Santos, A Filmer, D Barrow, B Shone, T Paxton, H Shearer, T Peltenburg, L Duckworth, O Makhuma, Mrs A Vincent



GENERAL TENNIS

Back Row: V Browne, S Konza, C Umeadim, I November, S Terblanche, O Manona

Middle Row: L Bresler, J Naudé, J Alberts, I Atkinson, K Potgieter, B Stark

Front Row: H Ahmed, Y Mabutho, L Mvinjelwa, S Naidoo, C Pearce, Mrs T Botha



WATER POLO

This year's Water Polo season has been exciting, productive and competitive. Our teams have demonstrated tremendous growth and dedication to the sport. 2024 saw major successes, the emergence of new talent and considerable advances in both individual and team performances.

Our U14A team participated in the Jason Murray Tournament where they ended in fifth place. They also played in the Dave Pitcairn Tournament in the first half of the year. They came fifth in the Peter Cuff Tournament in East London at the beginning of Term Four. At the end of October, they participated in the Rodean Tournament in Johannesburg.

Our U15A team participated in the Shaun Fuchs Tournament in Johannesburg where they finished ninth. The U15As also took part in the Collegiate 150th Spring Festival Water Polo Tournament powered by Old Mutual, held at the end of Term Three. The team faced strong opposition and they ended the tournament in twelfth place.

Our U15Bs and Second Team travelled to Knysna and took part in the annual Chukka Festival, which is always a highlight of the season for both teams. They played A teams or First Teams respectively and played great Water Polo against tough competition.

At the beginning of the year, the First Team participated in the Brian Baker Tournament in Makhanda and the St Peter's Tournament in Johannesburg. The most prestigious high school Water Polo teams from around the country compete in these tournaments and it was an honour to be invited. Recently, the First Team participated in the Mackenzie Cup in Cape Town. The girls played excellent Water Polo so soon after the winter season to reach fifth place which is our best

result in this tournament in the past five years. The First Team participated in the Clarendon Stayers held in East London and came third receiving Bronze medals. They also played in the Woodridge Stayers Tournament in Term Four where they came fifth.

The following girls were chosen to represent the Eastern Province at their respective Inter-Provincial Tournaments:

EP U14A – Alexis Fourie, Charlotte van Bochove, Amy Wilmot

EP U14B – Brigid Guest, Emily de Witt, Olivia Freercks

EP U15A – Jamie Brown, Kate Brennan

EP U16A – Elizabeth Horn, Amy Botha, Yanelisa Nomoyi

At the end of Term One, three girls were selected to represent Eastern Province in the Currie Cup Tournament. Emma (Tiggy) Stevens and Elizabeth Horn participated in the U19 section and Jamie Brown participated in the U16 section.

Congratulations to Queen Alexandra House for winning the Inter-House Water Polo Competition which took place at Inter-House Aquatics Day.

The Water Polo girls are extremely grateful for the high standard of coaching received and the first-class facilities which were upgraded this year. The warmer water makes training easier and more enjoyable. Thank you to the Head of Water Polo, Mr Zondani, as well as all the other coaches and managers who sacrificed their time and energy. We also extend our appreciation to our supportive parents.

We look forward to seeing continued growth in Collegiate Water Polo and wish the players the best of luck for the season ahead.

Emma Stevens







WATER POLO



WATER POLO FIRST TEAM

Back Row: A Botha, L Heny, L Krige, E Horn, A Pienaar

Middle Row: Y Nomoyi, R Ivings, A Loysen, K Brennan

Front Row: Miss K Monaghan, L Upton, J Brown, E Stevens, Mr S Zondani



WATER POLO SECOND TEAM

Back Row: M Everts, A Knott, C Watson, I Scott, P Stevens, M Konold

Front Row: Mr S Zondani, Z Pantshwa, J Swans, K Legg, A Burrell, Miss L Coetzee

Absent: Ms E Roode



WATER POLO THIRD TEAM

Back Row: A Ferreira, K Barton, T Bettridge, A McGuire, R Coombes

Front Row: Miss K Nienaber, E Heymans, K Unwin, L Painter, N Farrell, A van der Merwe, Mrs H Carter

Absent: C Robinson



WATER POLO U15A

Back Row: R Krause, B Guest, E de Wit, O Freecks, M Lloyd, A Fourie

Middle Row: Miss J Reynolds, Mr S Zondani

Front Row: E Manson, E Adshade, A Wilmot, J Prinsloo, C van Bochove

Absent: Ms C Rawson



WATER POLO



WATER POLO U15B TEAM

Back Row: J Herman, A van Wyk, M Walters, V Ndyoko, K Mack, J Paterson

Middle Row: S Evans, O Tonjeni, J Grobler, C Grobler, S Mdyogolo

Front Row: Miss R King, G Olivier, L Ntsepe, C Truter, E Rist, Mrs L Riley

Absent: Miss X Mkonza



WATER POLO U14A TEAM

Back Row: S Connott, C Mao-Cheia, S Gous, S Serdyn, L Foster

Front Row: Mr S Zondani, S Ogden, L Langenhoven, M Higgs, S La Mude, A Botha, Miss J Ashby

Absent: Ms S Edwards



WATER POLO U14B TEAM

Back Row: K Ellis, A Hermans, Miss van Bochove, J de Wet, E Cameron

Middle Row: R Embery, L Jackson, L Gedze, V Sponneck

Front Row: H Charedzera, G Agnew, A Lurgair, L Nozewu, Mrs L Riley

Absent: A Kondlo, Miss I Akomolafe





ACCOUNTING TUTORING

Back Row: T Matyholweni, A Botha, A Elliott, J Löest, T Wilson

Front Row: Miss J Reynolds, O Mkuhlu, E Jonhstone, M Edwards, A Porter, N Soomar, F Adam, Mrs L Riley

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It has been a wonderful experience this year to be part of Art Enrichment. We meet every Tuesday afternoon with renewed energy to share ideas. The aim of the society is to exercise creativity and to develop visual literacy by exposing members to diverse art media and styles. This year, the club worked on a variety of creative projects, from learning how to paint and decorate stage props in preparation for our 150th Jubilee production of *Cinderella* to exploring the world of street art and graffiti as we navigated the powerful medium of spray paint.



We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Jones and appreciated her support and assistance over the years. We welcomed Mrs Norton at the beginning of Term Three and are grateful for the value she has added.

Art Enrichment has allowed us to explore, to experiment, to learn, to share and to have a wonderful time together in the Art Room. It is a place where members can develop their own visual language and art style through fun-filled

and innovative projects, without the pressures of the formal Visual Arts subject. It is also a space where anyone can be bold and free to express themselves through the many facets of Fine Art.

The society has a bright future and I wish the club everything of the best in 2025.

Anovuyo Mabutho



ART ENRICHMENT

Front Row: M Tendayi, O Gwili, Mrs J Norton, C Duri, A Mabutho



BALLROOM DANCING

2024 was an exciting and eventful year for the Collegiate Ballroom Dancing Society. In the past we have only allowed learners from Grade Nine to Twelve to join Ballroom Dancing, but this year we opened it up to the Grade Eight learners as well.

The first event of the year took place on 11 May at the Feather Market Centre. Our dancers participated in the annual Dare 2 Dance Inter-Schools Ballroom Dancing Competition where we partnered with Grey High School's dancers and competed against seven different schools. The Inter-Schools competition offers Ballroom and Latin dancers the opportunity to showcase their hard work, connect with and meet new people and have fun doing the line dances together. We are very proud of our dancers' performances as the Grey-Collegiate Team placed fourth overall.

This year's Bar Tests took place in August. Our dancers were remarkable, and everyone achieved over 80 percent.

The last Ballroom Dancing event for the year was the

long-awaited Grand Ball on 5 October held again at the Feather Market Centre and hosted by Dare 2 Dance Studio. This event is only open to dance card holders and it was a night to remember.

Our weekly classes are either held at Grey or in the Collegiate Gym Hall, instructed by Hadrian and Tarin Roberts from Dare 2 Dance Studio. It has been a year full of laughter and enjoyment. Thank you to our instructors for their dedication to dancing as well as to all the Collegiate teachers who took time out of their day to supervise the classes and take register. I would also like to thank the Ballroom Committee for always being willing to assist and for helping with the beautiful Ballroom Dancing display at Open Day and at the Grade Eight camp. A special mention and thank you goes to the teacher-in-charge, Mrs Mey, for her dedication to the society. It has been a pleasure and honour to lead the Ballroom Dancing Society for the past two years and work alongside Mrs Mey.

Kaylee Villet



BALLROOM DANCING COMMITTEE

*Back Row: L Mazwane, L Matiwana, O Nxangane
Front Row: K Villet, Mrs L Mey, M Mangangwana*



2024 has been a year filled with exciting Science and Biology experiments, quizzes and learning more about the wonderful world around us! The club has grown in number and provides a welcoming environment for all learners who share a passion for the Sciences where we have innovative freedom to put our fun and sometimes explosive theories to the test! We are able to grow our knowledge of natural phenomena and have opportunities to explore and use practical applications outside of the classroom. The learners get to experience the fun and competitiveness through various quizzes, making bouncy raw eggs, balloon puffer fish, tasty lemonade, gummy DNA strands and rock candy (although we learnt that not all experiments go to plan!) and of course being rewarded with yummy prizes while making friends along the way. We also collaborated with the Eco Club to host an interesting

and educational snake talk by reptile expert, Mark Marshall, to celebrate World Snake Day on 17 July 2024. It was a great success. It was wonderful to learn more about these slithery creatures while being made aware about snake conservation efforts. The learners even had the chance to hold and touch some of the non-venomous snakes. This event was a lot of fun and eye-opening for all and definitely helped some get over their fear of snakes!

I would like to thank Ms Mkhonza and the committee for brainstorming and planning the weekly experiments and for ensuring a comfortable and nurturing environment is created where everyone can explore their scientific, biological and environmental inquisitiveness together as a close-knit group.

Gabriela Yiannaros



BIO-SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Front Row: Mr R Marriott, G Yiannaros, Miss X Mkhonza





The Collegiate Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) is a vibrant and inclusive community dedicated to Dramatic Arts. The society is open to all students with a passion for theatre. We explore aspects of becoming an actor, director, writer and much more. Members of the society engage in a range of activities including creating a script, short films and learning acting skills that can be used in a variety of

ways. These activities are designed to develop skills, build confidence and foster a deep appreciation of all aspects of theatre. It is an opportunity to work together creatively and develop strong communication and teamwork skills that are not only essential for theatre but also crucial for life.

We would like to thank Mr Batista for his guidance this year.

Sophia Wood



CATS

Front Row: J Naudé, S Wood, Mr J Batista, M McKerr



CHARITY BAZAAR

The annual Charity Bazaar's theme this year was 'Around the World' and each class had to dress up to represent a specific state or country.

The theme was an excellent choice for a fundraiser because it offered a unique and engaging way to celebrate cultural diversity while fostering a sense of global connection. It allowed learners to explore different traditions, cuisines and experiences from various countries and states while also creating a fun-filled and enjoyable atmosphere.

The Grade Eights sold homemade goods ranging from pot plants, jewellery and slime to scented candles and scrunchies.

The Grade Nine stalls appealed to those with a sweet tooth and our thirsty visitors with their stock of sweet treats and beverages such as fruit cordials, mocktails and iced coffee. B1 – won the prize for the most creative stall and the theme was Peru Fiesta.

The Grade Tens kept visitors entertained by providing games and entertainment. The Ghost House was a hit as usual

and many queued up for their turn to be scared. Other popular activities were Sumo Wrestling, Basketball and the Photo Booth.

The Grade Elevens did an excellent job of providing food for our hungry customers and sold boerewors rolls, bagels, Chip 'n Dip, pizza and tacos.

The Matrics worked together as a grade to organise the annual tea garden. This peaceful environment in the Ivy Leaf allowed Old Girls, parents and learners a chance to sit down and enjoy a hot beverage and slice of cake.

A very big thank you must go to Mrs Lotz and Mrs Vanderlinden for all their help with the organisation and planning. Thank you to all the register teachers who assisted their classes and for their support as well.

We were able to raise R74 595.95 for Charity projects to improve the lives and benefit those who are less fortunate in Gqeberha.

Erin Bowker







CHEERLEADERS



CHEERLEADERS

Front Row: Y Peter, D Coltman, O Madikane, T Malahleha-Qaku, T Henderson







COOKERY CLUB

After a long school day, there is no better way to unwind than by channelling creativity into preparing delicious recipes under the expert guidance of Mrs Lotz and Mrs Jooste in the Consumer Lab. Cookery Club has become one of our Grade Eight learners' most popular extra-curricular activities. For many, this early exposure to the Culinary Arts sparks a lasting interest, often influencing their decision to pursue Consumer Studies when it becomes available in Grade Ten.

Despite the challenge of finding recipes that can be prepared and enjoyed within just forty minutes, this year's club members have whipped up some truly mouthwatering

dishes. From chocolate mug cakes to traditional milk tarts and various savoury treats, the club has helped students develop new culinary skills that they proudly share with friends and family.

As a special treat, every member receives a cookery booklet at the end of the year. This booklet includes all the recipes they have mastered throughout the year and a selection of additional quick, tried-and-tested favourites, ensuring they continue creating magic in their kitchen at home.

Mrs J Jooste





2024 saw many new and eager faces join the Society and, as a result, our meetings were filled with passionate debaters and giggles during motion preparation. The spirit of sisterhood was truly present in Mrs Weideman's classroom every Tuesday after school.

Despite not meeting our desired goals for the year, Debating quickly became a safe haven and platform for critical thinkers, passionate speakers and even reserved speakers. We demonstrated determination and grit, embracing and tackling challenging motions and topics.

The junior Debating group's determination did not go unnoticed – their willingness to attempt, learn and improve

is commendable. They were always willing to fill in last minute spots or jump in to help when we hosted the Debating League.

Inter-House Debating was a warm introduction to curious learners, allowing those who have debated before and those who have not, to exhibit their debating skills and their ability to dissect and defend or oppose the motion presented to them. Congratulations to Queen Elizabeth House for winning the Inter-House Debating competition, beating Queen Mary House in the final.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to each member of this year's Debating group for their unwavering commitment, passion and dedication. Our debates have not only challenged our perspectives but have also strengthened our collective resolve to seek truth and understanding.

Throughout our sessions, we have fostered a culture of respect, intellectual curiosity and open-mindedness. These qualities are the bedrock of meaningful discourse, and I am proud of how we have upheld them in every discussion. We have tackled complex issues, engaged in spirited debates and emerged with a deeper appreciation of the diverse viewpoints that enrich our community.

Though our time together has come to an end, the impact of our collective efforts will resonate far beyond the walls of Room 339.

Thank you to Mrs Winchester and Mrs Weideman, for their unwavering support, the casual jokes and the pep-talks before every League Debate .

I wish all current and future debaters well for 2025.

Olungka Kama



DEBATING

Mrs N Winchester, O Kama, N Goliath, C van Heerden, Mrs D Weideman



First Aid is the first and immediate help given to any person with either a minor or serious injury at the location where it occurred. First Aid is an important skill as it enables you to do your bit in assisting others by giving them the help they need.

At the beginning of the year we set up a stall to showcase First Aid to Grade Eight learners at their camp as well as to promote it to prospective Grade Seven learners at our annual Open Day. We also had some Level Three First Aiders sign a declaration to help with First Aid during the school day.

In April and May of this year, many learners completed a Level One or Three First Aid course. After qualifying, First Aiders serve the school by giving up their time to help at sport matches. Together with the paramedics, learners in need of medical help at sport matches will be able to get the assistance they need.

Being a First Aider at Collegiate is a privilege and an honour. You not only learn about First Aid but you get to put into practise what you have learnt, preparing you for the real world. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to serve the school in this way and being head of First Aid has taught me valuable skills.

It has been an honour to work alongside Mrs Arthur. A special thank you to her for her guidance and support. We also thank her for her dedication to ensure that we as First Aiders get service hours and that the school has medical assistance available at all sport matches, Inter-House Athletics and Aquatics days. I wish the next year's Head of First Aid all the best.

Endinako Vuta



FIRST AID
Mrs S Arthur, E Vuta





FIRST AID LEVEL ONE

Back Row: K Grootboom, O Ntengu, C Strydom, F Tistelli, M Mc Kerr, M Ramakoena
Middle Row: Q Munir, A Bhadra, L Rala, K Tufts, C Yiannaros, J Naudé, G Zeelie
Front Row: B Chuene, K Ndwandwa, F Adam, J Palmer, Z Gomomo, V Dyasi, Mrs S Arthur
Absent: V Browne, G Doussis, T Frans, S Mochaba, L Ntsikelelo, D Ledwaba



FIRST AID LEVEL THREE

Back Row: E Wilson, G Barnes, V Jeena, M Delpoit, S Myburgh
Middle Row: L Vermaak, C Williams, R Gardiner, O Manona, H Niazi, V Ntumba Makolo
Front Row: L Marais, R Ellie, L van Heerden, J van Tonder, N Sallie, L Papu, I Rabbani, Mrs S Arthur
Absent: C Venter, Z Salie



FRENCH SOCIETY

Some see the French Society members as people who are fluent in French so we aim to increase our vocabulary every Tuesday afternoon. The French Society meetings have become even more memorable and filled with laughter and enthusiasm since the arrival of Mr Shone. He has shared his knowledge about France, from its history to the different varieties of French breads and cheeses.

Even though our society may be small, our members have enjoyed themselves by playing 'chat et souris'(cat and mouse), musical chairs, hangman, Scrabble and Kahoot! We have also watched many enjoyable French movies to improve our vocabulary.

I would like to thank Madame Dos Santos for establishing this unique society and for all her support over the years. Thank you to the French Society Committee and all its members, as well as Mr Shone. We have made cherished memories this year and I hope the French Society will continue to go from strength to strength.

Liyema Mazwane



FRENCH SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Mr B Shone, L Mazwane, J Hill, J de Kock



On 20 September 2024, Collegiate Girls' High School celebrated Heritage Day by having a special assembly to celebrate the many cultures in our beautiful country.

The Grade Eleven Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation Committee, as well as the Cultural Committee and other volunteers, worked hard to bring the South African spirit alive on stage.

Within our heritage, there is our individual culture, our shared experiences and pride as South Africans. The recent Olympic Games reminded us of how much we root for our fellow South Africans and we celebrated on stage that which represents us as South Africans and our place in the world.

Our guest speaker was proud Old Girl of the class of 2004 and SABC journalist, Lerato Fekisi, who gave an inspirational speech about the importance of culture. She spoke of her rich isiXhosa and Sotho roots and how a culture of love and

excellence should be encouraged in everyone.

It was special to remember Heritage Day and why it exists as well as to celebrate the rich and vibrant cultures which make up our beautiful 'Rainbow Nation'.

Mrs S Gerber





*"If you really want to receive joy and happiness, then serve others with all your heart.
Lift their burden, and your own burden will be lighter." – Ezra Taft Benson*

Interact is more than just a school club, it is a place where learners unite and work together, not only within the school bounds but also in the wider community.

The Interact theme for 2024 was 'Unity in Community', a simple yet powerful phrase. This theme reflected the Interact committee's ultimate goal for this year. We wanted to make it a year of striving to do everything to the best of our ability; starting projects that had never been attempted, and fostering a sense of belief and acceptance amongst different people in order to build a stronger and more compassionate society that celebrates diversity in all forms. Without a doubt, the Interact learners did just that.

To start the year off, the Interact learners came together to sort and pack care bags for the Cancer Care project, which formed part of the '150 Care Projects for 150 Years' initiative. Each care bag consisted of hand sanitiser, a reading book, lip balm, a bookmark, a blanket and a toiletry bag. The bags were then donated to Cancer Care. We received an overwhelmingly positive response from the recipients of the care packages.

On Valentine's Day, the Interact society sold over 300 Valentine's Day cards. The cards were then delivered to our brother school, Grey High School. The giving, however, did not



INTERACT COMMITTEE

D Erasmus, C Duri, Mrs S Vanderlinden, N Moosa

Absent: A Daniels

stop there. In order to spread even more love on Valentine's Day, the Interact learners made beautiful Valentine's Day cards that were donated to Nazareth House.

Our annual Easter egg drive was a huge success. We managed to collect a total of 510 marshmallow eggs, exceeding our goal of 300 eggs. The marshmallow eggs were then donated to St Augustine's Primary School.

In addition, the Interact learners made playdough in preparation for the Community Engagement committee's visit to the EP Children's Home. The children were very thankful for the playdough that they received.

At the beginning of Term Two, the Interact society welcomed Reverend Sharon Nell from St Saviour's Anglican Church to speak to the Interact learners about the soup kitchen that she runs. Eager to get involved, the Interact learners spent an afternoon in April, slicing and dicing vegetables. The chopped-up vegetables were then donated to the soup kitchen. We managed to cut up five bags of cabbage, three





bags of carrots, two bags of onions and two bags of potatoes. A letter of appreciation was sent from the church to express their gratitude for the already processed vegetables that they received, as this made the soup-making process much easier for them.

The first ever Interact Inter-School drive also took place this year and it was a major breakthrough. A total of five schools were involved in the drive, namely, Collegiate Girls' High School, Victoria Park High School, Alexander Road High School, Pearson High School and DF Malherbe High School. The Collegiate learners were tasked with bringing "Winter Woolies" and we were able to collect a total of thirteen boxes for the collection. All items were donated to the Walmer Angel Project Organization. This drive was a memorable one as it encouraged teamwork and collaboration between some schools' Interact clubs to work towards a common goal, giving back to our community.

Last year, we had the pleasure of inviting four Interact learners from Walmer High School to join the Collegiate Interact team in making playdough during one of our sessions. Eager to maintain a strong connection between both schools, we decided to invite six learners from Walmer High School this year, to join us once again in another one of our Interact sessions. This time, however, the learners busied themselves

with the task of cutting vegetables. The chopped-up vegetables were then donated to Love Story.

Highlights this year were our two visits to the Algoa Bay Council for the Aged. During our first visit, we spent quality time with the residents. They told us stories, gave us valuable advice and made sure that we had a memorable experience. On our second visit, we played an exciting game of Bingo with them. With plenty of prizes up for grabs, our Interact learners did not disappoint.

Reflecting on this journey, I am reminded of 'Service Above Self', and the spirit of service, leadership and community. We have strived to make a positive impact on those around us, and in doing so, we have grown as individuals and as a team. Our projects have not only benefited those we aimed to help but have also taught us the value of empathy and teamwork.

I am thankful to every single Interact learner who was ready to lend a smile and helping hand. A big thank you must be extended to Mrs Vanderlinden, for her unwavering support and hard work. I would also like to thank the Interact Committee, for their teamwork and for believing in me.

I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead this wonderful club and I hope that Interact will continue to thrive and make an even greater impact in the years to come.

Chelsea Duri



The Junior City Council is a prestigious council of young, powerful and motivated learners from schools all over Gqeberha. These members, regardless of their varied backgrounds, have one thing in common: the passion to make a difference in the community, country and world around us.

I have been part of the JCC since 2022 and my two-year tenure has now come to an end. I was lucky enough to be a board member for 2023-2024 as the Head of Youth Development and was awarded the Speaker Cup which is given to the best speaker of the Junior City Council.

Being part of the Council, which meets at City Hall once a month, along with other intelligent, powerful and motivated individuals, has been a privilege and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.

The most valuable lesson learnt in my time as a Junior City Councillor is that everyone has their own story. It is inspiring how the Junior City Council has the power to unite all in the effort to help others. This year's initiatives have included: beach cleans-ups, donations, soup kitchens, visits, etc.

Thank you to Sinalo Mfecane for being a supportive, kind and helpful junior. I wish her the best for her last year as a councillor next year.

This has been a wonderful opportunity to live out our school motto: *Facta non Verba, Deeds not Words*.

Tyra Naidoo



JCC

T Naidoo, Mrs H Carter, S Mfecane



Collegiate's Literary Society is centered around the power of the written word. This society consists of future poets, playwrights and authors who believe in the importance of literature as a form of expression. Our weekly meetings do just that – provide a way for the girls of Collegiate to be creative, unique, and (most importantly) themselves.

Every meeting involves a new activity, such as improvisation sessions to boost creativity, themed poetry reading and writing, writing short stories based on prompts, watching films, coming up with short stories or plays to act out and engaging in conversations about anything and everything.

It has been an honour to be the Head of this brilliant Society

and I would like to thank the committee who work so well together to bring our ideas to life. I will cherish the memories made at Literary Society and I am sure the years to come will bring many more exciting experiences.

No meeting would be possible without the glue of our society – the wonderful Ms Kromhout. She ensured that we had a number of memorable experiences this year, from boarding the Logos Hope and having the opportunity to visit the world's largest floating book fair, to the wonderful talks hosted at Collegiate by published author Jo-Anne Richards and storyteller Zandile Mjekula during Literary Week. Literary Society has been afforded some truly special opportunities.

Erin Pretorius



LITERARY SOCIETY

I Hossain; E Pretorius, Ms J Kromhout, J de Kock, I Hendricks



MATHEMATICS TUTORING



MATHEMATICS TUTORING

Back Row: S Kruger, M Wessels, O Freercks, J Löest, M Freercks, E de Kock

Third Row: N Soomar, Y Mbekeni, M Edwards, J Friskin, M Mc Kerr, S Wood, I Tiso

Second Row: J Naudé, T Naidoo, T Raga, E Johnstone, G Yiannaros, U Nondlazi

First Row: C Yiannaros, Y Mbekeni, V Makwetu, M Kolosa, A Fani, M Caliste, Mrs S Vanderlinden



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The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) is a learner-run society that serves as a hub for Muslim learners to connect, grow and thrive on campus. MSA aims to foster a sense of belonging and community, promote Islamic values and provide a platform for Muslim learners to connect and socialize. The objective of MSA is to promote Islamic awareness and education, to support learners in their spiritual and personal growth and to engage in community service and outreach initiatives.

In our weekly Monday meetings, we had many fruitful conversations, motivational speeches, Islamic stories, educational and fun-filled games and casual conversations on spirituality and religion. We discussed varied topics, from dealing with stress and anxiety spiritually, to talking about the depths of having trust and faith in God. We were also fortunate to have a guest speaker talk to the girls as part of the Aspire week. The talk was inspirational and left the girls with good advice and wisdom.

MSA had a successful start to the year by hosting our annual bake sale. Each member donated items and assisted in selling them at break. With great support from our fellow learners, we were able to raise funds for our community service projects. This year we ran a few new initiatives, using the funds made from the bake sale to buy party pack items which were packed by our members and donated to Coega Door of Hope, a children's home, and we spent time there playing with the children. During the holy fasting month, Ramadhan, MSA hosted its first Iftaar Evening, where members gathered at a 'bring and share' supper to break our fasts. It was a beautiful evening, with food, laughter and prayer and was much enjoyed by all the members. It warmed my heart to see such a wonderful, generous and supportive group of girls, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Reynolds for supervising our weekly meetings. We are grateful to her for all her efforts, and for always being ready to contribute her time and

assistance towards our projects. Thank you to Aishah Daniels for her continued efforts towards MSA – and the encouragement, ideas and support she has given me.

Thank you to each one of the MSA members. I will always remember my MSA sisters. I wish this society well and may it continue to grow from strength to strength in the future.

Nazia Moosa



MSA COMMITTEE

Miss J Reynolds, N Moosa

Absent: A Daniels





PEER PROMOTERS

The eager Collegiate blood donors have touched many lives in 2024. In collaboration with the South African National Blood Services (SANBS), many girls have braved the “daunting needle” this year and were able to save up to three lives per donation.

In honour of Collegiate’s 150th year, our target was to donate 150 units of blood. I am proud to announce that we have exceeded the target. In Term One we donated forty-one units; Term Two saw us give thirty-eight units; in Term Three we were able to donate forty-seven units; and in our final drive in Term Four twenty-nine units were collected.

Seeing so many learners and staff members support this worthy cause is always heartening. The sense of pride and relief after donating blood is evident as girls leave the hall with big smiles and the infamous SANBS cookies in their hands. Our blood donations certainly would not have run smoothly without the support shown by the learners, the friendly SANBS staff and Mrs Jooste’s organisation and efforts. The Blood Peer Promotors would like to extend their thanks to all involved.

Gemma Ferreira



PEER PROMOTERS

Back Row: G Ferreira, H Dullabh, L Löt, T Turner

Front Row: Mrs J Jooste, A Mabutho, J Murray, C Kuchera, S Mfecane



"The mind, when housed within a healthy body, possesses a glorious sense of power." – Joseph Pilates

Held twice a week, Pilates classes provide a valuable chance to enhance core strength, boost flexibility and enjoy a sense of community.

Participants experienced a range of Pilates techniques this year, which enabled them to push their limits even further. They engaged in a variety of exercises, balancing focused effort with moments of shared laughter.

We thank Miss O'Neil, Mrs Bekker and Mrs Lategan for sharing their vast knowledge and experience during the sessions.

Pilates is a fantastic discipline, suitable for individuals of all shapes and sizes. We look forward to its continued success and eagerly anticipate welcoming more participants in 2025.

Mrs S Vanderlinden



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD PROGRAMME

The President's Award programme is an internationally recognized initiative which is an amazing opportunity for learners to improve their skills, find their passions in life and to help make a difference in the world. This programme allows learners to explore various aspects of their life and then develop skills in those areas, from physical activities and skills to voluntary community service. The President's Award Programme challenges one to learn skills that will equip one for life and one's future. The last step before learners are awarded badges according to their completed level is to be a part of an amazing adventure journey with other participants.

This year, the Eastern Cape President's Award Committee organised a charity initiative which involved a stationery and book drive. Learners were encouraged to donate their unused stationery or old books that they no longer needed. The books and stationery were then donated to schools in need in the hope that underprivileged learners might have an improved and more comfortable learning experience.

I would like to thank Mrs Arthur for heading this programme and for all the organizing and support that she has given, as well as to all the President's Award participants at Collegiate who are involved in this esteemed programme.

Gabriela Yiannaros



PRESIDENT'S AWARD PROGRAMME

Back Row: T Raga, M Freercks, E Wilson, G Yiannaros

Front Row: L Speelman, C Yiannaros, M Caliste, I Dlula, Mrs S Arthur

Absent: H Escola, K Wilson





Every Monday after school the Quiz Club meets for an afternoon filled with trivia and treats.

This year Collegiate participated in the annual Herald Isuzu Schools Quiz. Our team consisted of Marvel Tendayi, Okuhle Mkuhlu, Lilitha Papu, Mikaela Caliste and Olona Gwili. The team was tasked with studying various editions of the *Herald* over the span of a few weeks in order to answer trivia questions based on current affairs, sports, world news, business, arts and entertainment. Collegiate made it through all the nerve-wracking rounds to reach the semi-finals. Our hard work paid off as we had a nail-biting round which enabled us to participate in the final round where we were able to achieve second place. We were proud that we were able to achieve such an amazing accomplishment.

In Term Two the five Houses, as well as a staff team, participated in the Inter-House Quiz. This year we continued with involving the audience by asking questions which counted towards points for the Houses. Everyone tried their best to answer the questions of varying difficulty. The staff team came out victorious with Queen Victoria House following in second place.

It has been a great year for the Quiz Club with many enjoyable moments which would not have been possible without our members who were willing to go the extra mile. Special thanks must go to Mr Greenway for his support and assistance which made all the difference in making sure everything went smoothly. Hopefully next year will be an even more successful year.

Olona Gwili



QUIZ CLUB
O Gwili





RESOURCE CENTRE

The Resource Centre became immersed in the spirit of the 150 birthday celebrations by creating displays promoting STEAM week, Literary week and the Aspire campaign. It was also the proud venue for Old Girl and renowned author Joanne Richards' presentation during Literary Week.

This year saw a considerable increase in book transactions from the library as the '150 books for 150 years' challenge reached its climax. In addition to this, the Readathon during Literary week boosted foot traffic amongst the shelves. It was truly encouraging to witness learners across all grades exploring and trying new genres and books.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we initiated a "Blind Date with a Book" drive. Several hand-picked books were wrapped to conceal their covers, with only a few comments hinting at the contents printed on the wrapping. Learners had great fun discovering the identities of their 'dates' and they hopefully made strong connections!

The Resource Centre is continuously being updated and learners have access to a range of books both physically and through our online library app, Sora. Our selection of new and trending books suggested by our learners, ensures that there is a book for everyone. The Resource Centre, with its many homework stations and study desks, comfortable reading areas such as the bean bags, as well as access to the printer and various technological devices, continues to foster a quiet and concentrated space for learners to work and relax.



I would like to thank Mrs Shone and the Resource Centre monitors for their hard work and passion to keep this cherished venue a tidy, organized and safe space for our learners, and for always encouraging them to try something new.

Gabriela Yiannaros



RESOURCE CENTRE MONITORS

Back Row: S Konza, R Taylor, H Adebisi, L Matiwana, M Wessels, J Lotz

Third Row: O Ntengu, J Quevauvilliers, H Campbell, H Dullah, Y Davids

Second Row: H Stiglingh, O Mkuhle, J van Tonder, R Mukumbira, A Mabutho, S Govind

Front Row: S Mochaba, M Caliste, F Adam, S Pappoe, G Yiannaros, Mrs L Shone



The annual Natalie Stear and Charles Kayser Speech and Elocution Competitions took place in Term Two. Participants were required to recite a poem and monologue, and read an unseen extract. It was wonderful that there were so many eager and talented participants! Congratulations to Dion Duri and Olivia Freercks, who tied for first place in the Junior section, and to Maria Freercks who placed first in the Senior section for a second year in a row! Thank you to Lara Potgieter for giving of her time and expertise as an enthusiastic adjudicator.

Ms J Kromhout



O Freercks, D Duri, M Freercks

TRILINGUAL SPEECH COMPETITION



On Monday 26 February, the annual Trilingual Speech Competition was held in the Stevenson Hall.

This evening is a showcase of our best speakers who may speak in one, two or three of the languages if they wish to, and one contestant, Elizma Ferreira, delivered speeches in both the English and the Afrikaans sections of the competition.

The juniors speak first and the external adjudicators announce the winners directly after they have spoken. The standard, as usual, was high as these learners took on the daunting task of speaking in front of an audience. This year's **junior winners** were:

- English (The Linder Shield) – Afikile Tyiso
- Afrikaans – Shiloh Walsh
- isiXhosa – Luniko Longo

The seniors were a confident group who showed intellect and wit when tackling the topics and the adjudicators' tasks

could not have been easy. This year's **senior winners** were:

- English (The Audrey Sprenger Award) – Elizma Ferreira
- Afrikaans (The Dinah Pistorius Trophy) – Lara Lötzt
- isiXhosa (The Koleka Jambela Cup) – Qaqamba Timba

The **runners-up for the juniors** were:

- English – Aphiwe Kondlo and Alia Khan
- Afrikaans – Zara Campbell and Mia de Bruijn
- isiXhosa – Sanelisiwe Mbabana and Ingu-Mangaliso Mahamba

The **runners-up for the seniors** were:

- English – Anelisa Mandlana and Ayomide Victoria Aluko
- Afrikaans – Amy Heukelman and Elizma Ferreira
- isiXhosa – no runners-up.

Hearty congratulations to these brave and eloquent public speakers!

Mrs D Weideman



A Tyiso, S Walsh, L Longo



E Ferreira, L Lötzt, Q Timba



STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

'Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.' – 1 Peter 4:8

The Student Christian Association (SCA) aims to build a vibrant Christian community within our school. Each week, we gather to discuss meaningful topics, with Jesus being the central theme. We also share light-hearted moments that bring joy to our hearts. Through prayer, study, and engaging activities, the SCA fosters spiritual growth and inclusivity.

Our SCA community provides a space for open dialogue and mutual support. This year we promoted SCA at the Grade Eight Camp societies fair, and played Bible trivia to welcome new members.

In Term One we enjoyed a picnic and shared food, laughter and played games. In March we had the annual Easter egg hunt, a highly anticipated event where learners eagerly search for marshmallow eggs at first break. We firmly believe that Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his Crucifixion, and not just about collecting marshmallow eggs. However, it is a way for us as Christians to celebrate and share our faith with our school.

During the Third Term, we had the privilege of worshipping and praying with GAP year students from Victory Church located in Jefferey's Bay. They shared inspiring testimonies about God's presence in their lives. An exciting afternoon was also spent with Father's House Youth Ministry, who helped guide us through difficult topics and reminded us of the power of God's word through the Bible.

We are grateful for the love and support within the SCA community this year. A special word of thanks goes to Mrs Grobbelaar for her unwavering support and guidance. In 2024, we continued to be blessed with a community which embodies love and kindness.

Victoria Aluko



SCA COMMITTEE

J Friskin; Mrs Z Grobbelaar; A Aluko



Testing, Testing 1,2,3!

As the curtains draw to a close on Collegiate's 150th year, the time has come to shine a spotlight on the real stars of the show – the members of Tecru.

From weekly Monday meetings discussing who needed us and assisting backstage ten times more than we normally would and dealing with a ton of technical difficulties, this year was truly one for the books or should I say – stage.

The show began with the annual Matric Dance Fashion Show, where our Tecru learners shone the light on the beautiful dresses that the class of 2024 had to display.

In Term One, we had the opportunity to assist at Collegiate's production of *Cinderella*. This allowed us to gain experience with different technical aspects of theatre, as well as allowing us to use unfamiliar technical equipment at the Savoy Theatre. From taking directions from a stage manager, using comms and controlling the lighting of the entire theatre to using a computer instead of a lighting board – this experience was one to cherish!

The year proceeded seamlessly with the usual assemblies and a few Tecru guest appearances at STEAM week, Literary Week and the Wellbeing Conference.

Our technical crew was also involved in the annual Inter-House Plays, lending a helping hand to the various houses. This year's house plays were truly memorable! From the lighting board glitching mid-way through and our music randomly playing without anyone pressing play, it definitely was one of the most interesting experiences.

Our last technical performance was at the Vocal Ensemble Revue, where we shone our light, played our slideshows and passed our final mics. The Vocal Ensemble Revue was an amazing way to end our year as our crew included the same members who had been involved in *Cinderella*, resulting in us coming full circle.

As I take my final bow as the Tecru chairman for 2024, I would like to thank Mrs Weideman and Mrs Mey for all their support. This year was absolutely amazing and having the opportunity to serve my school was truly the spotlight of my year.

Lindokuhle Matiwana



TECRU

Back Row: L Khuse, E de Kock, O Ntengu

Front Row: L Speelman, Mrs D Weideman, L Matiwana, J Naudé

Absent: J Roman



THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

From refining skills such as ISO, shutter speed and exposure, to hands-on experience taking photographs at the various school events, the Collegiate Photography Club captured many special moments to mark Collegiate's 150th year.

Some members took part in the Knock on Wood Arts Festival where they were allowed to enter two images. Gabriel Barnes received a Double Gold Award for one of her photos whilst Lara Lötzt was awarded a Gold and a Double Gold. In addition, her image of Mrs Kelly, one of Collegiate's teachers, swimming at the Inter-House Aquatics Day won Best Picture of the competition.

The Photography Club met regularly to learn from each other, critique each other's pictures and to discuss their submissions for the Club's themed challenges. There were some impressive photographs for the "Life in Monochrome" and "Emotion Through Colour" themes, where the photographs showed unique creativity and interpretation.

To end off the busy year, some members of the Photography Club went on a memorable excursion to Addo Elephant National Park. The day was filled spotting and photographing animals. We wish to thank Mr Greenway and Miss Reynolds for accompanying us.

This year was a busy, but productive one, and the club's

success is well deserved. We look forward to the photographic opportunities and fresh faces that next year will bring. Thank you to Mrs Jones for running the club in the First Term and to Mr Greenway for his constant dedication to the Photography Club throughout the year.

Lara Lötzt



THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Back Row: V Ntumba Makolo, L Lötzt, G Barnes, K Long, S Kruger, I Klatte, L Adams

Front Row: M Munshi, S Wood, S Ahmed, T Harts, Z Saban

Absent: J Harris, M Hoyle, K Joshua, C Watson





TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop in the Ivy Leaf opens during first and second breaks and after school for learners involved in extra mural activities and during sporting events.

With the tuckshop now run by 'Die Hoofmeisies', it offers various foods and snacks, from the highly popular rich chocolate brownies to different meals every day. Our monitors are always ready to serve with a smile. They are hardworking and passionate about their work.

We will miss serving at the busy breaks, hearing the "toet" tap of a card on the card machine and the joyous interactions with the Girls of the College, eager to buy their lunch. We wish to thank the wonderful Hoofmeisies team for all their hard work and for ensuring the tuckshop is always filled with delicious food and tasty snacks. Gratitude must also be extended to Mrs Jooste, who efficiently organises the

termly duty schedules.

We wish the 2025 tuckshop monitors well and hope that they have an enjoyable year serving in the Collegiate tuckshop.

Lihle Mthi



TUCKSHOP MONITORS

Back Row: L Mthi, E Ngcwabe, O Yaphi, C Davis-Taylor

Front Row: T Raga, T Turner, Mrs J Jooste

Absent: L Mdani



The school newspaper for the Girls of the College, by the Girls of the College, continues to entertain and inform the school community with each new addition.

Our VDF team has grown in leaps and bounds this year, with the addition of some Grade Nine members. Not only did the team grow, but the editions grew in size and interest, with new topics, word searches and puzzles added.

The newspaper has evolved from being a strictly online publication, to a printed copy that is distributed to each register class. The Verba De Factis brings a sense of pride to those who compile it, and joy to those who read it. Thank you to each and every member of the Verba De Factis team for their hard work and dedication.

We wish to thank Miss Ashby for taking on the challenge to resurrect the Verba De Factis.

Miss J Ashby

"My aim is to put down on paper what I see and what I feel in the best and simplest way." – Ernest Hemingway



VDF

Back Row: C Davis-Taylor, M Tukulu, C Strydom, M Wessels, M Freercks, E Ferreira, K Halforty

Third Row: J van Tonder, C Yiannaros, S Wood, C Eary, Y Mbekeni, K Wilson, M Ramokoena

Second Row: F Adam, L Mbekeni, R Makumbira, G Shygans, U Nondlazi, S Greevelink,

Front Row: M Hoyle, E Ball, I Hendricks, M Nhose, S Pappoe, A Poyana, T Harts, E Pretorius, J Romans

Absent: Miss J Ashby, S Kruger, K de Necker, R Yon, D Duri, S Peer, L Doyi



XHOSA SOCIETY

We started the year performing at the Grade Eight Camp and showed the Grade Eights what Xhosa Society is about. We also performed at Open Day and promoted the society. We sang and danced to our hearts content in front of an appreciative audience.

Another highlight of the year was when some of the Xhosa Society girls participated as part of a vibrant group performance at the Heritage Day Assembly on the last day of

Term Three.

The Xhosa Society meet on a Wednesday where we dance, play games, have competitions and learn new things about our beautiful Xhosa culture.

We would like to thank Miss Timba for her support and enthusiasm this year.

Lingomso Majokweni



XHOSA SOCIETY

Back Row: A Sizila, L Majokweni, S Lusithi

Front Row: Miss N Timba, S Nokulila, H Klaas



18 July marks an important day when Mandela Day is celebrated. This day honours the extraordinary legacy of the great Nelson Mandela, whose sacrifices and fight for freedom are some of the reasons why we have a beautiful, democratic South Africa. In commemoration of the 67 years that Mandela fought for social justice, the learners of Collegiate spent their time knitting and crocheting squares which were sewn together. This year, our learners made 195 blankets which were distributed by the community engagement committee on 18 July to seven different organisations in need. These included: Love Story, Mosaic Port Elizabeth,

Nazareth House Port Elizabeth, Bet Sheekoom – House of Restoration for Women in Crisis, MES Port Elizabeth, St Augustine's Primary School and Eastern Province Child Care Centre. Year after year, our learners have shown charity, love, and dedication in giving 67 minutes of their time for Mandela Day. Many people both young and old, have been comforted with warmth and kindness because of the efforts of the girls of the college!

Stitch by stitch, we have truly fulfilled our school's motto: 'Facta non Verba – Deeds not Words'.

Tyra Naidoo





NATIONAL ALL GIRLS' SPORT AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This year the All Girls' Sport and Cultural Festival was held in Potchefstroom. This annual event drew girls' schools from all around South Africa to compete in various sports and participate in cultural disciplines. Collegiate took part in the following: Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Squash, Cross Country, Chess and Drama.

There was a wonderful sense of team spirit and camaraderie as the Collegiate girls supported each other from the sidelines. We are proud of all our participants for the determination and courage they displayed on and off the court.

Thank you to the coaches and managers for their dedication and encouragement.

Mrs S Gerber

ACTIVITY	RESULTS/AWARDS	FINAL PLACING
Chess		Placed 6 th overall
Cross Country	Chloë Watson 8/50 Stacey de Ridder 28/50 Talya Henderson 41/50 Nia Farrell 43/50	Placed 9 th in Senior Team event
Hockey		Placed 7 th overall
Netball		Placed 7 th overall
Tennis		Placed 10 th overall
Squash	Silver medal	Placed 2 nd overall
Drama Department	Group and individual medals in performance and make-up categories Gold medal for their introductory performance	





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GRADE ELEVEN GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

The Grade Eleven Geography Tour was an educational opportunity to venture outside the classroom and observe the physical content learnt in class.

Our first stop was the small town of Nieu-Bethesda, forty minutes outside of Graaff-Reinet. It is famous for its rich art and abundance of fossilized mammals. We went to the Owl House to see beautiful artwork and watch a video on its history. Then we embarked on a fossil tour, starting at the Kitching Fossil Exploration Centre to see fossils of different mammals that roamed South Africa dating back millions of years. As part of the fossil tour, we were able to witness the process of how to extract a fossil from a rock. We also got the opportunity to see fossils in the ground in a dried-up river bed, a short walk away from the Centre. This same river is popular with palaeontologists all over the world who flock there after a flood to discover fossils.

After the fossil tour, it was back to the bus to escape the dry, arid climate as we travelled to the Camdeboo National Park in Graaff-Reinet. We drove past grasslands and valleys and saw animals including springboks, zebras, and ostriches on the way to the Valley of Desolation. At the top of the mountainous landforms, we were able to see an

aerial view of Graaff-Reinet and the Karoo landscape. After a short hike to the top, we were treated to the spectacle of the Valley of Desolation. We got to soak in the views from the valley and see monuments in the city before arriving at our accommodation.

Day Two began with a hike through the Camdeboo Nature Reserve along the Gideon Scheepers Trail where we learnt more about the surrounding landscape and the nearby Nqweba Dam. On the hike, we were educated more specifically on the naturally occurring Fynbos and the planted Spekboom and how it changes in different climates and seasons. We also learnt more about the formation of the landscape, valleys and spurs and how these features influence the river's natural course towards the Nqweba Dam.

The final stop was the Reinet House Museum where we learned about how Graaff-Reinet began and what life was like then, from fashion, equipment to the vehicles. We drove back to school, a little wearier but also a lot wiser.

We wish to thank Mrs Kelly for organising the tour and for all her thorough planning as well as to Miss Ndovela who also accompanied us.

Hannah Campbell and Lathitha Doyi





The Grade Ten Geography learners embarked on an excursion on 11 June to see their written content come alive in the real world. A very excited group of learners left school at 7:30 for a day out of the classroom. The first stop was Transnet where we were welcomed warmly. The Geography learners were informed of the workings of Transnet and their logistical involvement in tourism and export. The learners were treated to the panoramic views from Port Control at the harbour as well as being invited to board one of the tugboats for a tour.

Stop number two was the Geology Department at NMU. Once again, we were welcomed by an enthusiastic lecturer

who shared very interesting information with us. Learners got to study the rocks, crystals and fossils in the small museum as well as the fluorescent rocks in the dark room. Thereafter, we were taken into one of the lecture theatres where we examined rocks and minerals through microscopes, and viewed a kaleidoscope of colours. It was a very enjoyable experience.

From there, we travelled to the airport where we visited the weather station and learnt about the role of climatologists and how they assist at the airport. The final stop of the day was McDonald's, where everyone enjoyed a well-deserved ice-cream.

Mrs C Kelly





GRADE ELEVEN LIFE SCIENCES EXCURSION

On 2 September, the Grade Eleven Life Sciences learners spent the day at the Van Stadens Wildflower Reserve. The aim of the trip was to give learners the opportunity to explore the Fynbos Biome, observe its biodiversity, study numerous flora and fauna and witness the effects of human impact on our environment.

Throughout the day, we hiked along the reserve's various trails and took time to identify both indigenous plant species, such as the 'bird of paradise' (*Strelitzia regina*), and alien

invasive plants.

The warm sun and clear blue skies made the experience even more enjoyable. It was a memorable day filled with learning, laughter and a greater appreciation for the environment and the importance of its conservation.

Thank you to Mr Marriott for organizing the excursion and the Life Sciences teachers who accompanied us.

Jennifer Friskin



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The air was buzzing with excitement as the Grade Elevens drove to Addo for our camp. We arrived there after a great amount of anticipation, many songs and only a few wrong turns.

After some spirit building, we were sorted into our respective teams and we had to pitch our tents together. This proved to be challenging but definitely helped to bring team members together. After this, teams went off to enjoy group activities such as zip lining, an insightful citrus tour, a tough obstacle course, leadership activities and canoeing (as well as some sinking) in the Sundays River. The zip-line was a source of excitement for most girls and the hike provided us with beautiful views of the area. Activities on Thursday were

concluded with the making and cooking of roosterbrood and potjies, after a game of tag and stuck in the mud.

The evening ended with musical trivia and some groups also endured a late-night exercise session before going to sleep. After a chilly night, team activities continued on Friday before we departed from the Leaders in Life campground.

A special thank you must be made to Mrs Vlok who made this camp possible. Thank you to Mrs Erasmus, Mrs Lotz, Mrs Loubscher, Ms Coetzee and Mrs Mey who accompanied us. We will cherish the memories made at this camp for many years to come.

Faatima Adam and Isabelle Newman





GRADE EIGHT CAMP

The Grade Eights thoroughly enjoyed their camp. They had a great time bonding in their classes and making new friends while the enthusiastic prefects of 2024 facilitated a variety of fun-filled activities and games. The whole grade ended up in the swimming pool before lunch and enjoyed cooling down after a hot and busy morning.

Once again, the Ghost walk was a highlight and the prefects outdid themselves with their frightening guided tour around the school in the dark.

A1 was judged to have shown the most class spirit over the

weekend and A4, Mrs Botha's register class, convincingly won the coveted 'banana relay' trophy. Thank you to Ms Monaghan and the Grade Eight register teachers, as well as the prefects, for their hard work and for giving up their time.

This year, camp ended with a braai for parents and learners, organized by Ms Monaghan, Mrs Nel and the PTA. It was a lovely way to end a successful camp and a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other as well as meet some of the teachers.

Mrs H Carter and Ms K Monaghan



GRADE EIGHT RITES OF PASSAGE AND MATRIC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY



After the Grade Eight camp, the Rites of Passage Assembly is a significant moment as the Grade Eights officially become inducted as Collegiate girls as they are able to wear their blazers.

Each Grade Twelve Old Pot helped her New Pot put on her blazer for the first time. The Grade Twelves also received their Matric badges which set them apart as the leaders of the school and they recited the Grade Twelve pledge.

Mrs H Carter





PREFECT CAMP

The life-long memories made, the serious conversations had, the lessons learnt, the plans written and the friendships formed – the experience of the prefect camp will not be quickly forgotten.

Our first task, facilitated by Mrs Balshaw, was to draw our “tree of life”. This was a powerful exercise where we learnt a lot about each other and bonded strongly as a group. It was a special experience to dive introspectively into our own individual strengths and see how those could combine with others’ strengths to create a better and more well-rounded team. The spaghetti challenge tested our teamwork skills, with the tallest structure being 47cm!

Our free time included competitive table tennis and foosball tournaments, the battle of the showers and a huge bonfire

on Friday night. Trying to stay cool from the heat on Saturday, we supported our first team Water Polo girls via live stream, and did some wildlife spotting (with two boomslangs and several spiders making an appearance). Late on Saturday afternoon, we went on a hike where the Life Sciences girls made Mr Marriott proud with our knowledge of alien plants. The forest is home to several incredible swings. Even the teachers (including Mrs Erasmus) joined in the fun.

We are very grateful for this opportunity to bond, strategise and become stronger leaders, ready to serve our school. Thank you to Mrs Balshaw, Mrs Erasmus, Mrs Lotz, Mrs Grobbelaar and the staff at the DSG Monastery for their time and input to make our camp memorable and meaningful.

Maria Freercks



A top-down photograph of a wooden cutting board. In the center is a white cup of coffee with a latte art design. To the right of the cup is a large chocolate chip cookie. Several coffee beans are scattered around the cup and cookie.

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Awards Ceremony, 8 October 2024

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, Welkom Dames en Hêre, Molweni Maneni Namanenikazi.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the sesquicentennial Awards Ceremony of Collegiate Girls' High School. A special welcome to our esteemed guest speaker Professor Thuli Madonsela, former Public Protector and current professor of law occupying the Law Trust Research Chair in Social Justice at Stellenbosch University. Professor Madonsela, we look forward to your address later in the programme and are sure that it is going to be most interesting. Welcome, too, to Karen Bruns, Senior Director: Development and Alumni Relations at Stellenbosch University, and Collegiate Old Girl of the Class of 1985.

On stage, we welcome Mrs van Rooyen, the Principal of Collegiate Junior School for Girls; Deputy Principals, Mrs Gerber and Mrs Nel; and the members of our management team, Mrs Carter, Mrs Jooste, Mrs Lotz, and Mrs Kelly.

We welcome those in the audience: from the Nelson Mandela Bay District Office of the Eastern Cape Education Department, the Algoa CMC Head, Mrs Pinda-Nyoka and her husband, as well as Algoa Circuit Managers, Mrs Gabriel and Mr Vena. Thank you for the invaluable support that the District Office provides Collegiate.

We are also privileged to have a supportive and hardworking

School Governing Body, and welcome Mr Kucherera, Chairman of our School Governing Body, as well as all other SGB members present here tonight: Mr and Mrs Loyson; Mr and Mrs Knoetze; and Mr Lotz.

We extend a warm welcome to fellow educationalists: Welcome to the Principal of Alexander Road High School, Mr Ridgway; to the Principal of Herbert Hurd Primary School, Dr Whale; to the Deputy Principal, Mrs Wallace of Collegiate Junior School; and to SMT member, Mrs Woods of Clarendon Park Primary School.

Once a Collegiate Staff member, always a Collegiate staff member: a special welcome to past Deputy Principal and Acting Principal, Mrs Biggs and to her husband; and to past members of staff: Mrs Stoltz, Mrs Joseph, Mrs Pistorius, Mrs Bransby, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Robinson, who is also the immediate past Principal of Collegiate Junior School for Girls.

Finally, a very special welcome goes to the wonderful Collegiate staff, the 2024 and 2025 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.

In the 1980s, there was a TV-series called *The A-Team*. The genre was action, adventure, comedy. The plot involved



over-the-top escapades of four soldiers of fortune on the run. The leader, John Hannibal Smith, said frequently, "There's a plan in everything, kid, and I love it when a plan comes together." This year has been the year in which we have seen the plan in everything, and I love it that all our plans for our sesquicentenary, plans conceived back in 2021, have come together in a wonderful year of many celebrations. There has been action; there has been adventure; and what has made it so enjoyable is that there has been much fun and laughter along the way.

My brief tonight is to share with you my reflection on this year in the life of what is now a 150-year "grand old lady", but a lady still so young at heart. But how to be brief and fulfil my brief in a year that was anything but brief! If I were to touch on every event, celebrate every achievement and truly do justice to an incredibly busy year, I would be anything but brief. So, to keep it short, I will answer the question, "Did we realise our vision for our 150 Jubilee year or not? Did our plan come together?"

In 2021, in this hall during the trying time of the pandemic, the vision I shared with the staff was that 2024 was to be a **CELEBRATION**:

- of all that Collegiate is
- of all who have been through the school
- of all its achievements
- of friendships and connections
- of the Legacy we create and leave for the future

that we would be "comfortable in our skins and courageous in the community" and that **2024** – would be a year in which the Collegiate community worldwide unites and ignites the Collegiate of tomorrow.

Staff, teachers and administrators became part of working groups in the areas of Academics, Sport, Cultural Activities and the Arts, Technology, the Campus and Facilities, Environmental Sustainability, Wellbeing, Community Engagement, Connections and Communication, and the Hostel. The staff took the vision forward and the plan unfolded.

The vision of pursuing academic excellence shone through the good work ethic of the Grade Twelve class of 2023 that gave rise to a 100% pass rate, 97,8% Bachelor passes or 136 of 139 Matrics securing entrance to university degree programmes, with the remaining three securing Diploma passes. The grade average was an impressive 69,7%, 14,4% received A aggregates, five learners had seven distinctions, six had six distinctions and there were 248 subject distinctions in total. All nineteen subject averages were above 60% with 8 above 70% and 4 above 80%. Grade Twelves of 2024, it lies within your capabilities and within your hands to all pass and to all achieve a Bachelor pass. Have a study plan, keep to the plan, and may you say in January, "I love it that my plan has come together!"

During the year, there have been many academic achievements including: some Collegiate learners were top achievers in AdMaths in South Africa in 2023 – fourth place in Grade Ten and second in Grade Nine; third positions in the South African Council for English Education 2023 Language Challenge in Grades Eight, Ten and Eleven, and first position in Grade Nine; Dion Duri in Grade Nine; achieved a Bronze Medal at the Regional Eskom Expo for Young Scientists; Jade van Tonder placed second in the Design-a-Kombi art competition; Amy Heukelman's poem, "Never let Go", has been selected for publication in the 2025 edition of *English Alive* and Jennifer Friskin and Olivia Freercks are part of a regional Mathematics team to compete at the South African Mathematics Olympiad Competition. Special mention must also be made of Anovuyo Mabutho, a finalist in the 2024 Sasol New Signatures Art competition, whose art is currently on exhibition in the Pretoria Art Museum.

Whilst we celebrate the academic achievements with pride, our 2024 vision for academics led to a STEAM week – a week of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics, powered by Standard Bank. The university came; experiments happened in class and in the quad; there was robotics and coding; a superb STEAM career EXPO was held; e-Sports was launched; there was a Science and Maths collaboration with St James Girls' School; a Pi competition (not of the eating kind); and the week culminated with the 'Trash to Fashion' show in which every class was involved.

Every learner was also involved in the Literary Week in April, even if only in the read-a-thon. The week involved engagement with storyteller Zandile Mjekula; with author and Old Girl, Dr Joanne Richards; and with author and Old Girl, Dianne Stewart, who ran a writing workshop. It was also the culmination of the '150 books for 150 years' initiative – and well done to all our avid readers. Great fun was had with the New Pot – Old Pot literary character dress-up, and connections were made with our little sisters when Grade Elevens went across the fields to read to the Grade Ones at the Junior School. The week ended with the special visit to St Augustine's Primary School library where we celebrated our engagement and connection with them, through the '150 books' project of renovating the library. Today, we went back to St Augustine's with Professor Madonsela who graciously chatted to the learners and handed over to them a signed copy of her book, *Melo's Kingdom: story time adventures in the African bush* for their library. I am certain that the stories will be read many times and sow seeds of love, kindness, respect, integrity, self-belief and courage in the young readers, or listeners.

Engagement with the community is part of what Collegiate is. *Facta non Verba* runs in the blue blood of Collegiate learners and, apart from the many deeds of service that the girls of the College render each year, be it knitting squares, visiting the aged, or beach cleaning, an added outreach of 150 Cancer Care Bags was embraced. Lives were touched by the



compassion behind the care bags and the connection was meaningful. It reminds me that the smallest act of care can have the greatest impact.

A further part of Collegiate is strength of the body as is played out on our fields, courts, tracks, trails, and in our pools. There are many individual performances to celebrate, and we did this at the Sports Awards Ceremony yesterday, when these tables were groaning under the sporting silverware presented.

Whilst I remind myself of my brief to be brief, tonight we must also reflect on the hard work, dedication, and remarkable sporting achievements not only of individual athletes but of our teams.

To highlight some of the teams that have done us proud:

- Our Collegiate-Grey swimming team maintained their dominant form, securing their place as Champions of the Pearson Prestige Gala.
- The First Squash team achieved an incredible feat, finishing second at the National All Girls' Festival.
- The First Netball team had a fantastic season, winning both the Collegiate Netball Festival in July and the Fast Fives Netball Tournament in August.
- A special congratulations to our First Cricket team, who claimed Gold in the Spring Festival T20 Tournament this September.
- And last but certainly not least, our U16A Hockey team – what a season it has been for you! Winning the league, the Pearson Festival, and capping it all off with Gold at the prestigious Top 12 Tournament.

These accomplishments show the strength of Collegiate teams, but as always, sport is also about individual excellence, and we are proud of the many athletes who have earned Eastern Province representation in their respective sports. Our representation is impressive:

- 18 Hockey players
- 11 Water Polo players
- 5 Squash players
- 5 Swimmers
- And athletes in Lifesaving, Equestrian, Artistic Swimming, Netball, Cricket, Athletics, Cross-Country, and Mountain Biking.

Clearly, Collegiate is not just about quantity but quality, as many of our learners have been selected for National teams or squads. We commend:

- Jenna Coetzee for her achievements in Biathlon,
- Sienna Gous for Open Water Swimming,
- Aluthando Adams, Emhikle Mazomba and Jana Prinsloo for Hockey,
- Aneesah Lindoor for Artistic Swimming,
- Taylor Rae Budler for Gymnastics.

As the sporting year winds down and the examinations draw ever near, we celebrate not only the victories but also the growth, the lessons learned, and the bonds formed. Every athlete has contributed to Collegiate's rich legacy in sport.

The 150-year vision for celebrating sport also played out in the magnificent Spring Sport Festival powered by Old Mutual of Water Polo, Cricket, Tennis and Rapid Chess. Not even the weather extremes could dampen the spirit. The investment into heating the Water Polo pool has already proved its worth and this quadrangular tournament will certainly become a legacy for future years.

Another legacy has been the investment into the establishing of the Southsure Fitness Centre and improving the flow from the Water Polo arena to The Games Club. In time, the strength and conditioning that will come from the Fitness Centre, as well as the availability of the facility for the boarders, will boost overall wellbeing.

Wellbeing was certainly boosted by the hosting of a highly



successful Wellbeing Conference attended by schools from around the country. One cannot espouse holistic education and ignore the wellbeing of learners and staff, especially in a fast-paced digital world when our very notion of reality is changing so rapidly. The Wellbeing Conference was first envisioned back in 2021 as a 150 Jubilee event, and with its variety of keynote speakers, practical workshops, EXPO and entertainment, and oranges – many oranges – has cast the spotlight on the person, on positive education, on PERMA, in the Flow, Aspire, and the importance of breathing. Perhaps the Wellbeing Conference will also be a legacy from the 150 Jubilee celebrations.

Now, what would a celebration be without Music and the Arts? The Ensembles – Claribelles, C of Saxes, the String Ensemble, the Vocal Ensemble, the Concert Band and the Choir planned, practised and performed many times in various concerts – 'SHEroes of Broadway' and an Evening with the Collegiate Bands, being but two. Old Girl and composer Andrea Hobson visited from Germany and gave back to her old school by presenting a masterclass, "Back to Brass Tacks". What a blast! Our Head of Music, Gustel Agenbag and past staff member, Rochelle Oelofse, orchestrated a Choir Conductors' Workshop, and Mrs Range introduced Organ tuition: Maria Freercks and Amy Elliott now play three instruments and are Collegiate's first Organ learners.

This year our musicians have continued to excel with many

achieving distinctions in Trinity College of London examinations on numerous instruments. Those who participated in the Knock on Wood Arts Festival came away with an impressive collection of Double Gold, Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, as well as placings. I would like to add that it was not only the musicians who excelled in the Knock on Wood Arts Festival, but also our artists, writers, actresses and photographers.

In addition, there were 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. Mention must be made of Amy Elliott who placed first in the SASMT Competition, earning her the prestigious Bryars Scholarship for Music Studies at the Nelson Mandela University in 2025. Amy, your passion is Music and, to use Professor Madonsela's words, "where your passion and skill come together, that is where your life should go".

However, two events stand out as sesquicentenary celebratory events: *Cinderella, the Musical (Enchanted Version)*, and the Combined Collegiate Schools Prestige Music Concert at the Tramways building on the Sunday afternoon of Founders' Week. *Cinderella* was uplifting, fun, filled with laughter and song, and what an adventure it was to stage a musical at the Savoy Theatre during loadshedding! But the plan came together, and the audience and cast loved it. We also loved





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it when our younger sisters walked to the Savoy to support their High School sisters while enjoying the enchanted tale.

The sisterhood of the Junior and Senior schools was clear at the Prestige Concert, a logistical feat of note which included transporting grand pianos from the school to the old Tramways building next to the Baakens River, where Collegiate girls in the late 1800s used to bathe – that is swim! We have so loved collaborating with Collegiate Junior School and look forward to the Carols' Presentation in the Quad next month. If there is one memory that every old girl mentions, it is that of carols – it certainly is a glorious event when six hundred angelic voices are raised to the heavens, another sisterhood experience. This year, the voices will be singing a new carol, "Join the Celebration", composed by Mrs Gustel Agenbag, with lyrics by Bronwyn Shone and Cwenga Williams, in honour of our sesquicentenary – another legacy for future generations of Collegiate voices.

To stay with connections, we have celebrated all who have gone through the school, with our popular "Old Girls' Stories" featured on our social media platforms. How wonderful to see the stories of Old Girls from the 1950s to those of recent years. They have come from all over the world and have ranged from comedienness to teachers, to barristers, engineers, mothers, accountants, pilots, actresses, antique sellers and so many more. If you have not read any yet, visit our social media pages and be astounded by the pride of the Old Girls in the school and the values instilled in them that have helped them navigate the ups and downs of life. This pride is so great that Jeannete McGill, Class of 1990, took our 150 flag all the way up to base camp of Mount Everest.

We have also celebrated past teachers and their stories post – Collegiate. These posts have connected Old Girls as they responded to the stories and shared memories of their teachers. Current and past staff members also celebrated by contributing to the 150 Recipe Book, "Chefs of the College" – what fun and laughter we had in the Consumer Studies kitchen creating action shots for the recipe book. If you have your copy of "Chefs of the College", you know that another plan came together.

Again, I am conscious of being brief, but perhaps that ship has already sailed. Founders' Week, which took place from Monday 6 to Sunday 12 May, was an absolutely jam-packed and momentous celebration of our 150 years. It started with a heartfelt Birthday Assembly, a moment for us all to pause and reflect on the legacy that Collegiate has built over the past century and a half.

In the week, we hosted a delightful Hostel High Tea that reunited boarders of old who shared tales of bunking, midnight feasts and other activities we will not mention. Nostalgia filled the air during the Nostalgia Evening at the Games Club, where old friendships were rekindled, and new ones were made, reminding us all of the unbreakable ties that bind

the Collegiate community. It was wonderful to have the Old Girls returning for Founders' Week, ambling along the Jubilee Walkway, to which so many Old Girls have generously contributed. The beauty the walkway adds to our school is a true legacy. Old Girls also returned for thrilling sports matches, and many shared in the laughter and camaraderie of the Reunion Dinner held in this magnificent Stevenson Hall.

Founders' Day itself was an unforgettable occasion. It was filled with tradition, pride, and a few tears as we raised the school flag high and proudly unveiled 'Courage', the statue representing the Collegiate girl of the past, present, and future. The flag-raising ceremony encapsulated the unity and continuity of our school's values and vision, while *Courage stands tall, rooted in tradition, growing with every challenge, and always looking forward with hope—an unbroken thread connecting the past, present and future.*

As we conclude, "Did we realise our vision for our 150 Jubilee year or not? Did our plan come together?" This year has indeed shown us that there is a plan in everything, and like John Hannibal Smith, I love it when a plan comes together. Our sesquicentenary, conceived in 2021, has unfolded into a wonderful tapestry of celebrations, filled with action, adventure, fun and laughter.

But our true legacy goes beyond the festivities; it is grounded in our motto, *Facta non Verba*—deeds, not words. It resides in the values we cultivate in our girls: a strong work ethic, responsibility, respect, compassion, and integrity.

We are privileged to have as our Patron for this special year someone who embodies these values—Professor Thuli Madonsela. Her dedication to justice and compassion resonates with our vision to empower our learners to make the world a better and more just place. Professor Madonsela's words remind us that those who believe in a brighter future must take the first steps to create it. Thank you for being here Professor Madonsela, and for honouring us as our patron. We look forward to your address, to the official establishment tomorrow of the Thuli Madonsela Garden of Reflection in which 'Courage' stands, and to Collegiate's inaugural annual public lecture which you will deliver tomorrow evening.

Tonight, we celebrate the achievements of our learners, and the spirit and good character they exemplify. Congratulations to all those who will be honoured this evening.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the 'Collegiate A-Team', our dedicated staff—academic, sporting, administrative, and support – whose commitment ensures that Collegiate continues to thrive. I also wish to acknowledge our Governors, whose tireless efforts contribute greatly to our success.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining us tonight. Let us continue to enjoy the celebrations and look forward to the legacy we are building together.

Mrs L Erasmus





ACADEMIC AWARDS 2024

GRADE EIGHT 2024	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	Husnaa Ahmed
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa Second Additional Language	Khazimla Mzembe
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Sanelisiwe Mbabana
Grade Eight Academic Award	Layan Adams
Grade Eight Academic Award	Caitlin De Souza
Grade Eight Academic Award	Lisa Langenhoven
Grade Eight Academic Award	Saarrah Ahmed
The Subject Prize for Technology	Ava Filmer
Grade Eight Academic Award	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Wanda Nogqala
Grade Eight Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Logan Marais
Grade Eight Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Lara Foster
Grade Eight Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Jolie Zinga
Grade Eight Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Iminathi Nonganga
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Emily Ferreira
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Sabella Serdyn
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	Josephine Brown
Grade Eight Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	Raphaela Miller
The Subject Prize for Creative Arts	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	Holly Tudhope
The Subject Prize for Natural Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Social Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Economic Management Sciences	
The Subject Prize and Josephine Lorie Certificate for English	
The Marlene Marx Trophy and the Subject Prize for Afrikaans	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Award for the Best Work in Grade Eight	
Grade Eight Academic Award and First in the Grade	
GRADE NINE 2024	
The School Prize for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Kendyll Tufts
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa Second Additional Language	Othandwayo Boo
Grade Nine Academic Award	Joslyn Paterson
Grade Nine Academic Award	Lusanele Ntsepe
Grade Nine Academic Award	Jessica Eaton
Grade Nine Academic Award	Jade Grobler
Grade Nine Academic Award	Nicole Otigo
Grade Nine Academic Award	Adrijaa Bhadra

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Grade Nine Academic Award	Eleni Kyazze
Grade Nine Academic Award	Christina Yiannaros
Grade Nine Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Boledi Chuene
The Phutumani Mondi Trophy and the Subject Prize for the Best Work in isiXhosa First Additional Language	Lulwando Mbekeni
Grade Nine Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
The Cup for the Best Work in Afrikaans	Tiffany Frans
Grade Nine Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Zandri Knoetze
Grade Nine Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Jemma van Der Mescht
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Dion Duri
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Anika Ferreira
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	Katherine Wilson
Grade Nine Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Economic Management Sciences	Sarah Kruger
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Creative Arts	Olivia Freercks
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	
The Subject Prize for Natural Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Technology	
The Subject Prize for Social Sciences	
The Loewenstein Trophy for English	
The Award for Best Work in Grade Nine	
Grade Nine Academic Award and First in Grade	
GRADE TEN 2024	
The School Prize for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Riley Ellie
The Certificate for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	Sophia Wood
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	Hannaa Niazi
The Shared Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Kristen Botha
The Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy	Eden Jonker
The Subject Prize for Dramatic Arts	Aphumle Nofemele
The Subject Prize for Visual Arts	Aaliyah Albany
The Subject Prize for Information Technology	Vandyie Ntumba Makolo
Grade Ten Academic Award	Lynn Harty
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology and Grade Ten Academic Award	Mishkah Burger
Grade Ten Academic Award	Jenna Lotz



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The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Layla McNamara
The Subject Prize for Geography	
Grade Ten Academic Award	
The Shared Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Emma Jack
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Clothing and Grade Ten Academic Award	
Grade Ten Academic Award	Jade van Tonder
Grade Ten Academic Award	Eden Oliver
The Subject Prize for Computer Applications Technology and Grade Ten Academic Award	Kiara Nicholls
Grade Ten Academic Award	Mikaela Caliste
Grade Ten Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Vedhya Jeena
The Subject Prize for Consumer Studies	Kelly Legg
Grade Ten Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Giana Pretorius
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Lilitha Papu
Grade Ten Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	Philippa Stevens
Grade Ten Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Cailin Louw
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Mieke Wessels
The Subject Prize for Practical Work in Music	Bronwyn Shone
The Subject Prize for Music	
The Subject Prize for Life Sciences	
The Subject Prize for History	
The Subject Prize for English	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Third in Grade	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Second in Grade	Jenna Coetzee
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	Clarice Pieterse
The Subject Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
The Subject Prize for Accounting	
The Subject Prize for Physical Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Parkes Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Prize for Best Work in Grade Ten	
Grade Ten Academic Award and First in Grade	



GRADE ELEVEN 2024	
The Donald Award for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Salizwa Ntlabezo
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Clothing	Kyra Butler
The Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Megan Kockott
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Tisya Raga
The Subject Prize for Dramatic Arts	Jordan Pierpoint
The Joy Pike Trophy for Visual Arts	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies English	Lara Lötzt
The Subject Prize for Geography	Chloë Maartens
The Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy	
The Certificate for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	Isabella Hendricks
The Subject Prize for Dance Studies	Gabriella Snygans
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Mihlali Kolosa
The Whiley Cup for French	Jennifer de Kock
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Churchill Trophy for History	Rebecca Coombes
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Cara-Lee Jansen van Rensburg
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Angelica Loyson
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Celsy Jansen van Rensburg
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Faatima Adam
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Elizabeth Horn
Grade Eleven Academic Award	Tanith Brito
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Yimitha Mbekeni
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Isabelle Newman
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Kaylee Barton
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Taylor Wilson
The Subject Prize for Accounting	Mikayla Edwards
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	Elizma Ferreira
The McWilliams Cup for Consumer Studies	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Nazmira Soomar
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Amy Botha
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Computer Applications Technology	Shanna du Plessis
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Third in Grade	



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The Cup for Life Sciences	Jennifer Friskin
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	
The Subject Prize for Information Technology	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
The shared Cameron-Ellis Cup for Achievement in Mathematics	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	Maria Freercks
The Certificate for Practical Work in Music	
The Cimbelman Cup for Music	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Shared Cameron-Ellis Cup for Achievement in Mathematics	
The Leith Award for Endeavour and Achievement in Physical Sciences	
The Boyd Trophy for English	
The Brock Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Linton Prize for the Best Work in Grade 11	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and First in the Grade	
GRADE TWELVE 2024	
The Brunhuber Trophy for Consistent and Conscientious Endeavour	Sienna Govind
The NMU Prize for the Best Practical CAT Task	Ninke Schoeman
The Prize for Consumer Studies	Amber Croft
The Prize for Music	Amy Elliott
The Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Anovuyo Mabutho
The Prize for Visual Arts	
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	Emma Stevens
The Award for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Kaylee Villet
The Award for Practical Work in Music	Hannah Stiglingh
The Award for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Zané Mostert
The Marie Pienaar Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
The Award for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	Lolwethu Singeni
The Langkilde Award for Outstanding Practical Needlework	Cassidy Kwong See
The Prize for Further Studies English	Tanya McNamara
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Okuhle Mkuhlu
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Kyra Wiehahn
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	Olona Gwili
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Beth Burley
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Helen Adebisi
The Prize for Geography	Gabriela Yiannaros
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Nazia Moosa

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The Prize for Dance Studies	Lara Gaudin
The Prize for Computer Applications Technology	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	
The Award for Practical Work in Information Technology	Servaana Naidoo
The Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Kristin van Jaarsveld
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Gemma Ferreira
The Downing Prize for History	Mignonne Coley
The Prize for French Second Additional Language	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Tyra Naidoo
The Shared Prize for Life Sciences	Blessing Melariri
The Prize for Accounting	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
The Prize for Life Orientation	Mykaela Moorhouse
The Prize for Information Technology	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Shared Prize for Life Sciences	Skyla von Waltsleben
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Prize for English	Jessica Smith
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Physical Sciences	
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Mathematics	
The Committee Prize for the Best Work in Grade Twelve	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and First in the Grade	

HOUSE AWARDS 2024

The Cebe Cup for Inter-House Debating	Queen Elizabeth
The Ella Cup for Tennis	Queen Victoria
The Inter-House Quiz Cup	Queen Victoria
The Hockey Bowl	Queen Alexandra
The Netball Trophy	Queen Elizabeth
The M S M Founders Cup for Squash	Queen Elizabeth
The Blaine Cup for Work	Queen Elizabeth
The Athletics Cup	Queen Alexandra
The E A P Andrews Cup for Drama	Queen Elizabeth
The Hay Cup for Swimming	Queen Mary
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	St Michael and St George
The Chess Trophy	Queen Mary
The Nowell Spirit Trophy	St Michael and St George
House of the Year	Queen Alexandra
SPECIAL AWARDS 2024	
The Linda-Louise Swain Trophy for Achievement in Dramatic Arts	Jessica Smith
The Hayward Cup for Achievement in Music	Amy Elliott
The Trophy for Achievement in Visual Arts	Anovuyo Mabutho
The Sharwood Bursary Award	Holly Tudhope
The Collegiate Old Girls' Guild Bursary	Nazia Moosa
The Brock Bursary	Mykaela Moorhouse
The Gray Cup for School Spirit	Jaime Löest
The Victrix Ludorum for the Best All-Round Achievement in Sport	Tiara Finnis
The Hargood Trophy for Sportsmanship	Lauren Upton
The Odendaal Trophy for Sport and Academic Achievement	Blessing Melariri
The Cup for the Highest Level of Sporting Achievement	Alulutho Adams
The Glover Trophy for the Dux of the School	Jessica Smith
The Nicky Armstrong Award for Altruistic Service to the School and Community	Gabriela Yiannaros
The Sheila Hellman Prize for Courtesy	Lindokuhle Matiwana
The Lamp of Service Trophy	Chelsea Duri
The Facta Non Verba Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Sophia Wood
The Deputy Head Girl Leadership Award	Mignonne Coley
The Head Girl Leadership Award	Blessing Melariri
The Whitehead Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Jaime Löest
Stephen Honour Prize	Blessing Melariri



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+	14	28	1	16	11	84	9	13	5	1	9	2	6	12	6	14	2	8	7
70 - 79	48	34	7	16	19	38	11	17	20	0	10	2	11	11	4	19	2	11	4
60 - 69	51	25	11	20	15	14	6	16	22	0	0	2	9	13	7	10	0	9	4
50 - 59	24	16	11	13	7	3	6	2	10	0	0	3	9	9	6	7	0	7	1
40 - 49	2	2	1	18	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	3	5	0	8	0	8	2
30 - 39	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	0	1	1
0 - 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	139	107	31	86	53	139	36	48	59	1	19	10	38	51	25	65	4	44	19

OVERALL STATISTICS	TOTAL	%
Total candidates	139	
Overall "D" passes	3	2.2%
Overall "B" passes	136	97.8%
Subject distinctions	248	





CULTURAL AWARDS

The annual Cultural Awards Ceremony was held on 4 October 2024 where we were able to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of our learners.

Our guest speaker was Old Girl, Kirsti Limbert. Miss Limbert is a Music teacher at Erica Girls' Junior School, as well as a respected and talented musician who plays in many orchestras.

She addressed the learners on the important role music has played in her life as well as the benefits of Music and the Arts.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and thank you to Cultural Prefect, Anovuyo Mabutho, for her hard work this year. We are grateful to all the society and service area heads and teachers for the effort they put in this year and to Mrs Nel, the Head of Culture, for her support.

May Collegiate learners continue to embrace and enjoy the many opportunities available at Collegiate in the cultural sphere.

Mrs H Carter



CULTURAL AWARDS 2024	
The Webb Trophy	Marvel Tendayi
The Rugheimer Cup	Chelsea Duri and Anovuyo Mabutho
The Brenda Sanderson-Smith Memorial Trophy	Kaylee Villet
The Ballroom Dancer of the Year	Kaylee Villet
The MG Platt Memorial Prize for Service to the Library	Sisipho Konza
The Muriel Trudgett Award for Service to the Library	Gabriela Yiannaros
The Nina Holderness Trophy for Service to the Performing Arts	Amy-Leigh Ward
The Cassie Vernon Trophy for Dedication and Enthusiasm in a Dramatic Performance	Ava Beary
The AFDA Shield for Theatre Creativity	Camryn Robinson
The Jacqui Reed Cup	Sameera Rahman
The Music Department Trophy for Clarinet/Saxophone	Camryn Robinson
The Goldberg Cup for the Best Improvement in Violin	Cailin Louw
The Clancy Cup for Endeavour in Music	Aisha Mxokozeli
The Fyvie Trophy for Outstanding Improvement in Music through Perseverance	Maria Freercks
The Jean Momberg Cup for the Best Pianist	Amy Elliott
The Shawn Lyon Cup for the Brass Instrumentalist of the Year	Arabella Pearse
The Megan Judd Floating Trophy for Excellence in Two Instruments	Clarice Pieterse
The Taylor Trophy for Exceptional Service to the Band	Beth Burley
The Hemingway Trophy for Excellence in Singing	Aisha Mxokozeli and Camryn Robinson
The Couldridge Cup for Creative Writing in Grade Nine Afrikaans	Mackenzie Smit and Anika Ferreira
The Townsend Essay Prize (Junior)	Eleni Kyazze
The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing (Senior)	Jennifer de Kock and Isabella Hendricks



The Carruthers Trophy for Involvement in Cultural Activities in Grade Eight or Nine	Dion Duri
The Natalie Stear Junior Elocution Certificate	Olivia Freercks and Dion Duri
The Charles Keyser Prize for Elocution	Maria Freercks
The Linder Shield for Junior Public Speaking	Afikile Tyiso
The Award for Junior Afrikaans Public Speaking	Shiloh Walsh
The Audrey Sprenger Prize for Public Speaking	Elizma Ferreira
The Pistorious Trophy for Senior Afrikaans Public Speaking	Lara Lötz
The Jambela Shield for Senior isiXhosa Public Speaking	Qaqamba Timba
The Leanne Cornish Cup for the Best Junior Debater	Dion Duri
The Photography Bowl	Lara Lötz





SPORTS AWARDS

The 2024 Sports Awards Ceremony took place on 7 October in the Stevenson Hall, a fitting venue for celebrating the achievements of Collegiate's exceptional athletes. This year, we were privileged to have as our honorary guest, Mrs Roelien Taylor, who recently retired after dedicating over twenty years of service to both the school and Collegiate sport. Her presence was a reminder of the legacy she helped build, one rooted in dedication, passion and unwavering commitment.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with moments that truly encapsulate the essence of Collegiate sport—excellence, teamwork and perseverance. While we celebrated the individual accomplishments of our athletes, we were equally reminded of the growth, lessons learnt and the unbreakable bonds forged through sport.

Every athlete has played a significant role in contributing to Collegiate's rich sporting legacy and we honour not just the champions but every participant who has brought pride to our school. Their efforts, both on and off the field, continue to inspire the next generation of Collegiate athletes.

Mrs C Posthumus



SPORTS AWARDS 2024	
ATHLETICS	AYOMIDE ALUKO
U18 – 100m Champion	Yanelisa Nomoyi
Inter-House Relay Race	Queen Alexandra House
High Jump Champion	Rebecca Iivings
Penelope Raats Senior Discus Trophy	Lilian Krige
Shot Put Champion	Amy Wilmot
Javelin Champion	Kadré de Necker
Long Jump Champion	Kate Brennan
Loubscher Cup for Service to Athletics	Ayomide Aluko
Enthusiasm and Dedication to Athletics	Simone de Lange
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Olivia Freercks
Middle Distance Junior Champion	
Senior Victrix Ludorum	
Middle Distance Senior Champion	Jenna Coetzee
New Record U16 1500m	
U16 – 100m Champion	Bronwyn Shone
Athlete of the Year	
CHESS	MARVEL TENDAYI
Most Promising Chess Player	Dion Duri
Dedication and Service to Chess	Marvel Tendayi
52 Caps for First Team Chess	
Chess Player of the Year	Jessica Murray



CRICKET	JEANNE STEYN
Most Promising Cricketer	Madison Venter
Best Bowler	
Best All Rounder	Nerissa Primo
18 Caps for First Team Cricket	Tanya McNamara
27 Caps for First Team Cricket	Tsepiso Mahahlela-Qaku
23 Caps for First Team Cricket	Kyra Wiehahn
Best Batsman	Sithenkosi Mbangutha
20 Caps for First Team Cricket	
18 Caps for First Team Cricket	Jeanne Steyn
Cricketer of the Year	
CROSS COUNTRY	TALYA HENDERSON
Most Promising Runner	Olivia Freercks
Best U14 Runner	Lihle Stofile
Best U15 Runner	Stacey de Ridder
Service to Cross Country	Nia Farrell
Best U16 Runner	
Best U17 Runner	Maria Freercks
Best U19 Runner	Talya Henderson
HOCKEY	ALULUTHO ADAMS
Most Improved U14 Hockey Player	Iviwe Dlula
Best U14 Hockey Player	Gabriella de Doncker
Most Promising U14 Hockey Player	Lauren Duckworth
NJ Bester Trophy - Most Improved U16 Player	Taryn Peltenburg
Selected to SA U16B Hockey Team	Jana Prinsloo
Selected to SA U16A Hockey Team	Emihle Mazomba
Smart Trophy - Best U16 Player	Kerrin Gillies
U16 Dedication and Enthusiasm to Hockey	Casey Grobler
Most Improved Senior Player	Lauren Upton
97 Caps for First Team Hockey	
U18 Dedication to and Enthusiasm for Hockey	Tiara Finnis
93 Caps for First Team Hockey	
Middlebrook Trophy for Service to Hockey	Hannah Griffin
88 Caps for First Team Hockey	
Lumsden Trophy - Player of the Season	Alulutho Adams
Selected to SA U18A Hockey Team	
97 Caps for First Team Hockey	
NETBALL	JAIME LÖEST
Most Improved U14 Player	Aphiwe Kondlo
U14 Player of the Year	Iminathi Nonganga
Most Improved U16 Player	Aluta Mncwabe and Makenzie Bosman



SPORTS AWARDS



Browne Trophy - Junior Player of the Year	Lilian Krige
Maree Trophy - Most Improved Senior Player	Caitlin Lion
120 Caps for First Team Netball	Blessing Melariri
68 Caps for First Team Netball	Sithenkosi Mbangutha
64 Caps for First Team Netball	Onako Makinana
Service to Netball	Jaime Löest
126 Caps for First Team Netball	
Gay Anderson Trophy - Senior Player of the Year	
127 Caps for First Team Netball	Yolani Oliphant
SQUASH	BETH BURLEY
Lynne Neubert Trophy - Most Improved Player	Salizwa Ntlabezo
Shana Liebenberg Trophy - Junior Champion	Kayla Long
Vivienne Robinson Trophy - Commitment and Determination	Hannah Campbell and Anna Porter
Service to Squash	Beth Burley
Angela Difford Trophy – Senior Champion	Darcey Brown
SWIMMING (BASED OFF INTER-HOUSE DAY)	TIARA FINNIS
Inter-House Open Relay	Queen Alexandra House
Kent Trophy - U16 100m Freestyle	Madison Fourie
U16 100m Breaststroke Trophy	
Mackay Trophy - U19 50m Butterfly	Amy Botha
Ingrid Kohler Shield - Most Promising Junior Swimmer	Sienna Gous
Sherman Trophy - Victrix Ludorum at Inter-House Gala with 76 points	
SA Representative Open Water Swimming	
New Record Open 200m Freestyle	



De Villiers Trophy - U16 100m Backstroke	Jenna Coetzee
Peggy Hodge Trophy - U16 50m Butterfly	
200m Open Individual Medley	
Lorrie Smith Trophy - Best U16 Swimmer	
Harrow Trophy - Service to Swimming	Tiara Finnis
De Villiers Trophy - U19 100m Backstroke	
Nan Gray Trophy - U19 100m Breaststroke	
Joan Horn Trophy - U19 100m Freestyle	
Commitment and Dedication to Swimming	
ARTISTIC SWIMMING	RACHEL TAYLOR
Novice Champion Trophy	Tristan Marais
Intermediate Phase Champion	Shanna du Plessis
SA Representation Artistic Swimming	Aneesah Lindoor
Junior Champion Trophy	
Moirs Hibbert Bowl – Senior Champion	Rachel Taylor
Centenary Cup – Service to Artistic Swimming	
TENNIS	HOLLY SHEARER
U14 Singles	Lauren Duckworth
Most Promising Junior Player	
U14 Doubles with Emily Ferreira	
U14 Doubles with Lauren Duckworth	Emily Ferreira
Jubilee Trophy - Most Promising U16 Player	Stephney van Staden
Most Improved Senior Player	Kaylee Barton





SPORTS AWARDS

U16 Singles	Bronwyn Shone
Roberts Trophy - U16 Doubles with Taryn Peltenburg	
Roberts Trophy - U16 Doubles with Bronwyn Shone	Taryn Peltenburg
54 Caps for First Team Tennis	Danni Barrow
Best Senior Doubles Player	
Peggy English Trophy - Best Team in Lower Leagues	Third Team - Tiffany Frans
Marchant Davies Trophy - Best Senior Team	First Team
Kingwill Trophy for Dedication and Commitment	Holly Shearer
100 Caps for First Team Tennis	
Service to Tennis	
Ada Smidt Wimbledon Trophy for Team Player of the Year	Tayla Paxton
Open Singles Trophy	
Richardson and Kirkland Trophy Open Doubles	Holly Shearer and Tayla Paxton
WATER POLO	EMMA (TIGGY) STEVENS
U14 Julia Wentworth Trophy for Most Improved Player	Sadie Connett and Skyler La Mude
The Maartens Trophy - Best U14 Player	Sienna Gous
Von Wildemann Trophy - Best U15 Player	Charlotte van Bochove
Patten Cup - Most Improved Senior Player	Lauren Upton
63 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
Service to Water Polo	Rebecca Iving
100 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
Von Wildemann Trophy - Best Senior Player	Emma (Tiggy) Stevens
123 Caps for First Team Water Polo	
Mather Player of the Year	





EP REPRESENTATIVES FOR SCHOOL SPORT

Back Row: A Botha (Water Polo), E Horn (Water Polo), Brigid Guest (Water Polo), Kayla Long (Squash), K Gillies (Hockey), O Freercks (Water Polo), C van Bochove (Water Polo), E de Witt (Water Polo), J Coetzee (Biathlon, Swimming), E Stevens (Water Polo)

Third Row: E Oliver (Hockey), Y Nomoyi (Water Polo), T Dunnington (Gymnastics), G de Doncker (Hockey), G Bower (Hockey), A Fourie (Water Polo), S Gous (Swimming, Life Saving), M Higgs (Swimming), I Newman (Squash), A Klaas (Hockey), T Peltenburg (Hockey)

Second Row: Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport), N Mitchell (Squash), C Mao-Cheia (Water Polo), E Jack (Rhythmic Gymnastics), A Porter (Hockey), C Williams (Hockey), K Brennan (Water Polo), J van der Mescht (Rhythmic Gymnastics), J Murray (Squash), I Nonganga (Netball), A Tyiso (Hockey)

Front Row: A Adams (Hockey), T Finnis (Hockey, Open Water), E Mazomba (Hockey), K Nogalawe (Hockey), A Wilmot (Water Polo), J Prinsloo (Hockey), J Brown (Water Polo), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), N Primo (Squash, Tennis)



SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES

Back Row: S du Plessis (Irish Dancing), M Jonker (Irish Dancing), S Gous (Open Water Swimming)

Front Row: M Jonker (Irish Dancing), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), Mrs C Pothumus (Head of Sport)

Absent: J Coetzee (Biathlon), E Mazomba (Hockey)



CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SPORTS CAPTAINS



EASTERN PROVINCE CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back Row: K Kondlo, Q Timba, L Mama, M Wessels, K Hechter, I Tiso, C Williams, T Marais
Front Row: Y Sizila, C Louw, A Fani, Mrs G Agenbag, M Chengwe, E Bono, A Magwevana



SPORTS CAPTAINS

Back Row: A Adams (Hockey), B Burley (Squash), A Aluko (Athletics), J Löest (Netball), E Stevens (Water Polo), J Steyn (Cricket)
Front Row: Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport), T Henderson (Cross Country), M Tendayi (Chess), I Newman (E-Sports), H Shearer (Tennis), T Finnis (Swimming)
Absent: R Taylor (Artistic Swimming)



Over the years, the Music Department of Collegiate Girls' High School has enriched many Music learners' lives, not only musically, but also emotionally and spiritually. The universal language of Music has brought together individuals and groups in special ways that will remain with them for years to come. Lifelong connections and friendships are built amongst the learners. We are grateful to the Music staff for supporting and enriching our learners in this way.

In Term Three, the Music Department welcomed a new staff member, Mr Siya Xotyeni, a percussion specialist, and we are grateful for the experience and knowledge that Mr Xotyeni has added.

We are proud of all the achievements and successes of our learners and staff throughout the year. Some notable events include the String Ensemble's performance at the Pizzicato Pizzazz; the Grade Twelves' Practical Assessment Task concert; the Concert Band Festival; the Vocal Ensemble's revue; the Choir and Concert Band's flash mobs; and the annual visit to Laubscher Park West Retirement Village, where our Music

learners entertained the residents.

Many Double Gold, Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates were awarded to our learners during the Knock on Wood Arts Festival, hosted by Woodridge College. First positions were awarded to Aisha Mxokozeli, Avethandwa Goboza and Katherine Wilson in their respective categories. The Choir also achieved a First place.

A number of our Vocal learners, namely Katherine Wilson, Avethandwa Goboza, Camryn Robinson and Aisha Mxokozeli, made us proud at the SASMT Into-the-Mix competition. The winner of the Robert Gillmer Trophy for Most Promising Senior Vocalist was Hannah Stiglingh. We congratulate Amy Elliott for being named as the overall winner at the annual SASMT Music Competition (Classical) and for receiving the Charles Bryar's Bursary for Music in 2025 from the Nelson Mandela University.

We are very proud of Mrs Hemingway and her team for showcasing the musical, Cinderella, at the Savoy Theatre at





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the start of the year. Months of training, planning and hard work went into this production. From the first performance to the last, our cast of learners mesmerised the audience with their impeccable acting and singing talents. It was a production that will be remembered for many years.

Our learners had the privilege of attending a number of workshops and masterclasses. We welcomed Andrea Hobson, a Euphonium specialist and Collegiate Old Girl from Germany. She presented a Brass masterclass at school and our learners received valuable instruction from her. On two different occasions, our piano learners attended masterclasses by Prof. Tinus Botha and Dr Ben Schoeman. Amy Elliott was invited to receive teaching from Dr Schoeman. A Choir Conductors' workshop was hosted at Collegiate by Mrs Rochelle Oelofse and Mrs Gustel Agenbag. We thank the Collegiate Junior School Choir for attending the workshop and for their beautiful singing. Our Choir also performed beautiful Carols at the Baywest Mall 'Together in Harmony' concert.

The Prestige Concert was a collaboration between the Collegiate High and Junior Schools held at the Tramways building at the culmination of Founders' weekend. It was a mammoth logistical challenge, but very rewarding. Our talents were showcased, including a two-piano performance,



choirs, ensembles and concert bands from both schools. This remarkable event left a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

During the December holiday, Hannah Campbell, Rebecca Coombes, Amy Elliott, Maria Freercks, Eden Oliver and Clarice Pieterse will be participating in the annual Eastern Cape Wind Orchestra (ECWO) experience.

My heartfelt gratitude is extended to the staff of the Music Department whose commitment, hard work and dedication are always evident and our learners are privileged to have them as their teachers and mentors.

Mrs G Agenbag



BRASS ENSEMBLE

Back Row: A Parse, D Coltman, H Campbell

Front row: L Nongqoto, B Burley, Miss Z Mbengashe



The Choir rehearses three times a week and our first performance of the year was our very first flash mob in the school quad. We received over 70 000 views on Collegiate's Facebook page. As a result, we were rewarded with Volcano headsets.

The Choir continued to rehearse diligently as we prepared for the Prestige Concert which was held in Founders' week at the Tramways Buildings on 12 May. The whole Music Department was given the opportunity to showcase their talents along with our sisters from Collegiate Junior School.

On 23 May, the Choir was invited to perform at the Feather Market Centre at a concert hosted by the Eastern Cape's Choral Celebration Network Foundation. We performed three songs exceptionally well. During the course of the evening, we were able to listen to a plethora of different choirs and

collectively joined in the celebration of choral music.

In Term Three we performed at the Knock on Wood Art Festival at Woodridge College. We performed against a number of exceptional high school choirs and achieved a Double Gold certificate placing us first along with St Dominic's Priory.

Our last performance was on 2 August at Victoria Park High School. It was a joyous evening as the Choir performed beautifully and brought music to life for the last time this year.

What a year it has been ! I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Mrs Agenbag, Mrs Range and Ms Ndovela for their dedication to the Choir and for creating a safe space for us to express ourselves through choral music. We greatly admire and appreciate each one of you.

Achuma Kelemana





CHOIR



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*Back Row: A Mxokazeli, A Ngoma, T Saayman, M Tukulu, O Qaba, I Nonganga, L Mama, M Burger, O Manona, L Qwane
Fourth Row: C Kucherera, L Gqunta, K Grootboom, T Marais, I Tiso, Y Mbekeni, C Williams, Q Timba, M de Bruijn, A Bavuma, L Khuse
Third Row: K Tobias, L Damane, A Fani, L Rala, Y Mbekeni, N van Heerden, A Goboza, M Chengwe, A Gaeke, C Louw
Second Row: S Mfecane, N Nomavuka, Y Sizila, E Bono, K Kondlo, A Dyasi, O Mkhize, B Chuene, A Magwevana, A Mpofu
Front Row: H Stiglingh, L Mdani, Mrs C Range, A Kelemana, Mrs G Agenbag, S Lusithi, A Maxengana, A Kula*





Over the past year, the Claribelles have grown from a new ensemble to a confident group of talented musicians and we have found joy in our weekly Tuesday afternoon rehearsals. With the help of Miss van Vledder, we have had the opportunity to perform at various events this year such as the Collegiate Open Day, a morning assembly, the Prestige Concert, as well as at the Knock on Wood Arts Festival, in which we were honoured to attain a Gold and Double Gold award in the Ensemble category. The Claribelles also represented Collegiate at the SASMT music competition and were selected as finalists in the Ensemble category.

We are grateful to Miss van Vledder for her commitment, dedication and for inspiring us.

Rachel Taylor



CLARIBELLES

Back Row: B Shone, O Freercks, C Pieterse

Front Row: A Nomnganga, R Taylor, A Kelemana, Miss S van Vledder



C OF SAXES



The 'C of Saxes' was formed last year and the group has really come together and grown musically. It is made up of an exciting group of saxophonists who work well together and are passionate about music. Performances this year have included one at Open Day, a musical item during assembly, the Prestige Concert and the Knock on Wood Arts Festival at Woodridge College where we received a Double Gold and a Gold in the Ensemble category, adjudicated by the respected conductor, Richard Cock. We were also proud to represent Collegiate for the first time in the Ensemble category at the SASMT Music Competition in August.

I would like to thank Miss van Vledder for her dedication and commitment to this ensemble and for making it truly



exceptional. Under her guidance, we have blossomed and become passionate saxophonists. I am excited to see what this group will achieve in the future!

Blessing Melariri



C OF SAXES

Back Row: A Beary, P Stevens, A Goboza

Front Row: R Taylor, B Melariri, A Nomnganga, Miss S van Vledder



At the beginning of the year, the Concert Band auditions commenced with many eager Grade Eights ready to display their musical abilities. After a lengthy selection process, our official Concert Band for 2024 was chosen and we were ready for the exciting year ahead.

The buzz in the Auditorium and the noise of tuning instruments on a Tuesday and Thursday evening have become a comforting sound to mark the start of Concert Band rehearsals. With their instruments warmed up and pencils out, the 2024 Concert Band members were ready to tackle another exciting and challenging year.

The Concert Band had an eventful year owing to our 150th Jubilee celebrations. We performed in various school events such as the Queen Elizabeth and St Michael and St George House Days, our annual Founders' Day flag raising ceremony as well as the Wellbeing Conference hosted at Collegiate in May. Our big performance of the year was at the Prestige Music Concert where the band displayed their impressive ensemble skills, wowing the audience. The Concert Band also took part in the Knock on Wood Arts Festival, securing two Double Gold Awards, and many compliments from the adjudicator, Dr Richard Cock.

The glue that holds our band together is our incredible conductor, Miss Mbengashe. She leads the Concert Band with a confidence and grace that is inspiring and she makes rehearsals a pleasant environment for everyone. Miss Mbengashe is a passionate, enthusiastic and hard-working musician whom the band admires and respects. Under her baton, I know the



girls will go far next year and I am excited to see what the Concert Band of 2025 will achieve.

Our final and most emotional concert of the year was 'An Evening with the Collegiate Bands', where the Junior School Band performed alongside the High School Band as a farewell to the Matric learners. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the repertoire and the Concert Band was given a standing ovation. It was an unforgettable night for the Matrics.

Thank you to all the members of this year's Concert Band. I will never forget the moments we spent together and all our laughs and inside jokes. To the Concert Band of 2025, my best wishes to you! Enjoy every moment and do not take the memories you make for granted.

Beth Burley



CONCERT BAND

Back Row: B Melariri, M Freercks, M Djomgoue, V Ndyoko, R Taylor, A Elliott, O Freercks, A Hermans, M Coley, D Coltman, R Miller
Third Row: L Foster, A Kelemana, O Manona, P Stevens, I Malusi, S Kruger, R Coombes, H Campbell, A Beary, C Williams, I Tiso
Second Row: W Noggala, H Tudhope, L van Heerden, L Gedze, C Pieterse, L Langenhoven, A Pearse, B Shone, V Sponneke, L Mvinjelwa, C Robinson
Front Row: A Sinyahla, S Magoqwana, A Adams, A Nomnganga, A Goboza, B Burley, Miss Z Mbengashe, L Jam Jam, L Nongqoto, K Kondlo, B Chuene, T Haris



CONCERT BAND





If you ask any member of the String Ensemble what the trickiest part of playing a stringed instrument is, you would probably hear answers about “intonation” or “shifting”. However, what I have learned over the years is that the real challenge is stopping the continuous stream of jokes that always brings about endless laughter during our time together. Each rehearsal is not just about perfecting our music; it is about building our family, and we were thrilled to welcome new faces to String Ensemble this year.

The year was filled with many memorable performances. We graced the stage at *Pizzicato Pizazz* hosted by Summerwood Primary School, enjoyed playing at our very own Prestige Music Concert held at the Tramways Building as part of our 150th Founders’ Weekend. We showcased our hard work at Queen Alexandra House Day, delighting peers and teachers alike. We also participated at the Knock on Wood Arts Festival at Woodridge College, where we proudly earned Silver and Gold certificates for our efforts.

Our repertoire was a blend of magic and nostalgia, with performances of a *Harry Potter* medley and the enchanting and romantic melodies from *Beauty and the Beast*. We also picked up the tempo with an arrangement of Vivaldi’s music, featuring well-known melodies from his famous Violin Concertos *The Four Seasons*. One of the year’s highlights was having many of our members awarded with well-deserved Scrolls for their dedication.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our conductor, Mrs Mey, who stands at the heart of it all and whose passion for music brings a vibrant and dynamic spirit to every beat that we play. The chance we have to create music in a way that goes beyond the individual and allows our collective creativity to shine in such a motivating atmosphere is something I cherish and will miss. I will always hold the memories of the String Ensemble close to my heart and I wish the Ensemble well for the years to come.

Mykaela Moorhouse



STRING ENSEMBLE

Back Row: D Duri, O Manona, C De Souza, J de Wet, C Williams, U Nondlazi
Front Row: C Louw, C Maartens, M Moorhouse, Mrs L Mey, H Niaz, M Chengwe, N Mabaso



VOCAL ENSEMBLE



At the beginning of the year, the majority of our Vocal Ensemble singers were involved in our school's production of *Cinderella*. The musical required months of preparation and countless hours of rehearsals. However, it was all worth it in the end. It was an incredible experience for many of our singers as it was their first time on stage in a theatre.

This also meant that our usual Vocal Ensemble rehearsals and shows were put on hold, but we were happy knowing the experience gained from *Cinderella* would only improve our upcoming performances.

Term Two rolled around and we refocused by returning to our weekly rehearsals. We planned our next show, which was to take place on Women's Day. Inspired by this, a theme of "SHEroes of Broadway" was decided on to celebrate the strength of women.

To add to the excitement and buzz of our show, we surprised the school with a flash mob in the quad, performing 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun'. This was going to be the finale song in our show. The energy of the performance brought joy and laughter to everyone in the quad. The show in August was a spectacular and enjoyable performance. We sang a variety of songs from both Broadway and contemporary styles. A crowd favourite was 'Man I Feel Like A Woman' where we had a few people getting up to dance along with us.

Special mention must be made of this year's top achievers who have excelled on stage and at competitions. Camryn Robinson was a finalist in the SASMT 'Into the Mix' and produced excellent Trinity results for her Grade Seven examination.

Avethandwa Goboza was a finalist in two sections of the



VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Back Row: S Wood, A Mdani, M Mc Kerr, A Beary, K Wilson

Middle Row: A Ngoma, C Yiannaros, L Mdani, A Mxokozeli, Q Timba, D Duri

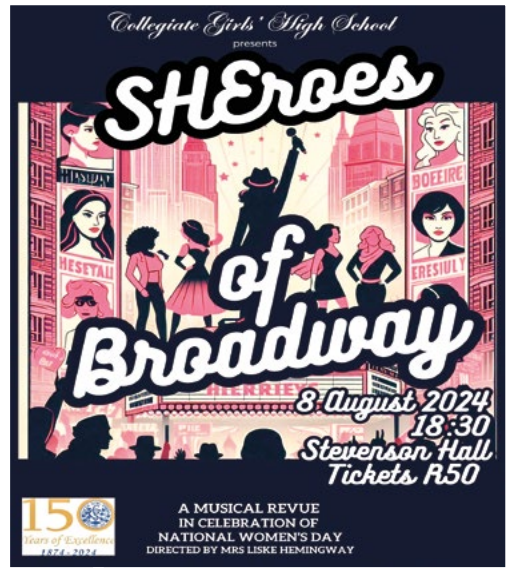
Front Row: C van Heerden, A Goboza, Mrs L Hemingway, J Smith, C Robinson, E Bono



SASMT 'Into the Mix' competition and won a Gold Medal for the best overall ensemble performance at the Knock on Wood Arts Festival. Katherine Wilson placed second overall in the 'Into the Mix' Jazz and Contemporary section and won the Junior Musical Theatre section as well as a Silver Medal at Knock on Wood for Vocal Solos and the Gold Medal for best overall ensemble. Aisha Mxokozeli won the 'Into the Mix' Jazz and Contemporary Section as well as the Gold Medal at Knock on Wood for the best overall vocalist at the festival. Congratulations to all our young Musical Theatre enthusiasts who have excelled at competitions this year!

A special thank you must go to Mrs Hemingway who has guided us this year. Her time and effort are the backbone of our group and its success. When things go wrong, she is quick to step up to the challenge to try and find the best solution. Mrs Hemingway somehow effortlessly creates a cosy environment where everyone feels safe and appreciated.

Jessica Smith





CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

A SHELL

Isabella Hendricks Grade 11 – (Joint winner of The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing)

When I met the shore for the first time, it was not warm. The sky moved like an angry current and the wind blew like sand-paper. I had worried for the crab I travelled with. She hobbled slowly, carefully, legs tapping against the hard wet sand. Her sideways jig jostled me about, but I didn't mind. She was carrying eggs. Towards the rocks she made her way, the sleek black scratched at her belly, into a rockpool where the eggs could breathe. I was pleased that she could finally rest, and not in total solitude. A sea anemone, as orange as a healthy reef, sat patiently waiting as a school of small fish darted about silently through the water. A plump slug mulled in a crevice, surely wishing for greener pastures. We joined their gathering, familiar with such peaceful separation. It was too shallow for bad blood.

The sea didn't disturb us, not like the wind did. It only lapped gently against the rocks. Water sloshed over us and rippled above our heads, and the sand beneath our feet jumped. It was all too quiet.

I should have expected it. I should have alerted my little hermit to the warnings I'd received. I'd heard stories from the others about the surface. Man and their disrespect. It

had all seemed too far fetched to consider back then, I had never even seen the beach. They had felt like fables, horror stories to teach your young the importance of caution. The thing about horrors, though, is that they like to educate the ignorant.

The fish scattered and the anemone shot closed. A darkness thicker than the brewing storm covered the pool. In the surface of the pool loomed a man, black suit and dress shoes, blue tie flapping in the wind, and the droopy soulless face of a blob fish. He had scrunched his face at us, as if we were the oddities. I had tried to get my hermit to seek shelter, wishing for the first time that she were more timid, but she was tired, and her eggs would be hatching within the next day or two.

I should have been adamant. I should have commanded that she move. I was her protector, her guide in the great unknown of the ocean. She would have listened to reason if I had just tried hard enough. But I hadn't. The man scrunched his face again and licked his lips into a scowl, and slowly crouched on the rocks. He reached his hand into the water.

Yellow stained, close-cut fingernails gripped me tight. Three more held onto my hermit. One harsh yank and she was



Aaliyah Albany Grade 10



ripped from me, head in his hand and tail floating in the water. Her eggs settled to the sand. I was lifted from the pool, even as the waves rapped up against his pants, even as the wind blew his tie into his face, and I got to watch the pieces of a mother rest by her unborn children. They will be born unsheltered to the roughness of the ocean.

A larger wave, the coming of high tide, swept over the rock bed. The eggs ebbed in the incoming water. My only comfort was knowing that the waves would take them away from this place.

Two beady eyes squinted as I was held up close to his face. The patches of his fingertips were rough. A thick, red nose hovered over me, taking a long and deep inhale, and once again he scrunched his face. At that moment, I had never loathed anything more. I had been a snail's shell for a decade, and she was eaten by an octopus. I had been used as coverage by a stargazer fish while it hunted and ambushed unsuspecting fish. I was the armour of a cone snail as it hid its lethal spine. Of all of the hideous dwellers of the deep, every predator of the sea, none could possibly compare to a being as insensitive as man. Man with empathy, man with self awareness, man with intelligence. A horrid example of an inhabitator of earth.

I had been enclosed in his tightly curled fist, outstretched as he attempted to balance over the expanse of rock. Graceless and stiff, proving his misplacement there. Shoes once shined were now scratched and torn, black blazer whipped loudly in the wind. Not only misplaced, but unwelcome too. I was brought back to the beach.

The sand had become quicker, and the clouds had darkened, and the gulls' squawks were shrill and clear on the horizon. Loud and rough, the water crashed higher and higher on the beach, but the man took no notice. He moved briskly, kicking sand and scowling into the wind. Fists balled at his side swung hard and fast, and not an ounce of pity arose in me for this man. For the first time in all my years of the moods of the currents, I thought that this perpetually unhappy soul deserved to stay unhappy. I thanked the wild winds and the irksome birds, and when the clouds burst into a violent downpour, I knew that the universe shared the same sentiment.

The man's fist halted as he stopped walking, and he raised his palm to the sky.

What washed over me then was the hopelessness of a whale sinking to the ocean floor. I had once trusted that I could still serve a purpose somewhere in the vastness of the sea, that I'd always be guided to the corner of the world that needed me the most, and that's what I'd thought after losing my hermit. I thought that somehow, somewhere, there was greater use for me than accompanying her as she mothers her eggs, as she wanders the ocean floor in search for a final resting place, as she dies slowly and quietly in the safety of a reef.



Alexa Kieck Grade 11

I hoped, begged, that her death was not in vain. That even that would serve some purpose. It had not.

A woman stood before us. She was tall and wrinkled and stern, and in no way fazed by the rain. Thin lips rigid and taught, and a presence that would intimidate a rolling rip curl. She stood silent, and so did he, a white lace dress consuming the space between them, and her sharp eyes pierced the dark of the clouds. She did not look at me.

The change in the man was small. That snarl closed and his teeth hid, lips compressed up towards his nose. That large chin moved down into his his neck, and he only met her gaze through his eyebrows. There was a tremble in his hand that I didn't believe was from the cold.

This was where I was most useful. As an offering to soothe the fear of an insignificant land dweller. Not watching over a hundred near-hatching eggs. Not on the back of a tenacious hermit crab. Not even as company to the gathering in the rock pool. I was no longer a protector, I was no longer a traveller, I was no longer a companion. This was my end.

"Happy Birthday."

"Oh. Thank you."



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THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF WORDS

Megan Walker Grade 12

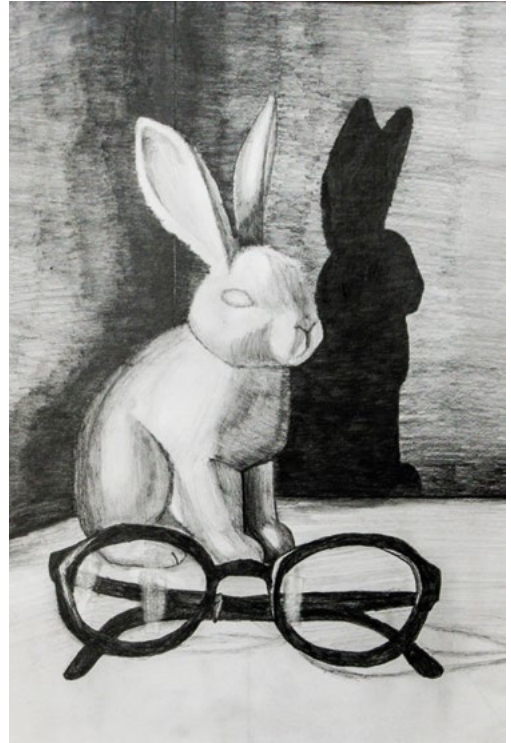
Only 26 letters and yet thousands of words are formed. These words are a palette of colours assigned to each of us to share with one another. It's how we communicate, make sense of life and convey our thoughts and emotions.

Words can be of comfort. They encourage, uplift, inspire, love and compose a beautiful picture in one's heart and mind. Someone's handwriting can bring warmth and nostalgia, as nobody writes the same way as another – it is the fingerprint of literacy. It has the ability to paint the picture of a familiar face or bring memories flooding back. Words allow one to hear a voice when nobody is talking, to know someone's heart without them being near, to be revived by the words of another.

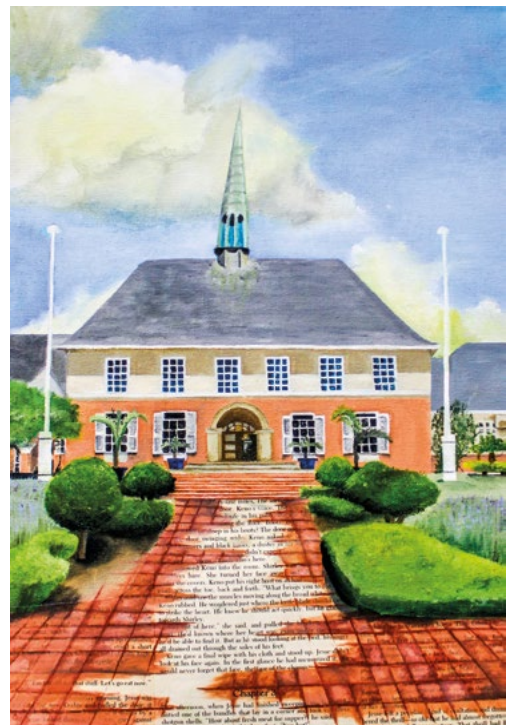
However, words strung in the wrong order can often hurt deeper than we think. Some colours mark clothing, but wash clean over time. Others stain one badly and do permanent damage, like bleach or wine; those marks stay there forever. Hurtful words, although just ink on a page, do more than sit on the paper, they can destroy a person. So, one must be careful how one uses the palette of colours each of us is given.

Accessibility is made available through words. Once one has learnt to read and write, a whole new set of doors is opened – to better job opportunities, higher levels of education, but most importantly, knowledge. Knowledge leads to wisdom and power in yourself, especially in today's world, where (as we saw with Covid-19) everything can be taken away from you so easily – your freedom, your belongings, your money. However, nobody can ever take away your intellectual property. The more you know, the more empowered you are. The more knowledge one has, the more colours of paint you gain to create a greater variety of paintings, which one can give to others, therefore sharing this 'knowledge' with those you interact with.

Words are the tools we are given to help navigate our lives. We can use them for good or destruction. Put them in the right order and they can form a masterpiece of colour in our lives, as well as in the lives of those around us. One should make a conscious effort every day to ensure that our paintings are ones that which uplift others and not stain them. So what masterpiece will you decide to make?



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CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

THE PARCELS OF TIME

Eleni Kyazze Grade 9 – Winner of The Townsend Essay Prize for Creative Writing

In the quiet suburban town of Willow Creek, nestled among towering oak trees and criss-crossed with winding streets, lived young Zee. Ever since she could remember, Zee had birthday excitement and was always eager see what surprises the day would bring. It wasn't the towering three-tier cakes or the presents that made her birthdays truly special. Rather, the mysterious parcels that appeared by her bedside each birthdate.

It all began on Zee's tenth birthday. She awoke with her heart dancing at the arrival of her double digits. But confusion followed the initial excitement, as looked at a parcel wrapped in shiny red paper, perched atop her bedside table. Zee eagerly tore open the unmarked parcel, revealing an old photograph. The paper bore the weight of time, its charred edges brushing roughly against Zee's soft fingertips. She examined the black and white image a young girl, her innocent and smiling eyes focused above the camera's lens.

The parcels continued to arrive each morning of Zee's birthday. Each trinket was more peculiar than the last, and they all bore scars of age and neglect. Questions swirled around in Zee's mind yet she resisted the urge to delve deeper,

choosing indifference instead.

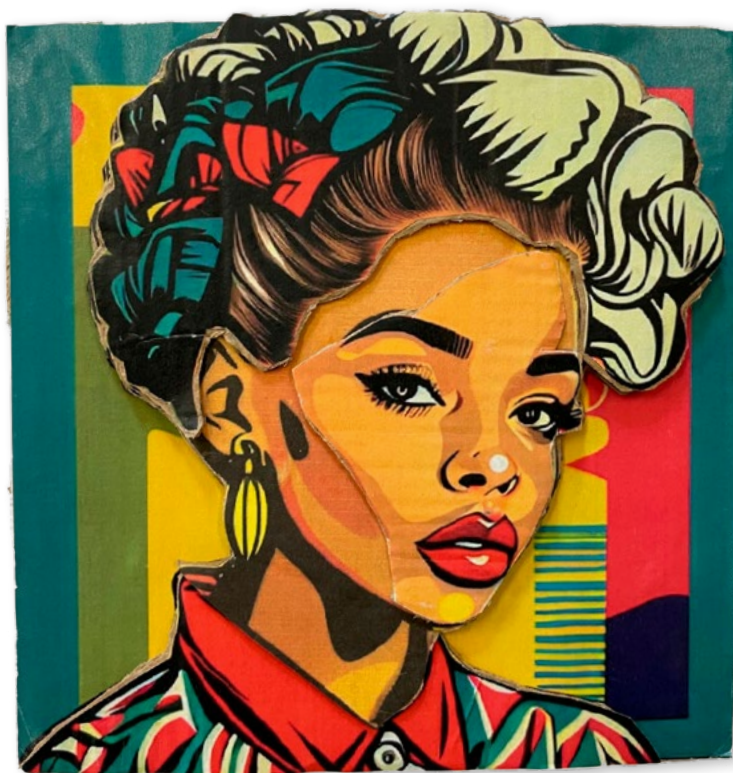
When she was very little, Zee was found wandering around Willow Creek alone, holding nothing but her name, age and date of birth. Adopted by the benevolent Johnson couple, she lived a life of love and comfortable luxury. What more could she ask for? Why jeopardise it by checking on the birthday parcels' origins? What if her past was meant to be left behind and shrouded in obscurity?

Zee awoke on the morning of her 18th birth with gentle rays sunlight seeping through the curtains and casting golden hues on her bedroom walls. Light snoring drifted from her right, where her two closest friends, Maia and Danielle, slept peacefully on her window seat. Zee's lips curled into a tender smile, before her gaze turned to the familiar mystery package on bedside table. What mystery awaited her, Zee wondered?

Wait! What was this? an empty table. Had the parcel been moved? Zee frantically scoured every corner of her room, eventually rousing Maia from her sleep.

"Zee?" Maia yawned, "Is something wrong?"

"Oh, um, it's nothing," Zee lied, looking away. "Just misplaced



Kelsey Hyman Grade 9



something, that's all."

"What are you looking for?" asked Maia, ever perceptive.

Zee sighed, realising there was no point in lying. Maia always discovered the truth eventually. So Zee told her about the mystery birthday parcels; and the one what was missing that morning.

Maia listened intently as Danielle also woke up.

"Happy birthday, Zee," Danielle mumbled groggily.

"Thanks, Dani."

Eager for a challenge, Maia delved into the matter, "Can we see all the other items you've gotten so far?"

Zee retrieved a shoebox from her closet and dumped its contents on her bed. She began arranging the items in the order she had received them: charred photograph; an out-of-tune music box; a small worn leather sketchbook with smudged ink pages; a tattered stuffed rabbit; an aged children's storybook, another photograph—this time a blurry image of a building—and an old, rusty key. Finally, the gift from her 17th birthday—a handwritten note containing a riddle.

"The path of tomorrow is forged from yesterday's echoes," Maia read aloud, carefully holding the paper between her fingers.

"D'you ask your parents about this stuff?" Dani asked.

Zee shook her head. She had figured that her parents were not the ones behind the parcels, and she was reluctant to alarm them with the notion of an intruder infiltrating their home annually.

Maia, fuelled by determination, sprang to her feet, startling Dani, "We're going to get to the bottom of this! These are all obviously clues that lead to something bigger, so all we need to do is decipher them."

"The objects are all in pretty bad shape, maybe we should go around town and try to get them fixed up," Danielle offered, twirling the vintage key between her fingers.

"That's a great idea Dani!" Maia exclaimed, bubbling with enthusiasm. "Zee, you take the photographs and sketchbook to that document restoration place down in the valley. Dani, the handy shop over in Birch Glen can deal with the key and music box. I'll take the toy and the storybook."

"We can regroup here in about an hour," Zee proposed, gathering her allocated items into her backpack.

The girls nodded in agreement. They then set off for Willow Creek, eager to piece together the mysterious puzzle.

A bell chimed as Zee opened the door, and she stood at the entrance. There was the teller, and an old woman who was browsing in the aisles.

"Thanks, Oliver," Zee stuffed the items she'd just bought, into her backpack, handing him her credit card from her pocket. Zee glanced towards her left, intending to ask the old woman



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some questions but she was gone.

"Where did that old woman go?"

"What old woman?" Oliver said

"The one who..." Zee trailed off, embarrassed.

The girls regrouped at Zee's place, her parents thankfully out of the house for work. They laid their items on the dining room table, ready to survey their finds.

"The librarian said the storybook's been out of print forever," Maia relayed, her trusty notebook in hand as she jotted down the details of their investigation.

"Well, what's our next move?" Zee, reluctant to sound irrational by mentioning the old woman she or might not have seen.

"We have to decipher all of this, obviously!" Maia exclaimed, "Let's put the items in order."

And so they did—the photograph of the young girl, the music box, the sketchbook, the stuffed rabbit, the storybook, the photograph of a building, the key, and finally, the riddle. Unseen and unheard by the other girls, an older Zee appeared to speak as if from. A ceiling speaker.

"I am offering you the closure I never had the privilege of receiving," the older Zee said, "I've been granted the opportunity to change things for you, so perhaps your fate will be different."

I want to embrace life more fully," Zee whispered, wiping her tears with newfound resolve, "If birthdays are about renewal, then I'll make the most of each day to forge my own path and honour their memory."



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS



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Kate Erasmus Grade 11



NEVER LET GO

Amy Heukelman Grade 11 - Published in English Alive

Life has its obstacles
 I hear that sentence often
 I used to think that life was the obstacle
 and that every day was an endless struggle
 I dreaded waking up
 having to force my way through the day
 until I found an escape
 a way where I can pour out my soul
 the letters tapping out of my mind
 onto the blank pages
 so that I can protect someone's ears
 and not add rocks to their mountains
 I might not have control over my life
 and have the right sewing kit to stitch all the broken bits
 or the necessary pieces to complete the puzzle
 but I do have power in my hand
 the pen being my sword
 so I write until my hand aches

so that no one can steal my sentences from me
 if I had to leave you with something
 a tatter of hope,
 find your something
 so that you have a little power
 in this crumbling world
 and what now seems to be
 your broken puzzle
 find it
 hold onto it
 and never let go
 for it might lead you through the dark clouds
 where you find the rainbows
 a splash of colour
 find it
 hold onto it
 and never let go.



Emma Jack Grade 10



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

FOLLOW ON TOGETHER HAND IN HAND

Mia Jonker Grade 12

(Dedicated with much love to the Smith Girls of the College)

The early bell in the clear morning cold
bringing the girls together
young and old.

The young girls stare out the wooden doors
to look at the lush growing greenery
and wonder when they'd get a change of scenery.

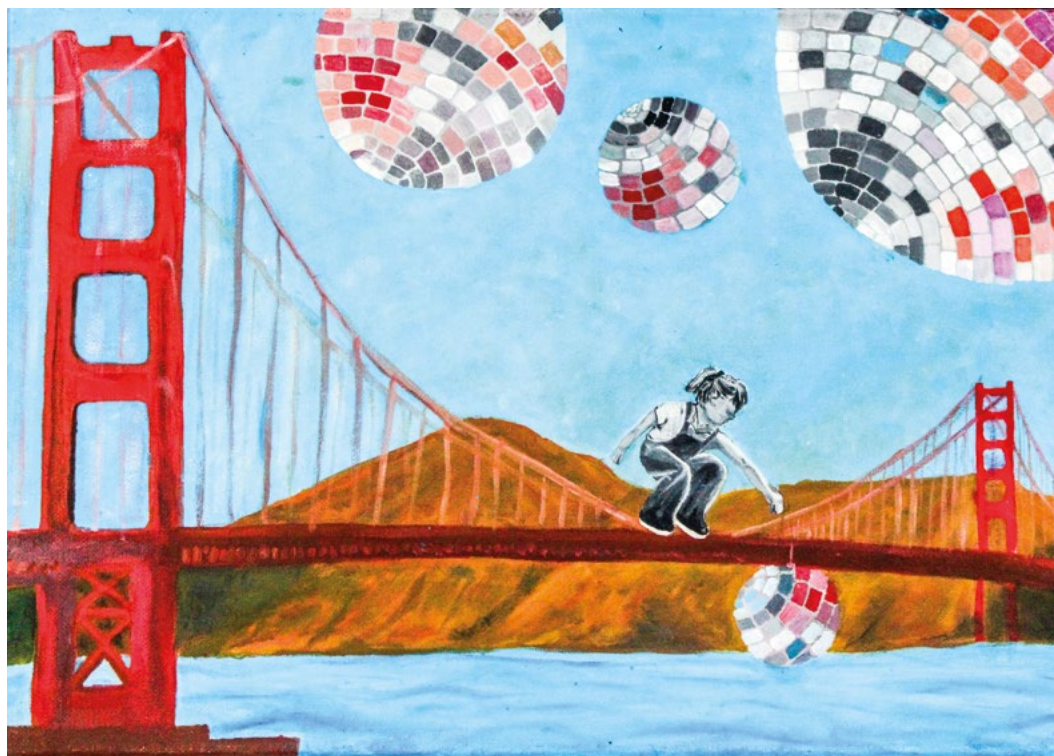
The old girls stare in through the wooden doors
to look at the rows of dark desks
and wondered why they ever strained their necks.

The late bell with the droopy sun rang
bringing girls together
once more as they sang.

The girls young and old left hand in hand.
Then they looked back to the place that still stands
And thought of their memories past and unplanned.



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Meca Rielly Grade 11



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CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

DAVIS RICHARDSON, 1992 – 2024

Jennifer de Kock Grade 11 – (Joint winner of The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing)

00:00 SAST, 22 April 2024.

Happy birthday to me. I'm finally 32... or 33; I can never remember.

While I'd usually have an extravagant breakfast to share with my beloved Rose, I don't have time to indulge in any celebratory rituals; I have a mission to complete.

I was given this mission to monitor one of Saturn's moons, Tethys, because it's been showing signs of leaving its orbit and getting uncomfortably close to Earth over the last few years, so it's my job to confirm or deny that hypothesis. It's only expected to become an active problem in the next 300 odd years, so I can only give any helpful info if I'm up here for roughly two decades. I've been here for eight years so far, spending my days checking the stats of the equipment on the Astra, the station, making sure everything is in working condition and making daily contact with Ground Control to give them the same speech: "Everything is in order, the examination of Tethys remains regular and substantial."

I can't complain though; I've worked hard to earn my place in the Astra, but 20 years doesn't seem so long when you're 22. Even at six years old, I knew that this was what I wanted to do. Some would blame fate for the life I find myself living now, but there was no higher being who chose this path for me; that was all me, and how silly would it be to call a six-year-old boy "fate".

He'd inspired me to train, to do research, to study aeronautics and become an engineer, to work at SANSA where I'd meet

Rose, and to leave it all behind for the Astra. I do miss the life I had with her, but I wouldn't trade it for what I have now. I wouldn't be able to look that six-year-old boy in the eye and tell him that we failed our mission; that we never got to space. That would've crushed me. Luckily, we did get here, and I'm sure he'd be amazed by the work I'm doing now.

Checking on the equipment, as I do every day, I give them all a thorough cleaning and make sure that they're operational. I couldn't guess what would stop them from working, but that's for the programmers of SANSA to manage. My job is just to make sure the hardware is as it should be.

While I'm stopping by the thermal radiators, I get a call from GC.

"Ground Control to Richardson. We've received prognosis of a small foreign entity on course for a collision with the Astra. To avoid any contact, we advise you proceed ahead for three minutes from your current stationary position."

"This can't be done remotely?"

"Attempts have been made, but they've been futile. Any signal from Earth made now won't reach your location in time."

"Alright, can do."

"Thank you, Richardson. Happy birthday."

With that, I make my way to the cockpit. It is a simple procedure, one that I've done many times— you never know what kind of space junk will make itself apparent— so it isn't any cause for concern for me. I do what GC said and activate the



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thrusters. Well, I try to, but for some reason or another I don't move. I try again, and still nothing. Suddenly, this becomes a slight cause for concern. I make my way to the eastern side of the station, to see if the problem is back there. Nothing seems damaged, but they still aren't activated as they should be. I go to communications where I can contact GC.

"Richardson to Ground Control, the thrusters are out of order. Requesting a manual advancement."

"Ground Control to Richardson, activating manual advancement."

I hear the backup thrusters ejecting, and I wait for feedback.

"Manual advancement failed. Reattempting manual advancement sequence."

This is when I start sweating. I rush to the service module in a last-ditch effort to find something that will tell me why the Astra isn't moving. I check every light, every switch and every indicator. Nothing. It's clear now that there is some kind of disconnection between the steering system and the thrusters, and very little that the hardware man can do about it.

Rose had often said I should go into software. I suppose hindsight is the best teacher. It's always hindsight that tell s me to listen to Rose. It told me to listen when she said to go into software and to visit my mom and to check in on

my sister... and when she told me to stay. She'd asked me, begged me to stay; said that she wanted a family before her 40s. Had I listened to Rose, we would've had two beautiful children, and one of those big dogs she likes. She could've been married to a salesman or accountant or a musician, but instead she married a prospective astronaut who loved his dreams more than his own wonderful wife.

But now I'm not a family man, or a father. I'm an astronaut farther away from the love of his life than he is from a chunk of space trash hurtling for the Astra.

"Red alert. Red alert. Foreign object on course for collision, attempting thruster re-engagement."

Failure.

"Attempting remote thruster repairs."

Failure.

"Attempting remo--"

The Astra shakes as something hits the service module. The station spins out of control as I'm thrust out of the new hole into the cosmos. I feel the air get sucked out of my lungs before I can think about it, and suddenly Richardson is consumed by the galaxy he loved so dearly, forever 32... or was it 33?



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SAND CASTLE

Michaela Mc Kerr Grade 9

A young girl is at the beach. She has just turned five and she is very excited. She runs, she swims and she squeals. So much to do, so little time. The water is cool and refreshing and the sun is smiling down at her. She wanders, as children do, and finds herself at a giant gate. It is very impressive. It looks as though it is made of rocks stacked on top of each other. A very grand gate must be protecting a very grand thing. Curious, she enters.

It's beautiful. A kingdom on the beach. No one is there but her. This must be her kingdom. The buildings are simple, but elegant. All of them have a sandy-golden colour. There are many more lakes than buildings. The lakes are full of life. Huge colourful fish are swimming around while the lush green seaweed dances to the rhythm of the water. These have to be the biggest fish she has ever seen. They are as big as sharks. They are also the most beautiful fish she has ever seen. Each fish has its own beautiful colour.

She looks around and she sees it. The most magnificent castle she has ever seen. Like the other buildings, it is a sandy-golden colour, but it is far from simple. It has towers on each side and very decorative walls. The castle is almost covered in beautiful seashells. At the very top of the castle is the girl's favourite detail, a huge red flag waving in the wind. This castle is all hers and it is amazing. She almost wishes she does not have to go home, but she knows she cannot stay forever. She hears her parents call her name and she says goodbye to her ocean kingdom. She will come back one day.

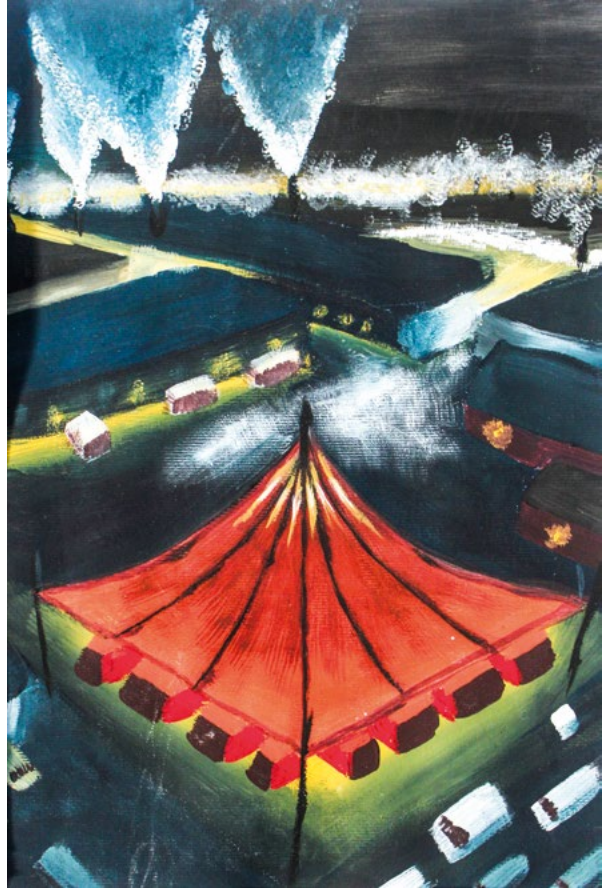
I am now back at that very beach, years later. I remember that little girl I used to be. I know it's silly, but I miss being her. Today is not a beautiful day, in fact it's far from it. It's cold and windy and the sun is hiding his face behind the clouds. The mighty castle doesn't look so mighty anymore, it's small and delicate now. A single wave could wash it all away. Oh how I miss my kingdom of sand.



HAIKOES VIR 150 JAAR

Graad 10 Afrikaans Leerders

Ek sit op my stoel;
 Die blou rok wat na my staar
 Laat my trots voel
 Môre juffrou Vlok!
 Maats praat oor lekker dinge
 Dan lui die skool klok
 Klasse en boeke tot penne van groen
 Leer hard vir goeie punte
 Iets wat ons wil doen
 Huiswerk is aaklig
 Maar as jy moeite insit
 Het jou toekoms lig
 Doen goed vir ons liggaam
 Self-vertroue op die veld
 Sport bring almal hier saam
 My susters in blou
 Hierdie is my hart se punt
 En dit kom van jou
 'n Mens wat verstaan
 'n Vriendelike gesig
 Sal ons altyd help ontstaan



Jennifer de Kock Grade 11

MY LAND, MY KULTUUR

Jenna Coetzee Graad 10

"Uit die blou van ons se hemel, uit die diepte van ons see"...
 Suid-Afrika, my hart behoort aan jou!
 Jou blou waters, die helder son, die reuk van braaivleis en jou kultuur. Suid-Afrika, my pragtige land!
 'n Wildtuinvakansie in die winter met 'n warm koppie koffie. Kilometers en kilometers se oop vlaktes en ek wonder waar kruip die diere weg? Soos wat die son op 'n wintersmiddag sak, kom groet die sterre en die maan. Ons slaap onder die hemelruim en wonder wat bring die volgende dag?
 Wanneer die somer uiteindelik aanbreek, ontdek die mense van Suid-Afrika weer die strande. Die kusdorpie raak besig. Sambrele staan die strande vol en die warm son bak. Ek voel die seebries deur my hare en met die golwe oor my lyf, weet ek dit is vakansie.

Ons land is 'n reënboognasie met soveel verskillende kulture. Die mense is vriendelik en die smaak van ons tradisionele kosse sal jou altyd terug na Suid-Afrika bring. Ons Springbokke bring hoop. Vriende staan om die vuur en kyk hoe die Bokke hul harte uitspeel vir 'n land wat ons almal lief het.

My skool hier in hierdie land gee vir my 'n doel. Vriende en onderwysers wat my ondersteun. Die gevoel van 'n spanport en meisies wat vir mekaar speel. Musiek, sport en akademies in een van die beste skole in Suid-Afrika!

Ek reis oor die wêreld, sien die plekke en ervaar die kultuur van ander lande, maar daar is niks soos Suid-Afrika nie. Dis hier waar die kranse antwoord gee en dis hier waar my hart aan jou behoort!

My land, my kultuur... Suid-Afrika!



CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

DIS AMPER TYD

Elizma Ferreira Graad 11

Dis amper tyd, tyd vir wat? Tyd om groot te word, aan te beweeg, besluite te maak, en om jouself te vind. 'n Paar jaar gelede is jy gebore. Jy was in hierdie wêreld gebring sonder om te weet wat rond om jou aangaan. Al wat jy geken het was die oë van jou ma en die glimlag van jou pa. Oor tyd leer jy om te beweeg, te praat, te speel en om vriende te maak. Jou grootste probleem was om vroeg te gaan slaap, maar sewentien jaar later moet jy 'n verandering maak en jy moet die wêreld 'n beter plek maak.

Die lewe is soos 'n uurglas. Jy het 'n beperkte tyd op hierdie aarde voordat jou tyd opraak. As jy na 'n uurglas staar kan jy sien hoe die sand stadig uitloop en jy kan sien wanneer die tyd aan 'n einde kom, maar in die lewe weet jy nie hoeveel tyd jy oor het nie of wanneer jou lewe tot 'n einde gaan kom nie en dit is hoekom jy die meeste van elke sekonde moet maak, want sekondes verander na minute, dan ure, dan dae, weke, maande en as jy weer sien is jare in 'n oogwink verby. Jy kyk terug en besef jy is nie meer daardie klein onskuldige dogtertjie nie, die dogtertjie wat net die aanraking van haar pa se hande of die gemak van haar ma se arms ken nie, jy is nou groot. En dis tyd om 'n volwassene te word, om 'n loopbaan te kies, 'n werk te kry, 'n gesin te maak en as jy weer kyk sit jy stoksielalleen met 70 jaar agter jou en wonder waar die jare heengegaan het. Jy wonder hoe die tyd so vinnig verby gegaan het en hoekom jy nie die meeste van elke oomblik gemaak het nie, want jy het nie besef dat tyd regtig so vinnig verbygaan nie.

Tyd is 'n geskenk en die ergste ding wat jy kan doen is om te wens dat tyd verbygaan.

Jy moet gelukkig voel om elke oggend wakker te word, dankbaar wees dat jy nog steeds hier is en geseënd voel dat God jou nog tyd gespaar het. Ons het die ideale lewe. Ons gaan skool toe, het 'n dak oor ons kop en kos in ons maag, maar nog steeds soek ons meer. Daar is soveel mense wat enige iets sal doen om jou lewe te hê. So, dis tyd om dankbaar te wees vir alles wat jy het.

God het jou nie meer tyd gegee om oor ander mense te skinder nie, om jammer vir jouself te voel nie of om vir meer te vra nie. Hy het jou meer tyd gegee omdat Hy in jou glo. Hy glo dat jy hierdie tyd gaan gebruik om die wêreld te verander en om 'n verskil te maak. Om jouself te vind en om jou storie oor te skryf.

Daar is soveel mense wie se stories aan 'n einde kom en ons verstaan nie hoekom nie, maar dit gee jou 'n rede om te waardeer dat jy nog steeds hier is. Dat jou storie nie tot 'n einde gekom het nie, maar dat jy die geleentheid het om 'n nuwe hoofstuk te kan begin. So dis tyd om te glimlag en die lewe te geniet, dis tyd om jou droomwerk te gaan kry. Dis tyd om herinneringe te maak want jy gaan net een keer jonk wees. Gaan vertel daardie persoon jy is lief vir hom, spandeer meer tyd met jou gesin, want hierdie is miskien die laaste jaar wat julle almal saam gaan wees. Dis tyd om jouself lief te hê en vir een keer in jou lewe jouself eerste te stel en dis tyd om te lewe.

Dit is nie amper tyd nie, dit is nie miskien tyd nie, dit is tyd, want in drie, twee, een tellings, is die sand uitgelopen en is jou tyd verby.



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Ava Filmer Grade 8



Nina van Heerden Grade 9

UBOMI NGOKUBHALWE

Sanelisiwe Mbabana Grade 8

Sineendlela ngeendlela esithi sibujonge ngayo ubomi. Kwabanye sesona siphosihle uThixo athe wabanikeza sona kodwa kwabanye liphupha elibi elide elingapheliyo. Mna inye jwi into endiyibonileyo kobu bonyana bam bufutshane, ubomi abucengi mntu. Ubomi abusicengi isidalwa ngoko ke kuye kunyanzeleke ukuba ibe sisidalwa esicenga ubomi.

Ndiyakholelwa ukuba wonk' umntu olapha unalo ibali lokubalisa. Wonk' umntu olapha uyihambile indlela, wakhubeka kodwa waphinda waphakama wazivuthulula waqhubeka nohambo lwakhe sesilapha nje.

Bambi abayazi ukuba bafike njani apho bakhoyo namhlanje emva kweengxaki ebebehlangebezene nazo endleleni. Kusiisifundo kum ukuba iingxaki zenza ukuba sikhule kwaye ubomi buba nentsingiselo xa uphumela kwezo ngxaki. Kubalulekile ke ngoko ukuba siyazi kwaye siyihloniphe into yokuba iingxaki zakuhlala ziyinxenye yobomi esibuphilayo.

Iingxaki esidibana nazo zenzelwe thina, injongo ikukuva-vanya ukholo lwethu, yiyo loo nto kufuneka uzazi ukuba ungubani, usuka phi kwaye usiya phi. Lilonke yazi injongo yokuba ube lapha emhlabeni.

Ubomi abulufuni ibhetyebhetye, yilwa ngako konke onako. Zivumele iingxaki zime endleleni yakho khon' ukuze wom-elele uqhubeke nohambo lwakho. Zivumele wenze iimpazamo eziyakuthi zijike zibe ziimfundiso onokuzisebenzisa eluhambeni lwakho.

Ubomi bunzima, besingenakuzalwa silila kanti siza kufika emhlabeni kube mandi, ngoko ke, kuyo yonke into oyenzayo zijule ijacu. Khumbula ukuba ubomi abusicengi isidalwa koko sisidalwa esicenga ubomi. Njengesidalwa, bucenge ubomi. Ndinishiya nelithi, BAMBELELE, KUQALA KUBE MNAYAMA PHAMBI KOKUBA KUKHANYE.



NDINGUMAFRIKA

Aisha Mxokozeli Grade 10

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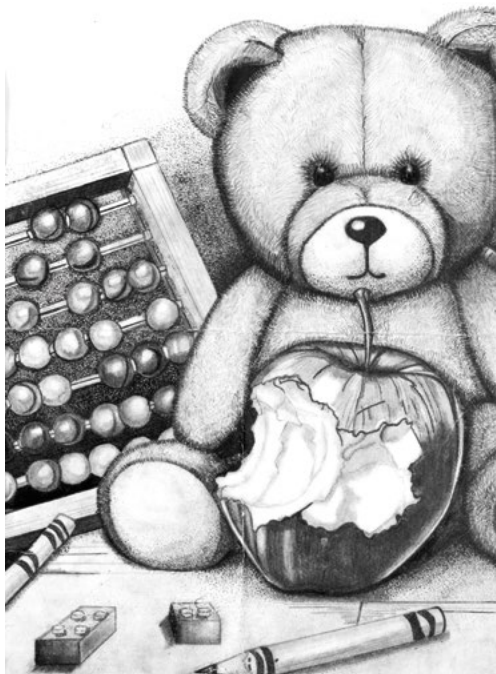
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Ndiyacamagusha ezingxangxasini ezintambeni,
Emiqolombeni, emathafeni, emaweni, emilanjani.

2. NdingumAfrika

Ndililanga, ndilithemba, nidilikamva laseAfrika.
Ilizwekazi iAfrika, lityebe ngezithethe namasiko.
Ndingumdakasholo omnyama.
Ndinesakhono esindibeka ezinkwenkwezini.

3. NdingumAfrika

Ndinumntwana womgquba,
Ndiyinzalelwana yeekumkani neekumkanikazi zase-Afrika.
Isandi sohadi sivakala emithanjani yegazi lam.
Isandi sengonyama, indlovu, ingwe, umkhomne, inyathi,
Sivakala ezindlebeni zam.
NdingumAfrika
Nkosi sikelel' i-Afrika. Maluphakanyiswe uphondo lwayo.



Lylie Lamont Grade 10

KOS BRING MENSE BYMEKAAR

Shahira Mahomed Graad 12

"Virginia Woolf het eens gesê, "Mens kan nie goed dink, goed liefhê, goed slaap as mens nie goed geëet het nie."

Dink vir 'n oomblik daaroor... Hoe dikwels is jy geïrriteerd of depressief wanneer jy honger is? Hoe dikwels het jy troos gevind in 'n warm maaltyd gedeel met geliefdes? Kos voed nie net ons liggame nie, maar ook ons gees. Dit voed ons kreatiwiteit, versterk ons bande, en voed ons siel. In my eie huis is kos meer as net voedsel; dit is 'n liefdestaal.

Dit is hoe ons gevoel uitdruk, mylpale vier, en met mekaar op 'n dieper vlak verbind. Of dit nou 'n eenvoudige ontbyt is wat gedeel word oor haastige oggend-gesprekke of 'n uitbundige ete wat met sorg en aandag aan detail voorberei is. Elke maaltyd is 'n geleentheid om liefde, waardering, en dankbaarheid te wys. Maar dit gaan nie net oor die kos self nie. Dit gaan oor saam kuier; om rondom 'n tafel te sit en stories, lag, en vreugdes te deel.

Dit gaan oor die warmte van 'n drukkie, die vonkel in 'n geliefde se oog, en die gevoel van behoort wat voortspruit as jy tyd met jou vriende en familie spandeer. Ek sit elke aand aan die tafel vir aandete en weet dat die kos wat ek en my moeder maak geslagte oud is, en dis amper altyd rys, vleis en aartappels, maar saam met dit voel dit asof die uitgebreide familie genooi is om in gees te kom eet.

In 'n wêreld wat dikwels verdeeld kan voel, het kos die merkwaardige vermoë om die gaping tussen ons te oorbrug, om ons te herinner aan ons gedeelde menslikheid, en om ons nader aan mekaar te bring. Die eerste happie van 'n goeie ete is beter as 'n miljoen komplimente in elke bekende taal. Laat ons die waarheid omhels dat "kos mense bymekaar bring" en laat ons voortgaan om nie net ons liggame nie, maar ook ons verhoudings te voed, een maaltyd op 'n slag.



Layan Adams Grade 8



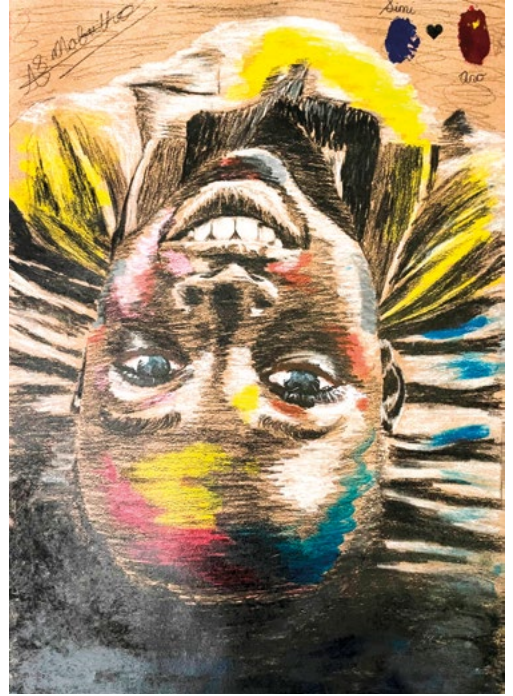
L'IMPORTANCE DE LA PHILOSOPHIE DANS L'ÉDUCATION MODERNE

Jennifer de Kock Grade 11

Je crois que tout le monde a quelque chose à gagner des réflexions des grands esprits du passé. Dans la société moderne, les enfants et les adolescents se sentent de plus en plus isolés et désorientés.

Il existe une abondance de ressources philosophiques disponibles si l'on a besoin d'aide ou de soutien, mais les gens ne savent pas où les trouver ni si elles existent. Si ces outils étaient mis en œuvre dans notre éducation, ils seraient beaucoup plus accessibles et encore plus si la jeunesse de notre pays était équipée pour résoudre les problèmes de notre monde.

À mon avis, bien qu'il existe de nombreuses matières à l'école qui soutiennent la carrière d'une personne, la philosophie est la chose la plus importante que vous puissiez apprendre pour soutenir chaque aspect de votre vie.



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Celebrating 150 years of Excellence: A week of memorable events

In commemorating our school's remarkable journey of 150 years, Collegiate staff orchestrated a week filled with diverse events that celebrated our rich history, and included current 'Girls of the College', Old Girls and parents.

The week began with a special birthday assembly for our learners. Mrs Lotz arranged a stunning display of candles and cupcakes. The cakes were arranged to form the number 150 which visually encapsulated the significance of this occasion. In a tribute to Collegiate's rich heritage and remarkable journey, Mrs Erasmus gave an informative presentation on the history of our school.

On Tuesday, Mrs Nel and Mrs Marriner organized a wonderful Gin and Wine pairing evening. It was a unique opportunity for parents and Old Girls to connect.

Wednesday was an exciting afternoon of sport matches where our current learners took on past learners in various sporting activities from Squash to Hockey and Netball. The evening ended with a relaxed braai at The Games Club organized by Miss Monaghan, Miss Marx and Mrs Loubser where the Old Girls could relax and reconnect after the matches.

Collegiate's annual Old Girl Reunion Dinner was once again held in the beautifully decorated Stevenson Hall. It was a wonderful celebration of sisterhood, bringing Old Girls together from various reunion groups spanning from those who matriculated 74 years ago to those who left a decade ago. It was a night to remember, with delicious food and lots of laughter and reminiscing. We wish to thank the OCGG committee for all their hard work in organizing this special event as well as the PTA and Mrs Arthur and Mrs Dutton.

Founders' Day assembly and the flag raising ceremony were held on Friday 10 May. Over 400 Old Girls attended. Due to

COLLEGIATE GIRLS' SCHOOLS FOUNDERS' WEEK PROGRAMME		
	<i>Order of Events</i>	
Tuesday	7th of May 2024	
17h30 for 18h00	Nostalgia Evening - a pairing of past girls & present parents	Games Club
Wednesday	8th of May 2024	
16h00	Old Girls vs 1 st Team Matches	Sports Fields
17h30	Old Girls Post Match Gathering	Games Club
Thursday	9th of May 2024	
15h00	Waterfield House Old Girls Hostel High Tea and Tour	Waterfield House
18h00 for 18h30	OCGG Reunion Dinner	Stevenson Hall
Friday	10th of May 2024	
08h00	CJS Founders' Day Assembly and Tea	Junior School Campus
10h30	CGHS Founders' Day Assembly followed by Flag Raising Ceremony & Unveiling of Sculpture	High School Campus
12h15	Founders' Tea and Tours	Ivy Leaf
13h00	Coffee Shop on campus open for lunch and social gatherings	Games Club
13h15	Sports Derby: CGHS vs Pearson	Sports Fields
17h15	CJS U13A Hockey vs Clarendon Park	CGHS Astro Turf
18h30	Grey 1 st Team Hockey curtain-raiser vs Queens College	
19h45	1 st Team Hockey: CGHS vs Pearson	
Saturday	11th of May 2024	
07h00	Sports Derby: CGHS vs Pearson	Sports Fields
	Coffee Shop on campus open for social gatherings	Games Club
10h50	CJS U13A vs Clarendon Park	Netball Courts
11h30	1 st Team Netball: CGHS vs Pearson	
Sunday	12th of May 2024	Sunday
15h00	Collegiate Schools' Prestige Music Concert	Tramways

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space constraints, only the Grade Twelve and Eleven learners could attend the assembly and the event was live-streamed so the other grades could watch from various other venues and Old Girls in other cities and countries could watch from afar. Guest speaker, Niven Postma from the class of 1989, delivered a most inspiring address which resonated with the audience and she received a standing ovation.

After the assembly, the audience of Old Girls, the entire High School along with the Junior School from Grade One to Seven made their way to the quad to witness the flag raising and candle lighting ceremony.

Sculptor Sarah Walmsley, an Old Girl of Collegiate was commissioned to create a statue and it was at this ceremony where her statue 'Courage' was unveiled. According to Sarah, the core inspiration behind the statue is Collegiate's motto, 'Facta non Verba', where the essence of courage was captured – courage to be oneself, courage to be kind, courage to learn and courage to live with integrity and conviction. The bronze cast will have a prominent place on Collegiate's campus and be a reminder for the girls of the present and future always to be courageous.

After the ceremony, the guests enjoyed tea in the Ivy Leaf and supported the annual Hostel fundraiser organized by the Boarder parents.

This year's reunion derby on Friday and Saturday was against local rivals Pearson where Collegiate competed against them in many sporting codes and cultural activities.

The Collegiate Junior U13A Hockey team took on Clarendon Park on the astro, after which history was made as we hosted

the Grey First Hockey team match against Queen's College which was followed by the Collegiate First Hockey team taking on Pearson's First team. Over 3000 people attended this event and the buzz and atmosphere on campus was electric. Thank you to Mrs Nel, Mrs Marriner and the Sport Department for the organization of this logistically challenging yet extremely successful event.

Founders' week culminated on Sunday afternoon with the Prestige Concert. This was held at the Tramways building. This concert was a collaboration between the Junior and High School Music Departments. Various ensembles performed along with both schools' choirs and concert bands. The concert culminated in a mass item at the end, involving both schools' choirs and bands. It was a magnificent event and thanks must go to every music teacher and music group involved.

The week was a resounding success and we wish to thank all the teachers involved as well as the administrative staff. Lastly, we need to acknowledge the quiet heroes behind the scene – Mr Marshall and his dedicated team of estate staff who tirelessly prepared for and cleaned up after each event.

Over the past century and a half, Collegiate has stood as a beacon of academic excellence, sporting and cultural achievement, resilience and community involvement. It is a testament to the dedication and vision of generations of teachers, learners and parents. We take pride in our past and will continue to build on in the future and uphold the motto and values of our school, where all who walk the corridors of Collegiate feel the shared sense of sisterhood.

Mrs H Carter



10 MAY 2024

One hundred and fifty years ago, in February 1874, Miss Virginia Isitt opened the doors of 15 Western Road to the first 38 Collegiate scholars. The school day was fairly leisurely – from nine to one. There were boarders but after two months, Miss Isitt wanted them out of her charge as “they were detrimental to the health of her body and the peace of her mind”!

Through the lens of today, we recognise that the Collegiate School that opened in Western Road as a private school, opened for daughters of the more affluent white settlers only, while the Government free school of the time was entirely multi-racial, mainly attended by children of the poorer working-class. I am sure that if Miss Isitt were alive today, she would approve of the Collegiate of today being the diverse school it is. Miss Isitt was not afraid to challenge convention.

What came after 15 Western Road?

By December 1874, the school numbers had increased from 38 to 64 pupils and funds were sought for the building of a school. It took a while, with the foundation stone for the Bird Street school being laid in 1877 and the official opening in July 1878. Many of the pupils lived in the then Main Street, now Govan Mbeki Avenue, and had to walk up the steep hill to school – no arrival in cars and being dropped at the main entrance as is the case today.

Last night we enjoyed a fantastic Old Girls' Reunion Dinner in this Hall. At the dinner, the Old Girls were shown a photograph of the first Old Girls' Dinner in 1910 held in the School Hall (then in Bird Street) on a Thursday evening. The tradition of a dinner has continued each year with last night's attendance being phenomenal.

It was said at that first 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.

After 25 years and three Principals, the Committee placed the school under the Cape Education Department. This brought with it financial support and inspection! Miss Pride, the fourth Principal, arrived in mid-1900, and worked on obtaining a new school building. In 1905, with funds from the Government and the Town Council, the foundation stone of the new Bird Street school was laid with great ceremony. But a “stiff and blustering wind was blowing from the land”, so it was not too pleasant – and nobody could hear the speakers! The new school – “the white and green palace” – was officially opened a year later and the original building became the boarding school.

School settled into a rhythm and building happened around

the school. Mrs Anderson introduced numerous traditions of today such as the House system and the Prefect system along with the Lamp of Service.

Before anyone could blink, 1924 rolled around and the school was 50 years old. The 50 year Jubilee Celebration – one hundred years ago today – was held in the original Stevenson Hall in the Bird Street school on 8 August 1924.

The following is an extract from the Collegiate School Magazine, April 1925:

On the morning of August 8th, by 11 o'clock the Stevenson Hall was crowded with over 750 people, the girls standing in close ranks on the floor of the Hall, in the Gallery, and the Old Girls and Visitors on the stage and platform. After the hymn, ‘Oh God, our help in ages past’, the School Prayer was sung, at the close of which all stood in silence for one minute in memory of those who had passed away, whether Staff or Pupils of the School. The Lord's Prayer was then recited.

At the celebration, the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr C Kayser included in his address that Girls went out from the Collegiate to all parts of the country, and carried with them its spirit, embodied in its motto, “Facta non Verba”. The great increase in numbers and the ever-widening influence of the School made it incumbent on the pupils to uphold its reputation in every possible way.

The Mayor, Mr Linton, in his address said: “A High School education should stand for the fact that you are cultivating mind and character, so that you may influence all your life. You are amassing ideas and ideals which will make your life more joyful.” The Mayor added that he hoped all present girls would carry on the traditions of the School to the uttermost, and that School “would be to them a sweet memory”. I hope that for all the Old Girls here today that their time at Collegiate has proved to be a sweet memory.

There was also news that year that an Old Girl, Enid Paterson, had become the first Lady Doctor to have been trained and qualified in the country.

After the 50-year ceremony in the Hall, tea was had in the garden and charming country dances were executed on the tennis court by a number of pupils under the direction of Miss Phyllis Carden.

Seventy years ago, in 1954, the Bird Street school was no longer in good repair and there were 450 pupils in a school built for 300. The then Headmistress Mrs Brock reported that the building of the new school had been placed on the Education Department's estimates. Unfortunately, there was no money for the building of a school hall, so the Collegiate Development Fund was started and over the next ten years sufficient funds had been raised by parents and friends of Collegiate to include the building of this magnificent hall. Hopefully, our current drive for funds to build a much-needed Music Centre will find favour with the Collegiate Community worldwide and with donors to bring this to fruition.





Ten years later the pupils of the day – our 60-year reunion group here today – found themselves on 18 April 1964 sitting on a rocky building sight, dust swirling in the wind, while the foundation stone was laid to great ceremony. Two years later – and R650 000 later (that is what this magnificent school cost to build) – the 450 Collegiate girls made the move from Bird Street to here and the next era of the school began. Collegiate now had its own playing fields and netball and tennis courts and sport could begin in earnest. Earlier this year we took hockey, netball, squash, tennis, cross-country and chess teams, as well as Drama learners for four days to Potchefstroom to participate in the Annual National All Girls' Schools Sports and Cultural Festival. I can report that our teams did very well, made great memories (including that of food poisoning) and were complimented as always on their manners. We are proud of our learners.

Fifty years ago, 1974, there were again great celebrations as Collegiate turned 100. The Centenary of our school was celebrated over three days in sunny weather, and was graced with the presence of the State President who opened the brand new Centenary Pool, an Olympic-sized 50m pool. Today, the pool is 25m, the galas are still held there, the boarders still can't swim but win the Spirit Cup, and great fun is had by all.

In 1984, sport was alive and well, there were numerous EP representatives and Lynne Wilmot made the South African Schools' Hockey side. Queen Victoria won the gala, Bodas

won the Inter-House Play Festival and R3 121 was raised by the Charity Bazaar. Today the Charity Bazaar tradition continues with funds raised in the region of R60 000 each year.

1994 brought a significant change in our country with the first democratic election. Judging by the happy faces in the school magazine of the year, the euphoria of the year permeated the school as the dawn of a new era was upon us. Thirty years later, the Collegiate learners of today enjoy the privilege of being part of a diverse school community.

The Head Girl of 2004, Annelie Maré, ended her report with the lyrics of Bill Withers' song "I wish you well":

I wish you flowers, sunshine and smiles,
I wish you children that grow to make you proud,
I wish you pretty things to wear, sweet things to smell,
I wish you well.

I wish you good friends that always treat you fair,
I wish you ribbons to tie 'round your hair,
I wish you truckloads of cheer, many a happy year,
I wish you well.

I wish you freedom to do all the things you love,
I wish you blessing and kindness from above,
I wish you sunlight through the clouds; I hope you laugh out loud,
I wish you well.

I hope that those wishes have come true for you.



Collegiate's 140th birthday year was ushered in with the best Matric results in the Eastern Cape era: 100% pass rate and 100% Bachelor passes. Last year we came extremely close to that with 135 out of 138 bachelor passes. The official painting of the Parsons Hill school was presented to the school and hangs alongside the Bird Street school painting in the foyer. We hosted the All Girls' Schools Sport and Cultural Festival for the third time and had a Bedouin tent stretched over the entire quad! Every learner and staff member received a 140 commemorative lapel badge just as all received a 150 commemorative badge this year. The 25m swimming pool was opened by Olympic Long Distance Open Water Swimmer and Old Girl Jessica Roux, there was a massive 140 birthday cake which fed a thousand and the Founders celebrations ended with a derby followed by the combined Collegiate Schools' Prestige Music Concert. There was also the highly successful musical production of "Legally Blonde" in celebration of the 140 Jubilee.

So, what has happened in the last ten years that you would find different from your memories of Collegiate?

- 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 classrooms, is now a large Drama Room complete with theatre lights
- The cottage between the pools has been converted to 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!
- Five courageous women canvasses 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 is 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 artwork 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
- We partner with the Guardian Company on safeguarding our learners
- We have a Wellness Department with two counsellors, one a social worker, the other 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 cricket nets
- The Astro Turf, originally constructed in 2008, has been resurfaced and upgraded to an international standard water-based Astro Turf (bore-hole water) and a mini-astro installed
- SuperSport Schools has cameras at the Netball courts and Hockey turf for live-streaming on DSTV
- Thanks to our digital strategy of over a decade, the school and hostel have full Wi-Fi, much teaching is supplemented by technology and all learners in Grades Eight to Eleven have iPads, and our prime means of communication of communicating information to the girls is through MS Teams
- A workshop and storeroom have been added behind the squash courts, a long-needed addition for the maintenance and running of our campus
- The downstairs bathroom next to the previous College Girl shop and the Matric bathroom have been gutted and modernised – the girls are fundraising for the same remodel of the upstairs bathrooms
- We have revamped the gardens, and they are looking truly beautiful
- The beautiful walkway with a stunning mosaic of the school crest in the middle of it has been completed in a step of faith of it being a gift from Old Girls. The mosaic



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artist was world-renowned Marina Gioult Ehlers.

- The Water Polo pool is now heated and our girls and those of junior schools can now enjoy specialised winter Water Polo training.
- We have created a fitness centre behind The Games Club. Once the finishing touches have been completed, we will have a grand opening of it. In time there will be an on-campus biokineticist.

Looking forward, a significant project that we need to raise from the ground is the building of a state-of-the-art Music Centre to house our band and choir, have a concert area, teaching room, larger music rooms for our six full-time music teachers and itinerant specialists such as our percussion teacher.

Now I have come to the part of this assembly that has been in abeyance since mid-2020. It was the time of Covid and the previous principal, Mrs Melita Bagshaw, our honoured guest with us on stage, retired at the end of June 2020. The Grade Twelves were the only grade back at school, were socially-distanced and wore masks. There was no opportunity to honour Mrs Bagshaw with a public farewell from the Collegiate Community at large. Thus today, we are taking the opportunity to thank Mrs Bagshaw for her nine years of service to Collegiate in the position of Principal. Mrs Bagshaw, there were many changes in the school during your time

and through it all you held the meaningful traditions of the school while setting in motion the wheels of transforming into a diverse and inclusive school for all. Thank you for all that you did for our beloved school. May you continue to enjoy a happy, healthy and relaxing retirement. You will be receiving a gift from the Head Girl shortly which I ask that you not open until after our flag-raising ceremony. It is a miniature of the sculpture commissioned for our 150 Jubilee and it has been lovingly crafted by an Old Girl and past Visual Arts teacher whom you appointed, Sarah Walmsley. I now call on Blessing Melariri to make the presentation to you.

I will now conclude, as I have done for the last few years, with the remarks made at the Founders' Day Assembly in 2021. I said that 1991, now thirty-three 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 admissions 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.

Mrs L Erasmus





Founders' Day Address – Niven Postma



It gives me great pleasure to be back at Collegiate, as we celebrate its sesquicentennial.

Wouldn't it have utterly amazed that small group of women who campaigned for, and succeeded in, opening Collegiate in February 1874 with all of 38 girls in attendance, to see all of this?

Weren't they quite a marvellous example of the Indian proverb, "Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit"? For 150 years, this school has housed, educated, connected, inspired – for better or for worse – thousands upon thousands of girls. Some of them loved school. Loved *this* school and love it still. They look back at their time at Collegiate as one of the best in their life. Others really didn't fit in at all. They could not wait for it to be over and for their real life to start, somewhere other than school. As my sister said, "They burnt their school uniform the moment the last bell rang!" While others found it all quite fine. Nice enough but an increasingly distant memory as life after school unfolded and years became decades. But that's school and that's life. We all have our own paths, our own lives and our own stories and we make of them what we can, and what we will.

For 150 years, being educated at Collegiate has meant that there were things that we had to learn and things we chose to; things that were forgotten the moment the exam was over and the textbook closed; and others that were carried forward for years.

I repeatedly see one of the latter in my work around the world on organisational politics in which I completely agree with the point made by Sallie Krawcheck: "The single biggest

mistake that I've seen women make is that all too often they treat work like school and so they think that if they put their head down and work really hard, someone's going to notice and give them an A." But women and the world of work and politics is a whole other subject; one for another speech on another day...

So let's go back to the Collegiate story and today. Let's take some time to absorb quite how long ago 150 years is and how much Collegiate has witnessed over that time. This school is older than South Africa. At the time of Collegiate's founding, South Africa was not yet a country – it was two Boer republics and three British colonies. It's older than the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand. It was born 44 years before Nelson Mandela was and 52 years before Queen Elizabeth made her appearance as a newborn. It was founded when Queen Victoria was still on the throne. She *had* been for 37 years and would still be for another 27...

It came into being a hundred years before South African women could open a bank account without the permission of her husband or father. This 'breakthrough' happened only in the early 1980s.

120 years before Section 9 of the Constitution gave formal recognition that women are in fact equal citizens in this country. It was formed at a time when rape was seen as a crime, yes, but not against a woman. No, against a man's property, specifically that woman's husband or her father. As such, a woman could not be raped by her husband – a legal principle that was the norm across the world for most of history and which was only amended in South Africa in 1993. So we live in a very different world for women today than the women of 1874 lived in. Or do we?

I recommend that every person in this hall read "Invisible Women" by Caroline Criado Perez, which justifiably won the FT / McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award in 2019.

Her book examines how the world is designed for, and by, men and left me reeling between incredulity and outrage. Did you know for example that there is five times more research into erectile dysfunction, which affects 19% of men, than into premenstrual syndrome, which affects 90% of women? That around the world, women are 47% more likely to be seriously injured in car crashes than men are, because of how cars and seat belts are designed, namely for the average **man's** body, height and weight? That AI is trained on data sets that are riddled with gaps and biases when it comes to women? If you don't believe me, do a google image search,



as I did a few months ago, for 'schoolgirl' and see what comes up. And then follow it up with 'schoolboy' and see how different the results are. That many research trials still often don't include women, even for women's medicine, because our fluctuating hormones just make us too complex? Because of course we're not half of humanity – no, we're these irritatingly complicated non-men who just can't – or won't – get our biology under control.

But all of that said, the reality is that all of us, irrespective of whether we are male and female or anything in between, are entering an entirely new world. Firstly, because of technology. In my life, technology has changed so rapidly it's almost impossible to believe.

I was in Standard 5, Grade 7, when my father came home from work and told us about this incredible new machine, where they would put a document into the machine at Head Office in Cape Town and "a few seconds later – wait for it – the **same** paper, will come out of our machine in PE!" He was of course speaking of a fax machine and it was like something out of science fiction. I finished Matric at Collegiate when I was 17. Five weeks after my 18th birthday, I left to go overseas for the first time in my life and ended up backpacking for four years. My first stop was a kibbutz and the way that I made my first friend there, was to ask a Brazilian volunteer where the nearest tickey-box was so that I could make a reverse charge phone call. When I was put in jail in Egypt overnight, I could only let my parents know three days later. Same tickey-box – another reverse charge call. That was only 30 some years ago, not 130 years ago – thirty!

Now we are living in a world that is profoundly, unimaginably,

overwhelmingly different. For centuries, it was philosophers and theologians who debated the meaning of life and humanity. Today, it's software engineers.

And if we go beyond technology, we are also living as my colleagues at CISL say, on an angry planet, with angry people, where the hots are going to get hotter, the colds colder, the wets wetter and the dries drier. Where the word of the year in 2022 was "polycrisis", precisely because crises are no longer 'just' singular and sequential but rather connected and simultaneous – environmentally, politically, economically and socially. So we are at a cusp that I for one try, but often fail, to get my head and heart around. It's like one of my favourite New Yorker cartoons, which shows two people walking along a pavement, with one saying to the other: "My desire to be well informed is currently at odds with my desire to remain sane."

Quite...

So how do we stay sane?

How do we plant trees when things are burning?

And what trees do we choose to plant in the time that we have?

One I plant every day is the reminder to myself that so many of the things the world tells me I've got to do, are actually things I get to do.

Matrics – you've got to write really important exams at the end of the year with all kinds of pressures on you as you do so. But you also *get* to do that in a country where way too many children never have a chance to reach Matric. And then you get to figure out – away from the noise of social media, of the expectations of culture, parents and friends and family



– what you are going to do with your life, day by day and decision by decision.

For me, 35 years after I wrote those exams, I get to do work that matters.

I get to figure things out.

I get to not go where the path may lead but go where there is no path and leave a trail.

I get to create islands of sanity for my teams and clients.

And last year, as my dad was dying, I understood profoundly that 'I get to say goodbye to him'. That's not toxic positivity, that's recognising the power of our choice in how we frame and understand things.

And now, in the spirit of Kierkegaard's observation that life can only be understood backwards but has to be

lived forwards:

"We are going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people are never going to die because they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been here in our place but who will in fact never see the light of day outnumber the sand grains of Arabia. Certainly, those unborn ghosts include greater poets than Keats, scientists greater than Newton. We know this because the set of possible people allowed by our DNA so massively outnumbers the set of actual people. In the teeth of these stupefying odds it is you and I, in our ordinariness, that are here. We privileged few, who won the lottery of birth against all odds." (Richard Dawkins)

Imagine all the people who came before you.

Your parents.

Your grandparents.

The faces and names probably start fading by the time you get to your great-grandparents and before them, well, it's likely to be unknowable person after person, stretching through all of human history to allow you to be here.

Imagine all of those people behind you.

What are they seeing in you?

What are they asking of you?

What are they hoping for you?

Who are the people that stretch before you?

The people that will come after you? They may be your children, they may be other people's children. The people whose lives you will impact, sometimes in ways you will never know about.

What do you want to do for them?

What do you want to leave to them?

What do you hope your life will make possible through them?

I'd like to close with a quote from Howard Zinn, the historian. It's one I have up on my office wall:

"What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places – and there are so many – where people have behaved magnificently, it energizes us to act, and raises at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvellous victory."

So here's to more marvellous victories, to acknowledging the things that are wonderful, complex, important, heartbreaking, beautiful and worthwhile in this life; for each of us, and for all of us; for this country, for this world, and for this school and all the girls and teachers who will be part of it for many more years to come.

Thank you.



150TH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

In the opening assembly on the first day of the new school year, we dedicated 2024 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.

After the assembly, the entire school gathered in the front garden for the 150th Flag-raising Ceremony. As 2024 is the sesquicentenary of the school, a flag signifying the 150th anniversary of the school had been designed and it was unveiled and raised for the first time yesterday by the Head and Deputy Head Girls, Blessing Melariri and Mignonne Coley. The flag symbolizes Collegiate, unifies and reminds us of our identity as a school. The 150 flag will be flown every school day this year.

To mark this historic year, a special 150 commemorative

badge was presented as a gift to every Collegiate girl in both Collegiate schools, as well as to the staff members. The learners may wear the badge for the rest of their school career.

What a privilege it is to be part of this historic year in the life of the Collegiate School.

Mrs L Erasmus



THE 150 COLLEGIATE PRINCIPALS' COCKTAIL EVENING



The 150 Collegiate Principals' Cocktail evening was held on 1 February. Guests included Department of Education Officials, past teachers, SGB members and friends of the Junior School and High School. Guests gathered formally to celebrate the past, present and future of the Collegiate Schools. It was hosted by the Principals of the Junior and High Schools and was an evening of laughter and celebration.

150
Years of Excellence
1874 - 2024





THE 150 COLLEGIATE PRINCIPALS' COCKTAIL EVENING





On 13 March 2024, the lights dimmed, the curtains opened, and the Savoy Theatre stage came alive. It was the culmination of months of hard work as the magic truly began to unfold. It seemed at the beginning stages of the production process to be an impossible task but it came together and audiences laughed, cried and leapt to their feet in applause.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is a traditional telling of the original story and the *Enchanted Version* was selected as it allowed for the best song choices for our very talented young singers.

Behind the scenes, chaos danced with creativity. Props and sets were extremely difficult to create and we are grateful to Mrs Jones, the Art Enrichment learners and Mr Müller for the painting and construction of these. We are also grateful to Mr Scholtz, because without him, Cinderella might not have had a carriage. Costumes were sourced from *Stepping Out Costume Hire* and we extend our thanks to Mrs Cowpar. Leigh-Anne Du Toit stepped in at the eleventh hour so Cinderella was able to have a magnificent dress. We are thankful to these 'Fairy Godmothers' who made the transformation a beautiful and memorable one, even if it was in the nick of time.

Producing the magic on stage was the team of choreographers from *Nicki Ray Productions* – Nicki-Ann Rayepen, Seraya Mentor and Old Girl Abigail Ranwell. Leading the orchestra as Musical Director was the talented Ms Zintle Mbengashe. The magical trio who saved the day was made up of Ms Potgieter as both rehearsal pianist and backstage manager, Old Girl Hayley Libbrecht as production assistant and stage manager and Ian Storm as props master and costume assistant. At the helm of the production was Mrs Liske Hemingway who served as both Vocal Director and Director and led the cast on their magical journey through 'theatreland'.

With a very young and relatively inexperienced cast, the success of the production was a remarkable achievement as opening night marked, for many of the cast, their first time on stage in front of an audience. Collegiate Girls' High School learners were joined by some younger learners from Collegiate Junior School and male cast members from Grey High School and Victoria Park High School. Grade Nine learners, Avethandwa Goboza and Katherine Wilson, wowed audiences with talent and maturity beyond their years and alternated as Cinderella. Prince Christopher was alternated quite aptly by Christopher Martin and Jermaine Otigo, who stunned audiences with his powerful voice even when his microphone became faulty during one of the performances. Ava Beary as the Stepmother and Camryn Robinson and Omhle Manona as the Stepsisters had audiences in hysterics as the dimwitted antagonists, while Aisha Mxokozeli, Old Girl Hannah Nel and Libhongo Mdani entertained and enchanted as the Fairy Godmother in alternate performances. Gracing the stage with royal flair was Cwenga Williams as the Queen and her two alternating Kings, Mark Taylor and Asad Pillay. A standout performance that must be noted is that of theatre veteran Jessica Smith as Lionel, the royal steward, whose lively, witty and energetic performances had audiences laughing, clapping and singing along.

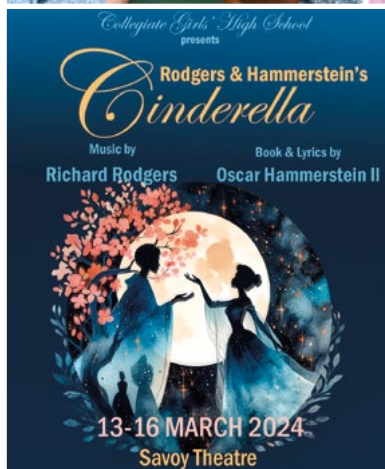
Cinderella was not just a musical; it was a reminder that within every learner production team and staff member there lies a hidden power to make their dreams come true. The musical reminded many of our amateur actors, dancers and singers to reflect on Cinderella's words: "If impossible things are happening every day, then why not my impossible wish?" Nothing is impossible if you just dare to reach for your dreams.

Mrs L Hemingway





CINDERELLA





'The only courage that matters is the one that gets you from one moment to the next.' Mignon McLoughlin

150 Care Projects for 150 years.

In honour of our school's remarkable 150-year journey, we embarked on our Cancer Care Initiative, which marked the first of our 150 Care Projects.

The Cancer Care Initiative was a collaborative effort managed by the Interact Society as well as other dedicated individuals within our school community. Together, we assembled care bags for Cancer Care, an organisation which serves as a beacon of hope for many cancer patients undergoing treatment.

The bags contained a variety of items, including hand sanitiser for hygiene purposes, books to provide solace, lip balm for skin nourishment, blankets for warmth, bookmarks for inspiration and handmade toiletry bags for self care. Each of these items were carefully selected for the care packages to offer comfort and support to cancer patients during challenging times.

The project revolved around one of our school's pillars of strength – compassion. This is a strong sense of empathy and understanding for what others are going through.

We received an overwhelmingly positive response from

the recipients of our care packages. Many, including a few Collegiate Old Girls, voiced their appreciation and were sincerely grateful for the thoughtful contents of the packages. Several individuals emphasised the comfort and encouragement the package provided them with on their journey with cancer.

We would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Mrs Erasmus, Mrs Lotz and Mrs Dos Santos for accompanying us to Cancer Care. We would also like to thank Mrs Lotz and Mrs Dos Santos for facilitating this initiative. Their guidance and unwavering support were essential in bringing this initiative to life. Chelsea Duri and Danielle Erasmus assisted by delivering the care packages to Cancer Care.

As we celebrate 150 years as Collegiate Girls' High School, let us maintain the virtues that define us as a school by encouraging compassion in everything that we do. The Cancer Care Initiative serves as a reminder of the power of collective action and the significant impact we can achieve when we come together as a school, united in our motto, *Facta non Verba* – Deeds not Words.

Chelsea Duri





'CHEFS OF THE COLLEGE' RECIPE BOOK

To mark our 150th year, a special recipe book was created. The recipes are ones shared by Collegiate members of staff, past and present.

Each recipe is evidence of our shared Collegiate community which connects us across generations and experiences. The recipes do not just share tasty dishes but also memories and traditions that have shaped our history as a Collegiate family. The book is split into two parts printed back-to-back and head-to-foot of old recipes found in old Collegiate recipe books from the past as well as the current 'Chefs of the College'

We would like to thank Mrs Unwin for gathering recipes and sponsorships. Mrs Jooste was a great help with giving technical oversight. Thank you to Mrs Dos Santos for her meticulous proof reading. Mrs Brooks's assistance in managing the financial aspects is greatly appreciated.

The current 'Girls of the College'; provided invaluable assistance especially Mykaela Moorhouse and her team and Alexa Koumbarakis, whose design expertise brought the layouts to life.

Lastly, without Mrs Lotz, this project would not have become a reality. She worked tirelessly to create this incredible and delightful recipe book.

'Chefs of the College' is available for purchase at the bursar's office or on Collegiate's online shop which you can access on the school's website.



Werner Hill, The Herald

Mrs R Lotz







UNVEILING OF BLUE HERITAGE PLAQUE

On 31 October, as part of the sesquicentenary celebrations, Collegiate Girls' High School was declared a Heritage Site. The school's Blue Heritage Plaque was unveiled by Mr Graham Taylor, Chairman of the Historical Society of Port Elizabeth, and Mrs Erasmus during a ceremony attended by members of the Governing Body; representatives from the Old Girls' Guild; the principal of the Junior School, Mrs Van Rooyen; Grade Eight and Nine learners; and Collegiate staff members.

Collegiate was founded in 1874 and the granting of a Blue Plaque, recognizes Collegiate's contribution to education and its ongoing commitment to shaping the female leaders of tomorrow.





To mark our 150th year of providing an excellent education for girls Collegiate organized the Standard Bank STEAM Week, an initiative aimed at celebrating excellence and showcasing the countless possibilities there are for girls in the working world. This week-long extravaganza allowed our learners to explore the diverse opportunities that lie beyond the classroom, and prepare them for a bright and limitless future.



imitating the artist Jackson Pollock, transforming the school grounds into a canvas of art-therapy. The drama enthusiasts were treated to a tasty (as

mango juice was sold) production titled 'Mangoes Don't Fly, Anymore'. Additionally, a thrilling maths competition was held, with learners showcasing their mathematical prowess by reciting the decimals of pi. A big thank-you to all staff and learners who invested their time and effort into making our breaktimes exciting.

At the STEAM week launch assembly Mr Ross Kelly from Derivco, addressed the learners on the Future of Technology. He spoke about 'Failing Forward', the limitations of AI without the human touch, the fast-paced changes we are experiencing and the important role that women can play in the technology space. Our Resource Centre also put a variety of STEAM related topics on display during the week.

As part of the proceedings an innovative initiative was unveiled – the Collegiate QR Code Heritage Trail. This trail comprises strategically placed QR codes near significant heritage items around the school. As one scans these codes, a captivating journey into the school's past unfolds, revealing anecdotes, milestones and cherished memories.

In a bid to foster a passion for the sciences and ignite curiosity among our learners, the Chemistry and Physics Departments from Nelson Mandela University visited Collegiate. Engaging our Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners, the university experts orchestrated a display of interactive experiments and captivating demonstrations. The visit served as a bridge between academia and real-world applications. A special thanks to Professor Ernest van Dyk, Elizabeth Hagemann, Dr Gletwyn Rubidge, Professor Ernst Ferg and Dr Nicole Vorster for taking the time to engage with our learners.

Breaktimes throughout the week offered learners a selection of enriching experiences. The school's vibrant spirit found expression in unexpected ways, as a spontaneous choir flash mob spread joy and harmony. In a collective burst of creativity, students collaborated on a mass art-piece,

In the spirit of camaraderie, learners from Collegiate and St James RC Secondary School joined forces for a unique and intellectually stimulating event. An afternoon of 'speed-dating' unfolded, but instead of traditional conversations, the focus was on Mathematics and Physical Sciences questions. The endeavour aimed to break down barriers, foster cross-school connections and create an engaging platform for the exchange of knowledge. A special thanks to Mr Rensburg (Principal) and Mrs Jacob (Departmental Head) from St James for engaging with us on this event.

In an era where technology intertwines with every facet of life, Collegiate has taken a bold step into the digital realm with the introduction of E-Sports as an extramural activity. This initiative not only taps into the evolving landscape of competitive gaming but also provides a platform for learners to showcase their ability in an exciting and rapidly growing field. A special thanks to Mrs Human for driving this initiative.

Our Grade Eight learners were treated to an enlightening drone activation workshop presented by Inspire Africa Group, introducing them to the world of drone technology. The workshop covered a spectrum of topics, including a comprehensive overview of the drone industry, the intricate principles of flight and the profound relevance of drones in the 4th Industrial Revolution. Learners participated in hands-on drone flying activities, unlocking the secrets of piloting these high-tech devices with precision. Inspire Africa's unique approach, characterised by dynamic and





interactive sessions, allowed students to grasp the power and commercial potential of drone technology. A special thanks to Simon Robinson, Albert

Drijfhout, Grethe Robinson and Michael Shepstone from the Inspire Africa Group for sharing their knowledge with our learners.

Natasha Saunders, representing CodeABot from the Advanced Technologies Institute, visited our Grade 10 learners to inspire them about the world of robotics and coding. Alongside her were home schoolers Kayleigh Dickson and Harry Kruger. Natasha emphasised to the students that one does not necessarily need a background in Math and Science to engage with robotics and coding; rather, a commitment to lifelong learning is crucial.

Standard Bank Kuunda Disrupt brought an electrifying fusion of technology and education to our Grade Nine and CAT/IT learners through interactive micro bit and coding sessions. The highlight of the event was the meet-and-greet with Standard Bank Pepper, the humanoid robot from SoftBank Robotics. Continuing the momentum, Standard Bank and the Kuunda Disrupt team, alongside Pepper, graced our STEAM Expo, where Pepper wowed attendees with her talents. The Standard Bank tech display included a 360° selfie camera – a winning feature, especially at a girls' school. Later that evening, Pepper took centre stage at our STEAM Talks Evening, addressing the audience and engaging in a lively Q&A session that left everyone in awe of her intelligence. To conclude her address, Pepper charmed the audience with a dance, cementing her place as a memorable guest before bidding farewell and returning to Johannesburg. A special thank-you to Standard Bank, our sponsor for the sesquicentennial celebrations, particularly Leigh-Anne De Witt, Alice Selokoma, Sheldon Bouw and Grizelda Groom. A big thank-you also goes to the Kuunda Disrupt team – Sershni Govender, Yusuf Kader, Lee-Ann Muller and Percy Gonde.

The STEAM Talks Evening was an inspiring showcase of expertise and wisdom, featuring a line-up of distinguished speakers. Professor Justin Jonas from Rhodes University



Standard Bank

captivated the audience with his insights into the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and MeerKAT Radio Telescopes, offering a glimpse into the frontiers

of astrophysical research. Following suit, Yanesh Naidoo, Christine Chetty, and Jeannie Serfontein from Jendamarik and Odin Manufacturing (Africa Tech Week winner 2023) presented on working in the specialised machine building and global tech industries. Christine and Jeannie further shared their experiences as female engineers in a predominantly male-dominated industry, shedding light on the challenges they have encountered and strategies for overcoming them. The evening reached its climax with Isabel van Gend from STEM in Action at Nelson Mandela University delivering a poignant closing address. Mrs Van Gend underscored the significance of lifelong learning, echoing sentiments shared by earlier speakers, and emphasised the importance of accountability and perseverance in all endeavours.

The finale of our Standard Bank STEAM Week culminated in a Trash to Art Fashion Show. Learners crafted fashion items and art pieces solely from discarded materials, turning trash into treasures. Each class showcased their unique creations during assembly. Ultimately, the E5 register class emerged victorious, earning themselves a well-deserved civvies day. Additionally, the RCL of the winning class, Nazia Moosa, and the learner who exuded the best stage presence, Sinothando Sam, were recognised with special gifts sponsored by SMD Technologies. This festive conclusion not only celebrated the power of STEAM education but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and pride within our school community. We commend every class for their efforts and creativity and are grateful to our judges, Miss Mellet, Mr Batista and Mrs Unwin, for selecting our winning class.

The Standard Bank STEAM Week was brought together by numerous Collegiate staff member, especially Mrs Z Grobbelaar and Mrs Gerber, our sponsor Standard Bank, Collegiate learners, stakeholders, local speakers, local exhibitors and neighbouring schools. Our deepest gratitude is extended to all involved in this special week.

Mrs Z Grobbelaar and Mrs S Gerber







LITERARY FESTIVAL WEEK

It has long been a dream of Mrs Erasmus to have a Literary Festival Week, as she is an English teacher with a passion for language and literature. To see this dream realised during Collegiate's 150th birthday celebrations was, indeed, special.

The Festival was launched on Friday, 12 April, when vibrant Zandile Mjekula, storyteller, actress, producer and filmmaker, captured her audience's attention at second break when she spoke about her journey and the seven basic plot stories. After school, she chatted with the Literary Society and an interesting discussion ensued! She was a breath of fresh air, who made everyone feel at ease.

On Monday, 15 April, the winners of the '150 Books for 150 Years' Competition were announced in assembly. It was a chance for the bookworms to shine, as prizes were awarded to learners who had read the most books in their grades. Prizes were also awarded to register classes in the junior and senior grades, who had read the most books.

The much anticipated Old Pot New Pot Literary Dress-Up Day proved to be a great success. The Grade Twelve and Grade Eight learners dressed up as characters from children's classic stories. It was a chance for Old Pots and New Pots to bond, as they decided in their pairs what to wear. Great fun was had as the pairs paraded across the quad at first break showing off inspiring outfits, from *Alice in Wonderland* to the *Three Blind Mice* to *Willy Wonka*. A fun-filled vibe of positivity spread throughout the school, as unforgettable memories were made! Furthermore, the school savoured a rare moment of quiet, as learners and teachers read for two hours in the morning during the Readathon. Later that day, twenty Grade Elevens visited Collegiate Junior School and read to the Grade One learners. It was a joyful experience, as the young girls listened and responded so well to the older girls. Some Grade Elevens even mentioned that they realised that teaching is the right profession for them! It was a really 'feel good' experience.

The following day, the Grade Eights were addressed by Old Girl, Dianne Stewart, author of over 45 books. She spoke about her own books, what it means to write and her experiences as an Old Girl. In the afternoon, she facilitated a creative writing workshop on the art of short story writing. It was heartwarming to see the number of learners who attended the workshop, both from Collegiate and St James. The variety of activities gave learners the platform to find their voices as writers.

Furthermore, Izak de Vries addressed the Grade Nine and Eleven learners on young adult fiction and he addressed the Grade Ten learners on the intricacies of the publishing industry. His presentations were thought-provoking.

On Thursday morning, Old Girl and published writer, Dr Jo-Anne Richards, addressed the school on overcoming various challenges in life. She spoke in a vulnerable and frank fashion, as she tapped into universal experiences of pain and



resilience. Her writer's voice was evident and she inspired her audience to overcome their own challenges. In the evening, she delivered a thoughtful and entertaining speech in the Resource Centre. It was a real treat for the audience, as she spoke about writing her bestseller, *The Innocence of Roast Chicken*. Her speech was interspersed with delightful and humorous anecdotes and observations. The audience certainly appreciated her intelligence and charm.

The Literary Festival Week fittingly concluded with the St Augustine's Primary School library display. Two years ago, Collegiate undertook to renovate the St Augustine's library and connect with their learners. This mutually beneficial relationship has enabled Collegiate learners to look beyond themselves by giving of their time through activities such as reading to the learners at the school and by painting the library. We are proud of the mural Jade van Tonder and Mikaela Caliste created, featured on the library wall. It was a joyful day and a special way to conclude Literary Festival Week.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Lotz, Mrs Vanderlinden, Mrs Dos Santos, Miss Dos Santos and Inez Dos Santos on their unwavering support of the initiative. An initiative such as this makes one fully aware of John Donne's famous line, 'No man is an island', as it takes very special people, who work together to make dreams like this one a reality.

In addition, we would like to thank Penguin Publishers and Fogarty's Bookshop for their wonderful support. The generous book donations and book sales that took place throughout the week were fantastic!

In conclusion, the overwhelming feeling at the end of the Literary Week was one of positivity and infectious enthusiasm. Literature had certainly weaved its magical spell by reigniting a love of words and ideas in everyone, as beautiful memories were made.

Ms J Kromhout





THE SOUTHSURE COLLEGIATE FITNESS CENTRE

On 12 June, we were delighted to hold the official opening of Collegiate's brand new Southsure Fitness Centre and witnessed Mrs Erasmus cut the ribbon. The sports captains, head girl and deputy head girl, along with other invited guests, were most excited to be part of this momentous occasion.

Fitness is essential to a holistic education, and has been part of the Collegiate programme since the 1870s when Calisthenics and Arm Exercises were on the timetable. In the first Collegiate school building, a long shed at the back served as a gymnasium for the girls. It is perhaps appropriate then that the long garage that previously housed the tractor and other equipment next to The Games Club has been converted into our new Fitness Centre. Fitness at Collegiate has indeed come full circle! The Fitness Centre is surrounded by

our many sport facilities – facilities which were unimaginable to the Collegiate girls of the 1800s. Our learners are able to train under the supervision of Biokineticist, Mr Jaque Gerber.

Thanks and acknowledgement must go to the Sport Department, especially Mrs Posthumus and Mrs Nel, for their role in realising the dream of this facility in the school's sesquicentennial year.

We are grateful to Nick Bands and Debbie Jordaan of Southsure Brokers who funded all the equipment.

The Bands family has a long and proud history with Collegiate and sport so we are pleased to partner with them through Southsure Brokers who already belong to the Grey - Collegiate community.

Mrs A Nel





Wellbeing Workshops, Wellbeing Expo and the Klinikare Wellbeing Conference

"Wellbeing is about the combination of our love for what we do each day, the quality of our relationships, the security of our finances, the vibrancy of our physical health, and the pride we take in what we have contributed to our communities." – Tom Rath

Wellbeing was the focus at Collegiate from 13 to 15 June. On 13 June, the Wellbeing Expo hosted 50 exhibitors in the Gym Hall and Ivy Leaf. The learner and parent wellbeing workshops took place on 13 and 14 June and we commend our parents and learners who attended them.

The delegates at the Klinikare Pharmacies Wellbeing Conference were inspired by Mr Manie Botha who addressed them on matters relating to conflict and Mrs Emilise Rautenbach who spoke on the brain under stress. Both speakers are from Bizskills, a professional development company who were key sponsors. Other speakers included: Dr Ela Manga on energy management and breathwork; Mr Devan Moonsamy on the 'isms' that divide and the wellbeing that unites; Vivienne Schultz on occupational intelligence; Estée Cockcroft on human connection and cyberspace; Kathy Balshaw on 'playing to what is strong not wrong'; Lara Hayward on wellbeing and communication; Dr Philippa Fabbri on happy, inclusive schools; and Gabi Lowe on resilience.

Centrestage added some comic relief to the proceedings by



providing entertainment and "laughter-therapy". Our delegates, learners and parents received generous gifts from the sponsors, including Isuzu, Capitol Catering, Goshawk, Standard Bank, Old Mutual, Locally Yours, Algoa FM, Baywest Mall, Life Healthcare Hunters Craig, Milkwood Mushrooms, Mondia Health Sunnyside, Go-Brand Marketing, Elizabeth Arden, Remax Lorraine, Supa Value and many other kind sponsors and donors.

Thank you to the organising team under the direction of Mrs Sandra Gerber and Mrs Penny Stephenson for a most inspiring conference. What was abundantly clear from the conference and workshops was the importance of human connection and compassion.

Mrs S Gerber





WELLBEING CONFERENCE



COLLEGIATE JUBILEE WALKWAY



The Collegiate Jubilee Walkway with mosaic designed by Marina Gioult Ehlers was completed this year. We are grateful to the many Old Girls who contributed to this project. Thank you to Warwick Renard of Millennia Architects who

designed and managed the building of the walkway at no cost as a 150th gift to the school.

The walkway and new garden provide a stunning approach to the front entrance of the school.





POWERED BY
OLD MUTUAL WEALTH



The Collegiate Spring Sports Festival, powered by Old Mutual, was undoubtedly the highlight of the year on our sporting calendar. This unique event brought together a diverse mix of tournaments, including the U15 Water Polo, T20 Cricket, U15 Tennis and Rapid Chess competitions, creating a thrilling atmosphere for both participants and supporters.

Water Polo U15 Tournament

The Water Polo Spring Festival was a huge success, with sixteen very competitive teams from across South Africa and even Zimbabwe competing.

Following several intense matches, the final standings were as follows:

Third Place: Reddam Constantia

Second place: Hudson Park

First place: St Stithians

The Collegiate U15 team was placed in a difficult pool but, they played exceptional Water Polo and achieved fifth place.

T20 Cricket Tournament

The T20 Cricket Tournament spanned four days and featured four teams. The final day drew a large crowd of enthusiastic

supporters as Collegiate faced Framesby in the much-anticipated final. In a closely contested match, Collegiate emerged victorious, securing the Gold medal, while Framesby took home the Silver.

U15 Tennis Tournament

Six teams competed in the U15 Tennis Tournament. Day One's weather was inclement so only one hour of matchplay was possible. However, Day Two brought sunny skies and with a slightly shortened match format, all singles and doubles matches were completed successfully.

Collegiate's U15 Tennis team, comprising of Tiffany Frans, Emily Ferreira, Amonge Makwetu and Raphaela Miller, performed admirably throughout the tournament. DSG took home the Gold and the two Kingswood teams won Silver and Bronze. It was a most successful Tennis tournament and many schools are looking forward to returning in 2025.

Rapid Chess Tournament

On 21 September, the Resource Centre buzzed with anticipation as 25 chess players from across Gqeberha gathered for the Rapid Chess Tournament, held during the Spring Sports Festival. The players competed fiercely across five rounds for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. A special congratulations goes to Cwenga Williams, who was named 'Top Collegiate Player' and finished fifth in the tournament.

A thank you must be extended to our main sponsor, Old Mutual, for their invaluable assistance in making this event possible. Their contribution guaranteed that the tournament was well-organised and exciting for everyone who participated. We are looking forward to more events like this in the future.

Mrs C Posthumus









A breakfast was held to mark the visit of Professor Thuli Madonsela, Director of the Centre for Social Justice at Stellenbosch University. It was a joint event for alumni of both Collegiate Girls' High School and Stellenbosch University. It was a lovely morning, with attendees enjoying a delicious breakfast while listening to an engaging conversation on social justice between Professor Madonsela and Karen Bruns, Old Girl and Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Stellenbosch University.

Mrs H Dutton





ALUMNI BREAKFAST





On Tuesday, 8 October 2024, Professor Thuli Madonsela visited St Augustine's library to see the work Collegiate has undertaken to renovate the library, and to learn about the journey of the two schools coming together. The event proved to be a heartwarming experience and everyone was captivated by Professor Madonsela's grace and kindness. Fittingly, St Augustine was presented with a children's

book written by her entitled "Melo's Kingdom". Learners from both schools were given the opportunity to ask Professor Madonsela questions and it was delightful to see the way in which she engaged with the youth. The event affirmed the benefits of reaching out in one's community and was truly memorable.

Ms J Kromhout





PANEL DISCUSSION

Collegiate Grade Ten and Eleven learners, Grade Eleven History learners from Grey, accompanied by the Rector Mr Chris Erasmus, learners from St James, with their principal Mr Rensburg and staff from all three schools attended a panel discussion on Wednesday 9 October. The panel was comprised of learners from all three schools, Miss Potgieter and Professor Madonsela. Old Girl, Miss Karen Bruns, from Stellenbosch University, chaired the discussion which centered on Social Justice.





On 9 October, Professor Madonsela unveiled the plaque below the bronze statue of Courage welcoming Courage, a sesquicentenary legacy for all girls of the College, but also declaring the garden which she graces, the Thuli Madonsela Garden of Reflection.

Courage stands proud surrounded by several Thuli Madonsela roses, roses of abundant clusters of two-tone pink and white roses. The Thuli Madonsela rose is a stammina rose with vigorous, strong roots and the ability to thrive despite climatic stresses. Courage represents the confidently courageous girls of the College who leave the protected confines of Collegiate and enter the world rooted in our value of good work ethic, responsibility, respect, compassion and integrity. Living out these values will enable courageous old girls of the College to withstand whatever challenges might come their way in life.

The wording on the plaque is:

COURAGE

the Collegiate learner of the past, present and future
She stands tall, rooted in tradition, growing with every
challenge, and always looking forward
with hope – an unbroken thread connecting the past,
present and future.

Unveiled by artist, Sarah Walmsley (Matric 2010) and
the Principal, Mrs Louise Erasmus, on Founder's Day, 8
May 2024, in recognition of 150 years of Collegiate girls
becoming courageous
women in the community.

Courage is surrounded by the Garden of Reflection, established in honour of our 150 patron, a courageous South African woman, Professor Thuli Madonsela, in her presence, on 9 October 2024.





THE THULI MADONSELA GARDEN OF REFLECTION





The well-attended inaugural public lecture by Professor Thuli Madonsela took place on the evening of Wednesday 9 October. The topic for the lecture was 'Education as a Catalyst for Social Justice: Cultivating Integrity, Responsibility and Equity in South Africa's Future Leaders'.





As 2024 comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the year's successes. This report highlights the achievements and contributions of the Old Girls' Guild. The theme for this year was "Reflections of Time", celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Collegiate schools.

This year's Reunion Dinner was held in the Stevenson Hall on 9 May. The hall, beautifully decorated in gold and deep blue hues, hosted 350 Old Girls. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Erasmus for allowing us to use the school hall, enabling everyone to appreciate its charm. Our appreciation also goes to the outstanding events team for organising a delightful evening.

To commemorate such a significant event, the "Buy A Brick" initiative was launched and has exceeded expectations. So far, around R300 000 has been raised. These funds have enabled the creation of an attractive walkway in front of the High School, donated by the OCGG, and the purchase of a splendid Grandfather Clock for the Junior School, bearing a plaque that reads, "Old Father Tempus is flying. Let us fly after and win to our Goal! With best wishes from the Old Collegiate Girls' Guild on Collegiate Junior School's 150th Birthday". The initiative is expected to continue, and we hope that this year's Matric class will take the opportunity to leave their legacy.

The Annual Matric Welcome Tea, held on 8 June, once again proved to be a successful event. The theme was "A Bright Future Beckons" and past learner Emily Platt, from the Matric class of 2018, addressed the Matrics of 2024. Emily shared her life experiences since finishing school, noting the challenges and offering valuable advice for the future. Her speech was both humbling and humorous, helping the current learners feel more at ease as they contemplate their next steps.

We continue to hold our quarterly committee meetings and the annual AGM, which gives our members the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about their school

days, and suggest new ideas for the future of the Old Girls' Guild. These events are very popular, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and nostalgia while underlining the importance of our alumni. Additionally, this year we introduced the quarterly Senior Tea, designed for a small group of local alumni to meet for tea at the delightful Games Club. These events have been very successful and will continue next year. The year ended with the Annual Senior Tea on 19 October and the Annual Year-End Committee Party, both cherished events.

It is important to highlight the notable increase in membership this year, as more alumni have joined our community. This expansion has infused our activities with fresh energy and enthusiasm. We deeply appreciate all the women who have supported the Guild with their ideas and time over recent years, some for many years!

This year, two cherished committee members, Margo Swain and Liz Potts, have decided to retire from the Guild. Words cannot adequately convey our gratitude for their years of dedication and invaluable contributions.

We congratulate our two bursary recipients for their notable achievements and contributions. The OCGG is proud to announce that, at Speech Night on 8 October, Nazia Moosa received the OCGG Bursary and Mykaela Moorhouse was awarded the Brock Bursary. We wish them success in their future studies and look forward to following their progress.

In conclusion, as we end another outstanding year, the Old Girls' Guild proudly reflects on a successful period marked by strengthened member connections, support for significant initiatives, and encouragement of both personal and professional development. We eagerly anticipate continuing our efforts in 2025 and look forward to welcoming former Collegiate Girls to join our dynamic community.

Chelley Heyneke (née Richards, 1996), OCGG President







OLD COLLEGIATE GIRLS' GUILD





This year Collegiate celebrated its sesquicentennial year with our 112th Carols performance.

Carols has become a well-known and popular event in our community. Every year the audience is enthralled by the approximately six hundred plus angelic voices and the beautiful harmonies they produce under the direction of Mrs Agenbag.

To commemorate the rich history and tradition of our schools, a new song was commissioned which was sung at Carols. The lyrics of the song were written by two talented Grade Ten learners, Bronwyn Shone and Cwenga Williams. Mrs Agenbag, Head of Music and Conductor, composed and arranged the music. We are grateful and proud of the talents of our learners and staff. Through the singing of this song, we rejoiced and recognised the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and celebrated the successful and memorable year.

Once again, we welcomed back Reverend Claire Phelps, an Old Girl, who contributed to our programme with the reading of the scriptures and prayers. The Carol Band consisted of current Music learners, Staff, Old Girls and other Music colleagues, under the direction and guidance of Mrs Mey. We thank Mrs Range, our pianist, as well as Mrs du Plessis and Mrs Mecloen for preparing the Grade Six and Seven

learners from the Junior School. We also thank our four soloists: Avethandwa Goboza, Aisha Mxokozeli, Cwenga Williams and Katherine Wilson. They made "Jamaican Carol" unique and special.

Carols would not have been such a huge success without the continuous support and assistance of the staff from both schools. Hosting such a big event in the most beautiful setting, takes months of preparation. We commend all who were involved, from advertising, stage management, sound engineers, emergency services and the other logistical role players.

The contribution of the non-carollers does not go unnoticed. We thank Ms Reynolds and other staff members for guiding and assisting our learners in the making of teddy bears which were donated to a children's home in Gqeberha.

We thank all the families, friends and the wider Collegiate Community who supported this event. It was a great honour to hand over the proceeds to Mr Willis, the CEO of Community Chest.

Wishing you a wonderful Festive season.

"Deep peace of Christ to you."

Mrs G Agenbag

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present the

112th Carols Performance

Conducted by Gustel Agenbag

High School Quad
8 November 2024 at 19:00







CAROLS







This year's 2024 magazine is indeed a bumper issue because it marks 150 years since the founding of our school. As we celebrated each event, we cherished the profound legacy of the sisterhood of Collegiate that continues to inspire and unite us. We have been filled with joy and excitement as we reflected on the countless stories, achievements and bonds that have shaped the 'Girls of the College' throughout the years. 150 years is a remarkable achievement, especially for a girls' school in South Africa, and we are so proud to be part of Collegiate, a school which has fostered excellence through holistic education. The Old Girl stories which featured on social media twice a week are testament to the legacy Collegiate has left as Old Girls are making impacts in our city, country and all over the world through their work and in their families as they live out our school motto of 'Facta non Verba', deeds not words. We honour the past and embrace the future with pride and gratitude.

I am deeply grateful to Lynn van Dyk, a true professional, for all her help, support and excellent administrative skills. My heartfelt thanks go to Lynne Shone, who once again has proved to be an invaluable proofreader. Thank you to Nicky Winchester for her assistance in checking that all the names on the photographs are correct.

Thank you to all the learners and teachers who assisted by writing reports and sharing their artwork and creative pieces with us. I am thankful to our talented photographer Paul Greenway as well as Nicky Unwin and the members of the Collegiate Photographic Society, ably led by Lara Lötzt. Thank you for all the amazing moments you have captured. Your talent and skill make the 2024 magazine an absolute joy to page through. I would like to acknowledge our official

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photographer, Kody McGregor, for always being so dependable and professional. Thank you to Old Girl, Abigail Metzler, as well as Pauline Richie who have assisted in photographing many events. The Sports Department continues to provide reliable assistance on School Photograph days. Thank you especially to Euleen Grobbelaar for taking charge of this. Sibukameni, our IT manager, deserves a special mention for the many hours spent downloading and saving photographs for us.

Once again, we wish to acknowledge the team at Walker Digital for their outstanding expertise and patience. Thank you to Cadar Printers for their professionalism and willingness always to go the extra mile.

We hope you enjoy reading the special sesquicentennial edition of the Collegiate Girls' High School magazine.

Mrs H Carter



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