



Collegiate Girls' High School

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END OF TERM THREE NEWSLETTER – 23 SEPTEMBER 2026



Dear Collegiate Community

There is something special about the September weeks of the third term. Hints of Spring create anticipation of the summer months and of the holiday break to come. The break allows us to recharge before the initial frenzy of the special functions before the seriousness of the final examinations sets in.

Significantly, on the first day of September, the first day of Spring, we turned the first sod for the construction of the new Music Centre. New spaces and expansion always bring excitement at the possibilities these awaken. We look forward to the melodic sounds that will eventually replace the screeching and pounding sounds washing over the Sports Office currently.

This leads me to reflect on the significance of the Sports Office, the Gym Hall, the Squash Courts and the Tennis courts all standing alongside or surrounding the coming Music Centre. Collegiate's vision that lights our path is "pursuing excellence through holistic education", an education focused not only on books, but also on sports, music, and many other interests and talents.

While pursuing one's vision, one might think when will we reach the excellence that comes through holistic education? To answer this, we must swivel the light from shining forward to lighting what is behind us, and what we have become. This term that excellence shone through the many activities and accomplishments.

It was in the planning and executing of the Charity Bazaar when the learners had fun while working for something significant – funding of and being involved in Project Flamingo, improving the experience of breast cancer patients in the public health system was in the Aspire programme; the Heritage Day Assembly; the Musical Moments Concert; the Hockey Super Twelve magnificent win; the SA representatives in various teams; the compliments on Collegiate learners' sportsmanship and jolly good manners; the Old Girls who express on social media their pride in Collegiate; the learner who stood up and delivered her oral despite her anxiety; the joy on the learner receiving a marked test and shrieking with joy that she had improved; the thoughtfulness of two learners seeking out teachers on their birthdays and singing a special happy birthday to them; the Spring Sports Festival; and at the Cultural Awards Ceremony as learners walked onto stage beaming with pride at their efforts and creative talents being recognised.

But it was also in the Guest Speaker at the Cultural Awards Ceremony, Tammy Southby, adventurous author of the "Sunshine Simplicities" Facebook page. Her message was, "...about doing what you love, and being

passionate about what you love" and who encouraged the learner to "embrace their creativity, to not be afraid, to step out of their comfort zone. And that it's okay to make mistakes along the way."

Tammy's "Sunshine Simplicities" is a fitting way to end my reflection inspired by the significance of Spring, for spring gives way to summer and sunshine. There is summer in my soul when I read Tammy's words that our young ladies already get the concept of stepping out of their comfort zone and are brilliant at what they do.

And her words: "Oh, and as for that Concert Band! What an incredible performance. Goosebumps stuff."

May we all enjoy the "spring break" and return refreshed for the fourth term.

Warm regards,



MRS L ERASMUS
PRINCIPAL

STAFF FAREWELLS

On 1 January 2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Paul McLachlan into our School Management Team and IT Department. A gentleman with a relaxed demeanor and a warm smile, Mr McLachlan quickly became a valued member of our community. From the outset, he demonstrated a soft-spoken, respectful nature, coupled with a genuine care for others and an unwavering work ethic.

His meticulous attention to detail and commitment to excellence have made him an indispensable asset. Whether leading the ESports club, overseeing our online inventory systems, or serving as the Jamf, Mr. McLachlan's contributions have been nothing short of exceptional.

Throughout his time with us, we have witnessed Mr McLachlan grow into a supportive colleague and a proud father of his second child. It has been a true privilege to work alongside such a gentle giant—

someone whose kindness, patience, and profound understanding of education have left an impact.

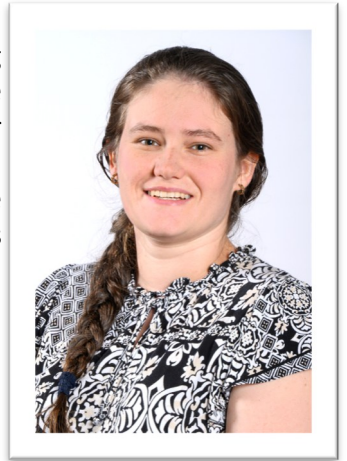
As he embarks on a new chapter at St. Dominic's Priory, we extend our heartfelt best wishes. While we will undoubtedly miss his presence, we are grateful for all he has contributed—his kindness, patience, and unwavering dedication to the essence of being a true educator.



On 12 January 2026, we warmly welcomed Miss Phillips to our school, a dedicated and approachable educator whose passion for Science quickly became evident in her teaching. From the outset, she integrated seamlessly into our community, earning the respect and admiration of both staff and girls alike. Her enthusiasm and commitment have significantly enriched our learning environment.

As we bid farewell, we also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Biggs, as we now refer to her after

getting married,—a woman of deep faith, unwavering resilience, and a genuine love for children. Her presence has left an impression on us all. We wish her continued success in their future endeavors.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Our school attended the MEC Excellence Awards for the 2025 NSC exams on 18 August 2026 .

We are proud to announce the awards:

- Top Performing School and Leadership in Education Award
- Excellence in Teaching: English Home Language
- Excellence in Teaching: Mathematical Literacy

Congratulations to Mrs Louise Erasmus, our Principal, and our Subject Heads who received these awards.



PREFECTS



Congratulations to our 2027 School and Hostel Prefects!

We are incredibly proud of each of these girls and excited to see them step into the new leadership roles. May you lead with integrity, compassion, respect and

responsibility. We wish you a wonderful and successful year of leadership.

Hostel Prefects: Brigid Guest, Lulwando Mbekeni, Unakho Nondlazi, Mihlali Chikowero, Sanelisiwe Stuurman, Zandri Knoetze.

School Prefects: Casey Grobler, Lulwando Mbekeni, Jessica Eaton, Tsepiso Moahloli, Likhanye Jam Jam, Mia Buys, Joslyn Paterson, Olivia Freercks, Shiloh Searle, Christina Yiannaros, Katherine Wilson, Emihle Mazomba, Jemma van der Mescht, Boledi Chuene, Sarah Kruger, Lusanele Ntsepe, Avethandwa Goboza, Zimfefe Gomomo.



ACADEMIC MATTERS

SACEE CHALLENGE

Holly Tudhope and Hlalumi Balfour represented Collegiate Girls' High School at the South African Council for English Education (SACEE) Public Speaking Challenge hosted by Alexander Road High School on Friday 4 September. In a fiercely contested field, Holly claimed first place in the Senior section while Hlalumi achieved second place in the Junior section.



CONSUMER STUDIES

Well done to our Grade Twelve Consumer Studies girls who made their own garments. There is a high level of skill involved and these girls work on their garment through the year for their SBA mark.

Beyond the exam, it's a skill that will last a lifetime.



NATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD SUCCESS



Congratulations to Emily Ball in Grade Twelve on her outstanding achievement in the 2026 National English Olympiad. Emily was placed 49th in South Africa, placing her among the top 1% of participants nationally.

This exceptional accomplishment reflects Emily's advanced critical thinking skills, sophisticated literary analysis, and strong written communication abilities. Competing against thousands of learners from across the country, her achievement highlights both her personal dedication and the strength of academic excellence at Collegiate.

We are immensely proud of Emily and celebrate this remarkable national recognition.

MATHEMATICS AND ADMATHS SA



The following learners received certificates for taking part in the second round of the Mathematics Olympiad: Nabihha Soomar (Junior Competition), Holly Tudhope, Josephine Brown and Elizabeth de Kock (Senior Competition). Holly

Tudhope, Josephine Brown and Elizabeth de Kock were also selected to take part in the South African Mathematics Team Competition which took place on 19 September 2026.

We say farewell to our Grade Twelve Tutors, who for a number of years, committed their time and energy to the tutoring programme. Their care and patience shown towards their tutees is much appreciated. Thank you to the following learners: Mikaela Caliste, Cailin Louw, Clarice Pieterse and Sophia Wood.

ADMATHS SA

Each year, AdMaths SA recognises top-performing learners by awarding certificates for outstanding academic achievement. Clarice Pieterse, a Grade Twelve learner, achieved 90% or higher and received an Academic Achievement Certificate for 2026.

VISUAL ARTS

It has been an exceptionally busy and successful season for the Visual Arts department, filled with incredible achievements, vibrant exhibitions and inspiring outings.

National Recognition for Kristen Botha: Congratulations to Kristen for the phenomenal success of her artwork, *Becoming Her*. Her piece was selected for two prestigious exhibitions:

Vuleka National Art Competition: Kristen received the Young Artist Award as the youngest participant in the competition. Her artwork was showcased as part of the official Vuleka exhibition in Cape Town.

Stellenbosch Academy Visual Arts Competition (SAVAC): Kristen has also been selected as a finalist in SAVAC, a nationwide South African high school competition! Her artwork will be featured in the upcoming exhibition running in Stellenbosch this October, where her work will also be included in the official exhibition catalogue. We are equally thrilled to celebrate our other learners who were selected as finalists in this nationwide competition and will have their work showcased in the October exhibition and catalogue:

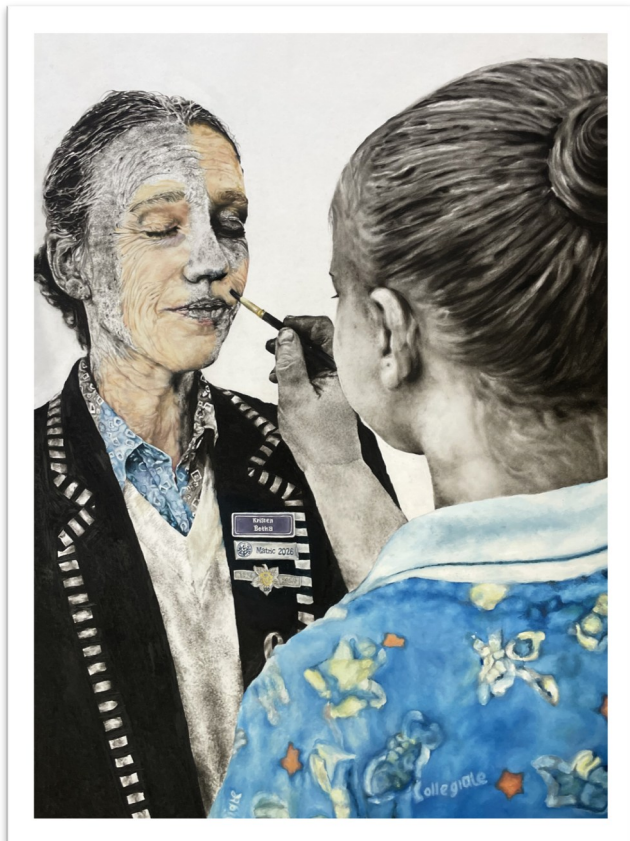
· Emily Handley (Grade Eleven): Finalist for *Worlds Combined* and *Smile for the Camera*

· Hannah Andrews (Grade Twelve): Finalist for *Running Out of Time*

While the final competition winners have not yet been announced, having our learners stand out among top high school talent from across the country is an extraordinary achievement. We wish them the best of luck!

Grade Ten and Eleven Art Exhibition: Our recent Grade Ten and Eleven Art Exhibition, held alongside the Grade Nine Subject Choice Evening was a glowing success. Visitors were treated to a wonderful display of student creativity, as well as an exciting sneak peek of the upcoming Grade Twelve exhibition. Thank you to all the parents and staff who came out to support our young artists.

To gain insight into real-world creative industries, our Grade Eleven Visual Arts learners recently visited the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Art Faculty. The learners explored various specialized fields, including Fashion and Textile Design, Fine Art and Photography, providing them with a valuable look into potential career pathways in the creative arts.



SUBJECT FAIR

The Stevenson Hall was filled with a lively atmosphere on 18th August as the Grade Nine Subject Fair took place. Laughter and games calmed anxious nerves as the Grade Elevens displayed the sisterhood of Collegiate by guiding the Grade Nines in making their subject decisions. This Subject Fair is an annual event that allows the Grade Nines to learn about subjects through first-hand experiences from senior learners. The Grade Nines gain valuable insight into which subjects will best suit them. The Academic Prefect Applicants Committee organised Grade Eleven volunteers to run the subject stalls. The Stevenson Hall was vibrantly decorated with 22 stalls representing every subject offered by Collegiate in the FET phase. Information posters and fun games relating to the subject drew visitors to each stall. The Grade Nines ask questions such as “What type of content is covered and how challenging is the workload of this subject?” The Grade Elevens thoroughly enjoyed hosting the event and promoting their favourite subjects. One of the Prefect applicants described the

event as “a beautiful display of community amongst the Grade Elevens and the Grade Nines. It was amazing to see the Grade Nine learners gaining clarity on their decisions for their subject choices.” The Academic Prefect applicants believe that the Subject Fair was a success, and they hope that the Grade Nines now have a better idea of which subjects they would like to take.



GEOGRAPHY AND LIFE SCIENCES OUTINGS

Our Grade Eleven Geography learners recently embarked on an enriching educational tour to Nieu Bethesda and Graaff-Reinet, combining fieldwork, environmental observation, settlement studies and cultural exploration.

The tour included visits to:

- The iconic Owl House in Nieu Bethesda
- Settlement studies in both Nieu Bethesda and Graaff-Reinet
- The breathtaking Valley of Desolation

- The Fossil Museum in Graaff-Reinet
- Reinet House Museum

These experiences allowed learners to engage directly with geographic concepts studied in the classroom, while developing a deeper appreciation for the unique landscapes, history and cultural heritage of the Karoo. Educational tours such as these provide invaluable opportunities for experiential learning that bring curriculum content to life.

The Grade Eleven Life Sciences learners visited the Van Stadens’ Nature Reserve for a day of outdoor learning.



ASPIRE WEEK

During ASPIRE Week 2026, Collegiate learners embarked on a journey of self-discovery, growth and purpose through this year's theme, "Claim Your Superpower." Guided by the values of Agency, Safety, Positivity, Inclusion, Respect and Equity, learners were encouraged to recognise unique strengths and consider how these gifts can be used to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

The week opened with an inspiring address by guest speaker Mrs Kathy Balshaw, who encouraged learners to see themselves as a GEM: Grateful, Encouraging and willing to Make the effort. This set the tone for a week focused on confidence, service and personal growth. Learners were challenged to rethink the idea of a "superpower". Rather than focusing on fictional abilities, discussions centred on real-life strengths such as resilience, empathy, creativity, leadership, courage and kindness. Through assemblies, classroom activities and reflection exercises, girls were encouraged to identify their talents, passions and values, and to recognise that every person has something unique to contribute.

A presentation for the learners explored practical ways to identify and develop personal strengths. A review of mindset, stories of remarkable individuals, resilience and self-belief challenged learners to think beyond marks, popularity and social media validation and instead focus on legacy. Learners examined how likes, followers and online approval can never replace genuine confidence, purpose or identity.

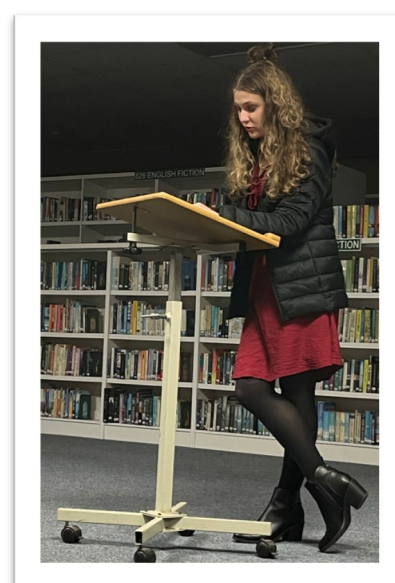
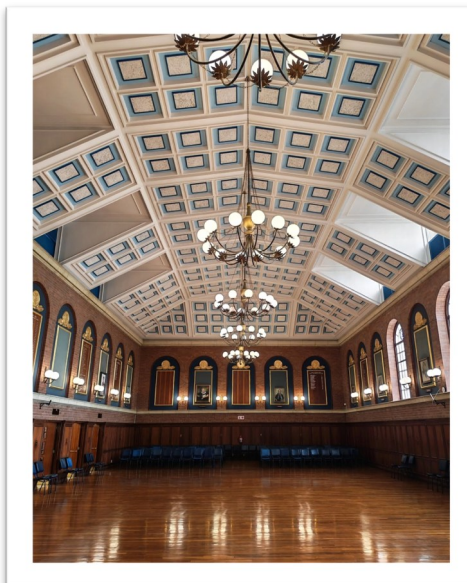
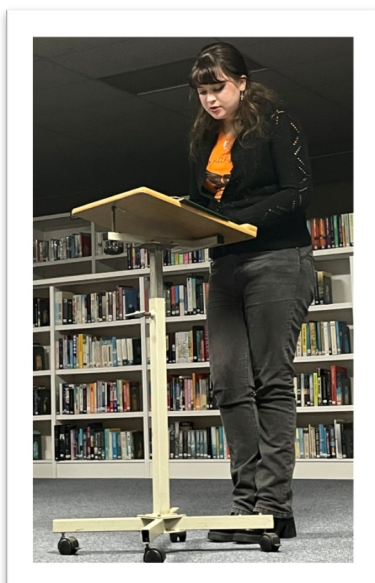
The programme also created opportunities for meaningful conversations around diversity, inclusion and human connection. In partnership with the Nelson Mandela University Centre for the Advancement of Non-Racialism and Democracy (CANRAD), Collegiate hosted a



Simamele session.

A creative and reflective Poetry Workshop hosted by Ms Kromhout and the Literary Society provided learners, staff and Old Girls with an opportunity to explore identity, individuality and personal stories through poetry.

Underlying every activity and conversation throughout ASPIRE Week was the belief that the greatest danger is not failure, but believing that you have nothing special to offer. The world does not need another copy of someone else. By recognising, developing and sharing their strengths, Collegiate learners were challenged to truly claim their superpower and use it to make a difference.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

It has been another busy and rewarding term for Community Outreach at Collegiate, and we are incredibly grateful to our girls, staff, parents and wider school community for their continued support.

Our Charity Bazaar was once again a wonderful success, raising an amazing R76 871.50. The proceeds were donated to Project Flamingo, an organisation that we are very proud to work closely with. Through our partnership with Project Flamingo and Livingstone Hospital, we continue to support the breast cancer ward and help make the ward a more functional and welcoming space for patients.

We also held a very successful Winter Woolly Drive this term. Girls were encouraged to bring winter clothing that they and their families no longer use. Thank you to everyone who cleaned out their cupboards and donated so generously. All the clothing collected was donated to Community Chest as part of their winter drive and

will be distributed to people in need throughout Nelson Mandela Bay.

Finally, we are excited to announce our new Interact leadership for 2027. We would like to thank Clarice Pieterse, our 2026 Interact President, for her leadership and commitment throughout the year.

Congratulations to Shiloh Searle, who has been elected as our Interact President for 2027, together with her Interact Committee members, Eleni Kyazze and Mamello Ramakoena. We wish these girls all the best as they take on their new roles. We know that they will lead with enthusiasm, compassion and a willingness to serve.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Community Outreach at Collegiate. Every donation, every hour volunteered, and every act of kindness helps us to live out our school motto: Facta Non Verba – Deeds, not words.



LAUBSCHER PARK WEST RETIREMENT VILLAGE OUTREACH



The Music department and learners had the privilege of spoiling the residents of Laubscher Park West Retirement Village with a wide range of musical items. Various solo's on violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, euphonium, trumpet, voice and piano were presented to the appreciative audience. Thank you to the committee of the Village that welcomed us so generously.

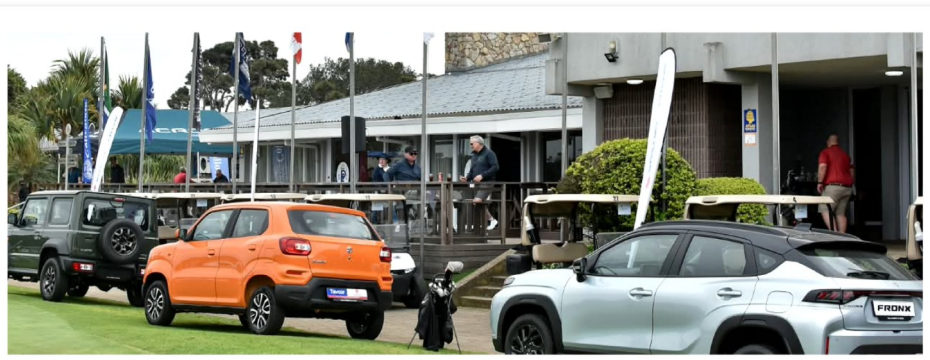
GOLF DAY

On the 22 August, we proudly hosted our annual golf day, an event made possible through the support of our incredible partners, *Daisy and Tavcor Suzuki*.

We took to the PE Golf Club in Gqeberha's Mill Park for a day filled with camaraderie, friendship, connection, and fun. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors who contributed by sponsoring tee boxes, prizes, and especially our title sponsor, without whom this day would not have been such a success.

We look forward to welcoming our friends and families of Collegiate back next year. A special thank you to everyone who participated this year — your support made it a truly memorable day in PE.

All funds raised during this golf day are going towards a meaningful project: the installation of a roof at the Games Club, which is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. We sincerely appreciate the PTA and Stefan from *SteammEvents* for their dedication and effort in making the golf day a success.



SPORT

Term Three has been another outstanding season for Collegiate sport, filled with memorable performances, significant achievements, and countless examples of determination, resilience, and school pride. Our

students have represented Collegiate with distinction across a wide range of sporting codes, both locally and nationally. We congratulate all our players, coaches, managers, and supporters on a successful and rewarding term.

HOCKEY

The hockey season began with an away derby against Framesby, where all participating teams delivered pleasing results. This was followed by our annual trip to Bloemfontein for fixtures against Oranje and Eunice. Despite the chilly conditions and strong opposition, our girls displayed remarkable grit and determination. The 1st Team secured impressive victories over both Oranje and Eunice, while our U16A side recorded a convincing win against Eunice.

Shortly thereafter, both our 1st Team and U16 Rising Stars teams were back in action. The Rising Stars produced an outstanding performance at the Rising Stars Cup in Makhanda, earning a bronze medal. Meanwhile, the 1st Team etched their names into the Collegiate history books by winning the school's first-ever Fairtree Top 12 Gold Medal. Individually, Kerrin Gillies was named Defender of the Tournament, while Salome Oosthuizen received the Save of the Tournament award.

During the July outdoor hockey IPTs, several Collegiate players earned national honours. Congratulations to Gabi de Doncker and Sophia Jansen, who represented

the SA U16A team in Harare, and to Emihle Mazomba, who represented the SA U17A team at the same event. Eden Oliver and Ayanda Klaas were selected for the SA U18B squad, while Kerrin Gillies and Salome-Rose Oosthuizen represented the SA U18A team at the SAHA U21 IPT in Gqeberha, where they secured a bronze medal.

The season concluded with a home derby against Clarendon Girls' High School, where our teams produced another strong set of results. Congratulations to all our players, coaches, and managers on an exceptional hockey season.



NETBALL



Term Three may have been short, but it was certainly busy and successful for our netball teams. The highlight early in the term was hosting the 1st Team Netball Tournament from 17 to 19 July, welcoming schools from across the country. Our 1st Team performed admirably, securing a third-place finish.

Throughout the term, Collegiate competed against

Framesby, Eunice, Oranje, and Clarendon, with our players continuously developing their skills, teamwork, and resilience against quality opposition. The season concluded with our annual Inter-Schools fixture against Clarendon Girls' High School, providing a fitting celebration of the progress made throughout the year.

Our teams also enjoyed success at the Sunridge Fast 5 and Nico Malan Fast 5 tournaments. The fast-paced format showcased the players' adaptability and competitiveness, resulting in a bronze medal at Sunridge and a silver medal at Nico Malan.

To round off the season, Collegiate hosted an end-of-season round-robin afternoon involving lower teams from Linkside and Brylin.

We extend our sincere thanks to our coaches, parents, and supporters whose encouragement and commitment continue to contribute significantly to the success of our netball programme.

TENNIS

Term Three provided a busy and enjoyable season for our tennis players. Favourable winter conditions allowed for productive training sessions, and the term began with a challenging derby against a strong Oranje side. Despite the tough opposition, our players competed with determination and resilience throughout.

During the Clarendon derby weekend, our matriculants participated in their final matches for Collegiate, while a young and talented team travelled to Cradock alongside Grey High School to compete in the Marlie Moolman Tournament. Despite frosty conditions, the girls embraced the opportunity to test themselves against strong opposition from across South Africa, gaining valuable experience along the way.

The Collegiate School Championships also took place this term. Congratulations to Caitlin Kingwill, who claimed the U14 singles title, Lauren Duckworth, who won the U16 singles championship, and Bronwyn Shone, our tennis captain, who was crowned senior singles

champion.

The term concluded with the St Andrew's College DSG Doubles Tournament. Players enjoyed competitive doubles and mixed doubles matches against schools from Grahamstown, East London, and Makhanda. Although rain prevented the completion of the final fixtures, the tournament proved to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved.



SQUASH



It has been another encouraging and successful term for Collegiate squash. Both teams have shown significant growth, commitment, and enthusiasm for the sport.

Our 2nd Team continues to establish itself as an exciting developing side, demonstrating steady improvement

and increasing confidence throughout the season. The 1st Team also enjoyed several strong performances, with a standout highlight being a memorable victory over Clarendon. Defeating Clarendon for the first time in several years was a particularly proud moment and a reward for the team's dedication and hard work.

This term, we also bid farewell to two valued senior players, Nina Mitchell and Madison Everts. Madison has served as First Team captain and has been an outstanding leader both on and off the court. We thank both players for their commitment, leadership, and contributions to Collegiate squash and wish them every success in the future.

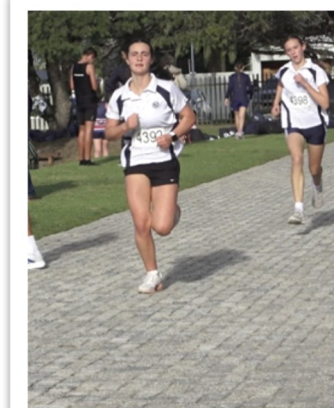
With a talented group of young players progressing through the ranks, the future of squash at Collegiate remains extremely bright.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The first race of the term took place at Brandwag. In the junior category, Megan Woolward finished 6th overall and 2nd in the U15 age group. Reeve Kruger placed 7th overall and 5th in the U14 category, while Ninke Scholtz and Hayley van der Riet also produced strong performances.

The Cross Country League concluded at Framesby with a prize-giving and fun run. Collegiate finished 2nd overall out of 19 schools in the junior category and 3rd overall out of 20 schools in the senior category.

The Clarendon Derby Exchange was held at the Port Elizabeth Golf Club and proved to be an enjoyable event. Clarendon claimed the junior title, while Collegiate secured victory in the senior division.



CRICKET

The Inter-House Cricket competition saw Alexandria House claim the championship trophy. Elizabeth House finished as runners-up, while the developing Border

House team recorded an impressive third-place finish.

The start of the SAT20 League has seen our cricketers return to action with enthusiasm. Both the 1st and 2nd teams compete in the top division, and it has been rewarding to see the progress made throughout the year.

Congratulations to Makenzie Thomas, Morgan de Souza, and Madison Venter on their selection to the Eastern Province U16 Cricket Squad. We look forward to the announcement of the final provincial team in October.



CHESS

It has been a particularly busy term for our chess players as they completed their league commitments and participated in two derby exchanges.

Our top four players travelled to Bloemfontein for the Oranje Derby, where they performed admirably to secure a 2-2 draw in a series of closely contested matches. The girls enjoyed the warm hospitality and represented Collegiate with excellent sportsmanship and team spirit.

The season concluded with a home derby against Clarendon. Although the team lost 3-1, the matches

were fiercely contested and showcased the growth and determination of our players. We commend the team on an excellent year and their continued commitment to improvement.



ESPORTS

Esports continue to grow from strength to strength at Collegiate. The highlight of the term was the second annual Esports Inter-House Competition, where players competed in Tekken 8 while proudly representing their houses.

Vicky emerged as champion, winning all four of their matches. Alex and Lizzy secured second and third place respectively, while Mary and Boda also competed

strongly, contributing to a highly competitive and enjoyable event.

The continued interest and participation in Esports is encouraging, and the Inter-House competition has become a valuable addition to the programme, providing learners with a fun and engaging platform for competition and teamwork.

SWIMMING

The standout achievement this term came from Jemmah Roman, who delivered an exceptional performance at the Zone 4 Africa Aquatics Swimming Championships. Jemmah returned with 11 medals, including five individual gold medals, one silver, one bronze, a relay gold and three relay silvers. She also earned the prestigious 15-16 Victrix Ludorum title.

We wish all our swimmers every success as they prepare for the SA Short Course Swimming Championships in Pietermaritzburg from 24 to 27 September 2026. Congratulations to Morgan Gous, Sienna Gous, Madison Higgs, Zandri Knoetze, Lize-Marie Kruger, Jemmah Roman, Izibelle van der Wath, and Micaella White on their qualification.



WATER POLO



Term Three provided an important foundation for the upcoming water polo season. Our U14A, U15A, and 1st teams made the most productive training sessions, focusing on fitness, technical development, and team cohesion.

Our newly selected 1st Team has demonstrated great enthusiasm and potential as they continue to develop into a cohesive unit. Several players have also participated in NMB trials and are preparing for the Interprovincial Tournament scheduled for December.

A major highlight of the term was the 1st Team's participation in the Reddam Mackenzie Cup in Cape Town, their first tour of the season. The tournament provided valuable exposure and competition against quality opposition, contributing significantly to the team's growth.

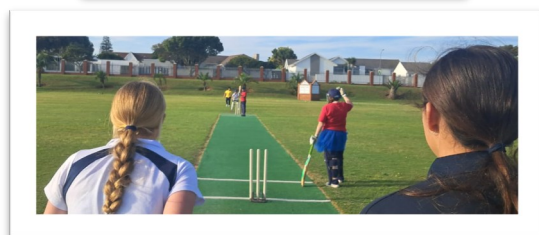
CLOSING

Term Three has once again showcased the depth of talent, commitment, and sporting excellence that exists within Collegiate. Whether representing the school on local courts and fields or earning recognition on provincial and national stages, our students have consistently embodied the values of dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

We concluded the term with our annual **Spring Sports Festival**, an event that Collegiate has proudly hosted for the past ten years. The festival once again provided our athletes with an excellent opportunity to compete against quality opposition while showcasing the spirit and hospitality that have become synonymous with this event. Our U14A and U15A Water Polo teams competed against fourteen visiting teams, while our U15A and U15B Tennis teams took on strong opposition throughout the festival. On the cricket field, our 1st and 2nd teams enjoyed valuable match experiences against Pearson,

Woodridge, and Victoria Park. The success of this longstanding event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We extend our sincere gratitude to **Tavcor Motor Group, Audi, MG, Tavcor Suzuki, Investec, SouthSure Brokers** and **Brian Bands** for their continued partnership and commitment to school sport.

We thank all our coaches, managers, parents and supporters for their unwavering commitment throughout the term, and we congratulate every athlete who has proudly represented Collegiate. We look forward to building on these achievements and celebrating even more success in the months ahead.



CHOIR

At the start of the term, the Choir performed at the Pearson High School Serene Sounds Choir Festival as part of their centenary birthday celebrations. It has been a festive event which culminated in a Mass performance by all choirs present.

Momentum continued at the final round of the AKTV Applous choir competition held in the Cape Town City hall. Excitement filled the air as we represented our school on national stage. We are proud to announce that the choir received the award for their presentation of the category: "Best African Song", marking one of the year's proudest accomplishments.



STRING ENSEMBLE

The String Ensemble kicked off the Third Term with a workshop the day before school started. This was mainly in preparation for their participation at the Grey Strings Festival that took place on Sunday 26 July. The Ensemble performed two lively African-themed medleys, one by Mafikizolo and one by Johnny Clegg, that was warmly applauded by the audience.

The Strings also performed at the Musical Moments concert on 13 August. For this, they added some ABBA

to their repertoire to balance out the African vibe.

Some members of the String Ensemble were also chosen to take part in a Youth Chamber Festival on 27 August at NMU's Bird Street Campus. Here they got the opportunity to play in smaller ensemble settings, such as duets and trios, as well as mixed ensemble groups with string players from other schools. We hope to send more string players to participate in this event next year.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

As is our cherished tradition, we bid a fond farewell to our Grade Twelve learners at the annual *Musical Moments* Concert, held in the Stevenson Hall. The evening showcased the exceptional talent and dedication of our musicians, with all our ensembles

and larger groups presenting memorable programmes to an appreciative audience. It was a fitting celebration of our Grade Twelve learners and their contribution to the musical life of the school.

CONCERT BAND

On 19 September 2026, the Concert Band performed in the annual Symphonic Winds Collaboration Concert alongside bands from Pearson High School, Grey High School, Alexander Road High School and Victoria Park High School. This year's concert was hosted by Pearson High School as part of their centenary celebrations. The

collaboration has become a much-anticipated annual event on the Concert Band calendar, providing the girls with a wonderful opportunity to perform alongside fellow high school bands. It was a wonderful celebration of music, collaboration and the joy of performing together.



SASMT

Several Music learners took part in the Annual SASMT Competition from 23-24 August. Grade Eleven learner, Asemahle Nomnganga, reached the final round in both the D1 and D2 solo categories — on clarinet and saxophone — and claimed 2nd place overall in the D1 (Grade 4–6 solo section) on saxophone. Grade Twelve learner, Aisha Mxokozeli (voice), advanced to the final round and was announced overall winner of the D2

senior solo category (Grade 7 and higher). We are immensely proud of their dedication, artistry, and this outstanding achievement.



BALLROOM DANCING

The Dance Tests held by the South African Dance Teachers Association Eastern Cape took place during August. Six girls entered and we would like to congratulate them on receiving the following excellent results:

Gold badge: Jemima Gibson received Highly Commended for Ballroom

Silver badge: Holly Tudhope received Honours with Distinction for Ballroom and Honours for Latin

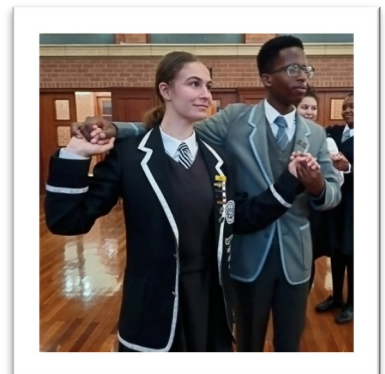
Bronze badge:

- Aisharya Ranjith received Honours for Ballroom and Highly Commended for Latin

Lisa Langenhoven received Honours for both Ballroom and Latin

Luné Kritzinger received Highly Commended for both Ballroom and Latin

Elizabeth de Kock received Honours for both Ballroom and Latin



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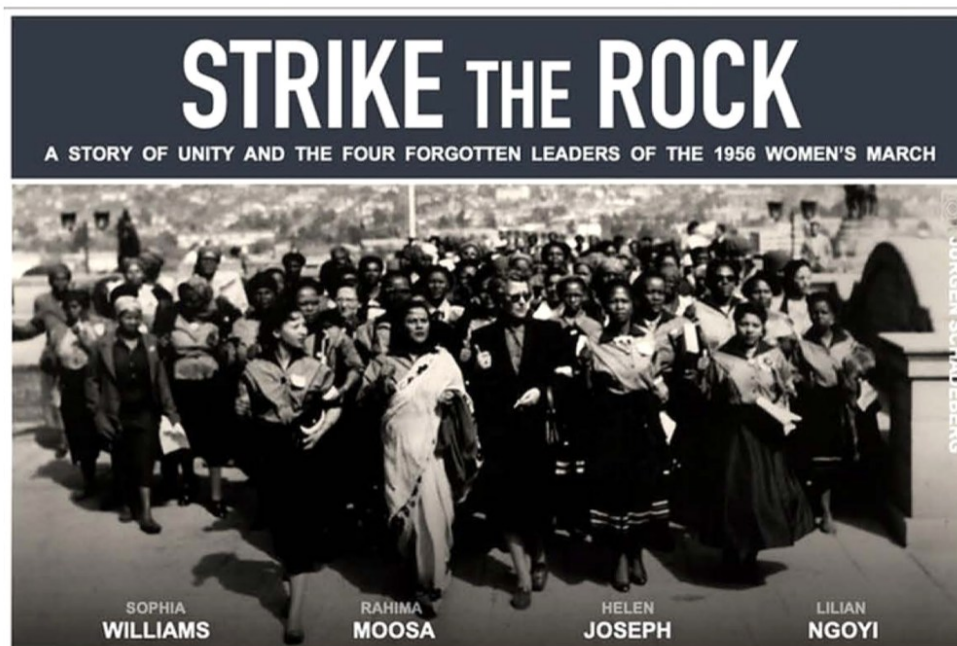
Strike the Rock

13 October 2026

17:30 for 18:00

Collegiate Girls' High School
Stevenson Hall

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South African storyteller and public speaker, Michael Charton, is renowned for bringing history to life through powerful and emotionally engaging narratives. His acclaimed non-fiction presentation entitled *Strike the Rock* for the 3rd annual Public Lecture will trace the power of women, specifically those who participated in the 1956 Women's March. It is 70 years since this historic march and there is much to learn from the strength and resilience of these women.

"To ignore them and what they represent deepens stupidity into monumental folly."

Cape Argus