



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



2024 OUTLOOK

If it's to be, it's up to me!

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION & BELL RINGING



"There is nothing like a dream to create the future."

Victor Hugo

"If it is to be..."

"It is up to me!"



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Alan Watts once said, *"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."* This year, 2024, has certainly been a dance – not a slow waltz, but more like the energetic, head-banging gyrations that Gen Z calls dancing.

HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Our current academic year started with the release of the 2023 matric results in January. 185 students wrote the NSC examination and 178 passed, giving us a pass rate of 96.2%. 134 obtained bachelor's passes whilst 37 obtained Diploma passes. 92% of the class of 2023 thus satisfied the minimum requirements for admission to tertiary study.

There were 226 subject distinctions, including 13 for Afrikaans FAL, 14 for English HL, 12 for History, 44 for Life Orientation, 12 for Mathematics, 13 for Mathematical Literacy, 14 for Physical Science, and a whopping 54 for isiZulu FAL. Congratulations to them all! We were exceptionally pleased with the results and very proud that they took our motto to heart and realised the truth in *"If it is to be, it is up to me!"* We wish them all the very best for their futures.

You can read more about the 2023 Grade 12 achievers on pages 16 and 17.

Of course, the results of the Grade 8 – 11 learners are equally important, and we were pleased to be able to hand out progress awards, in February this year, to learners who had improved by 30 positions or more - 35 Grade 9s, 29 Grade 10s, 41 Grade 11s and 31 Grade 12s received certificates for this remarkable improvement during 2023.

Awards distributed at our Junior Prize Giving in February can be found on pages 18 and 19. Our Senior Speech Night Awards can be found on pages 20 and 21.

COMPETITIVE SPORT

Our swimming team achieved very commendable results in the weekly galas and crowned their season with an outstanding performance at the Inter Schools Co-Educational A-league gala in March, hosted by Grantleigh High School at the Kings Park Pool in Durban. Mr White and the team worked exceptionally hard and were rewarded with a well-deserved 4th position behind Thomas More College, Ashton and Curro Hillcrest.

In March our Rugby, Netball, Boys' Soccer, and Boys' and Girls' Hockey 1st Teams, a group of 76 learners accompanied by eight staff members, toured to George in the Western Cape during the school holidays to participate in the Southern Cape Mega High School Sports Tournament. Our netball team is to be commended for winning all ten of their matches played and bringing home the tournament trophy. I would like to thank Mr Windsor for coordinating the tour, and our coaches and



Principal, Mrs Denise Knight

managers for their dedication, giving up the full week of their break to travel with the teams and ensure that all went smoothly. Mr Windsor's report back on the tour can be found on page 57.

We were very pleased to be invited to be part of a new inter-school winter sport tournament this year, the **PSG Super 8 Series**. As the name suggests, there are eight schools involved competing in Netball, Rugby, and Hockey. Four northern KwaZulu-Natal teams - Vryheid High School, Richards Bay High School, Pioneer Hoër Skool and Empangeni High School played four teams from the southern side of the region - Suid Natal Hoër Skool, Kingsway High School, Riverwood College and Hillcrest High School.

The series ran over four consecutive weekends, and turned out to be an excellent series, showcasing some outstanding sporting talent, exciting matches, and fantastic sportsmanship and comradery amongst the players. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Head of Sport, Mr Patrick Windsor for co-ordinating and organising this tournament. My sincere thanks also go to all the coaches and managers of all the teams in the three sporting codes netball, rugby and hockey as well as our catering team for ensuring that the coaches were taken care of during the events hosted at HHS.

The finals of the series were hosted by Riverwood College in Pietermaritzburg. It was a lovely day, very well organised, well supported and of course the sport was excellent. Our 1st Boys' and Girls' Hockey teams took 1st place as did the 1st Netball team. We also won the trophy for the Best Netball School of the tournament. Congratulations to every one of our players, you all played with heart and passion, you showed excellent sportsmanship, and I was very proud to be the principal of Hillcrest High School.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Our school play *"The Lucky Star Hotel"* was written and directed by the very talented Ms Georgina Giorko and was a magnificent production. We have some very talented learners, and it is always lovely to see this talent on show. I must also commend the outstanding job that the backstage crew did with the sets, lighting, make up and special effects. Many thanks to all the people involved in the long hours of work that go into ensuring the success of a show of this magnitude.

The **isiZulu Cultural Evening** presented our very talented isiZulu dancers the opportunity to show off their skills. We were very honoured to have Mrs Tembe from the Education Department attend the evening, and once again the performers were well-prepared and gave of their heart and soul throughout the show. Our thanks go to the educators in the Zulu Department for their hard work and dedication.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Our annual **Angel Fund fundraiser** took the form of a ladies Breakfast with Megan and Fay Coleman as the guest speakers. This year we were able to hold it in the C.M. Girvin Multi-purpose Centre and it was an uplifting and empowering morning. As usual it was very lucrative event, and we are assured that we can continue to assist our learners in need going forward. I must extend my appreciation to Mrs Edy and Mrs Kowlesur for their substantial contribution to ensuring the success of this event.

The **Interact Club** has also been very active this year under the guidance of Mr Moffatt and Mrs Leppan. The highlight for the learners was participating in the Dr Turnbull project to revamp an under-resourced school in Molweni, Valley of 1000 Hills. Thank you to the staff who supported the learners during their July school holiday break.

WHERE GOOD RESULTS

Many individual learners, sports teams and chess teams, cultural groups and even past pupils have achieved some outstanding results throughout the year, and I must laud our marketing department and our journalism club on ensuring that our results and all our achievements are regularly highlighted on social media.

The wonderful collaboration and support which we receive from the following committees or collectives contributes to the overall success of our school.

Firstly, the **School Governing Body** – the Governing Body plays a critical role in the governance of the school, providing additional funding to run the school and ensuring that the children receive quality education. This year is the start of the new three-year term for SGBs and we were fortunate that our election process in March went off smoothly. I am pleased to say that yet again, we have a supportive and effective Governing Body.

Mr Byron Creed has been elected as the Chairperson, Mr Troy Scott is the Treasurer and Mrs Francis Mans is the Secretary. Next year is going to involve many extra hours of shortlisting and interviews for the SGB Interview Committee, thanks to the two gazettes which have been published, one for Post Level 1 staff, and another for promotional posts. In total we have 5 posts advertised and we are looking forward to being able to finally fill these permanent positions. I would like to thank all the members of the SGB for all that they do for the school and for their continued support.

Next is the **Hillcrest High School Trust**, ably chaired by Mr Mbongeni Ndlovu, it continues to grow from strength to strength, with its focus on two main goals:

- To finance capital projects, which the school would not normally be able to afford and
- to raise funds to subsidise the education of deserving students by awarding Trust scholarships.

This year the Trust has funded and mentored the education of eight learners, all of whom have greatly benefitted from the commitment of these trustees and other mentors. We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors who make it possible for the Trust to award these scholarships. I thank all the Trust members for their continued contribution and support to the school.

To our **Circuit Manager, Dr Zulu** and the helpful admin and support staff in the Pinetown District office – we really appreciate all their support and assistance. I am certain that without all their backing, this school would not be able to run as smoothly and efficiently as it does.

To all the learners who have contributed to the school in a positive way, thank you for always being proud of your school and doing whatever you can to hold up its reputation through every situation.

To our parents – my thanks to you all for your continued support of the school and the staff when it comes to the



From left to right:
Ayabonga Mkhize, Tayla Davies,
Philasande Phewa, Mrs DP Knight, Antony Smith,
Kaelyn Stainer, Nkosinathi Radebe

academic progress, behavioural well-being, and sporting pursuits of your children, and also for your continued financial support despite the difficult economic times we are currently facing. Without your funding we would not be able to run the school the way we do, and we certainly would not be able to ensure the quality of learning that you have come to expect.

To the **Student Leadership Team** under the leadership of Mrs Ramsern – many thanks for all that you have done to assist with the discipline, respect, and positive atmosphere in the school body. I really appreciate all the support you have shown myself and the management team, and I commend Antony Smith and Philasande Phewa for their remarkable leadership.

I would also like to thank the members of the wider Hillcrest community and our generous sponsors for their support and sponsorship of school events and projects.

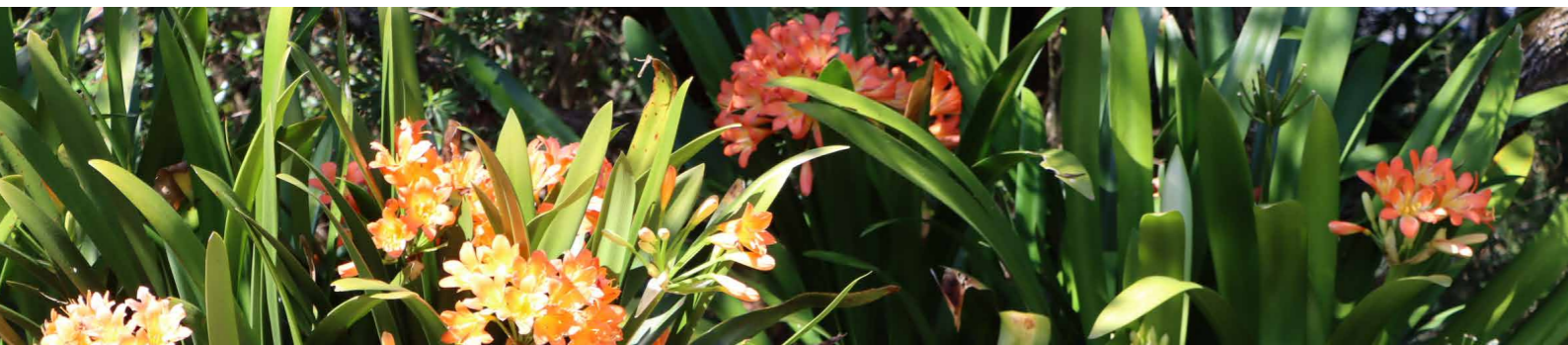
Finally, to the **Grade 12 Class of 2024** – your high school journey has been filled with many adventures starting with two years of COVID-19 which included lockdowns, rotational schooling, masks, maintaining a social distances of a metre or more; riots and looting, floods, loadshedding, and water problems. And yet, you have come through all of that, stronger than you ever imagined and I will always think of you as the Matric Class of trend setters, the class

that were determined to buck the way things had been done before – and to do it their way! I hope do hope that you were all ready to face the final challenge – the NSC Examinations, and you did it your way one last time and will achieve the outstanding results we know you are capable of.

I would like to conclude with this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson,

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path, and leave a trail".

We wish you all the very best for your NSC results and for the future.



SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Byron Creed

The 2024 year was nothing short of extremely busy, eventful, pleasing and rewarding for Hillcrest High School.

Congratulations, once again, to Mrs Denise Knight on her official appointment as Principal in March 2024. Following a two-year period as Acting Principal, Mrs Knight continues to lead our school in pursuit of excellence in academics, competitive sport, cultural and social endeavours.

Mr Sibongiseni Ndebele is to be congratulated on his appointment, in April 2024, as Acting

Deputy Principal. He has been a valuable member of Hillcrest High School for almost 30 years and has already made a positive impact in his new position.

Our Grade 12 Class of 2023 achieved a pass rate of 96,2% for the 2023 Matric year. Congratulations to Mrs Carol Edy, the HHS Academic Committee and educators for their continued pursuit of academic excellence.

In April we wished our long serving Deputy Principal, Mr. Pieter Victor farewell as he rang the school bell for the last time, signaling the end of 27 years of service to our school. Mr. Victor took early retirement after working steadfastly to assist with the expansion and growth of the school, general maintenance and project management, along with his teaching responsibilities. As the “nuts & bolts” and “go to guy” regarding the school infrastructure, Mr Victor would often take you on a journey through the historical growth of the school and the many improvements accomplished over the years.

A new cohort of school governing body members was elected at the end of Term 1 to serve for a three-year term. We appreciate the time and commitment they have already invested this year, and the support they have given and look forward to the good governance and positive impact they will have in all sectors of the school going forward. A unified SGB team plays a valuable part in our school's ability to perform and deliver.

A special note of appreciation needs to be made to the previous SGB members who served the school in a professional and dedicated manner, ensuring the continued good governance, growth and maintenance of our school. Thank you for your loyalty, dedication, and many hours given to our wonderful school.

Since this was a SGB election year, there were no major projects carried out and the primary focus was on purchasing additional furniture and school equipment, repairs and maintenance, and the necessary upgrades to the information technology infrastructure at the school. Notable expenditure included the replacement of the school pool water pipelines which had several leaks resulting in considerable water loss, the purchasing of 250 plastics chairs for the CM Girvin Multi-Purpose Centre, new awnings on the school fields, the Kingfisher viewing deck and in School Road, and finally, additional shade-ports for the concrete seating area adjacent to the main sports field.

The Matric Dance, held on 6 April in the CM Girvin MPC was a superb evening. Even though the event lived up to the annual tradition of inclement weather, the Grade 12 learners and their respective partners looked amazing, and the evening was a great success. We are sure they will have many special memories to look back on in the future. A vote of thanks and appreciation to Mrs Edy, Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Gabisa, Mr Ndebele, our staff members and the Grade 10 and 11 learners who worked as waiters, for all their efforts in ensuring the evening was a success.

This year's HHS Golf Day, held in 2024, was outstanding with an amazing turn out of keen golfers for the event. Thank you to Mr. Windsor, Mrs. Blom, Mrs. Ingle and all the staff who were involved in this fundraiser which raised an impressive R55k for the sports' department. We look forward to the HHS Golf Day growing again next year. Thank you to all our sponsors, prize donors, parents and golfers for supporting this event.

Congratulations to all our students who were selected at various sporting levels, provincial and national level, to represent in their chosen field of sport. Well done on your exceptional achievements. Thank you to our HHS Choir, Gospel Choir, and Steel Drums members for providing the entertainment at the various functions held throughout this year. It is always a pleasure to watch you perform at our school events.

This year, two new cultural events were included in the schooling calendar namely the RCL Heritage Evening and Drama & Visual Arts Evening. Both functions were superb and congratulations to Ms. Giorko, Mr. Bartholomew, Mrs. McDonald, and everyone else involved in these inaugural events. I encourage everyone to come along next year and enjoy an evening out and to see the incredible depth of talent HHS has to offer.

Thank you to our Catering Department, to Mrs. Geel and her dedicated team of staff and Catering Club learners who have worked tirelessly throughout the year, over weekends and at evening events, to provide refreshments for our staff and guests, including the over 950 people who attended our school Open Day.

To our Principal, Mrs. Knight, thank you for your leadership, passion, commitment, and dedication to our incredible school.

The staff of HHS, Acting Deputy Principals Mrs Edy and Mr Ndebele, the School Management Team members, Grade Controllers, Educators and Non-educators, the Support and Ground Staff, I cannot thank you enough for all your hard work and commitment. Every member of staff is extremely dedicated, passionate, talented and serves in the best interests of our school and learners.

To the parents, guardians, and our community, thank you for your continued support throughout this year. I encourage all of you to get more involved with HHS and to attend our school events and sporting fixtures next year. Have a blessed festive season, safe travels, enjoy quality family time, relax and unwind.

“The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow is our doubts of today,” – Franklin D. Roosevelt



SCHOOL TRUST- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mbongeni Ndlovu



The Hillcrest High School Trust was registered in 1987. The objectives of the Trust are to provide funds for the education, betterment, advancement in life and general well-being of the learners and staff of Hillcrest High School, including the provision of bursaries for learners at the school. This year the Trust focused mainly on expanding the Trust Scholarship programme and deepening the connection between past pupils and the school. I am delighted to share the below highlights for the Trust this year with the school community.

TRUSTEES

We were pleased to welcome a new ex officio Trust committee member, Kim Blom, Marketing and Public Relations Manager at Hillcrest High School. Kim is very committed to supporting the Trust and playing a valuable role of being a "bridge" between the school and the Trust. We are incredibly grateful for the passion and energy she has injected into the Trust since her appointment.

This year the committee included me as Chairperson, Sven Kraunsoe, serving as Vice-Chairperson, Mrs Sue Schreuder (Finance Officer), Mr Rod van Eck, Ms. Liz Snyman, Ms Mpumi Methula and Mr Mbulelo Mandindi. Mrs Denise Knight, and Ms Kim Blom serve as ex officio members representing the school. I thank all the Trust committee members for their service and commitment to the Trust committee this year.

PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

The Past Pupils and Supporters Association is an attempt to create a networking platform for past pupils and supporters of HHS and assist this network to develop stronger ties to the school. The main platform to connect to past pupils is through the Hillcrest High School Past Pupils page. This year we also introduced a Hillcrest High School Scholarship LinkedIn page and next year we aim to consolidate our past pupil database.

We are grateful to Mrs Judith Knox-Whitehead and the HHS Social Media Journalism Club for publishing regular articles on our various social media platforms which showcase and profile prominent past pupil achievements.

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL TRUST (HHST) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Trust has developed a thriving Scholarship programme. Using a co-funding model, where we partner with sponsors, we cover partial and full tuition at HHS. The Scholarship has a stringent selection process and awardees are also put through a mentorship programme where they are assigned an individual mentor and receive talks on pertinent topics such as racism, gender-based violence, climate change and mental health.

We congratulate our eight current HHST Scholarship recipients: Eshle Buthelezi (Grade 11), Faye Verster (Grade 11), Taylor Van Tromp (Grade 10), Nonjabulo Malinga (Grade 10), Thato Nkwanyana (Grade 10), Mazithi Khunyana (Grade 9), Tessie Makayla Torchia (Grade 8), and Sisanda Dlamini (Grade 8).

We are also grateful to our sponsors this year: Aeon Investments, Nicky Muller, the Subramunian Family, Dr Amy Booth, Newlyn Group, Pierre du Toit (Cameloo Trust), Rumo International and Sven Kraunsoe.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all those who have supported the Trust during the past year, and we look forward to your continued support next year. Congratulations to the class of 2024, please keep in touch and let us know how you progress through the next phases of your lives.

Mbongeni Ndlovu – Chairperson

Contact Mbongeni directly at ndlovum@hhs.co.za or for general enquiries contact trust@hhs.co.za

"If it was not for this scholarship, I would not have been able to receive the quality education that I have received at Hillcrest High School and be exposed to so many opportunities."

Ntando Shange

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

STAFF 2024



Row 7: Mr CM Steedman, Mr R D'Almaine, Mr LG Hudson-Piccione, Mr E Smith, Mr S Moffatt, Mr M Bartholomew, Mr W Searle, Mr C Wood, Mr LX Roux, Mr G Pearl, Mr A Burger, Mr L Zuma, Mr NG Majola, **Row 6:** Mrs D van Heerden, Mrs JL Hiscock, Mr CR Madeley, Mrs C Hodgskin, Mr D Gay, Ms M Bourreau, Mrs MOE Woodrow, Ms N Badenhorst, Mrs AE Sebeikin, Mr CC Marillier, Mrs JA Chabant, Mrs A Jugmohan, **Row 5:** Mrs SJ Geel, Mrs B Nicholas, Ms GR Stow, Mrs LJ Prior, Mrs MB Leppan, Mrs L Janssens, Mrs M Henderson, Mrs FJ Oosthuyzen, Mrs CA Lessing, Mr B Gibbs, **Row 4:** Mrs L Middleton, Ms S Kowlesur, Mrs MC Gordon, Mrs J Silva, Mrs G Bastion, Mrs JC Soane, Mrs S Strydom, Ms E Burger, Mrs M Bowley, Ms ES Blom, Mrs LJ Topham, Mrs J Walters, **Row 3:** Ms ZO Khanyile, Ms M Thompson, Mrs R Jordaan, Mrs NH Magubane, Mrs A Wessels, Mrs A Stols, Mrs E Gomes, Mrs S Mtakwende, Mrs JE Knox-Whitehead, Mrs L Huxham, Mrs MB Chetty, **Row 2:** Mrs Y Desai, Ms S Ramsout, Ms SJ Boyce, Mrs JM Bega, Mrs J Leuschke, Mrs M McLaughlin, Mr El Moore, Mr PD Windsor, Mrs KL Mc Callum, Mr NS Jali, Mrs ML Singh, Mrs E Naidoo, **Row 1:** Mr B White, Mrs T Tonkin, Mrs R Harmse, Ms TP Gabisa, Mrs CL Edy, Mrs DP Knight, Mr SD Ndebele, Mr B Moffatt, Mrs NE Atkinson, Ms GA Giorko, Mrs P Ramsern

PRINCIPAL

DP Knight HDE

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

CL Edy* (Acting) BComm, HDE
SD Ndebele* (Acting) Ed (Hons)



DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

NE Atkinson	BA(Hons), HDE, (Grade 11)
TP Gabisa	BA PGCE, (Grade 12)
GA Giorko	BA (Hons), BEd Nat. Diploma (Drama), (Grade 10), (Subject Head: Dramatic Arts)
R Harmse	HDE DSE (Grade 11), (Subject Head: Life Sciences)
M McLaughlin	BSoc Sci , BEd (Hons), (Grade 8), (Subject Head: Life Orientation)
B Moffatt	BA PGCE, (Grade 12)
El Moore	BA PGCE, (Grade 8), (Subject Head: History)
P Ramsern	BA (Hons), B.Paed, (Grade 9), (Subject Head: Geography)
T Tonkin	BEd, (Grade 10), (Subject Head: Engineering, Graphics, and Design)
B White	BEd, (Grade 9)
J Leuschke	BSC, HDE, ACE (Learning Support Unit), (Subject Head: Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy)
P Windsor	BEd, (Head of Sport)

EDUCATORS

FULL TIME

N Badenhorst	BEd, (Subject Head: Physical Sciences)
IA Bothma	BA (Education), (Subject Head: German)
SJ Geel	NPD, (Subject Head: Consumer Studies)
R Jordaan	HDE FDE, (Subject Head: Afrikaans)
JE Knox-Whitehead	BSc (Hons) PGCE (Subject Head: Natural Sciences)
B Nicholas	BA (Hons), PGCE, (Subject Head: Visual Arts)
G Pearl	BSc (IS) (Hons), BEd (Hons) , (Subject Head: Information Technology)
ML Singh	BA BEd (Hons), (Subject Head: Tourism)
M Bartholomew	Diploma (Part-time)
G Bastion	BA PGCE
JM Bega	BEd
ES Blom	BSc, BMedSc (Hons), MSc, PGCE
M Bourreau	BEd
SJ Boyce	BEd BA (Hons)
E Burger	HDE
JA Chabant	HDE
S-L Cope	BEd (Hons), Dip. (Graphic Design)
Y Desai	BSc, PGCE
MC Gordon	BA, HDE
L Gordon	HDE, ACE Technology
M Henderson	BEd
S Henderson	BComm, PGCE
J Hiscock	BEd
C Hodgskin	B.Tech
L Hudson-Piccione	BEd (Hons), BA
NS Jali	BEd
A Jugmohan	MEd
N Dlamini	BSc, PGCE, (Laboratory Assistant/Educator)
MB Leppan	HDE
S MacDonald	Nat. Dip (Dramatic Arts), PGCE
CR Madeley	BA, HDE
NH Magubane	National Diploma (Hospitality Management), PGCE
L Mbuyazi	BEd
L Middleton	HDE
S Mtakwende	PGCE
ML Mthanti	BEd
E Naidoo	BEd
FJ Oosthuyzen	BEd
LJ Prior	BSc, PGCE
S Ramsout	BEd, BA (Hons)
DE Reuben	FDE, JSED
S Strydom	BEd
W Searle	BSc
AE Sebeikin	BA, PGCE
J Silva	BA, HDE
M Smith	HDE
CM Steedman	BEd
A Stols	BTech, PGCE
GR Stow	BComm, PGCE
D Van Heerden	BA, PGCE
A Wessels	HDE
C Wood	BSc (Hons), PGCE
MOE Woodrow	Nat. Dip. (Mech. Eng) PGCE
N Zulu	BEd
L Zuma	BEd



STUDENT SUPPORT

S Kowlesur	BA (Social Work), B.BAdmin, PGCE (Social Worker)
L Huxham	B.SOC SC (Social Work), PGCE (LO Educator/Counsellor)

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICER

L Janssens	ADE
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MEDIA STAFF

E Gomes	BA (Music), Nat. Dip., HR, NGC, IPRC (Librarian)
MB Chetty	(Assistant Librarian)

SPORTS STAFF

P Windsor	BEd, (Head of Sport)
CC Marillier	(Cricket Development Officer)
LJ Topham	Nat. Dip. (Sports Coaching Assistant), (Sports Officer Sciences)
	Nat. Certificate (Sports Management), (Sports Coach)
A Burger	(Teaching Assistant/Sports Coach)
NG Majola	(Teaching Assistant/Sports Coach)
LX Roux	BComm ,(Teaching Assistant and Head Rugby Coach)

SUPPORT STAFF

FINANCE

JC Soane	BComm, (Business Manager)
M Thompson	(Bursar)
CA Lessing	(Finance Assistant)
S Naidoo	(Assistant Bursar)

FRONT OFFICE

M Bowley	(Principal's Personal Assistant)
KL McCallum	(Computerisation & Administrative Clerk)
J Walters	(Receptionist)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

DA Gay	BSc (Eng), HDE, MCSE, (IT Manager)
S Moffatt	(Network Administrator)
N Naude	(IT Support)

MARKETING

K Blom	Dip. Public Relations, (Public Relations and Marketing Manager)
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OTHER

ZO Khanyile	(General Assistant)
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GROUNDS AND SECURITY STAFF

IJ Summerton	(Grounds Manager)
MP Barthus	(Grounds and Security Assistant)
L Magubane	(Security)
CB Mzimela	(Handyman)
B Ndlovu	(Handyman)



Mr Victor

FAREWELL MR VICTOR

In April this year, the Hillcrest High School community bid Mr Pieter Victor, our Deputy Principal, farewell as he closed off his 27-year journey at the school to begin his retirement. Mr Victor joined HHS in June 1997 as an Engineering, Graphics, and Design (EGD) teacher, quickly becoming the Subject Head for EGD, as well as the 1st Team Rugby Coach.

Promoted to Deputy Principal in 2006, Mr Victor said that he has many good memories to look back on. These included working with three past headmasters, Mr Garret, Mr Delpont and Mr Craig Girvin, and working alongside Mrs Knight, our current HHS Principal, for 20 years. Some of his fondest memories are of being the rugby coach and taking his team on a rugby tour to Zimbabwe. During this tour he created close bonds with the boys, and he still keeps in contact with them today.

Mr Victor was involved in many practical projects during his time at Hillcrest High School and enjoyed the support of the School Governing Body.

The oversight, maintenance, and development of the school property were part of his responsibility as Deputy Principal which allowed him to play to his strengths. Projects that required his involvement over the years included the planning and building of the Kingfisher Room, the bell tower, the refurbishment of the physical science laboratories, the Learners' Support Unit and, most recently, the C.M. Girvin Multi-Purpose Centre and the new F Block classrooms.

He mentioned that the thing he will miss most about working at HHS is the relationships he has built with members of staff and with the learners. He believes in treating everyone with respect and values the relationships and bonds he has made with people over time. Mrs Tonkin, the current Subject Head of EGD, has thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr Victor in the EGD department and says she will miss him dearly. She commented on Mr Victor's eye for detail and how he would walk around the school pointing out things that needed to be done that others would easily miss. His sense of humour, caring nature and belief in her have encouraged her greatly during her time at HHS.

In his retirement, Mr Victor plans to do a lot of traveling for business, fun and to visit family. He also plans to get more involved in community organisations including his local neighbourhood watch, and to help keep the community beautiful. His desire is to try to make the world a better place and to lead by example.

Mr. Victor lives by many mottos, most notably the school motto, "If it is to be, it is up to me!" He also says, "Push yourself out your comfort zone!" and "Get involved, challenge yourself!"

We will miss you Mr Victor and we hope you have a enjoyable and eventful retirement!

Jade Gericke, Grade 11



"Get involved, challenge yourself"



*Mev Strydom,
Mev Middleton & Mev Jordaan*

"Teach with love and compassion, showing respect to students as well as rewarding students when they reach their goals."

FAREWELL MEV RONEL JORDAAN

BIDDING FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR FAVOURITES:

At the end of this year we will bid farewell to Mevrouw Jordaan who has worked at Hillcrest High School for 35 years. Mev Jordaan wanted to become a teacher from a very young age. When asked why she stayed at HHS for so long, she said it was because she loves the school and what it stands for and has always felt a sense of "home" or belonging here.

During her time teaching there have been many technological advances, including the transition from chalkboards to digital white boards and from the old Roneo printing machines to modern day printers. Mev Jordaan says some of the most memorable highlights from her time at HHS include becoming the Subject Head of Afrikaans, being selected to do oral moderation at other schools, and being selected as a Grade Controller, a position she held for seven years. She also fondly recalls winning the Afrikaans EG Jansen Redenaars Competition in 2017, with the Best Speaker, Timon de Waal, competing against Afrikaans Home Language speakers!

Mev Jordaan has been a matric marker for 33 years, 26 years of which she spent as a senior marker and three as Chief Marker for the Afrikaans P2 NSC Matric exam. While Mev Jordaan has traditionally taught Afrikaans, there was a shortage of History teachers one year, so she and Mev Middleton each took on the task of teaching a Grade 8 History class, which she found very interesting. One of the teaching disciplines that she says has been her guide has been to have high expectations of herself and of her students. She also believes one should teach with love and compassion, showing respect to students as well as rewarding students when they reach their goals.

In addition to teaching, Mev Jordaan has also coached 1st Team Netball, started and coached 1st Team Softball and oversaw High Jump, Javelin, Hurdles and Sprints in Athletics. In recent years Mev Jordaan has filled the role of RCL Liaison Officer and overseen the staff "Care Committee".

Mev Jordaan has a very close bond with her students, and they know that her door is always open for them. She says that her most rewarding experiences with students have been with those who have persevered through personal struggles and managed to excel academically and on the sports field.

Mev. Jordaan cannot wait to retire. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and travelling. She wants to learn how to sew and knit properly. Although she still enjoys teaching, she says she will not miss setting tests and exams and all the marking that comes with it. We wish her a very happy retirement. We will miss her, and we greatly appreciate the huge contribution she has made to our school and to the teaching and marking of Afrikaans in our province.

Annika Adendorff, Grade 12



8 As



7 As



5 As



6 As



4 As

Congratulations to Class of 2023

MATRICES 2023

The long wait for our 2023 Matrics came to an end on Friday, 19th January when the Matric results were released. 185 students wrote the NSC examination last year and 178 passed, giving us a pass rate of 96%. 134 obtained Bachelor's passes whilst 37 obtained Diploma passes. 92% of the class of 2023 have thus satisfied the minimum requirements for admission to tertiary study.

There were 226 subject distinctions, including 13 for Afrikaans FAL, 14 for English HL, 12 for History, 44 for Life Orientation, 12 for Mathematics; 13 for Mathematical Literacy, 14 for Physical Science, and 54 for isiZulu FAL.

The following students got 4 distinctions:

- Isabella Doherty
- Nicholas Hodgson
- Robben Kippen
- Lesley McFarlane
- Cara Oltmann
- Mngqobi Sithole

The following students got 5 distinctions:

- Hannah Murrin
- Matthew Brookryk
- Zinedeane Davids (on top of these 5 distinctions, Zinedeane also achieved an additional distinction in the external examination for Further Studies Mathematics)
- Kyla Pechey
- Daniel Scheepers, and
- Deeksha Tanwar (on top of these 5 distinctions, Deeksha also achieved an additional distinction in the external examination for Further Studies Mathematics)

Our students with 6 distinctions were:

- Natasja Degger
- Lerushan Viraragavan (on top of these 6 distinctions, Lerushan also achieved an additional distinction in the external examination for Further Studies Mathematics)

This year we were thrilled to have 5 students with 7 distinctions:

- Maia Klijnstra (on top of these 7 distinctions, Maia also achieved an additional distinction in the external examination for Further Studies Mathematics)
- Emma Blackbeard
- Samantha Hunter
- Kinjil Brijrajh
- Jody Eigenmann

And our top achiever with 8 distinctions this year was:

Joshua Blom who achieved A symbols in English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Life Orientation, History, Information Technology, Life Sciences and Physical Science.

Congratulations to them all! We were exceptionally pleased with the results. The class of 2023 did not have an easy high school experience, having been affected by the COVID-19 lockdowns, the unrest, the floods and the like. We are very proud that they took our motto to heart and realised the truth in "If it is to be, it is up to me!"

We wish them all the very best for their futures.



The following pages highlight the achievements of individuals and teams across the five pillars of Hillcrest High School – Academics, Culture, Sports, Service and Leadership. Our theme for 2024 was carried over from 2023 and was G.R.I.T – Growth, Respect, Integrity, and Tenacity.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

SPORTS AWARDS

PACER TRAINING TROPHY

Most Promising Junior Sportswoman

Isabella Momoh / Michaela Clegg

KINGSMEAD DIRECT TROPHY

Most Promising Junior Sportsman

Asiphile Blose

WALSH TROPHY

Best Junior Sportswoman

Lola Klijnstra

STERRETT TROPHY

Best Junior Sportsman

Kingsley Matthews / Paul Momoh

CULTURAL AWARDS

Most Promising Grade 9 Artist

Amber-Lynn Jones

HAWKINS TROPHY

Most Promising Grade 10 Artist

Kelsey Brown

Most Promising Actor / Actress

Amahle Zungu

ACADEMIC AWARDS

THE MOP CAP AWARD

Excellence in Grade 11 Consumer Studies

Tayla Davies

THE HOWARD CUP

Excellence in Grade 11 English

Kiarra Chetty

UKZN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For Grade 11 Physical Science and Mathematics

Kiarra Chetty

KLOOF CONSERVANCY AWARD

Top Grade 11 Life Science Student

Kiarra Chetty

THE STEYTLER WILLIAMS ENDEAVOUR AWARD Njabulo Dlamini / Jaryd Andre

LAURA ATKINSON SHIELD

The Pursuit of Excellence: Juniors

Hannah King / Hayley Chabant

ACADEMIC PRIZEWINNERS 2023

GRADE 8

1st Isabella Te Brugge
2nd Saiusha Viraragavan
3rd Anro Adendorff
Progress Osphile Mhlongo

GRADE 9

1st Brielle Pillay
2nd Hanna Greffrath
3rd Amber-Lynn Jones
Progress Pamela Majola

GRADE 10

1st Ethan Ainhirn
2nd Hannah King
3rd Micaella Hunter
Progress Snoxolo Dlamini
Lwazi Mungwe

GRADE 11

1st Annika Adendorff
2nd Kiarra Chetty
3rd Leiah Kennedy
Progress Onkguputse Mavundla



GRADE 12 CLASS OF 2024

SENIOR SPEECH NIGHT

PRIZE WINNERS

At our Senior Speech Night the Dux, Dux Proxime Accessit, and the learner who placed third in Grade 12 for 2024 were announced. Congratulations to Leah Kennedy who is our Hillcrest High School Dux for 2024! Leah was also awarded the trophies for Business Studies, Tourism, and Life Orientation. Leah has worked diligently and consistently throughout her high school career and should be incredibly proud of her achievement.

We would also like to congratulate our Dux Proxime Accessit, or Runner up to Dux, for 2024, Annika Adendorff, and Kiarra Chetty, who placed 3rd in Grade. All three learners were re-awarded their Honours Cum Laude for achieving aggregates of over 85% for the year.

Dux Proxime Accessit, Annika Adendorff, was awarded the Walshy Trophy for the Pursuit of Excellence, and recognised as the top achiever in Afrikaans, German – Foreign Language, Physical Science (Physics), Physical Science (Chemistry) and Physical Science (Combined Prize). She shared the Trophy for Excellence in Mathematics and Science with Kiarra Chetty, who took home the top achiever trophies for English, Creative Writing in English, English Literature, History, Life Sciences, and Mathematics.

We would like to congratulate each of the learners who received awards during the event, which was attended by Grade 11 and Grade 12 learners, parents, and VIPs including Dr JK Zulu, Circuit Manager, Department of Basic Education, and principals from schools in the area.

LEIAH KENNEDY

Awarded the coveted Dux of the School and the trophies for Business Studies, Tourism, and Life Orientation.

ANNIKA ADENDORFF

Dux Proxime Accessit, the Walshy Trophy for the Pursuit of Excellence, recognised as the top achiever in Afrikaans, German – Foreign Language, Physical Science (Physics), Physical Science (Chemistry) and Physical Science (Combined Prize) and shared the Trophy for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

KIARRA CHETTY

Placed 3rd in Grade and was the Top Achiever for English, Creative Writing in English, English Literature, History, Life Sciences, and Mathematics and shared the Trophy for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

LUKE MULLER

Top Achiever for Further Studies Mathematics Standard (AP Maths), Accounting and EGD.

CHARMONAY PRINSLOO

Afrikaans trophy for a pupil who shows a passion for the language.

ALESSANDRO PETRONIO

EGD for excellence achieved in the EGD P.A.T.

SINOTHANDO DLAMINI

Top Achiever - Information Technology

ROHAN CHAITHRAM

Top Achiever - Consumer Studies

KIAN ADRUTHKUMAR & OLIVIA BOTHA

Trophy for Practical Excellence in Grade 12 Consumer Studies

KAELYN STAINER

Won the trophies for Best Actor/Actress and Achievement in Practical Drama

MORGAN WALKER

Top Achiever in Dramatic Arts and awarded the ENGLISH Trophy for a pupil who shows a Passion for the Language

KEVAAN RAMSERN

Top Achiever in Geograhpy and won the Trophy for Public Speaking Grade 11 & 12

NOZBUSISO MZOBE

Top Achiever in isiZulu - Mother Tongue

UNAM MTSOKOBA

Top Achiever for isiZulu - Non-Mother Tongue

MONIQUE ROBINSON

Top Achiever - Mathematical Literacy

JESSICA GRAHAM

Top Achiever - Visual Arts

LUCY BOOYSEN

Outstanding Practical Work in Art

ABIGAIL KING

Outstanding Achievement in Matric Art

NON-ACADEMIC AWARDS:

PHILASANDE PHEWA (HEAD GIRL) AND ANTONY SMITH (HEAD BOY)

Good Service To The School

JARED BROWN

Best Ambassador of the School

TAI MUNRO

Trophy for Perseverance

GIOVANNI MOLOI

Spirit of Togetherness Award

TRENT WOODROW

Best Senior All-Round Sportsman

ERIN MCCARTNEY & BROOKE BUCKLEY

Best Senior All-Round Sportswoman

JENNA LOUW

Best all Rounder

CHAD GAUGAIN

Excellence in a Sport not offered by the school (Motor Sport)



Annika Adendorff
Dux Proxime Accessit



Leiah Kennedy
Dux for 2024



Kiarra Chetty
Third in Grade 12



SPORTS & CULTURAL AWARDS

BADMINTON - BOYS

Most Valuable Player Ethan Ainhirn

BADMINTON - GIRLS

Most Valuable Player Isabella Te Brugge

CHESS

Most Consistent Player Luke Muller
 Exceptional Service to 1st Team Chess Clinton Courtis
 Most Valuable Player Alessandro Petronio

CHOIR

Most Committed Choir Member Abigail King
 Most Improved Senior Choir Member Shanae De Villiers
 Dedicated Team Member Jade Gericke

CRICKET

Best 1st XI Bowler Jayden Chaythram
 Gareth Irvine Trophy for Batsman of the Year Asher Chovuchovu
 Team Man of the Year Tai Munro
 Dalton Duck Award Brendon Frenzel
 Finlayson Cup for Most Improved Cricketer Brendon Frenzel

CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable Runner Chad Gaugain

DEBATING

Dedication and Commitment Trophy: Senior Kevaan Ramsern
 Akob Trophy for the Top Senior Speaker Endinako Magafela
 Jugdaw/Reddy Captain's Trophy Julianna Blom

DRAMA

Outstanding Performance in more than one school show Antony Smith
 Best Actor/Actress in a Cameo Role Evan Raaths
 Best Supporting Actress Isabella Traini
 Best Supporting Actor Jack Joubert
 Best Actress Zofia Giorko
 Best Actor Jordan Lim
 Best Newcomer Miguel Cockman
 Rising Star Award Daniel Shuttleworth
 Best Duo Performance Amahle Zungu
 Best Duo Performance Siphesihle Mthiya
 Mike Dunleavy Award for Outstanding Dedication and Passion for Drama Jade Gericke
 Best All-Rounder Thingo Dlamini

EQUESTRIAN

The Rothman Floating Trophy for the Best Rider Erin Lowe
 The Joker Jump Trophy for the Best Show Jumper Tyler Curtis
 The Best Dressage Rider Gabriella Lombaard

ESPORTS

Most Valuable Player Blaine Herbst

GOSPEL CHOIR

Best Soloist Nozbusiso Mzobe
 Best Soloist Nonjabulo Malinga
 Most Diverse Soloist Zofia Giorko
 Most Reliable Leader Bayanda Mnguni
 Most Reliable Leader Nxusakazi Hlongwane

HOCKEY - BOYS

Golden Stick Trophy for the Highest 1st Team Goal Scorer Lungelo Zondi
 Ebsworth Cup for the Most Improved Player Tasriq Wingrove
 Le Tourneur Floating Trophy for Player of the Year Deacon Grindell
 "The Christopher Robin Shield for Excellence" Presented to the most inspirational 1st Team Boys' Hockey Player Deacon Grindell

HOCKEY - GIRLS

Contribution to Girls' Hockey Tae Le Roux
 Kim Exsteen Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Isabella Momoh
 Jackson Trophy for Player of the Year Erin Mc Cartney
 Jackson Trophy for Player of the Year Brooke Buckley

INDOOR HOCKEY - BOYS

Most Valuable 1st Team Cuan Le Roux

INDOOR HOCKEY - GIRLS

Most Valuable 1st Team Player Nadia Singelton

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Rider of the Year Wayne Kearley

NETBALL

Senior player of the year Philasande Phewa
 The Combrink Trophy for the Most Valuable Contribution to Netball Samukelisiwe Mbatha
 Best Defence Player Samukelisiwe Mbatha
 Best Attacking Player Lisakhanya Mncube
 Best goal average Trophy sponsored by Belinda Pitt Michaela Clegg
 The Tarr Netball Trophy for 'Spirit of Netball' (Donated by the Tarr Family) Lola Klijnstra

PHOTOGRAPHY

Consistent Excellence in Photography Samantha Berndt
 Most Consistent and Loyal Member Jade Gericke
 Dedication and commitment to Photography Ariyin Collingwood
 Dedication and commitment to Photography Akira MacMillan

RUGBY 7S

Most Valuable 1st Team Lungelo Ntuli

RUGBY

Du Toit Trophy for Rookie of the Year Azola Shandu
 Hall Trophy for the Most Capped 1st team Player Kwandile Gumbi
 Arnot trophy for the Most Improved Player Cade Cascaes
 Snowy Suter Trophy for Sportsmanship Sange Mlonyeni
 Aitken Trophy for the Most Consistent Player Thubelihle Madonsela
 Members Club Trophy for the Player's Player of the Year Nicholas Strydom
 Santana Trophy for Dedication to Rugby Kwandile Gumbi
 Grubb Shield for Player of the Year Ziphezinhle Ngiba





Jade Gericke



Shannon Olivier & Jordan Kidgell



Philasande Phewa & Lola Klijnstra



Mrs S Geel & Mr C Wood

SIGN LANGUAGE

Commitment and Enthusiasm
Loyalty and Enthusiasm
Loyalty and Enthusiasm

Jack Joubert
Nathan Joubert
Hayley Chabant

SOCCER - BOYS

Most Valuable 1st Team Player
Most Valuable 1st Team Player
Golden Glove Award, Goalkeeper of the Year

Msizi Mbhele
Tumelo Mapotse
Sinhloso Shoji

SOCCER - GIRLS

Most valuable 1st team player
(Donated by Wimpy Hillcrest)
Tayla Kinsey Golden Boot Award
(for the top 1st team goal scorer)

Ayanda Ngidi

Ayanda Ngidi

SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM

Most Committed Senior Journalists
Most Promising Junior Journalist
Commitment to Social Media Journalism

Jade Gericke
Kylie Freeman
Annika Adendorff

SOFTBALL - BOYS

Player of the Year

Gabriel Swift

SOFTBALL - GIRLS

Sunkel Trophy for Player of the Year
Sunkel Trophy for Player of the Year

Shannyn Olivier
Jordan Kidgell

SOFTBALL

The Zolly Trophy for Dedication and Excellence in Softball
The Zolly Trophy for Dedication and Excellence in Softball

Brooke Buckley

Gabriel Swift

SWIMMING

Junior Victrix Ludorum
Junior Victor Ludorum
Senior Victrix Ludorum
Senior Victor Ludorum

Annabelle van Heerden
Ludick Erasmus
Kayla-Jade van Heerden
Cuan Le Roux

STEEL DRUMS

Commitment and Enthusiasm
Loyalty and Enthusiasm
Commitment and Enthusiasm

Abigail King
Jade Gericke
Faye Verster

TENNIS - BOYS

Most Valuable Player

Ethan Moss

TOUCH RUGBY - BOYS

Player of the Year

Ayabonga Mkhize

TOUCH RUGBY - GIRLS

Player of the Year

Kayden Carson

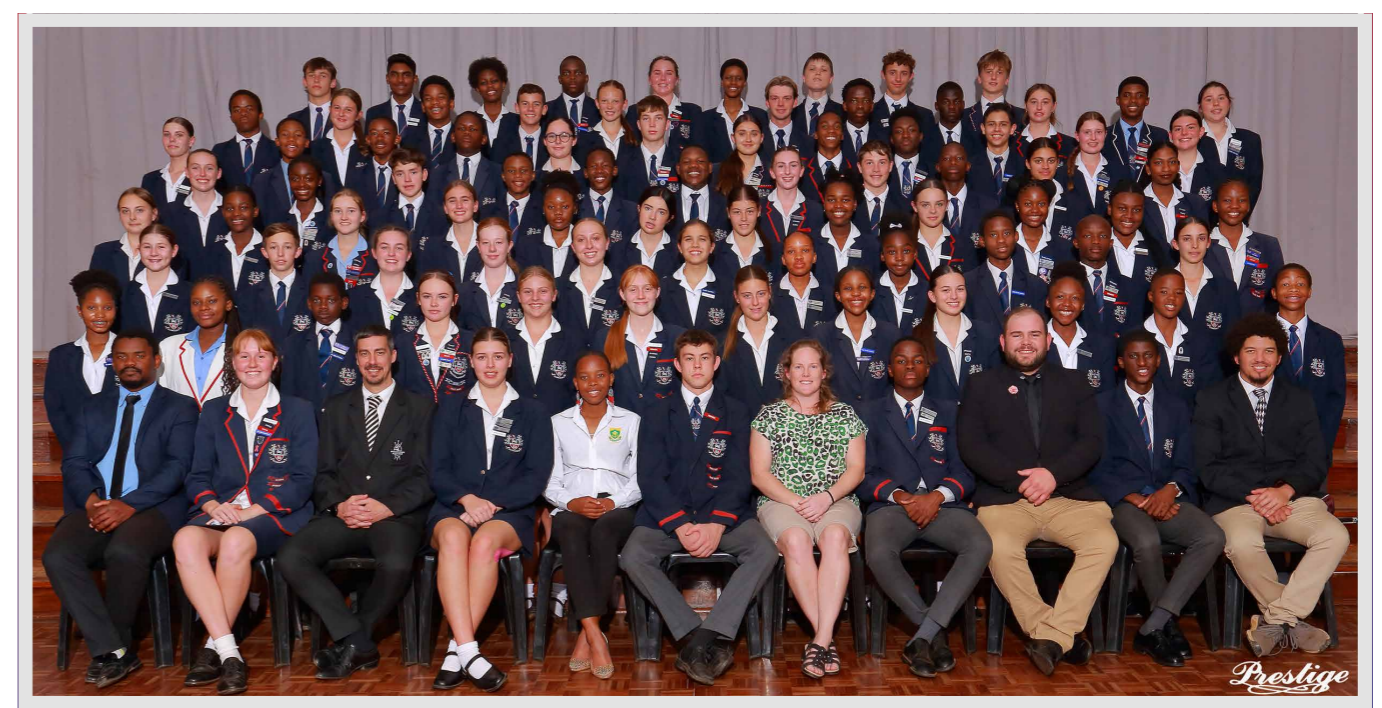
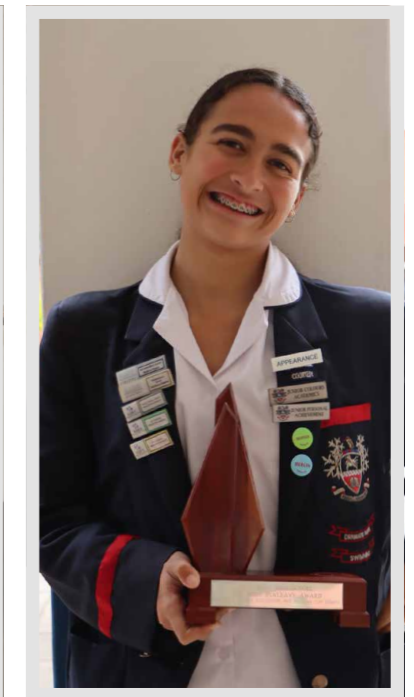
STAFF

Most Dedicated Staff Member or Coach

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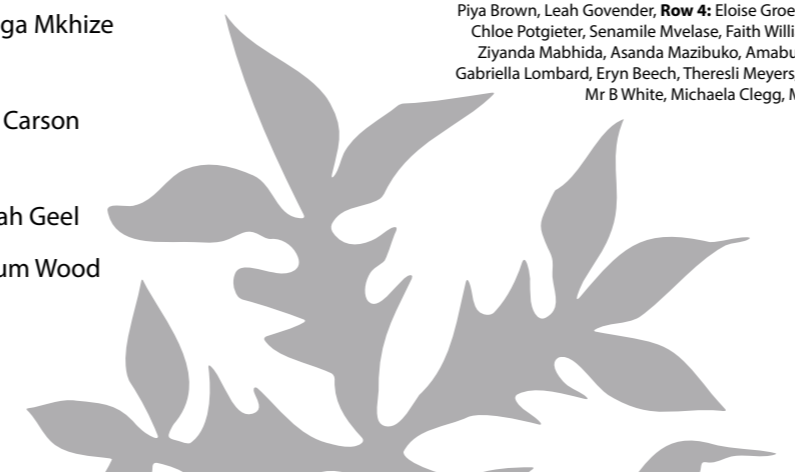
Mrs Sarah Geel

Mr Cullum Wood



KZN & SA REPRESENTATIVES

Row 8: Tanner Evans, Jeriah Govender, Lubanzi Maluleka, Mhlangi Zondi, Shannyn Olivier, Onathi Vazi, Rudy Klijnstra, Ludick Erasmus, Kingsley Matthews,
Row 7: Azola Shandu, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Uyanda Hongwa, Bradley Leppan, Kellan Boynton, Tyler Curtis, Tumelo Mapotse, Sinalithemba Mkhize, Kayla Van Heerden, Nkosinathi Radebe, Sophie Buccimazza, **Row 6:** Jodi MacLachlan, Sange Mlonyeni, Aphelele Chiliza, Bayanda Gumbi, Jordan Kidgell, Luke Ball, Lola Klijnstra, Asiphile Blose, Paul Momoh, Nathan Patrick, Megan Maher, Erin Lowe, **Row 5:** Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Isabella Momoh, Adam Foulkes, Lubanzi Zwane, Siviwe Luthuli, Smiso Phewa, Hannah Greffrath, Jonathan De Beer, Sibusiso Mapotse, Piya Brown, Leah Govender, **Row 4:** Eloise Groenewald, Ropafadzo Marinda, Brooke Buckley, Kayden Carson, Asemahle Tshapa, Grace Humphreys, Katelyn Peattie, Melokuhle Dlamini, Chloe Potgieter, Senamile Mvelase, Faith Williams, Gugulethu Hlope, **Row 3:** Annabelle Van Heerden, Benjamin Smith, Maroelle Coertse, Natalie Rees, Jorja Pretorius, Rebekah Nel, Ziyanda Mabhida, Asanda Mazibuko, Amabutho Mavundla, Lwandile Buthelezi, Keira Du Plessis, **Row 2:** Avela Madela, Philasande Phewa, Tamuka Chovuchovu, Erin Mc Cartney, Gabriella Lombard, Eryn Beech, Theresli Meyers, Thingo Dlamini, Macayela Johansson, Lwandle Vukeka, Langelihle Nxumalo, Ubenathi Mbatha, **Row 1:** Mr NG Majola, Emma Atkinson, Mr B White, Michaela Clegg, Miss Ngcobo, Joshua Yuill, Mrs T Tonkin, Sphesihle Hlambisa, Mr CM Steedman, Thandolwethu Ndlovu, Mr CC Marillier



ACHIEVERS 2024

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

GELOFTE NIGHT SERIES

1st Netball – Won the Series and achieved Gold Medals
1st Rugby – Bronze Medals

PSG SUPER 8S TOURNAMENT

The following teams won their division:

1st Boys' Hockey
1st Girls' Hockey
1st Netball
2nd Netball
U14A Netball

D&D CO-ED 'A' LEAGUE GALA

Hillcrest High School – 4th

TOUCH RUGBY ELITE LEAGUE DIVISION

The 1st Boys' Touch Rugby Team won the Elite League Division for the 8th year in a row.

SPORTS

ACTION NETBALL

Kellan Boynton – U14A KZN Midlands (Captain)
Michaela Clegg – U15B KZN Coastal (Captain)
Ziyanda Mabhida – U15A KZN Midlands (Vice Captain)
Jorja Pretorius – U15B KZN Midlands (Captain)
Maroelle Coertse – U16A KZN Midlands (Captain)

ATHLETICS

Annabelle van Heerden - KZNCSSA
Kayla-Jade van Heerden – KZNCSSA

BADMINTON

Benjamin Smith – KZN U15A and SA U15
Adam Foulkes - KZN U19B
Jeriah Govender - KZN U17A and U19C
Lwandle Vukeka - KZN U19C
Nathan Patrick - KZN U17B and U19D (Captain)
Siviwe Luthuli - KZN U19D
Faith William - KZN U17E and U19D
Ropafadzo Marinda - KZN U17D and U19D
Senamile Mvelase - KZN U17D and U19D
Sebastian Smith – KZN U17B
Isabella Te Brugge – KZN U17C
Teagan Baxter – KZN U17D (Captain)
Banele Khuboni – KZN U17E (Captain)
Benjamin Dempers – KZN U17E



BIATHLON

Emma Atkinson – KZN Team
Bradley Leppan – KZN Team
Ludick Erasmus – KZN Team
Rebekah Nel – KZN Team
Annabelle van Heerden – KZN Team
Kayla-Jade van Heerden – KZN Team

CHESS

Our Chess team won the PADSSA League for the 9th year in a row and 11th overall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jade Gericke has completed over 60 hours of community service, aside from her service club activities at the school. Jade and Samantha Berndt recently completed 10 hours of community service for Paw Prints Rescue and Rehoming, spending a night in an enclosure to care for dogs recovering from surgery.

CRICKET

Paul Momoh – U16 KZN Main Trials
Tasriq Wingrove – U16 KZN Main
Trent Woodrow – U19 KZN Main
Tai Munro – U19 KZN Main

CROSS COUNTRY

Lubanzi Zwane – Kwasanti U15
Bradley Leppan – Kwasanti U15
William Asquith – Kwasanti U17
Heinrich Freitag – Kwasanti U17
Chad Gaugain – Kwasanti U19
Bethany Haynes – Kwasanti U15
Roxanne De Kock – Kwasanti U17
Emma Atkinson – Kwasanti U17

DANCING

Shawna Creed and Tatum Noyle competed in the Regional Move Dance Competition achieving numerous awards. They both went on to compete in the National Move Dance Competition in Cape Town. Shawna placed 1st in the Musical Theatre, Latin Dance Duet and the Ballet Classical Solo Categories. She also achieved 97% in the AIDT Modern Dance Intermediate Level Examinations and was awarded Platinum. Tatum achieved Gold in the Contemporary Solo, Acrobatic Solo, Contortion Solo, Acrobatic Duet, Acrobatic Quartet, and in four Acrobatic Group categories. She also achieved Silver in the Acrobatic Trio and Acrobatic Duo categories.

DEBATING

After a successful season within the Durban Coastal Debating League Endinako Magafela and Julianna Blom were selected to compete in the KZNSDA Provincial tournament.

DRUMMIES

Asemahle Tshapa and Asanda Mazibuko competed in the KZN Finals and South African Drum Majorettes Championships as part of the Eagles Majorette Club this year. As a duo they placed 1st in KZN and 10th in South Africa in the Pom Group category, 1st in KZN and 8th in SA in Small Drill, and 1st in KZN for Flag Duo. Asemahle was the Captain of the KZN team and Asanda the Vice Captain.

ECO-SCHOOLS CLUB

Hillcrest High School is the proud recipient of the Eco-School's International Flag Award for 2023, awarded by WESSA for the school's diligence in working towards a healthy environment at the school. WESSA, the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa, is a Non-Profit Organisation made up of People Caring for the Earth. The HHS Eco-Schools Club is involved in various recycling projects and has implemented several eco-friendly initiatives at the school, including a food garden, tags for wheelchairs and bottle top collections.

EQUESTRIAN

Erin Lowe – KZN SANESA
Gabriella Lombaard – KZN SANESA
Jonathan De Beer - South African Pony Club Team
Tyler Curtis – KZN Champs

ESPORTS

Zander Lubbe, Blaine Herbst, Michael Griessel and Bryce Caldeira were selected to participate in the ACGL Gaming Championships in Cape Town. The HHS Esports Team, the "HHS Kings" competed against 160 schools in the ASL League and were in the top 15 teams invited to play in the finals. They placed 9th overall.

HOCKEY – GIRLS

Langalihle Nxumalo – PADSSA U14A and KZN U14A
Theresli Meyers – PADSSA U14A
Esihle Mtshali – PADSSA U14B
Kellan Boyton – PADSSA U14B
Isabella Momoh – PADSSA U16A
Senamile Mvelase – PADSSA U16A
Lwandle Vukeka – PADSSA U16B
Akwande Luthuli – PADSSA U16B
Kaitlyn Steyn – PADSSA U16B
Nangamso Nxasana – PADSSA U16B
Anele Sabela – PADSSA U18B
Erin McCartney – PADSSA U18A and KZN U18B

HOCKEY – BOYS

Levi Lundie – PADSSA U14B
Bongumusa Nkutha – PADSSA U14A
Riley Nicholas – PADSSA U16B
Lungelo Zondi – PADSSA U18A
Cuan Le Roux – PADSSA U18B
Brendon Smith – PADSSA U18B
Trent Woodrow – PADSSA U18B
Asande Ngobese – PADSSA U18B

IRISH DANCING

Rachael Atkinson participated in the SA Championships and placed in three dances.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Luke Muller attended the SAMF team competition (round three of the Maths Olympiad) and placed tie 12th in the individual competition and 2nd in the team competition.

MOTOR SPORT

Chad Gaugain – KZN Team

MUSIC

Giselle Stow was invited to perform in the South African Society of Music Teacher's Senior Students Concert.



NETBALL

Kellan Boynton – PADSSA U14
Ziyanda Mabhidha – PADSSA U15
Michaela Clegg – PADSSA U15
Sophie Buccimazza – PADSSA U15 and KZN U15
Hannah Greffrath – PADSSA U16 and KZN U16
Julia Cameron – PADSSA U17
Emma Atkinson - PADSSA U17 and KZN U17
Nolwazi Mkhize – PADSSA U18
Philasande Phewa – PADSSA U18 and KZN U18

The 1st Team won the following tournaments:
Geloft Night Series - High School Mega Sports Festival
SPAR Fast 5s - PSG Super 8s.

PAGEANT WINNERS

Akwanda Majoji – Miss Teen 21st Century
SA-Ambassador
Chioma Nwofor – Miss Teen Superior Queen SA
Banele Khakaza – Miss Richdens SuperSpar

PHOTOGRAPHY

Norma-Jean Price, Isabella Te Brugge, and Samantha Berndt competed in the Kearsney Culture@Kearsney Photography Competition. In the “Up Close and Personal” Category, Norma-Jean Price won with her entry, “A Dandelion’s Whisper” and Isabella Te Brugge won the “Reflections” Category for “Don’t Look Down”. Samantha Berndt’s pieces “Bubbly” and “Never” both achieved Highly Commended as did Isabella Te Brugge’s entries titled “Tunnel Vision,” and “Wanderer.”

RUGBY

Ziphezinhle Ngiba – Tier 2 Main Trials U18 Team
Smiso Phewa – U16 KZN Duikers
Nkululeko Gumede – U16 KZN Duikers

SOCCER – BOYS

Philisa Mngwengwe – Highway U15
Stefan Chetty – Highway U15
Sinalithemba Mkhize – Highway U16 and KZN U16
Mohale Sakuneka – Highway U16
Tanaka Chinodakufa – Highway U16
Thando Ndlovu - Highway U16 and KZN U16
Xolela Ngejane – Highway U19
Thingo Shezi – Highway U19
Msizi Mbhele – Highway U19
Tumelo Mapotse – Highway U19
Rowan Bansi – Highway U19

SOCCER - GIRLS

Langalihle Nxumalo – Highway U14 and KZN U14
Katelyn Peattie – Highway U14 and KZN U14
Theresli Meyers – Highway U14 and KZN U14
Grace Humphreys - Highway U14 and KZN U14
Lwandle Vukeka – Highway U15
Ayabonga Ngcobo – Highway U15
Senamile Mvelase – Highway U15

Sophie Buccimazza – Highway U15 and KZN U15
Thingo Dlamini – Highway U16
Andiswa Maphumulo – Highway U16 (Reserve)
Awande Nzuzi – Highway U16
Kiara Botha – Highway U19
Ayanda Ngidi – Highway U19
Kylie Coetzee – Highway U19
Eryn Beech – Highway U19 and KZN U19
Lola Klijnstra – Highway U19 and KZN U19.

SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM

The Social Media Journalism Club has consistently produced excellent content to support the Marketing Manager on the Facebook and Instagram pages. Interviewing staff members, past pupils, and writing event feedback articles form the backbone of the content shared with the header HHS Social Media Journalism Club. Ariyin Collingwood is to be congratulated on having one of her articles published in The Highway Mail this year.

SOFTBALL – BOYS

Ethan Moss – KZN U15B
Luthando Blose – KZN U15B
Ryan Rees – KZN U15B
Tamuka Chovuchovu – KZN U15B
Asiphile Blose – KZN U17
Gabriel Swift – KZN U17
Olwethu Sibaya – KZN U19

SOFTBALL – GIRLS

Isabella Momoh - KZN U15A
Jodi Maclachlan - KZN U15A
Melokuhle Dlamini - KZN U15A
Shaelyn Geldenhuys - KZN U15A
Kellan Boynton – KZN U15A
Caitlyn van Niekerk – KZN U15B
Jayden-Lee Anderson – KZN U15B
Senzelwe Nene – KZN U15B
Jordan Kidgell - KZN U17 and U19
Maroelle Coertse - KZN U17 and U19
Melokuhle Dlamini – KZN U17
Shannyn Olivier - KZN U17 and U19
Brooke Buckley – KZN U19

SWIMMING

Cuan Le Roux – SA Level 3 Championships
Jamey Grobbelaar – SA Level 3 Championships
Bradley Leppan – SA Level 3 Championships
Emma Atkinson - SA Level 2 Championships
Heinrich Freitag - SA Level 2 Championships
Ludick Erasmus - SA Level 2 Championships

Annabelle van Heerden – PADSSA U14
Ludick Erasmus – PADSSA U15
Jamey Grobbelaar – PADSSA U15
Rebekah Nel – PADSSA U15
Kayla Jade Van Heerden – PADSSA U16
Cuan Le Roux – PADSSA U17

The following learners competed in the
MIDMAR MILE THIS YEAR:

Heinrich Freitag - 25 minutes and 12 seconds
Emma Atkinson - 28 minutes 59 seconds in Childhood Cancer (CHOC) event raising R2750, and 29 minutes 16 seconds for the Sunday race.
Michaela Clegg - 32 minutes 54 seconds. Michaela raised R6400 for CHOC.
Paxton Searra, and
Dylan Clark.

TOUCH RUGBY - GIRLS

Grace Humphreys – KZN U15A
Jayden-Lee Anderson - KZN U15B
Keira Du Plessis – KZN U15B
Langalihle Nxumalo – KZN U15B
Avela Madela – KZN U15C
Piya Brown – KZN U15C
Theresli Meyers – KZN U15C
Kellan Boynton – KZN U15C
Chloe Potgieter – KZN U17A and KZN U21 Ladies
Lola Klijnstra – KZN U17A, KZN U21 Ladies
Kayden Carson – KZN U17B
Megan Maher – KZN U17B
Thingo Dlamini – KZN U17B
Macayela Johansson – KZN U17B
Eloise Groenewald – KZN U17C
Gugulethu Hlophe – KZN U19A

TOUCH RUGBY - BOYS

Rudy Klijnstra – KZN U15A
Siviwe Luthuli – KZN U15A
Bayanda Gumbi – KZN U15A
Uyanda Hlongwa – KZN U15A
Sibusiso Mapotse – KZN U15A

Aphelele Chiliza – KZN U15A
Tamuka Chovuchovu – KZN U15A
Lubanzi Zwane – KZN U15A
Ubenathi Mbatha – KZN U15A
Azola Shandu – KZN U17A
Lwandile Buthelezi – KZN U17A
Tanner Evans – KZN U17A
Sebastian Schaub-Kuffler – KZN U17A
Sloane Schaub-Kuffler – KZN U17A
Asiphile Blose – KZN U17A
Amabutho Mavundlo – KZN U17A
Sphesihle Hlambisa – KZN U19A
Ayabonga Mkhize – KZN U19A
Jordan Nell – KZN U19A
Joshua Yuill – KZN U19A
Sange Mlonyeni – KZN U19A
Tumelo Mapotse – KZN U19A
Nkosinathi Radebe – KZN U19A
Mhlangi Zondi – KZN U19A

UKZN STEM MENTHER PROGRAMME

Kiara Chetty was accepted into the University of KwaZulu-Natal cohort of the highly sought after STEM MentHER programme. Designed to support girls who show promise in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, the STEM MentHer Programme guides and streamlines deserving Grade 12 female students interested in pursuing careers in the STEM fields.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Eloise Groenewald was placed 1st in the Under 57kg Power Lifting at the KZN Champs. She won the title Best Overall Lifter, lifting 37.5Kg for Bench Pres and 85Kgs for Dead Lift.



AFRIKAANS

As the year draws to a close, my time here at Hillcrest High School is also coming to an end. I am retiring after 36 years at this wonderful school!

It has been a very busy, stressful year, starting with the Matric results. I am happy to report that we received thirteen A-symbols but also saddened by the fact that we had three failures. However, it shows that our system works – if you do not apply yourself, there are consequences i.e. You do not just get pushed through.

Our senior students wrote the Afrikaans Olympiad, and I am very happy to report that Annika Adendorff did very well. She achieved 91,31% for a difficult paper, very similar to Afrikaans Home Language. She was placed sixth in KwaZulu-Natal and came fourteenth in South Africa! We are very proud of this lovely result. Our juniors also did a Junior Afrikaans Olympiad. They found it extremely difficult, however, our junior star, Anro Adendorff (brother of Annika), did very well. He achieved 83%, the junior provincial and national rankings have not yet been released.

The Trials Exams were written by the Matrics of 2024 earlier this year with some lovely results and as usual, some not so good. We had quite a lot of failures and I really hope that this was a wake-up call for these students. Afrikaans is not so difficult. With just a bit of effort, and they will pass. Our top student, none other than Annika, who is an Afrikaans-speaking student (that is not a given that they will do well, ask the other Afrikaans-speaking students!), told me she studied really hard for her exams. Her results certainly show that! Mooi so, Annika! Ek is baie trots op jou!

The Afrikaans department would like to welcome Mrs Ansa Wessels to our department. We hope she will be as happy in our department as the rest of us have been. Mrs Wessels joined us from Mandini Academy and is a very experienced teacher with many years of experience in external Matric marking. We had to wait for her transfer to come through and had Mrs Izel Nieuwoudt, (no stranger to Hillcrest High School) come and help as a locum.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Henderson on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Lina. May she bring you and Scott a lifetime of joy. Mrs Nieuwoudt also did Mrs Henderson's locum when she went on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Sanelle Strydom (formerly Schoeman) on her marriage to her beloved Willem. We wish you happiness and love for the rest of your lives together.

Mrs Annalet Stols also joined the Afrikaans department this year and with Mrs Bothma is teaching the Grade 8 and Grade 9 LSU classes. Welcome to our department! We hope you will enjoy teaching Afrikaans, and that you will feel welcome and loved in our department.

I would like to thank my department for all the support, love and hard work they have given over the years. I really love this department. Many people have wondered how we manage to be such a happy and successful department and how despite some difficulties we have faced, we are still a very strong unit. I believe it works from the top down. As a Subject Head, I have always protected my department, and I always look out for them – like a tigress! I also believe in being honest and straight-forward, in a kind way. That way everyone knows what is expected of them. I have also trusted my department members and given them the space needed to develop and to be creative and believed that it was important to have their trust. I have always had an open-door policy allowing them to come and speak to me about issues whenever needed. Thank you, Lindsay Middleton (Blommie), for all the years of dedication and friendship. I will treasure that forever! Each one of my department members, new and old, will have a special place in my heart forever. Thank you for all you have done and are still going to do! I want to wish Mrs Sanelle Strydom all the best when she takes over the department as Subject Head next year. Remember, we don't change a winning team! I know in my heart that you will carry this department to even greater heights with your fresh ideas and young heart.

All the best, Hillcrest High School. I look forward to reading in the media how Hillcrest High School is excelling in all spheres...This is an amazing school with people who care.

Goodbye, my Hillcrest family!
Mrs Jordaan (Subject Head)



COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Well done to the Accounting and Business Studies students of 2023. You made us very proud. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance paid off. You all showed incredible commitment and resilience.

Welcome to Mrs Mtakwende who joined us at the beginning of the 3rd Term in 2023 to teach EMS and Business Studies. We hope that you have a happy and long stay in the EMS Department.

We bid farewell to Ms Burger at the end of the year. Ms Burger, as you embark on this new chapter of your life, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and hard work in the EMS department. Your passion for teaching and commitment to your learners have made a lasting impact on countless lives. We wish you all the best in your retirement. May it be filled with joy, relaxation, and all the wonderful things you deserve. Thank you for everything, Ms Burger. You will be sadly missed.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Henderson on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. This is such a special time filled with love and joy. Wishing your family all the happiness and health in the world as you embark on this wonderful journey together. Enjoy every precious moment with Lina.

BUSINESS STUDIES

As usual we have had a busy year in the Commerce Department but particularly in Business Studies. We have also undertaken some activities that have been missing for some time in the subject.

MARKET DAY

Our yearly Market Day was held on Founder's Day once again, this year on 2 August. The students were required to pay a levy of R10 per group member, which was donated to Interact, and were allowed to keep all their profits.

We shook things up and held the Market Day along School Road which went down very well. This allowed all groups to get the same opportunity to showcase their goods and

services to the school body. Once again, most of the goods sold were food products, but there were no sad faces as food always goes down a treat.

The students gave an excellent account of their activities on the day and followed the new procedures put in place very well. From start to finish, the day was a success, and we are very proud of this Grade 11 Business Studies group – well done!

We look forward to another successful Market Day in 2025.

GRADE 11 EXCURSION TO FASTCAR PERFORMANCE

Our Grade 11 Business Studies excursion was a resounding success. We visited a small family-run business in New Germany called Fastcar Performance which offers a range of services including vehicle servicing, welding, engineering (vehicle and other parts) and diagnostics.

Claiton, Rino, Dot, Sam and their team welcomed us at 9am and after a brief introduction and history of the business, our students were split into three groups and rotated through three stations: Admin, engineering, wheel change and general. The learners' behaviour was exemplary during the outing.

The Divano family have built a reputation as the go-to place for vehicle performance-enhancements and have branched out so that they can explore all their passions. We thoroughly enjoyed our time there, with each student receiving a branded pen on the day and the team creating a custom plaque to commemorate our visit. This has also opened the doors for potential for at least one student who is interested in a holiday internship at Fastcar.

We would like to thank the Divanos family and Fastcar for their hospitality, and Ms Zulu and Mr Roux for all their help on the trip.

GRADE 10 EXCURSION TO FOODSOCK FACTORY

Our Grade 10 Business Studies outing was to the Foodsock factory near Waterfall. We arrived at the factory to a cheerful group of staff waiting to welcome us. Mike, the owner, had drawn a map of the factory detailing each station that the learners would rotate through with a staff member in charge. After sharing the background of the business and introducing each staff member and their role, the learners were given name tags, aprons, hair nets and gloves before entering the factory.

There were four stations with each session about an hour long.

- Administration: They went into so much detail about the duties and importance of the admin department and chose two pupils to phone customers and explain to them about the Foodsock product and ordering process. Despite many learners standing throughout the sessions, there were no complaints and they found it very interesting and thoroughly enjoyable
- Pest control: They explained hygiene and showed ways in which they controlled any pests. They also taught the learners how to do stock take, with many of them reporting back that it was "hard work!"
- Product cooking: A qualified chef spoke about how he changed the ingredients to make it taste like the product and wanted a low-cost meal to taste how anyone would cook it at home. He explained how he sends the product to the University of Cape Town for them to provide the breakdown of the nutritional value of the product, which is used to label the product. Volunteers from the group had the opportunity to cook and taste test the food, giving feedback to the rest of the group.
- Sock making: The learners were placed in a production line to make the socks, each with the important task of adding a precisely measured ingredient to the sock. This was closely monitored by the employees with one group making a crate full of socks during their session.

Before heading back to school learners were given a sample of either biryani or macaroni cheese to taste test.

Thank you to everyone at Foodsock for making this a highly

enjoyable and informative outing, to Mr Moffatt for organising it and Mrs Knight for allowing us to have this experience. Thank you to Mrs Mtakwende and Mr Roux for accompanying the learners.

Along with these fun activities, we need to cover curriculum content so that our students can write tests and pass exams. The biggest of these being the Trials and Finals exams for our Matrics. To assist our Grade 12 Business Studies learners, we held two three-hour extra lessons for students over two weekends in preparation for Trials. We hope that these efforts will help in some way with the success that our learners deserve.

PROVERTO OLYMPIAD 2024

The University of Johannesburg Department of Finance and Investment Management, School of Management and the College of Business and Economics partnered together for the Proverto National High School Olympiad.

We had six Grade 12 learners participating in round one in May 2024. All six students made it to round two, achieving more than 60% for round one. Gabriel Smith achieved 80% for round one. Round two took place in August with the Grade 12's achieving pleasing results, with Gabriel Smith achieving 83%. Well done to all that participated.

We wish the EMS and Business Studies Matrics of 2024 all the best and hope they will do very well and make us proud. Keep believing in yourself and striving for excellence. The sky's the limit!

Thank you to Ms Burger, Mrs Chabant, Mr Henderson, Mrs Leppan, Mr Moffatt, Mrs Mtakwende, Mr Roux, and Ms Zulu and for your enthusiasm, hard work and always being willing to go the extra mile for the learners in our department. You are an amazing team to work with. Your commitment to our learners and to the teaching profession is truly inspiring. The EMS Department would like to thank Mrs Edy for her invaluable guidance during this year. She truly is the glue that holds this Department together.

Mrs Edy, Mr Moffatt, Mrs Leppan and Mr Henderson



CONSUMER STUDIES

CONSUMER STUDIES EXCELLENCE

The Consumer Studies results for 2023 were a standout success, once again placing us at the pinnacle of the district. Every student passed their exams, with two exceptional individuals achieving top honours with As.

Our annual Open Day provided a fantastic opportunity for Grade 11 students to engage with future Grade 8 learners from our feeder schools. A highlight of the event was the interactive kitchen session where Grade 7s had the chance to whip up and savour delicious pancakes. This hands-on experience not only gave the Grade 7s a taste of high school life but also allowed them to ask questions and get a feel for the culinary world.

Consumer Studies is more than just a subject—it is an exploration of essential life skills such as budgeting, meal planning, and household management. This engaging curriculum equips students with the tools needed to lead independent and responsible lives. The practical kitchen sessions are designed to encourage critical thinking, boost confidence, ignite creativity, and instil effective time management skills. These experiences often spark a passion for potential careers in hospitality.

For many, like me, Consumer Studies has gone beyond the classroom, inspiring exploration into culinary arts. Even when dishes do not turn out as planned, there is always a memorable story to share. Despite the theoretical components, this subject remains a dynamic way to prepare students for self-sufficiency, ensuring that the skills and memories forged are lasting.

Hannah King (Grade 11)

GRADE 10 CULINARY ADVENTURE

Our Grade 10 Consumer Studies students enjoyed a delectable outing to the 1000 Hills Chef School in Botha's Hill in March. This excursion offered them a behind-the-scenes look into the world of professional cooking and chef training.

The day began with a captivating talk that opened the students' eyes to the multifaceted world of culinary education and various career paths within the industry. A tour of the chef school followed, showcasing specialised kitchens for different cooking techniques and the chance to interact with chefs at their stations.

A highlight of the trip was a hands-on lesson in table setting and fine-dining etiquette, culminating in a memorable lunch. Students were treated to a gourmet three-course meal prepared by school's trainee chefs. The meal began with a roasted tomato soup enriched with parsley pesto, garlic, and toasted almonds, paired with freshly baked seed rolls. The main course featured crumbed chicken breast with a vibrant crimson sauce, herbed potato mash, and seasonal vegetables. Dessert was a decadent chocolate tart with vanilla cream and fresh fruit—truly a feast fit for Michelin-starred acclaim. The 1000 Hills Chef School not only offers exceptional culinary training but also welcomes the public for dining experiences, complete with premium craft beers. Notably, it is the only culinary school in South Africa that integrates brewing art into its curriculum.

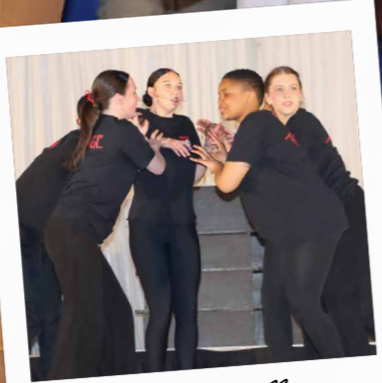
This outing was a true inspiration for students passionate about food, offering a glimpse into the hands-on training and future opportunities in the culinary field.

Kylie Freeman (Grade 10)



1000 Hills Chef School





*Grade 11
Drama Learners*



*Grade 10
Drama Learners*

DRAMA

This year we were excited to welcome our new Grade 10 learners to the Drama Department. This marks an important transition for many, and we were thrilled to welcome them into our dramatic family.

This year, our new Grade 10 drama students have learnt that drama is not always fun and games, but requires a lot of hard work, determination, time-consuming practices and a mouth full of theory and monologues. Grade 10 learner, Thingo Dlamini said that, "Going into Grade 10 drama there was a massive shift. It is no longer just games and messing around, now you are doing something you love and expressing yourself but within a professional environment. Now you really have to show your grit and determination through all that you do for the love of art and it is one thousand

percent worth it! The subject has taught me a lot of life lessons that I would have never been able to learn had I not picked drama as a subject."

The best part about drama is that all that effort you put into it comes together to form a masterpiece. As much as it is hard work, it is also a whole lot of fun. Drama allows you to gain confidence in yourself as you learn valuable lessons on how to communicate with a variety of different people, learn to speak in front of a crowd, work as a team and most importantly be your true self. In drama, we welcome every student and come together to form a family.

The drama department is involved in many events at the school. We take part in open days, present the school productions, put together the school's talent shows and much more. We welcome you to join the world of drama, where every student has a story to tell.

Isabella Traini (Grade 11)

ENGINEERING, GRAPHICS & DESIGN

The Engineering, Graphics, and Design (EGD) department at Hillcrest High School has had an exceptional year filled with both great achievements and significant transitions. Our Grade 12 class of 2023 achieved pleasing results, with eight students earning subject A's in EGD. This highlights the hard work and dedication of our learners and staff, and we could not be more delighted with their success.

The excellence of our department was further recognised when Mrs Tonkin and Mr Victor were invited by the Department of Education to attend the KwaSanti Circuit event. This event celebrated the impressive pass rates of the 2023 Grade 12 learners, and it was a pleasure for our teachers to be acknowledged for their contributions to these outstanding results.

This year also brought some changes to our team. We welcomed Mr Burger, who joined the EGD department after switching careers from engineering to teaching.

However, with new beginnings come farewells. We said goodbye to Mr D'Almaine, who left us this year to take up an exciting teaching position in China. We wish him all the best in his new venture abroad. Additionally, after 27 years of dedicated service to Hillcrest High School, Mr Victor retired this year. His long-standing commitment and passion for the school have left a lasting impact, and he will be deeply missed by all. Mr Victor's legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire both students and staff alike.

Overall, the EGD department is thriving and continues to make significant progress. With the dedication of our teaching staff and the enthusiasm of our students, we look forward to even greater achievements in the years to come.

Mrs Tonkin (Subject Head)



ENGLISH

We were very pleased with the Matric English Home Language results for 2023 – 100% pass rate and 15 distinctions! Well done to our learners and good luck for the future. Thank you to the English teachers for their dedication.

Due to growing numbers, we implemented nine English classes for FET (Grade 10, 11 and 12) in 2024. We have also offered extra English lessons every term for every grade to assist learners with reading and comprehension skills. In the term 3, an extra Grade 8 English class was held once a week to assist learners who are struggling with language proficiency.

This year we have hosted 11 student teachers from various tertiary institutions who spend time with us, learning and teaching classroom methodology. We wish them well as they begin their teaching careers.

In March, our Grade 12 learners attended the annual production of their Shakespearean set work, Othello, at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre. For many, this is their first visit to a theatre and is certainly both an enriching and enlightening experience for all.

In term 3, Grade 9 learners were involved in a project of integrated learning. For English, they selected a career they were interested in and conducted research, interviewing people in their respective field, wrote a report and then presented an oral presentation. This proved to be an interesting and relevant exercise for them.

On the staff front, we welcomed Mrs Bastion to our Department at the beginning of 2024 – we hope she will be happy and fulfilled with us. Mrs Gordon had to undergo an operation - we were glad to have her back in the second term and to see that she is recovering well. We were all very excited when Mrs Desai gave birth to her baby son in April – congratulations! Ms Vos left at the end of the first term for family reasons and we welcomed Mr Piccione – we hope he will find his time here rewarding and successful. Mr Smith has been a locum with us for two terms and is currently our teaching assistant. We thank him sincerely for his commitment and willingness to assist wherever needed – he certainly has made our lives easier.

Teaching English continues to be both challenging and exhilarating, as we navigate the problem of falling reading comprehension levels but are also witness to the excitement when our learners discover meaning and connection in poetry or a novel or a play. We are fortunate to have many learners who are gifted writers as well as public speakers. We strive to discover and develop these talents and enrich the experience in the classroom, whilst also offering support and remediation to those who need it.

We firmly believe that reading is the key to learning. As Jacqueline Kennedy said: "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." We encourage our learners to visit our library which is a dynamic, evolving treasure trove of marvelous books for all tastes.

As always, my deepest gratitude goes to my team who work so hard teaching, preparing and endlessly marking: Ms Boyce, Ms Ramsout, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Sebeikin, Mrs Desai, Mrs Silva, Ms Bourreau, Mrs Van Heerden, Mrs Bastion, Mr Piccione and Mr Smith. Thank you for giving your best. Sadly, we bid farewell to Mrs Desai who will be taking up a teaching post in Westville.

After completing their Trial exams our Matrics had a few weeks to attend to the shortfalls in their knowledge and understanding before writing finals. We trust that they have exhibited discipline and determination as they grappled with the material and preparation. "Anything in life worth having, is worth working for" (Andrew Carnegie). We wish you all the best and look forward to celebrating your success with you in 2025.

Mrs Atkinson (Subject Head)

Row 2: G Bastion, D Van Heerden, E Smith, L Hudson-Piccione, M Bourreau, J Silva, M Gordon
Row 1: Y Desai, S Ramsout, N Atkinson, S Boyce, A Sebeikin



FAREWELL TO MRS DESAI,
PICTURED WITH MS S RAMSOUT

GEOGRAPHY

Our 2023 Matric Geography class achieved a remarkable 100% pass rate in an outstanding demonstration of dedication and excellence. This exceptional result reflects our students' hard work and perseverance, the unwavering commitment of our teachers, and the supportive environment fostered by our school.

We have been fortunate to welcome Mr. Wood to our Geography department this year. As a fresh addition, Mr. Wood has brought new energy and perspectives to our team, teaching both junior classes and a Grade 11 class.

Geography, with its exploration of diverse landscapes, cultures, and environmental issues, continues to captivate students. The subject's relevance in understanding global challenges has led to a growing number of students choosing Geography. This increasing interest reflects a broader awareness of the importance of geographic knowledge in our interconnected world.

As we celebrate these achievements, we also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire Geography team. Mr Madeley, Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Bega, and Mrs Silva have each made invaluable contributions through their dedication and expertise. Their collective effort and passion are integral to our department's success, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment.

With such enthusiastic participation and support from both our students and staff, we look forward to even greater achievements in the future.

Mrs Ramsern (Subject head)

Everything has to do with geography

Judy Martz



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GERMAN

The German department at Hillcrest High School, under the guidance of Frau Bothma, was, as usual, quite busy this year. We were delighted to welcome several guests and participate in many events.

In February the German students did an excellent job of marketing and informing parents and children about the possibilities of taking German as a subject during the feeder school and public Open Days.

Then it was time for passports and unabridged birth certificates for the applications to an international summer camp held in Germany as part of the PASCH-Initiative. Lourens Joubert and Micaella Hunter were selected and left Durban at the end of June, to first join a South African group at the Goethe Institute in Johannesburg. They then went on to join other students from across the globe in Karlsruhe, Germany. For the next three weeks their busy schedule included German studies, interactive outreach, visits to German universities, and outings to places of interest.

Reporting on the experience, Grade 11 learner Micaella Hunter said that it was a great deal of fun as well as educational. "There were people from 13 different countries around the world, which means we did not only improve our German fluency, but we also learned other languages, such as Arabic and Spanish. Germany is also incredibly beautiful – there are so many interesting buildings, statues and sites to see," she said.

Grade 12 learner Daniel Joubert said that he believes the trip will greatly improve his final matric results in German. "This trip to Germany has been one I will never forget. We learnt German in such fun and creative ways and did so many interesting things, including visiting the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart. We also made new friends from across the world and learnt about their cultures."

Negotiations that started off in December 2023, with Dr. Krause of the Furtwangen University situated in the Schwarzwald region of Germany were rounded off in July 2024 with the visit and official signing of an agreement with Furtwangen University. This will allow HHS students to study at the University in either English or German and give students from Furtwangen the opportunity to visit Hillcrest High School.

Professor Dr. Steinhausen and Professor Dr. Montecinos from Furtwangen University visited HHS to share facts about their university which has three campuses – Furtwangen, Tuttlingen, and Villingen-Schwenningen. The university offers a wide variety of undergraduate and Masters courses including Business Management and Psychology, International Business Management, International Engineering, and Health Sciences.

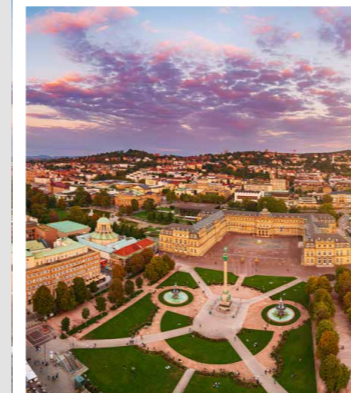
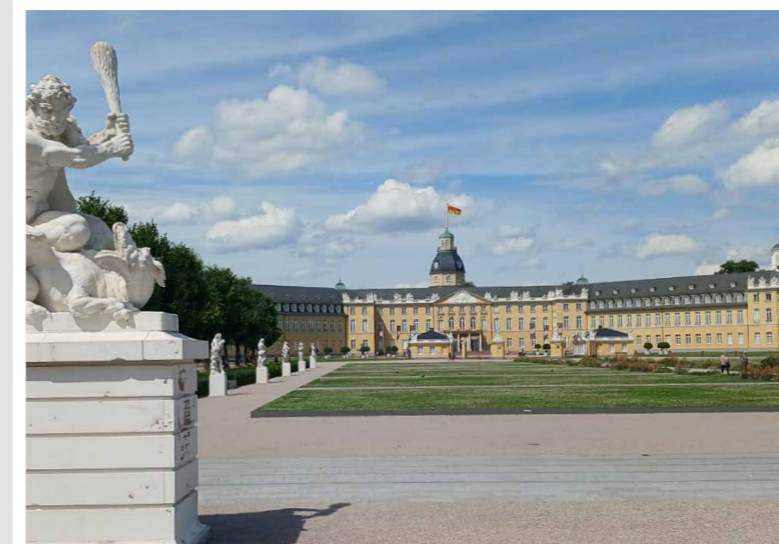
We also want to thank Tina Heffernan from the Goethe Institute who visited our school for a week in August to conduct examinations as well as guide and assist the German Department in future events. During August HHS German students had the opportunity to write the Fit Exams to get international accreditation for their language ability in German. An incredible cohort of 60 learners enrolled for the 3 different levels: A1, A2 and B1 exams.

The Goethe-Institute works to promote the knowledge of the German language and culture across the world and currently partners with around 670 schools worldwide, providing opportunities for teachers and learners to earn qualifications in the language thereby expanding German tuition globally.

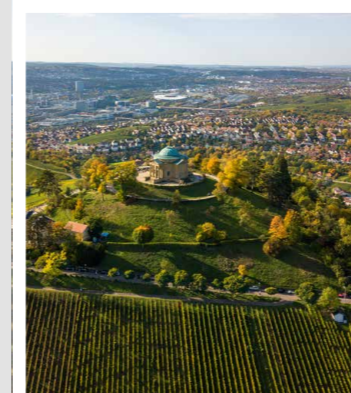
Hillcrest High School has participated in the PASCH initiative since 2021 and is one of only three PASCH-Schulen in South Africa. PASCH stands for 'Schools: Partners for the Future', and the partnership offers high school learners who study German as a subject, many opportunities, both in South Africa and internationally. This includes access to online courses and competitions, the possibility of attending outreach programmes in Germany, as well as access to further studies in German-speaking countries.

We extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Bothma, Head of German at HHS, for her continued dedication to opening doors and finding opportunities for learners who study German at our school.

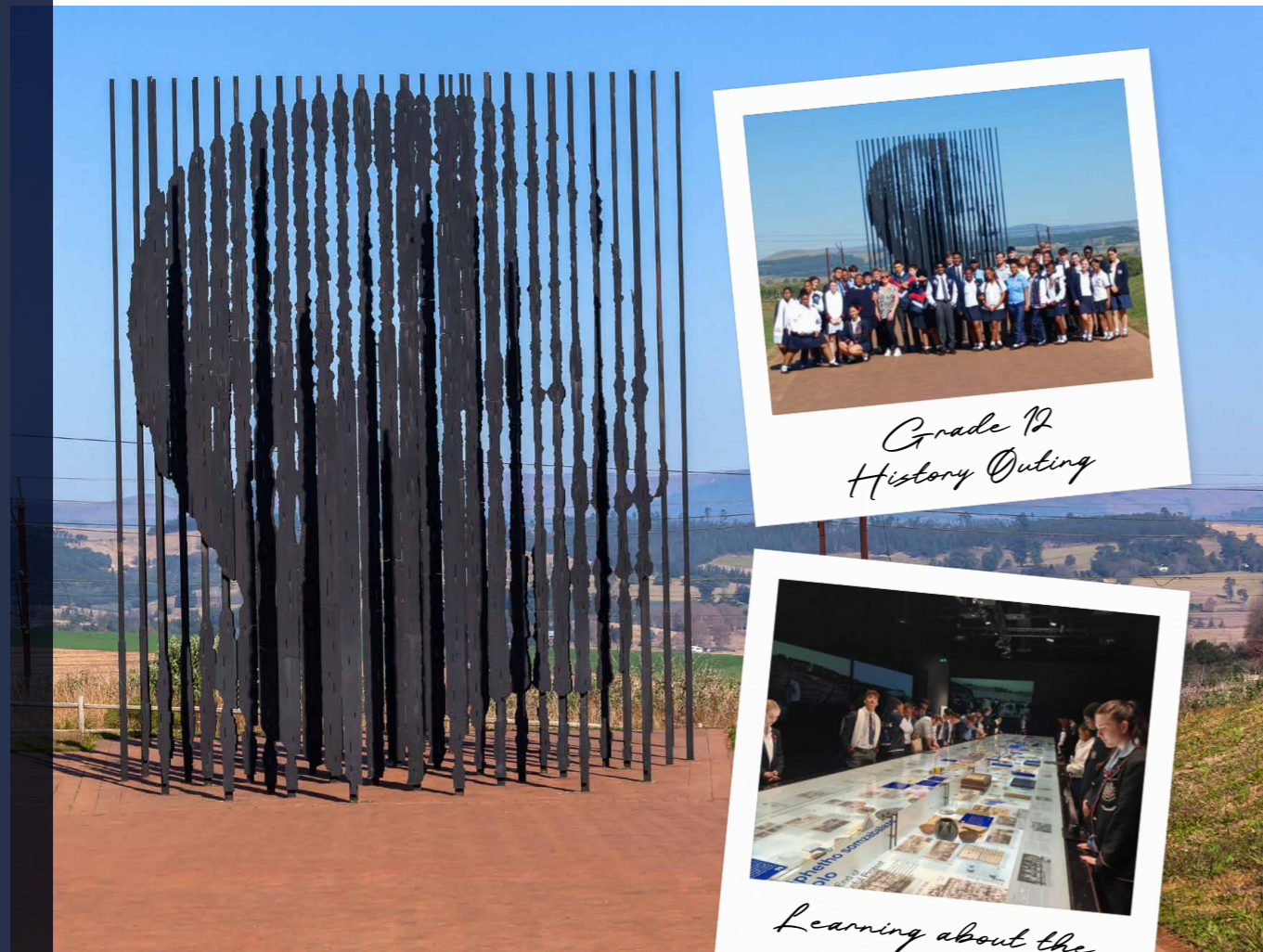
Jade Gericke (Grade 11)



Fit Exams with Tina Heffernan, Goethe Institute



Mandela Capture Site



*Grade 12
History Outing*



*Learning about the
cost of freedom*

HISTORY

In May the Matric History learners, accompanied by Mr Moore, Ms Cope, and Ms Giorko headed to the Nelson Mandela Capture Site in Howick. The hour-long drive was well worth the wait. The trip is an extension to the Matric syllabus, and brought the Crisis of Apartheid, the Road to Democracy, and the Black Consciousness Movement sections to life for the enthusiastic learners.

The story of the exhibition focuses on the struggles in KwaZulu-Natal in particular. Starting with the Bambatha Rebellion of 1906, it traces decades of resistance, culminating in the mass mobilisation of civil society in the 1980s. As a result the site of Mandela's capture becomes a gateway to understanding the history of this province, and its contribution to achieving freedom for all South Africans.

The impressive tour guide, interactive sound and video displays, as well as timeline recounts of the events that led to South Africa's liberation, left the

learners in awe of the tremendous impact that these freedom fighters have had in granting us our freedom today. Until recently, the Mandela Capture site served as a simple bricked area with a plaque to commemorate our former President Mandela's site of arrest. However, in 2012, the area evolved to give a just representation of the significance of the site with a Visitor Centre and the optical illusion sculpture being built.

This impressive work of art, constructed by South African artist Marco Cianfanelli, left us all in awe. The sculpture is made up of 50 steel columns strategically arranged, so that, from a particular vantage point, they come into focus as Nelson Mandela's face.

This was truly an immersive and enlightening experience that opened the minds of the Grade 12 History learners. We left the site both grateful for the past and inspired to pave the way for a brighter future.

Kiarra Chetty

INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY

Our top student in Grade 12, Sinothando Dlamini, has performed excellently in the Grade 12 PAT assessment this year.

The Information Technology students in Grade 10 have excelled in both their programming and theory. We have had Torben Mikkelsen achieve in the top THREE in KZN in the Programming Olympiad. He then went on to showcase his talents when tasked with creating a game, suitable for use by Grade 5 and 6 learners, to be used to market the school and increase engagement at the Hillcrest High School stand at the Hillcrest Primary High School Expo held in October. The game Torben developed in record time included a 3D representation of the HHS school buildings, a time-based challenge to manoeuvre to as many classrooms as possible, and a built-in algorithm to select the ultimate winner.

This year we have encouraged our students to not only learn through the standard content but also embrace a deeper learning experience by going beyond the solutions provided by AI solutions and think deeply about the hidden algorithms that drive our lives.

The most important development of upskilling our Grade 9's in Digital Literacy has been a major area of focus, many of whom had no prior experience in using programmes such as Excel (Spreadsheets).

Our e-Sports students have also performed exceptionally, competing in the Cape Town competition and regionally.

Mr Pearl (Subject head)



Sinothando Dlamini



Digital Literacy



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ISIZULU

It has been another remarkable year for the IsiZulu Department. The year 2024 has been marked by immense growth and determination. First and foremost, we would like to congratulate the Class of 2023 for their outstanding NSC results, achieving a 100% pass rate and earning a total of 44 distinctions. These exceptional results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our teachers and our learners.

In 2024 we bid farewell to Mr Mhlungu, a devoted and passionate teacher who consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment to his students. He has taken up a state teaching position in Vryheid. In his place, we welcomed Mr Zuma to our department. A former student of Hillcrest High School, we were delighted to have him return to his alma mater as a dedicated professional.

We are also proud to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr Ndebele, the head of our department and senior teacher, on his well-deserved promotion to Acting Deputy Principal. His achievement reflects his hard work and dedication. Throughout his tenure, he has shown exceptional leadership, taking on various responsibilities that have positively impacted not only our department but the entire school.

Our annual Open Day, held in February, was a great success. The students brought the exhibition to life, promoting culture and awareness while showcasing the richness and beauty of isiZulu as a language.

In July we hosted our 18th Annual IsiZulu Evening, marking the first time it was exclusively hosted and attended by Grade 11 learners and parents. The event was a resounding success, with students celebrating their vibrant and rich culture. Our Grade 11 learners were dressed in traditional attire representing isiZulu culture. The evening featured a variety of performances, including

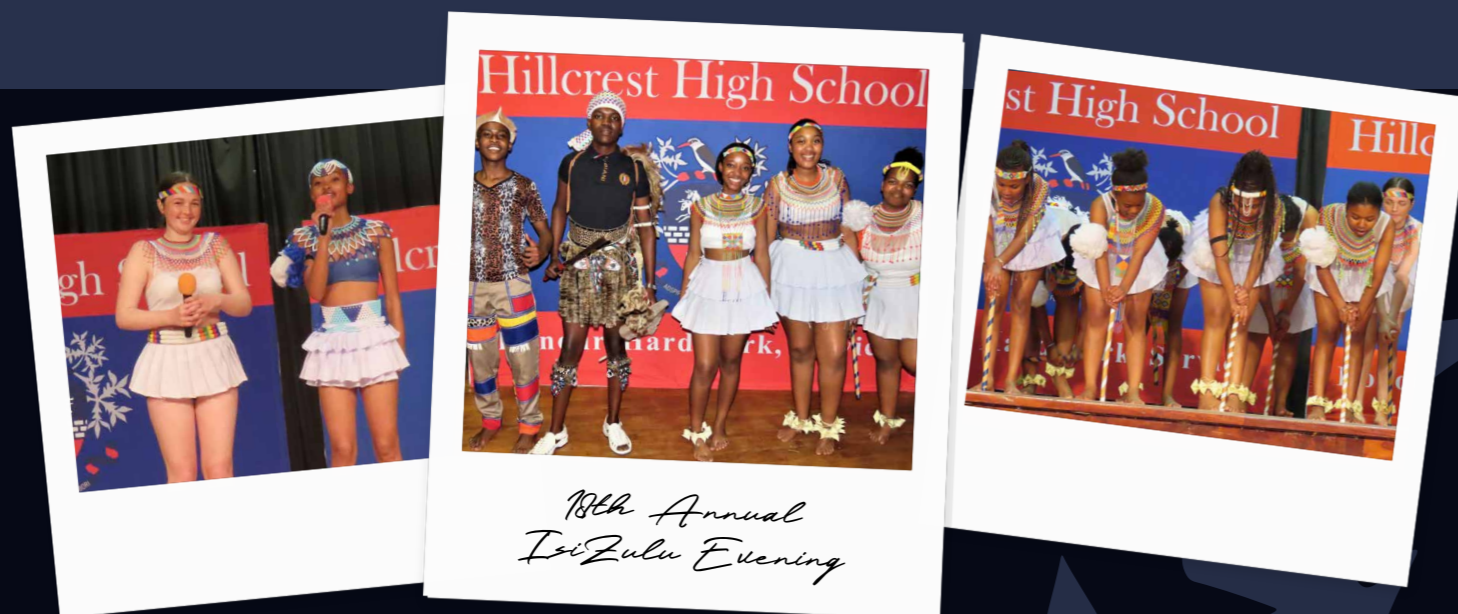
ukusina kwamantombazane (traditional Zulu girls' dance), amahubo (maiden hymns), gumboot dancing, ukusina kwabafana (traditional boys' dance), and poetry recitations in African languages. These performances told the story of what it means to be African and captured the essence of our African identity.

This year, we were also honoured to participate in the Annual IsiZulu Best Speaker Competition held at Danville Park Girls' High School. This competition has had a profound impact on our students, helping them develop essential communication and critical thinking skills while empowering them to express themselves effectively. Our speaker, Lwandile Buthelezi, a Grade 11 learner, was placed among the top five best speakers out of 15 participating schools. We extend our deepest thanks to Ms Gabisa who arranged and accompanied the Grade 11 learners.

Ms Gabisa



Annual IsiZulu Speaker Competition



18th Annual IsiZulu Evening

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LIFE SCIENCES

At Hillcrest High School the study of Life Sciences has been an absolute whirlwind for learners this year - but in the best way possible. The amount of work that must be covered in one year is unimaginable but somehow, we manage to get through it all. This year the Grade 10s, 11s and 12s have covered many sections, varying in difficulty, from micro-organisms to different types of viruses, the human ventilation system to the human excretory system, population ecology to human reproduction, and genetics to evolution. And this is just a tip of the iceberg!

In February the Life Sciences department took part in the HHS Open Day and had many different experiments and models on display for the Grade 7 learners and

their parents to see. It was a great experience, and the young learners were fascinated and interested.

The Life Sciences learners across the grades also had the opportunity to do dissections of animal organs including the heart, liver, and the lungs. Most learners enjoyed this opportunity, with a few feeling ill, but overall, it was an enriching educational experience for everyone.

The Life Sciences Department also participated in two external environmental projects. This includes the Kloof Conservancy Molweni River Health Project where twice a year Grade 10 learners volunteer to complete testing of river water at designated points. Data from this project provides valuable insight into the health of rivers in the area. The Grade 10 learners are always keen to participate in this very worthwhile project and come back keen to do it again and having learnt a great deal.

Three learners attended the excursion to the Ifa Lethu Wildlife Camp at Weenen Game Reserve, accompanied by Mrs Schoeman. They had the opportunity to learn about ecology, the importance of preserving grassland environments, and the many career options in this space including photography, conservation, working in hospitality or as a game ranger.



Jade Gericke (Grade 11)



LIFE ORIENTATION

In Life Orientation you learn many skills and gather great amounts of knowledge that will help you in the future. The information is useful, and the lessons are very interactive which makes them so enjoyable. During LO there is a lot more freedom to express yourself without judgement, making it an open and relaxed environment. There are so many answers which are inter-linked which expands our thinking skills and interpretation of opinions. During this year the grades 9's have made their subject choices and we have begun to think of potential career options – Life Orientation has helped make these decisions easier and without so much pressure.

Life Orientation is a very fun subject, although some of the topics we discuss can be sensitive. The discussions are important because we need to grow and learn from each other. My Life Orientation teacher always makes the lessons exciting. This is an important subject for teens as we go through our experimental stage of life!

Grade 9 Learners

LEARNER SUPPORT UNIT

2024 saw the start of the second full year of the new structure of the Learner Support Unit. In January we welcomed two classes of Grade 8 learners from a variety of schools. We have enjoyed watching these learners grow and become an integral part of our school. We are very proud of how they have involved themselves fully in the life of the school and we look forward to watching them mature over the next four years.

January also saw us receive the much-anticipated Matric results. We are extremely proud that all of our concessions' learners passed. We are so proud of them for their perseverance which allowed them to overcome their learning barriers, and we look forward to hearing from them in the years to come. It must be noted that this is the result of dedication and determination and that these learners understand the need for extra effort in the face of learning difficulties. These results are proof that with hard work and support from school and home, learning barriers can be overcome.

The LSU learners did some interesting projects and activities in NS. The Grade 9's made edible

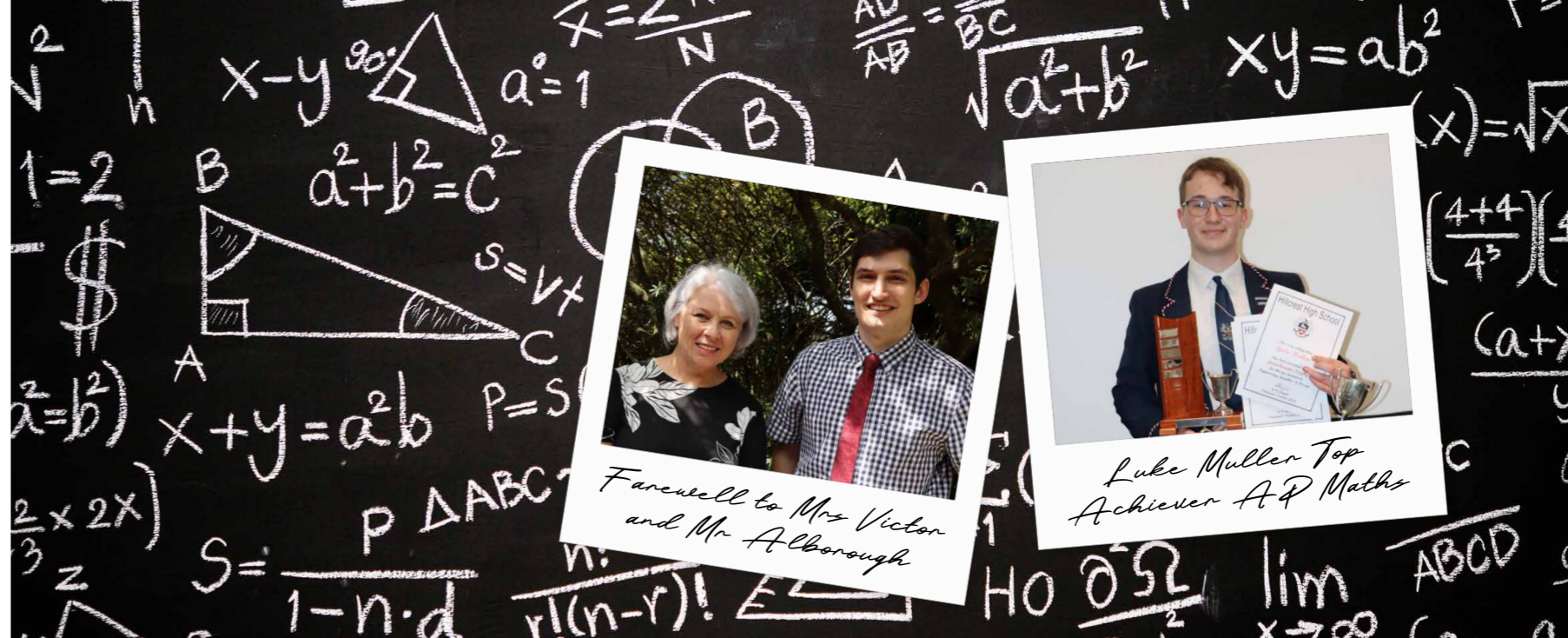
versions of an animal cell and the Grade 8's made useful and functional items out of recycled materials. The learners really enjoyed this creative approach to their academic work. Thank you Mrs Silva for helping to make learning fun.

2024 also sees the first group of learners who have been part of the newly structured support unit reach Grade 12. I am so very proud of this group of Grade 12 learners. Their approach to their academics and their willingness to receive the help provided have been amazing to watch. Particular mention must be made of Tyler Curtis who also excelled in show jumping, James Smith and Ty Jenkinson who worked at Splashy Fen with the AV club, Joshua Smith and James Smith who were IT monitors and Joshua Smith, Brooke Buckley and Jared Brown who were selected as SLT. We are looking forward to celebrating with them when they receive their results early in the new year. I am most definitely going to miss this special group of Grade 12's.

I would also like to thank our special LSU heads – Brooke Buckley and Jared Brown. You two have been absolutely amazing in your support of the junior learners and I know that you made the adjustment into high school a whole lot easier for many learners. Thank you for always being available to help me anytime I needed your assistance. I am going to miss you next year.

I would like to thank all the Learner Support teachers and the senior concessions registration teachers for all their hard work and dedication to our learners.

Mrs Leuschke (Head of the LSU)



MATHEMATICS & MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

The Matrics of 2023 produced a pleasing set of results. There were 12 A symbols for Mathematics and 13 for Mathematical Literacy. The learners who achieved excellent results are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication to the subject. Special mention must be made of Lerushan Viraragavan who achieved the top mark for Mathematics and Deeksha Tanwar who achieved the top mark for AP Maths.

This year there have been quite a few changes in the Maths Department. We said farewell to Mrs Victor and Mr Alborough at the end of the first term. Mrs Victor went on early retirement and Mr Alborough emigrated to Australia with his wife. We wish them both much happiness for the new chapters of their life. We were fortunate to be able to welcome three new teachers to fill the gaps – Mr Mthanthi and Mr Mbuyazi joined Hillcrest High School in a permanent capacity as transfers from other schools and Mr Searle joined us to teach junior Maths until the end of 2024.

We are very grateful to Mr Searle for his contributions to Hillcrest High School and wish him well for his future endeavours. Mr Wood also joined the Maths Department this year, teaching two Grade 9 classes. Unfortunately, he will also be leaving us at the end of the year, and we wish him well in his new position. Mr Roux qualified as a teacher this year and joined the department, teaching a grade 11 Maths Literacy class.

Many learners took part in the South African Mathematics Foundation Maths Olympiad in the earlier part of the year. We had 12 juniors (Gr 8 and 9) as well as 32 seniors (Gr 10-12) make it through to the second round written in May.

The top achievers for the Juniors were: Maja Kearley placed in first position and in tied second position were Rudi Klijnstra; Isabella Te Brugge and Anro Adendorff.

The top achievers for the Seniors have made us very proud with: Luke Muller in first position achieving 90% and Joe Te Brugge achieving 80%.

They all received a certificate from South African Maths Foundation. Unfortunately, no one from our school then managed to get into Round 3. Where Round 1 is a Multiple-Choice Question Paper, the Round 2 paper is much more complicated as they need to find solutions and work without calculators.

Luke Muller participated in the SAMF Maths Olympiad. He came 36th in the senior section and was invited to participate in team competition. Congratulations to Luke! Hillcrest High School was invited to send learners to participate in the ASSA Mathematics Competition at St Mary's. Altogether we sent 16 learners from Grade 8, 10 and 11 to participate. The learners wrote an individual Olympiad and then participated in a team Olympiad. It was a fantastic opportunity for our learners, and they enjoyed working in teams with learners from other schools. We are looking forward to participating again in the years ahead. Well done to the learners who participated. Special mention must be made of Ethan Ainhirn and Tony Wiepert who placed in the top 10 in the senior section, and Zoey Wiepert who placed in the top 15 in the junior section.

I would like to thank the entire department for, once again, being a wonderful team who works so well together. Thank you, especially, for being so willing to pick up additional classes or lessons when we were short of a teacher at the start of the year. It is a privilege to be part of this team.

Mrs Leuschke (Subject Head)



Row 3: Keiran Rossouw
 Row 2: Luke Muller, Clinton Courtis
 Row 1: Annika Adendorft, Mr DE Reuben, Morgan Walker

AP MATHEMATICS

We have been offering AP Mathematics at our school for more than 10 years. Just recently the IEB announced the launch of their newest qualification – the IEB International Secondary Certificate (IEB-ISC). Along with this launch, the IEB has taken the decision to rename the Advanced Programme Mathematics to Further Studies Mathematics from 2022. These qualifications have been benchmarked by UK-ENIC as comparable to the overall GCE Advanced level (A-level) standard.

Each year the AP Maths pupils choose a name for their class. The "Limit Breakers" of 2023 achieved an average of 76% in their final exams. 4 out of the 8 "Limit Breakers" achieved distinctions at the end of last year. We are extremely proud of their outstanding results.

It is very gratifying to receive testimonials from past pupils who say how much AP Maths has helped them bridge the gap to Mathematics at university. "The essence of math is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple." Stan Gudder, Mathematician.

Mrs Leuschke (Subject Head)

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Stan Gudder





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PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Physical Science is a fundamental science that explores the nature of the universe, from the smallest particles to the largest galaxies. It is a subject that fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and an understanding of the principles that govern the natural world. Through the study of physics, students gain insight into concepts such as energy, force, and motion, which are essential for many fields in science and engineering.

Our Matric students of 2023 made Hillcrest High School remarkably proud with their outstanding results in Physics. They achieved a 100% pass rate in the subject, with 14 students earning A's. These results reflect the dedication and effort of both the students and their teachers, who have worked tirelessly to ensure success.

The Physical Sciences department at HHS has had a remarkable year, filled with achievements and inspiring events that highlight the dedication and talent of Hillcrest High School's learners.

STEM MENTHER

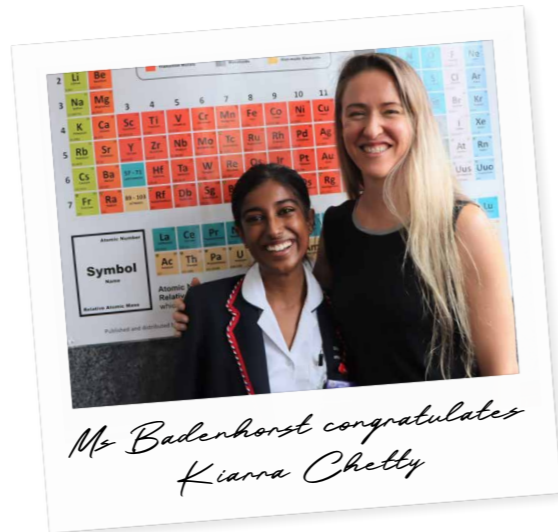
We are proud to announce that our matric pupil, Kiarra Chetty, was selected for the prestigious STEM mentHER programme. This programme is dedicated to guiding young women through the complicated field of STEM and empowering them to pursue careers in the field. Kiarra's selection is a testament to her hard work, enthusiasm, and future potential in science.

Kiarra Chetty reported back on her experience:

Through the STEM MentHer Programme, I had the privilege of being exposed to some of the most exemplary scientists across the field of STEM in South Africa, including astrophysicists, doctors in computer science, and experts in mathematics, all of whom were women. It was truly inspiring to see the extent to which these exemplary women strove to achieve excellence in their respective fields. Each of the 11 girls from the KZN cohort was placed with a mentor. I was assigned Dr Veena Singaram, the Senior Lecturer of Clinical Health at UKZN, as my mentor which was extremely beneficial to my aspiration of becoming a doctor. The advice that was given was invaluable, guiding me on the marks to achieve, how to achieve them, and bursary opportunities for next year.

In the June school holiday, I had the honour of attending SAAHE, the South African Association of Health Educationalists, where I mingled with

the head lecturers of medicine from all the medical schools across SA, and even the USA, Kenya, Congo and Ghana. The conference focused on improving the quality of teaching and learning in health sciences education to enhance the delivery of high quality, affordable and sustainable health care to South Africans in both the public and private sector. Truly an incredible experience! Throughout the year, I was able to attend Zoom meetings with updates on bursaries and new ways to study that allowed me to mingle with the girls from other cohorts.

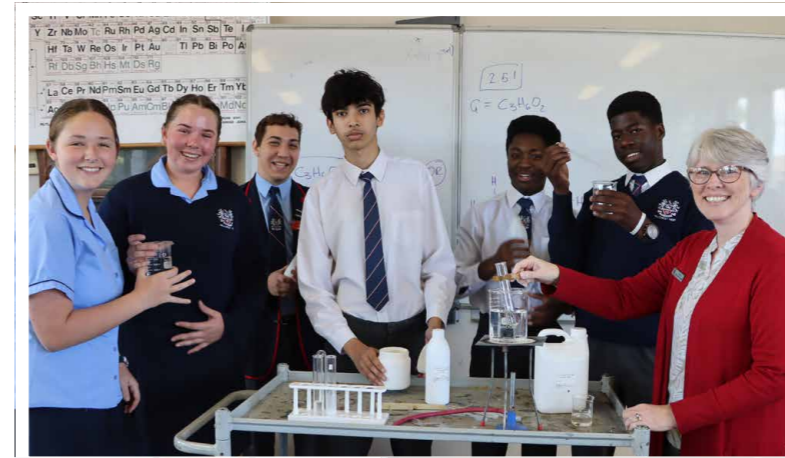


SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUNG WOMEN IN STEM CONFERENCE

Eight Grade 11 learners had the opportunity to attend a STEM conference aimed at empowering young women in STEM. The students who represented our school were; Julia Angus, Eryn Beech, Dayna Gagiano, Vanessa Van der Westhuizen, Lola Klijnstra, Khethelo Ngcamu, Yuktha Moodley, and Chloe Marais. This conference was a valuable experience, providing these young women with the inspiration and confidence to pursue their passions in the STEM field. Thank you to Mahle Behr South Africa for hosting our learners at this event.

The success of our students is a direct reflection of the excellent staff in our Physical Science department. Our teachers are passionate educators who inspire and challenge their students. They are committed to providing a supportive and stimulating learning environment that encourages curiosity and academic excellence.

Chloe Marais
(Grade 11)



TOURISM

2024 has been an exciting year for this department. Our classes have grown immensely and in 2025 we will be having FOUR classes for Grade 10! We will, also for the very first time have THREE Grade 12 classes.

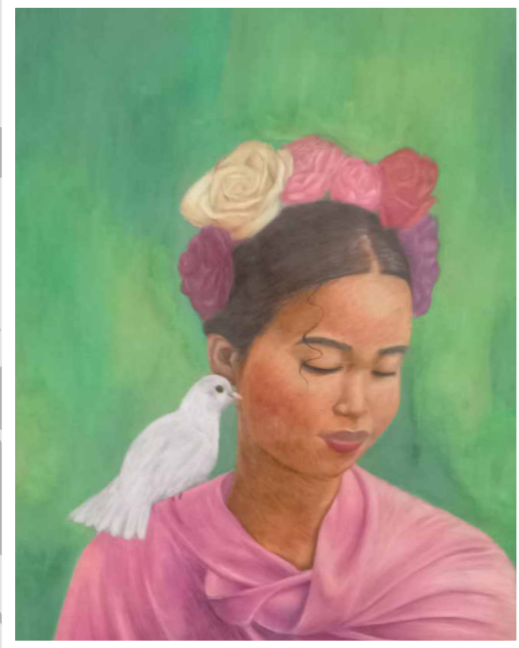
Tourism is both an exciting and an extremely interesting subject, which I and my two colleagues enjoy teaching. I wish to thank Mrs Esther Naidoo and Mrs Sanele Mtakwende for their hard work this year.

Mrs M. Singh (Subject Head)

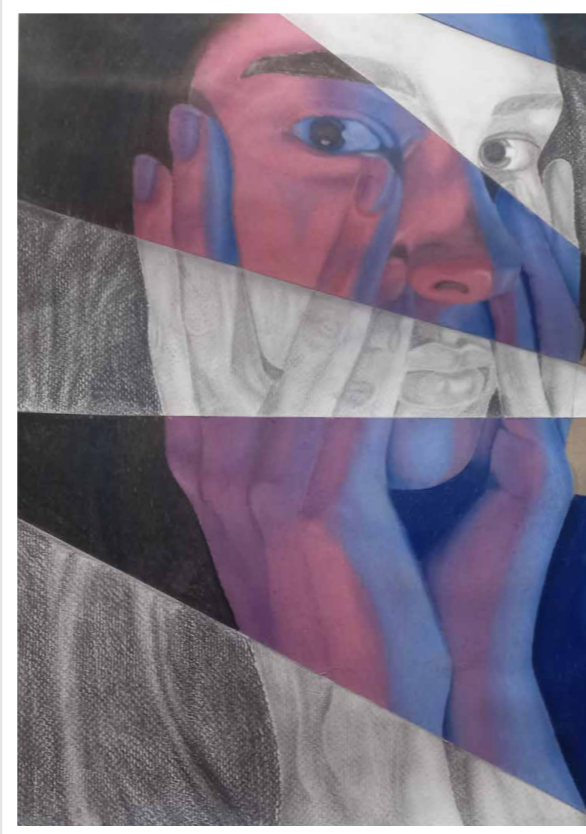
VISUAL ARTS

"To be an artist is to believe in life."

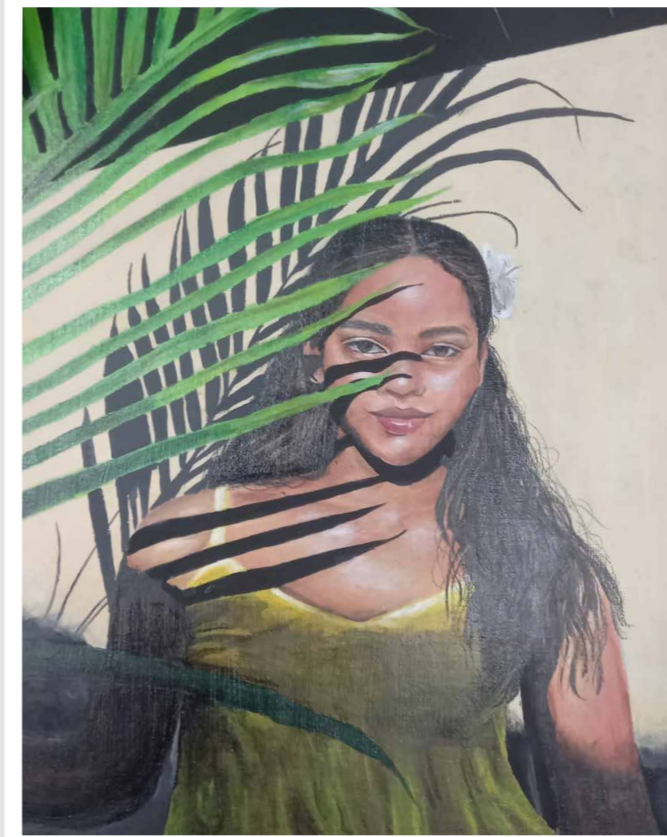
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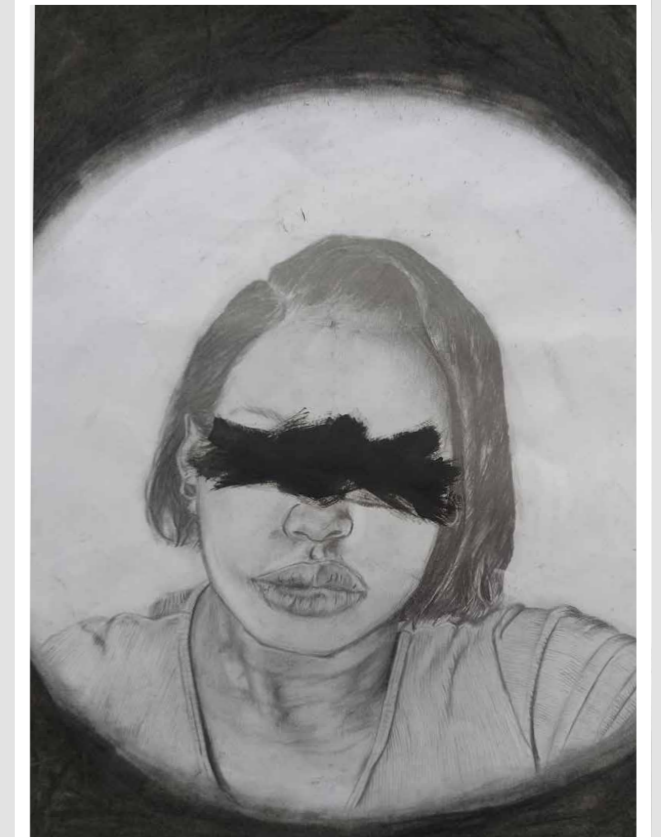
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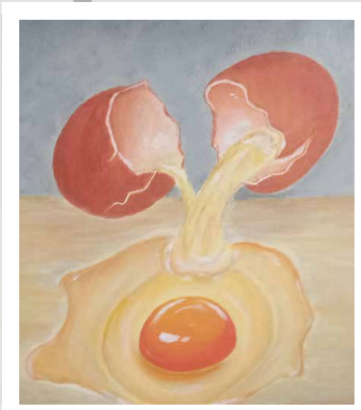
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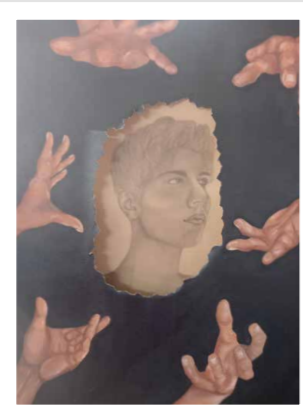
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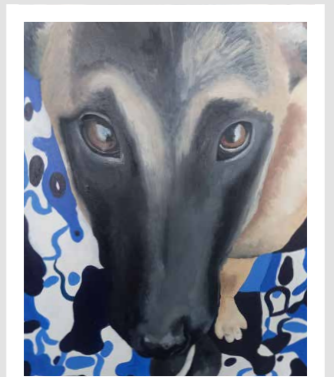
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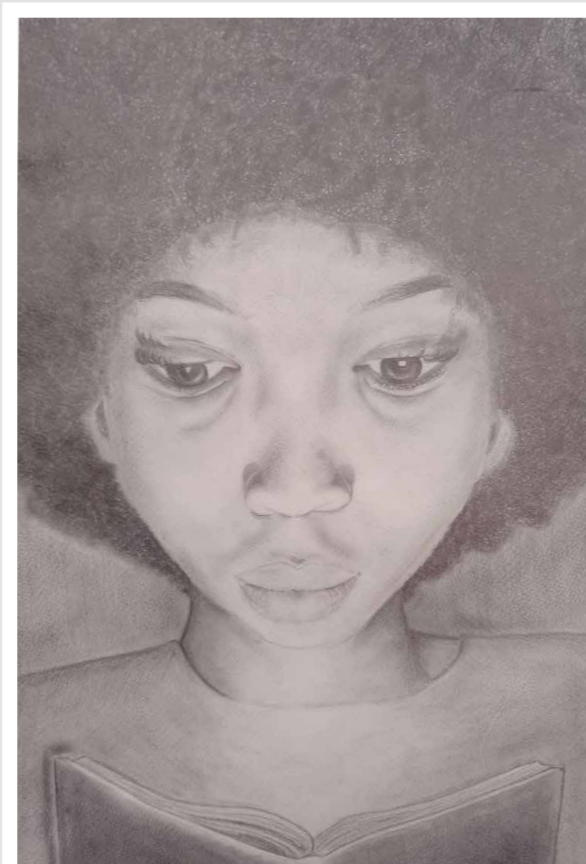
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2024 SPORTS TOUR

This year our Rugby, Netball, Boys' Soccer, and Boys' and Girls' Hockey 1st Teams toured to George in the Western Cape to participate in the Southern Cape Mega High School Sports Tournament. As a touring party of 76 players and eight staff, we travelled by bus to a part of the country many of us had never visited. There was great excitement with lots of chatter on the bus for most of the trip!

Our teams were accommodated in Outdshoorn which meant we had to travel for an hour every day to get to George, and an hour back again in the evening. For the most part this meant there was not much time to explore the area between the busy match schedule and travelling, but as a group, we did have the opportunity to enjoy the Southern Lights Musical Festival at the Outeniqua Park Stadium in our downtime.

The teams played exceptionally well and supported each other throughout the tour. Our Netball team were unbeaten throughout the tournament, winning all 11 matches they played and bringing home

the trophy. On the Hockey Pitch, the Boys' team played five matches and displayed true GRIT, but were unlucky with some of their results. The Girls' Hockey team played seven matches, losing one, drawing two, and winning four.

Our results on the Soccer field were also outstanding with Boys' soccer narrowly losing in the final. The Rugby team played 3 matches, resulting in one win, one loss, and one draw.

Thank you to all the parents and companies who assisted with sponsorships, supported our fundraising efforts, made donations, and provided prizes to enable the teams to attend: Northside Electrical, Roman's Pizza Hillcrest, Floline Cleaning Services, Stuart Berry of Splashy Fen, Aquelle, PJ Silos, Safrident, Stuart Geldard, Nancy Scott, Eldorado Spur, Stretta Café, Remax Address Hillcrest, Watercrest Mall, Waxy O'Connors Hillcrest, Da Costa Incorporated and Richdens Spar.

Thank you to the coaches who accompanied the tour for all of your support and dedication to sport: Mr Windsor, Mr Steedman, Mr Roux, Mr Majola, Ms Cope, Ms Blom and Mrs Mthembu.

Mr P Windsor



BADMINTON



GIRLS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Isabella Te Brugge
 Row 2: Ropafadzo Marinda, Faith William
 Row 1: Mrs DP Knight, Hannah King, Miss Foulkes



BOYS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Jeriah Govender
 Row 2: Adam Foulkes, Siviwe Luthuli
 Row 1: Miss W Foulkes, Ethan Ainhirn, Mrs DP Knight



Girls' Badminton

Row 3: Maja Kearley, Caylia Powell, Norma-Jean Price, Tayton Botha, Katy Armstrong, Joy Mackenzie, Row 2: Shaylee Jenkinson, Margo Fransenburg, Senamile Mvelase, Kloey Edwards, Row 1: Ziva Van Den Berg, Mr NG Majola, Azania Ntshangase, Miss Foulkes, Lwandle Vukeka



Boys' 2nd Team

Row 3: Mark Smith, Teagan Baxter, Sebastian Smith, Row 2: Benjamin Smith, Nathan Patrick
 Row 1: Miss Foulkes, James Smith, Mr NG Majola



Boys' 3rd Team

Row 3: Banele Khuboni, Luthando Blose, Row 2: Jordan Karriem, Tamuka Chovuchovu
 Row 1: Miss Foulkes, Benjamin Dempers, Mr NG Majola

CHESS

NINE IN A ROW!

Chess is a four term activity and remains ever popular, encouraging disciplined strategic thinking. This year marked the ninth year that HHS won the PADSSA League! The league has grown from a mere five schools in 2019 (when we took over coordinating the league) to twelve schools participating this year: HHS, Kloof High, Werda, Star College, Kearsney College, Thomas More, PGHS, QGHS, Geloftse, St. Francis, St. Benedict and PBHS. Schools play eight matches against each other, hence 88 matches in total. This year PBHS couldn't complete their matches, with the total number of points / matches being 80. HHS won 75 of the 80 games, followed by Kloof at 58.5, with Werda and Star College tied at 51. We also played Greytown, beating them eight games to nil.



1ST TEAM

Row 2: Mashilo Molebale, Nathan Joubert, Gerrit Thyse, Jack Joubert, Ethan Ainhirn,
 Row 1: Luke Muller, Mrs DP Knight, Clinton Courtis, Mrs E Gomes, Alessandro Petronio

"Avoid the crowd. Do your own thinking independently. Be the chess player, not the chess piece."

Ralph Charell

Regular Saturday morning training also took place, with chess enthusiasts from Hillcrest Primary School joining us for a session.

Our 1st team consists of the top 12 players: Alessandro Petronio (Club Captain), Mfanelo Ndlovu, Clinton Courtis (Match Captain), Mashilo Molebale, Gerrit Thyse, Luke Muller (Team Captain), Ethan Ainhirn, Nathan Patrick, Hayden Oertel, Nathan Joubert, Jack Joubert, and Norma-Jean Price. We have many Chess Club players playing ladder tournaments striving to make the team.

Sadly, this year we bid farewell to our Matric team players who have been exceptional in winning the league throughout their high school career. We will miss them greatly!

Mrs L Gomes (TIC - Chess)

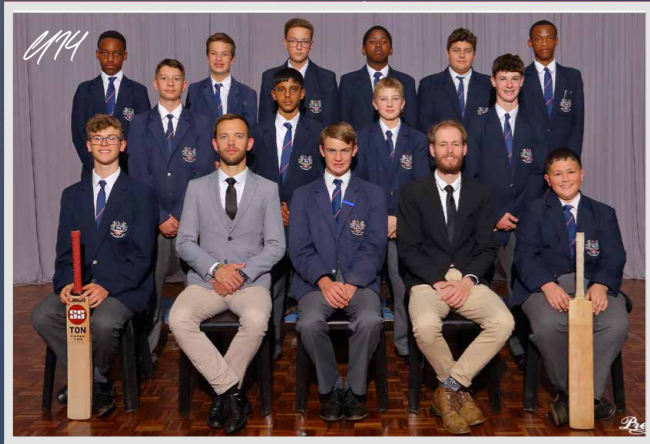


2nd Team

Row 2: Maja Kearley, Mpilo Dlamini, Sahluko Mjwara, Norma-Jean Price
 Row 1: Sinothando Dlamini, Mrs DP Knight, Nathan Patrick, Mrs E Gomes, Hayden Oertel



CRICKET



Row 3: Bongumusa Nkutha, Noah Berndt, Richard Smeda, Ntuthuko Gumede, Bryce Caldeira, Thabiso Malembe, **Row 2:** Patton Knoesen, Matthew Pillay, Levi Lundie, Ryan Rees, **Row 1:** Keegan Compton-James, Mr AM Burger, Stephen Munro, Mr CC Wood, Slaid Brown

U14 CRICKET

The first term is usually a difficult term for the U14 cricket boys as they are adapting to their new school and often realise from the first cricket practice that they are no longer the big fish in the small pond – they have arrived at the ocean! However, this year's crop of youngsters has demonstrated that they have huge amounts of potential. The results speak for themselves. This is a very talented group of cricketers who have had a good start to their high school cricket careers. They have been well shepherded by Mr Wood through a few tricky situations and tougher moments on the field and have come out victorious, learning how to navigate the field when batters are set, and be patient with bat in hand when the opposition bowl well.

Standout performances for the term include Stephen Munro's Hundred in the last match against Thomas More, Matthew Pillay turning the ball around the corner, taking four wickets against Kloof High School, and Keegan Compton-James holding his bat for a 72 ball 49 in the same fixture. Ryan Marillier was also a steady performer for the team with ball in hand, finishing as joint highest wicket-taker this term, picking nine wickets. Congratulations to the U14As on finishing the first term unbeaten!

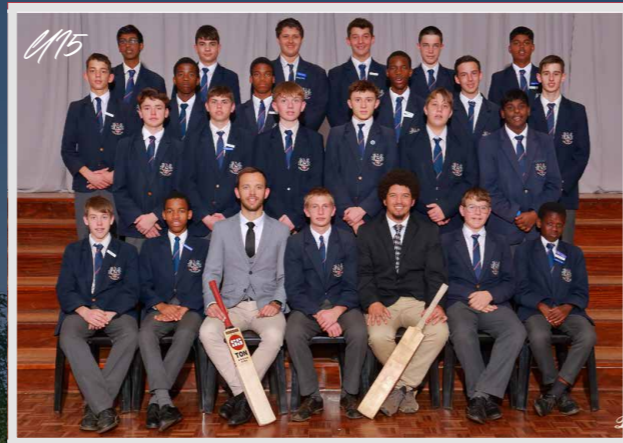
U15 CRICKET

This year our U15 teams have shown great ability with the ball in hand, tearing through most opposition without letting many chances slip. They successfully kept their opposition to under 100 runs on four out of six occasions. This feat was no easy task after losing their opening fast bowler at the start of the second match in the season. They relied heavily on the team's ability to take their chances in the field, which they did on most occasions. Led by young, first-time skipper Dylan Jacobson, they displayed incredible fortitude in chasing down smaller totals without losing many wickets, as shown in the matches against Kloof High School and Howick High School. These are traditionally two of our strongest opponents.

The loss against Ashton was the only blemish to an otherwise flawless season for the U15As, and against Westville Boys' High School for the U15B team. On both occasions, our teams showed great character in accepting their losses and bouncing back in the matches that followed. The match between our U15B and George Campbell's U15A was a great example of this. On a very tricky wicket, our cricketers found themselves defending 101 runs in a T20 after Liam Sanders and Daniel Shuttleworth shared a good partnership in which Liam contributed 28. Triston Govender went on to take 4-20 to win them the match.

The standout for this age group was the U15A Captain, Dylan Jacobson, who scored his second Hundred for Hillcrest High School against Reddam House in a T20. He has amassed 224 runs at an average of 74.7 being dismissed only three times in six innings, successfully carrying his bat for the team. He was ably supported by friend Riley Nicholas whose knock of 45 saved the day against Thomas More College.

We are incredibly proud of our U15 cricketers who represented our school to the best of their abilities. We hope that they all continue to play the beautiful game.



Row 4: Clive Padayachee, Kaidin Singh, Hayden Oertel, Gareth Henning, Nathan Daw, Amir Ramraj, **Row 3:** Ricardo De Almeida, Ntuthuko Zuma, Luthando Blose, Sandisizwe Shezi, Scott Burger, Marco Chessa, **Row 2:** Adam Foulkes, Daniel Shuttleworth, Kiano Elliott, Riley Nicholas, Zack Levenson, Triston Govender, **Row 1:** Callum Stieger, Banele Shange, Mr AM Burger, Dylan Jacobson, Mr CC Marillier, Liam Sanders, Tamuka Chovuchovu



Row 3: Evan Rambaran, Jayden Chaythram, Conner Lowe, Kienan Sawyer, Yolán Govender, Dominique Knoesen, **Row 2:** Kyle Sum Yuen, Ricardo De Almeida, Divan Du Plessis, Warren Munro, Sinenhloso Shoji, Luca Chessa, **Row 1:** Tana Botha, Mr CM Steedman, Bradley Edwards, Mr CC Marillier, Michael Griessel

SENIOR CRICKET

This year, Hillcrest High School boasted the most cricket teams that we have had in a long time. In term one, we had on average 30 senior boys at every cricket practice, which led to us being able to field a First, Second and Third XI. This is an incredible feat for our school, and we are extremely proud of all our senior cricketers for their commitment shown to the sport this year. Both Second and Third Teams competed well in their matches, collectively winning seven out of the ten matches played.

FIRST XI

This year's First XI cricket has been led by Trent Woodrow, with Tai Munro and Gabriel Swift as his two deputies. In 50 over matches, played on Saturdays, our team was undefeated with notable victories over Kloof High School, Howick High School and Thomas More College, the last victory of the season being the most noteworthy as it was their highest successful run chase of the season.

The team has been a very close-knit group with a strong contingent of both Grade 12, and Grade 10 players, who have all made their debuts in the last six months, many of them eased into the team with exposure through the Tier 2 W100 tournament at the end of last year. The fruits of this have shown at different times through their ability to field well at the higher level. Individual contributions from

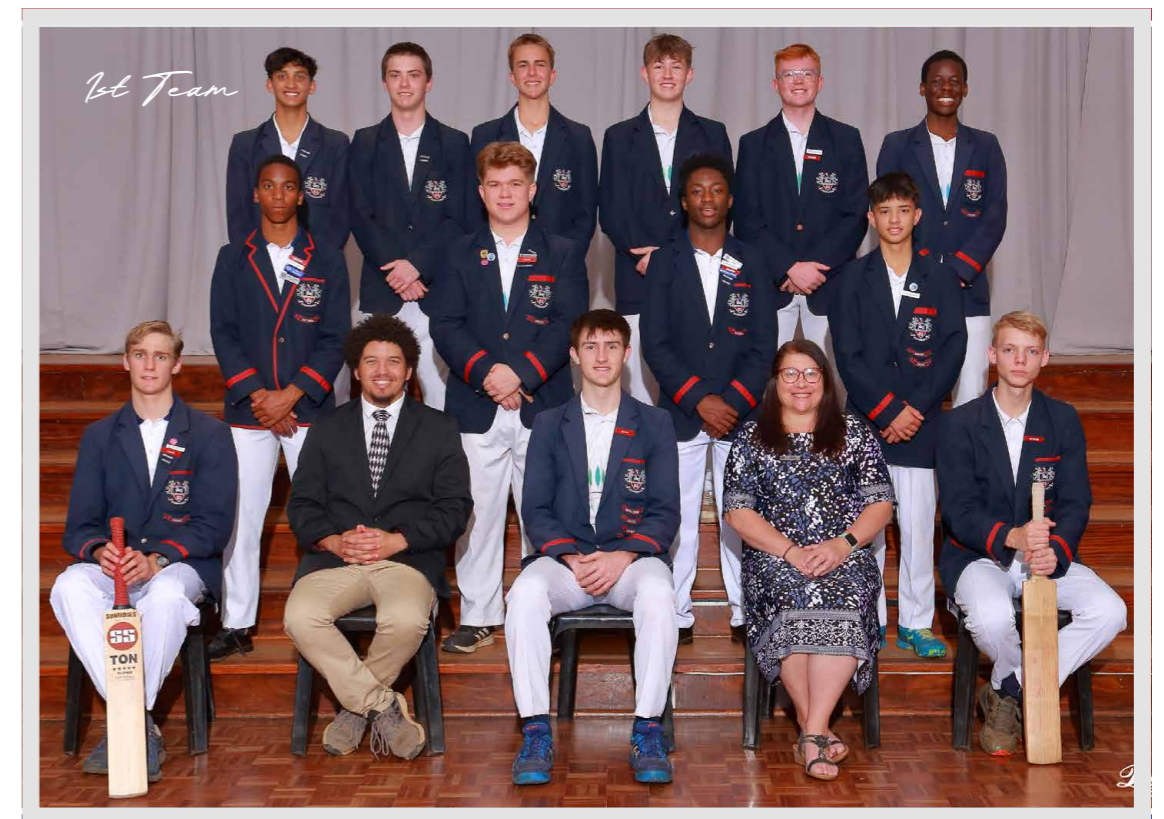
Jayden Chaythram and Seth Surgeson with ball in hand, and youngsters like Kienan Sawyer and Paul Momoh batting well for the team, have all been encouraging signs for the future.

The leaders in the team this year have really shone. Asher Chovuchovu performed well at the top of the order with a good 50 against Howick High School and Tai Munro with his lower order heroics saved us on multiple occasions. Both batters collectively totaled over 300 runs this term. Gabriel Swift was the leading wicket-taker for our school with 15 scalps across matches. He showed incredible consistency with ball in hand and proved he can hold his own with the bat as well.

Credit must also be given to the captain who has done well to set the standard for the team with his behaviour and professionalism in the team environment. Trent Woodrow has earned the respect of his teammates by always being willing to put his entire body on the line, in every aspect of the game. He never reaches the end of a match with a clean set of cricket whites – to which his mother can attest.

Thank you to the parents and supporters who attended the all-day matches on Saturdays to support the first team. The team would also like to thank the ground staff for their efforts to ensure the fields were always in good condition for home fixtures.

In the first term, across all teams, 36 matches were played with 28 wins by Hillcrest High School. This was an incredible feat for our teams and shows just how much hard work and effort has been put in by our players, coaches, and managers. Well done to everyone involved in cricket at HHS! Keep pushing to be the best that you can be and remember - "If it is to be, it's up to me!"



Row 3: Jayden Chaythram, Seth Surgeson, Brendon Frenzel, Kienan Sawyer, Connor Lowe, Asher Chovuchovu
Row 2: Asiphile Blose, Jaydon Brown, Paul Momoh, Tasriq Wingrove
Row 1: Tai Munro, Mr CC Marillier, Trent Woodrow, Mrs DP Knight, Gabriel Swift

CROSS COUNTRY



Row 6: Daniel Burton, Ludick Erasmus, Logan Riley, Mpumelelo Makhathini, Bradley Leppan, Scott Burger
 Row 5: Heinrich Freitag, Banele Shange, Alexis Duncan, Sinenhloso Shoji, Kayla Van Heerden, Bradley Edwards
 Row 4: Lubanzi Zwane, Tayla Holing, Leah Botha, Emily O'Shaughnessy, Kayla Jackson, Jemma Du Plooy
 Row 3: Amy Neveling, Brielle Pillay, Callum Stieger, Rebekah Nel, Bethany Haynes, Mongezi Mbuthuma, Annabelle Van Heerden
 Row 2: Rebecca Easson, Lelethu Mandindi, Ava Riley, Roxanne De Kock, Vuyo Mlamula, Manqoba Gumede
 Row 1: Miss N Badenhorst, William Asquith, Mr B White, Emma Atkinson, Mrs DP Knight, Chad Gaugain, Mr CC Wood



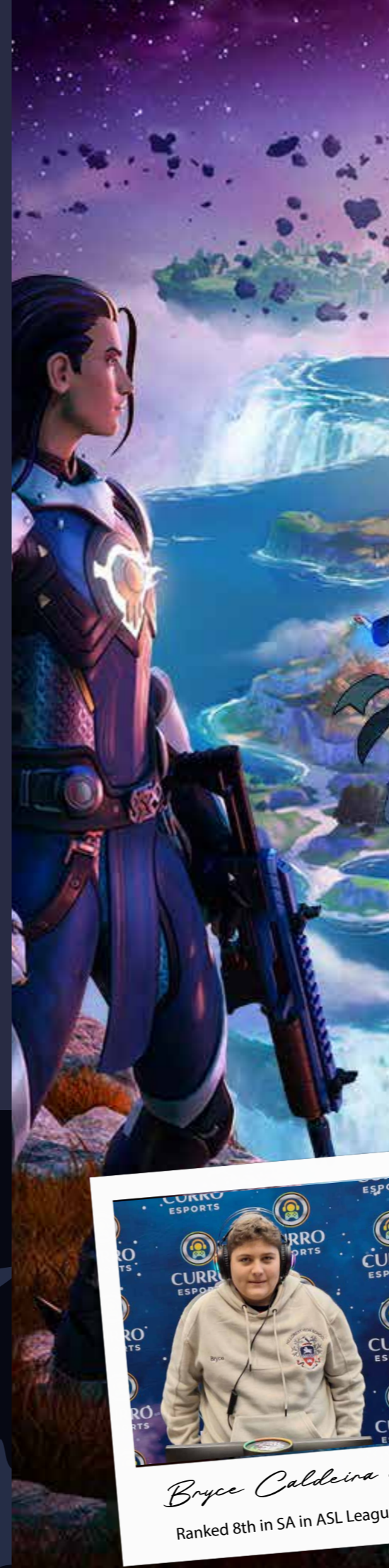
EQUESTRIAN



Row 3: Erin Lowe, Erin Massey, Jonathan De Beer
 Row 2: Gabriella Lombaard, Chloe Potgieter
 Row 1: Kingsley Matthews, Mr Sapet, Tyler Curtis



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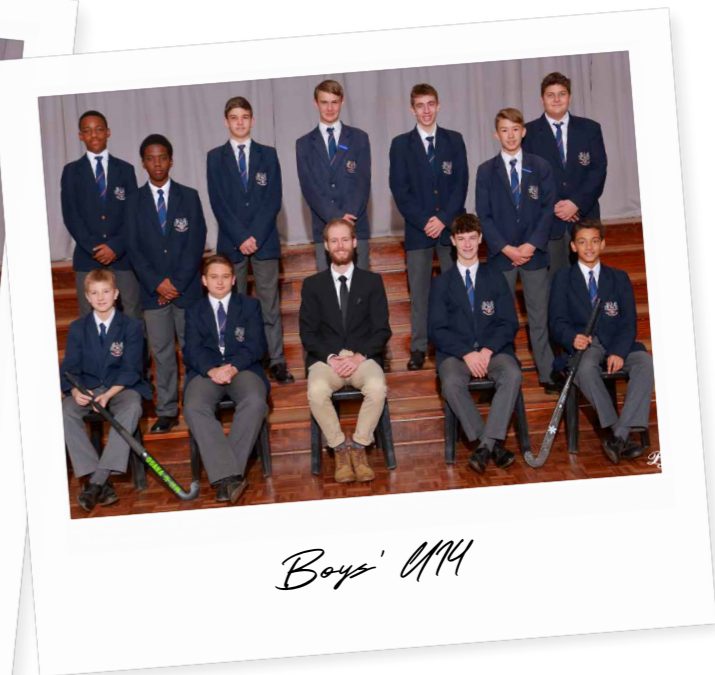
The Esports Team participated in the AGC Tournament in Cape Town this year. The tournament consisted of two leagues, the ASL (African Schools League) designed for school participation and the ACGL (African Cyber Gaming League), the open players league.

The "HHS Kings," as our Esports team is known, competed against 160 schools in the ASL League and were in the top 15 teams invited to play in the finals. They placed 9th overall. Our top scorer, Bryce Caldeira, excelled and is now ranked 8th in South Africa. Zander Lubbe came away from the tournament ranked 33, Michael Griessel, 38, and Blaine Herbst, who experienced technical difficulties that impacted his performance, ranked 47th.



Row 3: Bryce Caldeira, Zander Lubbe, Michael Griessel
 Row 2: Joshua Whittle, Brandon Lilly
 Row 1: Mr S Moffatt, Blaine Herbst, Mrs DP Knight





BOYS' HOCKEY

The 1st team Hockey Boys had a season with much excitement and naturally a few ups and downs, however I am pleased to say that by the end of the season we came out on top. This year's team was a new and young bunch of boys, many of whom were playing together for the first time.

Our season started off with a tour to George. The boys were filled with excitement as they received full new kit and bags from our amazing sponsor, Splashy Fen! The tournament was a tough one, there were many challenges faced, but as they say, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger". By the end of the tour, the boys came back as a stronger team.

Once the season officially began, we hit the ground running, with our first game of the season being one of our biggest challenges - Thomas More. The boys played exceptionally well to achieve a very close victory of 1-0 to Hillcrest. This boosted their confidence for the rest of the season, and they went on to win seven, draw one, and lose three of their 11 matches played.

Ending off the season with the PSG Super 8s Finals at Riverwood, the boys played with skill, true sportsmanship, and confidence winning the final with a 5-0 victory. As a coach I enjoy the process of moving a group of 13 relative strangers to become a team of friends - those bonds make a long season and the extra hours of training and fitness worthwhile.

Row 3: Campbell Robinson, Brendon Smith, Cuan Le Roux, Brendon Frenzel, Keagan Glauser, Row 2: Luca Chessa, Riley Nicholas, Nhlakanipho Zinume, Tasrig Wingrove, Row 1: Lungelo Zondi, Trent Woodrow, Miss SL Cope, Deacon Grindell, Mrs DP Knight, Asande Ngobese, Jaydon Brown

These young men have been respectful to the game and to one another, to the school and to me as their coach and I could not ask for more. As Captain, Deacon Grindell, was simply phenomenal. He was organised, respectful, caring and went beyond his call of duty. As our goalkeeper he also saved our bacon a lot! Vice-Captain, Trent Woodrow, was the perfect backup - able to calm the team, and even his coach, when things got tough. I am grateful to both of these young men for their hard work and support.

To my Seniors of the team, thank you for your love for the game, the impact you have had on the juniors and what you have taught them. To the team, 2025 awaits! We have got this, we have GRIT, we have each other, and most of all we have a LOVE FOR THE GAME.

Ms SL Cope (Coach)



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Girls' 2nd Team

Row 3: Keira Du Plessis, Taygen Oberholzer, Keira Arpin, Taylor Van Tromp, Kayla Jackson, Macayela Johansson, Samukelisiwe Mbonambi, Row 2: Senzelwe Nene, Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Row 1: Anele Sabela, Jaime Buys, Mrs AE Sebeikin, Zainab Wingrove, Mrs LJ Topham, Ashlee Taylor, Emily George

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Row 3: Anele Sabela, Jordan Kidgell, Tae Le Roux, Shannyn Olivier, Morgan Walker, Nadia Singleton
 Row 2: Isabella Momoh, Senamile Mvelase, Akwande Luthuli, Macayela Johansson
 Row 1: Jenna Louw, Mr PD Windsor, Erin Mc Cartney, Mrs DP Knight, Brooke Buckley

The hockey season is getting busier each year. This year we started with practices at the Curro Hillcrest Astro Turf in the evening and it has been great to see the dedication and commitment from the players, their parents and their coaches: Mr Windsor, Mrs Topham, Mrs Sebeikin, Miss Buckley and Ms Ngcobo. The hard work put in by both the girls and their coaches was evident in their performance. Starting off the season, we participated in the Geloft Night Series, entering a senior and a junior team. This was a difficult start as the tournament was played on grass, with some of the results not being in our favour, but the girls played exceptionally. The 1st team also participated in the Curro Hillcrest pre-season tournament where they defeated Kloof, drew with St. Mary's U16A, and lost to Curro Hillcrest.

The 2nd term league was a busy season with the girls playing all their matches on Astro. The combined results of all teams had Hillcrest High School finish 3rd in the 'B' Astro league.

The 1st team also competed in the SPAR Tournament, winning two, drawing two and losing one of the five matches played. This is a fantastic achievement as we are in a very strong group.

This year we also participated in the PSG Super 8s Tournament for the first time and the teams had a fantastic tournament.

The U14s were unfortunate as they lost in the finals in a shootout, the U16's finished off in 3rd place, the 2nd team finished 3rd and the 1st team were unbeaten throughout the tournament and won the final convincingly. The girls showed true GRIT and determination throughout the tournament.

The following girls were selected for the Pinetown District teams:

- U14A: Langelihle Nxumalo, Theresli Meyers
- U14B: Esihle Mtshali, Kellan Boynton
- U16A: Isabella Momoh, Senamile Mvelase
- U16B: Lwandle Vukeka, Kaitlyn Steyn, Akwande Luthuli, Nangamso Nxasana
- U18A: Erin McCartney
- U18B: Anele Sabela, Jenna Louw

Langelihle Nxumalo represented KZN U14A Hockey Team at the IPT in Gauteng in June where they won Gold. Erin McCartney represented KZN U18B Hockey team at the IPT in Bloemfontein in June. They are both to be congratulated on their selection.

To Northside Electrical, we value your continued support and sponsorship of Girls' Hockey for 2024.

Mr P Windsor

Girls' U16



Row 3: Senamile Mvelase, Isabella Momoh, Nangamso Nxasana, Kaitlyn Steyn, Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Tayla Holing, Row 2: Akwande Luthuli, Rebekah Nel, Ukwethaba Zuma, Natalie Rees, Row 1: Bethany Haynes, Jodi MacLachlan, Mrs LJ Topham, Lilli Geel, Miss Ngcobo, Lwandle Vukeka, Sienna Fripp

Girls' U14



Row 3: Grace Humphreys, Danielle James, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Kellan Boynton, Esihle Mtshali, Courtney Mackintosh, Row 2: Neha Pillay, Emma Akeroyd, Makayla Shekyls, Samkelisiwe Makhanya, Row 1: Katelyn Rajkoomar, Morgan Linden, Miss Ngcobo, Theresli Meyers, Langelihle Nxumalo





Indoor Girls' 1st Team

Row 2: Nadia Singleton, Tae Le Roux, Shannyn Olivier, Jordan Kidgell
Row 1: Jenna Louw, Mr PD Windsor, Brooke Buckley, Mrs DP Knight, Erin Mc Cartney

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GIRLS' HOCKEY

The first pass back of 2024 started in the Hillcrest High School Multi-Purpose Centre when we hosted the 1st Girls' Pre-season Tournament. Our team did exceptionally well this year, reaching the final and were victorious in a shootout against St. Henry's.

The league U14 and U16 age group tournaments also took place on the first weekend of the term. The U14s participated at Reddam House, Umhlanga, where they had a mixed bag of results on the day with a completely brand-new team. The U16's participated at Kloof High School, working together as team to produce a mixed bag of results.

The league started the following week where teams played across various venues every weekend. The U14A team had a great season in Pool 2 winning the league with some great hockey being played. The U14B team had an enjoyable season, playing in Pool 3, and fared well, finishing 4th. The U16As played great hockey, however some of their results were not a true reflection of how well they played. They finished 5th in their league. The U16B team played their hearts out in their matches and finished 6th in their league.

The 2nd team had a tough season playing against some schools' 1st teams due to the pool they had drawn, and they finished 5th in their league. The 1st team participated in the 'A' League this season, and this was always going to be tough. The team played exceptionally well but were on the opposite end of the results, resulting in them being relegated for 2024.

The 1st team were also invited to the Afrihost Indoor Tournament hosted by Thomas More College. It was a busy schedule, and the team did well. We look forward to participating in the tournament again next year.

Thank you to Northside Electircal for your continued sponsorship, the players and their parents for their commitment. A special thank you to the coaches: Mr Windsor, Ms Buckley, Mrs Sebeikin, Mrs Topham, Ms Ngcobo, Mr Hall and Mrs Jugmohan.

Mr P Windsor



Indoor Girls' 2nd Team

Row 3: Ashlee Taylor, Tayla Nielsen, Anele Sabela
Row 2: Macayela Johansson, Zainab Wingrove
Row 1: Jaime Buys, Mrs AE Sebeikin, Morgan Walker



Row 4: Isabella Momoh, Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Sonika Smit, Kaitlyn Steyn, Nangamso Nasana, Keira Arpin, **Row 3:** Akwande Luthuli, Tayla Holing, Ukwethaba Zuma, Senamile Mvelase, **Row 2:** Senzelwe Nene, Bethany Haynes, Rebekah Nel, Natalie Rees, Keira Du Plessis, Samukelisiwe Mbonambi, **Row 1:** Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Jodi Maclachlan, Mrs LJ Topham, Lilli Geel, Miss Ngcobo, Sienna Fripp, Lwandle Vukeka



Row 3: Emma Akeroyd, Danielle James, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Kellan Boynton, Esihle Mtshali, Makayla Shekyls, **Row 2:** Sesona Guzana, Courtney Mackintosh, Uyathandwa Madonda, Grace Humphreys, Ziyanda Nxaba, Samkelisiwe Makhanya, **Row 1:** Katelyn Rajkoomar, Theresli Meyers, Miss Ngcobo, Amy Neveling, Mrs A Jugmohan-Chonnoolal, Namhla Matsimbi, Langelihle Nxumalo



Indoor Boys' U16

Row 3: Cooper Marsh, Jamey Grobbelaar, David Mackenzie, Gareth Henning, Owen Van Den Berg, Jayden Roestoff, **Row 2:** Juandre Van Der Watt, Bongumusa Nkutha, Owethu Mkhize, Adam Foulkes, **Row 1:** Kyle Nickson, Siphosethu Miya, Ethan Moss, Mr CC Wood, Campbell Robinson, Levi Lundie, Amukelani Mabaso

INDOOR

BOYS' HOCKEY



Indoor Boys' 1st Team

Row 3: Riley Nicholas, Brendon Frenzel, Brendon Smith, Keagan Glauser, Asande Ngobese
Row 2: Nhlakanipho Zinume, Tasriq Wingrove
Row 1: Trent Woodrow, Miss SL Cope, Deacon Grindell, Mrs DP Knight, Cuan Le Roux

MOUNTAIN BIKING



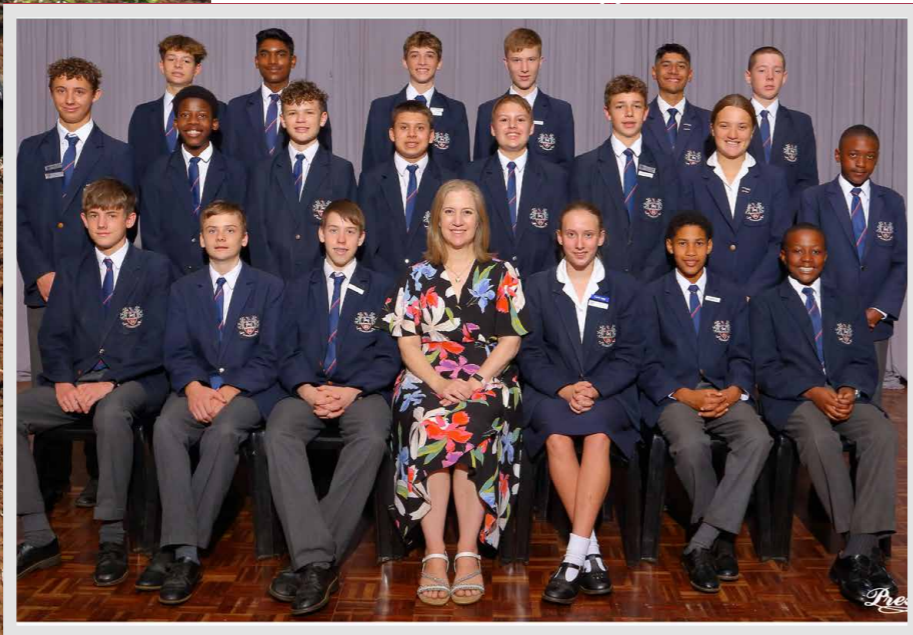
Mountain Bike Team

It was with great trepidation that I took the group of excited mountain bikers to Morewood Activity Park for their first Mountain Biking session of the season. "How hard can this be?" I thought worriedly, as I watched riders weaving in and out of traffic on the way out of the school parking lot.

And so, the season started and, apart from the occasional comments like, "No, you may not ramp that!" and "What do you mean you lost him in the forest?," the season went smoothly and with much enjoyment by everyone while our team grew from strength to strength. Well done to the learners whose courage and skills improved weekly, ensuring a 5th place overall at the Mountain Biking series – an incredible feat!

Mountain Biking relies heavily on parental involvement and our parents were amazing, helping where needed and donating and fixing bikes continuously – thank you. A special thanks must also be given to Morewood Activity Park who allowed us to use their incredible trails for free all season – so much fun was had on those trails.

Mrs D van Heerden



Row 3: Jamey Grobbelaar, Jeriah Govender, James Tatton, Liam Jordan, Dominique Knoesen, Daniel Burton
 Row 2: Ludick Erasmus, Menelisi Cele, Bryce Fuchs, Connor Barnard, Eben Coetser, Sebastian Smith, Taygen Oberholzer, Asad Mkhize
 Row 1: Wayne Kearley, Noah Hawkins, Callum Stieger, Mrs DJ Van Heerden, Maja Kearley, Ethan Henley, Lindokuhle Ngidi



Tournament Winners
 PSG SUPER 8S



Gold Medal - 1st Place
 GELOFTE NIGHT SERIES

NETBALL

This year's netball season included many highlights, including the Gelofofte Night Series, the Southern Cape Mega High School Sports' Tour to George, and hosting the Spar Fast 5s Tournament again.

Our first team girls had a phenomenal pre-season, snatching victory against hosts Gelofofte in the Night Series Final in Term 1, winning every game at the Southern Cape Mega High School Sports' Tour hosted by Höerskool Outeniqua, and eventually playing against our local rivals Gelofofte in the finals. Thank you to Mr Windsor and the sports department for organising such an incredible experience.

The official netball season began in Term 2 and was a resounding success. This year all our age groups took part in the PSG Super 8s Series which saw us playing teams we do not usually get the opportunity to play, in addition to our local midweek matches. The finals of the PSG were hosted by Riverwood College in Pietermaritzburg, and it was a day filled with great netball and excellent sportsmanship. The U14, 2nd and 1st teams won their finals, the U15s finished 2nd and the U16s finished 3rd. The 1st team also competed in the DSTV U19 Challenge where they finished 3rd in KZN.

Hillcrest High School was the host of the SPAR Fast 5 Netball Tournament. We had two teams participate this year with our 2nd team comprising of mostly junior players, having a good tournament. Our 1st team kept up with their unbelievable season and won the tournament for the 2nd time.

Thank you to all staff members for working so hard to support the girls and our external

coaches, including Ms Dlamini and Ms Bastion. Particular thanks go to Ms Blom and Mrs J Chabant for their hard work, dedication, and support of the girls.

Thank you to our coaches - Ms Watt, Mrs Lubbe, Ms Adlam, Ms Venter, Ms Gabisa and Mrs Mthembu for developing our girls and getting the best out of them.

Thank you to Foline for the continued sponsorship of our netball team and to all the sponsors who helped our first team fund their tour to George.

A number of our learners attended Netball Trials and were selected for the following teams:

- U14: Kellan Boynton was selected for PADSSA U14
- U15: Ziyanda Mabhida, Michaela Clegg, and Sophie Buccimazza were selected for PADSSA U15
 Sophie Buccimazza represented KZN U15
- U16: Hannah Greffrath was selected for PADSSA U16 and represented KZN U16
- U17: Emma Atkinson, Lola Klijnstra and Julia Cameron were selected for PADSSA U17
 Emma Atkinson represented KZN U17
- U18: Nolwazi Mkhize and Philasande Phewa were selected for PADSSA U18
 Philasande Phewa represented KZN U18



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1st Team

Row 4: Anathi Mchunu, Michaela Clegg, Emma Atkinson, Sophie Buccimazza
Row 3: Thandolwethu Sishi, Lola Klijnstra, Julia Cameron, Nxusakazi Hongwane
Row 2: Ziyanda Mabhida, Hannah Greffrath, Lisakhanya Mncube, Maroelle Coertse
Row 1: Miss ES Blom, Philasande Phewa, Mrs DP Knight, Unam Mtsokoba, Mrs JA Chabant



2nd Team

Row 2: Ayabonga Mqadi, Anele Sabela, Awande Nzuzo, Hayley Chabant, Ashlee Taylor, Akwande Luthuli, Hlobisi Sibaya,
Row 1: Francesca Del Grande, Kiara Botha, Ms TP Gabisa, Snoxolo Dlamini, Mrs JA Chabant, Dayna Gagiano, Tshepiso Mokoena



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U16 A

Row 2: Kimba-Leigh Eistetter, Megan Maher, Amambo Mkhize, Amber-Lynn Jones, Tatum Low, **Row 1:** Andiswa Nyathikazi, Keira Boshoff, Miss Venter, Thingo Dlamini, Mrs GDZ Bastion, Ntwenhle Kunene, Zinziswa Miya



U16 B

Row 3: Emily O'Shaughnessy, Demi Van Der Merwe, Chloe Canham, Kayden Carson, Kate Cairns, Awande Mchunu, **Row 2:** Simbonge Dladla, Alwande Mngomeni, Nangamso Nxasana, Melokuhle Dlamini, Brielle Pillay, Fanelwe Mqadi, **Row 1:** Pamela Majola, Olwethu Dladla, Mrs GDZ Bastion, Megan Maher, Miss Venter, Yandiswa Dlamini, Yolanda Zondi



U15 A

Row 2: Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Sophie Buccimazza, Ayabonga Ngcobo, Piya Brown, **Row 1:** Sibani Magwaza, Ziyanda Mabhida, Miss Adlam, Jorja Pretorius, Senamile Mvelase



U15 B

Row 3: Chelsea Stainbank, Keira Arpin, Kate Woolven, Tayla Holing, Asanda Mazibuko, **Row 2:** Sibahle Zwane, Miss Adlam, Samkelisiwe Zondi, Miss ES Blom, Ziyanda Majola



U15 C

Row 3: Abongwe Luthuli, Olivia Donaldson, Andisiwe Ngcobo, Kate Woolven, Lethokuhle Ndlovu, Sinenhlanhla Nyembe, **Row 2:** Dakota Sanders, Vuyiswa Hlengwa, Sanelisiwe Ndlovu, Nompilo Shange, **Row 1:** Olwami Vilakazi, Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Miss ES Blom, Lwandle Vukeka, Tanisha Shoniwa



U14 A

Row 2: Eshile Mtshali, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Kellan Boynton, Erin Lowe, Asanda Mazibuko, **Row 1:** Aurora Rose, Miss NP Dlamini, Langelihle Nxumalo, Mrs Lubbe, Katelyn Peattie



U14 B

Row 3: Grace Humphreys, Sophie Grunewald, Mikayla Low, Morgan Linden, **Row 2:** Owomusa Dlamini, Samkelisiwe Makhanya, Ngobangothando Khumalo, Ayabonga Ximba, **Row 1:** Sisanda Dlamini, Mrs Lubbe, Paige Schoeman, Miss NP Dlamini, Lihle Ngcobo



U14 C&D

Row 4: Anelisa Mthembu, Sophie Grunewald, Busiswa Mbanjwa, Banele Chiya, Uyathandwa Madonda, Ziyanda Nxaba, **Row 3:** Tanith Robinson, Angel Nosilela, Zenathi Mkhwanazi, Morgan Linden, **Row 2:** Sinakhokonke Mkhize, Thalente Cele, Mutende Mulenga, Amandosi Cele, Sesona Guzana, Amagaye Cele, **Row 1:** Avela Madela, Erin Galleymore, Miss NP Dlamini, Snakhokonke Mzimela, Mrs Lubbe, Snotando Mdhlo, Thabisa Ndawonde

RUGBY

The 2024 Rugby season was challenging yet rewarding for our HHS teams. Our participation in the PSG Super 8s tournament saw our teams play against teams of a much higher calibre with the competition being greater throughout the whole season.

The U14 team showed massive improvements throughout the season, with Grade 8 learners from many different primary schools coming together to form a united team. Their results reflected their efforts with some hard-fought wins and narrow losses. During the PSG Super 8s tournament they went undefeated, which placed them in the finals which they unfortunately lost, placing them 2nd overall. They can be expected to improve even more next year and perform at a higher level.

The U15 team showed great promise with a massive improvement from their previous season, winning most of their games this year. They set higher standards and goals during the year and showed determination in achieving these goals. They achieved some brilliant results and some narrow wins that required grit and perseverance. Their results are a true reflection of their efforts.

The U16 team continued their excellent form from last year into the 2024 season with some exceptional results. Winning most of their games this year and placing well in the PSG Super 8s tournament, they continue to show great promise for the future. They had large wins this year against tough opposition and very narrow losses that came down to the last minutes. They have shown their ability and drive to aim for greatness and have done so with humility and sportsmanship.

The 2nd team was filled with many young players entering the setup for the first time this year, however they had a remarkable season, winning almost all their games and playing at a 1st team level. They performed exceptionally throughout all their games as well as in the PSG Super 8s tournament where they played well. With so many junior players in this team, it gives us good promise for next season.

The 1st team had a long and difficult season, playing a total of 20 games. This was a difficult feat as these young men had to juggle academics with sport. However, they did not back down at all throughout the season, showing a strong and positive mindset of chasing the success they wanted to achieve. They placed well at the Gelofted Night Series, only losing one game and finishing 3rd overall. During the 1st term holidays they travelled to George in the Western Cape where they faced exceptionally tough opposition playing in the Southern Cape Mega High School Sports Tournament in which they performed incredibly well, winning one game, drawing one game and narrowly losing one game. During the 2nd term, we were riddled with injuries and changes to the team which affected the dynamic and resulted in inconsistent results during the middle of the season. However, the junior players that stepped up showed massive improvements and filled the gaps very well, allowing us to end the season winning most of our games.

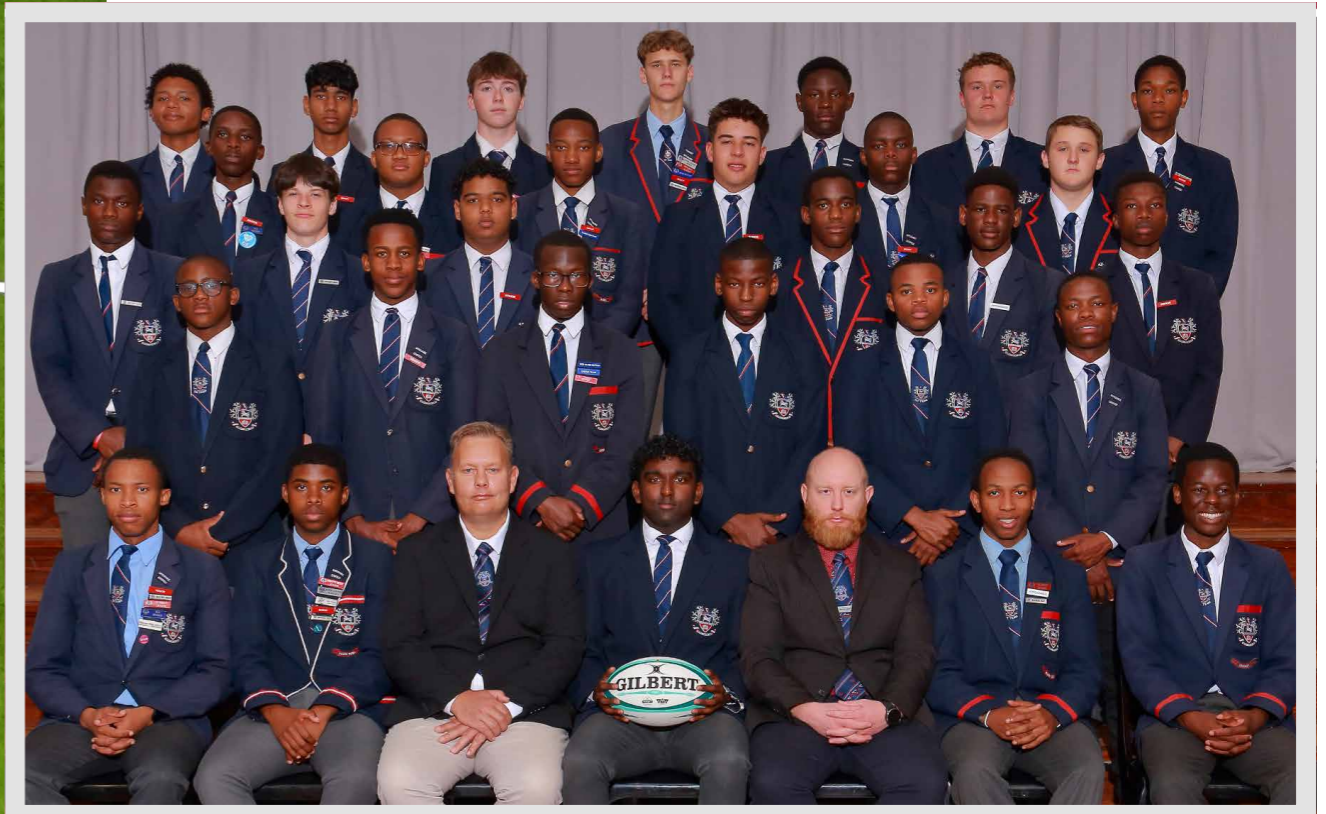
These young men have taken pride in their school in every aspect and have represented Hillcrest High School with passion and perseverance. The future of HHS Rugby is very bright!

Mr L Roux



1st Team

Row 4: Kian Adruthkumar, Keagan Gardiner, Cade Cascaes, Nigel Dzikamunhenga, Joshua Yuill, Joshua Whittle
 Row 3: Lungelo Pons, Antony Smith, Nicholas Strydom, Ziphezinhle Ngiba, Ethan Graham, Mhlengi Zondi, Bongani Khumalo
 Row 2: Sange Mlonyeni, Olwethu Sibaya, Andile Madikizela, Blake Brits, Asiphile Blose, Thapelo Sondezi
 Row 1: Mr L Roux, Kwandile Gumbi, Mrs Y Desal, Tanner Evans, Mrs DP Knight, Thubelihle Madonsela, Mr CM Steedman



2nd Team

Row 5: Ayanda Sarjou, Kian Adruthkumar, Jamie Bastion, Jared Brown, Nigel Dzikamunhenga, Dylan Clark, Nkanyiso Ngcobo
 Row 4: Gift Ngcobo, Bongani Khumalo, Thubelihle Madonsela, Trent Taskes, Mhlengi Zondi, Ethan Graham
 Row 3: Atlehang Ngcobo, Tristan Sanders, Evan Rambarun, Lungelo Pons, Sanda Dlamini, Thabo Mpti
 Row 2: Thapelo Sondezi, Aphiwe Cele, Mvikeli Ndlovu, Tsepo Moloji, Lungelo Ntuli, Sphamandla Shabalala
 Row 1: Siyabonga Radebe, Nkosinathi Radebe, Mr Lubbe, Fabian Soobramoney, Mr B Moffatt, Olwethu Sibaya, Asher Chouchovhu



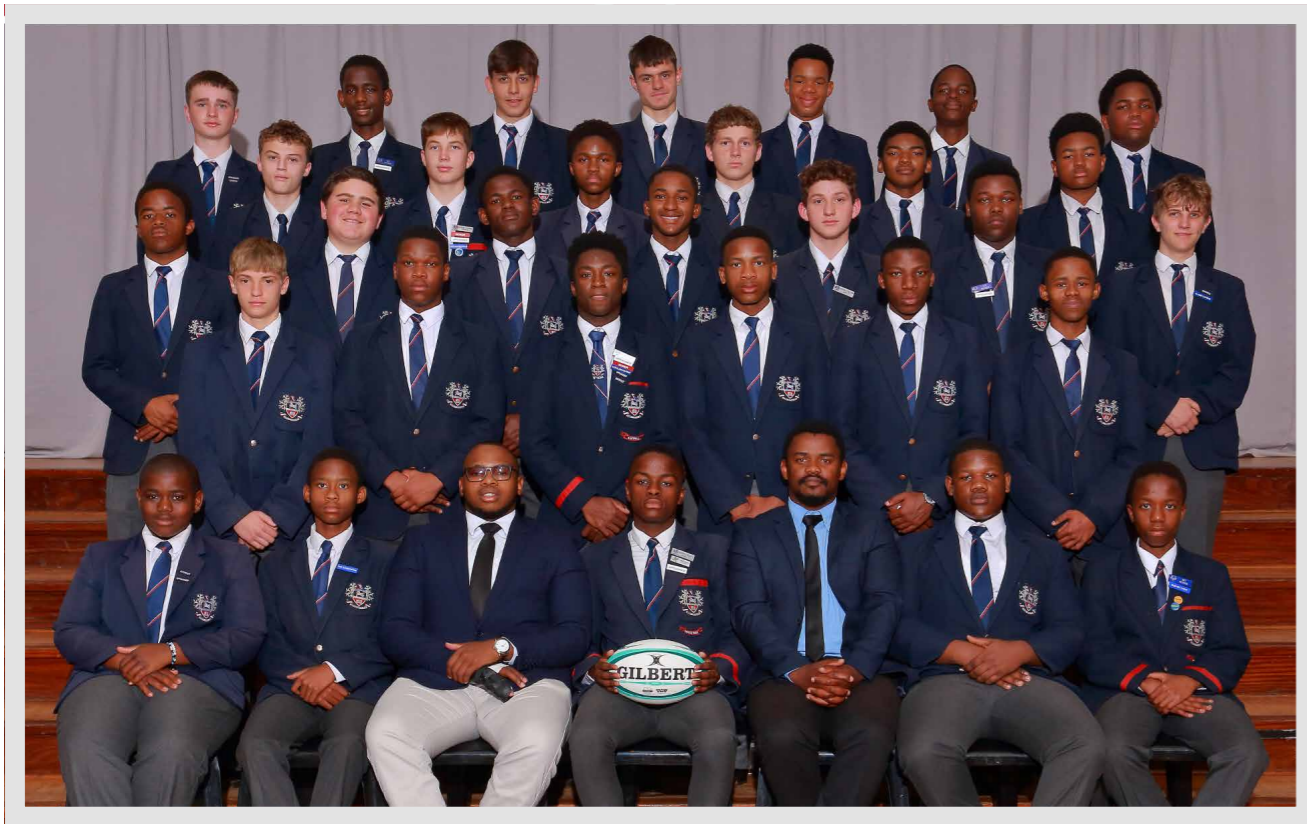
TANNER EVANS



FAREWELL MR STEEDMAN,
 PICTURED WITH MR L ROUX

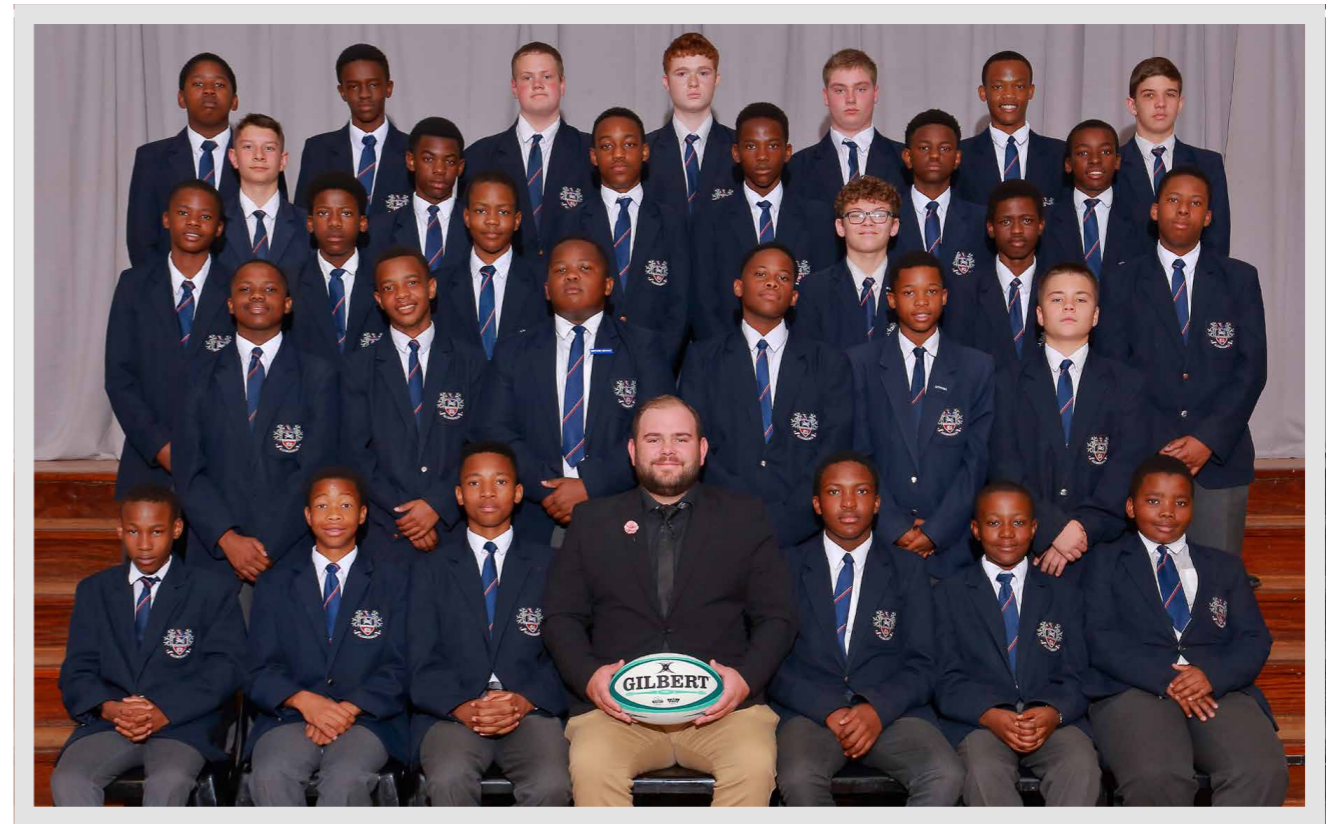


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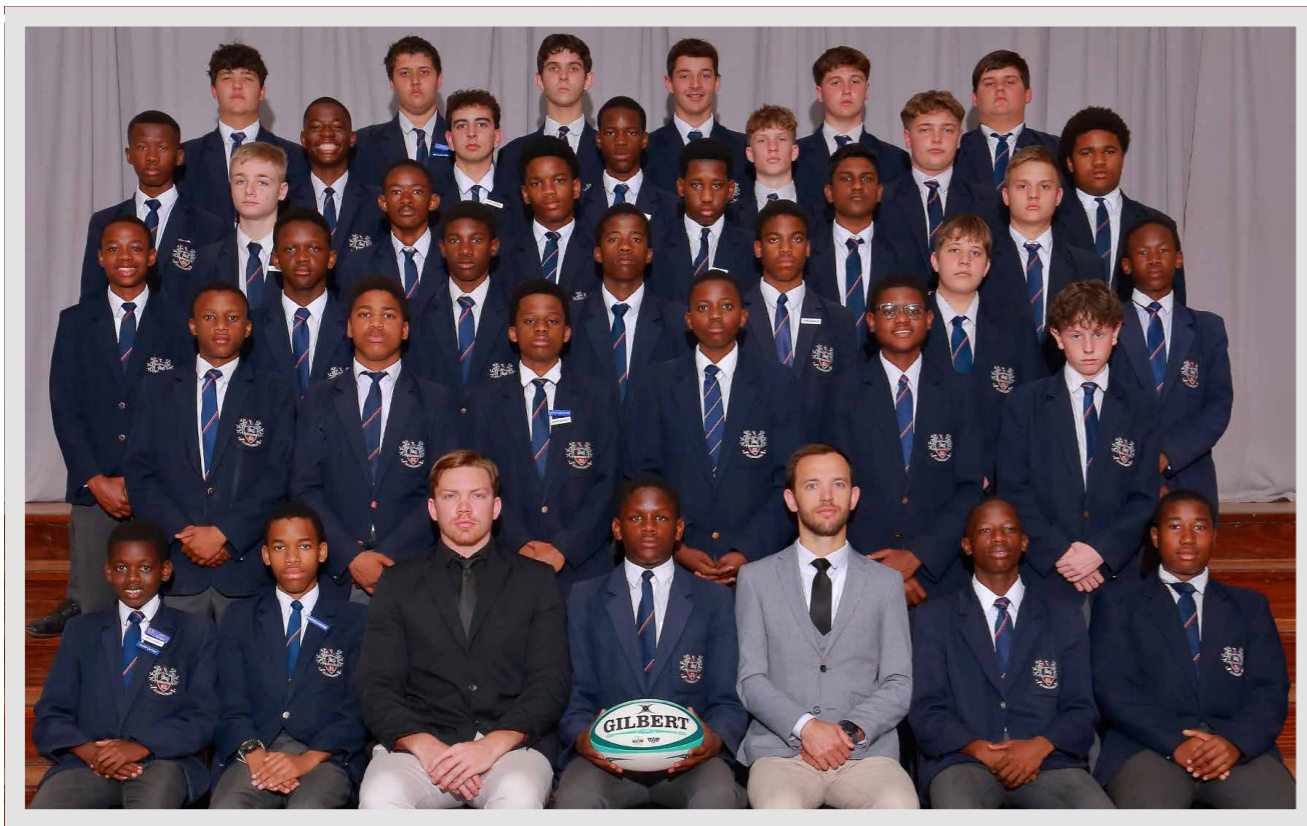
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Row 5: Rayne Fryer, Siqiniseko Shawe, Connor Du Plessis, Jaden Le Roux, Esethu Sibani, Melokuhle Zungu, Katiso Ramatsiliso
 Row 4: Kyran Rimmell, Luke Ball, Motobatsi Maseatile, Kayne Faulkner, Nkululeko Gumede, Sphesihle Ntshangase
 Row 3: Azola Shandu, Warren Munro, Ayabonga Mthembu, Siphosethu Khwela, Ryan Haasbroek, Nkosinotando Buthelezi, Leander Esterhuizen
 Row 2: Garth Smith, Ntuthuko Cele, Paul Momoh, Remofilwe Moalusi, Langelihle Mkhize, Siphesihle Khwela
 Row 1: Kutlwano Sondezi, Amabutho Mavundla, Mr S Nkosi, Sphesihle Hlambisa, Mr NG Majola, Smiso Phewa, Amahle Zungu



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Row 5: Ntuthuko Gumede, Iviwe Vazi, Christopher Potgieter, Darius Hanekom, Trenton Christian, Thabiso Malembe, Owen Van Den Berg
 Row 4: Patton Knoesen, Thabang Makhanya, Bongumusa Nkutha, Simthandile Zwane, Thabiso Magingxa, Ndalo Wanda
 Row 3: Esihle Manqele, Menelisi Cele, Khanya Ngcobo, Riley Rimmell, Avukile Vezi, Alondwe Sibisi
 Row 2: Owethu Nolokwe, Mongezi Mbuthuma, Thandolwethu Dlamini, Sinokubonga Zondi, Tshegofatso Molelekwa, Daniel Brandt
 Row 1: Lelethu Mandindi, Ubenathi Mbatha, Lubanzi Mhlongo, Mr CM Steedman, Menelisi Khatshi, Lindokuhle Ngidi, Imange Magafela

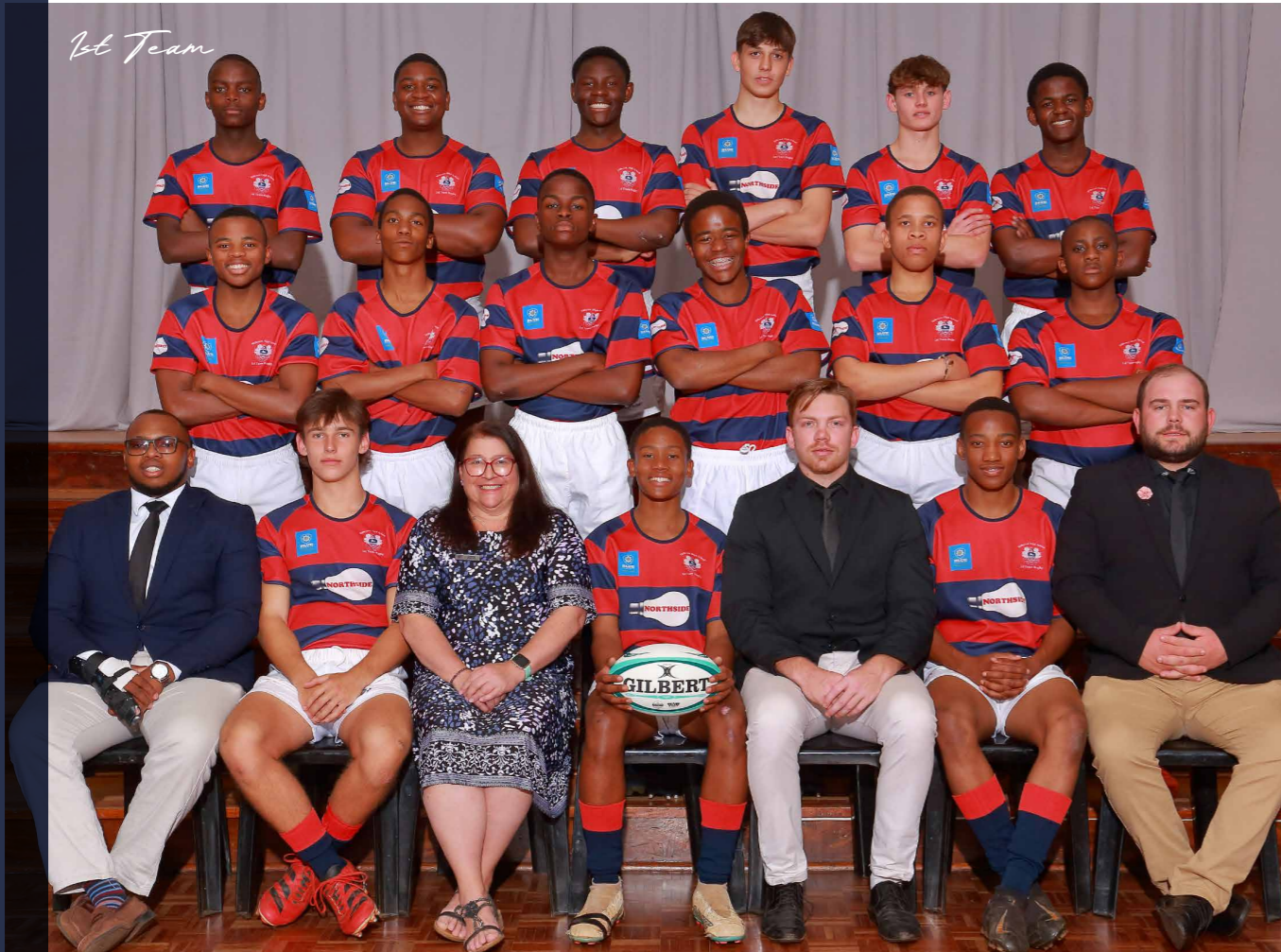


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Row 6: Luke Campbell, Hayden Oertel, Luke Zeiss, Gareth Henning, Ayden Nel, Teagan Baxter
 Row 5: Phila Ngcobo, Mvelo Shangase, Rylan Leask, Sandisizwe Shezi, Luke Whittle, Nathan Scheepers, Thando Ngcobo
 Row 4: Leon Markwell, Aphelele Chiliza, Uyanda Hongwa, Kopano Sekonyela, Ashlyn Moodley, Nate Jones
 Row 3: Alwande Sibiyi, Cebolakhe Gcuma, Nkhanyiso Jacobs, Ntuthuko Zuma, Luthando Blose, Zack Levenson, Siviwe Luthuli
 Row 2: Lubanzi Zwane, Gift Duma, Sethu Mkhize, Rebokile Nketu, Lefika Chabata, Kingston Clark
 Row 1: Tamuka Chovuchovu, Banele Shange, Mr LX Roux, Bayanda Gumbi, Mr AM Burger, Sibusiso Mapotse, Alistair Machadu



1st Team



Row 3: Mhlengi Zondi, Ziphezinhle Ngiba, Nigel Dzikamunhenga, Connor Du Plessis, Nicholas Strydom, Ayabonga Mthembu
 Row 2: Lungelo Ntuli, Asiphile Blose, Sphesihle Hlambisa, Azola Shandu, Andile Madikizela, Thapelo Sondezi
 Row 1: Mr Nkosi, Tanner Evans, Mrs DP Knight, Sange Mlonyeni, Mr L Roux, Thubelihle Madonsela, Mr CM Steedman

RUGBY 7S

The 2024 Rugby 7s season was filled with many ups and downs. Although it was a difficult season, both the U15s and 1st team showed tremendous growth and promise throughout the season and achieved excellent results.

The U15 team started off the season with a bit of difficulty with a very young and inexperienced team coming together. However, they showed massive improvements during the season, ultimately winning the Plate Final at the Geloft 7s tournament and contending in every tournament they participated in.

The 1st team showed great promise at the beginning of the season where they placed 2nd overall in the Riverwood 7s tournament. Unfortunately, a lot of senior players were unable to play after this tournament, which resulted in younger players being given an opportunity to be included in the team. Although this presented its challenges as it was a very young and inexperienced team, it allowed for massive growth within our junior players at a higher level which gives great promise for next year. This young team went on to achieve exceptional results, winning the



*HHS Rugby
7s
Tournament*

Plate Trophy at the Geloft 7s and at the Kingsway 7s tournament.

Both the U15s and the 1st team showed massive growth and promise with many young players in each team, which bodes well for our success in the seasons to come!

Mr L Roux



U15

Row 3: Gift Duma, Uyanda Hlongwa, Ayden Nel, Luke Whittle, Sandisizwe Shezi, Lubanzi Mhlongo
 Row 2: Bongumusa Nkutha, Simthandile Zwane, Sethu Mikhize, Ntuthuko Cele
 Row 1: Ubenathi Mbatha, Mvelo Shangase, Mr AM Burger, Bayanda Gumbi, Sibusiso Mapotse



Boys' 1st Team



Boys' 2nd Team

Row 3: Sanda Dlamini, Gift Ngcobo, Lethokuhle Ngubane, Zolani Dlamini, Mhlengi Zondi, Lubanzi Khumalo, Pharrel Sooman,
Row 2: Buhlebetfu Ndwandwe, Aphive Cele, Tristan Sanders, Thabo Mpti, Thubelihle Luthuli, Sibusiso Makoba, **Row 1:** Sbongakonke Vezi, Onamandla Hlophe, Mkhuleko Mikhize, Mr NG Majola, Gugelihle Mqadi, Bradley Edwards, Apehele Nene



Boys' 1st

Row 5: Siqiniseko Shawe, Esethu Sibani, Melokuhle Zungu, Mpumelelo Makhathini, Lwandile Zuma, Philisa Mngwengwe, Freddie Vezi, **Row 4:** Mpilwenhle Dladla, Nkumbulo Zulu, Sphesihle Hlambisa, Thandolwethu Ndlovu, Bonga Ngubane, Mayenziwe Mkhize, Siyabonga Shelembe, Yolana Govender, **Row 3:** Sinenhloso Shozi, Mpendulo Vilakazi, Carlos Zakwe, Thato Mndaweni, Lethubuhle Maduna, Jaden Pillay, Sethembiso Ngema, **Row 2:** Apehele Nyawo, Mohale Sakuneka, Sinalithemba Mkhize, Jason Carter, Kwethemba Ngidi, S'Nalo Goba, **Row 1:** Lindokuhle Mkhize, Siphesihle Mthiya, Buhle Dlamini, Mr NG Majola, Aidan Zungu, Masande Luthuli, Tanaka Chinodakufa

BOYS' SOCCER

A SEASON OF GLORY: BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER TEAMS SHINE

This year has been an unforgettable one for our Boys' and Girls' soccer teams. With thrilling matches, memorable achievements, and plenty of success on and off the field, both teams have made the school incredibly proud.

BOYS' SOCCER TEAM: BATTLING TO THE TOP

The Boys' soccer program continued to grow, fielding a total of eight teams this season. Under the skilled guidance of our Coaches & Managers the boys displayed great determination and skill throughout the year. The season saw several players earn special recognition, with 2 players, Sinalithemba Mkhize & Thando Ndlovu, selected for the KZN provincial team, a testament to the quality of talent within the school.

The highlight of the season came when the 1st team boys embarked on a tour to George. The team reached the final, where they fought bravely but narrowly lost 0-1 in a tense match. Despite the loss, their performance was exceptional, and they gained invaluable experience.

In addition to their success, eight players from the tour squad were invited to participate in an international tour to Italy. This is a significant achievement for the program,

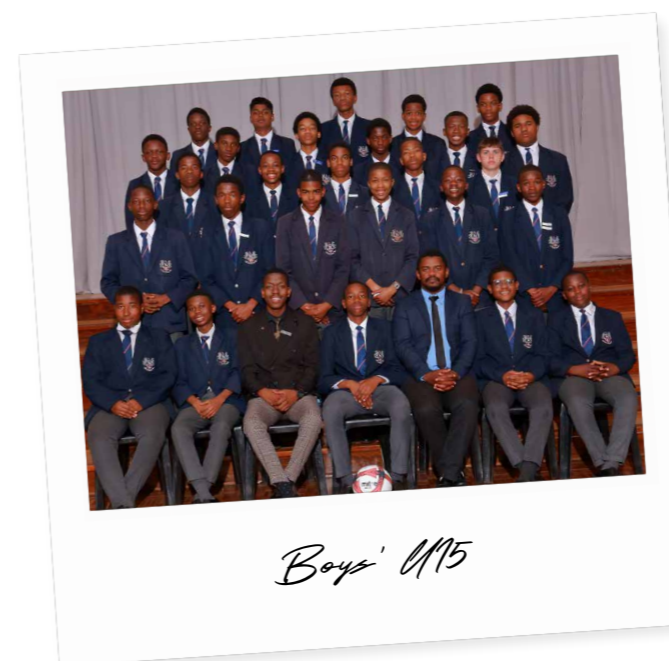
Row 4: Tumelo Mapotse, Martin Smith, Rhulani Mahlaule, Khulani Hlophe
Row 3: Ukukhanya Zungu, Thingoluhle Shezi, Xolela Ngejane, Sinenhloso Shozi, Rowyn Bansi
Row 2: Bayanda Ntombela, Beaumont Maphumulo, Tanaka Chinodakufa, Alwande Mlambo
Row 1: Mr CC Marillier, Msizi Mbhele, Mrs DP Knight, Mpilo Mlaba, Mr NG Majola

showcasing the level of talent being cultivated. Ayedan Whitby and Rowyn Bansi proudly represented the school on this tour, which took place over the September holidays.

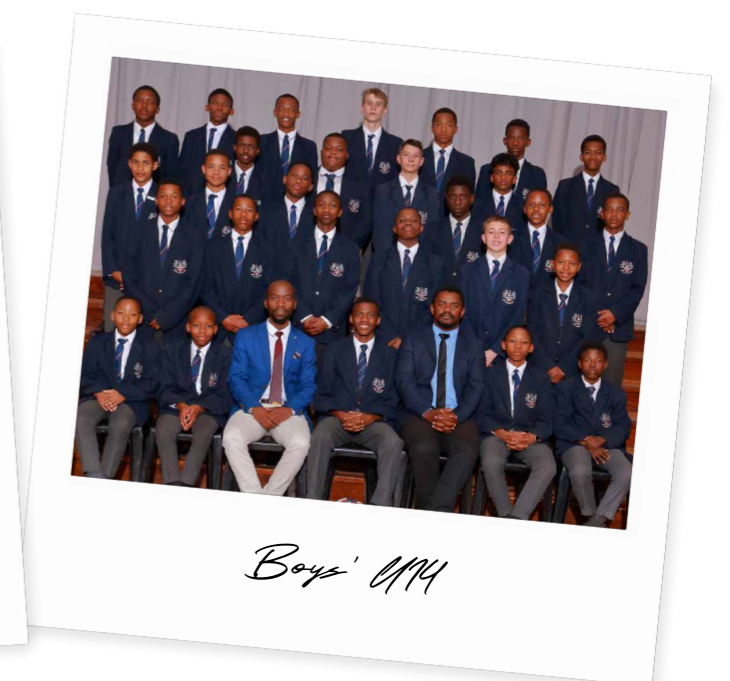
Several players also achieved a milestone this year, joining the prestigious 50 Caps Club, having represented the 1st team in over 50 matches. Congratulations to:

- Alwande Mlambo
- Xolela Ngejane
- Beaumont Maphumulo
- Msizi Mbhele
- Bayanda Ntombela

Their dedication and loyalty to the school's soccer program over the years is truly commendable.



Boys' 1st



Boys' 1st

Row 5: Deon Tayero, Amir Ramraj, Simthandile Gwavuma, Apehele Gumede, Uyanda Hlongwa, **Row 4:** Cebolakhe Gcuma, Nkhanyiso Jacobs, Nishal Pailath, Sinomnqobi Buthelezi, Phila Ngcobo, Thando Ngcobo, **Row 3:** Ntuthuko Zuma, Alwande Sibiyi, Luthando Blose, Lungelo Nxumalo, Daniel Shuttleworth, **Row 2:** Sibusiso Mapotse, Phiweyo Kubone, Sithenkosi Ngongoma, Zekhethelo Zwane, Melokuhle Shezi, Luthando Mzobe, **Row 1:** Alistair Machado, Mluleki Majola, Mr LS Zuma, Siphesihle Mbatha, Mr NG Majola, Lefika Chabata, Mpilo Mcobothi

Row 5: Menelisi Khathi, Siphosethu Khumalo, Thabiso Malembe, Shaun Lloyd, Nqobile Nodangala, Simthandile Zwane, Philasande Mdladla, **Row 4:** Avukile Vezi, Sbusiso Bhengu, Patton Knoesen, Junaid Chetty, **Row 3:** Ethan Henley, Theko Motauang, Sinokubonga Zondi, Kwanele Ngcobo, Mafuya Nkabinde, Mongezi Mbutuma, **Row 2:** Tshegofatso Molelekwa, Thabiso Cebekulu, Sibusiso Mzizi, Owethu Nolokwe, Reece Delport, Manqoba Gumede, **Row 1:** Luyanda Ntshangase, Sbongakonke Zondi, Mr MIL Mthanti, Eshile Myende, Mr NG Majola, Okuhle Nxumalo, Siphwiwo Mkhize





Girls' 1st Team



Girls' 2nd Team



Girls' U16

Row 2: Cadence Fourie, Lunathi Bango, Keira Finch, Anathi Ndlovu, Kelsey Brown, Unathi Zungu, **Row 1:** Andiswa Nyathikazi, Asenathi Mbense, Anathi Mchunu, Mr NG Majola, Siphokazi Nsele, Akwande Luthuli, Hlobisile Sibaya

Row 4: Noli Majola, Morgan Goodrum, Kate Cairns, Kayden Carson, Megan Maher, Hannah Greffrath, **Row 3:** Alwande Mngomeni, Sophie Newcombe-Bond, Emily O' Shaughnessy, Nangamso Nxasana, Leigh Tappin, Andiswa Maphumulo, **Row 2:** Luyanda Mbili, Nonj abulo Malinga, Brielle Pillay, Natara Naidoo, Simbonge Dladla, Samkelisiwe Mhlongo, **Row 1:** Jamie-Lee Hiscock, Thingo Dlamini, Akhona Mkhize, Mr NG Majola, Simtholile Ngcobo, Amahle Vilakazi, Yolanda Zondi

GIRLS' SOCCER

GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM: CHAMPIONS ON EVERY FRONT

The Girls' soccer programme, with seven teams, had a remarkable season filled with outstanding performances. This year saw seven players selected for the KZN provincial team, further highlighting the strength of the school's soccer program. Players selected were Lola Klijnstra, Eryn Beech, Sophie Buccimazza, Langelihle Nxumalo, Grace Humphreys, Theresli Meyers and Kaitlyn Peattie.

The 1st team girls had an exceptional season, capping it off by winning the prestigious Clive Barker Memorial Cup.

The success didn't stop there. The U14 Girls team added to the school's trophy cabinet by winning the Age Group Tournament held at St Mary's. Their victory showed that the future of girls' soccer at our school is bright, with young players already stepping up and achieving great things.

A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Both the Boys' and Girls' soccer teams have achieved incredible things this year. From local tournaments to international tours, our players

Row 2: Macayela Johansson, Anele Sabela, Awande Nzuza, Dayna Gagiano, Kiara Botha, Lola Klijnstra, Nxusakazi Hlongwane
Row 1: Gugulethu Hlophe, Brooke Buckley, Mr PD Windsor, Ayanda Ngidi, Mrs DP Knight, Kylie Coetzee, Eryn Beech

have consistently represented the school with pride, skill, and sportsmanship. As we look forward to the next season, we are confident that the teams will continue to grow and bring even more success.

A big thank you to all the coaches, players, and supporters for making this season a memorable one. The soccer program at our school is in great hands, and the future looks bright for our Boys' and Girls' teams alike!



U15 A
Row 3: Senamile Mvelase, Ayabonga Ngcobo, Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Piya Brown, Bethany Haynes, **Row 2:** Owomusa Dlamini, Mazithi Kunyana, Phoebe Ahrens, Keira Du Plessis, Samkelisiwe Zondi, Azamahle Vezi, **Row 1:** Lwandle Vukeka, Sophie Buccimazza, Miss NP Dlamini, Sienna Fripp, Mr NG Majola, Sibahle Zwane, Ziyanda Majola



U15 B
Row 3: Keira Arpin, Vuyiswa Hlengwa, Sonika Smit, Jade Knott, Olivia Donaldson, Clarissa De Villiers **Row 2:** Sanelisiwe Ndlovu, Kayla Jackson, Rebekah Nel, Tayla Holing, Dakota Sanders, Nompilo Shange, **Row 1:** Tanisha Shoniwa, Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Sibani Magwaza, Miss NP Dlamini, Chelsea Stainbank, Samukelisiwe Mbonambi, Olwami Vilakazi



U14 A
Row 2: Theresli Meyers, Sesona Guzana, Katelyn Peattie, Shiloh Lortan, Banele Chiya, Samkelisiwe Makhanya, Kloe Edwards, Aphelele Sheleme, **Row 1:** Avela Madela, Grace Humphreys, Miss ES Blom, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Mr NG Majola, Langelihle Nxumalo, Katelyn Rajkoomar



U14 B
Row 3: Ezjobe Jobe, Danielle James, Yolanda Makhoba, Zisanda Khathi, Uyathandwa Madonda, **Row 2:** Ayabonga Ximba, Namhla Matsimbi, Mutende Mulenga, Anelisa Mthembu, Sinakhokonke Mkhize, Azania Ntshangase, **Row 1:** Lungelo Ngcobo, Yikhokonke Dimba, Miss ES Blom, Snakhokonke Mzimela, Mr NG Majola, Thabisa Ndawonde, Owami Ndlovu

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

This year has been a year that the Girls' Softball team can be proud of – their dedication and hard work have helped them achieve one of their best seasons yet.

We have had many new players to softball. They have been very eager to learn and have grown into amazing players who love the game. We have many players looking forward to next season and new girls wanting to join, which has shown that the hard work and planning done by the coaches has been worthwhile.

Hillcrest High School is still one of the biggest contributors of teams to the Schools' Softball League. This year we had two U15 and two U19 teams in the league. Our U15Bs came second and U19B's came third in their respective leagues. The U15A's have been undefeated this season, finishing first in their league. The U19As, with a newer team dynamic, also ended the season undefeated and placed first in the A league for the third year in a row!

We also have many players who have made KZN Softball teams this year. Congratulations to the following learners for making the teams in their respective age groups, you have made HHS proud:

U15 Girls:
J. Anderson, K. Boynton, M. Dlamini, S. Geldenhuys, J. Maclachlan, I. Momoh, S. Nene and C. Van Niekerk.

U17 Girls:
J. Kidgell, S. Olivier, M. Coertse and M. Dlamini.

U19 girls:
B. Buckley, M. Coertse, J. Kidgell and S. Olivier.

This year we say goodbye to two players who have been dedicated, hard working and always been team players – Brooke Buckley and Onathi Vazi. They have been such assets to our team and have definitely made a mark in the hearts of all the players. In 2022 we started a new tradition to honour one of our most dedicated players, Zoleka Ngcobo. Zoleka has since donated a trophy to softball called The Zolly Trophy for Dedication and Excellence in Softball. This year the trophy was shared by Brooke Buckley and Gabriel Swift. Brooke was this season's Captain and, despite writing and studying for trials, has been at every game and as many practices as possible. Thank you, Brooke, for the dedication you have given to Softball this year. We wish you all the best for your future adventures!

We were very fortunate this year to have a great team of coaches, Miss Rebecca Chabant, Miss Zoleka Ngcobo, Miss Kayleigh Wade, Miss Hannah Carney, and our Girls' Softball manager, Mrs Jenny Chabant. We have also been fortunate this year to have an advisor coach, Mr Grant Olivier. Thank you, coaches, for the unwavering support and dedication you have given to the girls this season and for helping us achieve such great results. We would also like to thank Miss Hayley Chabant for scoring, and Ms Gabrielle Stow for transporting players to games on Saturdays. You have both been valuable members of the team.

Mrs J M Bega



Girls' 2nd Team



Row 3: Simphiwe Mostert, Hayley Chabant, Chelsey Greyvenstein, Gabrielle Steyn, Zoe Visser, Taylor Van Tromp
Row 2: Giselle Stow, Clarissa De Villiers, Karlissa Pretorius, Amahle Ngcobo, Taylor Cribbins, Lilli Geel
Row 1: Mamello Ramakatsa, Miss KA Wade, Noluthando Gwala, Miss R Chabant, Sinesipho Msomi



Girls' 1st Team

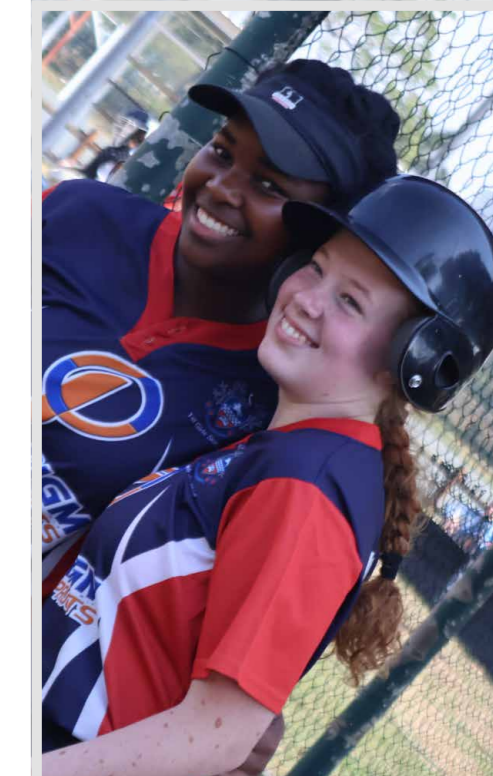
Row 3: Jodi Maclachlan, Kayla Van Heerden, Onathi Vazi, Megan Maher, Melokuhle Dlamini
Row 2: Natalie Rees, Maroelle Coertse
Row 1: Mrs JA Chabant, Brooke Buckley, Mrs DP Knight, Jordan Kidgell, Mrs JM Bega

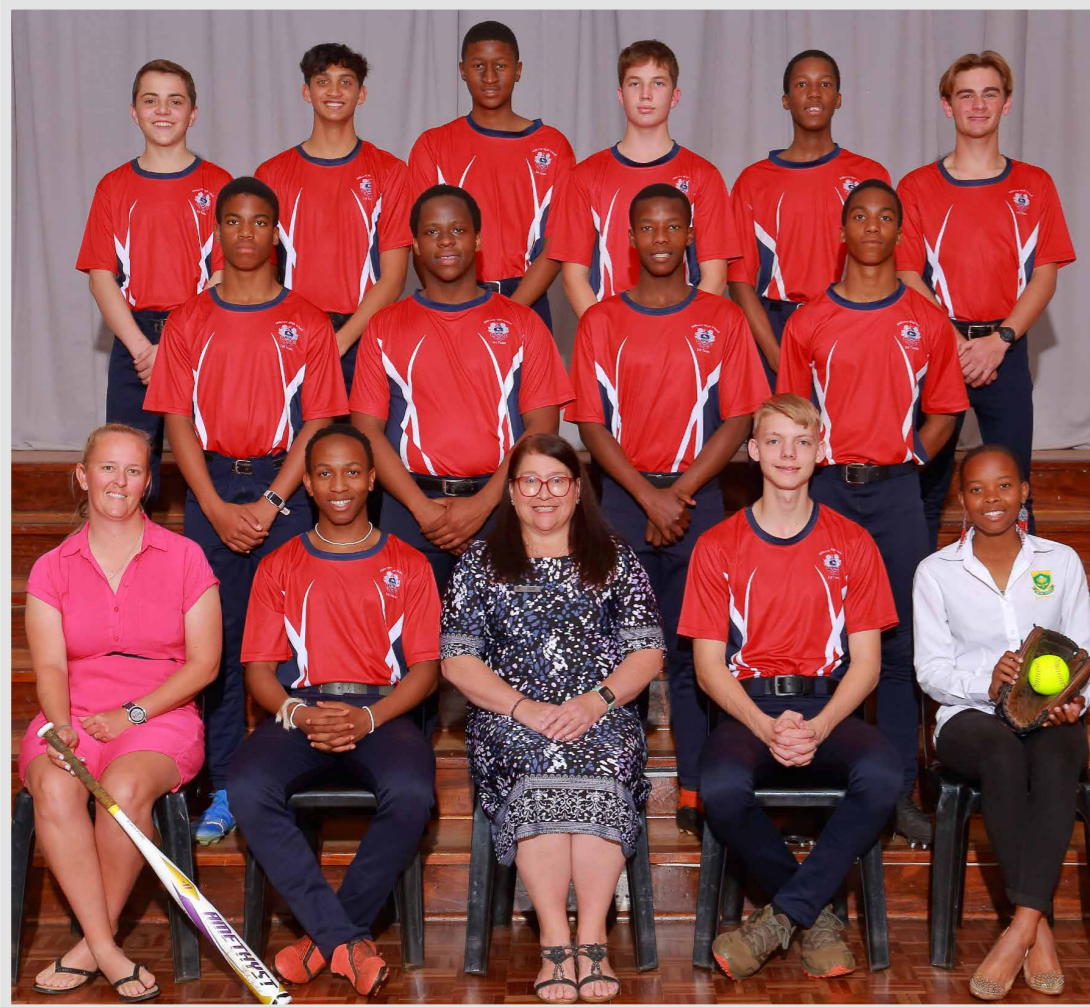


U15 A
Row 3: Kate Woolven, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Kellan Boynton, Isabella Momoh
Row 2: Asanda Mazibuko, Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Brooke Van Rensburg, Senamile Mvelase
Row 1: Lwandle Vukeka, Courtney Mackintosh, Miss Ngcobo, Langelihle Nxumalo, Caitlyn Van Niekerk



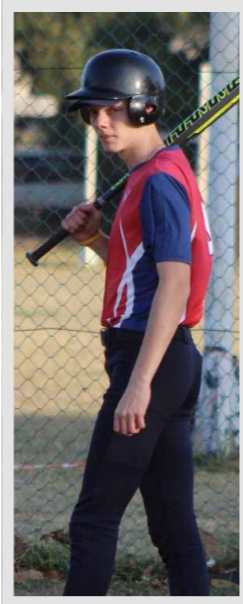
U15 B
Row 3: Lesedi Ramakatsa, Alexis Duncan, Lubanzi Maluleka, Tayla Holing
Row 2: Saselihle Mkhize, Katy Armstrong, Sibonelo Tshabalala, Sesona Guzana
Row 1: Senselwe Nene, Miss KA Wade, Aurora Rose, Miss R Chabant, Morgan Linden





Boys' 1st Team

Row 3: Divan Du Plessis, Jayden Chaythram, Mpumelelo Makhathini, Luke Ball, Ayathokoza Hadebe, Chad Gaugain
 Row 2: Luthando Blose, Uminathi Khuboni, Sinenhloso Shoji, Asiphile Blose
 Row 1: Mrs LJ Topham, Olwethu Sibaya, Mrs DP Knight, Gabriel Swift, Miss Ngcobo



SWIMMING

by Mr B. White

Thanks to the unwavering support from the School's Governing Body, our swimming programme has flourished this year. Pre-season training, made possible by the addition of heaters to the pool, allowed our swimmers to train through the winter months, significantly improving their readiness for the season. Additionally, participating in the Aqua Elite Gala, hosted by Curro, provided invaluable experience, helping our athletes to sharpen their skills and boost their overall performance.

Our team also looked exceptional this year, proudly sporting Swimming Team shirts, towels, and bags, generously sponsored by Mahle Behr South Africa and PDK Building Projects. The entire team and coaching staff are immensely grateful for this support, and we extend a special thanks to Mrs Van Heerden and Mr De Kock for organising these sponsorships.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our 2024 Swimming Captains, Jenna Louw and Sophie De Kock, whose exemplary leadership kept the team motivated and focused throughout the season.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Mrs Strydom, who has been an incredible manager, offering her unwavering support and assistance. Additionally, Mr Windsor deserves recognition for his crucial role in organising the fixtures, arranging transport, and overseeing the success of the Championship Gala.

This year's 2024 Championship Gala was a resounding success, and we were thrilled to welcome several primary schools to the event. Congratulations to Northdene Primary School for securing victory as the top Primary School of the evening. A special mention goes to Annabelle van Heerden, who broke the U14 50m Butterfly record, and Ludick Erasmus, who shattered the U15 100m Freestyle record by an impressive 3 seconds. These remarkable achievements highlight the extraordinary talent in our team.

Another standout moment of the season was the 2024 Co-Educational D&D Gala, where Hillcrest High School proudly secured 4th place for the second consecutive year. This impressive finish cements our status as the top-performing Co-Educational Public School in the province - a truly commendable achievement.

A special thank you is owed to the School Management Team and Governing Body for their continued belief in our team. Their support has provided us with the optimal environment and equipment necessary for the team's continued growth and success.

However, this team's success would not be possible without the dedication and determination of our swimmers. These athletes continually push themselves beyond their limits, and I am incredibly proud to be their coach. Congratulations to every HHS swimmer - you've all done an outstanding job!

Congratulations to the Age Group Champions and Trophy Winners of the 2023 Championship Gala:

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS:

- U14 Girls: Annabelle van Heerden
- U14 Boys: Bradley Leppan
- U15 Girls: Michaela Clegg & Rebekah Nel
- U15 Boys: Ludick Erasmus
- U16 Girls: Kayla Jade van Heerden
- U16 Boys: Heinrich Freitag
- U17 Girls: Emma Atkinson
- U17 Boys: Cuan Le Roux
- U19 Girls: Jenna Louw & Sophie De Kock
- U19 Boys: Tyler Curtis

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

- ANNABELLE VAN HEERDEN**
Junior Victrix Ludorum
100m Freestyle Girls
100m Individual Medley Girls
- LUDICK ERASMUS**
Junior Victor Ludorum
- CUAN LE ROUX**
Victor Ludorum
100m Freestyle Boys
100m Individual Medley Boys
- KAYLA JADE VAN HEERDEN**
Victrix Ludorum

BOYS' SOFTBALL

Boys' Softball is a growing sport at Hillcrest High School. After winning both the U15 and U19 leagues in 2023, we decided to stay in the B league for 2024. However, the boys who played in 2024 have made it very clear that HHS is ready for "The Big Leagues".

Both U15 and U19 Boys Softball teams won their leagues again this year, with the U15s ending the season undefeated. The Grade 8 boys who joined softball this year have been incredibly strong and have adapted well to a sport that most of them were playing for the first time this year. We have a promising future ahead of us!

The following boys were selected to represent the respective KZN Schools' Softball teams:

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| U15 Boys: | Ryan Rees |
| Ethan Moss | Tamuka Chovuchovu |
| Luthando Blose | |
| U17 Boys: | U19 Boys: |
| Asiphile Blose | Luke Ball |
| Gabriel Swift | Olwethu Sibaya |

Special mention needs to be made of the Matric boys who have been incredibly dedicated and were a pleasure

to coach again this year. Captain Gabriel Swift, Uminathi Khuboni, Olwethu Sibaya and Chad Gaugain were all good leaders and role models to the younger players.

Both age groups will move up to play A league next season and we hope that this will inspire the boys even more.

Thank you to the coaches, Mrs Nadiene Adamson, Mrs Lauren Topham and Miss Zoleka Ngcobo for a wonderful season and great results.

Mrs L Topham



BOYS' U15

Row 3: Ryan Haasbroek, Richard Smeda, Stephen Munro, Keegan Compton-James, Ryan Rees
 Row 2: Riaan Van Der Byl, Noah Berndt, Nkazimulo Nzimande, Liam Sanders
 Row 1: Slaid Brown, Mrs LJ Topham, Tamuka Chovuchovu, Miss Ngcobo, Ethan Moss

*"The water is my sky,
and I swim to fly"*

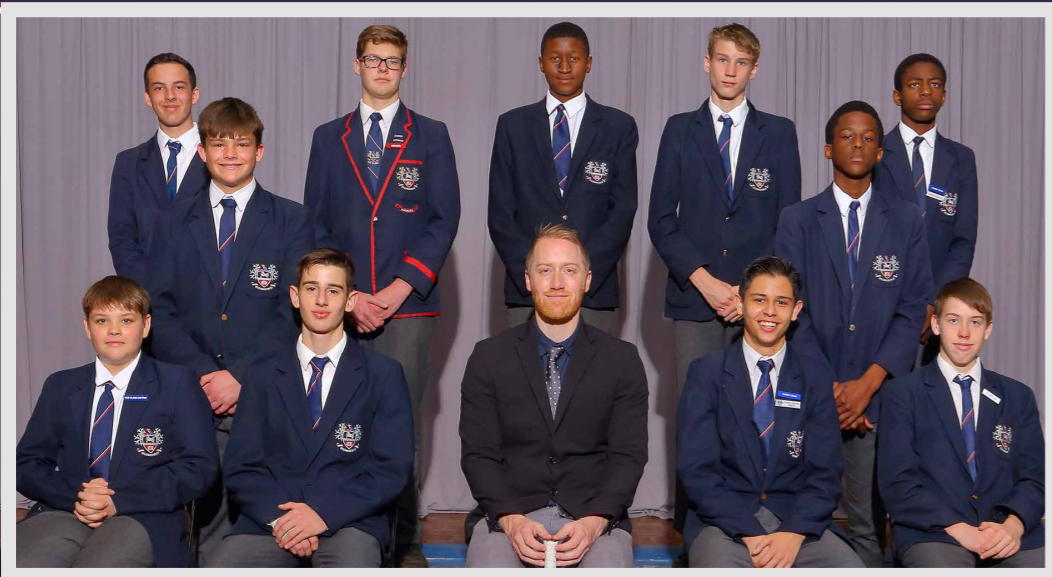
Row 5: Ludick Erasmus, Jayden Chaythram, Michaela Clegg, Travis Whiteside, Gareth Henning, Kingsley Matthews, Connor Quinn, Row 4: Heinrich Freitag, Kayla Van Heerden, Wayne Kearley, Jamey Grobbelaar, Bradley Leppan, Francesca Del Grande, Toni Wiepert, Leah Botha, Row 3: Ashlee Taylor, Caylia Powell, Noah Hawkins, Gabriella Brown, Jonathan De Beer, Paxton Searra, Keira Arpin, Senamile Mvelase, Maja Kearley, Row 2: Zibusiso Cebekhulu, Neha Pillay, Roxanne De Kock, Rebekah Nel, Shawna Creed, Tyler-Le Hawkins, Annabelle Van Heerden, Morgan Linden, Row 1: Cuan Le Roux, Jaden Mc Lean, Mr B White, Sophie De Kock, Mrs DP Knight, Jenna Louw, Mrs S Strydom, Rohan Chaythram, Emma Atkinson



TENNIS

The Tennis Club provided guidance to learners who were keen to improve their tennis skills as well as providing an environment for beginners to learn a new skill without the pressure of competition. It also offered a place for casual tennis players to enjoy time on court. It has been wonderful to see friendships grow through the shared experience of fitness and skills development on the tennis court.

Mr S. Henderson



BOYS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Scott Burger, Joe Te Brugge, Mpumelelo Makhathini, Shaun Lloyd, Mpiilo Dlamini
 Row 2: Ethan Moss, Mpendulo Vilakazi
 Row 1: Leon Erasmus, Marco Chessa, Mr SS Henderson, Nathan Patrick, Callum Stieger



GIRLS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Neha Ramall, Hannah Greffrath, Caylia Powell, Tayton Botha, Erin Lowe, Janoah Williams, Scarlett Ferreira
 Row 2: Fanelwe Mgadi, Alwande Mngomeni, Brielle Pillay, Ashlee Taylor, Sophie Newcombe-Bond, Awande Mchunu, Jorja Van Schalkwyk, Mamello Ramakatsa
 Row 1: Zinziswa Miya, Emily O'Shaughnessy, Kloe Edwards, Mr SS Henderson, Maroelle Coertse, Pamela Majola, Simtholile Ngcobo

TOUCH RUGBY

What an incredible season we have had in Touch Rugby, with three boys' and three girls' teams competing in a highly competitive league! The enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display were truly inspiring. Each player brought their best to the field, showcasing teamwork, skill, and determination.

Our teams demonstrated remarkable growth throughout the season, learning from each match and supporting one another every step of the way. It was wonderful to see friendships strengthened, and new strategies develop as players embraced both challenges and victories.



BOYS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Tanner Evans, Joshua Yuill, Sphehile Hlambisa
 Row 2: Asiphile Blose, Mhlengi Zondi, Azola Shandu, Nkosinathi Radebe
 Row 1: Sange Mlonyeni, Mrs DP Knight, Tumelo Mapotse, Mrs T Tonkin, Ayabonga Mkhize



GIRLS' 1ST TEAM

Row 3: Lola Klijnstra, Kylie Coetzee, Megan Maher
 Row 2: Gugulethu Hlophe, Kayden Carson, Chloe Potgieter, Sphile Kubone
 Row 1: Enhle Zulu, Mrs DP Knight, Nadia Singleton, Mr NG Majola, Brooke Buckley



FINAL RESULTS IN TERM 1 LEAGUE:

TEAM	DIVISION	FINAL GAME VS	SCORE	FINAL POSITION
HHS 1	Girls' Elite Division	Kloof High School 1st	1 - 2	6th
HHS 2	Girls' 1st Division	Durban Girls High School 2nd	5 - 4	3rd
HHS 3	Girls' 2nd Division	Kloof High School U15A	2 - 4	4th
HHS	Boys' Elite Division	Kingsway High School 1st	7 - 0	1st
HHS 2	Boys' Elite Division	George Campbell 1st	2 - 3	4th
HHS 3	Boys' 1st Division	NF Juniors	2 - 5	2nd

FAREWELL TO OUR GRADE 12 PLAYERS!

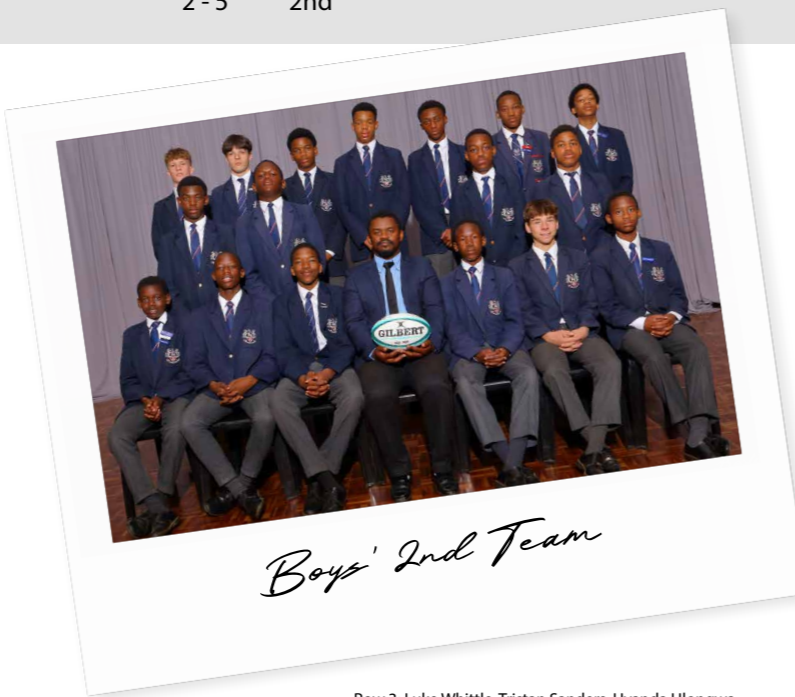
We have several Grade 12 learners who have been involved in touch rugby since starting at Hillcrest High School. A message from Mrs Tonkin to her Touch Rugby boys, "As you step into this exciting new chapter of your lives, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of each one of you. Your dedication, teamwork, and passion have made this season truly memorable. Remember, the lessons you've learned on the field will serve you for years to come. Stay fearless, keep chasing your dreams, and always play with heart. Go GOATS!"

AYABONGA MKHIZE

Touch rugby has been an integral part of my life for over five years, and it's given me some of my proudest moments. From competing at provincial level and winning Gold twice, to stepping into the role of Vice-Captain at school, the sport has taught me leadership, discipline, and teamwork. Refereeing has also given me a new perspective, enhancing my understanding of the game. The challenges and victories I have faced on the field have shaped my character, and I am grateful for the lessons I've learned through this amazing sport.

NADIA SINGLETON

Touch Rugby has not just been a sport to me, but it was being part of a team that became like family, and has helped build more confidence through sport. It also gave me the opportunity to try out for KZN Touch Rugby in Grade 9, straight after COVID 19. I did not believe that I would make KZN, however here I am today, having played for KZN more times than I ever dreamed as well as having been selected as part of the South African U18 Mixed Touch Boks side as a reserve. A huge thank you to coach Chanan who has been not only the most memorable coach but has been like a mom to us all. Thank you to Mrs Tonkin who got us to play the 1st team boys, helping the girl's team to realise that no matter how difficult the competition may seem, we just need to play our absolute best. To the girls who will carry the team next year, keep pushing, keep believing, and most importantly, enjoy every moment!



Boys' 2nd Team

Row 3: Luke Whittle, Tristan Sanders, Uyanda Hlongwa, Esethu Sibani, Cyril Cele, Thubelihle Madonsela, Nishal Pailath
 Row 2: Thabang Makhanya, Bayanda Gumbi, Bongumusa Nkutha, Gift Duma
 Row 1: Tamuka Chovuchovu, Sibusiso Mapotse, Khethelo Mdungo, Mr NG Majola, Siviwe Luthuli, Sebastian Schaube-Kuffler, Amabutho Mavundla



Girls' 2nd Team

Row 3: Brielle Pillay, Akwande Luthuli, Keira Finch, Awande Nzuza, Anele Sabela, Leigh Tappin
 Row 2: Samukelisiwe Mbonambi, Macayela Johansson, Eloise Groenewald, Amahle Dladla
 Row 1: Buhlebethu Ndhlela, Andiswa Dladla, Mr NG Majola, Thingo Dlamini, Ziyanda Majola

INTERHOUSE RESULTS FROM TERM 4 2023:

In the fourth term we held our Interhouse Touch Rugby matches which are proving to be more and more successful. It was a very successful tournament between the HHS Houses with mixed pools (Boys and Girls) in Junior and Senior categories. Well done to the members of Talbot who won the Senior Division and Delport who won the Junior Division. KZN Results and Feedback:

Junior and Senior IPT's were swapped around for 2024 which meant that the Senior IPTs were played in October 2023 and March 2024. Lola Klijnstra and Chloe Potgieter represented KZN playing in Women's Open and U21 Girls' teams respectively. Ayabonga Mkhize attended both tournaments as a referee.

WE HAD SEVERAL PLAYERS REPRESENTING KZN AT THE JIPT HELD IN CAPE TOWN IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS:

U15 Girls' A Division: Jayden-Lee Anderson, Keira du Plessis (U15B), Avela Madela, Piya Brown, Kellan Boynton (U15C)
 U15 Boys' A Division: Rudy Klijnstra, Siviwe Luthuli, Bayanda Gumbi, Uyanda Hlongwa, Sibusiso Mapotse, Aphelele Chiliza, Tamuka Chovuchovu, Lubanzi Zwane (U15A)

U17 Girls' A Division: Lola Klijnstra, Chloe Potgieter (U17A), Kayden Carson, Macayela Johansson, Megan Maher, Thingo Dlamini (U17B), Eloise Groenewald (U17C).

U17 Boys' A Division: Azola Shandu, Lwandile Buthelezi, Sebastian Schaube-Kuffler, Sloane Schaube-Kuffler, Tanner Evans, Asiphile Blose, Amabutho Mavundla, Ubenathi Mbatha (U17A)

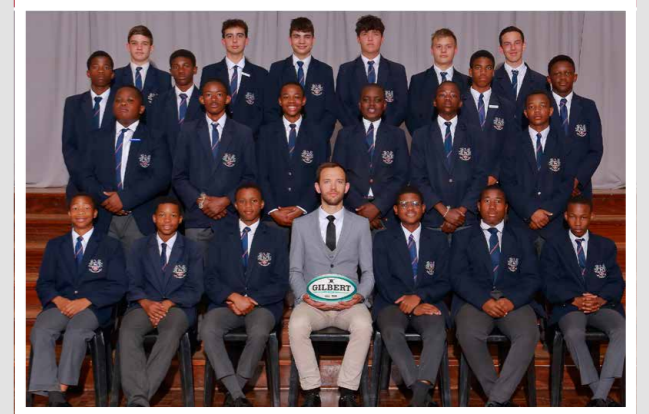
U19A Girls' Division: Gugulethu Hlophe

U19 Boys' A Division: Ayabonga Mkhize, Jordan Nell, Joshua Yuill, Nkosinathi Radebe, Sange Mlonyeni, Sphehile Hlambisa, Tumelo Mapotse, Mhlengi Zondi (U19A)

A special thank you to all the coaches for their dedication and guidance. Your commitment made a significant difference in our players' experiences and development.

To all the players: Your hard work and passion for the game shone brightly this season.

Let's carry this momentum into the next one!



BOYS' 3RD TEAM

Row 4: Owen Van Den Berg, Rylan Leask, Kaidin Singh, Luke Campbell, Nate Jones, Scott Burger
 Row 3: Ntuthuko Zuma, Nkhanyiso Jacobs, Luthando Blose, Cebolakhe Gumu
 Row 2: Thandolwethu Dlamini, Aphelele Chiliza, Alwande Sibiya, Lwandlulule Mhlongo, Melokuhle Shezi, Mongezi Mbutsuma
 Row 1: Ubenathi Mbatha, Tshegofatso Molelekwa, Lubanzi Zwane, Mr AM Burger, Lefika Chabata, Alistair Machadu, Lelethu Mandindi



GIRLS' U16

Row 3: Lethokuhle Ndlovu, Abongwe Luthuli, Piya Brown, Olivia Donaldson, Phoebe Ahrens
 Row 2: Alwande Mngomeni, Nokuzola Ngcobo, Sinenhlanhla Nyembe, Tayla Holving, Vuyiswa Hlengwa, Mvelo Mkhize
 Row 1: Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Simbonge Dladla, Alwande Phewa, Mr NG Majola, Sanelisiwe Ndlovu, Adia Pryce Lewis, Tanisha Shoniwa



GIRLS' U15

Row 7: Olivia Donaldson, Brooke Van Rensburg, Piya Brown, Kellan Boynton, Jayden-Lee Anderson, Sophie Grunewald, Tayla Holving
 Row 6: Keira Du Plessis, Dakota Sanders, Phoebe Ahrens, Angela Ngubane
 Row 5: Grace Humphreys, Shiloh Lortan, Neha Ramlall, Banele Chiya, Katelyn Peattie, Adriannah Naidu
 Row 4: Elihle Shabalala, Mutende Mulenga, Samkelisiwe Makhanya, Angel Nosilela, Uyathandwa Madonda, Lihle Ngcobo
 Row 3: Theresli Meyers, Amandosi Cele, Aurora Rose, Anelisa Mthembu, Courtney Germaine, Aphelele Shelembe, Sinakhokonke Mkhize
 Row 2: Erin Galleymore, Ayabonga Ximba, Azania Ntshangase, Langelihle Nxumalo, Avela Madela, Sinqobile Linda
 Row 1: Lungelo Ngcobo, Katelyn Rajkoomar, Caitlyn Van Niekerk, Mr NG Majola, Snakhokonke Mzimela, Ziva Van Den Berg, Owami Ndlovu

ANGEL FUND

The Angel Fund is co-ordinated by Mrs Edy and Mrs Kowlesur. Together with a dedicated group of learners we fundraise to provide for the needs of our learners whose families are experiencing financial distress. This includes lunches, stationery and uniforms. We are also renovating our sick room.

During the year the team sold fudge and brownies, held Valentine's Day and Mother's Day raffles and had a stall selling delicious treats at the Business Studies Market Day on Founder's Day.

The highlight of the year though was our much-anticipated Annual Angel Fund Ladies Breakfast. Our guest speakers were Fay and Megan Coleman from Image Insured, with Megan sharing some of her own journey to knowing her value and finding her crowns in line with the theme.

Ladies were treated to a relaxing morning with goodie bags filled with items donated by generous sponsors, a scrumptious breakfast, time to connect and lots of lucky draw prizes. They also had the opportunity to bid on wines during the exciting and fun auctions led by Mr Bartholemew and win amazing prizes in our raffles. Our biggest raffle was a cruise worth almost R28000 kindly arranged by Mr Troy Scott, our SGB Treasurer and donated by MSC SA and Cruise Addicts.

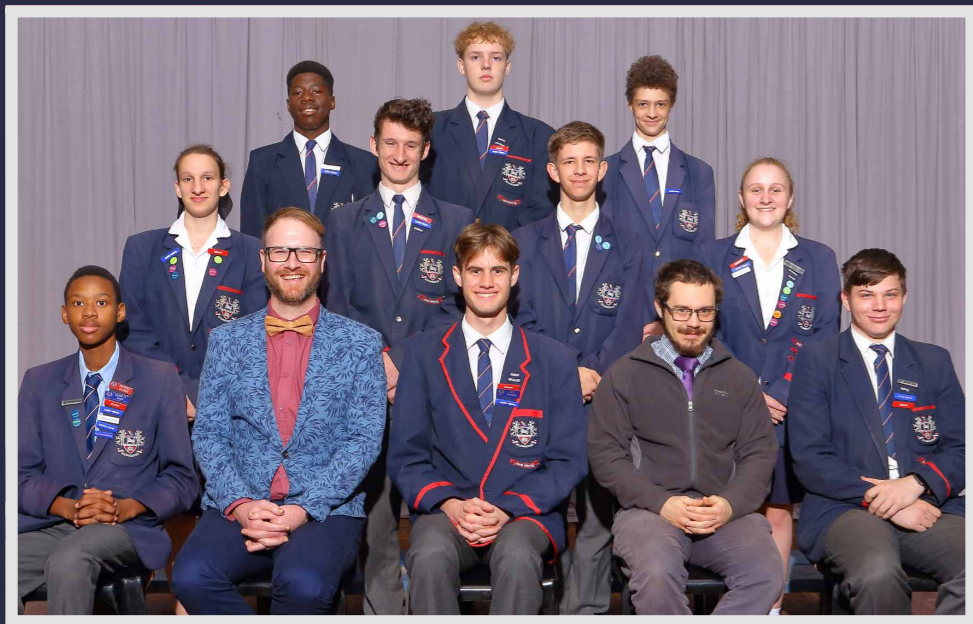
We would like to thank every sponsor who donated any items for goodie bags, lucky draw prizes, wine auction, and raffles. Every donation so selflessly given, contributed to the success of our event.

Mrs Edy / Mrs Kowlesur



Row 4: Hayley Chabant, Jordan Kidgell, Gabriella Herbst, Kaitlyn Steyn, Paige Du Plooy, Jodi Maclachlan, Lola Klijnstra
 Row 3: Iyana Ntshangase, Kayla Jackson, Jennifer Zinn, Hannah King, Leah Donkin, Senamile Mvelase, Kelsey Brown
 Row 2: Khethelo Ngcamu, Juwairiyah Sindhi, Julia Angus, Cheyenne Hoareau, Azrah Chetty, Eryn Beech
 Row 1: Saiusha Viraragavan, Abigail Chetty, Owomusa Dlamini, Mrs DP Knight, Isabella Traini, Sienna Fripp, Chloe Marais

AV CLUB



Row 3: Lubanzi Khumalo, James Smith, Jaryd Andre
 Row 2: Carla Schwarz, Max Schwarz, Anro Adendorff, Jade Gericke
 Row 1: Onkguputse Mavundla, Mr MK Bartholomew, Evan Le Roux, Mr BC Gibbs, Ty Jenkinson

SPLASHY FEN

Our Audio-Visual Club learners were once again invited to intern at the Splashy Fen Festival, South Africa's longest running and oldest music festival held each year in the Drakensberg, in KwaZulu-Natal.

Mr Steven Moffatt accompanied Gabriel Swift, James Smith, and Evan le Roux to Splashy during the Easter weekend. The learners were exposed to what is required of staff working at a music festival, from lighting, managing audio equipment, photography, and videography elements.

From time of arrival the boys were a pleasure to deal with. It was never an issue getting them up and ready for their duties, they were always ready and eager to go and in bed intime to get enough sleep for the next day. Their duties ran throughout the day until late in the evening, they worked hard and pushed through every day.

This year saw them being allocated to more definitive and key roles within the production team. They were given greater responsibilities than the previous year and they took these on and performed well in their respective roles. They worked well with the already established production team and slotted right in. They communicated and kept up with the high pace needs of the environment. Even when faced with work they did not enjoy, they took it on regardless. The team showed great appreciation for their input. Camp life was a breeze except for the thunderstorms we experienced which made the previous year's rain look like drizzle. Our combined camping experience saw us through, and we stayed dry for the most part.

We are grateful to Hillcrest High School Past Pupil and owner of Impi Concepts, Mr Stuart Berry, for providing our boys with this opportunity to get hands-on experience during a busy, exciting and varied event.

Steven Moffatt



Splashy Fen



Evan le Roux at Splashy Fen



Gabriel Swift at Splashy Fen



CATERING CLUB

As we reflect on the whirlwind of activities from the past year, it is clear that the Catering Committee has truly risen to the occasion. Whether catering for spirited tournaments held at the school against schools from across the province, feeding over 1000 guests for the annual Open Days or providing an array of snacks for our cherished prize-giving ceremony, our dedicated Catering team has been at the heart of every event, ready to serve up memorable experiences.

Our committee has catered for a diverse range of sporting events, including cricket, swimming, hockey, rugby, netball, and soccer. Regardless of the outcome on the field, we've made it our mission to ensure that every coach, parent, staff member, and visitor leaves with a smile. Whether it's steaming cups of tea and coffee or refreshing cool drinks, we have delighted our guests with everything from hearty breakfasts to exquisite lunch options, featuring everything from juicy burgers to elegant cocktail fare.

At our prize-giving ceremony the atmosphere is always vibrant, enhanced by our popular sandwich and biscuit platters, not to mention the irresistible charm of Aunty Zodwa's famous scones. Our guests always leave with warm memories of the exceptional catering experience we provide.

Our remarkable team of dedicated students and staff pour countless hours into planning and executing these events, evident in the detailed preparation, thoughtful setup, and meticulous clean up that is part of each occasion. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Geel and Mrs Bega for their unwavering commitment, ensuring that everything runs seamlessly.

Special appreciation must also go to Ms Zodwa Khanyile and Ms Nellie Mbanjwa for their invaluable assistance in food preparation and post-event clean-up. Their support plays a crucial role in maintaining the high standards we strive for at every event.



The camaraderie within the catering department has blossomed, transforming it into a close-knit family of enthusiastic teachers and students. From the Friday 'weekend prep' sessions to the bustling Saturday events, we have eagerly catered for every school occasion. During our time in the Catering Club, we have not only learnt new recipes but also mastered beloved favourites that have become staples. We have acquired essential skills in event setup and gained invaluable experience that will stay with us long after our participation. Amidst the occasional chaos, the joy of what we do shines through, making every moment worthwhile.

With gratitude and excitement, we look forward to another year of serving our community and continuing to create delightful culinary experiences.

Hayley Chabant & Hannah King



Catering for HHS Open Day Event



Row 5: Hannah King, Benathi Shabangu, Abigail King, Hayley Chabant, Bakang Shabangu
 Row 4: Mamello Ramakatsa, Zenathi Mkhwanazi, Banele Khuboni, Taitum Scott, Lesedi Ramakatsa, Pamela Majola
 Row 3: Angela Ngubane, Juwairiyah Sindhi, Margo Fransenburg, Samela Shabangu, Thalente Cele
 Row 2: Yikhokonke Dimba, Jade-Lee Bailey, Amy Neveling, Fanelwe Mqadi, Lihle Mbanjwa, Rebecca Easson
 Row 1: Miss ZO Khanyile, Mrs N Mbanjwa, Miss GR Stow, Mrs SJ Geel, Mrs JM Bega, Mrs NH Magubane, Ms TP Gabisa



CHOIR

Row 4: Snawo Gumede, Hannah King, Paige Du Plooy, Ashley Braybrooke, Anro Adendorff, Hayley Chabant, Clarissa De Villiers
 Row 3: Giselle Stow, Iyana Ntshangase, Janoah Williams, Amber-Lynn Jones, Obedingwa Ngidi, Faye Verster, Emma Hughes
 Row 2: Okamdali Nzimande, Sbhongakonke Nxumalo, Nicole Waddleton, Esnath Kufakunesu, Vuyo Mlamula, Pamela Majola
 Row 1: Isabella Traini, Abigail King, Miss GR Stow, Shanae De Villiers, Mr MK Bartholemew, Jade Gericke, Abigail Chetty

A YEAR OF MUSICAL TRIUMPH

The choir has had a remarkable year, filled with exciting performances and achievements. We began the year with a bang, sharing our talents alongside prestigious private schools at Thomas More College. Our diverse programme, featuring everything from traditional choral pieces to innovative vocal beatboxing, showcased the choir's versatility and dedication.

Throughout the year, we continued to enrich our school community by leading the hymns during assemblies. Our recent performance at the Angel Fund Tea was another highlight, featuring popular music and our first soloists of the year.

A particularly proud moment came when we participated in the Westville Girls' High School Sports and Cultural Festival. Competing alongside our Gospel Choir and other renowned ensembles was a testament to our hard work and talent. Our performance exceeded our expectations; sadly, we did not manage to bring home the trophy.

As we reflect on this successful year, we express our gratitude to our dedicated choir members for their commitment and passion. We look forward to continuing to inspire and entertain our school community in the years to come.

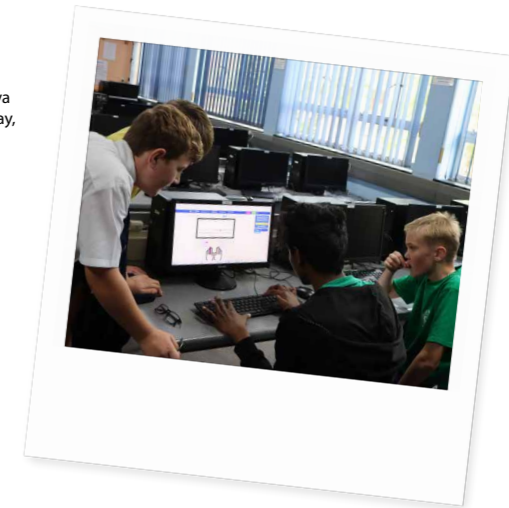
Mr M Bartholemew



COMPUTER ASSISTANTS



Row 3: Connor White, Darius Hanekom, Sphehile Ntshangase
 Row 2: Bradley Edwards, Siphosethu Miya
 Row 1: Thandolwethu Dlamini, Mr DA Gay, Banele Shange



DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Debating is often regarded as an "extra subject" due to the immense workload and time commitment required by the speakers. This year posed many challenges for students, and many of them demonstrated remarkable grit in fulfilling their commitment.

Endinako Magafela and Julianna Blom were selected for the provincial debating tournament. Endinako attended the tournament, held at St Henry's Marist College, and found the experience to be very rewarding.

The following students received awards for debating at the Annual Sports and Cultural Awards evening:

Dedication & Commitment - Senior: Kevaan Ramsern
The Akob Trophy for the Top Senior Speaker – Endinako Magafela
The Jugdaw/Reddy Captain's Trophy – Julianna Blom

In the public speaking arena, Mrs Desai and Mr Moore (coaches) are pleased to note the increased interest from students joining the activity. Students spent a great deal of time preparing for the annual public speaking showcase, and we are all proud of their efforts and improvements.

Overall, the year has been taxing on both speakers and coaches, but it is a point of pride that our students have represented HHS with dedication and skill throughout the challenges they faced. We look forward to further improvements in 2025.

Miss S Ramsout (Head of Debating)



Row 3: Owethu Mkhize, Mbulelo Mpanza, William Bothwell, Lubanzi Maluleka, Awande Dlamini
 Row 2: Alwande Mngomeni, Ayanda Ndlovu, Natara Naidoo, Akira Mc Millan, Azania Ntshangase, Owomusa Dlamini
 Row 1: Julianna Blom, Miss S Ramsout, Kevaan Ramsern, Mr E Moore, Endinako Magafela



Row 3: Owethu Mkhize, Zoe Visser, Jamie Bothwell, Lubanzi Maluleka, Simphiwe Mostert
 Row 2: Ayanda Ndlovu, Juwairiyah Sindhi, Endinako Magafela, Saselihle Mkhize
 Row 1: Awande Dlamini, Mrs Y Desai, Mr El Moore, Miss S Ramsout, Kevaan Ramsern

ECOSCHOOLS CLUB

EcoSchools Club is one of those clubs where you feel like you are making a difference in the world. The teachers who run the club, Mrs Prior, Mrs Stols, and Mrs Hodgskin have taught us many useful skills including the correct way to plant, and the best season to plant different crops for better yield. Working in the school garden is fun, and it is great to get outside and spend time with learners with similar interests. It is also educational, and we have learnt about many different types of useful plants and the impact cultivating them has on the environment. EcoSchools Club is all about learning new things and having a great time while doing it – a place where everyone can come to learn a little bit about our precious planet.

This year, we were privileged to receive a donation of a toolshed where we can store our gardening equipment and hosepipe. This has made it easier to water the garden more regularly, as well as give us easier access to the equipment we need. Our grateful thanks to Eugene Smook and Yvette Newby of Beavers Sundecks for the donation, and to our maintenance team for the preparation of the slab base for the shed. We were also pleased to host owner of The School of Garden Design, Mrs Lindsay Gray, who was pivotal in connecting us to Beavers Sundecks. Lindsay, who has been in the landscaping business for many years, also worked as the very first marketing manager at Hillcrest High School, a role she filled for 15 years! Putting on her gardening hat, or should we say, gloves, Mrs Gray shared vital tips about plant positioning, seasonal planting specific to Hillcrest and the no-dig garden principle. We would like to encourage learners to join us at the EcoSchools Club to learn a more about our world and to get a little dirt under their fingernails every now and then. Let's save the environment together!

WEENEN GAME RESERVE TRIP

HHS partnered with the Johnny Lowe Memorial Trust to send three students on the Ifa Lethu Wildlife Camp at Weenen Game Reserve for three nights. The students, Samantha Berndt, Akira McMillan, and Ashlee Taylor had the opportunity to sleep in tents in the game reserve and learn about how to truly appreciate our fragile planet. The coordinators, Dee Dickens and Makaira Cameron, have an endless wealth of knowledge and wisdom. Along with students from Port Shepstone High School and Glenwood Boys' High School, our HHS learners experienced breathtaking game drives, thought-provoking and challenging talks and quizzes and exciting adventures which included bush walks. They returned with a new perspective on life and how truly fragile, and in need of protection, our planet is.

Samantha Berndt and Jade Gericke



Row 3: Sboniso Blöse, David Mackenzie, Chelsey Greyvenstein, Erin Massey
 Row 2: Jade-Lee Bailey, Connor Gericke, Joy Mackenzie, Eben Coetser
 Row 1: Samantha-Lee Strydom, Mrs LJ Prior, Samantha Berndt, Mrs A Stols, Jade Gericke



Our toolshed donated by Beavers' Sundecks!



Beach Cleanup at Mangrove Swamps



Project Rhino Recycled Art Project

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENTS CLUB

At HHS, there are several students who are deeply and fervently committed to solidifying a firm financial future for themselves. This group of learners understands that wealth generation does not happen by accident, but by the slow and arduous accumulation of relevant skills. These ambitious learners have joined the Entrepreneurship & Investments Club.

This year, they have carried out several entrepreneurial activities in the school, profiting from all of them, and have analysed what worked and what did not. They have also learned about various elements of investment, including different asset classes; risk vs return; hedging; diversification; price-action theory; inflation; the time value of money; and monetary policy and its impact on asset performance.

Mr S Henderson



Row 3: Lea Chetty, Max Schwarz, Vanessa Van Der Westhuizen
 Row 2: Isabella Traini, Jeane Rashkumar
 Row 1: Jordan Howes, Mr SS Henderson, Daniel Shuttleworth



Valentine's Day Sales

FANTASY LEAGUE



Row 4: Leon Markwell, Luke Muller, Gabriel Swift, Jack Joubert, Nathan Joubert, Mathew Darby
 Row 3: Sboniso Blose, Connor White, Wayne Kearley, Conrad Botha
 Row 2: Rebokile Nketu, Norma-Jean Price, Lourens Joubert, Ethan Ainhirn, Peridot Greef, Faye Verster
 Row 1: Vuyo Mlamula, Lesedi Ramakatsa, Mr E Smith, Carla Schwarz, Mrs S Strydom, Maja Kearley, Siphokazi Makanya

This year, with the permission of Mrs Knight, the Fantasy League was founded. A few learners had enquired about the possibility of starting a "Dungeons and Dragons Club" and there was also interest shown in playing the "Pokemon Card Game" and various other board games.

"Dungeons and Dragons" (D&D) is a game that relies on creativity and planning to undertake adventures, as well as the hope for good dice rolls. It is not just a fun game, but allows learners to socialise with each other, solve puzzles, and resolve conflict when decisions need to be made. Games are called campaigns, and the person who runs the campaigns spends a lot of time planning and preparing to run them.

We had three groups regularly attending the Wednesday sessions, including Matrics (who were sad that this has only started in their Matric year), Grade 11's and 10's (who had appealed to Mrs Knight to start the club) as well as a group of new junior players who were playing D&D for the first time.

It has been lovely to see the interest grow and to observe learners, who are often quiet and reserved, take on roles of leadership, stepping out of their comfort zones.

Mrs S Strydom

Congratulations



Row 4: Mbulelo Mpanza, Abigail King, Alessandro Petronio, Gabriel Smith, Luke Muller, Charmonay Prinsloo, Samantha-Lee Strydom, Row 3: Morgan Walker, Monique Robinson, Jessica Graham, Rohan Chaithram, Kaelyn Stainer, Lara Nunn, Jaime Buys, Row 2: Lucy Booysen, Sinothando Dlamini, Tayla Davies, Leah Kennedy, Thandolwami Makanya, Annika Adendorff, Row 1: Sphile Kubone, Mrs LJ Topham, Akwande Mahlangu, Miss S Ramsout, Fanelesibonge Mngadi, Mrs M McLaughlin, Amelia Govender

GOSPEL CHOIR



Row 5: Lunathi Bango, Masibonge Msani, Siphesihle Mthiya, Luyanda Ntshangase, Sngobile Mbili, Khwezi Sibisi, Zonqoba Phakathi, Zofia Giorko, Row 4: Fanelesibonge Mngadi, Ndumiso Zwane, Aphiwe Kweyama, Siphosethu Miya, Thandolwami Makanya, Sibonelo Tshabalala, Row 3: Sinesipho Msomi, Nonjabulo Malinga, Thubelihle Njokwe, Amahle Zungu, Alwande Phewa, Noluthando Gwala, Amagaye Cele, Row 2: Yolanda Zondi, Nkazimulo Mthethwa, Olwami Wilakazi, Amahle Dladla, Nolwandle Nhatave, Sinethemba Ninela, Row 1: Andiswa Dladla, Senzelweumusa Sibisi, Ms IP Gabisa, Bayanda Mnguni, Mrs NH Magubane, Nozbusiso Mzobe, Nxusakazi Hlongwane



Senior Prizegiving

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words."

Victor Hugo

HONOUR SOCIETY

The Honour Society was formed last year to support the high-achieving academic students at HHS.

The largest, and most beneficial, aspect of the society has been the mentorship offered to students from the many dedicated teachers who offer up their time and availability to be a listening ear and a supportive guide for their students.

The candidates listed below have met the following criteria:

- 75% average at the end of grade 11 (2023)
- 3 or more A-symbols from their subject package

The Honour Society for 2024 comprised the following students: Annika Adendorff, Kiarra Chetty, Leah Kennedy, Abigail King, Luke Muller, Tayla Davies, Morgan Walker, Sinothando Dlamini, Sphile Kubone, Fanelesibonge Mngadi, Kaelyn Stainer, Lucy Booysen, Jessica Graham, Alessandro Petronio, Gabriel Smith, Rohan Chaithram, Akwande Mahlangu, Thandolwami Makhanya, Mbulelo Mpanza, Samukelisiwe Mbatha, Lara Nunn, Jaime Buys, Amelia Govender, Nathan Joubert, Monique Robinson, Samantha-Lee Strydom, Charmonay Prinsloo and Nosihle Zama.

The Honour Society continues to grow and change, and we hope to offer more to students in the future.

Miss S Ramsout



Honour Society Mentors

INTERACT

Interact has been very active this year, participating in many interesting and exciting events. Thanks to our new President, Jessica Coutts, for her contributions in making many of these events possible.

FUNDRAISING

We have been involved in many activities to raise funds for projects this year. These include cake sales where learners have volunteered to bring baked goods to sell to the other pupils at the school. We have also ramped up our selling of Food Socks which we then donate to worthy causes – this included a stall at the Founder's Day event. Profits from these sales go back into our fund so that we can continue to support other causes. We have also held car washes for teachers.

A big thanks to the Eldorado Spur in Hillcrest for allowing us to participate in the shadowing of waitrons on a continuous basis and donating 10% of the profits earned from 6 – 8pm. We were also able to raise additional funds via tips and donations direct from customers. This has allowed Interact to fund our current and future events.

PROJECTS

BURN THE BILL

At Interact we believe that a small gesture of kindness can go a long way in improving a person's day. So at the beginning of the year, a group of our Interact students went to Richdens Spar for a project called Burn the Bill. The group randomly selected customers and offered to pay for their groceries. Those that agreed had their bill 'burnt' with Interact funds. We aimed to identify those in need, just to brighten their day. This was a very rewarding experience.

VALLEY PROJECT

During the second term holidays, a group of Grade 11s partnered with Kloof High School to undertake a project known as The Dr Turnbull/Valley Schools Upgrade Project. This year the school that was chosen for the revamp was St. Leo Primary School, a rural school in the Molweni area.

Funds raised over the year were used to participate in the event and purchase the necessary materials for the revamp. During the last week of the holidays Interact members travelled to the school and worked on the renovation. This included scraping the walls to remove any loose paint, sticky Prestik and tape residue, dusting and cleaning all surfaces and washing with sugar soap, then priming the classrooms to prepare for painting. The next day we began painting all the classrooms with peach and green paint.

Once the paint had dried, a few of the learners began drawing up murals with chalk and once the drawings were done, we started painting them. Each room had a different theme that matched with the age group that uses the classrooms. We renovated a total of seven classrooms.

This project was a great experience, enabling us to interact with the learners from Kloof and create new friendships. It also helped the students get a different understanding of the different lives that people live. The learners that participated in this project were Ashlee Taylor, Cadence Barclay, Ariyin Collingwood, Hannah King, Hayley Chabant, Asiphile Blose, Kwandile Gumbi, Lola Klijnstra, Chloe Marais, Leah Riggien, Jade Gericke, Tayla Peterson, Zofia Giorko, Buhlebethu Ndhlela, Chloe Atkins, Jodi Macpherson and Jessica Coutts.

A big thank you to everyone who participated for taking time out of their holiday to be part of this wonderful project including the staff from Hillcrest High School who helped facilitate - Ms Silva, Mrs Stols, Mr Moffatt and Mr Majola.

UMBOGINTWINI PRIMARY FIRE

A devastating fire at Umbogintwini Primary School burnt down their library and multiple Grade 7 classrooms. We collected donations of money and stationery to help them through this tough situation. This was delivered along with a trailer load filled with desks donated by the school.

COMRADES MARATHON & AMASHOVA CYCLE RACE

A group of students marshalled at the Comrades Marathon to help prevent injuries happening between runners and spectators. We also had a group of students hand out medals at the AmaShova Cycle Race. These events were hugely successful and a big thank you goes out to the students that helped these events run smoothly.

SIYABUSWA ORPHANAGE VISITS

We have taken multiple trips to Siyabuswa Orphanage to deliver Food Socks, toys, books and a microwave after theirs was damaged. At the beginning of next year, a building contractor will install dry walling to create additional rooms for the older girls to give them some privacy away from the younger children. This will be done using funds raised by Interact. We hosted a Christmas party at the school in December. Thank you to Ladybird Foundation and HHS parents for the generous donation of the gifts and gift bags.

MAZARAT ANIMAL RESCUE

Our president, Jessica, arranged with Mazarat Animal Rescue, to help with the cleaning of walls and caring for the animals on a Saturday morning. We took the dogs for walks and fed the cats. A group of HHS learners also attended the Forest View Primary School Lunfest to help with the Mazarat Adoption Day. We took care of the dogs and cats that were brought there in the hopes of being adopted, as well as taking the dogs for walks around the field.

In the third term, a few learners accompanied Mr Moffatt to donate multiple kilograms of dog and cat food to Mazarat. We will continue to do so throughout the next year.

FINAL THOUGHTS

A special thank you to the teachers that have helped make this all possible – Mr Moffatt and Mrs Leppan. Thank you both for all that you have done to ensure this club strives to be the best it can be and thank you for allowing the members of the club a chance to give back to the community.

Jessica Coutts – Interact President 2024



Christmas Party for Siyabuswa Orphanage



Row 6: Danielle James, Benathi Shabangu, Owen Van Den Berg, Shanae De Villiers, Bradley Leppan, Owethu Mkhize, Alexis Duncan, **Row 5:** Erin Lowe, Farrah Lief, Makayla Torchia, Hayley Chabant, Jodi Macpherson, Janoah Williams, **Row 4:** Emma Akeroyd, Ariyin Collingwood, Scarlett Ferreira, Bakang Shabangu, Masande Luthuli, Caylia Powell, Phelisa Hadebe, Taitum Scott, **Row 3:** Jade-Lee Bailey, Ayabonga Mqadi, Sbhongakonke Nxumalo, Neha Ramlall, Antony Smith, Nicole Waddleton, Thalente Cele, Mahle Gama, Ezinhle Mqadi, **Row 2:** Buhlebethu Ndhlela, Thubelihle Njokwe, Pamela Majola, Tatum Henning, Saskia Henning, Lwandoluhle Phathela, Chloe Marais, Sinethemba Nihlela, **Row 1:** Kayla Jenkinson, Jade Gericke, Samela Shabangu, Mrs MB Leppan, Jessica Coutts, Mr B Moffatt, Ashlee Taylor, Chelsea Robertson, Cadence Barclay



Dr Turnbull Project



Volunteering at Comrades Marathon



Shadowing of waitrons at Eldorado Spur



Tunini Fine Collection at Richdens Spar



MEDIA CENTRE

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Row 3: Amahle Ngcobo, Clive Padayachee, Sophie Buccimazza, Oyedwa Makhoba, Row 2: Lesedi Ramakatsa, Mvelo Madikizela, Row 1: Awande Dlamini, Mrs E Gomes, Shanae De Villiers, Mrs M Chetty, Chelsea Robertson

Another year of eager readership! Our issues and library usage have once again increased – this time by a whopping 30% year on year. It is encouraging to see that there has even been an increase in reading amongst the seniors. Our book request book is always in high demand, and we try to fulfill as many requests as the budget will allow.

Popular genres remain the Anime/Manga, teen drama and romance, psycho thriller, mystery, as well as biographies, motivational books, lifestyle-enhancing books and, of course, sport! It is also encouraging to see that several of our avid readers have also taken out some of the classics and modern classics – all is not lost!

Naturally, the library remains extremely busy during breaks and after school for computer research, homework, reading, and studying – some breaks we need to limit numbers when the pupils exceed 100! The library relies on the help of our Library Assistants who not only advise on reading, help with computers and printing, but also ensure that the library remains a neat and usable space. Thanks to our library assistants: Ethan Padayachee, Amahle Ngcobo, Mvelo Madikizela, Oyedwa Makhoba, Sophie Buccimazza, and Lesedi Ramakatsa. Special appreciation to our three Senior Library Assistants who matriculate this year: Shanae De Villiers, Chelsea Robertson, and Awande Dlamini.

Mrs L Gomes

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Muslim Students Association, founded on 14 February 2024, was formed to bring more awareness and understanding about Islam. It is mainly made up of Muslim students but accepts anyone who wishes to join. Questions about Islam are welcome as one of the Association's main goals is to bring about understanding of Islamic laws.

Founded right before Ramadaan, we had the opportunity to speak to learners in the various grade assemblies about the MSA and the importance of Ramadaan. An extremely holy and important month in the Islamic calendar, Ramadaan started in the evening of 10 March and ended on 9 April this year. During this blessed month Muslims across the entire world have a compulsory fasting period from dawn till dusk. As Muslims we abstain from food and drink during this time when fasting is seen as an act of worship to attain God-conscious piety, as well as to experience the daily suffering of those less fortunate.

During 2024, the foundation of the Muslim Students Association was cemented. Contact and a connection to the larger Durban-situated MSA was established, allowing members to attend meetings and workshops with other Muslim students from various high schools in the Durban

area. This has enabled future collaboration in charity drives and soup kitchens.

We have gathered twice a week to discuss the challenges we face as a minority in many situations as well as how to stay true to our faith while faced with obstacles which could lead us astray. We have posed questions to one another, discussed important events and dates in our religion and connected with like-minded individuals on a spiritual level, thus enabling us to feel a part of something much bigger than ourselves.

As a club, with the growing Islamic population in the Upper Highway area, we look forward to many more members and opportunities to serve the community, be it with knowledge, or kindness to those around us or helping the less fortunate. Special thanks to Mrs Chetty, Mrs Desai, and Mrs Sindhi for all the support in this kick-starter year.

Sabri Gafieldien

As-salaam 'alaykum

May peace be upon you



Row 3: Junaid Chetty, Sabri Gafieldien, Gabriella Oelofse
Row 2: Azrah Chetty, Juwairiyah Sindhi
Row 1: Mrs MIB Chetty, Mrs Y Desai, Mrs A Sindhi

PHOTOGRAPHY

Our Photography Club has flourished this year, teaching the members valuable skills, training their creative eye, and feeding their extraordinary imaginations. From competitions to school events, our members have grown as photographers and as individuals, having had a successful and enriching year.

GRADE 8-11 PHOTOS:

In Term 1, senior club members were tasked with assisting in helping to take the official Grade 8-11 notebook photos. This important job required not only technical skills but also the ability to make the students feel comfortable and confident in front of the camera, and the photographers did an exceptional job.

TERM 1 COMPETITION: BUBBLES

Kicking off the year, the Term 1 competition focused on the theme of "Bubbles." This challenge encouraged our photographers to explore the delicate beauty of bubbles and their interaction with light. The entries were nothing short of spectacular and the creativity displayed within this competition set the tone for the rest of the year. We were also fortunate to have a guest photographer, Mr David Knox-Whitehead, share his expertise with us.

CAPTURING THE MATRIC DANCE:

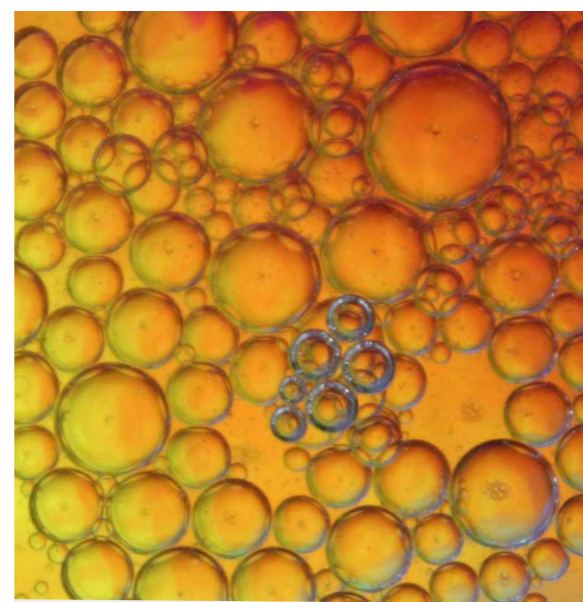
In April, some of our photographers were called upon to help capture one of the most memorable events on the school calendar – the Matric Dance. Members of the club took on the responsibility of documenting this special evening, from glamorous arrivals to heartfelt moments on the dance floor. Their work ensured that the memories of the night would be preserved, showing the importance of photography in celebrating life's milestones.

PHOTOGRAPHY DAY OUTING:

In July, our Photography Club had a day outing to the Midlands. This picturesque region provided the perfect backdrop for our students to practice their skills in a natural setting – from rolling hills to charming farmhouses, offering endless photographic opportunities. The outing was not only a chance to hone technical abilities, but also to bond as a group and share a passion for photography in a relaxed, inspiring environment.

CULTURE@KEARSNEY COMPETITION:

Beyond our internal competitions, HHS photographers had the chance to participate in the "Culture@Kearsney" competition. The competition was a valuable experience for our photographers and those that entered achieved well, making us proud. Photographs needed to fit into one of the four categories given, namely: Up Close and Personal, My Inspiration, Architecture, and Reflections. Our talented learners did exceptionally well, winning two of the four categories and achieving four Highly Commended awards.



Samantha Berndt - Bubbly



Photography Outing

Norma-Jean Price, in Grade 9, placed 1st in the category: "Up Close and Personal", with her image: "A Dandelions Whisper".

Isabella Te Brugge, also in Grade 9, was awarded 1st place in the "Reflections" category with her image: "Don't Look Down." She also received two Highly Commended awards, one in the "My Inspiration" with her image: "Wanderer" and the other in the category, "Architecture", with her image "Tunnel Vision".

Samantha Berndt, in Grade 11, was awarded Highly Commended for both of her entries, her image "Bubbly" in the "Up Close and Personal" category and in the "My Inspiration" category, with her image "Never Alone".

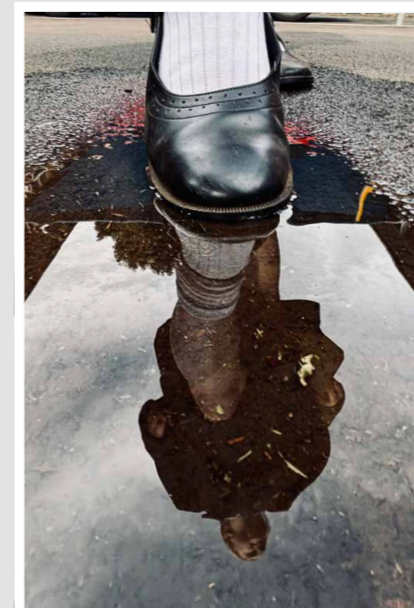
Ariyin Collingwood

"When I have a camera in my hand, I know no fear."

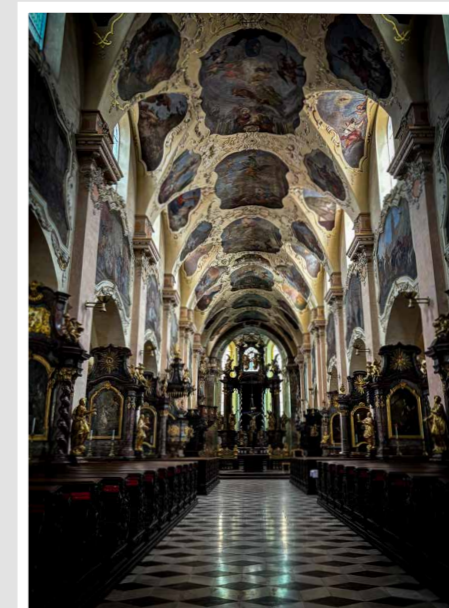
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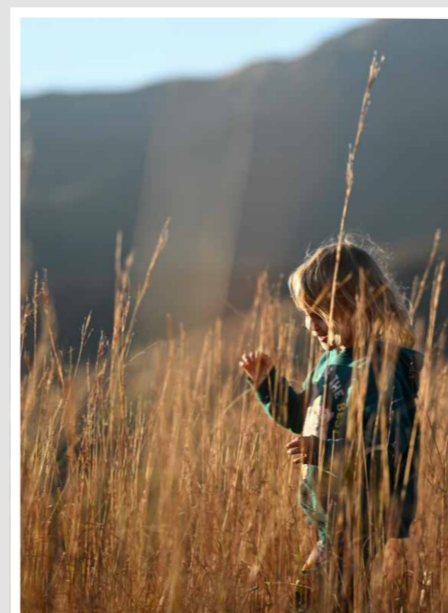
Norma-Jean Price - Dandelion's Whisper



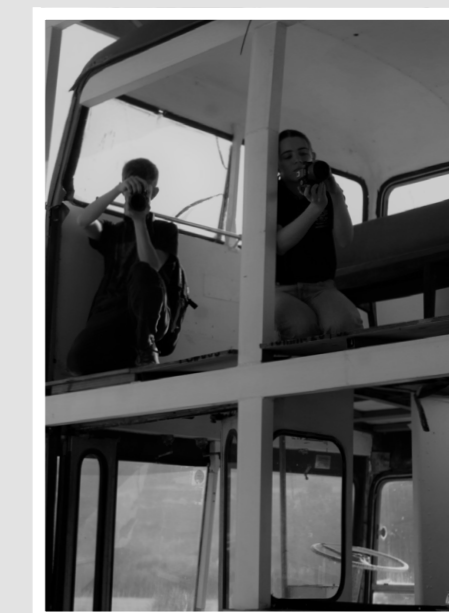
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Tunnel Vision - Isabella Te Brugge

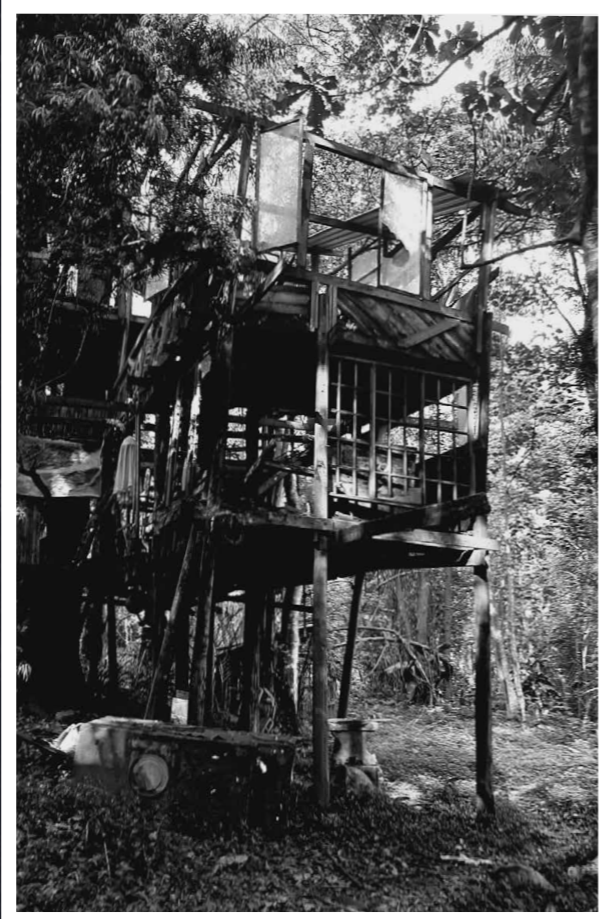


Wanderer - Isabella Te Brugge

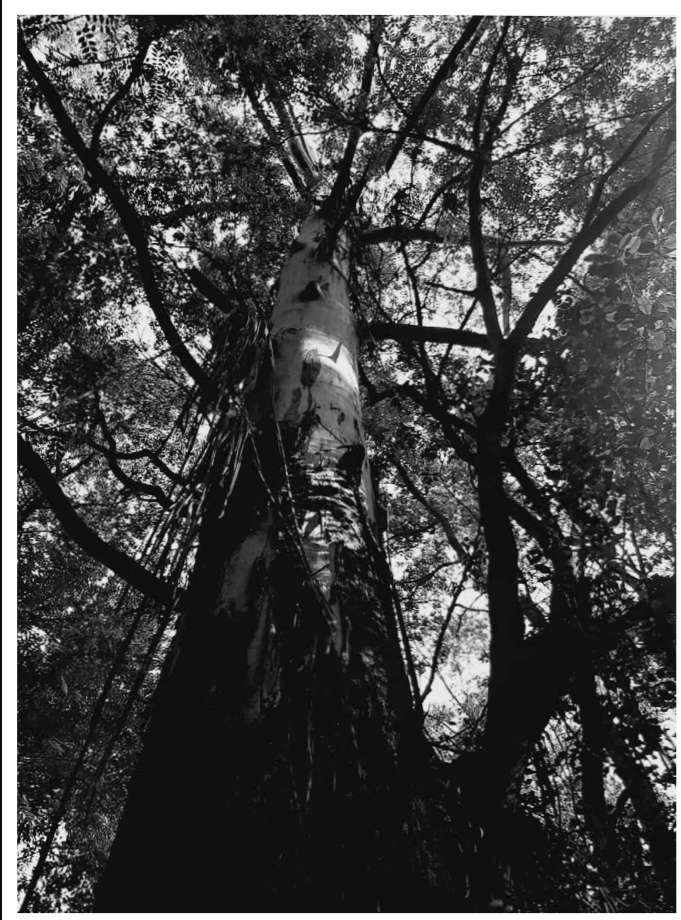


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 Row 3: Katy Armstrong, Farrah Lief, Norma-Jean Price, Elsie Anderson, Skye Mans
 Row 2: Nidhi Ramhurrack, Ella Saunders, Thalente Cele, Jade-Lee Bailey, Mahle Gama, Ziva Van Den Berg
 Row 1: Faye Verster, Ariyin Collingwood, Jade Gericke, Mrs R Harmse, Samantha Berndt, Akira Mc Millan, Mathew Darby

PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Row 1: Mrs T Tonkin, Juwairiyah Sindhi, Mrs S Strydom



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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

ASIPHILE BLOSE - CHAIRPERSON

From my time being on the RCL, I have learnt that you play a vital role in shaping the educational experience of your peers. I have had to learn how to represent and express the interests of learners to educators as well as to the School Governing Body. I have found that it is essential to listen to the concerns and ideas of all parties, and give feedback to ensure that their voices are heard.

The RCL is comprised of 42 members, and each member has a responsibility and a role to play. Having many representatives helps with navigating differing opinions and finding common ground among learners. The representatives play a vital role when it comes to expressing concerns and ideas from the learners as well as participating and assisting at fundraisers, events and initiatives.

We have been working to solve issues around the school regarding uniform, vandalism, raising school spirit and providing a safe space where learners and educators can communicate. I am proud to be a part of the RCL of 2024 in helping to create a supportive and inclusive environment that benefits all Hillcrest High School learners.

LOLA KLIJNSTRA - VICE CHAIRPERSON

The HHS RCL has had a great year in 2024, with growth happening through ideas, collaboration, and big projects.

2024 RCL PROJECT:

We had many ideas for our 2024 project but ultimately decided the installation of two water fountains on the main field.

FUNDRAISERS:

Our first big fundraiser was on Founders' Day and was a huge success as a direct result of the hard work and planning by the RCL members. On Founders' Day we undertook many endeavours including: a bake sale, FIFA gaming stations in the MPC, three fun/inflatable rides, and two tournaments (5-A-Side Football and Touch Rugby). Richdens Spar kindly sponsored two hampers for the winners of each tournament, and we are very thankful for our ongoing partnership with them.

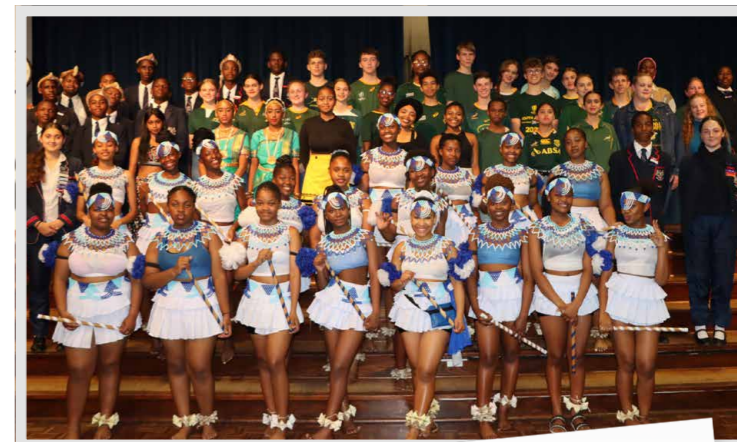
Our next fundraiser was the Heritage Evening on the 18th of September, which included performances from several different heritages and cultures practiced at our diverse school. This event was open to the public and very well attended.



Founders' Day

TANAKA CHINODAKUFA - TREASURER

I have enjoyed being part of the RCL Executives of 2024 fulfilling the role of Treasurer. It has been a lovely experience and that is mainly due to the team I have worked with. I believe that being a part of this team has helped me build on my communication and teamwork skills and to be comfortable speaking in a room full of people. I would like to thank Mrs Janssens for advising and guiding us in the right direction.

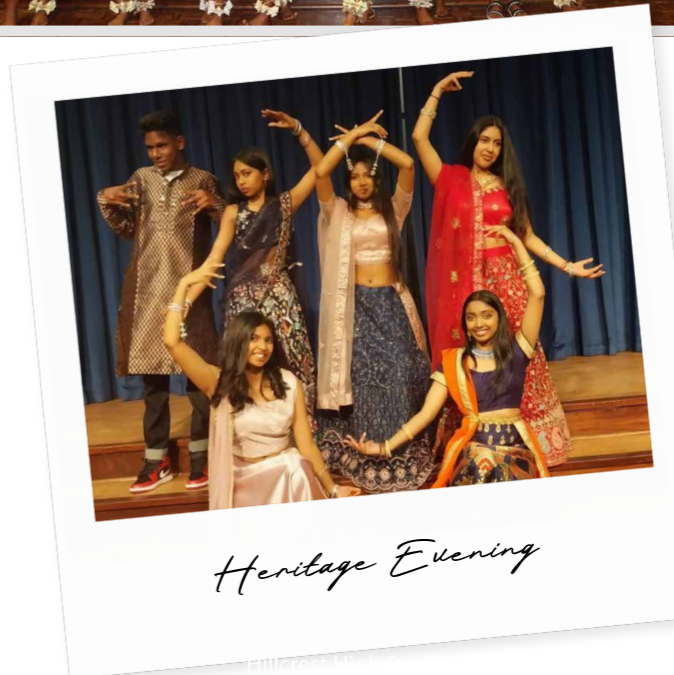


ZOFIA GIORKO - SECRETARY

This year really has flown by so fast. I have enjoyed every second of it, working closely with the other Executives of the RCL. Countless hours have been spent brainstorming ideas to raise money for our project. We planned a Heritage Evening to appreciate our school's diverse culture with the ultimate goal of making this a school tradition as well as making our school closer as a community.



RCL Executives



Heritage Evening

Cast of The Lucky Star Hotel



Row 4: Emily George, Nathan Joubert, Miguel Cockman, Kwandile Gumbi, Evan Le Roux, Jack Joubert, Kian Adruthkumar, Mangaliso Shawe
 Row 3: Daniel Shuttleworth, Onke Gumede, Sboniso Blose, Zoe Visser, Sandisizwe Shezi, Hayley Chabant, Snawo Gumede, Siphesihle Mthiya
 Row 2: Luyanda Hlophe, Amahle Zungu, Jade Gericke, Caeleb Doherty, Nkazimulo Ngcobo, Tana Botha, Shawna Creed, Lerato Mantashe, Fanelwe Mqadi
 Row 1: Evan Raaths, Mrs AE Sebeikin, Antony Smith, Mrs DP Knight, Jordan Lim, Thingo Dlamini, Ms GA Giorko, Zofia Giorko, Miss SL Cope, Isabella Traini

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

THE LUCKY STAR HOTEL

"The Lucky Star Hotel: Where dreams come to die" was more of a dream come true for the cast of the production. Let us give you a peek behind the curtains as to what happens backstage...

The Hillcrest High School production "The Lucky Star Hotel" was performed from 13-17 May 2024. The cast, comprising of students ranging from Grade 9 to Matric, showcased a heartwarming display of teamwork and dedication, with Mrs Giorko and her team of superheroes leading the way. Matric student Jack Joubert, who played one of the hotel waiters, said, "The best part of the play was the team that made it all happen. I was super amped just to be in the play at all given that I'm not a drama student. To have that creative outlet and meet new people outside of the regular school environment was a lovely experience."

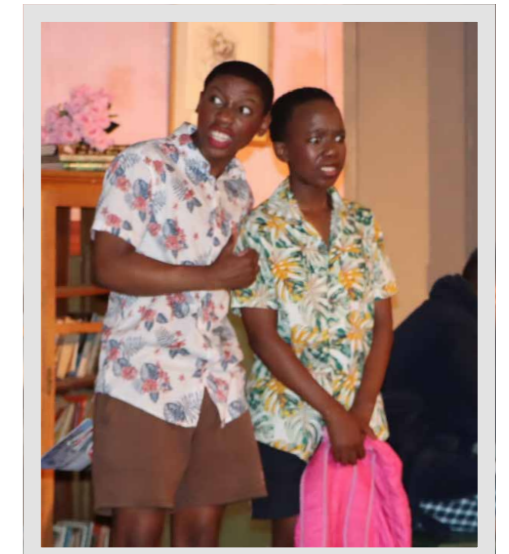
From the first rehearsal to the final curtain call, the journey was made with late nights, weekend sessions and dancing till our socks had holes in them. Everything from building

the set, painting the set, repainting the set, to finding the most amusing costumes consisting of fanny packs, fake buttocks and scuba gear, created a family-like bond that has extended far beyond the stage.

The connections forged during the production were evident during the final performance, where the cast's chemistry shone brightly on stage. The audience was treated to a show that not only displayed exceptional talent, but also a deep sense of unity among the performers. "I loved the play so much I went and saw it two days in a row," said grade 11 learner, Jodie MacPherson. "There was just so much character and chaos that when I went back the second time there was stuff, I had missed the first time that had me cracking up!"

As the curtain closed on an extraordinary performance, it is important to extend an enormous "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way to make this production happen, especially Mrs Sebeikin and Ms Cope, and of course a special "Thank You!" to the one and only - Mrs Giorko - this play would not have happened without your amazing guidance and hard work.

Isabella Traini



Drama Monitors 2024



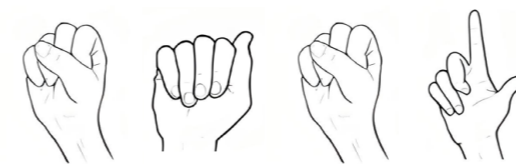
Row 3: Jade Gericke
 Row 2: Isabella Traini, Tana Botha
 Row 1: Lerato Mantashe, Ms GA Giorko, Zofia Giorko



Row 3: Owethu Mkhize, Shanae De Villiers, Jack Joubert, Nathan Joubert, David Mackenzie, Samantha-Lee Strydom
 Row 2: Lesedi Ramakatsa, Faye Verster, Connor Gericke, Margo Frasenburgh
 Row 1: Kylie Freeman, Hayley Chabant, Mrs JB Silva, Jade Gericke, Rebecca Easson



Sport & Cultural Awards



SIGN LANGUAGE

It has been heartwarming to see how many of our learners are keen to learn our country's newest official language – South African Sign Language.

Having noticed that the lady making pancakes at the local Checkers in the Colony Centre is deaf, a few of our learners went one Saturday morning and taught the community how to engage with her so that they could ask and thank her for the pancakes in sign language.

We had the privilege of hosting Joshua Clinton, a deaf student, at two of our weekly sessions. Joshua is currently a student at Belgium Campus in Pretoria and not only taught us some new signs but also shared some of the details of the life he leads as a deaf person.

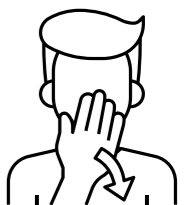
During Deaf Awareness month in September, we distributed SASL Alphabet posters to each class and learners from our group taught their classmates some signs. Learners and staff won delicious "I love you" biscuits for being able to finger spell certain words. We also teamed up with Interact and donated 35 pillows to the Fulton School hostels.

We attended the annual Fulton School for the Deaf's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk". It was amazing and our learners were once again in awe of the work that goes into the play and the enthusiasm of the actors. The Hillcrest Primary Leap learners also attended the play so we went a few days before and taught them some signs and performed a signing choir with them.

The evening where our learners can showcase their newfound knowledge of sign language to parents and family is always a fun evening. They enjoyed the experience and are gaining in confidence with signing to others.

To end off our year, we showcased our interpreting skills at the Sports and Cultural Awards evening as well as performing a signed rendition of the song, "Rise" by Callum Scott to enthusiastic applause.

Mrs J Silva



MONOLOGUE

By Enkle Zulu, Grade 12

It is rebirth as I kneel by the altar

To reunite with my ancestors once more.
 I see myself kneeling on a mountain top, where pieces of me disintegrated into ascension
 Eyes and lips wide open, tears pouring through my ducts and my veins. Thousands of years have led up to this moment.

I kneel before my ancestors, in the light of strength and in the darkness they both remain. In the sun and in the shadows, they continue to watch me.
 Do they also see my tears? Each step forward is a transcendence of life through me. My success is never solely my own, but the embodiment of the journeys before me.

On the mountain top I severed the wounds that took place to get here, the hike has been filled with the fauna that breathes in my energy. This journey into the night has been tread lightly, I question myself: "How do you aim to achieve so much without sending off different parts of your soul?"
 There's no answer to the sufferings, sometimes they are as they will be in time.

I stand before the trees, ancient as my ancestors, they too smell the incense burn. They see the vessels of me in each life as I tread on the same steps where light allows me to seek guidance. I challenge: "Who are we really, if we do not give virtue into each life?"

Are tears a mere weakness? If there's anything more divine, it is the will to conceptualise pain in the moments that it teaches us lessons to grow stronger. I've made this journey to connect with parts that now only live through time: Ancestors.

On the mountaintop, I wept, for at the feet of my grandmothers and grandfathers is where I kneel. I continue to fight for my own; a representation of my people, a written scripture from the body of the blood itself, and not from the lens of the white hand.

On the mountaintop I wept, for the many times I have lived before looking to me now, in which they have given me every ounce of strength I continue to uncover in the aspects of this life. They have no words to give me, their presence is already archived in my soul, where belonging and healing meet at the gates of revolution.



SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM

One of the many extramural activities on offer at HHS is the Social Media Journalism Club. The members of this club combine their love of writing with the love of their school to write articles for social media. 2024 has been an eventful year, giving no shortage of interesting topics to write about.

The purpose of the Social Media Journalism Club is to showcase the activities of our school and the talented learners that make up HHS. Along with the new year, came a new set of Student Leadership Team members and Grade Heads, giving our journalists the opportunity to practice their interview skills, write up articles to introduce the new leaders, and welcome them to their positions.

In March, the Matric students enjoyed an outing to watch the Shakespeare play "Othello". They really enjoyed the experience and it "set the scene" for an interesting article. We also thoroughly enjoyed writing about the Grade 10 Consumer Studies outing to 1000 Hills Chef School which took place on 14 March 2024.



One of the highlights of the year at HHS is the annual Founders Day which is always greatly enjoyed. This year Founder's Day was no exception! It gave the Grade 11 Business Studies students a taste of entrepreneurship and made for another very interesting article.

Other articles highlighting the diversity of activities at HHS covered visits from Stadio University as well as two professors of the Furtwangen University in Germany; Mrs Harmse's Photography Club's "Water Droplets" competition; the Grade 11 Interact Club participation in the Turnbull Project to restore St. Leo Primary School in Molweni; and the visit of local author, Marina Auer. The piece on local Auer, written by Ariyin Collingwood was published in The Highway Mail. Jade Gericke also wrote a fascinating piece about the experience she and Samantha Berndt had in representing our school as they took part in the Paw Prints "Pawjama Party" charity event.

Another aspect of our club is tracking down past pupils of HHS who have made us proud so that we can keep the HHS community up to date with the latest achievements of our alumni. This year Ruth Mthembu, an internal communications specialist at Mr Price group, was one of our most memorable past pupils and we were delighted to report on her recent successes.

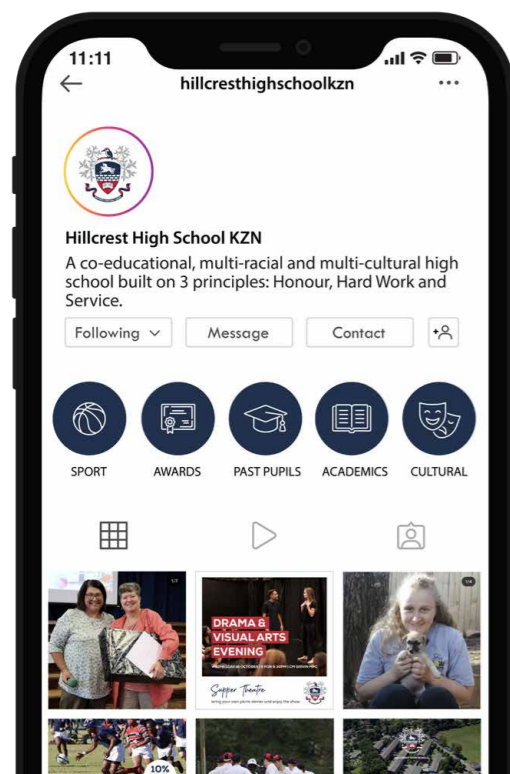
The club is also pleased to be involved in the on-going project of keeping our school scrapbooks up to date with the many articles clipped from local newspapers and magazines telling of the achievements of learners and the events at HHS.

At the Cultural and Sports Awards evening held at the end of this year, the following journalists received awards:

- Most Valuable Senior: Jade Gericke
- Most Promising Junior: Kylie Freeman

The Social Media Journalism Club, led by Mrs J Knox-Whitehead and our Marketing Manager, Mrs Blom, is a valuable resource in advertising the events and achievements of our school, by its learners themselves!

Kylie Freeman



Row 3: Owethu Mkhize, Shanae De Villiers, Jack Joubert, Nathan Joubert, David Mackenzie, Samantha-Lee Strydom
Row 2: Lesedi Ramakatsa, Faye Verster, Connor Gericke, Margo Frasenburg
Row 1: Kylie Freeman, Hayley Chabant, Mrs JB Silva, Jade Gericke, Rebecca Easson

STEEL DRUMS & MARIMBA BAND

Steel drums this year has been an absolute blast! We are still taught by the same instructor, but he has brought many new instructors along with him including Paige, Erin and the two sisters: Wing and Wabi. All these new instructors have been so amazing and have taught us in many enlightening ways.

Throughout this year we have been learning a lot of new songs, one of them being "Shake it off" by Taylor Swift and we always end our practices with our all-time hit song, "La Bamba." Some of the members of our band have had the opportunity to play some of the more complex steel drums and marimba parts and solos this year. We performed at the Hillcrest High Sports and Cultural evening.

We all look forward to practicing every week and are sad when the practice session ends as steel drumming is one of the most loved cultural activities HHS has to offer.

Jade Gericke



STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



Row 7: Dominique Knoesen, Udumo Dlamini, Benjamin Dempers, Jayden Chaythram, Tylan Harvey, Siqiniseko Shawe, Deacon Grindell, David Mackenzie, Motobatsi Maseatile, Mangaliso Shawe, Ntuthuko Cele, Ricardo De Almeida
 Row 6: Masibonge Msani, Norma-Jean Price, Michaela Botha, Sinenhloso Shoji, Kagiso Sebitloane, Carlos Zakwe, Remofilwe Moalusi, Luthando Blose, Sebastian Smith, Peyton Kietzmann, Isabella Te Brugge, Anro Adendorff
 Row 5: Isabella Momoh, Emily O'Shaughnessy, Okuhle Mhlungu, Piya Brown, Aidan Zungu, Zonqoba Phakathi, Menelisi Cele, Keira Arpin, Slondiwe Bhengu, Shaelyn Geldenhuys, Sanelisiwe Ndlovu
 Row 4: Sinothando Dlamini, Nozbusiso Mzobe, Aphiwe Kweyama, Benjamin Smith, Banele Shange, Awande Mchunu, Asemahle Tshapa, Banele Chiya, Ibanathi Mnyali, Eben Coetser, Senamile Mvelase, Phoebe Ahrens
 Row 3: Pamela Majola, Asanda Mazibuko, Amahle Zungu, Brielle Pillay, Joy Mackenzie, Siphosethu Miya, Lwandle Ngubelanga, Andiswa Maphumulo, Olwethu Dladla, Thubelihle Njokwe, Maroelle Coertse
 Row 2: Nolwandle Nhatave, Mikateko Mashaba, Senzelwe Nene, Tamuka Chovuchovu, Kloey Edwards, Samkelisiwe Mhlongo, Owomusa Dlamini, Amy Neveling, Simtholile Ngcobo, Ubenathi Mbatha, Lwandle Vukeka, Sthembile Makhuba
 Row 1: Abigail King, Chad Gaugain, Bradley Edwards, Joshua Coetzer, Evan Le Roux, Mrs E Naidoo, Gabriel Smith, Gabriel Swift, Annika Adendorff, Micaella Hunter, Melokuhle Dlamini

I have been grateful for the chance to be leader in the Student's Christian Association (SCA) and the group grow. When I joined in Grade 8 there were roughly 20 members in the SCA and now we have around 20 people per group! This year alone we have reached about 60 learners.

Being a member of the SCA has helped to build my personal relationship with God, helped me learn more about events in the Bible, and even build my confidence by praying for others and volunteering in discussions.

One of the things that makes SCA so special is the fact that it is suitable for people who are wanting to explore Christianity, for those who are new to Christianity, as well as those who have been Christians for many years. Our meetings are a mix of relaxed, calm worship, prayer sessions, and discussions. IN addition, the SCA has hosted speakers from local churches such as Hillside and City Hill who have preached and spent time giving insightful answers to questions. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to join the SCA, it has been one of the best decisions I have made!

Norma-Jean Price

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

YOUTH ADVOCACY



Row 2: Siphosethu Mabuza, Onkguputse Mavundla, Oyedwa Makhoba, Nxusakazi Hlongwane
 Row 1: Nelisa Mvelase, Mr CM Steedman, Manzini Zungu, Miss N Zulu, Aphelele Makhuba

EMPTY WITH THE GROUND

Empty like a park at winter
 Cause it's cold and kids
 Don't want to get sick
 Empty soul , empty hopes
 Which one do you pick?
 Empty like a house smiling
 Alone during the holidays
 Empty like a voice of men
 Nowhere to be found
 When tears of women
 Become saliva and the tongue with the ground.

Ground
 Who am I to feel pressure
 More than the ground
 Being cut open and accepting
 What's not mine
 I can't do,
 Rather dig inside the ground.
 We as young
 Locked away with desire,
 Can't fight with small power,
 Grateful we still breathing
 Even though some of us may act silly
 Trying to hide how we're feeling
 But ground I know
 For sure it ain't scared to admit it.

I'm scared they will say
 That I'm wrong
 Stress upon my shoulders
 I feel a lot like I don't feel it
 Above the heads I'm like the ceiling
 The feeling of how hard I stab

Never said sorry that's how sorry I am.

Slam Poetry



By Thando Ndwalane

MATRICS 2024



GRADE 12 LM



Row 4: Mpilo Mlaba, Kian Adruthkumar, Lihle Matika, Joshua Coetzer, Rowan Gordon, Daniel Mc Phail
 Row 3: Megan Tantum, Beaumont Maphumulo, Connor White, Atlehang Ngcobo, Mvikeli Ndlovu, Enhle Zulu, Lara Nunn
 Row 2: Samkelo Cele, Senzelweumusa Sibisi, Emuhle Khumalo, Samukelisiwe Mbatha, Sisanda Ndlovu, Shaelyn Becker
 Row 1: Teddy Somi, Mashilo Molebale, Asher Chovuchovu, Mrs L Middleton, Evan Le Roux, Sbogakonke Vezi, Andiswa Mthembu

GRADE 12 LT



Row 4: Tae Le Roux, Cyril Cele, Nathan Joubert, Brayden Jones, Shanae De Villiers, Xolela Ngejane, Troy Riley, Khethelo Mdunge
 Row 3: Simone Cooke, Bradley Edwards, Brendon Werner, Liam Payne, Samantha-Lee Strydom, Monique Robinson, Jaime Buys
 Row 2: Mikayla Morris, Lucy Booysen, Katelyn Naude, Sinothando Dlamini, Asanda Zondi, Lungelo Zondi
 Row 1: Amelia Govender, Erin Mc Cartney, Gugulethu Hlophe, Mrs LJ Topham, Akwande Majazi, Mia Singh, Lwandile Mazibuko

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 Row 3: Charl Botha, Jessica Graham, Chad Gaugain, Kendra Du Plooy, Sibusisiwe Mkhize, Brianna Dorasamy, Caitlin Jones
 Row 2: Annika Adendorff, Aphelele Makhuba, Lwandle Ngubelanga, Chloe Van Niekerk, Nelisa Mvelase, Olivia Botha, Thandeka Mbili, Chioma Nwofor
 Row 1: Deqian David, Siphosethu Ngcobo, Alessandro Petronio, Mrs AS Wessels, Kiarra Chetty, Andiswa Dladla, Lwandle Magadla

GRADE 12 MH



Row 4: Pascal Brown, Charmonay Prinsloo, Nicholas Strydom, Graeme Foulis, Rhulani Mahlaule, Emily George, Mangaliso Shawe, Abigail King
 Row 3: Mpilo Makhanya, Zamafuzwe Ngcobo, Awande Dlamini, Harley Paterson, Teniel Herbst, Okuhle Sithebe, Neliswa Chonco
 Row 2: Gabriella Oelofse, Sophie De Kock, Nozbusiso Mzobe, Thandolwethu Masuku, Nosihle Zama, Tamiaca Warren
 Row 1: Lourens Joubert, Luthando Dubazane, Ziphezinhle Ngiba, Mrs M Henderson, Manzini Zungu, Lihlithemba Nsele, Mpathe'enhle Biyela

GRADE 12 JC



Row 4: Keagen Dias, Shaun Nicolson, James Smith, Tai Munro, Jordan Grundling, Benjamin Kjaer, Ryan Mennie, Keagan Gardiner
 Row 3: Tristan Sanders, Onathi Vazi, Tyron Matthyssen, Ty Jenkinson, Ezekiel Levy, Pharrel Sooman
 Row 2: Leah Govender, Nkosinathi Cele, Tyler Curtis, Jayden Padayachee, Jaydon Brown, Sithokomele Mchunu, James Gardner, Meeke Eistetter
 Row 1: Thandolwethu Madela, Joshua Padayachee, Clinton Curtis, Mrs JA Chabant, Chelsea Robertson, Ayabonga Zaca, Rachel Elliott

GRADE 12 NJ



Row 4: Bongani Khumalo, Nkanyiso Ngcobo, Jordan Nell, Gerrit Thyse, Gabriel Swift, Miguel Cockman, Melusi Mkhize, Thubelihle Madonsela
 Row 3: Olwethu Fakazi, Luhle Dlamini, Luke Muller, Ukukhanya Zungu, Emuhle Khumalo, Msihi Mbhele
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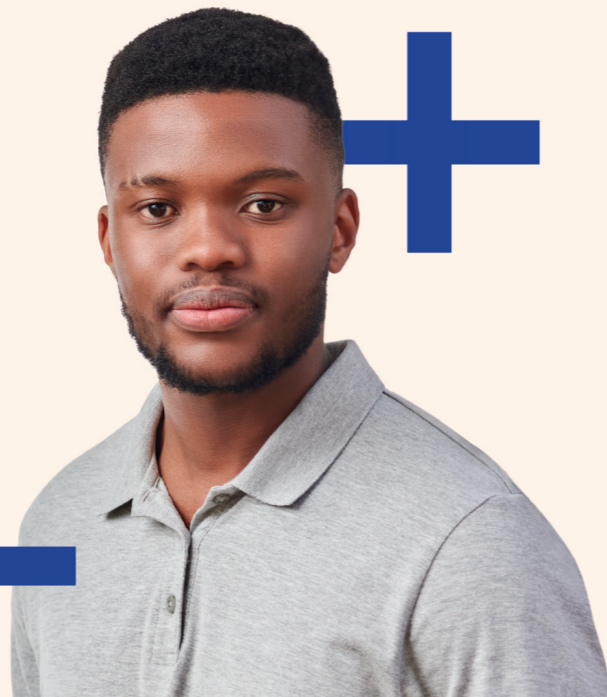
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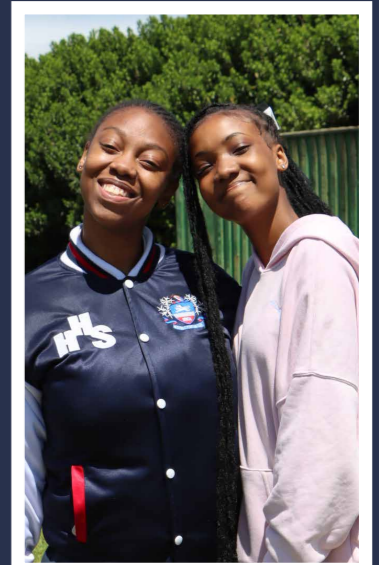
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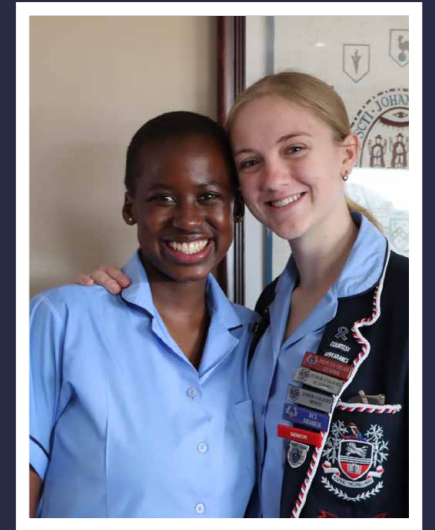


Student Leadership Team



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 Row 4: Sange Mlonyeni, Uminathi Khuboni, Olwethu Sibaya, Mbulelo Mpanza, Morgan Walker, Jenna Louw, Siyabonga Radebe, Rohan Chaitram
 Row 3: Thandolwami Makanya, Evan Raaths, Nadia Singleton, Azile Mbokazi, Nolwazi Mkhize, Leiah Kennedy, Nxusakazi Hlongwane, Joshua Smith
 Row 2: Sphile Kubone, Brooke Buckley, Bayanda Mnguni, Luthando Bhengu, Fanelesibonge Mngadi, Akwande Mahlangu, Anele Dladla, Sinethemba Ninela
 Row 1: Nkosinathi Radebe, Tayla Davies, Mrs P Ramsern, Philasande Phewa, Mrs DP Knight, Antony Smith, Mrs JE Knox-Whitehead, Kaelyn Stainer, Ayabonga Mkhize

Student Leadership Appreciation Breakfast



Student Leadership Executive

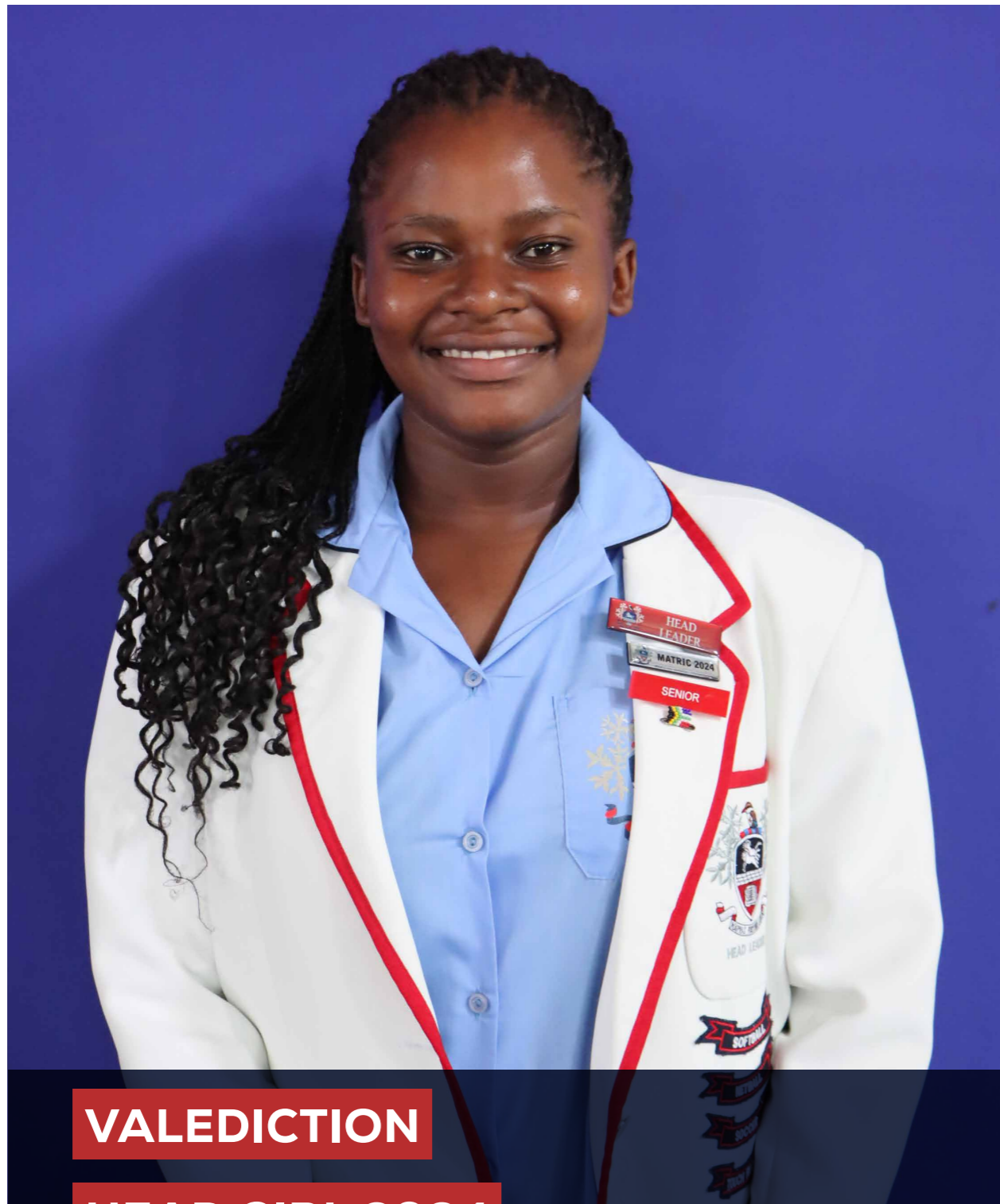


Row 2: Tayla Davies, Nkosinathi Radebe, Ayabonga Mkhize, Kaelyn Stainer
 Row 1: Philasande Phewa, Mrs DP Knight, Mrs P Ramsern, Antony Smith



Blue Security is proud to be associated with Hillcrest High School and the end of the year provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of unity, growth, and resilience within our neighbourhoods.

Congratulations to this year's Matrics - your future is bright! We wish all a joyful festive season and a prosperous new year ahead.



VALEDICTION

HEAD GIRL 2024

Philasande Phewa

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as head girl of Hillcrest High School for 2024.

It has been an honour, and when I stood before my peers, the educators, staff and special guests at the Senior Speech Night, I felt proud to look back on a year filled with growth, challenges and unforgettable memories, and grateful for the unwavering support and encouragement I have received throughout this year.

The Grade 12 Class of 2024 has grown stronger with every experience that we shared. It has been a journey of learning, laughter, and sometimes hardship, but together, we have grown and made this year one to remember. Throughout our time together, our grade has formed a strong bond supporting one another through the highs and lows.

We are grateful to our dedicated teachers who have constantly encouraged us to reach our full potential. Under the guidance of Mrs Gabisa, Mr Ndebele, and later, Mr Moffat, we have grown into young adults, and we are truly grateful for their constant support.

Some of our most cherished memories include the excitement of match days filled with song and laughter on the bus, as well as the unforgettable isiZulu evenings. However it is the everyday moments spent together in class sharing jokes and snacks at the back of the classroom that will remain with me forever.

I would like to thank those who have contributed to my journey.

Mrs Knight, thank you for entrusting me with this role and for believing in me.

To the students leadership team, I want to thank you for being my family. We have come a long way together experiencing ups and downs, but we've always found a way back to each other. I truly appreciate each of you. I have enjoyed our time together, starting with our student leadership camp where we created lasting memories, songs and dances that we still perform to this day. Throughout the year we worked hard and supported one another in everything. I will always be grateful for the friendship we have built.

To the SLT Executives. No words can describe the love I have for you. You have always been there for me, supporting and guiding me through difficult situations and for that I will forever be grateful. Working alongside you has been a rewarding experience and I cherish the bond we have formed. We faced many challenges but managed to rise above them and come out strong. I will miss our daily gossip sessions in Mrs Ramsern's office and making Amanda impressions.

I am incredibly grateful to Mrs. Ramsern for her mentorship and support, which has meant the world to me. She has truly been like a second mother, offering wisdom and care

even when facing her own challenges. Despite the obstacles she has encountered, she has always managed to persevere with grace and strength. Her dedication and compassion have made a lasting impact on my life, and I will forever be thankful for all that she has done for me.

To Antony, thank you for being an incredible partner in this journey. Together, we faced many trials, made mistakes, and also learned valuable lessons that have helped us grow both as leaders and as individuals. I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside you, and even more so for getting to know you better as a person. Your support and teamwork have made a lasting impact, and I am truly grateful for the experience that we have shared.

I want to take a moment to thank Hillcrest High School for being my second home. The experiences I have had here have truly shaped who I am today. From the countless moments spent on the sports field, where I celebrated victories and learned from the defeats to the friendships I've forged that I know will last a lifetime.

As I close this chapter, I will always treasure these memories and the lessons I've learned. Thank you for everything, Hillcrest High School. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Philasande Phewa





VALEDICTION

HEAD BOY 2024

Anthony Smith



It was a true privilege to deliver the speech that follows, at the Senior Speech night held in October 2024 and stand before the Principal, esteemed staff, honoured guests, dedicated parents, and my fellow students as the Head Boy of Hillcrest High School.

To start off I would like to thank my parents; Mom and Dad, I will be eternally grateful for you and the life you have provided for me. If it were not for you, I would not be standing up here on this stage today. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the teachers, the coaches, the staff, the groundsmen, the cleaners and everyone else who is a member of Hillcrest High School. To those who have helped me along my journey, your hard work, sacrifices and caring natures have not gone unnoticed.

Time truly flies. It feels like it was just yesterday that we were announced as the Student Leadership Team, and now, as I stand here, I am filled with a mix of emotions. This day is bittersweet, marking the end of an incredible journey and the beginning of new chapters for all of us. Reflecting on my time at Hillcrest High School, I realise how much this school has become a family to me. From participating in school plays, where I discovered the joy of storytelling and collaboration, to being part of the Interact programme which taught me the importance of giving back to our community, each experience has shaped my character and my values.

One of my most memorable moments was during a school play. The excitement of rehearsals, the thrill of the performance, and the support from my peers created an atmosphere of creativity and friendship that I will always cherish. It taught me that collaboration and perseverance can lead to wonderful outcomes. In addition to the arts, being part of the first team rugby was not just about the sport; it was about teamwork, resilience, and the bonds forged on and off the field. I'll never forget the countless hours spent training, the brotherhood and family in the change room, and the thrill of working together toward a common goal. Those experiences fostered a sense of belonging and taught me the value of dedication and hard work.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to my executive team and the Student Leadership Team. Your support, dedication, and camaraderie made this role a rewarding experience. Together, we tackled challenges, celebrated successes, and learned the importance of listening and supporting one another. I also want to express my gratitude to Mrs Ramsern, who guided us with wisdom and encouragement throughout our journey. Your leadership and unwavering belief in us were crucial to our growth. The stuff this team has gone through will baffle most – we have stories that will shock about things we have had to deal with. We have had days where it was just never ending and we asked ourselves, "How are we going to deal with this now?" Yet here we are, we made it and we have become a family.

I would like to thank Mrs Knight who not only allowed me to be in this position but trusted me with it, I hope I

did you justice and made you proud. Throughout my time here, I faced challenges that tested my resolve. Whether it was managing my responsibilities, balancing academics with extracurriculars, or overcoming personal hurdles, I learned that setbacks are merely stepping stones toward success. The encouragement from both teachers and peers helped me grow into the person I am today. Your belief in my potential inspired me to push through tough times and emerge stronger. Each of you has played a part in this transformation, reminding me of the power of community and support.

As I look forward, I want to speak directly to the new SLT members. I encourage you to embrace this opportunity with open hearts and minds. This is your chance to lead, to make a difference, and to leave a lasting legacy. Remember that leadership is not just about titles; it's about service, empathy, and being a voice for your peers but most importantly, it is about serving Hillcrest High School. I want to give you guys a scripture, Micah 7:8 which says, "Though I have fallen, I will rise." This verse speaks to resilience and the importance of rising after setbacks. Remember, every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow, so don't shy away from difficulties.

As I close, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to God for guiding me through this journey. The experiences I have had at HHS, the relationships I have built, and the lessons learned will forever hold a special place in my heart. I hope this combined with the Holy Trinity can mould me into a man of God's image.

Tonight, we celebrate not just the achievements of the past, but the potential of the future. To all of you in the audience, your support has made a tremendous difference. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful community, for cheering us on, and for encouraging us to strive for excellence.

Anthony Smith Let's look ahead with hope and determination.

Here's to new beginnings and the continued success of Hillcrest High School! Thank you.

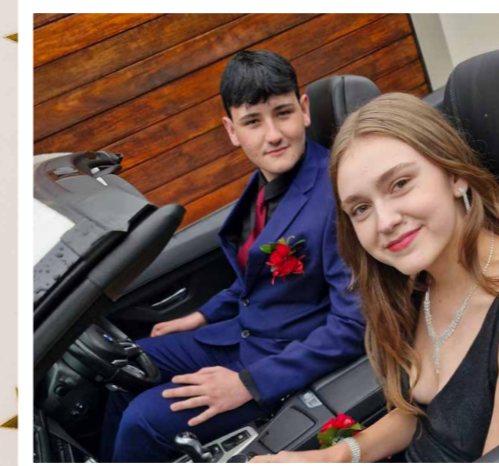
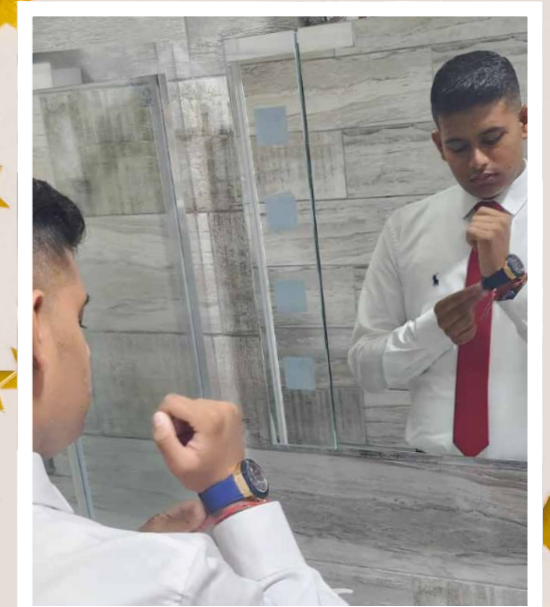
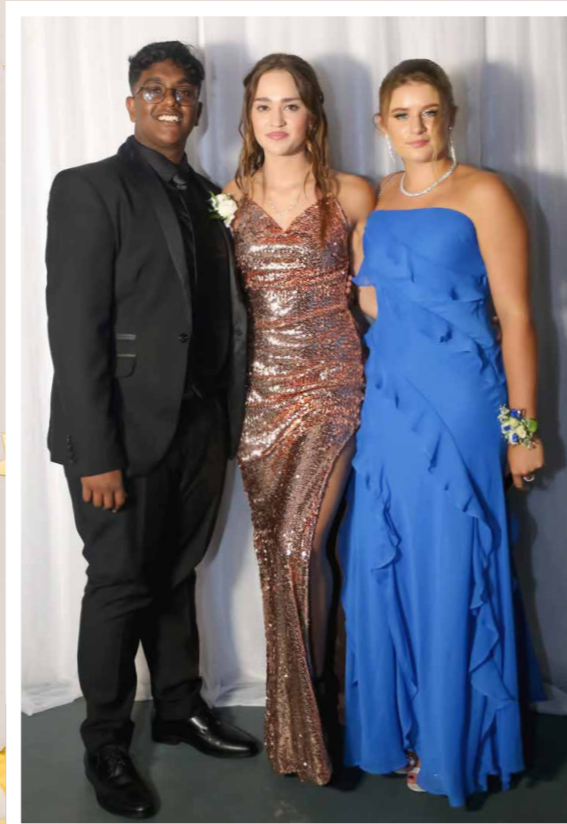
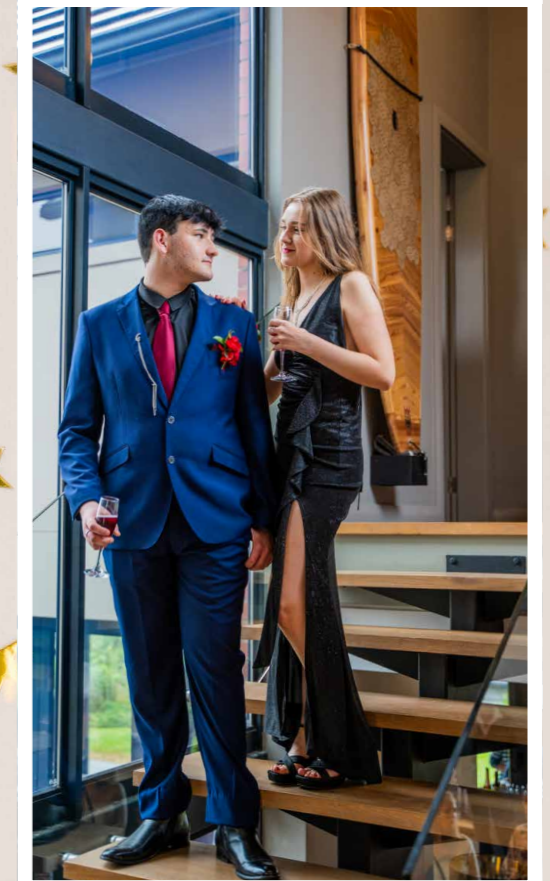
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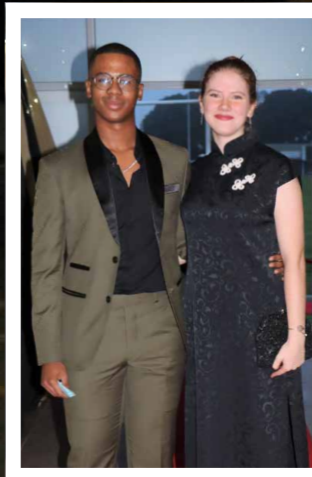
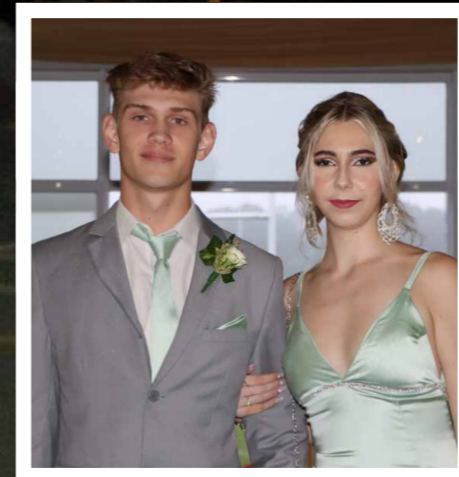
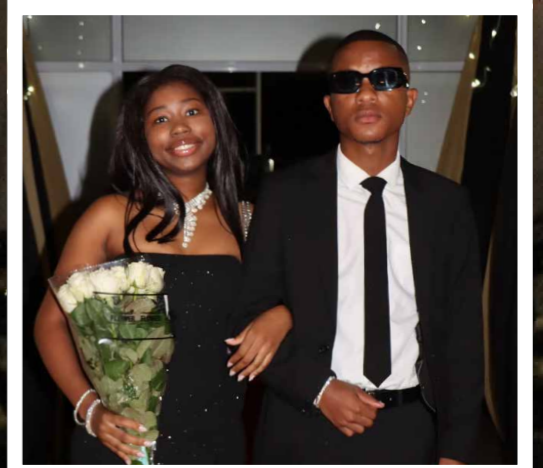
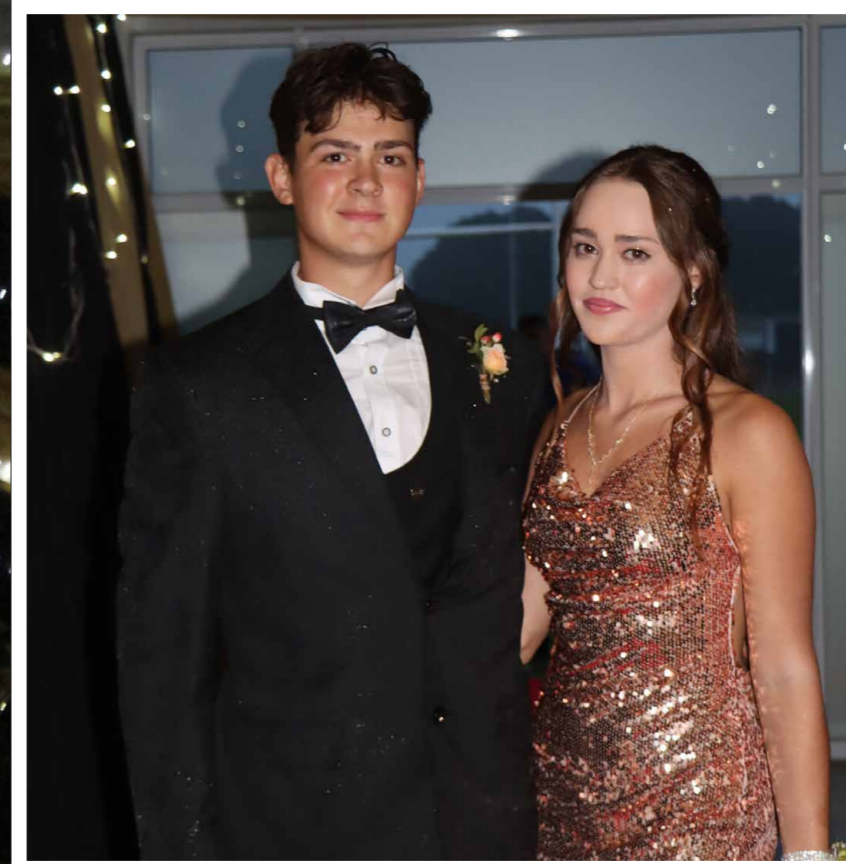
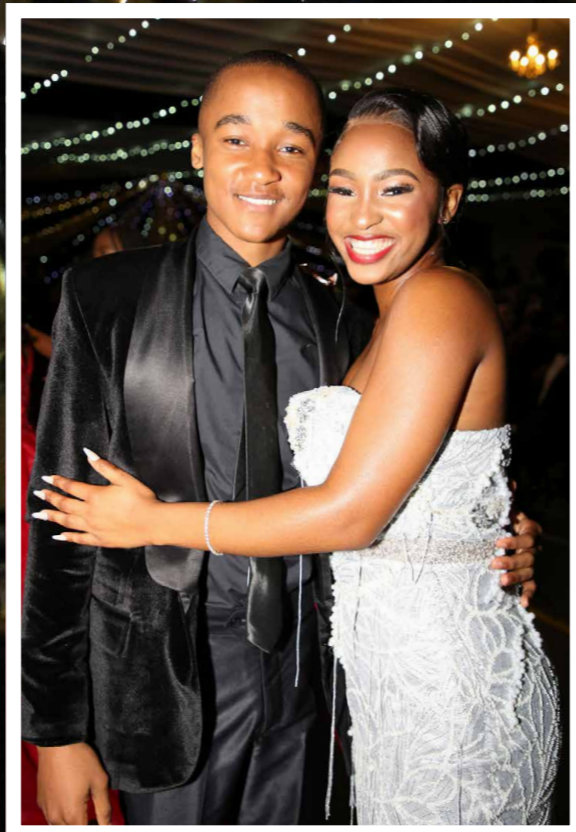
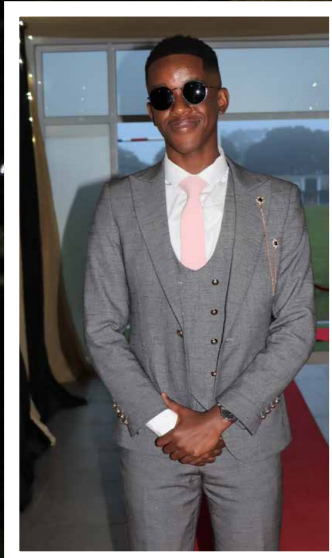
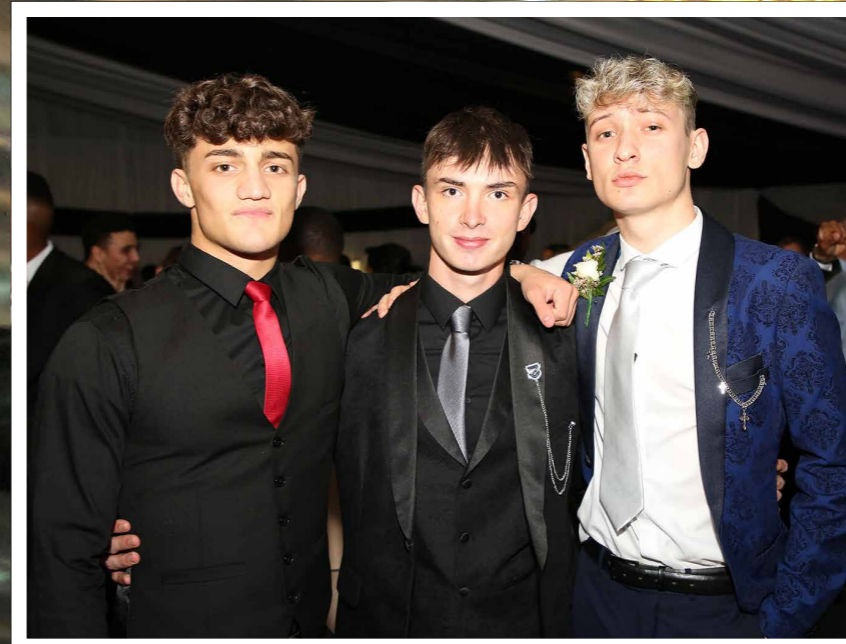
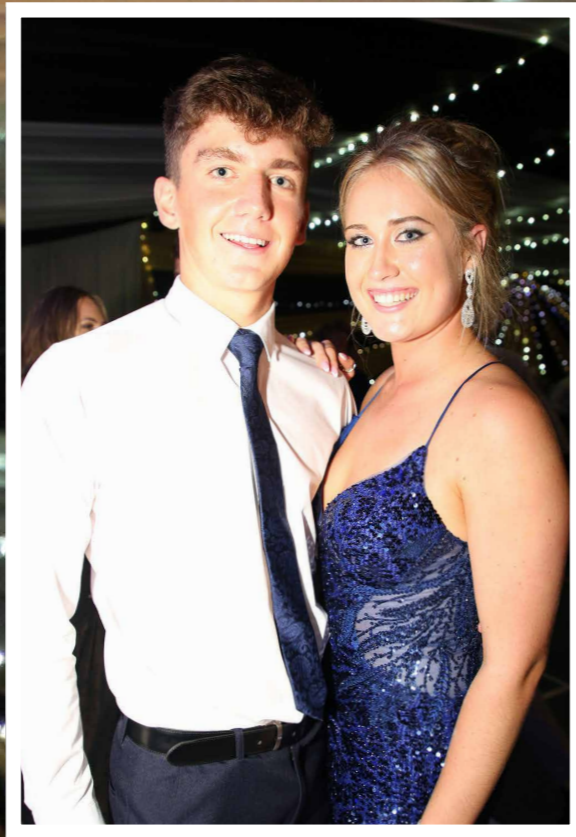


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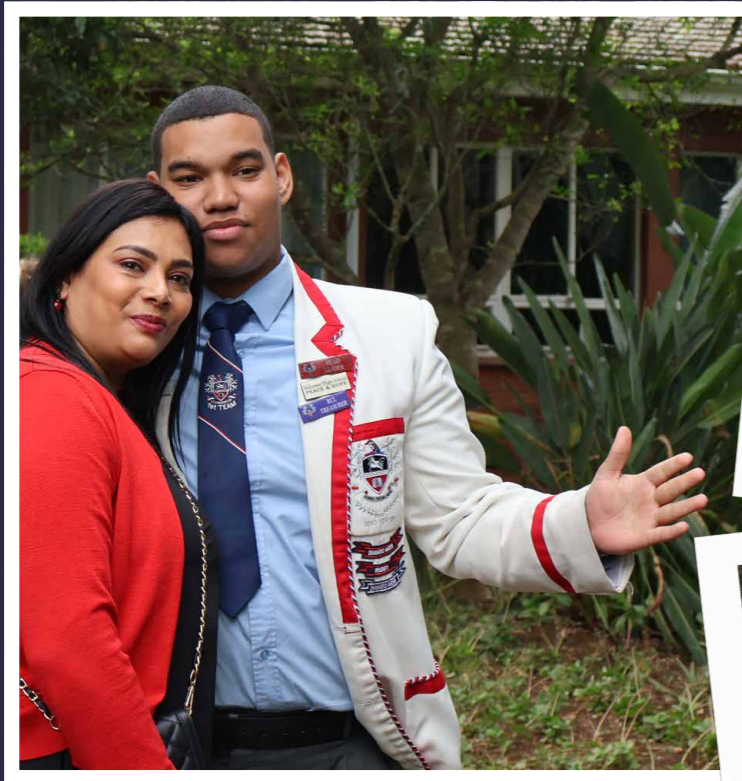
Heavy rain and misty conditions did not dampen the spirits of our Class of 2024 Grade 12s as they arrived in style at the Matric Dance on Saturday night. They were greeted by the excited crowd of spectators who cheered them on as they exited a variety of modes of transport and headed down the red carpet into the venue. The CM Girvin Multipurpose centre was beautifully transformed with gorgeous draping and décor, and elegant black and gold table settings.

Grateful thanks go to the Hillcrest High School Photography Club who made sure that memories were captured and the staff and learners who volunteered on the evening, directing traffic, working as valets, servers, MC and waiters. Congratulations to Grade 12 Grade Controllers, Mrs Gabisa and Mr Ndebele, Deputy Principal, Mrs Edy, and Mrs McLaughlin for their hard work before and during the event, ensuring that the Matric Dance for the Class of 2024 was a night to remember!





VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt



VALEDICTION

DUX 2024

Leiah Kennedy

The time has finally come to close this chapter of our lives, which has given us the knowledge to leave high school behind us and open a new chapter, to embark on new journeys. It feels bittersweet but exciting as our dedication to our education has paid off - from our sleepless nights, early mornings, caffeine highs and endless venting to our teachers.

As Hillcrest High School's DUX of 2024, I am honoured to have delivered this speech at the Valedictory Assembly, standing before my peers on this very stage that I sat on during Grade 8 orientation and my first assemblies. The young Leiah Kennedy in Grade 8, who was drowning in her oversized blazer and wide-eyed while exploring this big school, would have never imagined that she would be in this position. I know that I could not have accomplished this without the continuous support from all of you. The camaraderie amongst the Matrics has allowed us to be resilient through this strenuous time of our lives. We braved COVID-19, survived looting, and even stayed in one piece during the floods; with all this, we still overcame academic stress. I think the Class of 2024 is invincible.

It pains me to say that it has already been five years. I know it may sound clichéd, but it felt like a roller-coaster: We plunged to our lowest and the scariest part of life, but nevertheless, we rose above it all. Over this time, we've learned to balance our studies, personal life, and extra-curricular activities. These are just some examples of the fruits of our efforts. I would like to thank the teachers and coaches of Hillcrest High School for guiding us and making this possible, but especially for being role models to us. Thank you to our families for your never-ending love and for helping us to grow into the people we are today.

As we proceed into this new phase of our lives, let us remember that our education is not only about our grades and the awards we have received. It is about the people we have become, the skills we have learned, and the bonds we have built amongst our peers. I implore you to break out of your comfort zone and take chances in life to achieve your fullest potential. Take what you have learned throughout high school, and always trust your instincts. You all have beautiful souls and unique talents that can push you to greatness. I urge you all to do this because, at the end of the day, you are the only person who can build your future.

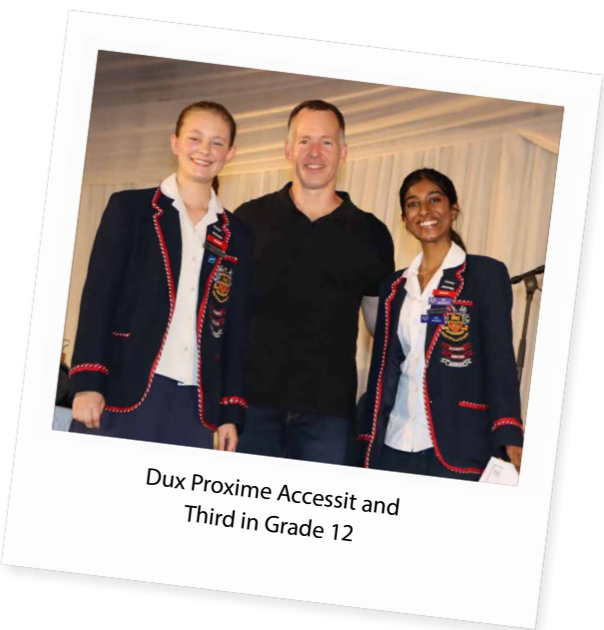
To my family, Ms. Zulu, Mrs. Ramsern, the SLT, and my closest friends, I would not have survived this year without your care, your advice, and you all being the safe space where I could show my vulnerabilities without any judgement. You have

helped me to break out of my shell and made this year unforgettable. At one point, I felt that I would not finish this year, but your love and personal care helped me to heal and achieve things beyond my wildest expectations. Thank you - for everything.

I want the Matrics to know that I am proud to be called your peer. The world views the class of 2024 as the class filled with uncertainty, but I'd like to change that narrative as I see the Matrics as individuals who can take on any challenge presented to us. We have one last challenge ahead of us: our final NSC exams. Just like everything else, let us prove them wrong and show everyone who we are.

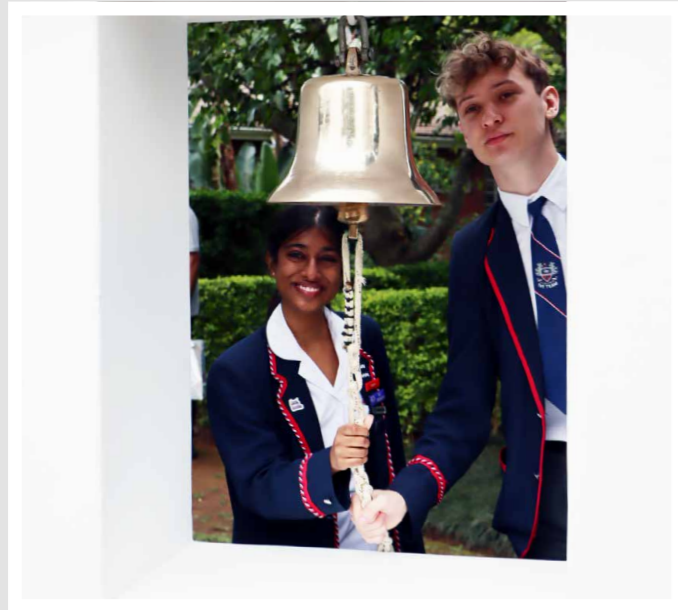
I would like to conclude with a quote by Mark Twain, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

*Congratulations
Class of 2024, thank
you and good luck!*



GRADE 12

BELL RINGING



*Grade 12 Grade Controllers –
Mr. Grabisa and Mr. Moffatt*

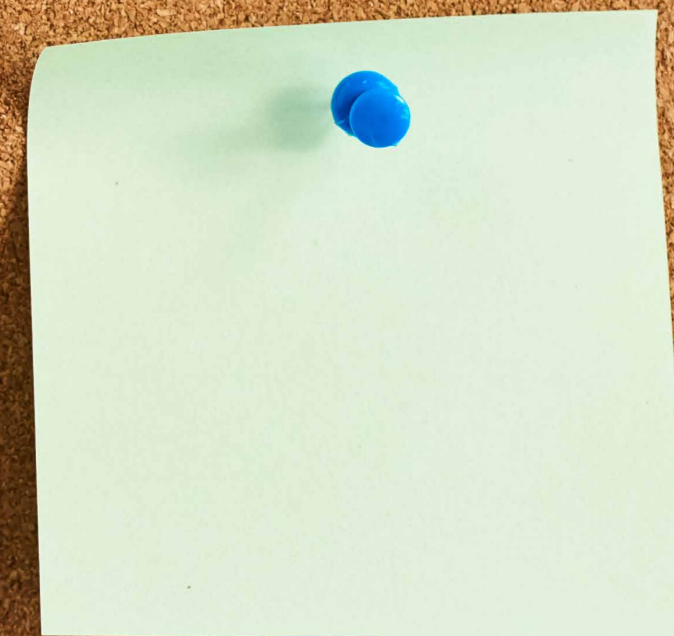
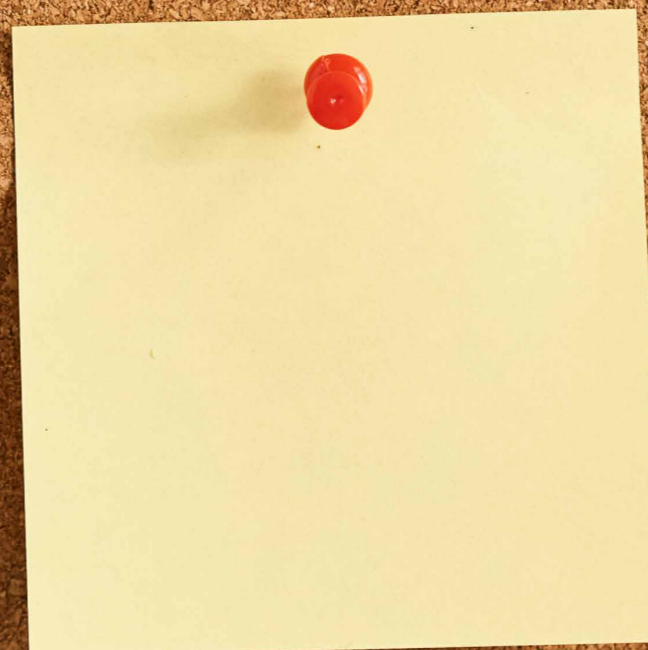
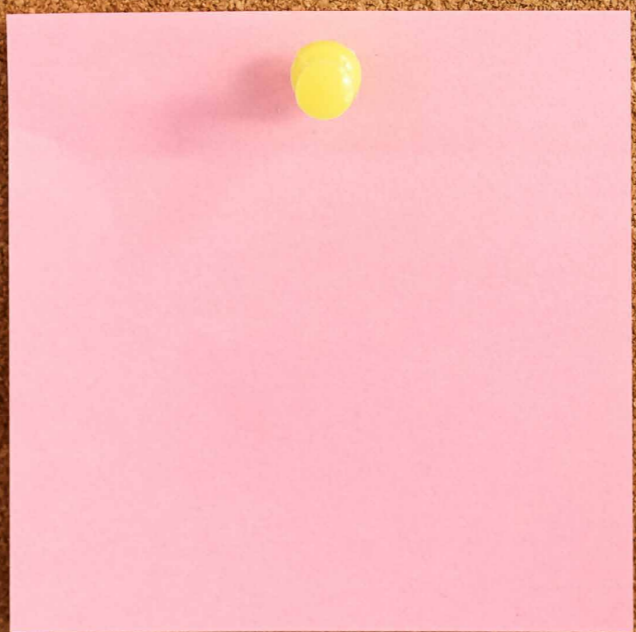
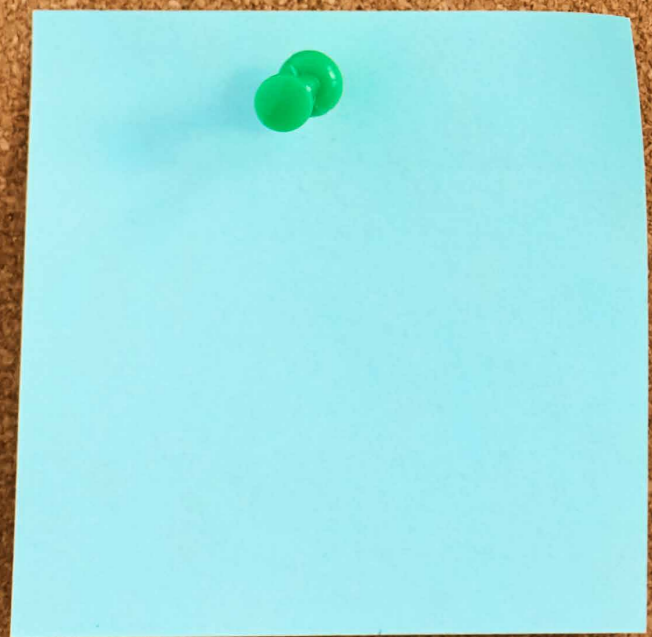
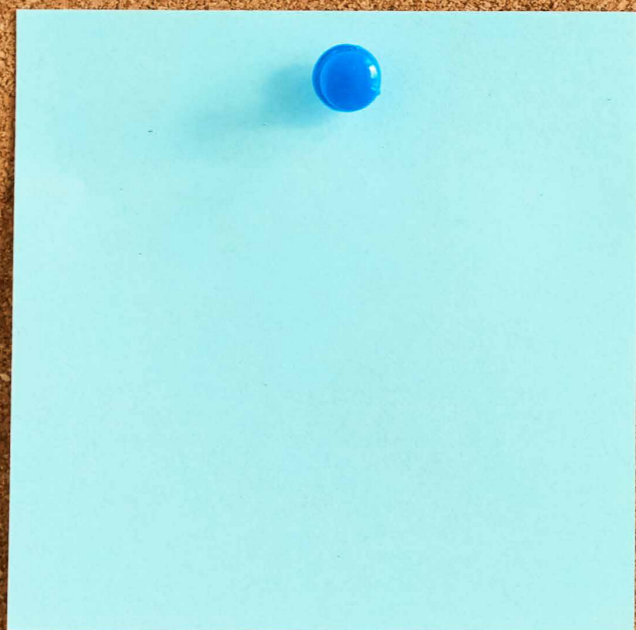
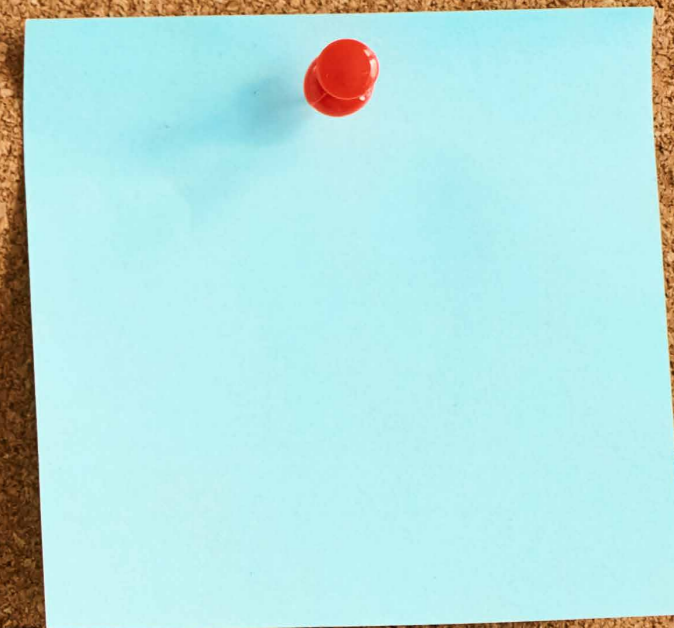
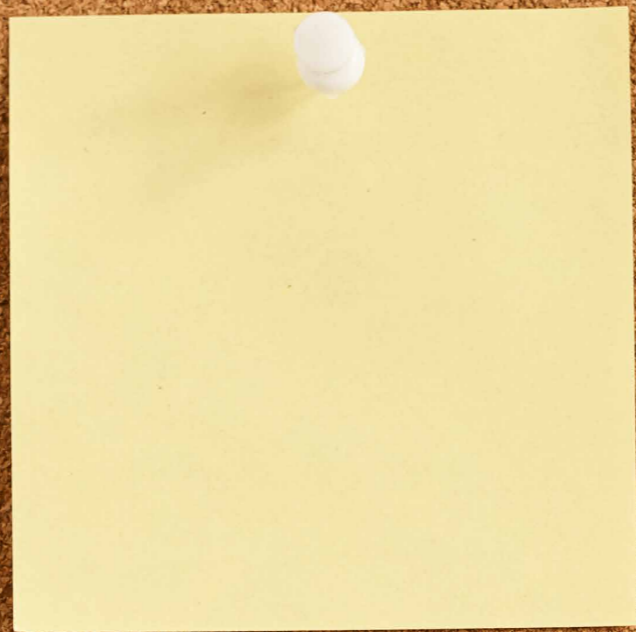


*"There is nothing like a
dream to create the future."*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Class of 2024

*Time to Explore.
Dream. Discover.*





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