HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 11/2026 – 23 OCTOBER 2026

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

HHS VISION

To be a leading co-educational **high school**, providing exceptional **physical** and **social** environments in which **all** learners have the **opportunity** to become the **best they can be**, academically, culturally, socially and in sport.

HHS VALUES

H-onour | **H**-ard work | **S**-ervice

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Dear Parents and Guardian,

The beginning of this term has been very busy. The Grade 12 NSC Examinations started earlier in October than they have in the past, and this impacted getting all the events organised and completed as smoothly as they have run in the past. Thank you to Mrs Blom, our Marketing Manager who does a wonderful job in ensuring that all our events are advertised and reported on, so I am sure you have all managed to keep up on the functions, ceremonies, sport fixtures and fundraising events.

SPEECH NIGHT 2026

Our Speech Night and Prize Giving ceremony was held on Thursday, 8 October and was another excellent evening. Our guest speaker was Dr Vanessa Clarke, a past pupil, and previous Head Girl, a lawyer and a doctor. Her message was insightful and heartwarming and really resonated with the learners.

Congratulations to **Brielle Pillay** who was awarded the Hammond Trophy for **Dux of the School**. The Kopp Trophy for **Proxime Accesit Dux** was presented to **Amber-Lynne Jones** and **Azola Shandu placed 3rd in Grade 12.**

The full list of prize winners can be found at the end of this circular.

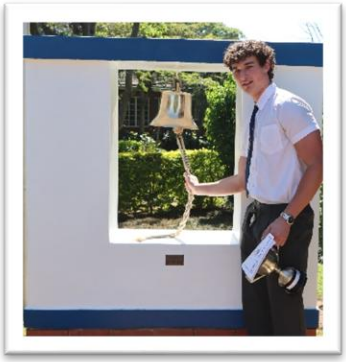
I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of Prize Giving:

- The members of SMT who bear the brunt of the organizational duties for the evening.
- Our Gospel and School Choirs for the splendid entertainment they provided.
- Members of the SLT Executive for the important role they played in the proceedings and Natalie Rees and Azola Shandu in particular for their valete addresses.
- Members of the AV Club for their assistance with the presentations.
- Staff and learners involved in the catering committee for taking care of the refreshments.
- Member of the School Governing Body, Mrs Ingle, for the beautiful flower arrangements.

MATRIC VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY

On Friday, 9 October, we held our Matric Valedictory Assembly at which the following awards were presented:

- **TROPHIES**
  - JoJo Trophy for SLT Member of the Year — Sinenhloso Shozi
  - Brad Smith Trophy for the Gentle Giant — Travis Whiteside
  - Rochelle Pronk Trophy for Good Fellowship — Azola Shandu
  - Michelle Vogelzang Trophy for Citizenship — David Mackenzie



- **100% ATTENDANCE IN GRADE 12**
  - Leander Estherhuizen
  - Megan Maher.

SLT 2026/ 2027

We announced the names of our 2026/2027 Student Leadership Team at the Senior Speech Night. Congratulations to:

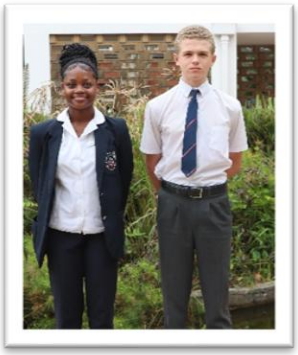
	GIRLS	BOYS
1	Kirsten Bartholomew	Sboniso Blose
2	Ameera Bham	Luke Campbell
3	Piya Brown	Menelisi Cele
4	Sophie Buccimazza	Tamuka Chovuchovu **(Deputy Head Leader)**
5	Jema-Lee Duncan	Bayanda Gumbi
6	Rebecca Easson	Ndumiso Hlophe
7	Sienna Fripp	Jordan Howes
8	Kayla Jackson	Wayne Kearley
9	Maja Kearley	Banele Khuboni
10	Esnath Kufakunesu	Rudy Klijnstra
11	Abongwe Luthuli	Rylan Leask **(Deputy Head Leader)**
12	Ziyanda Mabhida **(Deputy Head Leader)**	Sibusiso Mapotse
13	Sibani Magwaza	Leon Markwell
14	Mvelo Mkhize	Ethan Moss
15	Isabella Momoh	Hayden Oertel
16	Senamile Mvelase	Nishal Pailath
17	Rebekah Nel	Liam Sanders
18	Nolwandle Nhatave	Kagiso Sebitloane

19	Jorja Pretorius **(Head Leader)**	Kopano Sekonyela
20	Norma-Jean Price	Banele Shange
21	Kaitlyn Steyn	Daniel Shuttleworth
22	Isabella Te Brugge **(Deputy Head Leader)**	Kutlwano Sondezi
23	Katelyn Van Ballegooyen	Luke Whittle **(Head Leader)**
24	Saiusha Viraragavan	Nthuthuko Zuma

ACHIEVERS

ACTION NETBALL
Congratulations to Michaela Clegg, who has been selected to represent KZN U19 Action Netball Team in the 2027 Unders Inter-Provincial Tournament.

SOFTBALL
The following learners have been selected for KZN Softball teams for 2026. They will play at the inter-regional tournament at Camp Discovery in Limpopo from 29 November - 3 December 2026.



Boys' U15:
Jason Compton-James
Girls' U15:
Uminathi Ntuli
U19 A Girls':
Jodi Maclachlan
Maroelle Coertse
Natalie Rees
Shaelyn Geldenhuys
U19 Boys:
Ethan Moss
Keegan Compton-James
Liam Saunders
Ryan Rees
Stephen Munro.

Congratulations to Ethan Moss and Ryan Rees who were both invited to attend SA Selections for the U18 Squad.

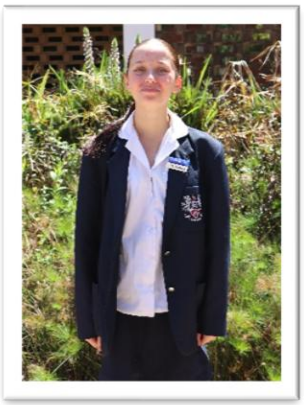
TOUCH RUGBY

Many of our learners represented KZN at the recent Junior Inter-Provincial Touch Rugby Tournament in Gauteng. Congratulations to Sibusiso Mapotse who was also awarded the trophy for the most valuable player for U19 Boys.

TRAIL RUNNING

Amy Neveling participated in a Valley View Trail Run race at the Valley of a Thousand Hills on the 27 September 2026. She competed in the 21km and was the 3rd lady in with a time of 3:28:05. This has been her 3rd podium in trail runs this year and is the youngest competitor in the 21km distances.

DANCING



Kelly-Jo Cooper competed in the KZN festival of Dance Competition during the holidays in a 4-day competition. She was competing against studios that go to the Worlds festivals, so the competition was very stiff, and she achieved very pleasing results as follows:

- Straight Tap – 2nd Silver
- Jazz/Modern – 1st Gold
- Character Tap – 1st Gold
- Contemporary – 3rd Bronze
- Group entry Tap – 2nd Silver.

IRISH DANCING

Congratulations to Rachael Atkinson who competed in the South African Irish Dancing Championships in Johannesburg during the school holidays. It was a 3-day event and Rachael competed in an event in which she had not been graded before. She did exceptionally well to win a bronze medal and receive a 4th place ribbon.

GIRLS' RUGBY

Jamie- Lee Hiscock attended the IPT tournament from the 28 September to the 04 October in Kempton Park, Johannesburg representing the Duikers Youth Girls U17 team. They played four games. The first three games which they played against The Valkes, The Bulls, The Lions, winning those games convincingly and going on to win in the final against the Lions 33 – 10. Jamie-Lee was named Player of the Match in the game against the Valkes and returned with a Gold Medal, bringing the trophy back to KwaZulu Natal. Congratulations Jamie-Lee.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to Langalihle Nxumalo. She received the 'Young Player of the Year' award at Gryphons Hockey Club.

KZN Cycling Enduro Mountain Biking
Congratulations to Jack Newcombe-Bond who has been awarded. KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Colours in recognition of his consistent and outstanding performances throughout the 2026 Enduro Mountain Biking season. Jack has demonstrated exceptional dedication, skill, determination, and sportsmanship, consistently performing at the highest level in provincial competition.

EXAMINATIONS
The internal examination will start on Wednesday, 28 October. Every learner has already received a hard copy of the exam timetable, and a copy is also attached at the end of this circular. The breakdowns for what to study for the specific subjects has been circulated via the WhatsApp groups to the parents, it has been given to the learners in each subject, and it is available on Moodle. Please make sure that your child has everything needed for the exams.

The instructions for the examination period are also attached to this circular. This explains the daily procedures, regulations and expectations so please read through it carefully.

It is imperative that we do not let the school rules slip during the examination period. All hair, shaving and uniform regulations MUST be adhered to, inspections will be done daily, and learners will be punished with detentions for any misdemeanours regardless that it is an examination period. Parents – please assist us by checking your child before they leave home in the morning.

POST EXAMINATION PERIOD
The following arrangements will apply to the post examination period:

- **23 NOVEMBER**
  Learners will get their examinations back and they will be able to check the adding up and so on. School will close at 12h00.
- **24 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER**
  A post-examination programme is in the process of being drawn up which will consist of a variety of different, fun-filled activities for the learners to participate in. This programme will be circulated closer to the time.
- **2 DECEMBER**
  The Governing Body has approved the closure of school for learners.
  School will start at 07h30 and there will be a final awards assembly at 08h30. This should conclude by 09h30 and learners will then be free to leave to begin their summer holiday.

  Staff will still be at school until 11December completing all the various administrative tasks required to wrap up the academic year. Reports will be issued during that week. More details about the collection of reports will follow.

TEXTBOOKS

Learners are issued with textbooks for most subjects at the beginning of the year. These are on loan and must be returned at the end of the year. The arrangement is that learners return their subject textbook on the day that they write the final examination in that subject (some subjects have more than one paper).

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to close with a word of encouragement to our learners who may be feeling tired and drained, and somewhat anxious over the results that they are awaiting.

"Success is not the result of one moment, but of every effort you've made along the way. Be proud—you've already achieved more than you know."

Finally, thank you to all the educators for the dedication and hard work that has gone into getting us to this point, for burning the candle at both ends over the last three weeks, and for caring so much about the learners in your classes.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. P. Knight
Principal

2026 SENIOR SPEECH NIGHT PRIZE WINNERS

SPORTS AWARDS

1.	THE MARSHALL SHIELD *Best Senior All-Round Sportsman*	Tasriq Wingrove
2.	THE J.T.H. ELECTRICAL TROPHY *Best Senior All-Round Sportswoman*	Anele Sabela

CULTURAL AWARDS

3.	McDONALD TROPHY *For Best Actor/Actress*	Luyanda Hlophe
4.	THE RYGILL TROPHY *For Public Speaking Grade 11 & 12*	Lubanzi Maluleka
5.	THE EVELYN FORREST CUP *For the Greatest Contribution to Cultural Affairs*	Lubanzi Maluleka

SERVICE AWARDS

6.	THE S.R.C. TROPHY *For the Best Ambassador of the School*	Azola Shandu
7.	GOOD SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL *Franz Trophy* *Clarke Trophy*	 Natalie Rees Azola Shandu
8.	LES MOFFATT TROPHY *For Outstanding Senior Service*	Rebecca Easson

OTHER AWARDS

9.	THE MITCHELL TROPHY *For Perseverance*	Tasriq Wingrove
10.	ITSHWELE LEMPANGELE AWARD *Spirit of Togetherness*	Natalie Rees
11.	THE WALSH TROPHY *For the Pursuit of Excellence*	Amber-Lynn Jones
12.	THE COBB / MULLER SHIELD *For the Best all Rounder*	Thingo Dlamini
13.	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD *For Exemplifying Courage, Grace And Leadership*	

ACADEMIC AWARD AND PRIZE WINNERS

14. GRADE 12

HALF COLOURS:
Kostazia Davie (re-award), Willem van Heerden, Nkazimulo Ngcobo (re-award), Kamith Chetty (re-award), Havanna Thomas (re-award), Yolan Govender (re-award), Tatum Low (re-award), Kaitlyn Perumal (re-award), Gabrielle Steyn, Carlos Zakwe (re-award), Natalie Rees, Danica Maistry, Jakin Goldstone (re-award), Janoah Williams (re-award).

COLOURS:
Ryan Haasbroek (re-award), Amahle Zungu (re-award), Lubanzi Maluleka (re-award), Saselihle Mkhize (re-award), Nangamso Nxasana (re-award), Maroelle Coertse, Azrah Chetty, Leander Esterhuizen.

HONOURS:
Azola Shandu (re-award), Taylor Cribbins, Nkanyezi Ngcobo (re-award), Emily O'Shaughnessy (re-award), Taylor Van Tromp (re-award), Andiswa Maphumulo (re-award), Luyanda Mkhize (re-award), Kylie Freeman (re-award), Thingo Dlamini (re-award), Zoë Visser, Hannah Greffrath (re-award).

HONOURS CUM LAUDE:
Brielle Pillay (re-award), Amber-Lynn Jones (re-award).

15.	ACCOUNTING *Skjolde Trophy*	Emily O'Shaughnessy
16.	PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS TROPHY *For Excellence in Accounting*	Luyanda Mkhize
17.	AFRIKAANS	Brielle Pillay
18.	THE JORDAAN TROPHY FOR AFRIKAANS *For A Pupil Who Shows a Passion for The Language*	Maroelle Coertse & Kylie Freeman
19.	BUSINESS STUDIES	Azrah Chetty
20.	CONSUMER STUDIES	Amber-Lynn Jones
21.	MARGE MCLAREN TROPHY *For Practical Excellence in Grade 12 Consumer Studies*	Lilli Geel
22.	DRAMATIC ARTS	Thingo Dlamini
23.	THE N.M.I. TROPHY *For Achievement in Practical Drama*	Onke Gumede

24. ECONOMICS — Azola Shandu
The Sutton Trophy

25. JEWASKIEWITZ TROPHY FOR EGD — Jaryd Andre
For the Top Learner in Engineering, Graphics and Design

26. ENGINEERING GRAPHICS AND DESIGN — Sebastian Smith, Nangamso Nxasana & Taylor van Tromp
For Excellence Achieved in the EGD P.A.T.

27. ENGLISH — Brielle Pillay

28. THE GRADE 12 LITERATURE PRIZE — Brielle Pillay

29. THE ALAN PATON PRIZE — Natalie Rees
For Creative Writing in English

30. THE WATT TROPHY FOR ENGLISH — Lubanzi Maluleka
For a Learner who shows a Passion for the Language

31. GEOGRAPHY — Brielle Pillay
Witt Memorial Trophy

32. GERMAN – FOREIGN LANGUAGE — Kylie Freeman

33. HISTORY — Ryan Haasbroek
Thunder Trophy

34. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — Torben Mikkelsen
Schauerte Trophy for Excellence in "IT"

35. MBANJWA FAMILY TROPHY FOR ISIZULU — Nolwande Jiyane & Azola Shandu
For Excellence in Mother Tongue isiZulu

36. ISIZULU — Ayedan Whitby — *For Excellence in Non-Mother Tongue isiZulu*

37. LIFE ORIENTATION — Brielle Pillay

38. LIFE SCIENCES — Brielle Pillay
Hay Trophy

39. MATHEMATICAL LITERACY — Brendon Frenzel
Leuschke-Fischer Trophy

40.	MATHEMATICS *Stieger Trophy*	Brielle Pillay
41.	FURTHER STUDIES MATHEMATICS STANDARD *Sparks Trophy*	Brielle Pillay
42.	PHYSICAL SCIENCE *Sadler Physics Trophy*	Brielle Pillay
43.	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	Brielle Pillay
44.	*TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE*	Brielle Pillay
45.	TOURISM *Singh Family Trophy*	Nkanyezi Ngcobo
46.	VISUAL ARTS	Amber-Lynn Jones
47.	THE BOTHMA TROPHY *For Outstanding Practical Work in Art*	Nkazimulo Ngcobo
48.	THE KIRSTIE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL TROPHY *For Outstanding Achievement in Matric Art*	Lubanzi Maluleka

Brielle Pillay

DUX OF THE SCHOOL
Hammond Trophy

Amber-Lynn Jones

PROXIME ACCESIT DUX
Kopp Trophy

Azola Shandu

3rd IN GRADE 12.

SCAN TO VIEW THE
2026 SPORT AND CULTURAL ACHIEVERS' BOOKLET
ON OUR WEBSITE - WWW.HHS.CO.ZA