

Durban High School

2023



Mission

Durban High School strives to develop
responsible, motivated young men
with strong moral convictions and integrity,
who,
possessing self-discipline and courage,
are capable of leading with strength and compassion
to meet the challenges of the future.
Our ethos enables us to realise individual potential
in Academics, Sport, Cultural Activities,
Leadership, Outdoor Experiences,
and Service to the Community.
We pride ourselves on achieving this by
the nurturing of loyalty and respect,
the honouring of all relationships,
and through a commitment to hard work,
in a secure environment
which embraces the diversity of South Africa.



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Head Master's Message



We are presently living well within the Fourth Industrial Revolution. This present Revolution is characterized by the 'Disruption' that technology is having in the work place; home living; recreation and to a lesser extent, in Education. The timespan of each Revolution is getting exponentially shorter and as such we are entering a Fifth Industrial Revolution underpinned by terms such as "Metaverse" and "Artificial Intelligence".

This certainly creates more complex challenges for Education, where character development must take place alongside future skills development. Schools need to have more relevance and direction in preparing our youth for a faster evolving world.

Durban High School is making great strides in developing an Educational

Model to lead the pedagogical 'Disruption' required, to prepare our Boys to lead into the future. There is much talk about having a Learner-Centric approach to teaching, but this is unrealistic, as teachers face real challenges to being able to teach 30 learners in 30 different ways; each concept in a lesson of 50 minutes and still maintain discipline; assess each learner individually; develop each learner's character and complete the curriculum in time, together with the ridiculous administrative requirements of the Department of Education.

However, we understand that each learner needs to be in the right environment that will optimize their potential to achieve. Our various ever expanding, multimodal Educational Hubs cater exactly for these Learner Centred approaches. Each learner in

the right Learning Hub, catering to their individual needs.

Since we started five years ago we have already implemented the following hubs with incredible success.

1. Durban High School's Mainstream Education
2. Durban High School in Partnership with NewBridge Tertiary Institution:
 - Intake of 24 students in 2020.
 - Intake of 500 students in 2023.
3. Durban High School's Cambridge and Nonpareil Academies:
 - Intake of 20 students in 2019.
 - Intake of 160 students in 2023.
 - Intake of over 200 students in 2024.
4. Swales Online Academy powered by Durban High School
5. Durban High School's Electives Programme:
 - The whole school does this programme.

For 2024 we will be rolling out a further two more Educational Hubs:

6. Durban High School in partnership with the Brave Generation Academy:
 - This is an international grouping of schools throughout the world with a unique offering. More to follow.
7. Durban High School's Remedial Educational Hub

Furthermore, our enrolment numbers from 2017 have increased by over 200 Boys and our Boarding Establishment, Blackmore House has also seen significant increase from 80 boarders to presently 181 Boarders.

Our Bachelor Pass Rate has also increased from 62% in 2017 to 81.5% in 2022.



We presently have six Academic Doctors on our Staff. All these attributes are certainly entrenching Durban High School as a market leader on the Academic front.

On the extra-curricular front, there has been a dramatic increase in participation as well as performance over the last few years. We regularly field more teams than most of our traditional rival schools despite them having more Boys.

There has also been huge improvements in performance with many of our teams in various codes being ranked amongst the top 10 schools in the country. In 2023 we had 164 Boys make representative teams in a wide variety of codes of which 28 achieved National Age Group Honours.

Special mention needs to be made of our high performing Coaches under

the leadership of our Director of Sport Mr Nathan Pillay in the improvement shown in both Sport and Culture. We have recently entered into negotiations with the Municipality in getting exclusive use of a field at Berea Park, as space for teams is a premium on our limited campus.

While it is noteworthy that there is much to celebrate in the continuous improvements that are being affected, it is tempered by the increasing challenges that we are facing:

- The Department of Education's diminishing financial contribution to schools Staffing complement. Over half of our Staff are Governing Body paid (ie, paid by our Parents).
- More parents applying for Financial Assistance.

- As we become a school of choice, so do our key Staff, who have become more sought after by other schools.

The DHS Foundation Trust, coupled with the support of some Old Boys have contributed generously in the last few years to the benefit of the school through various capital development projects. However, to be able to continue to improve and overcome the challenges that lie ahead, it is imperative that Parents continue to support the school so that we can continue to be a leading school in South Africa, as an Educational Model of Excellence.

A D Pinheiro
15th Head Master



The new Memorial Pavilion and Astro Turf can be seen in this aerial photo of the School Campus

The DHS Astroturf



After a long and much awaited 18-month period, Durban High School celebrated an historic and memorable evenings on Friday 17 February 2023 when our Blue & Gold AstroTurf was officially opened. To say this has been a long time in the making is an understatement. However, what it is about to do, is elevate what is already known as an incredible hockey school to the next level.

It was a special evening, attended by invited guests of the DHS Foundation, Durban High School, Maris Stella and Trelidor. The turf was officially opened by Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master of DHS), Ms Joan Schmidt (Head Mistress of Maris Stella), Mr Peter Rawson (Marketing & Sales Director of Trelidor) and Mr Damian Judge (CEO of the DHS Foundation).

Three memorable fixtures took place between the DHS Staff and Trelidor Staff, the Maris Stella 1st XI vs Maris Stella Old Girls, with the final fixture being a true spectacle between the DHS 1st XI and DHS Old Boys.

Trevor Bennison - 12th Head Master of DHS shared his thoughts of the early years of hockey at DHS.

“With the opening of the Astroturf at DHS in 2023 it is perhaps fitting to look at the origins of Hockey at DHS.

In the 1950s Rugby and Cricket were the two major sports at School. Several Old Boys were playing Hockey and had established a Hockey Section at the Club, but were always short of players. This led to their appearance at School on a Friday afternoon in 1958 to

introduce Hockey to interested boys, of which I was one.

The venue was the Sanford Top Field and Old Boys like John Gillespie, Ian Cadman, Bruce McBeth, Matthew McIver and Arthur Diamond presented boys with an assortment of sticks and tried to show them some of the basics of the game.

Matthew was the brother of the Head Master, Wilson McIver, which was probably the reason why Hockey received the Head Master’s blessing. Games were held on Sundays at Queensmead and, here in the depths of the 5th Division, schoolboys were initiated into the rigours of Men’s Hockey and soon became mainstays of the Club.





Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master of DHS), Ms J Schmidt (Headmistress of Maris Stella), Mr D Judge (Chairman of Foundation Trust) and Mr P Rawson (Marketing & Sales Director of Trellidor)

In later years, with Ken Tomlinson as Secretary, I became captain of Old Boys 1st XI and we worked together to get up to the top of the Second Division. Our top player was Chris Williamson, who was the first DHS pupil to be given Honours for Hockey. However, we could not get into 1st Division because of lack of numbers.

With the success of Hockey, the concept of an Astroturf on Top Field was often on the agenda but, despite the efforts of men like Chris Rein, it was never brought to fruition. However, the dream remained and will now be brought to reality in 2023."

On what had been a construction site for nearly 18 months, the DHS Astro was finally unveiled on Friday 17 February 2023 - a day that will forever be etched into the history books at DHS. The Astro was made possible by the assistance of The DHS Foundation Trust, Trellidor and

Maris Stella, all of whom were present on this momentous occasion.

DHS enjoyed a historic Hockey season for the year 2022. We produced no less than 37 KZN representatives from DHS throughout all age groups and had the most National representatives out of any school in KZN.

DHS U14B Indoor Hockey team made their own history by winning the KZN U14B League for the first time in School's history. This was the first time that DHS had entered a B team into the league due to the depth that we now have in our Hockey Programme. The B team also enjoyed an unbeaten season in Field Hockey.

Our DHS U14A Indoor Hockey Team were crowned the Champions of the KZN Coastal Indoor Hockey Schools in 2022. The team produced a set of phenomenal results, and the statistics

speak volumes of the Hockey they produced.

In 2018, under the new Head Master, Mr A D Pinheiro, DHS employed a Director of Hockey. His name is Michael Baker, and what a master stroke this was.

Mr Baker is the man behind the driving force producing continual success for our boys in not only their Hockey teams, but their own personal achievements. For those who know him, he is humble, down to earth, adventurous, dedicated beyond words and the respect the boys have for him is immense. Mr Baker was also selected as the trainer for SASHOC (South African Schools Hockey Association) U17 team in 2022.

What Michael has done for DHS hockey over the past five years is remarkable. He has grown DHS Hockey from four teams to twelve teams, and this without DHS's own Astroturf. He turned DHS

Hockey into one of the most formidable Hockey schools in KZN.

The dedicated team of coaches who support Mr Baker have also had incredible success in their personal capacity. Hockey Coach, Mr C Goodwin, was selected for the South African Men's Indoor Hockey Team. The team took part in the Namibia Indoor Series. DHS Hockey Coach and Old Boy, Mr T Kelly-Stack, was selected to take part in the first ever South African Men's Hockey 5's team that travelled to Egypt

in December 2022. Mr I Manuel has also played a huge role with his passion and knowledge, always willing to go the extra mile and help the boys. There have been many other role players involved in recent years in building DHS Hockey to what it is today that we must mention: Mr Tanner Bottomley, Mr Harold Siyaya, Mr Jason Flanagan and Mr Siya Sityana.

As we prepared for the launch on the Astro, we received the exciting news that Leruo Dithakanyane, who was

selected as a 17-year-old for SA Schools U18A Hockey in 2022, had been invited to the SA U21 Camp which was held in January 2023.

We are delighted to celebrate the fact that, for the first time in 156 years, we will soon be hosting our first ever fixture on home turf - on 18 March 2023 against St Charles.

We cannot wait to see what the future holds for our School's Hockey.



Above - DHS 1st XI, DHS Old Boys, DHS Staff, Trelidor Staff, the Maris Stella 1st XI, Maris Stella Old Girls and guests who attended the grand opening of the DHS Astroturf.

Below - DHS 1st XI and DHS Old Boys who played each other in the final game of the evening.



Mr AD Pinheiro, Bagcine Gqweta (Old Boy 2022 & SA Schools Hockey), Ms Bridget Aaron (Head of Department, Extra-Mural, Maris Stella)



DHS Foundation Projects

The DHS Foundation Trust completed, and started, a number of projects at School during the course of 2023.

The Hockey Astroturf, the new Memorial Pavilion (plus an extension) and a new Grade 8 dormitory in Blackmore House

were completed and opened during the course of the year.

In addition, construction of a new floor above the old Science Block began.

A new school bus was also purchased by the Foundation.

All these major projects were made possible by the generous support of our Old Boys and the DHS Foundation Trust.

We are ever grateful for their commitment to our School.

Memorial Pavilion

On Friday 6 October 2023 the newly built Memorial Pavilion was officially opened by the Chairman of the DHS Foundation Trust, Mr Damian Judge.

Built by the Old Boys, for the Old Boys, in memory of the Old Boys, the Pavilion is the new home for the Old Boys.

A number of old historical artefacts from the DHS Old Boys Club and the School's archives have found a new home and are now proudly on display:

- The fireplace which was once in the boarders' library of the Old School which was built in 1894;
- The foundation stone which was laid at the DHS Old Boys Club on 6 October 1954;
- The bronze memorial plaque which was unveiled on the original War Memorial at DHS in 1959;
- The marble stone that was laid on 17 April 1978 commemorating the opening of the new bar at the DHS Old Boys' Club;
- Isaac van Heerden's old red chair.

Café 1866 is housed in the Pavilion, an illustration of "The Horsefly" by graffiti artist, Shaun Oakley, adorns the wall, and the venue is used for various functions, particularly on home rugby days.

With the best view in the house, overlooking the main field and the Astro, it is the perfect place to watch the sport fixtures.

It is a welcome addition to our facilities and enjoyed by all.

Old Science Block Extension

In May of 2023, construction began on the Old Science Block with an entirely new floor being added to accommodate the demand for our Nonpareil and Cambridge Academy. Being, a suburban school, space is

limited so we had to get creative to find a solution to meeting the increasing number of applications

While construction was taking place the AJ Human Room was converted into

temporary classrooms for the Academy Boys and Staff.

The build is expected to be completed for the start of 2024.

SAS Nourse Dormitory

On Thursday 9 February the new Grade 8 dorm, the SAS Nourse Dormitory, in Blackmore House was officially opened.

The staff garages on the ground floor next to the reception area were converted into the new dormitory for Grade 8 Boys. A small function was held in Blackmore's, attended by SAS's daughter Ann, his son in law Clive, his

granddaughter Lea, together with a few invited guests.

Mr DG 'SAS' Nourse was a DHS Old Boy who attended DHS from 1932-1935. He first taught at DHS from 1941-1944, after which he returned and taught from 1952-1972.

He was the first Head Housemaster of Blackmore House when it moved to its current location in September 1969.

SAS also coached the 1st XV from 1955-1967.

SAS also received the highest award for gallantry from the SA Surf Life Saving Association for his courage when he went to the assistance of a fellow bather who was fatally attacked by a shark off Warnadoone Beach in January of 1946.

A Shedlock
CEO : The DHS Foundation Trust



Grease: The Musical



For years, the stage of Durban High School's DC Thompson Hall lay dormant. The silence was broken with the electrifying production of "Grease" the musical at the end of July 2023.

It was a surreal experience to see the stage brimming with life once again, showcasing talent in a manner that the school had not witnessed in years. Stepping into the director's shoes for this enormously challenging production was an honour and a responsibility I felt deeply.

With years of theatre experience behind me, I was thrilled to bring a touch of professional theatre to this high school production. For five intense months, our dedicated cast, which included an amazing ensemble of 53 learners, including 22 girls from 12 different girls' schools, committed to a rigorous rehearsal schedule. It was an extremely intense period, rehearsing

over weekends, holidays, and stretching into late evenings, but their dedication was unwavering. A special thank you to all our parents for their enormous patience and support.

It was heartening to witness the rise of young talents such as:

Unaye Mndau, (Grade 11) - who portrayed the role of Danny Zuko with such charisma, charm and endless energy;

Gabby Aromin, from Crawford La Lucia - brought the role of Sandy to life effortlessly with her exquisite voice.

Complementing them with their outstanding performances were:

Sandla Twenani (Grade 10) - as the lovable Kenickie;

Emmanuel Mqingwana (Grade 11) - as Roger;

Ikho Mdleleni (Grade 11) - as Sonny;

Mahle Sithole (Grade 11) - as Teddy, Ethan Pillay (Grade 9) - as Doody;

Akaziwe Ndlela (Grade 10) as Vince Fontaine; and

Daniel Mayiza (Grade 11) as Johnny Casino.

Yet, as any theatre professional knows, the magic isn't just reserved for the stage. Our behind-the-scenes crew, from lighting to sound and set design, transformed the DC Thompson Hall, evoking the lively atmosphere of Rydell High. Every step and every musical note resonated, thanks to our accomplished choreographer, Danny Guselli, who managed to get our learners to dance beyond their wildest dreams!

The response was overwhelming! Over six riveting performances, tickets vanished rapidly. With praise pouring in

from various media outlets and the local community buzzing with excitement, it was clear - our rendition of "Grease" had transcended the boundaries of a typical school musical.

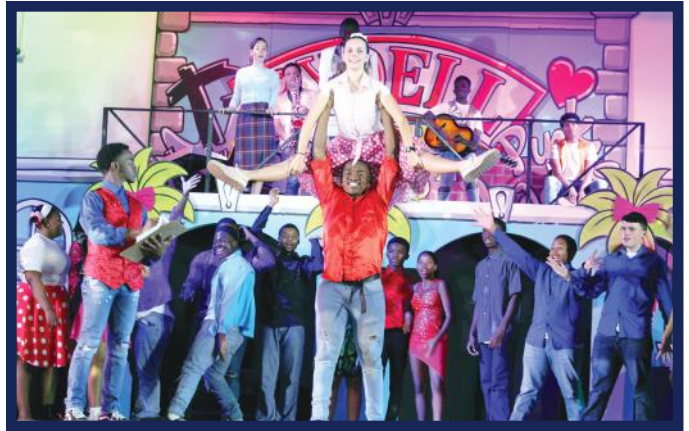
I am forever grateful to Mr Pinheiro and Durban High School for allowing me this opportunity, proving once again the undeniable magic of theatre and the strength of communal passion.

To all the applause and cheers, here's hoping for many more encore performances in the future!

Liesl Coppin

Director of Grease: The Musical

Grease certainly WAS the word!!



Staff Notes

During the course of 2023 we welcomed a number of new staff members to the School we hope that they all have a long, happy and rewarding stay at School.

Dr Wendy Rawlinson - English Educator
Mr Steve Bezuidenhout - EMS and Accounting Educator
Mr Cecid de Bruin - EMS and Accounting Educator
Mr Sikhulile Sokhela - Technology and EGD Educator
Mr Jared Cass - English Educator
Mr Jacques du Plessis - Geography and History Educator
Mr Cade McEwen - English and Drama Educator
Mr Siyabonga Dubazana - Life Orientation Educator
Mr Dees Moodley - Maths and Maths Lit Educator
Mr Victor Smith - Music Educator
Mr Richard Kohne - English Educator
Mr Charl Muller - History Educator

Tragically, we lost two of our staff members and two former long serving staff members who passed away during the course of 2023:

Mr Letha Zulu - Head of Basketball
Mr Steven Mtshali - Estate Support
Mr AJ Human - Educator
Mr Themba Ntetha - Admin Support

As is the case every year, we had to say farewell to some members of staff who left DHS:

Mr Bruce Baker - Music Educator
Mr Daniel Baker - Physical and Natural Sciences Educator
Ms Shannan Browne - Drama Educator
Mr Jared Cass - English Educator
Mr Bruce Jackson - BE Maintenance
Mr Morne Jansen van Rensburg - Maths and Maths Lit Educator
Ms L Coppin - Drama Educator
Mr Atilla Dudas - Geography Educator
Mr Glen Surtees - IT Educator
Ms Janine Hamilton - English and History Educator
Mr Mthokozisi Shezi - Cricket Coach
Mr Michael Baker - Head of Hockey
Mr Michael Ngcongco - Printing
Ms Anna Sacks - Marketing

Thank you to them all for their contribution to the smooth running of our School, and we wish them all the very best in their new lives and their new endeavours.

We look forward to 2024.





Academic Staff 2023

Front Row (L to R):	Mr S Cele, Ms S Nagiah, Mr A Dudas, Mr I Lewis, Mr S Ngongo, Mr G Goodwin, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Ms M Vermaak, Mr N Moodley, Mr B Green, Mr R Smyth, Mr B Adam, Ms H Henley
2nd Row:	Dr R Salmond, Ms E Sibisi, Ms Z Mtshali, Mr C de Bruin, Ms L Meyiwe, Ms S Daniels, Ms A Sutherland, Ms J Bibin, Mr D Ramaya, Dr W Rawlinson, Ms K Nagan, Ms G Joshua
3rd Row:	Ms L Coppin, Mr D Marques, Ms P Ngobese, Mr E Thomas, Mr R Herd, Mr K Govindsamy, Mr C McEwan, Mr P Botha, Mrs M Subbiah, Ms M Bisschoff, Mr F Matizakurima, Ms J Kistiah
4th Row:	Ms S Francis, Mr A Boodhram, Ms B Vorster, Ms M Watermeyr, Ms S Bennett, Mr S Dubazana, Mr S Cromie, Dr A McDuling, Mr D Naidoo, Mr T Govender
5th Row:	Mr S Sokhela, Mr L Girodo, Mr L van Wyk, Mr T Dudas, Mr O Mupomoki, Mr L Matthyssen, Mr B Crouch
Back Row:	Mr J Cass, Mrs M Girodo, Mr E Govender, Mr R Shore, Mr J du Plessis, Mr D Becker, Mr M Jansen van Rensburg, Mr G Surtees



Sport Staff 2023

This year the Sport Staff took their photograph on the Basketball Court in honour of legendary Basketball coach, Mr Letha Zulu, who passed away in 2023 after many years at DHS.

From Left to Right:

Mr M Pina, Mr S Bezuidenhout, Mr T Zulu, Mr C Murphy, Mr D Cronje, Mr R de Koker-van der Sandt, Mr L Matthysen, Mr J Amisi, Mr P Engledow, Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Mr M Baker, Mr T Trenoweth, Mr R Allerston, Mr S Mkhaliphi, Mr C Goodwin, Mr I Manuel, Mr C Addison, Mr F Genade, Mr S La Marque



Academic Support Staff 2023

Front Row (L to R): Ms S Drew, Mr TT Mthembu, Mr S La Marque, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Mr D Golan, Ms S Poole, Mr W Dlamini

2nd Row: Ms N Mkhize, Ms C Jokazi, Ms S Mabija, Ms C Luthuli, Ms S Coetzee, Mrs S Singh

3rd Row: Ms D Dicks, Ms Z Zukulu, Ms L Whiteley, Ms A Mtantato, Mr M Ngongo

Back Row: Mr A Sacks, Mr E Nxumalo, Mr B Coskey, Mr R Hatcher, Mr N Tembe, Ms C Harrison



Estate Support Staff 2023

Front Row (L to R): Mr J Sibisi, Mr L Sibisi, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Mr E Nxumalo, Mr B Ndlovu

Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony



Top 3 in Grade 12

Muhammad Shaik (3rd), Watusila Mthembu (Dux Proxime Accessit, Vadivelu Naiker (Dux)

The Senior Prize Giving Ceremony is the most prestigious event on the DHS Calendar. We celebrate the excellence of our highest achievers with awards that have been a part of School's history for over 150 years.

We congratulate all of our learners on their phenomenal achievements in Academics, Leadership, Sport, Culture and Good Fellowship.

We thank the Guest Speaker at the ceremony, Mr Paul Saad, a proud and successful DHS Old Boy, for his insightful address to our current learners. Thank you for your continuous and unwavering support of School, Mr Saad.

The Dux for School in 2023 was Vadivelu Divesh Naiker and the Cambridge Dux was Sahil Bandulal. Congratulations to

both these fine young gentlemen on their excellent results.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the Changing of the Guard - Unaye Mndau was announced as the Head Prefect of DHS for 2024. Riley Clarivette, Head Prefect for 2023, assisted Unaye into his new Head Prefect blazer; also a very emotional event.

We were immensely proud to announce Unaye Mndau as the new Head Prefect. Whilst there were many capable candidates contesting for this position, all those involved with DHS know that Unaye possesses every single quality of a distinguished DHS gentleman.

We thank Riley Clarivette for how he has conducted himself as Head Prefect for 2023 - he has been nothing less than

a role model, not only for DHS learners, but for all men in society.

To the Class of 2023, good luck for your futures and we salute you on a truly successful final year at DHS.

The list of learners who received awards, subject prizes and merit certificates is as follows:

Major Awards

C G Hands Memorial Prize - Dux:

Vadivelu Naiker

G B Lapinsky Prize - Dux Proxime Accessit:

Watusila Mfumu

Kessel Feinstein Prize - Third in Grade 12:

Muhammad Shaik





Leadership Award Winners

Riley Clarivette (Head Prefect & Shaun Gray Award), Abhay Nunan (RCL Chairman), Bandile Zama (Head Prefect, Blackmore)



Sport Award Winners

Khulekani Mseleku (Cricket Captain), Leruo Dithakanyane (Sportsman of the Year), Semal Pillay (Cricket Captain), Simphiwe Ngobese (Sports Achiever of the Year), Christian Everitt (Rugby Captain)



Cultural Award Winners

Riley Clarivette (Geoff Mace), Jude Miller (Richard Salmon, Chris Seabrooke), Kian Rama (Stephen Mulholland), Aphelele Maphumulo (Devi Rajab) and Kian Rama (Christopher Wells)

Cambridge Assessment International
Education Prize - Dux:
Sahil Bandulal

Chris Seabrooke Music Centre Award
for Involvement and Contribution to the
CSMC:

Sportsman of the Year:
Leruo Ditlhakanyane

Special Awards

Richard Salmon Award for Exceptional
Contribution in the Field of Music:
Jude Miller

Jude Miller
Stephen Mulholland Prize for Wide
Involvement in the Cultural Aspect of
School:

Cecil Renaud Award for being, in
the opinion of his peers, the Most
Memorable Character in Grade 12:
Christian Everitt

Devi Rajab Cultural Award for the Top
Performer in his Field:
Aphelele Maphumulo

Kian Rama
L C W Theobald Award for the Captain
of Cricket:
Khulekani Mseleku
Semal Pillay

Shaun Gray Leadership Award for, in
the opinion of his fellow Prefects, his
Outstanding Service as a Prefect:
Riley Clarivette

Geoff Mace Award for Excelling in
Sport, Academics and Cultural Aspects
at School:
Riley Clarivette

Ernie Theunissen Award for the Captain
of Rugby:
Christian Everitt

Patel Family Award for the RCL
Chairman:
Abhay Nunan

Christopher Wells Award in memory of
Christopher Wells for Excellence in
Sport and Culture:
Keelan Henry

Sports Achiever of the Year:
Simphiwe Ngobese

Old Boys' Award for the Head Prefect of
Blackmore House:
Bandile Zama

George Armstrong Award for the Head
Prefect of School:
Riley Clarivette





Subject Prize Winners

Grade 12 Academic Subject Prizes

Chris Seabrooke Prize for Music: Varshan Govender	W I Knight Prize for Mathematics: Asande Mkhulise	Innocent Chamane Prize for IsiZulu First Additional Language: Aphile Ndawonde
Eddie Corlett Prize for Accounting: Muhammad Shaik	Tim Wells Prize for Dramatic Arts: Oluhle Canham	Niekie Gerber Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language: Vadivelu Naiker
O N T Downes Prize for Information Technology: Finnley Wyllie	Allan Turton Prize for Visual Arts: Nhlosenhle Ndimande	Bill Payn Prize for English Home Language: Emir Khan
Prize for Business Studies: Skye King	Ladies Committee Prize for Visual Arts Practical: Connor Bowes	Merit Certificates: (received 'A' aggregates in 2023)
A W McIver Prize for History: Tumiso Nkosi	Buxton Family Prize for Economics : Watusila Mfumu	Jaden Dookie, Troy Getkate, Lulonke Gono, Bradley Govender, Emir Khan, Skye King, Mthetho Matshotyana, Baldwin Mazuba, Watusila Mfumu, Asande Mkhulise, Zakariyya Motala, Nkanyezi Mpiti, Vadivelu Naiker, Aphile Ndawonde, Nhlosenhle Ndimande, Tumiso Nkosi, Kian Rama, Saharsh Rambaran, Prishan Ramsaroop, Muhammad Shaik, Tanatswa Tagwira, Bryce Techet, Abu Usuf, Finnley Wyllie
D C & E V Thompson Prize for Life Sciences: Nhlosenhle Ndimande	G J Armstrong Prize for Physical Sciences: Nhlosenhle Ndimande Prishan Ramsaroop	
DHS Association Prize for Engineering Graphics & Design: Bryce Techet	Subject Prize for Life Orientation: Muhammad Shaik	
'SAS' Nourse Prize for Geography: Tumiso Nkosi	Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy: Tumiso Nkosi	

Address by Head Master - Mr A D Pinheiro

A warm welcome to our 2023 Senior Prize-Giving. Welcome to our Special Guest of Honour - Mr Paul Saad (Class of 1982), representatives from various Primary Schools (Charles Morgan, Hennie Havemann), ex Head Master - Dr Dudley Forde, members of the Governing Body, Trustees from the DHS Foundation Trust, Andrew Shedlock - CEO of the DHS Foundation Trust, special guests, friends and supporters of DHS, staff, parents and, most importantly, boys of DHS. Welcome.

I take this opportunity to thank the various role players that have been on this 5-year journey together with the Class of 2023. Thank you to the parents for your support for both the boys and the school during some difficult times, thank you to all our staff for their resilience, commitment, passion and support of the boys. Thank you to the School Management Team and Exco team of incredibly experienced and talented members for always having the boys' best interests in all our deliberations. Thank you to Mrs Vermaak for your support and for putting together today's Prize-Giving in your usual meticulous way.

Thanks to Mel Truter and Moms Com for always giving of their time to the school. Thanks to the Governing Body for their support and tireless work behind the scenes (for no reward other than wanting the school to be successful). Thank you to the DHS Foundation Trust for their support and investment into the various capital development projects and believing in our vision of education. Thank you to all loyal friends and supporters of the school in being part of this journey.

And finally thank you to my PA, Wandile Dlamini, a wonderful young man who has been exceptional in his duties and ability to keep up as a PA to a very difficult, demanding and cantankerous Head Master.

Today gives us an opportunity to celebrate the Academic successes of the Class of 2023 and to reflect on their High School journey. Little did we realise that when they started as Grade 8 boys in 2019 that they would experience COVID-19 and lockdowns, floods, riots, economic downturns and a world filled with conflicts in their time at High School. You would expect that through these tribulations they would have struggled to attain any notable achievements. However, the Class of 2023 is made of sterner stuff and we sit here celebrating what, in some aspects, is the most successful year in the school's long and storied history. Well done, young men. When I reflect on just some of your achievements from where the school was in 2019 to now, I am amazed at the successes we have all enjoyed over that time. I have recently had to provide some information to the Foundation on how far we have come since 2019 and I share the following:

School numbers:
2019 - 850 boys
2023 - 1006 boys.

Next year we are expected to be 1050 boys.

Such is the demand for DHS that applications for admission are now 3 times more than in 2019.

The Boarder numbers have increased from 80 to 185 at the start of 2023.

The number of A aggregates and the percentage of Bachelor passes in the NSC has increased significantly, to the extent that we were the Boys School with the highest percentage Bachelor Passes in KZN last year.

At our recent Sports and Cultural Special Awards Assembly, we recognised the achievements of over 240 representative entries over the various Extra Curricular codes. There are to date 30 SA Reps so far this year. This is a more than fourfold increase from 2019 in both provincial and SA reps. In national rankings we are regularly featured in the top ten schools in terms of our sports teams. Well done to our Hockey for being ranked 2nd in SA overall. Well done to all our codes, and well done to all our sports and culture staff.

There were also further highlights.

Those that were privileged enough to attend our School production of Grease would have been blown away by the level of performance of our boys. World class is what it was. Our music programme, headed by Dr Natalie Rungan, is also world class, as witnessed by you here today.

Recently our boys were successful in the following competitions:

- Provincial winners of the SANRAL/ SAICE Bridge Building Competition;
- National JSE Investment Challenge (5th in SA);
- Our debaters won the DCDL league for the first time (my favourite achievement);
- A member of the SA International Maths Competition (Bulgaria);
- Only lost one match in the Chess League;



- Numerous community service initiatives:
Clothes to Good
Kennedy Rd Informal Settlement
QuadPara Association
The Baby Home
Growing Together Project
Bottle Tops Project;
to name but a few.

A number of boys received various President's Award badges and certificates bearing the signatures of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip and his Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa. The world's leading youth achievement award, participants achieve in over five categories, which include community service/ physical recreation/ skills section/ adventure journey section/ gold residential project. Our Head Boy, Riley Clarivette, achieved his Gold Badge recently.

Apart from leading the boys this year, Riley has also excelled in Academics and has been given a bursary to study at the University of Pretoria. He is an accomplished musician and he has also excelled in sports by playing for the 3rd Rugby team, being in the school rowing team as well as the 1st Softball team from where he has been chosen for the KZN U19 Team. Well done, young man, on leading the boys and being a wonderful example to the younger boys. I thought the Head Boy of 2022, Owen Morgenrood, would be a hard act to follow but you have more than ably left your legacy.

These are just a few of the many successes we are currently enjoying. I also need to emphasize the role that our staff are playing in getting our boys to achieve as they do. I recently mentioned to our staff that I challenge any school to match the experience of our staff. We have six academic doctors on our staff. We have five ex-principals which are still not of retirement age. In other words, they could be leading DHS

right now. We even have an ex-SEM (Circuit Manager) on our staff now.

However, the greatest attribute of our staff is their empathetic and determined approach to education. They are boy teachers. A recent article by Tom Batty that I shared with staff relating to boys being at risk and about needing to develop good masculinities suggested that the following was needed in boys' education to achieve this. See how it ties in with what I have said before.

1. More positive male role models to join the many positive female role models. Caring men with interests, skills and wise stories to share so as to ignite passions, hone mastery and nurture purpose in young men in such a way that they feel worthy and can participate in the world around them for the greater good of themselves and of society at large.
2. Schools and a broad education system that, rather than reinforcing failure through continual testing, provide the time and variety boys need to discover the interests and skills that forge a sense of worth and a desire to serve causes bigger than themselves.
3. Boys schools in and out of class, provide experiences that build the relationships, respect and trust on which boys thrive.
4. We must make time to nurture the stories upon which boys hang their learning and create time so that at least one staff member will know each boy really well.
5. We must unearth passions, hone mastery and guide boys to choose engagement with, rather than separation from, learning.
6. We must make boys sufficiently interested in, and good at things, so their responses become lifelong learning habits.

I believe that at DHS we are leading the development of boys' education and our staff are champions of boys' education. I recently wrote an article for the Foundation Trust and our AGM where I share our continued vision of educational excellence. I share the first two paragraphs that I wrote.

We are presently living well within the Fourth Industrial Revolution. This present revolution is characterised by the disruption that technology is having in the work place; home living; recreation and, to a lesser extent, in education. The timespan of each Revolution is getting exponentially shorter and as such we are entering a Fifth Industrial Revolution underpinned by terms such as Metaverse and Artificial Intelligence. This certainly creates more complex challenges for education, where character development must take place alongside future skills development. Schools need to have more relevance and direction in preparing our youth for a faster evolving world.

Durban High School is making great strides in developing an educational model to lead the pedagogical disruption required, to prepare our boys to lead into the future. There is much talk about having a learner centric approach to teaching but it is unrealistic, as teachers face real challenges to being able to teach 30 learners in 30 different ways, each concept within a lesson of 50 minutes; and then still maintain discipline, assess each learner individually; develop each learner's character and complete the curriculum in time, together with the ridiculous administrative requirements of the DoE.

However, we understand that each learner needs to be in the right environment that will optimise their potential to achieve. Our various ever expanding multi-modal educational hubs cater exactly for these learner-



centred approaches as well as preparing them for their future. Each learner in the right learning hub, catering to their individual needs. Since we started five years ago we have already implemented the following hubs with incredible success:

- Tertiary through NewBridge - 2020 24 students, 2023, 500 students.
- Nonpareil blended learning environment - 2019 20 boys, 2023 160 boys, and expected to be 200 boys next year.
- Cambridge international curriculum (2019).
- Swales Online Academy (2020).
- Electives Programme that the whole school does. The electives have been introduced to provide our boys with the opportunity to develop vital skills that are not addressed in the formal school curriculum. We currently offer over 40 electives.
- Next year we will be rolling out a further two hubs, which will be our remedial hub as well as the Brave Generation Academy which is a personalised, internationally recognised hybrid education model. More exciting information to follow.

These boys sitting in front of me have been part of this journey where we are revolutionising education and leading excellence in education. This journey, as I said earlier, has included our staff, you parents and Old Boys of the school - and here I need to highlight the incredible support of the DHS Foundation Trust. In the past five years they have developed a number of facilities as well as supported a number of boys in their educational journey. To mention just a few projects:

1. Two extensions of the boarding establishment;
2. Our own DHS artificial hockey turf;

3. Memorial Pavilion overlooking the fields;
4. Presently building a whole brand new floor on our biggest block to house Nonpareil and Cambridge;
5. A new state of the art high performance centre;

as well as a myriad of other smaller projects.

In difficult times these projects gave us hope and created an energy in the school that was lacking in other schools. As always, I also mention the continued support of Old Boy Chris Seabrooke who continues to sponsor and support the school.

Boys, next year you go off in different directions, but always bound by the DHS brotherhood. You have been well prepared for the rest of your life by the lessons and experiences that you have attained here.

However, the real challenges will start now. You will have many difficult choices to make in your life from the many temptations that lie ahead. While we may have laid excellent foundations for you, it is your choices hereon that will determine your character and success in life as a man and as a father. There is a saying that goes by "you make your choice and your choice makes you".

I finish off with an old Cherokee story about choice titled, The Two Wolves.

(Inspiring Short Stories about Life)
An old Cherokee chief sat down to teach his grandson about life.

"There's a fight going on inside me," he tells the young boy, "a fight between two wolves."

"One wolf is evil. It's full of malice, anger, greed, self-pity and false pride. The other is good. It's full of peace, love, joy, kindness, and humility."

"This same fight is going on inside you and everyone else on the face of the earth."

The grandson was quiet, pondering this revelation for a moment before asking, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?"

The old man smiled and replied, "The one you feed."

Moral of the story: Good and evil exist within each of us. It's our responsibility to own that reality and do whatever we can to nurture the good.

Motivational stories don't get much better than this one about starfishes!

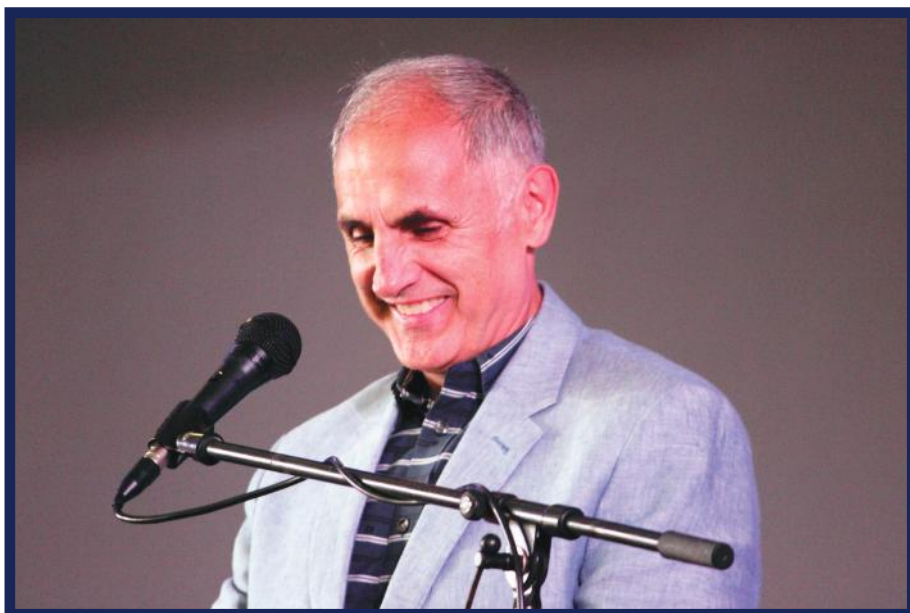
Abraham Lincoln once said:
"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

Class of 2023 - make us proud.

A D Pinheiro
15th Head Master



Address by Guest Speaker - Mr Paul Saad



Good morning to the Head Master, Tony Pinheiro, staff, parents, old boys, schoolboys, and especially the matriculants who are the reason for this special gathering today. It is both an honour and a privilege to be asked to speak today. A large part of what and who I am, and what I represent, is because of this great school. DHS is a special school, not because of the buildings or facilities but because of the dedication of the teachers, staff, old boys, parents and of course all of you young men here.

I understand the impact of social media and how it shapes young minds, and so I hopefully I can maintain your interest by being thought provoking and relatable.

Today is about you and your families and not me.

I am sure all of you have clear memories of your first day when you entered this school. I still have a clear memory 45 years ago of walking into this school with great enthusiasm but with a certain

amount of trepidation not knowing what to really expect.

I also sat in this assembly in the front row, with the same school uniform, in front of a different set of teachers and Head Master.

My first lesson I quickly learnt was how insignificant I was, and that being low profile, conforming to the rules and respecting your seniors were key survival traits. That was in the era of no mobile phone, or internet and the policy that sparing the rod spoilt the child. In simple terms, you got caned for bad behaviour, and even bad marks. It was a very different world indeed.

My other wake-up call was when I arrived, I had a false sense of my own worth. Coming from a smaller private school and playing in the top teams in my junior years, I assumed that the same would apply in DHS. I quickly realised that the competition was fierce and that to succeed it would only be due to choices and sacrifices you were

prepared to make. I only realised, many years after being out of this great school, how DHS prepared you for life. It was a school of hard knocks but with great rewards. It was up to you to create your own success by making the right choices and taking advantage of what the school offered.

Soon you will be leaving the protection of this school, with a new-found freedom and so many possibilities. This is an exciting time. But remember with your new-found freedom you must take responsibility for your future.

Some of you here today may be clear what profession or path you want to pursue, but there are probably many who are unsure or doubtful about what they should pursue. Then, to add to the confusion, many of your parents, who want what's best for you, and with good intentions, have their own strong opinions and agendas, and if that is not enough, you now must get my view and opinion. I cannot make your career choices, but I can share a few principles that have shaped or impacted my life, and hopefully this will resonate with you in a positive way.

Always be true to yourself and look at doing something that aligns closely to your passion. If you are enthusiastic about business, or law, or medicine, a trade, or digital media, or whatever occupation, then chose an option that steers you in this direction. This is logical and would give you the best chance of succeeding. It is always a major advantage if you do something that you are passionate about, as then it does not feel like work. Howard Thurman, the esteemed author wrote: "Ask not what the world needs. Ask what makes





Sportsman of Year, Leruo Dithlakanyane, and Sports Achiever of the Year, Simphiwe Ngobese, with Mr Saad

you come alive. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

If you don’t know what your path or destination is, don’t stress. The joy is in the journey. The lesson is do not ever be static or in limbo but always keep moving. Advance forward with purpose. As Nike says “Just do it!” I like this advert as it was not a supreme athlete, but an everyday person just doing their best.

As you Matrics realise, no one becomes successful by accident, and there are no short cuts. It requires hard work, sacrifice and persistence. Start always with baby steps, and most importantly never give up.

Remember - live positively, smile, be happy as you will attract positive energy, and with an attitude of positivity you will start creating momentum towards success.

Do not be scared to look in the mirror, as the person staring back at you is the only person responsible for your success. That means persistence, passion and believing in oneself.

Look at all these recent young Springbok players who, from an early age, dared

to dream and visualised themselves wearing green and gold, and through hard work, sacrifice, and never giving up were able to live those dreams.

Believe and trust in yourself and do not be scared to believe that you will succeed. We are all born spiritual beings, so tap into this higher power by having an honest relationship with God the creator as he cares about you and is merciful.

Despite what social media may tell you, success is not just measured by wealth creation. Many extraordinarily special people have no worldly wealth at all. They are driven by a purpose and passion to make a difference. Take Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a Nobel prize winner, whose sole mission was to comfort the poor, the dying, and the unwanted. She said: “We fear the future because we are wasting today”, “When you don’t have anything, then you have everything.”

Let us look at Steve Jobs who changed the world through innovation of the iPhone. Yet, with all that success, science, and brilliant minds that he surrounded himself with, he still succumbed to his failing health.

Perhaps his greatest success would have been finding a cure for his illness. This proverb puts it in perspective: “He who has health, has hope, and he who has hope, has everything.”

The media portrays success and power and happiness with fast cars, planes, latest branded clothes. This is where you need to be self-aware and careful as real happiness and success starts from within, and external possessions simply flavour this happiness. Therefore, surround yourself with good people who share your values created within your family and those nurtured in this great school.

In conclusion today, I want you to celebrate your achievements however big or small they may be. Success is a JOURNEY and not simply a destination. You are all successful in your own right and this journey at DHS started like mine in Form 2. This journey continues after school so appreciate your own uniqueness, there is only ONE of you, and always strive to be the best version of yourself, whatever that may be.

Thank you.

Paul Anthony Saad
Class of 1982



Address by Head Prefect - Riley Clarivette



Riley Clarivette and his Mom with all his prizes

It's been five years since they were in Grade 8. Where are those boys now? The ones who used to seem lost in the big school that felt like its own world. The small Grade 8s who didn't know which stairs use, who to greet, where the different blocks were, or what each tie and award meant. Where are they now? Where have the past five years gone?

Good Morning, Mr Pinheiro, Mr Saad, invited guests, staff, parents, and my fellow brothers.

The time has come for us, the Class of 2023, to bid farewell to the hallowed halls of our beloved School, and venture into the world beyond. It is an honour and a privilege to stand before you, not only as the Head Prefect, but as a brother, representing the collective achievement, dreams and inspirations of my fellow peers.

I am confident that I am speaking for most of the Grade when I say that our time at DHS has gone by much faster

than we could have ever imagined. It feels like it was just yesterday when I arrived at the school gate with my tent and sports bag, ready for our orientation camp, eager to begin my journey of not just becoming a DHS student, but also a better man in the process.

Now, what I'm about to say may be unpopular among some pupils, but regardless, it is still the truth:

Although we may have seen playing a sport a term as a disruption to our weekends, or wearing our blazers in the blistering Durban heat as unreasonable, looking back it is these small things that develop a man's character and helped to instil essential values that will help us thrive in the world - values like resilience, worth ethic and commitment.

Looking back on our years here, I can't help but feel a nostalgic sense of overwhelming emotion. The friendships we've formed, the lessons we've learnt and the experiences we've had have all left an indelible mark on our lives. Each of us has faced challenges, both big and small, and we've emerged stronger, wiser and more resilient because of them. Our teachers have not only imparted knowledge, but have also instilled in us the values of curiosity, communication, hard work and perseverance.

In a world that is constantly changing, we, as Matriculants, have learned to embody adaptability. We have thrived in an ever-evolving landscape and, as we step out into the outside world,

we must carry with us the lesson of resilience and perseverance that we have cultivated here. The challenges and uncertainties ahead must be met with the same determination and strength that has brought us to this moment.

By no means would I say that our time here at DHS was smooth sailing, from the dreaded Prefects and Matrics who were intimidating merely by their presence, to the world, battling a virus that brought everything we once knew to a grinding halt. However, through all of this, we have finally made it, some taking longer than others, to these seats, seats that symbolise the end of a chapter and the beginning of a new one.

As we venture into the future, I implore that we never lose sight of our passions and dreams. Each one of us has a unique path to tread, and the world eagerly awaits the contributions that we will make. Whatever our goals may be, whether they involve art, science, business or service to others, let us pursue them with unwavering

dedication and an unshakeable belief in ourselves.

In closing, let us cherish the memories we've created here at DHS, and also look forward to the endless possibilities that lie ahead. This is not the end, but the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our lives. Our potential is limitless, our dreams boundless, and our futures incredibly bright.

Thank you to Mr Pinheiro for being supportive and reliable and for putting up with our mischief over the past five years, and the staff for putting up with our 'willingness' to work. Thank you to the parents for always getting us to school, even on the day that we didn't want to.

Finally, thank you My Brothers, and may our journeys be filled with success, happiness and a commitment to making a difference. And remember, "that as he is, so is his school."

Riley Clarivette
Head Prefect 2023



Riley Clarivette, Head Prefect 2023, announces the Head Prefect for 2024, Unaye Mndau



Dux 2023 - Vadivelu Divesh Naiker



Dux of 2023, Divesh Naiker

I managed to place 1st in the grade in four consecutive years from Grade 9 to Matric and claimed the Afrikaans subject prize in each of those years, along with the prize for Economics in Grade 11.

In 2023, I was honoured with the Dux award at the Senior Prize-Giving, while also receiving the Afrikaans award once more.

Regarding my co-curricular activities: I participated in Toastmasters and completed the bronze level of the President's award in Grade 11. I was also a Mentor in Grade 11 and served as a member of the RCL in Grade 10 and 11.

In matric I was a member of the Prefect body. Throughout my years at DHS I played hockey, badminton, soccer and cricket, where I captained the 3rd team from the end of Grade 10.

My achievements throughout high school have allowed me to study Business Science in Finance at UKZN and I have received the Old Mutual Education Trust Bursary, which will fund my studies.

Vadivelu Divesh Naiker
Dux 2023

I attended Penzance Primary School where I placed 3rd at the end of Grade 7.

I arrived at Durban High School in 2019 and in Grade 8 I only managed to achieve an A aggregate and the subject prize for EMS. It was only at the end of Grade 9 that I placed 1st in the grade. I once again received the

EMS subject prize, but this time in conjunction with the Afrikaans prize.

Only in the beginning of Grade 10 did I realise my potential and started to come 1st or within the top 3 consistently each term. I also ended up receiving my academic honours and once again received the Afrikaans subject prize.

Cambridge Dux 2023 - Sahil Bandulal

Sahil Bandulal is a real character and an all-round academic, who was an Economics enthusiast.

He has an easy-going nature who never seemed to stress too much and then produced excellent results in his

international exams for all three of his A Level subjects:

Mathematics	82%
Computer Science	86%
Economics	83%

Considering that these are all at university level of difficulty, this was indeed impressive.

C Dickinson
Head of Cambridge Academy



Junior Academic Awards Ceremony



Top 3 in Grade 11

Emir Khan (3rd), Watusila Mfumu (2nd), Vadivelu Divesh Naiker (1st)

William Henry Davies' poem Leisure begins with the words:

*What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.*

On Friday, 17 February 2023, we at Durban High School did stop, and stare, and admire our talented Learners. The Junior Academic Awards Ceremony turned out to be a time well spent by every member of the audience.

We were privileged to have Mr Andrew Pierre Möller (Class of 1983), Director and CEO of Citadel, as our Guest Speaker. He spoke to our Learners about many pertinent issues, yet threading all these thoughts together by words of encouragement. The pivotal point of his message was our Learners must have a

dream, and a big one at that - then all else will emanate from that dream.

The Ceremony saw a celebration of the academic achievements of our Learners.

There were 29 Grade 8 (2022) Learners who received academic accolades, while 28 Grade 9 (2022) Learners were recipient of accolades for their achievements. No less than 28 Grade 10 (2022) Learners received either Half Colours or Colours, with six Learners earning Honours.

The Grade 11 (2022) Learners showed their academic prowess with 23 re-awards of Half Colours, Colours and Honours. There were a further five recipients of Colours and two Learners earned Honours for their academic endeavours.

We most certainly look forward to the next chapter in the academic journey of our Learners.

The entire Ceremony was enhanced by our talented Musicians who left the audience enthralled, speaking to our hearts with song and melody.

Our sincere thank you to all who made the Ceremony such a memorable occasion.

M Vermaak
Deputy Principal

Prize Winners

GRADE 11

Vadivelu Naiker - First in Grade 11
Watusila Mfumu - Second in Grade 11
Emir Khan - Third in Grade 11





Cambridge Top 3 in Grade 11
Jamie King (3rd), Abhay Nunan (1st),
Zane Williams (1st 2nd Year)



Top 3 in Grade 10
Keshan Pillay (3rd), Tareh Naidoo (2nd), Connor Rixon (1st)

GRADE 10

Connor Rixon - First in Grade 10
 Tareh Naidoo - Second in Grade 10
 Keshan Pillay - Third in Grade 10

GRADE 11 CAMBRIDGE

AS LEVEL : SECOND YEAR

Zane Williamson - First in Grade 11
 Sahil Bandulal - Second in Grade 11

GRADE 10 CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Joshua Loots - First in Grade 10
 Ruben Peters - First in Grade 10
 Bryce Woolf - Second in Grade 10
 Liam Stokes - Third in Grade 10

GRADE 9

Nirav Ramjuguth - First in Grade 9
 Thiren Naidoo - Second in Grade 9
 Nivaan Chetty - Third in Grade 9

AS LEVEL : FIRST YEAR

Abhay Nunan - First in Grade 11
 Tariq Ayyoub - Second in Grade 11
 Jamie King - Third in Grade 11

GRADE 9 CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Mika Ballim - First in Grade 9
 Morgan Siljebrandt - Second in Grade 9
 Alexander Blyth - Third in Grade 9

GRADE 8

Amaar Essack - First in Grade 8
 Matthew Mottram - Second in Grade 8
 Koven Naicker - Third in Grade 8

Cambridge Top 3 in Grade 10
Liam Stokes (3rd), Ruben Peters (1st),
Joshua Loots (1st)

Top in Grade 9
Nivaan Chetty (3rd),
Nirav Ramjuguth (1st)



Cambridge Top in Grade 9
Liam Stokes (3rd), Ruben Peters (1st),
Joshua Loots (1st)



Top 3 in Grade 8
Kovan Naicker (3rd), Matthew Mottram (2nd),
Amaar Essack (1st)



Lulonke Gono, UKZN
Maths & Science Prize

Address by Guest Speaker - Mr Andrew Möller



Guest Speaker, Mr Andrew Möller, presents Lulonke Gono with the UKZN Outstanding Achievement Award for Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Good Morning Head Master, Teachers, Parents and Honourable Gentlemen of Durban High School.

"Stay away from those who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too."

Those famous words were penned by an author called Mark Twain. Twain was a remarkable man with incredible insight into the human condition and behaviour.

I am standing here today because I believe that you, as Durban High School learners - my alma mater - have the potential to be great.

Why do I say that? Because, I think, my school mates and I turned out okay.

40 years ago - just as you are today, I was also sitting in this same hall at a ceremony and prize-giving, I represent the Class of '83.

At that time I never imagined, and I assure you less so my teachers, that I would be standing here addressing

a cohort of young men - four decades later.

When I was invited to deliver this address today, I was truly humbled and I thought to myself, what insights can I possibly share with the younger generation?

What would I say to my younger self - what can I say that will motivate and inspire you to find greatness within yourselves, and to inspire the belief in you that you literally can be as great as you simply choose to be?



As you may know, I am the CEO of Citadel, a South African wealth management company. A company that has close to 100 billion in assets under management, over 500 employees, and a growing international footprint.

The slogan for my company is “Beyond Remarkable”. This is a mantra that is very close to my heart, because it’s something I have always tried and encouraged those around me to be.

Now we know the world is going through some tough times: the recent devastating earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria, the Russia-Ukraine war, rising interest rates, energy crises, to list a few. South Africa also has its challenges, none more so than load shedding, which is impacting us all and giving us concern for the future of the country.

But remember:

Of course there are problems in this world - there always have been, and there always will be.

Of course there are problems in South Africa - there always have been, and there always will be.

But, if you only hear one thing today, let it be this: Simply put, there are really only two things you can decide right now.

The first is: When viewing the next 40 years of your life, do you just see problems or do you see opportunities? The second thing is: What are you going to do about it? What can you do that will make a difference to your family, your friends, your colleagues, your community, your town, your country?

Going beyond remarkable is certainly not about you becoming the next Steve Jobs or Elon Musk. It is about showing up in your life and working towards a future you are proud of, a future that will support your loved ones, your community, and your country.

We need to remember when we set our course in life, that we all bring something to the table. We all have something to offer. At school, I was neither very sporty nor did not necessarily excel academically.

If I had constantly compared myself to the top performers, I would never have aspired to be anything.

The point is that the definition of what remarkable is, is highly personal. We are individuals and we need to decide what we want for our own individual lives. And then, importantly, plan how we are going to get there.

So, what makes us remarkable is not what we choose to do, but the spirit with which we do it.

So, what can I say to inspire you today? Well here are my wishes for you, as young men, soon to be heading out into the world.

Have a dream.

Gentlemen, you sit here with only a few short months of your school career left. You are ready and about to make the leap into adulthood. This is a time where you can literally do and achieve anything you set your mind to, you have a ‘blank canvas’ on which to draw.

So, it’s exactly now that you need to start having a dream of what you want. You need to start formulating a firm idea of where you want to be and what type of life you want to be living 10, 15, 20 years from now.

And at this stage, the dream is all about you. You have to decide what you love. Your dream is not about what your folks want you to do or what your mates are doing. You need to find your own ‘happy place’ - this is how you build a solid foundation for your success.

I also urge you to dream big. I am sure you are all familiar with Martin Luther King’s I had a dream speech, this epitomises dreaming big. In the speech, he didn’t list just one dream, he listed many dreams; many dreams that lead to his ultimate goal of racial harmony in America. It was a pivotal speech, and it encapsulated the idea of having a big dream, because your dreams determine the scope of your life.

When I was your age, I had no idea what my life would look like in the future, but I did know what I wanted. I wanted to be financially independent. I wanted the nice car, the comfortable home, the holidays, the happy family. I suppose I also wanted to make a difference, but 40 years ago I didn’t really know how I could do that. I did however have a dream, a firm idea of what I wanted. It was big and it was broad. I could achieve it a myriad ways - because the dream is the end goal, how you get there is up to you.

So have a plan.

Abraham Lincoln famously said; “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

It doesn’t matter where you start. You may choose to go to university next year, you may go straight into a job or you may choose a gap year. You may choose to enter the corporate world or choose to join the family business.

What I stress, again, is that your journey is personal. It must reflect who you are, what you want. You cannot always achieve a goal in the same way someone else does, our circumstances are different. It doesn’t mean your journey will be less successful, it will just be different. But, if you want to actualise your long-term dream, then you need to know how you are going to achieve it. Also, I urge you to remain flexible



on how you do eventually achieve that dream.

I had a plan. Go and study, get a job, work hard, and start my own business.

I stuck to my plan. I left school, I went to university and studied law. Then my plan took a detour. I found myself travelling, seeing the world, it was simply a detour in life - but one that helped me grow, helped me see the world, but it did not derail my plan.

When I returned home, I entered the financial world, first as a lawyer for Old Mutual, before I joined Citadel. While I did not start my own business, I took that entrepreneurial drive and started building my own brand, my "own business" within the corporate environment I found myself.

So, while my plan wasn't set in stone, I kept returning to it. It was constantly there to guide me. Remember that if you find things are not going to plan, one possible reason for that is that you didn't have a plan in the first place.

But then even the best laid plans don't go to ... well ... plan ... especially initially. It takes perseverance, you cannot give up.

Think about this quote from Nelson Mandela for a second.

"I never lose - I either win or I learn."

Everybody faces obstacles, makes mistakes or has bad experiences and this often make us want to give up, change direction, or water down our plans.

But how will you ever learn if you don't make mistakes? Mistakes are part of life, obstacles are part of life, mishaps are part of life. They are what give us our most important life lessons. Success is not a good teacher.

What matters is how you react when these things happen to you. I know that this may come across as clichéd, a bit cheesy, but I challenge you to think differently the next time something challenging happens to you. Don't ask, "why is life doing this to me?", rather ask, "what can I learn from this?" In a perverse way, consider it a gift!

Include mistakes and how to deal with them into your plan. Be creative and innovative in your thinking, sometimes you will need a new way of approaching a problem.

Next - be entrepreneurial - be innovative - keep creating.

We live in a country that is in desperate need of job creation. Entrepreneurs create jobs. But they do more than that. Entrepreneurs innovate. They solve problems that we in corporates cannot solve. They are nimble, and can pivot quickly.

South Africa has a history of finding great and innovative solutions to everyday problems. Now, however, we need to start innovating to create social solutions for our country.

Over the years, the world's best innovations have come from a desire to make life better and easier for people. Re-imagination, reinvention and innovation are as old as time.

Henry Ford, who changed the world forever with the introduction of the mass-produced combustion-engine car, famously answered when asked how he came up with the idea, "If I had asked the people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses".

More recently technology has taken over and our biggest innovations are all technology based.

The world's biggest taxi company, Uber, has literally transformed transport in

our cities. The company is simply an app. It doesn't own a single car and has only been around since 2012. The world's biggest hotel chain doesn't own a single building or room. The Airbnb app was created in 2007 and transformed the way we book holidays.

It made going on holiday easy, without exorbitant hotel rates. These companies, which didn't exist 15 years ago, have reinvented global service industries and have, in fact, improved on them. Look at retail. How many of you shop from the comfort of your couch? Amazon, founded in 1995, and Takealot, in 2011, have changed the face of the retail industry.

Nowadays, however, the world's biggest photography company is Instagram. It is free, it is paperless, and now, with our phones becoming cameras, many of those companies that relied on cameras and film don't exist anymore. But taking and sharing pictures has never been easier.

These are all examples where someone saw something and thought "we can do this better, we can do it differently". It doesn't matter what sparked this thinking - survival, financial reward, altruism - what matters is that they saw a different way of doing things. They were creative, innovative, tried and failed, and yet tried again. They were pioneers.

So, as I stand here today, I urge you to be entrepreneurial. Go and start something. You don't need money, backing or business plans - that comes later. You need imagination and hunger and guts and tenacity - the things that you have learnt at this great school - and you may fail at first, or many times, and that's okay.

And remember - and not many businessmen will tell you this - business is simple. Business is simple, made



complicated by clever people. So, keep it simple. And surround yourself with good people.

Surrounding yourself with the best people is possibly one of the most important insights into life that I can share with you today.

At this age, your circle of friends will undoubtedly have one of the biggest impacts on your chances of success, more so than you will ever currently realise. I remind my children of this often. I urge them to surround themselves with people of a similar mindset and culture. When you are aligned with people, you will find that you inevitably complement each other's strengths, and weaknesses, and can build something remarkable together.

I want to illustrate this truism by asking; have you ever wondered "What if China played rugby"? With a population of almost two billion people, would they dominate world rugby?

I have always been fascinated why are the Jamaicans such good sprinters? Why does South Korea produce so many exceptional female golfers? Why are the middle and long-distance champions in the Olympics almost always from Kenya or Ethiopia? Why does Egypt continue to produce such top-quality squash players? Why are New Zealand's All Blacks consistently good at rugby and statistically the best sports team on the planet?

I ask this regularly, especially when you look at the population figures of these countries and the pool of available people to select from.

Ethiopia	94 million
Egypt	88 million
South Korea	48 million
Kenya	39 million
New Zealand	4,5 million
Jamaica	2,7 million

If you compare this with China's two billion people and India's 1,5 billion and the USA's 350 million you would think that these mega-countries would be winning everything. The logic surely must be that the more people one has to choose from, the better chances one has of being the best. But this is not the case.

So, what makes these smaller countries so good at their chosen fields? What gives them the winning edge over the global giants? Despite the obvious environmental conditions, there is also the vital factor of success breeding success, the wealth of role models to admire and copy.

What I am saying is, if you want to be the best rugby player, surround yourself with top rugby players. If you want to be an artist, surround yourself with the most inspiring creative forces. If you want to be a leading cardiologist, hang out with the best doctors. If you want to be a good person, surround yourself with good people, people who are aligned with your values, your morals, your dreams - but it has to first start with you.

When I look at my tenure as the CEO of Citadel, I realise that any success can be attributed to the people I have surrounded myself with. My wife has supported my goals, she has stood by me in times of hardship as well as success. I have made sure that I have stood by her too. My executive team has also complemented my weaknesses with their strengths, and we have moved the company forward on a trajectory that we all envision and buy into.

In your life, make sure your collective wants to achieve what you do. If they do not, then I urge you to walk the path alone, rather than give up on your dreams. You will eventually meet up with your tribe along the road. Never

let anyone interfere with your chance of reaching your dreams.

But two other factors stand out for me when it comes to success - CULTURE and DESIRE.

So --- what is the culture at DHS?

As a school, we have always set high expectations for ourselves and many times these expectations are reached and often surpassed. We expect to do well and we often do. But school culture on its own is not enough.

With culture must come desire - a deep-seated desire to do your individual best. You need your own personal driving desire. You need to find what motivates you to perform at your best. And I am not just talking only about sport, but also your studies, your music, your drama and art, friendships, and life.

Motivation can be extrinsic, meaning you are motivated by outside factors such as escape from poverty or a tangible reward such as medals and trophies, or a big salary. Or it can be intrinsic, where the satisfaction comes from within, how we feel when we have done well.

Either way, a desire to do well is vital. I cannot stress this enough. You have to want to succeed. And then, with the backing of a school like DHS, with its culture of high performance, I believe that you cannot but succeed.

You will, however, need steadfast determination, self-belief and a good dose of courage.

Sometimes life will seem daunting, but I want you to think back over your life. Remember when you were three and your mom took you to preschool for the first time, and you clung to her skirt terrified? That took courage.



Remember when you started primary school at the age of six or seven, and you were in big school for the first time? That took courage.

Perhaps the most courageous thing you could've done in your life, is going from being the rooster in grade 7 to the feather duster in grade 8. High school is daunting, suddenly the boys are men. You had to grow up, quickly. You had to adapt to a new environment. But you survived and thrived.

Life is not always fair, and school will have taught you that, I believe there are few better training grounds for life than five years at an all-boys school. Life is not going to be much different. You are going to need to compete for what you want. You are regularly going to need to summon your courage to keep going.

But remember "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying: I will try again tomorrow". These words by Mary Anne Radmacher have got me through a lot of tough times, and I remind my children, Ruby and Finn, of this too, when their lives get rocky.

Sometimes the best way to throw a punch - is to take a step backwards.

Taking baby steps in life is a bit like compound interest ... over time, a little can go a long way. According to Einstein it is the eighth wonder of the world.

But I digress...when I look back at my life, I well remember the times where I had to summon all of my courage.

The day that I was made the CEO of Citadel, although one of the proudest moments of my life, was literally also the most terrifying. I was not even a director of the business at the time. I had no idea how to be a CEO of a company. But, I took a deep breath and took every day as it came. I set a

vision for myself - a dream, I set out a plan, I surrounded myself with people who could complement my strengths and weaknesses and I started crawling. Soon, I could walk and, before I knew it, I was running.

Finally, there are three character traits things that I feel are vital to success: be impeccable, be true to your word.

I have taught my two children that, whether you like it or not, the world views you on how you behave. They assess you on how you show up. That is why being impeccable is so important. It dictates how people view us, view our abilities, view our characters. So, when I say impeccable (and there are many things this can mean), I mention four simple ones:

- When you say you are going to do something - do it.
- Don't be reckless with other people's feelings - but also don't put up with people that are reckless with yours.
- Stand up for the kids who are being bullied, the people who are being disrespected, the people who are being marginalised.
- Take responsibility when you are wrong, apologise when needed.

Be grateful. Gratitude, I believe, is one of the quickest ways to manifest your dreams. Be thankful for the small victories. Be thankful for having a full stomach, clothes, running water, a car, a top-class education. If you can't be grateful for the little things, if you can't find happiness in the mundane, not only will you never be happy with your big successes, you probably will not even notice when they turn up.

And above all else gentlemen, be humble. Remember, none of us are better than the next. You may have a better education, get paid more, drive a fancier car, but you are never better than

anyone else and you are not entitled to more than anyone else. Never forget that after the game, the King and the pawn both go back into the same box. So always be humble.

And finally, there is no better way to open your mind than to travel. Travelling helps you meet new cultures and experience how other people live. It helps you realise that when you think everything is terrible at home, that every other country has its own set of challenges. Travelling makes you appreciate what you have and how lucky you are to live in this beautiful country.

As I conclude, I am aware that we are living in a world of unprecedented change. Your future certainly has a very different hue to what mine did 40 years ago.

But I can assure you the secrets of success, are timeless and are as valid now as they were in the 80s. Values, ethics, morals, never change. How to be a good person doesn't change, how to show up for life and succeed hasn't changed.

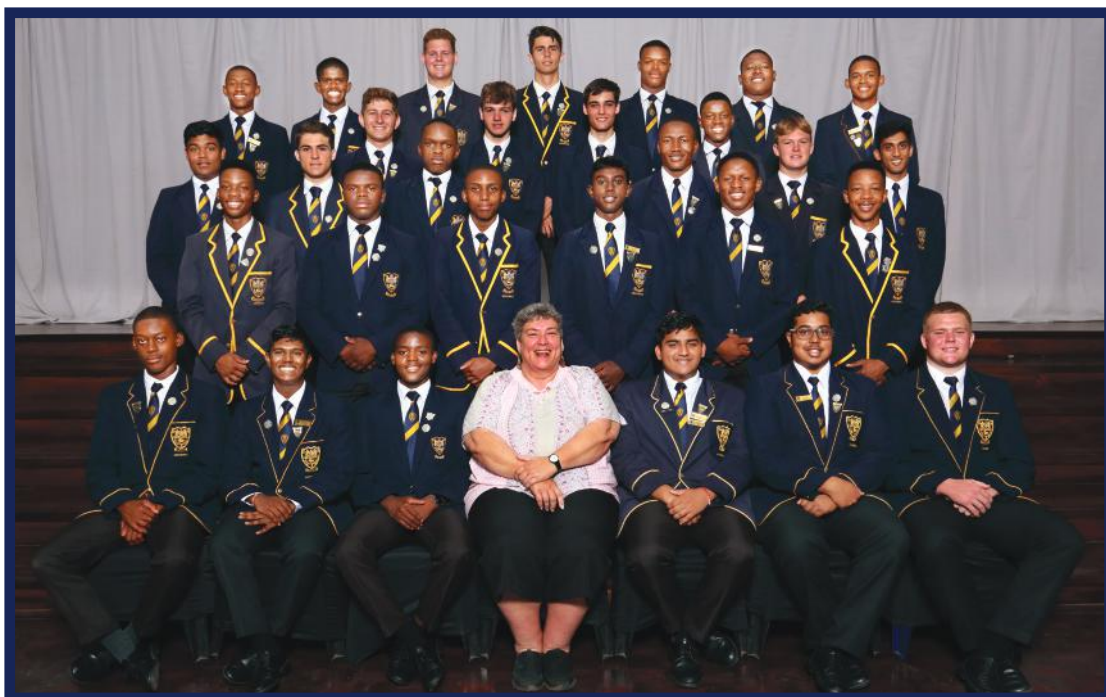
Today has brought back so many wonderful memories. I remember with great fondness my days in the navy blazer, walking the corridors from class to class and the many assemblies in this very hall. Talking to you today, and sharing some insights and personal commentary has been an honour. Mr Pinheiro, once again thank you for the invitation and opportunity to be here today. I consider it a privilege and a memory that I will carry with me.

Gentlemen, I wish you all great success in your lives as you go "Beyond Remarkable".

Thank you.

Andrew Möller
Class of 1983





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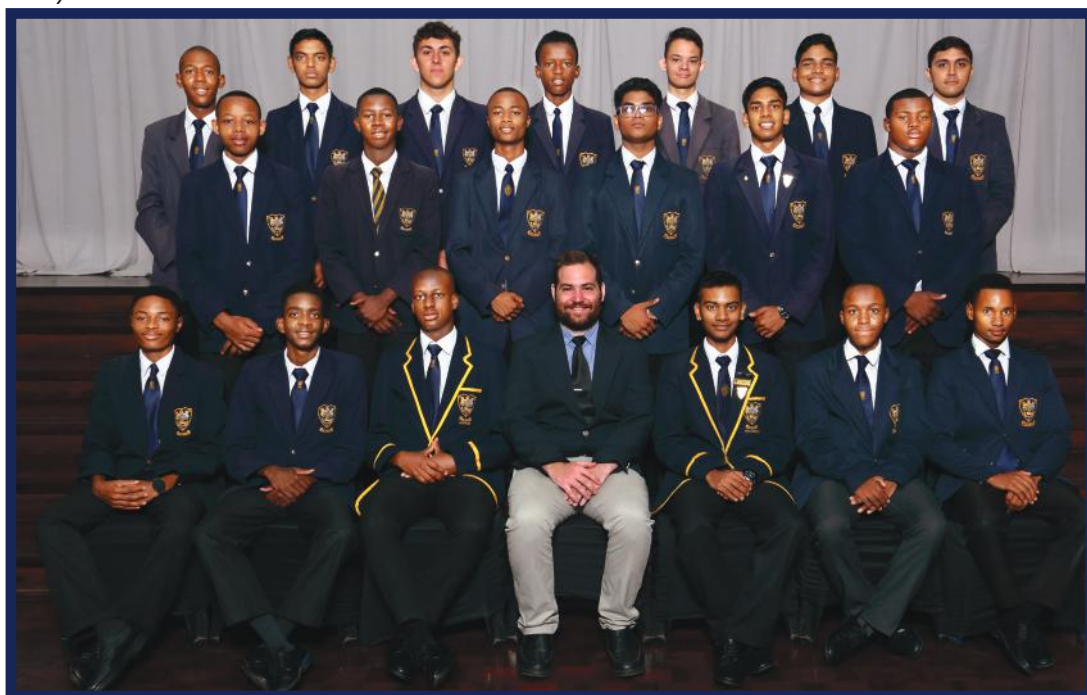
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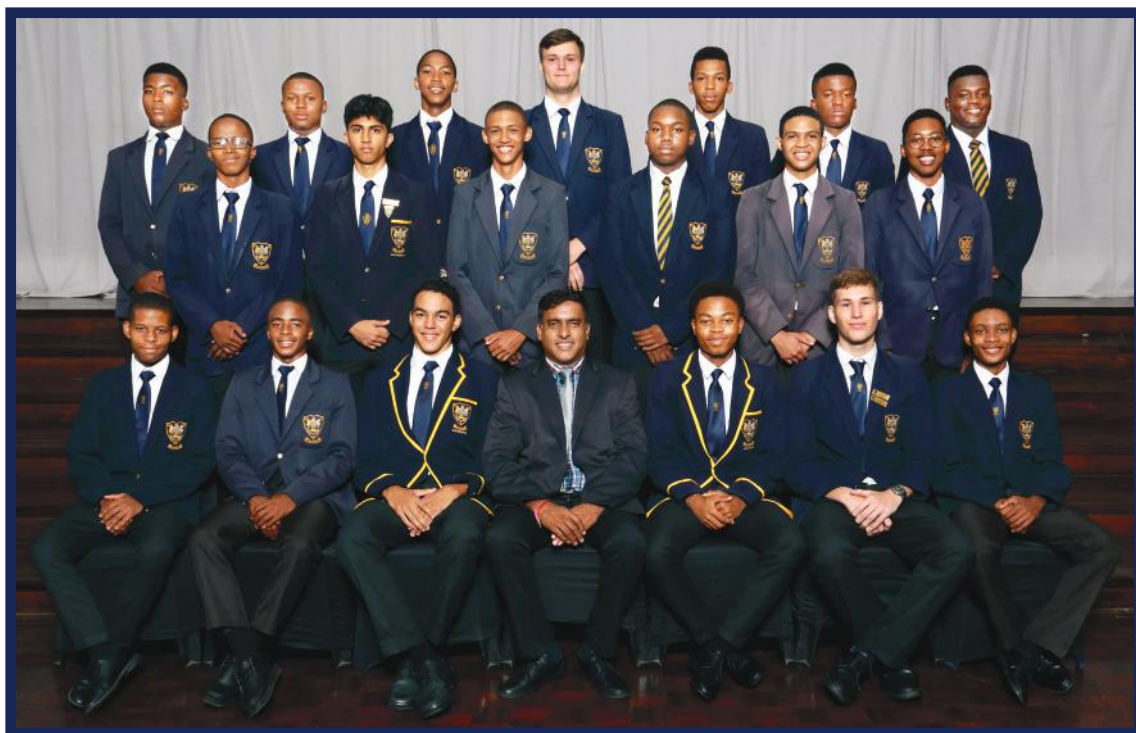
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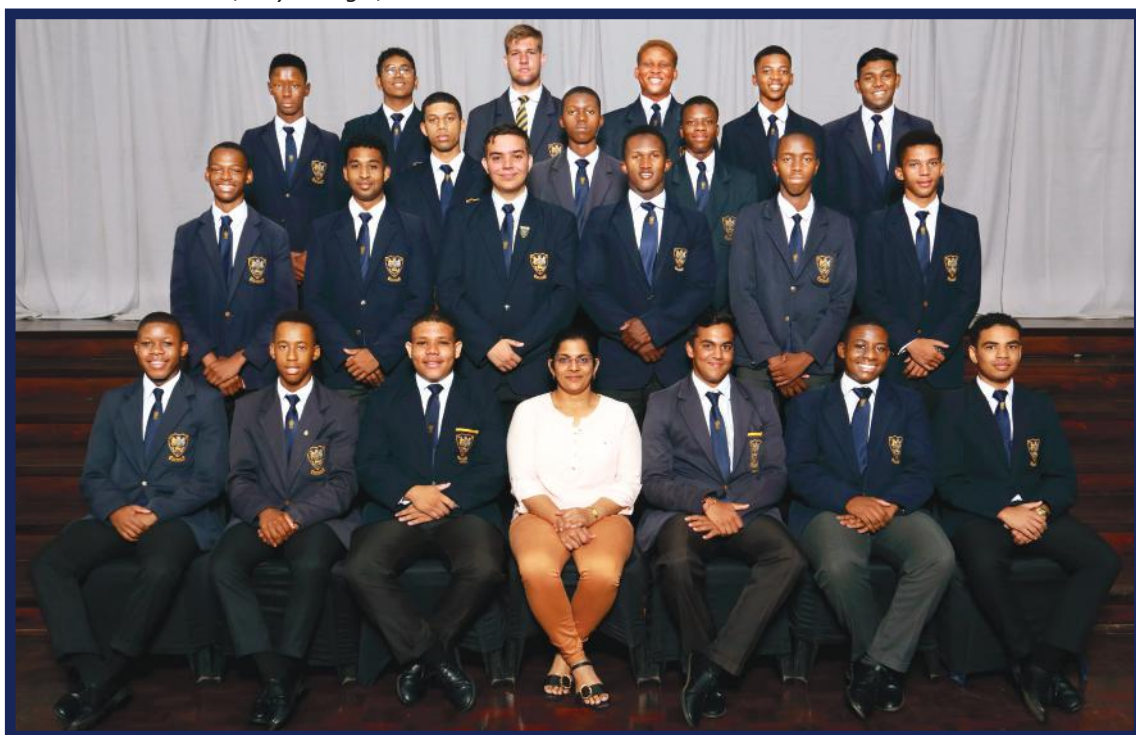
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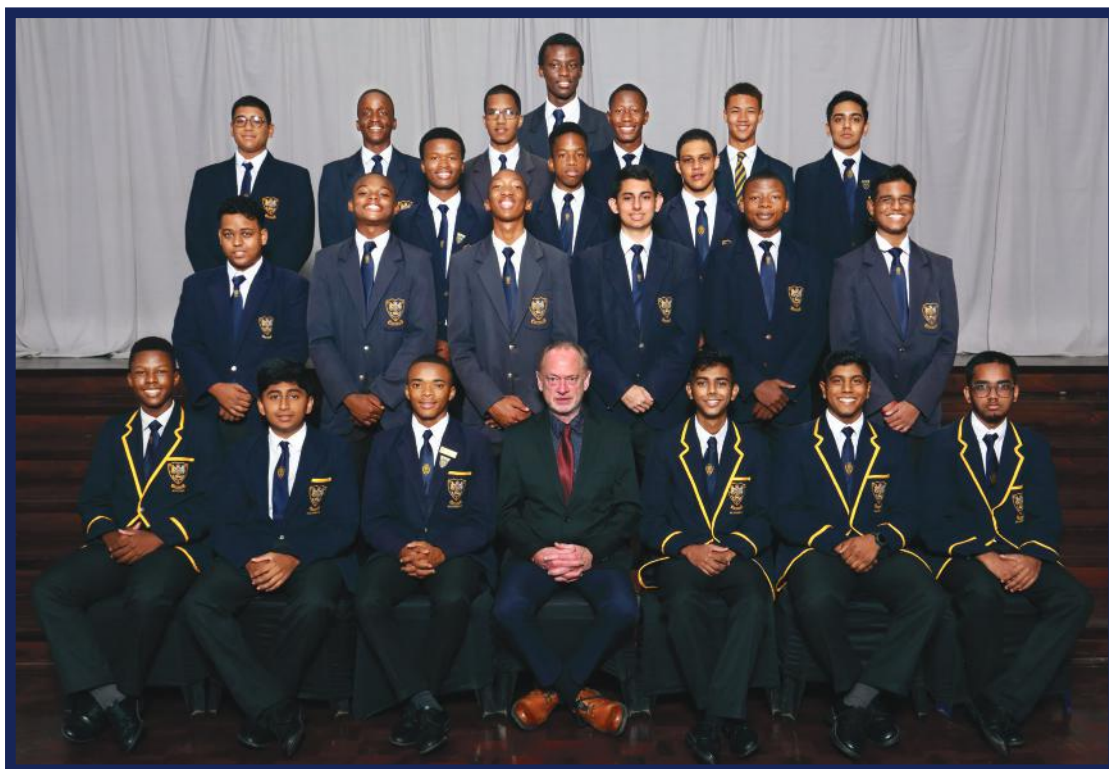
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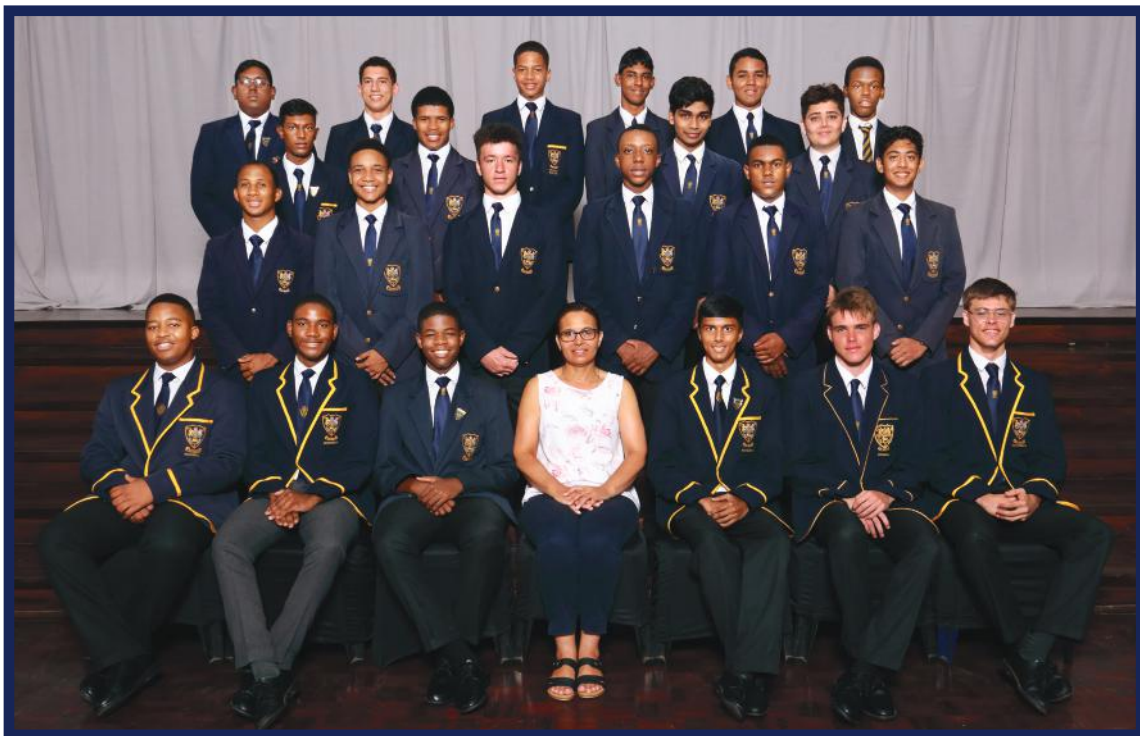
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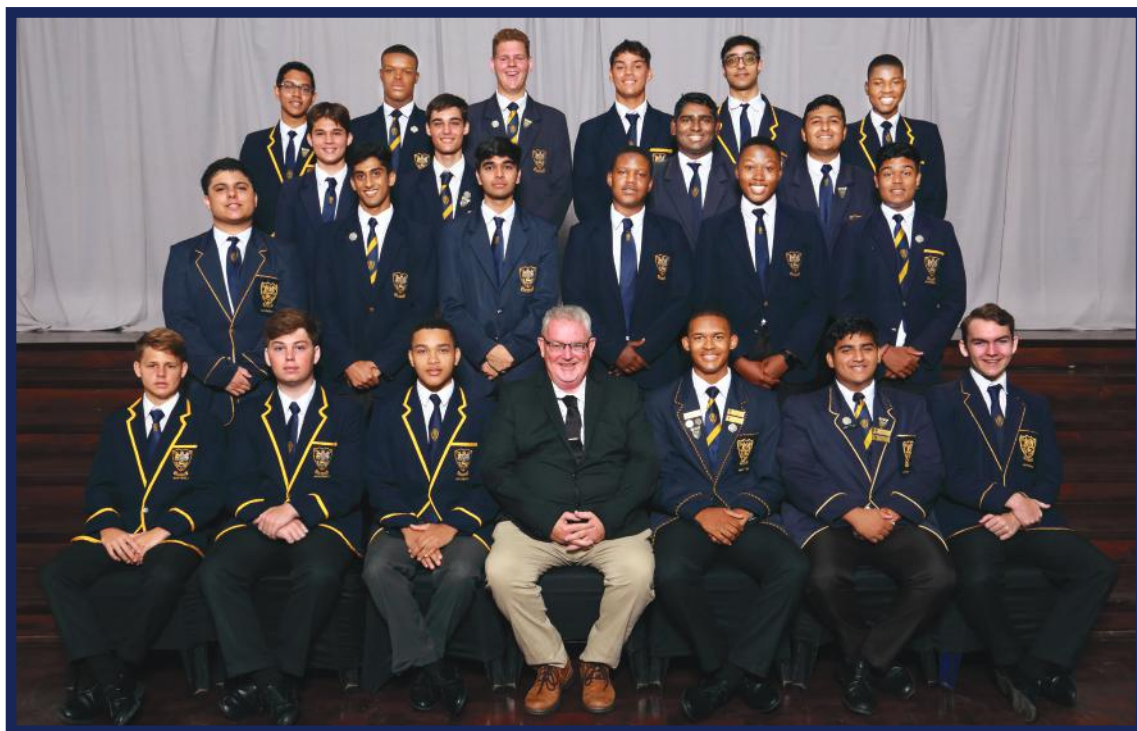
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Matric Results 2023

The NSC Matric results were released on 19 January 2024 and we were delighted to celebrate our Class of 2023.

Congratulations to all of you! We celebrate the following fantastic achievements of our most recent past Learners:

- 98% pass rate;
- Eight Learners with 6 As or more;
- 98% pass rate for Mathematics.

We were particularly pleased with the results of two of our following Learners:

Vadivelu Naiker (Dux) with 7 As;
Usuf Abubakr with 7 As.

'May each and every one of them ever remember that as he is, so is his School.'

7 Distinctions:

Vadivelu Naiker - English 82%, Afrikaans 89%, Maths 87%, Accounting 93%, Economics 86%, Physical Sciences 84% Life Orientation 91%

Abu Usuf - English 82%, Afrikaans 80%, Maths 80%, Accounting 92%, History 89%, Economics 83%, Life Orientation 96%

6 Distinctions:

Watusila Mfumu - English 85%, Maths 90%, Accounting 87%, Economics, 90%, Physical Sciences 90%, Life Orientation 96%

Asande Mkhulise - IsiZulu 90%, Maths 94%, Life Sciences 82%, Business Studies 84%, Physical Sciences 86%, Life Orientation 94%

Zakariyya Motala - English 81%, Maths 89%, Accounting 86%, Life Sciences 87%, Physical Sciences 90%, Life Orientation 93%

Aphile Ndawonde - IsiZulu 90%, Maths 83%, Accounting 82%, Geography 80%, Physical Sciences 82%, Life Orientation 84%

Tumiso Nkosi - IsiZulu 92%, Maths Lit 86%, Geography 90%, History 92%, Economics 93%, Life Orientation 96%

Muhammad Shaik - English 81%, Maths 86%, Accounting 95%, Life Sciences 83%, Physical Sciences 90%, Life Orientation 98%

5 Distinctions:

Jaden Dookie - Maths 91%, Accounting 84% Drama 85%, Physical Sciences 80%

Lulonke Gono - Maths 92%, Life Sciences 87%, Business Studies 88%, Physical Sciences 89%, Life Orientation 94%

Nkanyezi Mpiti - IsiZulu 85%, Life Sciences 83%, Geography 89%, Physical Sciences 82%, Life Orientation 86%

Nhlosenhle Ndimande - IsiZulu 90%, Maths 89%, Life Sciences 82%, Physical Sciences 85%, Life Orientation 91%

4 Distinctions:

Troy Getkate - Afrikaans 84%, Maths 87%, Life Sciences 82%, Life Orientation 91%

Bradley Govender - Maths 82%, Business Studies 86%, Physical Sciences 87%, Life Orientation 87%

Anotha Khumalo - IsiZulu 80%, Life Sciences 81%, Geography 87%, Life Orientation 87%

Skye King - Life Sciences 84%, Business Studies 83%, Physical Sciences 83%, Life Orientation 96%

Baldwin Mazuba - Maths 82%, Life Sciences 84%, Physical Sciences 91%, Life Orientation 84%

Kian Rama - Afrikaans 85%, Life Sciences 82%, Physical Sciences 81%, Life Orientation 93%

Tanatswa Tagwira - Maths 84%, Life Sciences 84%, Information Technology 90%, Life Orientation 95%

Bryce Techet - Maths 87%, Accounting 82%, Engineering Graphics 92%, Life Orientation 86%

Finnley Wyllie - Geography 81%, Information Technology 94%, Physical Sciences 84%, Life Orientation 90%

Congratulations to the Gentlemen of our Class of 2023 - we wish them all the very best for their futures!

Deo Fretus!

S Drew
Editor



NSC Results 2023

The candidates below were awarded the National Senior Certificate in 2023 as they met the minimum requirements for admission to Bachelors degree, Diploma or higher certificate study at higher education institutions.

The following candidates passed at “Bachelor” Level (the subject codes indicate distinctions - over 80%):

Name	Distinction Subjects	Name	Distinction Subjects
Aniff, Muhammad	LIFO	Mabaso, Anathi	
Arumugam, Eveshan	LIFO	Makhanya, Phaniso	
Basson, Weihrich	AFRFA	Makhanya, Yonela	
Behari, Mihir	LIFO	Manning, Rayn	
Bouton, Luc		Maphumulo, Aphelele	ZULFA, LIFO
Bowes, Connor	LIFO	Matiwane, Luyakha	
Brown, Theo	ZULFA, LIFO	Matshotyana, Mthetho	ZULFA, GEOG, BSTD
Bulbulia, Muhammad		Mazibuko, Amahle	ZULFA
Canham, Oluhle	ZULFA, MATH, LIFO	Mazuba, Baldwin	MATH, LFSC, PHSC, LIFO
Chinniah, Ethan	LIFO	Mbambo, Andile	
Clarivette, Riley	GEOG, MUSC, LIFO	Mbambo, Kwazikwenkosi	
Dlamini, Esethu	ZULFA	McCalgan, Kyle	INFT, PHSC, LIFO
Dlamini, Mpendulo	ZULFA	Meyers, Charl	AFRFA, MLIT
Dlamini, Siyanda		Mfumu, Watusila	ENGHL, MATH, ACCN, ECON, PHSC, LIFO
Dookie, Jaden	MATH, ACCN, DRMA, PHSC, LIFO	Miller, Jude	
Dreyer, Declan	LIFO	Mkhulise, Asande	ZULFA, MATH, LFSC, BSTD, PHSC, LIFO
Erasmus, Daniel	AFRFA	Mkokeli, Azi	
Everitt, Christian		Mndaweni, Kamohelo	ZULFA, BSTD, LIFO
Fick, Joshua		Mngomezulu, Thuthuka	
Francis, Drew	LIFO	Mnguni, Mawande	ZULFA, LIFO
Frankson, Allain	GEOG	Mokgatle, Kgotso	HIST
Fynn, Matthew		Morris, Christopher	LIFO
Getkate, Troy	AFRFA, MATH, LFSC, LIFO	Motala, Zakariyya	ENGHL, MATH, ACCN, LFSC, PHSC, LIFO
Gono, Lulonke	MATH, LFSC, BSTD, PHSC, LIFO	Mpiti, Nkanyezi	ZULFA, LFSC, GEOG, PHSC, LIFO
Govender, Bradley	MATH, BSTD, PHSC, LIFO	Mseleku, Khulekani	ZULFA
Govender, Kale	INFT, LIFO	Msomi, Wamkelwe	LIFO
Govender, Varshan	MUSC, LIFO	Mtshali, Ayanda	
Gudgeon, Alexander		Mubiru, Divano	
Hazell, Finnley		Mvubu, Siphesihle	ZULFA
Henry, Keelan	MLIT	Myuni, Langelihle	ZULFA, LIFO
Hiralal, Kethan	MATH, ECON, LIFO	Naidoo, Saihil	MLIT, HIST
Hlabisa, Simamkele		Naiker, Vadivelu	ENGHL, AFRFA, MATH, ACCN, ECON, PHSC, LIFO
Jacobs, Shuaib		Ndawonde, Aphile	ZULFA, MATH, ACCN, GEOG, PHSC, LIFO
Joseph, Rehan	MATH, INFT, LIFO	Ndebele, Owethu	
Khan, Emir	ENGHL, LFSC, LIFO	Ndimande, Nhlosenhle	ZULFA, MATH, LFSC, PHSC, LIFO
Khan, Muhammed		Ndlanya, Ntsika	ZULFA, LIFO
Khanyile, Khanyani	ZULFA	Ngcobo, Ndumiso	ZULFA, LIFO
Khumalo, Anotha	ZULFA, LFSC, GEOG, LIFO	Nhlumayo, Anele	
King, Skye	LFSC, BSTD, PHSC, LIFO	Nkosi, Tumiso	ZULFA, MLIT, GEOG, HIST, ECON, LIFO
Kinsey, Callyn		Ntshangase, Thandolwami	ZULFA
Kippen, Joshua		Ntsoane, Maseru	LIFO
Maasdorp, Aldridge			



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Nxasana, Aphelele	ZULFA	Songunzu, Lelethu	
Nyuswa, Prince		Steele, Mitchell	MLIT, LIFO
Olivier, Kegan		Subbiah, Jordan	GRDS, MUSC, LIFO
Perumal, Alastair	LIFO	Tagwira, Tanatswa	MATH, LFSC, INFT, LIFO
Perumal, Benjamin	LIFO	Techet, Bryce	MATH, ACCN, GRDS, LIFO
Preston, Adam	LIFO	Thiam, Ali	
Radebe, Azola	ZULFA	Truter, Reece	
Rama, Kian	AFRFA, LFSC, PHSC, LIFO	Twala, Fanelesibonge	
Ramashamole, Muso	LIFO	Umlaw, Nandile	ZULFA
Rambaran, Saharsh	MATH, ACCN, INFT, LIFO, PHSC	Usuf, Abu	ENGHL, AFRFA, MATH, ACCN, HIST, ECON
Ramsaroop, Prishan	ENGHL, PHSC, LIFO	Van, Ethyn	
Rapiti, Tristan	HIST, LIFO	Van, Sebastian	
Raynard, Keyontae		Varden, Keiren	ACCN, GRDS
Rose, Wyatt		Visick, Jordan	LIFO
Shabane, Khwezi	ZULFA, GRDS, LIFO	Wyllie, Finnley	GEOG, INFT, PHSC, LIFO
Shaik, Muhammad	ENGHL, MATH, ACCN, LFSC, PHSC, LIFO	Ximba, Amahle	
Sheoshanker, Raul	BSTD, LIFO	Yende, Aphile	
Sibisi, Alande		Zama, Bandile	LIFO
Simpson, Lemar	LIFO	Zondi, Sduduzo	ZULFA
Singh, Shiviq	LIFO	Zungu, Siphiwosethu	ZULFA, LIFO

The following candidates passed at “Diploma” Level (the subject codes indicate distinctions - over 80%):

Name	Distinction Subjects	Name	Distinction Subjects
Asmal, Uzair	LIFO	Mdakane, Thando	
Bhengu, Siyanda	ZULFA	Ngobese, Simphiwe	
Boesak, Deano		Ntshangase, Joaquin	ZULFA
Buthelezi, Ntando		Ockhuis, Florensen	
Franken, Axl		Pillay, Kyrin	
Gabela, Mpendulo		Pillay, Sayuran	
Gallagher, Luke		Qasha, Luvuyo	
Gasa, Melokuhle		Quinn, Ayden	
Hatcher, Tyron		Rampersadh, Divakar	
Jaichand, Jaidon		Roberts, Jaitley	
Jamarie, Bryan		Shange, Lumiso	
James, Tyrees		Singh, Shikaar	
Lee, Mikael		Vally, Muhammad	
Masondo, Nkululeko	ZULFA	Vilakazi, Minenhle	
Mayedwa, Inganawe		Willemse, Jabun	
Mbhele, Sibusiso		Zulu, Akhona	

The following candidates passed at “Certificate” Level (the subject codes indicate distinctions - over 80%):

Name	Distinction Subjects	Name	Distinction Subjects
Bunge, Mpila		Moloi, Tokelo	
Ditlhakanyane, Leruo		Ncube, Sanda	
Khoza, Lindokuhle	ZULFA	Ogle, Deylan	
Mkhize, Minenhle		Ruiters, Liam	



Matric Dance - Timeless Elegance

Time certainly stood still for our boys when the Class of 2023 celebrated their much-anticipated Matric Dance with such style and elegance.

Greyville Convention Centre was once again flooded by a parade of luxury vehicles. One thing is for certain, our boys certainly know how to arrive in the style worthy of celebrities. We were all blown away, and sometimes deafened, by the arrival of our stars in their limousines, hummers, taxis, party buses and the ordinary Ford Rangers. No cost was spared in ensuring a memorable arrival. Bruce and Davis, our photographers had their work cut

out for them as they worked tirelessly in ensuring they captured every arrival.

The clean yet opulent décor of white, silver and a hint of turquoise created a romantic, elegant setting for an amazing evening. Once again Cameron outdid himself in creating a beautiful setting for our dance.

As per tradition, Mr Pinheiro and his lovely wife, Colleen, welcomed all our guests to a fun filled evening. Each place setting was carefully and meticulously arranged with the boys' personalised class rings and a handmade bracelet for their partners.

Once the formalities were completed everyone indulged in a scrumptious full buffet style dinner. Peggy and her team outdid themselves in ensuring the best quality food was served. The delectable desserts included the most divine cheesecakes.

AK and his team had the guests on the floor dancing to the beats right up until it was time to leave. A huge thank you to all the service providers for ensuring we all had an amazing evening.

S Nagiah

Matric Dance Co-ordinator



Timeless Elegance!



Founders Day



Founders Day is an extremely important day in the school calendar. It is a day when members of the Old Boys community meet to remember those who founded the school and who have developed the school into what it is today."

The three days of celebrations to commemorate School's 157th birthday were filled with events, reunions, camaraderie, reminiscing, laughter, excitement, pride, school songs and, of course, war cries. Plus, the cherry on top to round off a perfect long weekend, was some really great sport.

The DHS Foundation Trust hosted two separate Golf Days on Thursday and Friday, various Reunions, a Founders Assembly on Friday morning, the Bill Payn Fun 10km Run on Saturday morning, and gatherings in the Memorial Courtyard before and after the Rugby.

The Founders Assembly was attended by some special guests:

Mr Dave Wagner - former Head Master; an Old Boy himself, he was attending his 50th Reunion;

Themba Ntetha - one of the longest serving staff members (44 years);

Sudeshan Reddy, Brinkworth Mokubung, Avishkar Sirkar - three of the eight Old Boys who were the first learners of colour to matriculate from DHS in 1993, they were attending their 30th Reunion;

Matt Lane - guest speaker at the Assembly and Head Boy of 2008, attending his 15th Reunion.

Reunions for the Classes of '63, '68, '70, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08 and '13 were held at School. In addition, multi-year reunions were held in New Zealand, Cape Town and London.

The Rugby and Hockey played on Founders Day capped off an incredible three days for all the Old Boys who attended. School was packed with supporters, both young and old, and the day will definitely go down as a Founders Day to be remembered. Both

the 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Hockey put in sensational performances, with both teams beating Kearsney - the 1st XV winning 47-22 and the 1st XI winning 4-1. This ensured that both the 1st XV and 1st XI remain unbeaten at home for the year 2023, the first year we have our brand-new AstroTurf.

The results for both Rugby and Hockey were superb. Rugby played 16, won 13, lost 2 and drew 1. Hockey played 12, won 8, lost 3 and drew 1.

As is evident from the scores, a number of the games were extremely close, which speaks volumes to the effort and tenacity shown by Kearsney - as always.

To all our boys, players and coaches - congratulations on a great day.

Most importantly, thank you to all the DHS supporters and Old Boys for making the celebrations nothing short of memorable.

A Shedlock
CEO : DHS Foundation





Matric Bell Ringing Ceremony

The traditional Matric Bell Ringing Ceremony was held on Friday 20 October 2023 on Van Heerden Field, after the Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by the Class of 2023, their parents and friends, and the staff of DHS. The CEO of the DHS Foundation, Mr Andrew Shedlock, and the Head of Grade 12, Mr R Smyth officiated the ceremony.

Mr Shedlock addressed the Matrics, welcoming them into the fold of Old Boys. Riley Clarivette, Head Prefect of 2022, explained the significance of the 8 bells and handed over the reins of leadership to incoming Head Prefect for 2024, Owen Morgenrood.

Mr Shedlock then presented Riley with an Old Boys blazer and the boys led up to the Rhineland Bell overlooking the pool to each ring the bell for the final

time, in a symbolic gesture indicating the end of their time as school boys.

Once they had collected their gift packs from the Class Tutors, the Class of 2023 gathered in the Memorial Courtyard to perform the school song and war cries. A “dip” in the pool and more songs brought their final school day to an emotional end.



Grade 8 Orientation Week & Bell Ringing Ceremony

The Orientation Week for the 2023 intake of Grade 8s was held from 16 to 20 January 2023.

On Monday 16 January the new Grade 8 boys walked through the main gates as DHS learners for the first time in their high school career. Some were very excited to set foot at our School, and others were, understandably, a little anxious as they were not certain about being in a completely new environment. Some of the anxiety stemmed from the fact that they were the smallest group of boys among over a thousand boys at School.

The boys were split into three groups: blue, gold and red. The idea behind their grouping was that each small group would enjoy the full experience

of the workshops, sports, outdoor and admin activities. At the conclusion on the week, all groups had an equal opportunity of enjoying all DHS's planned experiences.

The Prefect body had also given up one week of their holiday time, and came to assist the boys with the experience of being at DHS. Their involvement in the induction programme was beyond the call of duty and we thank them for their efforts.

The boys concluded their week-long induction programme by attending the Grade 8 Bell Ringing Ceremony on 20 February 2023. The DC Thomson Hall was buzzing with enthusiasm from the newly inducted Grade 8 boys, DHS staff, parents, the Prefect body, and the RCL

members. This reputable 157-year-old school on the Berea always treats this occasion with dignity and pride. The boys were welcomed by the ringing of the bell, and this was followed by handing over their blazers to the prefects, who then helped them in wearing it. This solidified the ethos of brotherhood between the juniors and the seniors. Mr Pinheiro (Head Master) shook the hands of all new boys, ensuring them that they are indeed part of this great school.

May the next five years be filled with joy of having fulfilled all their desired high school goals in academics, sports, cultural and leadership potential.

S Cele
Head of Grade 8



Sport & Cultural Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 17 October DHS hosted the annual Sport & Culture Awards to acknowledge all Sports and Cultural outstanding achievements by Durban High School pupils. The hard work and dedication by these young men does not go unseen.

When one reflects on both the number of our boys excelling in all codes, as well as the incredibly high level of standard, we truly are immensely proud.

We had no less than 195 learners recognised, of which over 20

represented South Africa in Sport and one receiving South African colours for Debating.

One hundred and fifteen learners represented KwaZulu-Natal in Sport and 16 represented KwaZulu-Natal for Cultural activities. Forty learners were selected for their District in Sport and three selected for their District in Cultural activities.

In addition, 19 DHS Staff Members received either KZN or National Colours,

and many were awarded provincial and national coaching positions.

We have to thank our Coaches, Senior Management and Staff who are involved in both Sport and Culture for taking DHS to these heights. However, we know the work has just begun and we will continue to strive to achieve even more.

Lastly, congratulations to all the DHS learners that were recognised for their achievements. You should be just as proud of yourselves as we are.



All the DHS Boys who received awards at the Sport & Cultural Awards Ceremony in 2023

Armistice Day Service



“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grown old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

We will always remember the fallen soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the freedom of all.



Grade 11 Dance



The Spring Glow dance for the Grade 11s and their partners was held on Saturday 2 September 2023 in the DC Thompson Hall.

The week leading up to dance was filled with much anticipation and excitement from the boys. The Grade 11 teachers were bombarded with questions about what to wear, what to do and who to bring. For quite a few of our boys this was the first dance they were attending with a partner - hence the uncertainty.

The evening dawned at last and the splendidly dressed couples started arriving at 5:30 pm. Those that attended alone claimed that they would "have more fun".

The moms (driven by Ms Natalie Woolf) who helped with the dance outdid themselves in ensuring that the hall was transformed into a brightly colourful display of neon. A definite Spring Glow was evident.

Once the welcome and a few formalities were over, dinner was served. The guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner catered for by Peppers & Pans. The dessert comprising sugar cones and ice-cream was a huge hit.

DJ Darshan kept the guests foot tapping and dancing to not just the current music trends of our teenagers, but also to music of yesteryear.

All told, this was a very successful evening of fun.

A huge thank you to Ms Drew for always going the extra mile to ensure a successful event. To the moms who came to the party and dipped into their own pockets to ensure a beautifully decorated hall, we salute your kindness and generosity.

To our kind sponsors:

- Mr Henk Bezuidenhout - thank you for the flavoured water. You were right. The boys loved it!
- Mrs Pillay - thank you for the Cokes. You will be blessed.
- Mr Shedlock and the Foundation - thank you kindly, Sir, for the water.
- To all the staff who continuously attend and support our boys' events - thank you.

S Nagiah
Grade 11 Dance Co-Ordinator



Academic Awards

During the course of the year, Academic Awards are earned by Boys in Grades 10 to 12 for their Academic achievements. Congratulations to the following Boys who received Academic Awards in 2023.

GRADE 12

Grade 12 Academic Awards for Trials 2023 Examinations:

Honours Re-Award: Tumiso Nkosi
Muhammad Shaik

Honours: Watusila Mfumu
Vadivelu Naiker
Nhloenhle Ndimande

Colours: Bradley Govender
Lulonke Gono
Skye King
Asande Mkhulise
Zakariyya Motala
Kian Rama
Abu Usuf
Finnley Wyllie
Prishan Ramsaroop

Half Colours: Jaden Dookie
Troy Getkate
Emir Khan
Mthetho Matshotyana
Baldwin Mazuba
Nkanyezi Mpiti
Aphile Ndawonde
Saharsh Rambaran
Tanatswa Tagwira
Bryce Techet

Grade 12 Academic Awards for the June 2023 Examinations:

Honours: Tumiso Nkosi
Muhammad Shaik

Colours: Jaden Dookie
Lulonke Gono
Bradley Govender
Emir Khan
Skye King
Watusila Mfumu
Asande Mkhulise
Zakariyya Motala

Vadivelu Naiker
Nhloenhle Ndimande
Kian Rama
Abu Usuf
Finnley Wyllie

Half Colours: Troy Getkate
Anotha Khumalo
Mthetho Matshotyana
Baldwin Mazuba
Kyle McCalgan
Nkanyezi Mpiti
Saharsh Rambaran
Prishan Ramsaroop
Tanatswa Tagwira
Bryce Techet

GRADE 11

Grade 11 Academic Awards for the November 2022 Examinations:

Honours Re-Award: Emir Khan
Vadivelu Naiker
Ubayd Shaik

Honours: Watusila Mfumu

Colours Re-Award: Jaden Dookie
Troy Getkate
Lulonke Gono
Nhloenhle Ndimande
Kian Rama
Abu Usuf
Bryce Techet
Finnley Wyllie

Colours: Bradley Govender
Skye King
Asande Mkhulise
Tumiso Nkosi
Tanatswa Tagwira



Half Colours Re-Award:

Riley Clarivette
Drew Francis
Varshan Govender
Rehan Joseph
Sbani Maphumulo
Zakariyya Motala
Nkanyezi Mpiti
Prishan Ramsaroop
Kyle McCalgan

Half Colours:

Kethan Hiralal (has Colours)
Mthetho Matshotyana
Saharsh Rambaran
Khwezi Shabane
Keiren Varden

GRADE 10

Grade 10 Academic Awards for the November 2022 Examinations:

Honours:

Taresh Naidoo
Keshan Pillay
Connor Rixon
David Snyman
Brandon Steyn
Xanda Theologo

Colours:

William Ronnie
Joshua Smith
Jordan Soodyall

Half Colours:

Moosa Barmania
Hendrik Bezuidenhout
Avela Gwala
Egerton Hingston
Joshua Jacks
Shyaam Maharaj
Ikho Mdeleleni
Luvuyo Mkhize
Unaye Mndau
Neo Mokhomo
Kearen Naidoo
Tarao Naidu
Darius Phali
Joaquim Salvador
Yaasir Sultan

Cambridge International Awards

Cambridge Academic Awards for November 2022:

GRADE 11 AS Level : First Year

Colours:

Tariq Ayyoub
Abhay Nunan (has Honours)

Grade 11 AS Level : Second Year

Half Colours:

Sahil Bandulal (has Colours)
Zane Williamson (has Colours)

GRADE 10 IGCSE

Colours:

Joshua Loots
Ruben Peters

Half Colours:

Mika Smidt
Liam Stokes
Bryce Woolf



Learning Areas

Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal

Die Afrikaans Departement werk al dekades saam en daar is 'n goeie spangees wat heers. Ons toon baie respek en verdraagsaamheid teenoor mekaar en jong meneer Esterhuizen het goed aangepas. Ons ervaring en samewerking strek tot die leerders se voordeel.

DHS was weereens in 2023, as proefskool vir die GEC, bekend as AOS in Afrikaans. In 2022 het DHS Graad 9s beide die AOS en interne eksamen geskryf. Dit het ons Graad 9 leerders onder geweldige druk geplaas en hulle uitslae negatief beïnvloed. Vanjaar het DHS Graad 9s slegs die AOS eksamen geskryf.

Die algemene gevoel is dat die leerders beter as 2022 gevaar het. Die rede daarvoor is dat hulle slegs een eksamen geskryf het. Hulle het ook 'n voorbeeld vraestel, GEC 2022 backspace. Hulle was dus meer voorbereid vir hierdie tipe vraestel.

Die Graad 8 en 9 leerders is goed aangesien die meerderheid gemiddelde tot swak. 'N rede hiervoor is dat COVID-19 'n gaping in hulle agtergrond gelaat het. Die Graad 8 en 9s het baie goed in Kwartaal 3 projekte gevaar. Hulle het dit baie geniet en dit het hulle verskillende vaardighede blootgestel, en hulle het uitstekende uitslae verdien. Oor die jare het ons 'n verbetering in die leerders se skryfvermoë- dit is vraestel 3 - gesien. Daar was ook 'n geleidelike verbetering vanaf die Junie eksamen na die November eksamen.

Die Graad 12's het ons weereens beïndruk met hulle deeglike voorbereiding vir interne moderasie. Dit is die eerste

keer dat die eksterne moderasie by een skool plaasgevind het. Leerders wat vir moderering gekies was, was soos gewoonlik baie senuweeagtig, maar het ons skool goed verteenwoordig. Hulle was toe vol selfvertroue, baie respektvol en het die modereerders beïndruk en vermaak.

Van die Graad 12's het baie goed in proewe gevaar. Vadivelu Naiker het oor die jare uitblink in Afrikaans. Hy was die top kandidaat en het sy uitstekende uitslae verdien. Ons sien uit na hul NSC uitslae.

Ten slotte het die departement goeie nuus ontvang. Meneer Esterhuizen het in Maart vanjaar verloof geraak. Mevrouw Sutherland het 'n doctor's graad in filosofie in September geërf en is nou bekend as Dr Sutherland.

Top leerders vanaf Graad 8 tot 11:

Graad 11	David Snyman	93%
Graad 10	Thivyan Pillay	95%
Graad 9	Damian Swart	91%
Graad 8	Ryan Viviers	92%
	Eben Peters	92%
	Inge Smidt	92%

Afrikaans FAL NSC 2023 Report

There were 97 Afrikaans FAL NSC candidates. Ten of them achieved As in trials and this decreased to 7 in the NSC. There were also 4 less As in comparison to the 11 As achieved in 2022. Nine candidates achieved 75% and more with three who usually achieve As, achieving 79%. They were encouraged to apply for remarks.

We were hopeful to achieve 100% pass in 2023 because of our extra lessons and support material shared. There was unfortunately one failure.

This is the second consecutive year where there is 1% difference between trial and the NSC exam. This is confirmation of the accurate standard maintained by the Afrikaans Department. There also seems to be a gradual improvement of the average. It was 55% in 2022 and 58% in 2023. This is encouraging considering that paper 2 was extremely challenging in 2023.

We also encourage our learners to achieve 50% or more in Afrikaans to attain their bachelors pass, 69% candidates achieved 50% and above in 2023. Our goal is for over 70% to achieve 50% and more, 60% average and 15 or more As to be achieved.

The seven candidates who achieved As are Vadivelu Naiker 89%, Daniel Erasmus 86%, Kian Rama 85%, Troy Getkate 84%, Charl Meyer 82%, Weihrich Basson 80% and Abu Bakr Usuf 80%.

The 79% candidates were Riley Clarivette, Watusila Mfumu and Muhammad Shaik.

Ms H V Henley
Vakhoof: Afrikaans

English Home Language

The academic year commenced with the release of the Matric Results for the Class of 2022. We achieved a 98% pass with 7 As overall.

We welcomed Mr Cass and Mr McEwen to our team, but sadly had to say goodbye to Mr Whitehorn and Ms Singh. We wish them well in their new ventures overseas.

Our Grade 12 boys attended Othello at the Sneddon Theatre and appreciated



an excellent performance by the cast, which added great value to their understanding of the drama which forms part of their Grade 12 Literature syllabus.

Mr Dudas started a Reading Club in Term 2 and it has received good support from the Grade 8 and 9 learners.

The Class of 2023, Grade 12, wrote common papers and performed well given the high standard of these papers. They wrote their Trial Exams with most boys passing well. Our focus this year was to provide academic intervention after school and through the Winter and Spring Classes. A good attendance overall.

Our Grade 12 boys were chosen for the Cluster Moderation, with our boys and teachers going to Ridge Park Girl's College to assess the Oral Component. After the moderation our boys' marks remained the same, which showed the accurate awarding of marks by the educators. We were not chosen for the District Moderation.

The Senior Prize-Giving saw Vadivelu Naicker getting the English Award and the Dux Prize.

We look forward to the Class of 2023 Matric results and wish them every success in the future.

Mr N Moodley
Subject Head: English

IsiZulu First Additional Language

Our IsiZulu department prides itself on the performance of the students in their final IsiZulu exams, and the following statistics from the 2023 NSC Matric results were presented to the school's subject

department. The overall results are as follows:

Symbol	No. of students	Percentage
A	34	47%
B	23	32%
C	13	18%
D	1	1%
E	1	1%

We hope that the forthcoming boys will uphold these good results by facing the new challenges of the syllabus with determination and hard work.

During Term 2 the Grade 8 and 9 learners had the privilege of a day trip to Phansi Museum, which houses one of the world's largest publicly accessible collections of South African artefacts. The collection includes Zulu, Xhosa, Shangaan and Ndebele beadwork, telephone-wire baskets, carved wooden meat platters and milk pails, ceramic beer pots, snuff spoons, containers and pipes, walking sticks, vinyl and Perspex earplugs. It was an incredible experience.

The second part of the day trip was concluded by travelling to Phezulu Safari Park. This park is situated in Botha's Hill on the outskirts of Pinetown, 30 km's away from Durban CBD, and visitors are allowed an opportunity to savour the taste and feel the rhythm of Africa. Visitors are taken into traditional beehive shaped thatched huts, where the various artefacts, beliefs and rituals are explained, giving visitors an insight into the fascinating Zulu culture. The students gained a lot from this day trip.

On the academic front, the department introduced a Grade 12 internal oral moderation assessment, which is an excellent preparatory undertaking by all Grade 12 boys before they can participate in the external district oral moderation in the third term. Boys were expected to arrive fully prepared with their speeches and were expected

to be able to use cue cards, PowerPoint slides, props and some humour or relatability in their prepared speeches. All boys involved did exceptionally well, which was evident during the DBE's external oral moderation in August.

I would like to thank my colleagues: Mrs Sibisi, Mrs Mtshali, Ms Ngobese and Mrs Nagiah - HOD for Languages - for all the support they have given me in making this year a successful one.

Mr S Cele
Subject Head: IsiZulu

Accounting

Our Accounting team for 2023 year comprised of Mr de Bruin and Mr Bezuidenhout, who taught the Grade 10s, and Ms Nagan who taught Grade 11s, 12s and Cambridge IGSCE Accounting.

The NSC results for Accounting for 2022 were excellent as the class of 2022 achieved an outstanding pass rate of 100% - of which nine learners achieved distinctions.

The Grade 12 Trial Exams and Final Exams were two two-hour papers. The final exams for Grades 10 and 11 were also two two-hour papers.

I would like to thank our first time Accounting teachers who gave of their best and made concerted efforts in getting the Grade 10s through the year.

Ms K Nagan
Subject Head: Accounting & EMS

Business Studies

Mr Thomas, Mr Govender and Mr Matthysen headed up the teaching of Business Studies this year. The year presented itself to be a very successful one with more learners choosing Business Studies as



part of the subject package. Our highest academic performer in matric, who received the award for Business Studies in 2023, was King Skye. We congratulate him and wish him success in his future endeavours.

Mr E Thomas
Subject Head: Business Studies

Economics

This year has been successful. Last year's Economics prize winner, Emmanuel Onyemauche, was placed 2nd in the Umlazi District Awards for 2022 and is currently studying BSc Economics at Aston University in the UK. The Cambridge exams saw Sahil Bandulal achieving an A in A Levels Economics.

The Grade 12 learners performed very well in their Trial exams with a 72% aggregate. Ample time was available for revision, which contributed to their excellent results. The year end results for 2023 were excellent. There were 42 learners who wrote with a 97,6% pass rate. Wishing the Class of 2023 all the best in their future endeavours.

Ms J Kistah
Subject Head: Economics

Engineering Graphics & Design

The Engineering Graphics and Design prize was awarded to Bryce Techet as he achieved 74% in the Trial exam.

We had four boys achieve "A" symbols and three got "B" symbols, with an average of 68% for the final 2023 results. The boys worked hard and they were rewarded for their efforts.

Bryce's excellent work ethic and consistent effort paid off and he achieved a result of 92%.

Load shedding prevented us from restarting CAD after COVID-19. Normal teaching presentations for certain classes were affected due to the schedule and timetable.

Mr L Girodo
Subject Head: GRDS

Geography

Geography in South African high schools is more than just studying maps; it delves into crucial aspects of our world through Environmental, Developmental and Economic Geography. These branches offer students valuable insights, shaping them into informed global citizens.

Environmental Geography:

Environmental Geography examines the relationship between humans and the natural environment, covering topics like ecosystems, climate change, and conservation. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for addressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainability.

Developmental Geography:

Developmental Geography focuses on the disparities between regions and communities, exploring economic development, social inequality, and resource distribution. This branch helps students understand why some areas thrive while others struggle, and to consider strategies for equitable growth.

Economic Geography:

Economic Geography looks at the spatial aspects of economies, including the distribution of industries, trade patterns, and the role of resources. By studying how economic activities are organised, students gain insights into globalisation and economic policies, essential for engaging with the global economy.

The Value of Geography:

Studying these branches is incredibly valuable. It provides a holistic understanding of human and natural systems, develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills, raises global awareness, and opens doors to careers in environmental science, urban planning, economics, and international development.

In conclusion, Environmental, Developmental, and Economic Geography are vital components of the South African high school curriculum. They equip students with essential tools to understand and address the world's complex challenges, preparing them for a future of informed and active global participation.

The 2023 NSC results in Geography saw a 100% pass rate. Durban High School was placed 4th at the Umlazi District awards for the number of distinctions achieved.

Mr A Dudas
Departmental Head: Geography

History

The 2023 academic year started well with a strong staff complement. Mr J du Plessis was a welcome addition to our department for the first half of the year, with Mr C Muller, Mr A Dudas and Mr T Dudas helping in Term 3 and 4.

The student numbers in the History Department continued to increase through the academic year as a result of subject changes. Results have been mixed but Grade 8 and Grade 9 learners continued to show pleasing results this year. A stable performance from all students continued to persist in the department while faced with many new challenges.



We would like to congratulate our Grade 12 learners on receiving an overall pass rate of 98% and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr A Dudas and Mrs J Hamilton, who have left us this year, and we wish them all the best on their new adventure. We thank you for your years of service, having contributed to the school and the History department.

Mr P Botha
Subject Head: History

Life Orientation

Life Orientation is an academically assessed subject in high schools throughout South Africa. The focus is to teach life skills and equip learners with the necessary skills to be active citizens and positive contributors to society.

Life Orientation is a vital 'subject' that must be covered at school level. These Life Skills need to be addressed and developed in our young people. If we have an effective way of developing life skills in our youth, we will be playing a major part in repairing our country and changing society for the better.

In 2023 DHS partnered with Teenactive to produce grade specific workbooks. Each grade was able to work through these workbooks, with content that was up to date and relevant to the boys. These workbooks took the place of textbooks, which were out of date and no longer relevant.

Our Grade 12's once again performed very well this year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the educators involved in Life Orientation in the unprecedented year.

Your commitment to our boys during this time has been fantastic.

Mr B Adam
Subject Head: Life Orientation

Information Technology

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I am pleased to say that Information Technology has continued to grow from strength to strength. The boys, in the main, have worked hard and have produced some outstanding results this year.

This year there was more of a focus on the theory side of the subject, since this has traditionally been a weak area nation-wide. Various steps, such as Kahoot quizzes and creating a theory video repository, were taken to make the learning of theory more enjoyable for the boys. Ultimately though, I believe that it will only be through good old-fashioned hard work and perseverance that the boys will raise their theory marks.

This year's Grade 12 group really was, in my opinion, one of the most hard-working and memorable groups of boys that I have had the pleasure of teaching whilst at School. Based on their Grade 11 results, I had high expectations of them and, despite a somewhat slow start, they ultimately gave of their best, and tackled the tasks at hand with aplomb.

I am always in favour of healthy competition amongst the boys and, this year, there was a decent level of competition- not only for the IT prize, but also in the lower half of the class. Consequently, there was very little to separate the boys with regards to their SBA marks, which resulted in almost

half the class obtaining an 'A' symbol for the SBA component of their year mark. This year's Grade 11s have had a solid year academically. As I have previously explained, Grade 11 is the toughest year in the three-year IT syllabus and most of the boys have handled the challenge very well. As always, I would encourage this year's Grade 11s to persevere as the pressures of matric mount and to remember that IT is a challenging, yet rewarding subject.

The Grade 10 learners have also had an incredibly positive year. They have navigated the demands of a new and unfamiliar subject in a praiseworthy manner, and they are in a very strong position to succeed in Grade 11. The standard of the Grade 10 PAT projects was excellent as well. I usually take a less 'hands-on' approach to the PAT and, whilst providing close guidance to the boys, I let them problem-solve to a much greater degree. The result is many innovative and impressive solutions being developed and this year's Grade 10s did not disappoint.

A number of our boys also received certificates in the IT Olympiad. Kale Govender, Rehan Joseph, Saharsh Rambaran, and Finnley Wyllie received bronze certificates for their participation in Round 1; and Egerton Hingston, Kearan Naidoo, Keshan Pillay and William Ronnie all received silver certificates for their participation in Round 1. The best result by far, however, is that Finnley Wiley took top honours in the province for the second round. Well done to these boys!

Finally, I would like to offer some encouragement to the Boys to form good habits early on in their academics. Kent Beck once quipped: "I'm not a great programmer; I'm a good programmer with great habits." I cannot stress enough how true this statement rings. If they haven't done so already, the



boys need to be able to form good study habits such as solid homework routines, excellent time management, thorough planning, as well as sound coding habits such as careful code layout and the judicious use of comments. It is when the going gets tough that these ingrained habits will really begin to pay off.

Mr G Surtees

Subject Head: Information Technology

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences department this year bid farewell to Mr D Becker. We wish him well in his new venture. We welcome Mr J du Plessis into the Life Sciences department and wish him a long and enjoyable stay at Durban High School. The Life Sciences staff forms a dedicated and hard-working team in bringing the living world to the boys studying this subject.

The splitting of natural sciences into Life Sciences and Physical Sciences continues to be beneficial, offering learners a more targeted and comprehensive understanding of the respective disciplines. Life Sciences enthusiasts can now explore the intricacies of biology with a heightened focus.

The year 2023 has set the stage for a promising future, where learners continue to be inspired, educators continue to innovate, and the legacy of Durban High School's Life Sciences department continues to grow and aspire the learners to academic brilliance.

Mr T Moodley

Subject Head: Life Sciences

Mathematics

The Mathematics Department at Durban High School is a hub of intellectual curiosity

and academic excellence. With a dedicated team of educators, innovative teaching methods, and a supportive learning environment, the department has established itself as a leader in Mathematical education. The department boasts a team of highly qualified educators who are not only experts in their chosen fields but also passionate about teaching.

The Mathematics Department embraces innovative teaching methods to ensure students grasp complex mathematical concepts effectively. Educators utilise a combination of traditional lessons, interactive discussions, and hands-on activities to engage students and promote active learning. The department also leverages technology, such as Google Classroom and online resources, to enhance the learning experience. The department fosters a supportive learning environment that encourages collaboration and academic growth.

The 2023 academic year started off well with a stable staff complement who boast collectively over a century of experience in teaching Mathematics. We said farewell to Mrs Stephanie Bennett and Mr Morne Jansen van Rensburg, who left the employ of Durban High School. We wish them well in their future endeavours. We welcomed one newcomer to the department, Ms Natalie Mabbett, who is no stranger to Mathematics with over 40 years of teaching experience.

The Grade 12 results up to the Trial exams were indeed pleasing. Our boys achieved a 100% pass rate. The grade average was 66%, which is exceptional, given the high standard of common exams the boys wrote during the year. There were 27 distinctions, which translates to an average of one distinction for every three learners! Several interventions were put in place during the year, including a robust

electives programme, Winter and Spring classes, as well as many hours of extra lessons by our dedicated Grade 12 educators, which led to the outstanding results.

Grade 10 and 11 learners obtained pass rates of >90% and Grade 8 and 9 learners obtained pass rates of >98%. All-round excellent results were achieved. Congratulations to our boys!

Thank you to Mr Rob Smyth for his leadership provided to the Mathematics and Science Departments, as well as to Mrs Eunice Sibisi for leading the Mathematical Literacy team. Congratulations and thank you must go out to the entire Mathematics team who worked tirelessly to ensure that our boys achieved their full potential. I wish everyone a well-deserved break over the festive season and look forward to an exciting 2024.

Mr A Boodhram

Subject Head: Mathematics

Mathematical Literacy

It seems like only yesterday that we returned to school from 2022 end of school holidays. Here we are again; ready to report on the 2023 academic year.

The Mathematical Literacy Department's aim is to ensure that all learners are thoroughly prepared and guided through the challenging aspects that the syllabus has to offer. I am proud to say that our department has succeeded in that aspect.

Mathematical Literacy continues to produce good results, with all our Matric boys going to the final exam with a good SBA mark. Coming from a 100% pass rate for Mathematical Literacy from the 2022 Matric group, we aim for another 100% pass rate in 2023. With



the experienced and dedicated team of Mr Jansen van Rensburg, Ms Meyiwa and myself, I am certain that our 2023 group will do us proud as well.

There were 84 Mathematical Literacy learners in 2023; of these six achieved A symbols, 18 learners achieved B symbol. Altogether, 64 learners achieved a C symbol or better, which make up 76% of the total number of students who set for the NSC exams. Tumiso Nkosi was the top Mathematical Literacy student with 88% for his final mark. Our Grade 11s and 10s are also well on track as we prepare them for 2024. They have adapted very well into Mathematical Literacy after realising that it is not as easy as they thought.

Ms E Sibisi

Subject Head: Mathematical Literacy

Natural Sciences

The splitting up of this learning area into two separately time-tabled subjects, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences taught by subject specialists, continues to yield good results and is of immense benefit to Grade 9 pupils in choosing their Grade 10 subject package.

Mr R Smyth

HOD: Mathematics & Sciences

Physical Sciences

The Physical Sciences teaching staff of 2023 are very proud of their results. 18 As, 12 Bs and 9 Cs is wonderful to see. The Grade 12 pupils worked hard throughout the year. They attended extra Physics lessons regularly. The boys attended Autumn, Winter and Spring classes during the holidays. The results were as expected. DHS was again complimented at the first Orientation Meeting for their excellent results.

The Grade 12 group made us proud during their Trials examinations. There was a lot of competition between the top achievers for the Physical Sciences prize. Prishan Ramsaroop's perseverance and dedication enabled him to be prize winner for 2023.

We wish our current Grade 12 group all the best for their new ventures in 2024.

Ms M Girodo

Subject Head: Physical Sciences

Dramatic Arts

The year 2023 has seen lots of change in the Dramatic Arts Department. At the end of Term 1 we had to bid farewell to Ms S Browne, who took up a teaching post at Treverton College in Mooi River. We were happy to welcome Mr C McEwen to the Drama Department. Mr McEwen has assimilated seamlessly into his role as a Drama Teacher, and we are so lucky to have such a vibrant and supportive member in our department. He has become a valuable member of our team.

In terms of the academic achievement of the boys, the practical aspect continues to be a vital component to the subject. Boys in Grades 11 and 12 have really made so much effort to improve and have shown much commitment to the creative, rehearsal and preparation process, despite the gruelling sport program. Some of the Grade 10 boys will need some extra assistance in preparing for practical tasks and exams next year. They will need help developing their ability to work on their own in the creation of their performances as some are lacking in drive and understanding the importance of preparation. The theory component across the board is the weaker of the two, and therefore if they apply their minds to the practical, they could still achieve far beyond their expectations. This year we also offered extra lessons in both the practical and

theory syllabus, however the boys who really needed assistance did not attend.

We were pleased to invite Menzi Mkhwane Productions in Term 1 to perform the Grade 12 Set Work "Caucasian Chalk Circle" and in Term 2 the Grade 11 Set Work "A Doll's House". The boys thoroughly enjoyed watching these live performances and this assisted them in gaining a deeper understanding of the plays.

At the end of this term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Ms L Coppin, who will continue with her passion of live performance, voice over work, as well as a new business venture. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work.

The matric results 2023:

2 x As, 11 x Bs, 16 x Cs, 6 x Ds

Class Average: 65%

Ms G Joshua

Subject Head: Dramatic Arts

Visual Arts

2023 started with the introduction of the Grade 8s to their new school and their orientation to the workings of the Art Department.

Term 1 got under way with the Grade 8s to Matric learners impressing us with their skills and knowledge. We have extremely talented and unique young men at DHS.

In Term 2 the boys were introduced to writing an Art exam. This is where boys' English skills had to shine. Reading, writing and comprehension skills are so important in any subject.

In Term 3 our eager junior artists displayed their artworks for the Sisonke production outside the Seabrooke's theatre. It was well received. We need a bigger venue next year to display our keen artists' work.



In Term 3 our Matrics also set up their Retrospective Exhibition in the school hall, where they were assessed externally by the Art moderator. 36 of our boys participated. The five years of being exposed to Art practical and theory at Durban High School paid off. Nhlosenhle Ndimande and Connor Bowes were the recipients of our Art Practical prizes, with Ndimande scooping up awards in both Art Practical and Art Theory. Well done to both. Mr Pinheiro also purchased yet another Art piece. It is displayed in the admin corridor with our other impressive Old Boys' artworks.

Term 4 saw our Grade 12s complete their 24 hour practical art exam (NSC Paper 2) and start prepping for the final Grade 12 Paper 1 written exam.

The rest of the grades continued with the requirements of the syllabus.

Thank you to Mr Lewis and Mrs Joshua for their contribution in making 2023 a successful year in the Art Department. 2024 will be another blessed year.

Ms M Subbiah
Subject Head: Visual Arts

Nonpareil & Cambridge Academy

The Academy has certainly gone from strength to strength, and in real terms this has come to mean a real strengthening in muscles as the boys did a sterling job in hauling all furniture - desks, chairs, cubicles, bookshelves, tables, whiteboards, teacher files and very nearly their teachers' bodies too - from one end of the school to a re-fabricated AJ Human Room. For our matrics, this was a full circle move as we started out in their Grade 8 year in the AJ Human Room while the Academy made its

first extension from one room into four rooms. Here we were again extending upwards by a whole floor into 14 new classrooms and a lecture theatre of our own. Such growth in six years!

This has been made possible firstly by the initial vision of our Head Master Mr Pinheiro, who has been backed by an incredibly dedicated group of teachers who, in each of their individual approaches, have contributed to a much sought after programme unmatched in the greater Durban area. The talent, tenacity and drive of the students that have come through both programmes have brought us as staff, parents and DHS Old Boys much pride and joy. The Cambridge Assessment International Education programme is the most widely used internationally accepted syllabus worldwide and in South Africa.

On the back of this exponential growth, Mr Andrew Shedlock, CEO of the DHS Foundation Trust, made a bid to the Foundation in terms of a much-needed expansion to the Academy. This was through his persistence and absolute belief in the programme we are running where boy-centred, autonomous learning is our focus to building a student ready for university, who has the critical and analytical thinking skills so needed for advancing successful learning. Since then, Nureldin Mohamed has joined his brother Adam at Harvard, also on a full scholarship, having completed his five A Levels all with A* (over 90%). It is also our Nonpareil students who have taken up positions locally at UCT, Stellenbosch, Wits, UP, UJ, UWC, UKZN and UK universities to study in the fields of law, medicine, engineering, actuarial science, mechatronics, economics and computer sciences. But what makes me swell with pride is the way in which they are excelling in their fields and how they are feeding back to me with comments of feeling so prepared; knowing how to summarise effectively; how to extract important information and

how to answer examination questions successfully.

When I look at just one boy who started Grade 8 last year with an aggregate in the 60's, and that same boy today, at the end of Grade 9, with his aggregate in the 80's. Or the Grade 8 class which started with one boy whose aggregate was 90% but come year end there were five boys in the 90's. Then I can really marvel at what the programme can do for that student who is prepared to work, to share knowledge and to enjoy the learning process.

Ms C Dickinson
Head of Nonpareil & Cambridge Academy

Electives Programme

The Electives Programme was initiated with the intention to create learning opportunities outside the structured education curriculum. These learning opportunities allow our boys to develop skills they would not necessarily learn in the normal classroom.

Durban High School wants to give our boys a holistic education that gives them an advantage going into their next phase in life. The courses we have chosen will assist in the development of those soft skills, such as problem solving, critical thinking and emotional intelligence - all critical as our boys face an uncertain and ever-changing future.

Our courses will hopefully ignite a passion in a career and give them an idea of what it takes to succeed. Other courses are designed to provide basic life skills that all of us need, such as financial planning and digital literacy. The beauty about this programme is that our boys get to choose what they want to do, therefore making it relevant to them.



In 2023, the DHS Elective Programme has continued to evolve and develop. The school has also invested in the programme by purchasing a number of courses and allowing all learners access to these courses. We are incredibly proud of all the boys that have taken advantage of these courses and started

their lifelong learning journey. A record number of boys have completed courses in Toastmasters, First Aid and Mandarin. Over 200 boys were introduced to coding through the Scratch and Python courses, and more than 300 boys have continued to develop their ability through the sports academies.

I would like to conclude by thanking our Electives partners for dedicating their time and resources into this programme, and look forward to their continued support in 2024.

Mr B Adam
Head of Electives Programme

Creative Writing

Poem by Thomas Davies

The noise stops
the last word is spoken
all sound ceases
pens are dropped
on blue table tops
eyes dart around
nails are bitten.
Then, the only sound
are the teacher's shoes
as he walks between the desks.
Papers are dropped one by one
names are written
then all is silent.
The teacher stands to attention
no sound is heard
a boy coughs
the clock ticks...
Then silence is broken
by a shrieking bell
pens are grabbed
papers fly open
the air is filled with scribbling
the Exam has begun

Thomas Davies 9Y

Poem by Lungelo Dlamini

Coach, it's hard to believe
that you're no longer here
All those times you trusted me -
let me hit the winning shot
But now that you're gone
It's pure history.

When I feel I want to quit
I remember your strong hand
helping me to reach the top

I hear your voice
saying my name,
boy, don't ever stop!

You taught me more than you could
know
you taught me to love the game,
but I fear that without you now
basketball will never be the same.

No one wanted me to make it
Coach, you were the only one who
cared,
but now the universe has taken you
and I was not prepared

A part of life – death struck a blow,
But your legacy lives on
In every ball I throw.

Lungelo Dlamini 9Y

Futility

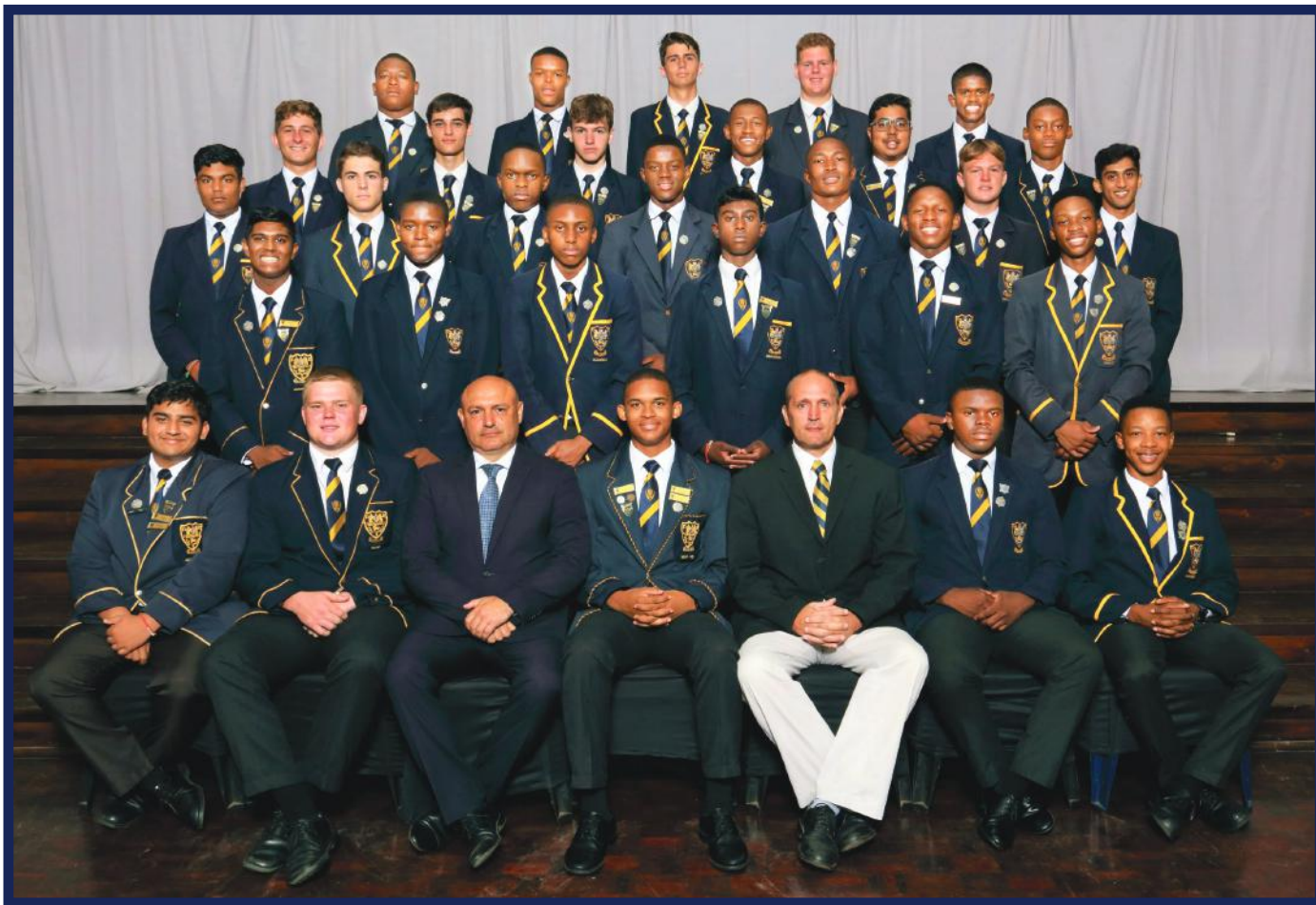
a fledgling left its nest today,
still soft cotton-feathered,
in strokes of fresh rust red
and powdered yellow white.
it was the setting of the sun,
perhaps a whisper of wind,
perhaps a view of the world
that coaxed it into first flight.
nature chose that moment.
it clung on the woven rim,
precariouly unbalanced,
hesitant, afraid, so trusting
and then it dropped from
from beneath the eaves,
frantically hanging in the air,
awkwardly moving nowhere

despite the flapping wings.
it clung to the rustic fence
confused, bewildered, lost
then dropped again onto
the wooden deck not far
from where I sat watching.
it was my cat that got there
first in feline fluid motion,
yet it did not harm the bird,
just prodded to see it move,
pawed at it to play perhaps.
I scooped it up and cupped
my hands, stroked it gently,
felt its heart beat thankfully
that it would fly another day,
yet so small, so vulnerable,
its clawed feet clutching at
my fingers like a newborn
would before its first step.
arrogantly believing I had
control, had intervened in
matters of life and death,
I strode across the lawn,
surveyed the spring green
garden and chose a tree.
it seemed so clear to me.
from outstretched hands
I set it free, I gave it life.
I did not see the monkeys.
it was over in an instant.
it lay broken where it fell,
legs folded under wings,
eyes closed, neck broken,
limp, still warm in my hand.
I covered it with a spade
of sand and walked away.

Mr R J Herd
English Educator



Prefects 2023



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Front Row (L to R): Abhay Nunan, Christian Everitt (Deputy Head Prefect), Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Riley Clarivette (Head Prefect), Mr A Dudas (Head of Prefects), Amahle Mazibuko (Deputy Head Prefect), Lulonke Gono (Deputy Head Prefect)

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Head Prefect: Riley Clarivette
Deputy Heads: Christian Everitt
 Lulonke Gono
 Amahle Mazibuko

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In the words of John C Maxwell, a renowned leadership expert, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." This quote encapsulates the essence of leadership that our school prefects have embodied throughout the past year. They have not only understood the direction in which they wanted to lead but have actively paved the way for others to follow, inspiring their peers to

strive for excellence and make a positive impact.

As we reflect on the year of our current group of school prefects, it is essential to reflect on the remarkable journey of this diverse and dynamic leadership team. These individuals, chosen to represent the student body, have demonstrated exceptional qualities that go beyond their academic achievements. Through their collaborative efforts, they have fostered a positive and inclusive school environment while embodying the principles of effective leadership.

One stand-out aspect of our school prefects is the diverse range of backgrounds, interests, and talents they bring to their roles. This diversity is not just in terms of demographics but extends to their leadership styles, problem-solving approaches, and communication skills. Each prefect's unique perspective has contributed to a well-rounded and comprehensive approach to addressing the various challenges and opportunities that have arisen over the past year.

The prefects have consistently exhibited strong leadership qualities, such as empathy, integrity, and resilience. They have actively engaged with their peers, offering support and guidance when needed and leading by example in both their academic and extracurricular pursuits. Through their initiatives, they have encouraged a culture of inclusivity and acceptance, fostering an environment where every student feels valued and heard. This is clearly evident in the Group of senior leaders like R Clarivette, the Head Boy, and his three deputies - namely Christian Everitt, Lulonke Gono and Amahle Mazibuko. Well done on being wonderful role models for the young men of Durban High School. You can be proud of what you have achieved as a leadership body in 2023.

One of the hallmarks of this group of prefects is their commitment to teamwork and collaboration. Despite their diverse backgrounds and interests, they have seamlessly worked together to organise events, perform duties, school tours and functions, address

concerns, and implement positive changes within the school community. This collaborative spirit has not only strengthened their own leadership skills, but has also set a precedent for future leaders within the student body. The challenge has been set for the Prefects of 2024 under the Leadership of Unaye Mndau and his cohort.

The commitment of this Prefect body in fostering a positive and supportive environment, combined with their individual strengths, has set a precedent for future leaders. As we look forward to the years ahead, we are confident that the legacy of this diverse group of school prefects will continue to inspire and shape the leaders of tomorrow. We wish the 2023 Prefect body representatives all of the best in their future endeavours.

A Dudas
M-i-C: Prefects

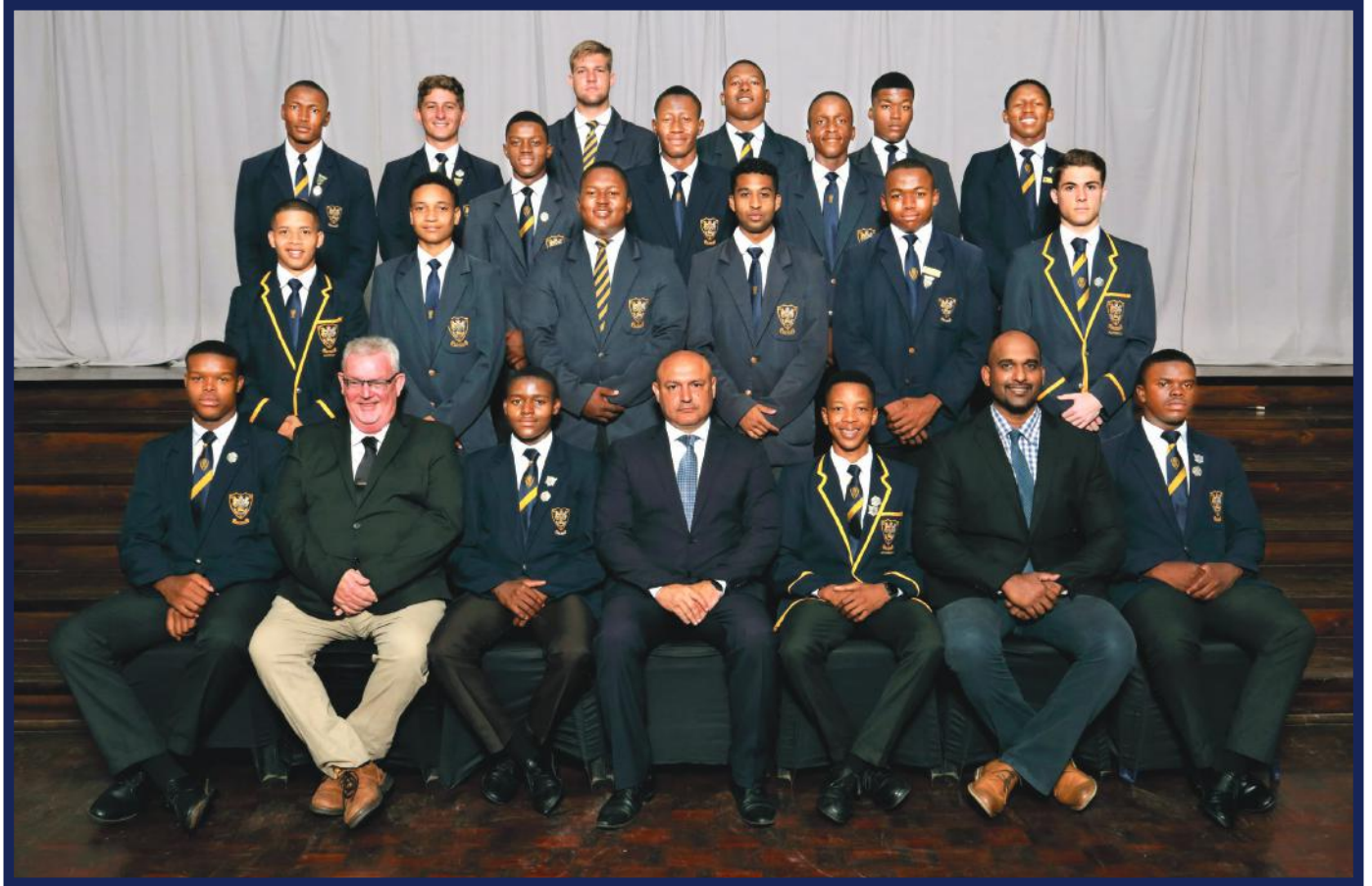


Head Prefects 2023

Amahle Mazibuko, Lulonke Gono, Riley Clarivette (Head Prefect), Christian Everitt



Blackmore House Prefects 2023



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Back Row: *Hlumelo Madikane, Charl Meyers, Daniel Erasmus, Simphiwe Ngobese, Siyanda Dlamini, Thandolwami Ntshangase*

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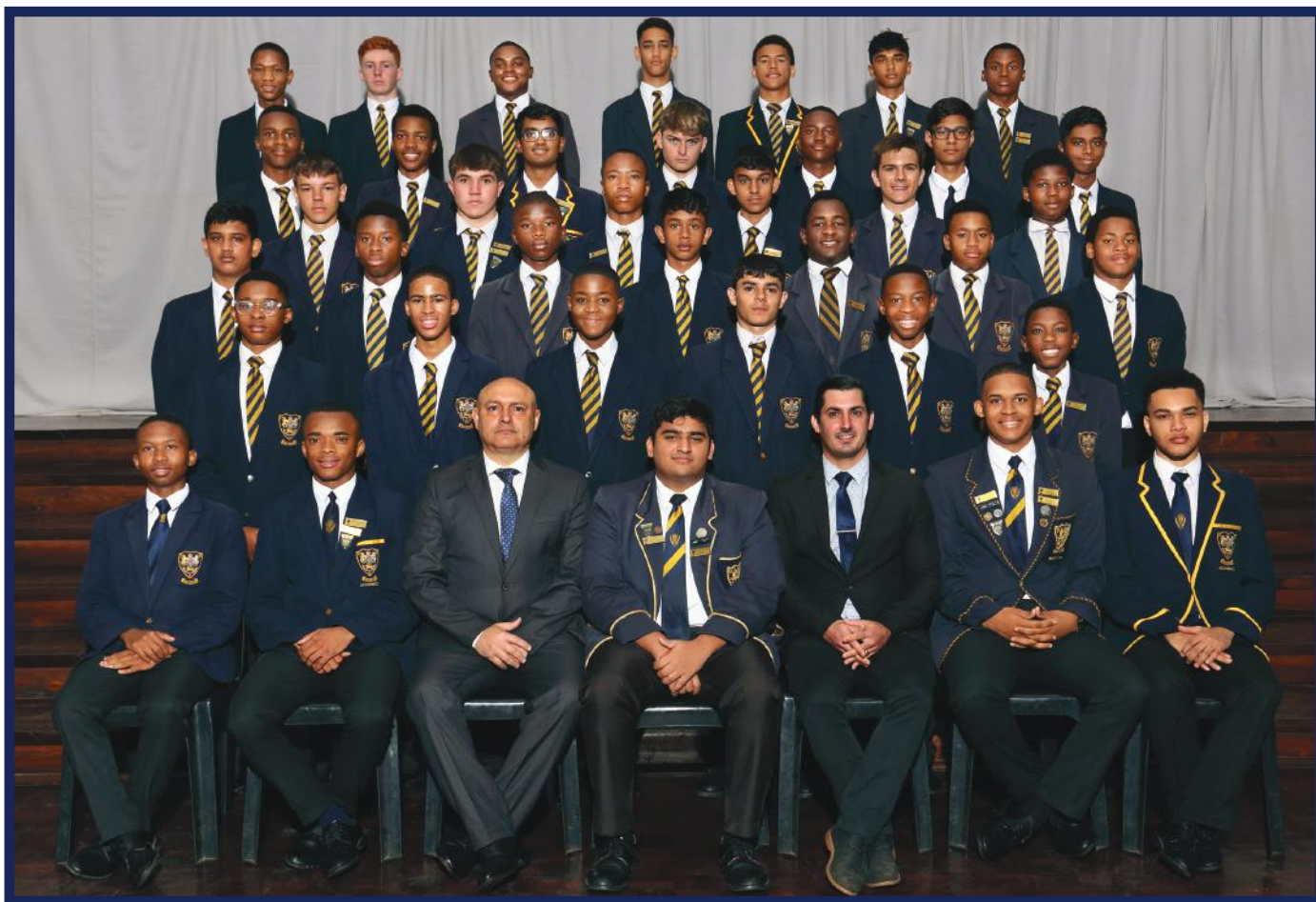
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Assistant Prefects:

Mahle Sithole, Unaye Mndau

Representative Council of Learners



RCL 2023

Front Row (L to R): Esethu Dlamini, Khwezi Shabane (Treasurer), Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Abhay Nunan (Chairman), Mr D Marques (Teacher Liaison), Riley Clarivette (Secretary), Finnley Wyllie

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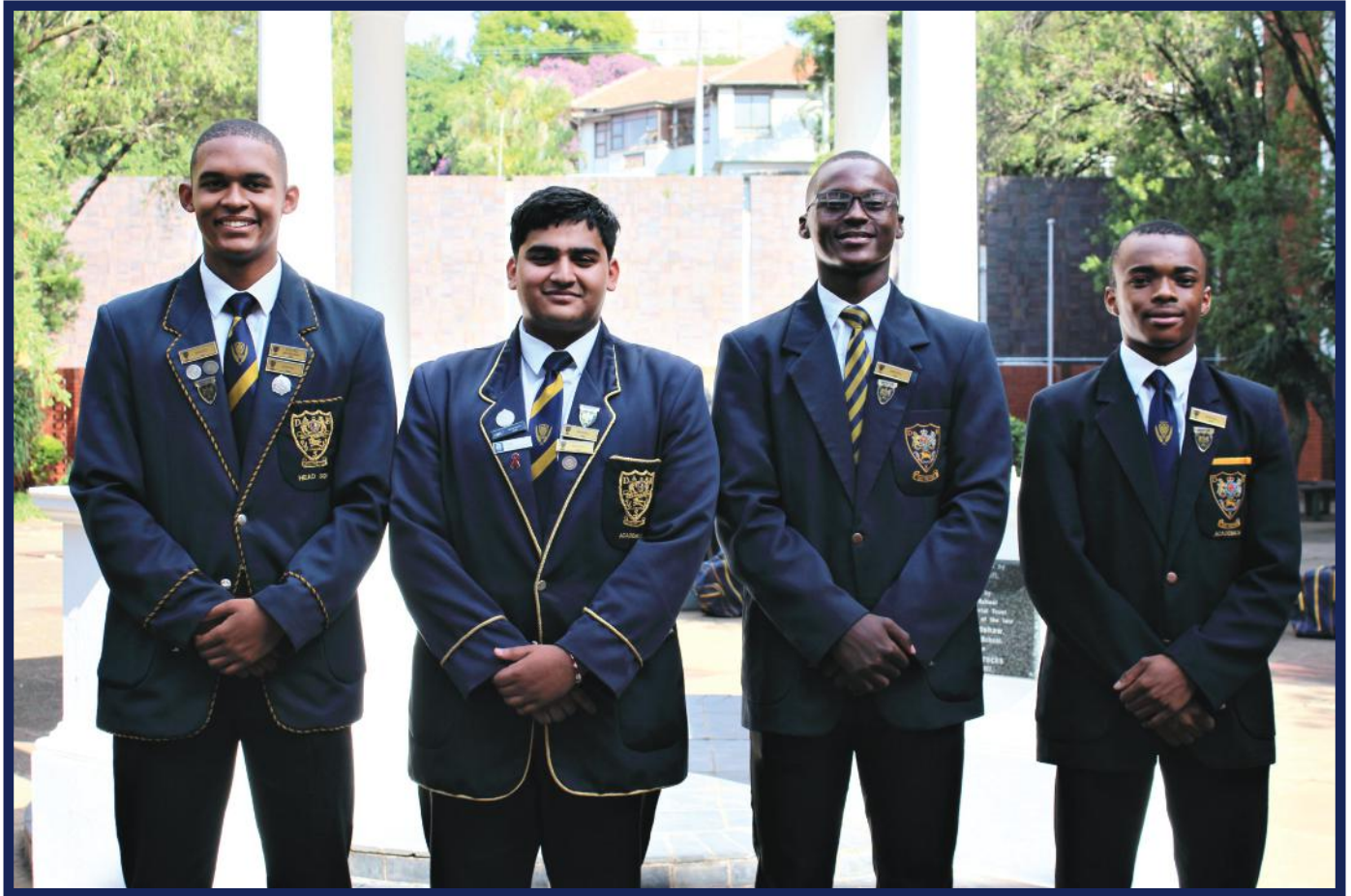
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RCL Leaders 2023

Riley Clarivette (Secretary), Abhay Nunan (Chairman), Mphululi Dimaza (Vice Chairman), Kwezi Shabane (Treasurer)

The Representative Council of Learners (RCL) has proven to be an invaluable asset to our high school community over the past year, demonstrating remarkable success in their endeavours to represent and uplift their fellow learners. At the heart of their achievements are two impactful initiatives that showcase the RCL's commitment to both the well-being of their peers and the broader community.

The first noteworthy initiative undertaken by the RCL was a response to a devastating incident in the Kennedy Road community, where residents lost their possessions and homes in a destructive fire. In a commendable display of solidarity and compassion, the RCL swiftly organised a relief effort. They rallied the student body, successfully collecting clothing, food and essential products to provide

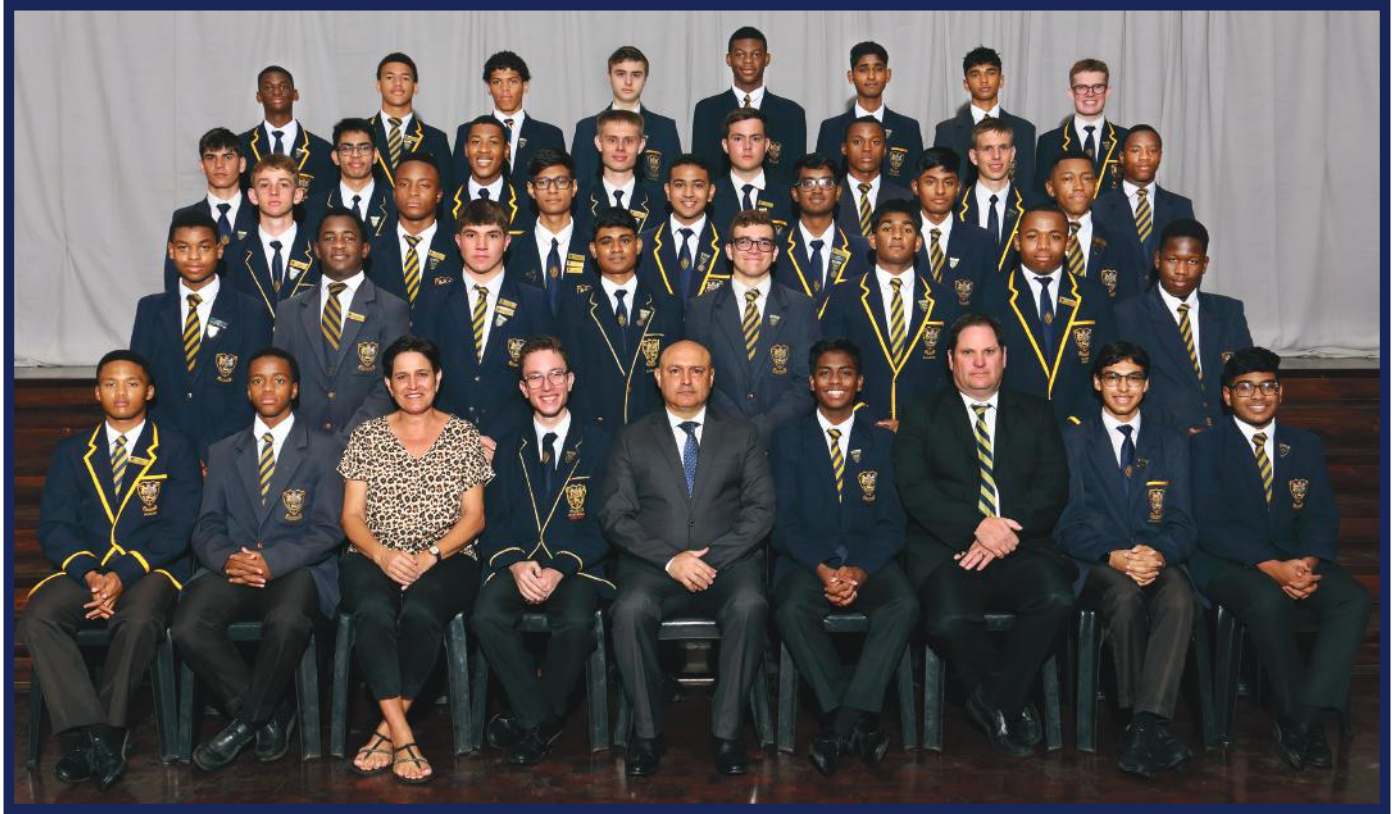
immediate assistance to those affected. This initiative not only showcased the RCL's ability to mobilise resources efficiently but also highlighted their dedication to supporting communities in times of crisis.

In addition to their responsive actions, the RCL initiated a proactive and ongoing project known as "Clothes for Good". This clothing drive aimed to address the needs of those in our broader community who lacked adequate clothing. The RCL leveraged their position as representatives of the student body to engage fellow learners in generously donating clothing items. Through this initiative, the RCL demonstrated a commitment not only to addressing urgent needs, but also to creating sustainable solutions that positively impact the community over the long term.

Overall, the success of the RCL can be attributed to their ability to effectively represent the diverse needs of their peers and translate that representation into meaningful action. By addressing immediate crises like the Kennedy Road fire and implementing sustainable projects such as Clothes for Good, the RCL has solidified its role as a positive force within our school community. Their dedication to service, leadership, and community engagement sets a commendable standard for student-led initiatives, showcasing the positive impact that can be achieved when learners come together with a shared purpose.

D Marques
RCL Teacher Liaison

Mentorship



Mentors 2023

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4th Row: Joaquim Salvador, Taresh Naidoo, Luvuyo Mkhize, David Snyman, Bryce Woolf, Mphululi Dimaza, Joshua Loots, Andile Maphumulo

Back Row: Egerton Hingston, Adriano Jackson, Caleb Weideman, Liam Stokes, Darius Phali, Jordan Reddiar, Joshua Smith

Absent: Akhil Naidoo, Blake Davison, Brandon Steyn, Chase Willemse, Daniel Mayiza, Eldren Chetty, Esethu Tshicila, Hakim Mthembu, Henro Bezuidenhout, Hlompho Xolo, Jared Havemann, Joshua Haguma, Joshua Jacks, Kerwin Sawmynaden, Lumi Matwele, Marnu Koekemoer, Mohammed Adam, Nhlakanipho Bhengu, Tarao Naidu

Our Grade 11 Mentors did the school proud this year, acting as both role-models and sounding-boards to their small group of grade eight boys. The Mentors help the new boys understand the ethos of our School and also take on a role as an older brother. There is a flexible programme in place that allows for small-group discussion around issues

like classroom behaviour, goal-setting, exam preparation, and respect.

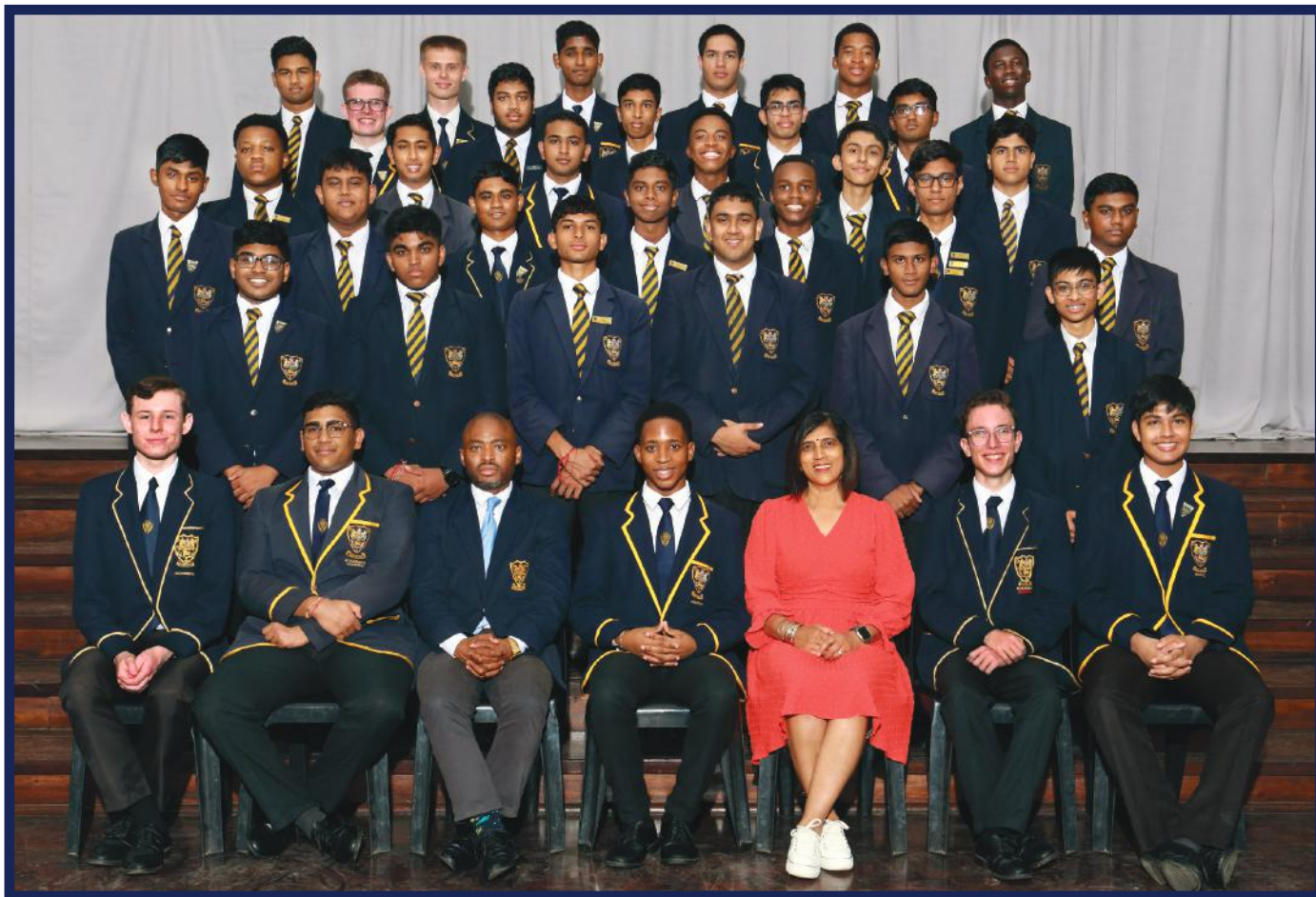
My thanks go to all the Grade 11 boys who applied to be mentors, showing your willingness to be involved in mentoring the younger boys, and, to those who were chosen as Mentors, my heartfelt gratitude goes to you for your effort this year.

The Grade 8 boys were full of praise for their Mentors at the end of the year, and my hope is that the relationship built now will last a lifetime. Many of the mentors have gone on to become Prefects in 2024.

M Girodo
M-i-C: Mentors



Toastmasters - Grade 11 Youth Leadership



Toastmasters 2023

Front Row (L to R): Connor Rixon, Kian Rama (Deputy Captain), Mr S Cele (M-i-C : Toastmasters), Sbani Maphumulo (Captain), Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Xanda Theologo, Tarao Naidu

2nd Row: Eldren Chetty, Kuveshan Naidoo, Semal Pillay, Adam Mohamed, Nirav Ramjuguth, Devaj Sanjith

3rd Row: Tristan Nair, Nevaal Naidoo, Keshan Pillay, Nivaan Chetty, Alain Ntibasame, Shyaam Maharaj, Darshan Reddy

4th Row: Nkanyezi Mthethwa, Ebrahim Mohamed, Kiaran Naidoo, Kwanza Madlala, Adhil Hoosen, Sulaiman Motala

5th Row: Joshua Smith, Keshav Govender, Akhil Naidoo, Taresh Naidoo, William Ronnie

Back Row: Hariv Pillay, David Snyman, Daruis Phali, Sa'ad Hansa, Lufuno Sithole, Hakim Mthembu

At the end of 2023 academic year, the Grade 10 and Grade 11 boys completed their training in Leadership, Communication and Public Speaking skills.

This training was run by the uMhlanga Toastmasters Club, which is affiliated to Toastmasters International. The training

requires that each Grade 10 and Grade 11 boy prepares and presents two speeches on topics that they have picked, as well as presents two impromptu speeches, evaluates both impromptu and prepared speeches, whilst running and co-ordinating the meeting themselves. They learn skills necessary to hold the role of Chairman,

Vice-Chairman, Sergeant-at-Arms, Secretary, Timekeeper, Impromptu Topics Master, Fine / Jokes Master and Chief Evaluator. These roles were held by the boys throughout the training, and they fulfilled them successfully.

The boys who have completed the above received an internationally

recognised certificate from the uMhlanga Toastmasters Club.

The recipient of the certificates will cherish this moment for many years to come.

Below is a list of Toastmasters boys who successfully completed the training:

Rahman Abdelatif, Mohammed Adam, Moosa Barmania, Mika Ballim, Eldren Chetty, Nivaan Chetty, Ronin Chetty, Muhammed Ebrahim, Keshav Govender, Sa'ad Hansa, Adhil Hoosen, Sayed Hoosen, Rahman Ibrahim, Muhammad Kadwa, Braden Maggott, Kaden McKenzie, Adam Mohammed, Mohammed Motala, Suleiman Motala, Hakim Mthembu, Nkanyezi Mthethwa,

Akhil Naidoo, Kearen Naidoo, Kubeshan Naidoo, Tarao Naidu, Tristan Nair, Joshua Nandkumar, Arav Paramanand, Hariv Pillay, Joash Pillay, Keshan Pillay, Semal Pillay, William Premjith, Nirav Ramjuguth, Darshan Reddy, Devaj Sanjith, Jacques Scheepers, Malwande Shandu, Lufuno Sithole

On Saturday, 4 March 2023, three of the DHS 2022 Toastmasters Youth Leadership and Communication Training graduates participated in the KZN inter school semi-final competition:

1. Xanda Theologo (Prepared speech category);
2. Connor Rixon (Prepared Speech category); and
3. Shyaam Maharaj (Impromptu speech category).

The competition took place at Westville Boys' High School, and it involved six schools from the Durban district. There were 13 participants in the prepared speech category from six schools, and Connor Rixon (DHS) claimed first place in the prepared speech contest. Well done to all three participants for being part of this challenging public speaking competition, and especially to Connor Rixon for his achievement. Connor Rixon further participated in the provincial final competition on 2 December 2023, and was awarded 2nd position at the KZN Toastmasters final.

DHS is very proud of these boys!

S Cele
M-i-C: Toastmasters

Grade11 Work Experience

The annual Grade 11 Work Experience took place from 11-15 September 2023. This event has proved to benefit the learners significantly since its inception in 2004. The Grade 11s are supervised by their subject teachers, who contact their employees to check whether they have reported for duty. The supervisors all received positive comments regarding DHS learners' conduct, appearance and enthusiasm in the work environment.

This has been the first year since COVID that the work experience coincided with the Grade 10 Khotso Hike. Grade 11s involved in President's Award capitalised on securing their various outdoor activities and community service through the Grade 10 camp. The following Grade 11s attended the hike as leaders: Xanda Theologo, Connor Rixon, Henro Bezuidenhout, Hakim Mthembu, Connor Hollington and Hariv Pillay. These young men, therefore, used their June vacation to fulfill their week-long work experience.

The boys have, over the years, become more daring in attempting unusual careers that also include more physical, strenuous labour. Thabiso Mtambo joined the construction team at DHS to develop his building skills. Many companies commended the DHS learners for their enthusiasm and also commented that companies would be successful if they had such enthusiastic employees.

Learners often complain about long school days and believe they would prefer working instead. However, when they were employed, they complained about how long the working day was. Many said they were exhausted by 15h00, but did nonetheless enjoy the experience.

There were outstanding reports from employees. An accounting firm was extremely impressed with Unaye Mndau. They commended him for his humility and outstanding manners. He strictly adhered to tea and lunch

breaks despite no one checking on him. He certainly fulfilled his role as an outstanding DHS ambassador, since all his scores were 100%.

Emmanuel Mqingwana also had an outstanding report for his interest and enthusiasm in a law firm. They were very taken with his knowledge and questions regarding demands of the job. The manager said he would not hesitate to employ him in future.

DHS would like to thank the many companies that allowed our learners to gain the valuable skills required in the work place. We would like to encourage the DHS community in the corporate sector to consider accommodating our young men in future, since no remuneration is required.

H Henley
Work Experience Co-Ordinator



President's Award

The President's Award became a formal elective in 2020. There were less than 10 learners in regular attendance, which included Riley Clarivette who was already familiar with the programme's expectations. His portfolio was already a work in progress, with a lot of influence and guidance from his Boy Scouts.

That was the year of COVID level 5 and the programme was discontinued. Clarivette, however, persevered on his own and was awarded a bronze medal in 2021. He was an excellent mentor to the newcomers. His portfolio was in detail and professionally done and he guided the team on their adventure activity.

Clarivette went on to complete his next level and was awarded silver medal in 2022 and gold in 2023. Despite him

being in Grade 12 in 2023 and the Head Boy of the school, he remained committed to the President's Award, and is the first DHS learner to achieve a gold medal.

The numbers of the elective group have increased significantly to about 45 and we perhaps need to consider moving to a bigger venue. These numbers, however, do not translate to the number of medals achieved since some fail to submit their final portfolio.

This year was the first time since COVID that the Grade 10 camp out was back on track and the President's Award learners were excited about maximising their outdoor requirements. They have also initiated a number of community service activities, which included the beach clean-up and cleaning our school. These, and cleaning of the teacher's car

park, were done just before Founders Day.

Congratulations on Medals achieved for 2023:

Gold Medal:

Riley Carivette

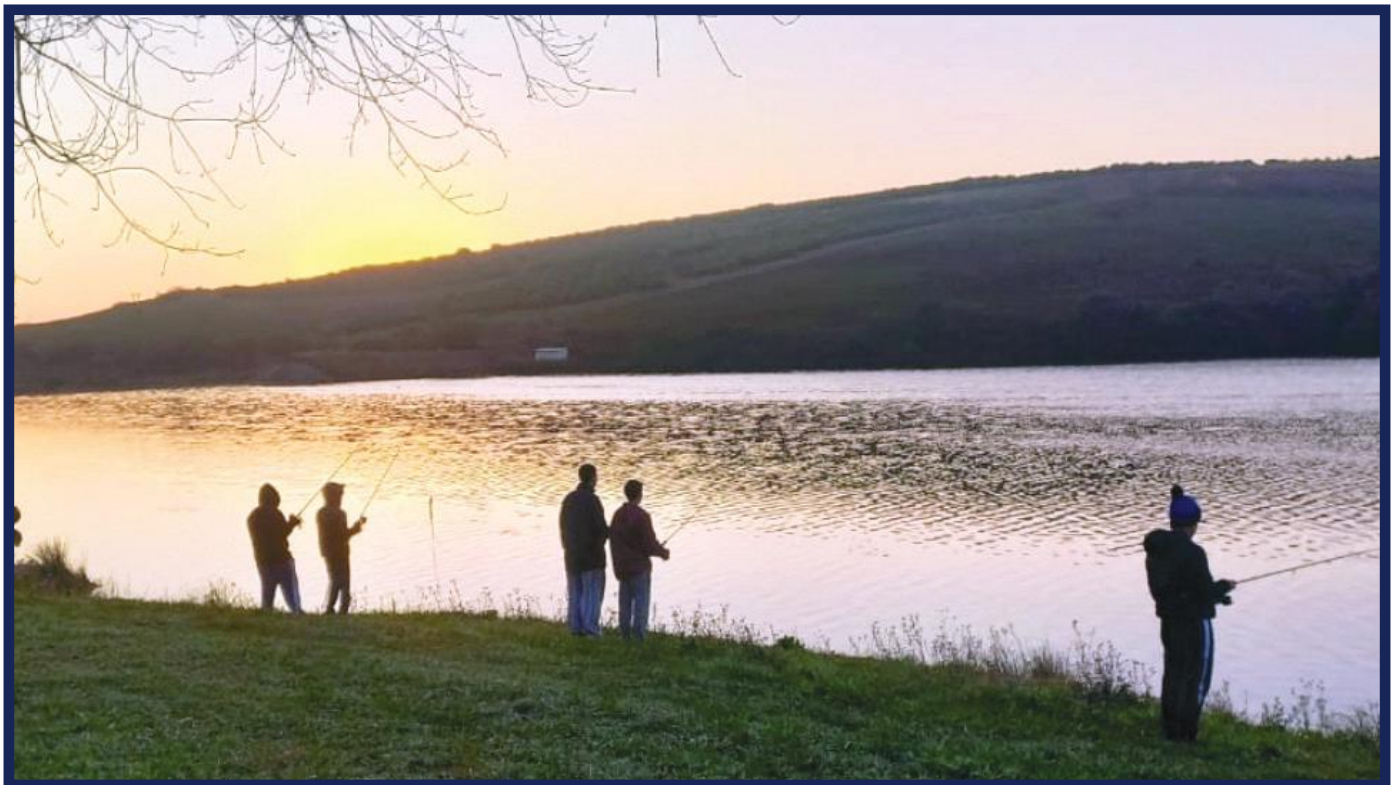
Silver Medal:

Devaj Sanjith

Bronze Medals:

Jaden Dookie 12U, Riccardo Girodo 10X, Kaden Mckenzie 11XX, Vadivelu Naiker 12D, Kearen Naidoo 11X, Ubhay Nunan 12XX Kian Rama 12A, Devaj Sanjith 10X, Jordan Subbiah 12A, Ronnie William 11X

H Henley
Award Leader



Fishing at Baynesfield

The 2023 Leadership Week

In 2023 it was decided by the school that all Leadership excursions occur over the same period. As you can imagine this presents a range of logistical challenges when dealing with such large numbers of boys and staff,

and the prerequisite equipment and transport.

Nonetheless, a very successful week was enjoyed by boys and staff alike, especially when bearing in mind that

this was our first return to the Outdoor Leadership Programme since pre-COVID-19.

Grade 10 Leadership Excursion

On Sunday, 10 September a record-breaking group of 170 Grade 10s, with a group of Grade 11 leaders, gathered in the main car park to begin, what was for them, their first experience in the outdoors in the Southern Berg. In keeping with tradition, our destination was Khotso Horse Trails situated 12 km outside Underberg. This 1300 hectare working horse and sheep farm is nestled at the foot of this majestic mountain range and is only minutes away from the famous Sani Pass. Khotso is home to Steve Black and his stable of horses. For more than 22 years now, Khotso has been responsible for taking travellers and adventurers into the heart of Lesotho, and is a regular base for the World Challenge group.

The planning phase of the excursion, which focuses on the boy's organisational skills, was fairly well executed by the majority of the boys and, as the week progressed, it became apparent that this phase needs to be revisited in 2024, as a number had misinterpreted the meaning of a small cooler bag! On the whole the boys were well equipped but a few had allowed their mums to pack for them so were overloaded. This meant a little time was spent shedding excess baggage. The weather was perfect in Durban but as we approached the Midlands and Underberg, the temperature started to

soar, and it was 33 degrees when we arrived.

We arrived at the start of the Drakensberg Gardens road at around 13h00 and here the boys unpacked their kit and began the 7km hike along the scenic Mzimkhulu River to Khotso Horse Trails. Taking the extreme heat into account, the boys were only required to carry their back packs - the balance of their equipment was ferried to the camp in the buses.

On arrival at Khotso the boys were briefed and after the 'camp rules' were set out the boys set up their tents and prepared a late lunch. It was amazing to see the wide variety of tents that had accompanied the boys.

The skill of team work is tested here, where the purchasing of expensive and unnecessary equipment is discouraged. The afternoon was spent swimming in the dam and exploring their new home for the next few days.

As the sun set, the boys were able to start the braais and enjoyed a great meal. In some cases, packs were lightened by a few kilos as vast quantities of meat were put on the braais. The staff also experienced a first when walking around to the various braai areas - one group were busy braaing Wagyu steaks! After dinner the boys were briefed on

the procedure for Monday morning and then they settled around the huge fire that definitely helped to keep them warm, and was to become the focus of camp life for the next week.

The next morning the boys woke to very cold temperatures, and some immediately regretted not packing their own clothes in accordance with the kit list and many briefings. Breakfast was varied and some were very glad that they had braai leftovers - enough to give them enough energy for the day. At 8 they were divided into groups to begin the rotation through the various activities:

- Farm work
- Horse riding
- Water activities.
- Hike
- Overnight in the mountains
- Leadership tasks

The farm work included gathering fire wood, clearing the paddocks, and learning about sheep and horse care. In addition, erosion control was a big focus as this is becoming a huge problem in 'Berg areas. The interaction between the boys and the farm staff was excellent and a great amount of work was done during the week. Typical of any farm, Khotso has a number of working dogs and the boys had a great deal of fun with the two Border Collies.





Grade 10 Boys 'Ready to Ride' at Khotso Horse Trails

The two-hour horse trail was adapted a little from previous years because of the large number of boys on the camp. A scenic ride around the foothills of the farm was completed by every boy in the group. Many of the boys were very wary of the horses as some are quite large, but these fears were overcome and an enjoyable ride was had by all.

The hiking and overnight component was extended in order to cater for the needs of those boys completing

the Adventurous Journey module of their President's Award Portfolio. The value of this programme cannot be emphasised enough and I encourage all boys to enrol. On this hike the Khotso team highlighted various environment aspects around the farm, as well as showing the boys the impact of soil erosion in the area, and thus the importance of the anti-erosion work done during their stay. This segment of the trip was supervised by our staff and coordinated by Steve Black who

has many years of hiking and outdoor experience. Unfortunately, on Monday night the weather turned really bad with extremely cold temperatures, which on their own is not a major challenge, but this was accompanied by torrential rain. At 17h30 on Monday night we decided to bring everyone back to camp for safety and comfort. In the interim an army tent lined with hay was erected for the boys whose tents were flooded. Even though there was heavy rain, this did not stop our boys braaing and



Grade 8 Boys at Baynesfield

sitting by the fire until way past 21h00. Fortunately, the next day the weather cleared and the group was able to dry tents and clothing. Despite all of these challenges, the boys exhibited resilience and comradery, and spirits were high.

Thursday came far too quickly and many boys indicated that they wished the experience was longer. Packing up was a military sized task, but at 11h30 we were all aboard our respective buses and headed back to Durban.

I would like to thank all the parents, boys and staff who supported this initiative, namely Mrs Nagiah, Dr Salmond, Ms Vorster, Mr Botha, Mr Esterhuizen, and Mr Du Plessis. Each staff member contributed to the success of the trip and imparted their own personal attributes in helping with the boys. The interaction between the staff and boys was excellent - this may be attributed to the fact that they camped with the boys and took part in all of the activities with them. A huge thank you also goes to Steve and Lulu of Khotso, and their

support staff who made sure that this was a meaningful, safe and enjoyable experience for our boys.

This is the fifth year we have used this rotation and I plan spending a lot of time at Khotso devising a new excursion for the 2024 group, including a new secluded camp-site for the overnight component. One thing I am glad to report is that I already have a list of twenty boys who want to return next year as Grade 11 leaders.

Grade 8 & 9 Leadership Excursions - The Farm (Baynesfield)



In a departure from previous years the Grade 8 and 9 groups attended the same camp at the Baynesfield Estate (near Richmond) under the guidance of The Farm Leadership organisation. This scenic venue boasts a variety of antelope and species of birds, as well as bass fishing in probably one of the most pristine dams in the province. The reason for both groups visiting the same venue was to facilitate ease of transport and a smooth turnover of groups. This was also the first Grade 8 and 9 camp since 2019.

On arrival the boys left their luggage in the buses and commenced a scenic 6km hike from the entrance of the Lodge towards the dam. Not having to carry anything, most groups did this activity in record breaking time. A portion

of the hike was through the avocado plantation, avocado growing being one of the primary activities in the area. On arrival at the dam the boys were briefed and started setting up their tents. The choice of a camping location was made so that the boys gain experience before their Grade 10 adventure. Paying attention to instructions was crucial here and it was very apparent which boys were more used to sitting in front of their gaming consoles rather than engaging with the outdoors. After this they had lunch and were broken up into groups for the various activities which included the following:

- Raft building and racing
- Survivor puzzle solving
- Leadership and teamwork activities
- Tubing behind a powerboat - a firm favourite with the boys
- A 6km river hike which took the boys on a round trip of the dam and foothills.

On both camps the weather was superb and the boys enjoyed lifeguard supervised swimming (with life jackets) in the clear and cool water of the dam. In their free time the boys were allowed to fish and I was encouraged to see

how many boys took advantage of this option.

I would like to thank the following staff for their attendance and much valued support on these excursions: Mr Marques, Mr Cele, Mr Kohne, Mr Crouch, Mr Jansen van Rensburg, Mr du Plessis, and Mr Esterhuizen (the latter two having just come back from a week in the Berg with the Grade 10s). I was fortunate enough to be able to join the Grade 9 camp and have already met with the facilitators to make certain next year's experience is even better, although the Grade 9 group will be enjoying their camp at a new venue.

A massive thank you to the parents and friends of the School who assisted in making the above excursions a reality for our boys via generous sponsorship of product, camp fees, and equipment. This points to the real family that we have at DHS and helps making the excursion accessible to as many boys as possible.

I Lewis
Head of Outdoor Leadership Activities



Cultural Activities Awards

During the course of the year, Cultural Activities Awards were earned by Boys in Grades 10 to 12 for their cultural achievements. Congratulations to the following Boys who received Awards for their Cultural Activities in 2023.

DEBATING

Colours Re-Award: Kian Rama
Sbani Maphumulo

Colours: Xando Theologo

Half Colours: Nevaal Naidoo

POETRY

Half Colours: Sbani Maphumulo

MUSIC

Colours: Jude Miller
Neo Mkhize
Unaye Mndau
Tarao Naidu

Half Colours: Jordan Subbiah



KZN Schools Jazz Band Members

Daniel Mayiza, Jude Miller, Andrew Paul, Siyabonga Chonco, Sayed Hoosen, Unaye Mndau



KZN Youth Orchestra Members

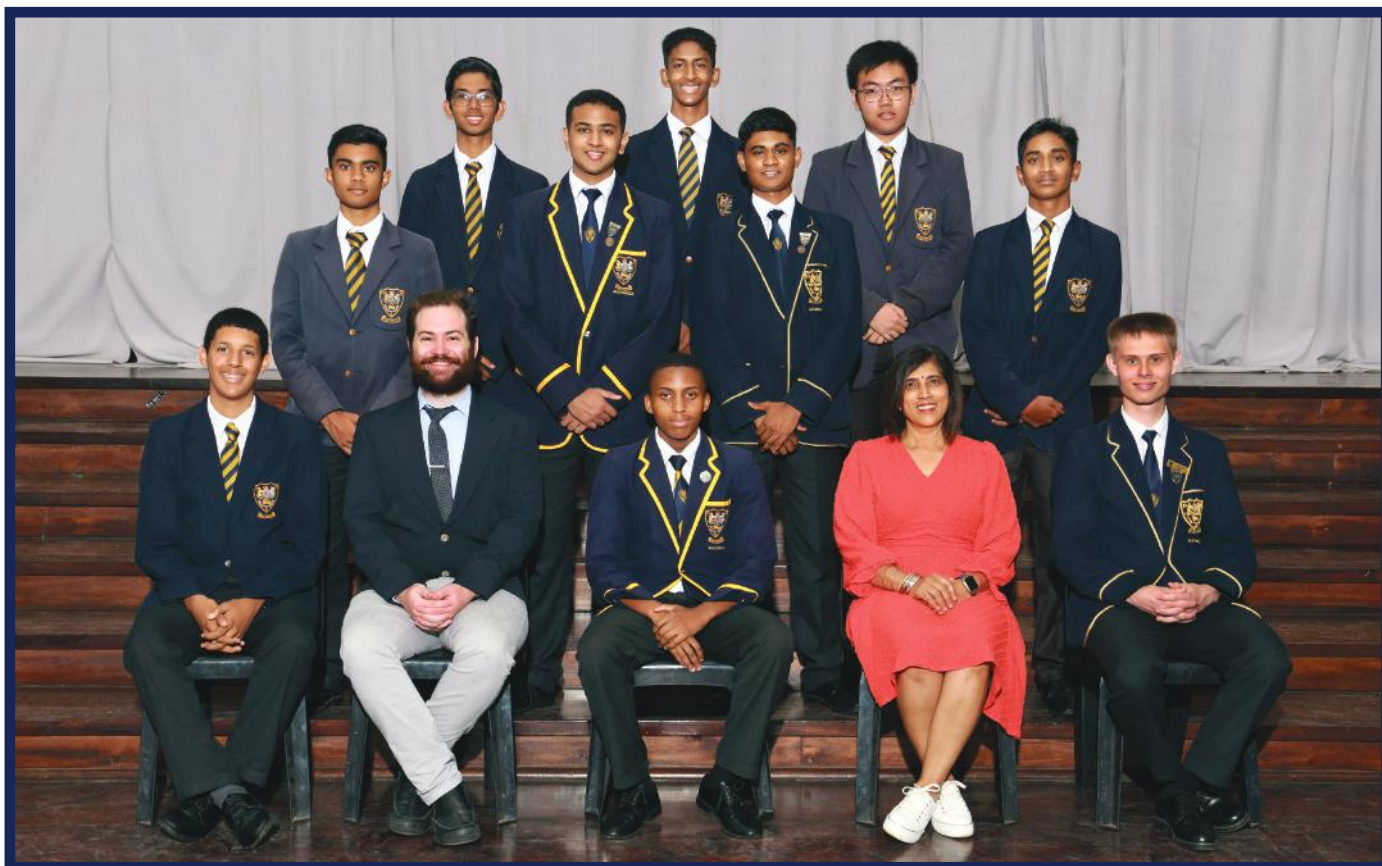
Luvuyo Mkhize, Ayush Sewpaul, Zaakir Essack, Connor Rixon



KZN Youth Wind Band Members

Mihle Ndlovu, Colby Bezuidenhout

Chess



Chess 2023

Front Row (L to R): Diego Miglietti, Mr C McEwen (Chess Coach), Nhloshhle Ndabinde, Ms S Nagiah (M-i-C: Chess), David Snyman

2nd Row: Tristan Frank, Kearen Naidoo, Keshan Pillay, Shivay Munien

Back Row: Rikhil Reuben, Sumeshan Kisten, Yanzuo Chen

"Chess holds its master in its own bonds, shaking the mind and brain so that the inner freedom of the very strongest must suffer."

Chess this year hit the road running, with Mr Cade McEwan coaching our boys.

The Club has grown considerably and now has over 30 members. The Chess Elective, held on Wednesdays, is open to all learners and currently there are 15 regular attendees.

Throughout the year our boys were involved in numerous activities/tournaments.

Umdlali Tournament

At the Umdlali Individual Tournament on Saturday 20 May 2023, our boys did exceptionally well, with ten of them entering.

The 5-round tournament commenced at 8am and ended at 2:30 pm. Three of our boys, David Snyman, Rikhil Reuben and Kiaran Sewnarain, dominated the high school section.

Our boys played an excellent game of chess and their hard work and level headedness ensured a great win for our school. All the boys received a certificate of participation.

Final Results:

Top Positions

Tied 1st	David Snyman (5 points) received Silver medal
2nd	Rikhil Reuben (5 points) Bronze medal
3rd	Kiaran Sewnarain (4½ points) - Bronze medal

Other Results:

Chen Yanzuo	3 points
Diego Miglietti	3 points
Shivay Munien	3 points
Sumeshan Kisten	2½ points
Zipho Mdlalose	2 points
Inge Smidt	2 points
Thashar Naidoo	1 point



The Durban and Districts Chess Challenge

This year saw 10 schools involved with the Durban and Districts Chess Challenge. The fixtures commenced in April and it was quite a mission having to complete the fixtures due to school/ public holidays. These fixtures took place on a Friday afternoon. This was extremely competitive. Despite DHS losing just the one match against Northwood, the final scores came down to points.

Final Results:

1st	Northwood	78½
2nd	George Campbell	70
3rd	Durban Boys High	68½
4th	Glenwood	65
5th	St Henry's	53
6th	WGHS	31
7th	Durban North College	24½
7th	Eden College	24½
7th	New Forest	24½
8th	DGHS	10½

Inter-House Chess Tournament

The Inter-House Tournament was held on Thursday 7 October 2023. Each house was represented by two players: 1 x Junior and 1 x Senior. The Blitz tournament kicked off with Langley winning the first round. Thereafter

Swales dominated the boards and surged on to win the tournament.

Final Positions:

1st	Swales	9½
2nd	Langley	5
3rd	Grice	7½
4th	Blackmore	3
5th	Payn	2
5th	Campbell	2

Jeppe High School for Boys Tour

This tour left school in the early hours of the morning on 4 August.

Twelve learners participated in the Chess Challenge against Jeppe High - Ndabinde (Captain), Snyman, Joseph, Sewnarain, Pillay, Naidoo, Naidoo, Munien, Chen, Reubens, Kisten and our substitute Mthembu.

Once the FIDE rules were explained to the boys, the games began. Mthembu had a quick win against his opponent, who paid the price for his mistake. The games slowed down a bit hereafter, although there were quick successive wins from Reuben and Pillay. The Top 4 boards were pretty challenging, with neither player giving in. This neck and neck competition went on for a while until both sides declared it a draw. Mistakes from our side resulted in the final score of 7½ to us and 4½ to Jeppe.

Jeppe was a wonderful host and we trust this relationship will last a long time.

Visiting Primary Schools Workshop

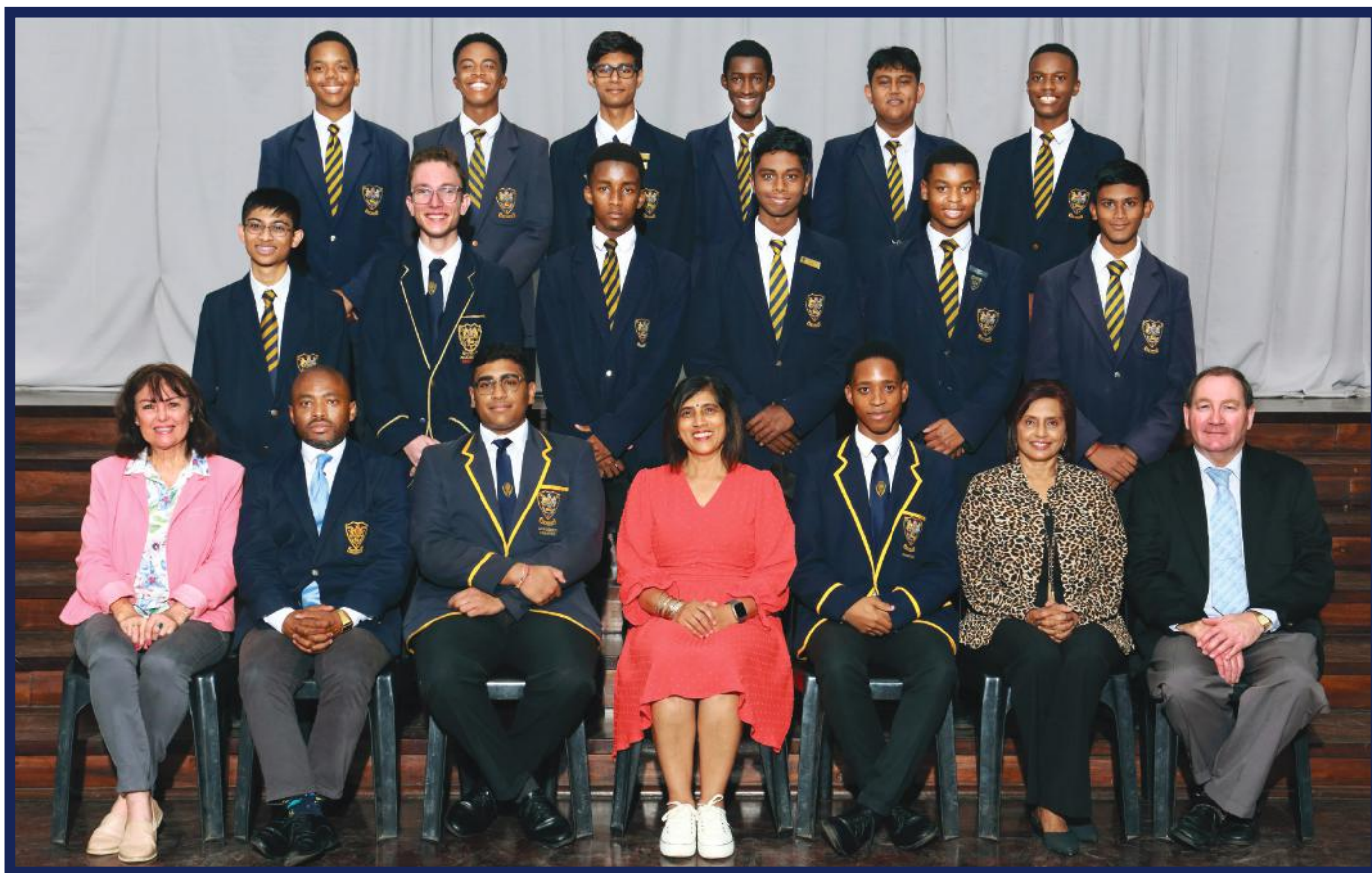
Durban High School had the pleasure of hosting four Chess Workshops for local primary schools and prospective DHS learners. Players were afforded the opportunity to test and expand their knowledge of openings, theoretical end games, as well as looking at some famous players throughout chess history and pop culture.

As opposed to just playing games against other participants, the players were given access to a limited number of pieces in order to create dynamic and comical piece structures. A plethora of scenarios sprang to life, ranging from 2-move checkmates, to wildly unbalanced positions. Players were also given the chance to test their skills against members of the DHS Chess team. This allowed them to receive personalised feedback regarding where to direct their attention for maximum improvement.

S Nagiah
M-i-C: Chess



Debating



Debating 2023

Front Row (L to R): Dr W Rawlinson, Mr S Cele (M-i-C : Debating), Kian Rama (Deputy Captain), Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Sbani Maphumulo (Captain), Ms S Daniel, Dr A McDuling

2nd Row: Devaj Sanjith, Xanda Theologo, Funda Magwaza, Nivaan Chetty, Ikho Mdeleleni, Nirav Ramjuguth

Back Row: Siyabonga Chonco, Kwenza Madlala, Shyaam Maharaj, Joshua Haguma, Nevaal Naidoo, Alain Ntibasame

DHS participated in the Durban and Coastal Debating League, run in conjunction with the UKZN Debating Society. The schools are divided into various pools and a round-robin is held during terms one, two and three.

DHS entered one senior and two junior teams. These teams were given topics for their debate in advance. The senior team, however, had to prepare both sides of the argument (proposition and opposition). On the day of the debate, a coin was tossed to decide which team would propose and which

would oppose. They then had thirty minutes to prepare their case.

All teams had an opportunity of being listened to by audience members and adjudicators. At the end of each debate, the adjudicators gave participants positive and constructive feedback to help them improve in future debates. The teams dealt with topics that were controversial, as well as those issues that they are faced with in our ever-changing world. All teams enjoyed the stimulation of healthy, competitive debating.

Below is a breakdown of this year's debating results:

No of Debates	38
Debates Won	24
Lost Debates	11
Forfeited Debates - Opposition	3
Forfeited Debates - DHS	0

Our debating teams had the privilege of being invited to the inter-provincial school debating friendly against Jeppe High School for Boys this year. The boys had a great time in Gauteng province, and came back having formed strong friends with boys from Jeppe.



Below are the results of the friendly which took place during the weekend away in Gauteng:

Jeppe High School for Boys Senior Debating Results for 4 August 2023:

Senior 1 Jeppe won the debate
Senior 2 DHS won the debate, with Xanda Theologo of DHS being the overall best speaker

Jeppe High School for Boys Junior Debating Results for 4 August 2023

Junior 1 - DHS won the debate, with Nivaan Chetty of DHS being the overall best speaker

Senior 2 - DHS won the debate, with Alain Ntibasame of DHS being the overall best speaker

Our teams for 2023 consisted of the following boys, and their highest accolades achieved in Debating are mentioned next to their names:

Debating Students:

Sbani Maphumulo	Captain Debating Colours Recipient of Devi Rajab Cultural Award
Kian Rama	Deputy Captain Debating Colours Recipient of Stephen Mulholland Prize for wide involvement in the cultural aspect of the school
Nevaal Naidoo	Half colours
Nivaan Chetty	
Siyabonga Chonco	
Kwenzakwenkosi Madlala	
Funda Magwaza	
Shyaam Maharaj	
Ikho Mdleleni	
Alain Ntibasame	
Nirav Ramjuguth	
Devaj Sanjith	
Xanda Theologo	

At the end of the debating preliminary round, the following boys were selected by the league for the district awards which took place at Clifton College:

Xanda Theologo:

KZN Provincial Debating participant
SA Debating Representative

Kian Rama:

Durban and Coastal Debating League District Finalist and Winner
KZN Provincial Debating Participant

Sbani Maphumulo:

Durban and Coastal Debating League District Finalist and Winner
KZN Provincial Debating Participant

Nevaal Naidoo:

Durban and Coastal Debating League District Finalist and Winner

Their selection was based on their average score during the preliminary rounds at the league level. The school also honoured their achievement at the annual sports and cultural award function.

The DHS Senior Team, consisting of Sbani Maphumulo, Kian Rama and Nevaal Naidoo, won the District Debating Championship debate against Clifton College Team 1. This was DHS's first district highest award in 18 years!

At the end of 2023, we will be bidding farewell to Sbani Maphumulo and Kian Rama who will be writing their NSC final exams. We thank both the boys for their full commitment to debating, and wish them all the best in their post high school endeavours.

I would like to thank the Debating Society members, Dr A McDuling, Ms Daniel, Dr Rawlinson and Mr Chetty (Coach), for their involvement and dedication during this year. The Society would not have been successful without their contribution and assistance.

KZN Provincial Debating Championships 2023

The Durban and Coastal Debating League (DCDL) in association with the KZN School's Debating Association (KZNSDA) was responsible for hosting the Provincial Tournament in 2023.

Three of DHS Debating students were selected to represent Durban and Coastal League (DCDL) for the annual KZN Debating Provincial Championship. These students were Kian Rama, Xanda Theologo and Sbani Maphumulo.

This Championship took place from 21 July to 23 July 2023 at St Henry's Marist College. An initiative by KwaZulu-Natal Schools Debating Association (KZNSDA), it is every Debating student's wish to participate in considering that only those students who have earned top scores during the preliminary rounds in their leagues. This championship consisted of all KZN leagues that are affiliated to KZNSDA, such as The Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Phoenix, and Empangeni Leagues.

The Debaters were put into teams from other schools, thus creating a stronger debating team ethos than those of their own school teams. The adjudicators were well experienced individuals, and the feedback that they gave at the conclusion of each team debating round was a catalyst in determining whether or not a team progressed to the semi and final rounds of the championship. This made Debating a highly contested activity throughout the championship.

At the conclusion of the provincial tournament, Xanda Theologo was selected to represent the province at the national tournament, which took place in December in Kimberley.

S Cele

M-i-C: Debating Society



Cultural Evening/Sisonke



Sisonke 2023

Left to Right: Nivaan Chetty, Ms G Joshua, S'bani Maphumulo, Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Kian Rama, Ms S Drew, Nirvan Ramjuguth

2nd Row: Jude Miller, Dr R Salmond, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Eden Mfatuzo, Ms J Hamilton, Emmanuel Mqingwana

3rd Row: Colby Bezuidenhout, Dr W Rawlinson, Iminathi Langa, Ms S Daniel, Andrew Paul, Ms K Nagan, Ikho Mdleleni

4th Row: Liyabona Nkosi, Mr C McEwen, Siyabonga Chonco, Sihawu Zungu, Ms H Henley, Adhil Hoosen

Back Row: Neo Mkhize, Joshua Haguma, Jordan Subbiah, Tarao Naidu, Sandla Twenani, Mholi Malinga

Our School's annual cultural concert was held on 28 September 2023. Our diversity is showcased through the amazing talents of our boys and staff. This now traditional Barnyard style evening of celebration and entertainment is something we all look forward to. This is no ordinary concert as it has become quite competitive.

This year saw our staff defending their title as Best Dance performers against a group of energetic young men performing the Oscar winning, South

Indian dance Naatu Naatu. However, they were no match for the polished act from our ladies.

Our cultural diversity displayed through music, song and dance had the audience enthralled and wanting more. Our judges had a difficult time having to select the winners, but after much deliberation the following were declared the winners in the different categories.

Final Results:

Best Solo Vocalist - Joshua Haguma

Best Solo Dramatic Performance - Ikho Mdleleni

Best Musical Ensemble - The Beastie Boys (Tarao Naidu, Andrew Paul, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Siyabonga Chonco, Liyabona Nkosi, Mholi Malinga, Adhil Hoosen, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Jude Miller, Sandla Twenani, Jordan Subbiah)

Best Dance Performance - The DHS Ladies (Ms Nagiah, Ms Henley, Dr Salmond, Ms Nagan, Ms Joshua, Ms Drew, Ms Hamilton)

S Nagiah
M-i-C: Sisonke





Drama Club



Drama Club 2023

Front Row (L to R): Lwandle Mbatha, Mr C McEwen (M-i-C : Drama Club), Ikho Mdleleni, Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Ethan Pillay

Back Row: Nsikelelo Mpangase, Akhil Naidoo, Damon Coetzee, Tsutsu Gwala

Term 1:

As always, DHS has been a busy school this year but, between debating, sports, music and many other activities, a group of five boys banded together with Ms Browne in the first term to meet every Wednesday afternoon for an hour.

It was an hour filled with fun, laughter, chatting and performing. The boys practiced improvisations like “The Haunted House” and brainstormed script ideas through a variety of topics. As a finale to the term, the boys presented their absolutely stereotypical performance of the play “Race on Race”, a non-politically correct satire skit, which created a theatre full of laughs, as the boys played on all the intricacies

of our diverse rainbow nation in a Live Game Show set up.

It was a wonderful term spent engaging with culture in its truest form. Well done to:

S Browne
M-i-C: Drama Club

Term 3 & 4:

After a brief hiatus, the Drama Club was re-established at the start of Term 3. Students began working on the play they would be performing before the start of final exams, entitled “Where Do We Go”. The play is a Workshop Theatre piece, dealing with post-modern themes such as the purpose and repetitiveness of modern life. Students worked for

several weeks developing characters and story lines through improvisation and refinement of ideas.

A piece such as “Where Do We Go” focusses heavily on the creation and learning process of the actors. The goal is to allow the actors to explore the complex themes that aren’t often explored in a contemporary setting. Due to the nature of the entertainment industry, actors are often only allowed to explore these ideas in a theoretical context, unable to actually explore the major themes with other actors in front of an audience. The actors finished this play with a greater understanding of unintuitive theatrical ideas that will serve them well in future performances.



The final performance took place on 3 November 2023 to a full house. Despite the difficult themes of post-modern theatre, the audience reaction was positive. Drama students who attended gave praise to the actors for dealing with sophisticated topics and unorthodox theatre conventions, whereas younger

students were able to enjoy the musical and comedic elements. While not every Drama Club performance aims to explore postmodern concepts, it is vital that young actors get the opportunity to be exposed to the full range of theatrical movements and genres.

Drama Club Members:

Ikho Mdeleleni (Captain), Damon Coetzee, Akhil Naidoo, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Lwandle Mbatha, Tsutsu Gwala, Iminathinkosi Langa

C McEwen
M-i-C: Drama Club

Music



The Music Boys of 2023

Music gives a soul to the universe ...

Music at Durban High School continues to expand and develop every year. We have a thriving Music Department that offers Music as an academic subject from Grade 8 to Grade 12, and a cultural programme, now in its seventh year. To have grown into a genuine powerhouse in such a short space of time is an outstanding accomplishment - largely due to the commitment of every learner and our dedicated staff.

Led by Dr Rungan, the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre employs eleven part-time instrument teachers to teach both the subject Music, as well as Extra-Curricular Music. Our teachers are professionals in their respective fields, with a wealth of experience both as music educators and performers. Every teacher is music literate, which is a non-negotiable requirement of any teacher in this programme. Our teachers continue to inspire the learners to achieve music excellence by being mentors to them.

This year the Music Department performed at numerous public events, namely:

- All Stars Shine, directed by Dr Rungan
- Comrades Marathon - Drumline and Brass Band
- KZN Schools Jazz and Rock Festival, hosted at the Durban High School
- National Schools Jazz Festival, in Makanda
- Music @ Kearsney Festival
- UKZN Jazz International Day

The fruit of the hard work put in by the learners and teachers is evident in the number of boys who have been selected for provincial Music bands this year. We are very proud of these boys, especially considering that many have excelled in other sporting codes and academically. These boys have worked consistently and are reaping the rewards of their hard work and discipline. All the boys are members of the DHS Music programme and serve the school first.

KZN Youth Orchestra:

Luvuyo Mkhize	Grade 11
Connor Rixon	Grade 11
Zaakir Essack	Grade 8
Sharnez Shaun	Grade 8

KZN Youth Wind Band:

Mihle Ndlovu	Grade 9
Colby Bezuidenhout	Grade 9

KZN Youth Jazz Band:

Jude Miller	Grade 12
Daniel Mayiza	Grade 11
Unaye Mndau	Grade 11
Siyabonga Chonco	Grade 10
Adhil Hoosen	Grade 10
Andrew Paul	Grade 10

Over the past seven years, the facilities in the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre have considerably impacted the lives of countless boys who have benefited from the programme's offerings and industry networking. In celebration of this, and with the help of renowned

producer Prince Bulu, the DHS Jazz band recorded and released its first studio album. The album is available on the school website.

The music programme has established itself as a leader amongst KZN Schools and this is due to the constant support from our benefactor, Mr Chris Seabrooke, and the DHS Foundation.

With us anticipating a record enrolment into the music programme for 2024, the future looks brighter than ever.

We are looking forward to a spectacular 2024.

N Rungan
Head of Music



War Cry Band 2023

Front Row (L to R): Jordan Subbiah, Ntsika Ndlanya, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Jude Miller, Dr N Rungan (Head of Music), Luvuyo Neo Mkhize, Zoe Tembe

2nd Row: Keuren Naidoo, Tisetso Mokubung, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Colby Bezuidenhout, Landon Dunn, Seth Jaganathan

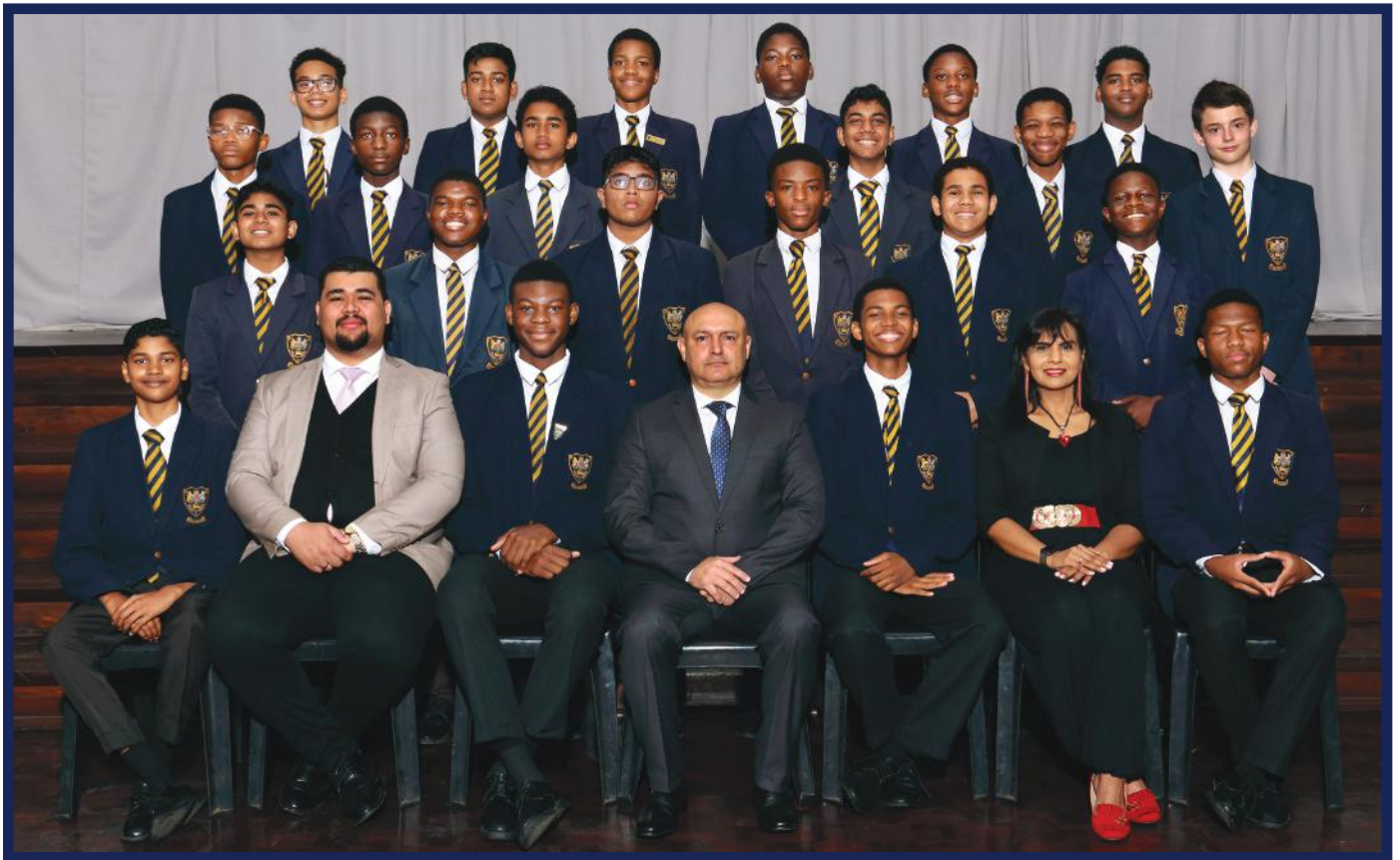
3rd Row: Caleb Naidoo, Wesley Giandhari, Mihle Ndlovu, Adhil Hoosen, Eden Mfatuza, Liyabona Nkosi

4th Row: Ethan Pillay, Kamran Singh, Lemar Dunn, Zechariah Jacob, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Daniel Andreou

Back Row: Sihawu Zungu, Siyabonga Chonco, Thando Mchunu

Absent: Mholi Malinga





DHS Choir 2023

Front Row (L to R): Andrew Paul, Mr V Smith (Choir Conductor), Daniel Mayiza, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Iminathi Langa, Ms N Rungan (Head of Music), Sihawu Zungu

2nd Row: Seth Jaganathan, Lathitha Mafunda, Zechariah Jacob, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Jesse Miller, Mhlengi Sibisi

3rd Row: Tisetso Mokubung, Sqiniseko Nxumalo, Landon Dunn Kamran Singh, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Aidan Hutson

Back Row: Seth Pillay, Raidan Pillay, Mihle Ndlovu, Mlondi Buthelezi, Mnqobi Zincume, Colby Bezuidenhout





Jazz Band 2023

Front Row (L to R): Connor Rixon, Tarao Naidu, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Jude Miller, Dr N Rungan (Head of Music), Jordan Subbiah, Unaye Mndau

2nd Row: Lathitha Mafunda, Shivay Munien, Eden Mfatuzo, Tisetso Mokubung, Wesley Giandhari, Keuren Naidoo

3rd Row: Thando Mchunu, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Mngqobi Zincume, Adhil Hoosen, Landon Dunn, Colby Bezuidenhout, Andrew Paul

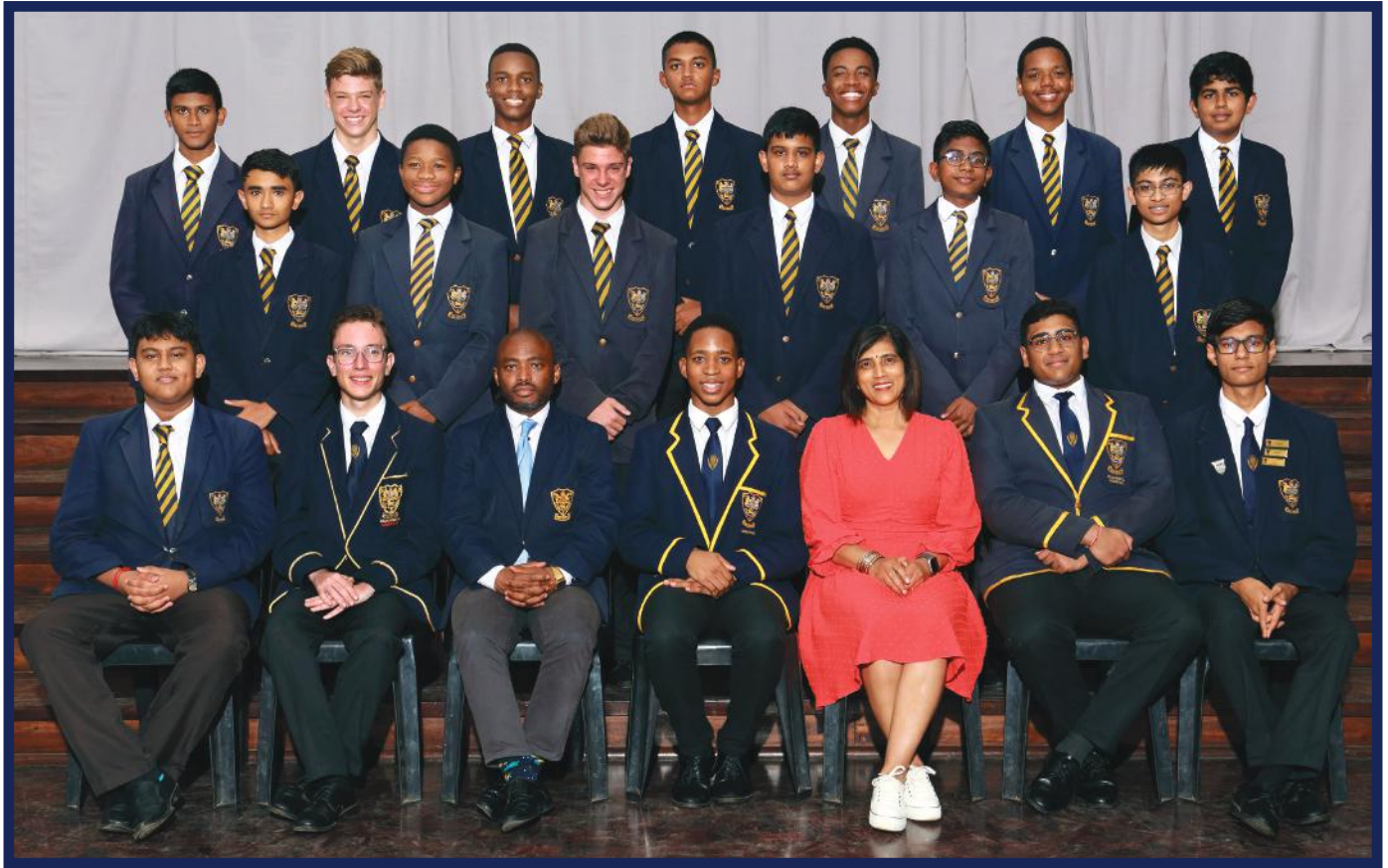
4th Row: Caleb Naidoo, Ethan Chetty, Sihawu Zungu, Siyabonga Chonco, Mihle Ndlovu, Jordan Chetty, Liyabona Nkosi, Declan Watson

Back Row: Zoe Tembe, Iminathi Langa, Lemar Dunn, Daniel Mayiza, Aaron Drimmie, Sandla Twenani, Luvuyo Neo Mkhize

Absent: Njabulo Mtolo, Mholi Malinga



Public Speaking



Public Speaking 2023

Front Row (L to R): Nevaal Naidoo, Xanda Theologo, Mr S Cele (M-i-C : Public Speaking), Sbani Maphumulo (Captain), Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Kian Rama (Deputy Captain), Shyaam Maharaj

2nd Row: Ashneil Babajee, Londa Olifant, Jordan De Connick, Adarsh Beecum, Keshav Naidoo, Devaj Sanjith

Back Row: Nirav Ramjuguth, Jadon De Connick, Alain Ntibasame, Christian Pillay, Kwenza Madlala, Siyabonga Chonco, Ally Aariz

The Public Speaking training is run during the Electives period at school, and is aimed at the Grade 8 and Grade 9 boys who wish to improve their communication and presentation skills. There is no entry requirement to join the training elective except a passion for speaking.

The past boys who have been members of the training have left the school to study law, journalism, communication and many areas of their interests, with many claiming to have gained necessary preparation for these areas by being part of the training.

During this training the boys learn to research, prepare and deliver speeches, they learn to use key cards effectively, and the non-verbal skills such as gestures and body language. Evaluation of each other's speeches is another skill which they learn so that they understand how to give feedback in a non-offensive and constructive manner.

The boys learn to be the master of ceremonies, they learn to recite poetry and to tell appropriate jokes. They also learn organisational and time management skills which they can use in their personal and school lives.

Public Speaking Tournament

On 21 October 2023, the DHS Public Speaking boys were invited to participate in the 2023 University of KwaZulu-Natal Model United Nations Tournament.

Six of our boys - Xanda Theologo, Kwenza Madlala, Alain Ntibasame, Nirav Ramjuguth, Nivaan Chetty and Funda Magwaza - took on the challenge and braved this mentally taxing tournament.

The tournament was attended by thirty schools from Durban and surrounding areas, and each school's task was to create and debate about the solutions

that will be used to assist refugees and asylum seekers around the world.

The DHS boys submitted a joint solution that caught the attention of the adjudicators and won on the feasibility and relevance of their solution.

The solutions that they proposed will further be compiled by the UKZN and will be submitted as part of the document to the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees.

The following team members won the individual votes:

Xanda Theologo - Most Outstanding Delegate
Nirav Ramjuguth - 2nd Most Outstanding Delegate

The following team members were representatives of the International Monetary Fund, and their team won both the individual and school trophy:

1. Xanda Theologo
2. Kwenza Madlala
3. Alain Ntibasame

DHS is proud of these boys' achievements!

Regular Public Speakers for 2023:

Aariz Ally, Ashneil Babajee, Athithyan Balakumar, Adarsh Beecum, Jordan Danker, Jordan De Connick, Jadon De Connick, Avumile Dlomo, Sky Govender, Muhammad Joosab, Piyush Mahabeer, Santhan Moodley, Sabelwe Msomi, Ethan Mudaly, Keshav Naidoo, Shalan Naidoo, Londa Olifant, Sachiel Pillay, Mekhael Pillay, Christian Pillay, Yashvir Rambaruth, Rikhil Reuben, Varish Sha

S Cele
M-i-C: Public Speaking



*Debating Award Winners
Nevaal Naidoo, Xanda Theologo, Sbani Maphumulo, Kian Rama*

Community Service

Community Service had a vibrant and busy year with many projects and initiatives supported by all. DHS continues to show unwavering support to our community with a keen and active approach to ensuring that we recognise and embrace our valuable role in our community.

DHS completed the following projects this year:

Flip Flop Day Donation:
CHOC
17 February

Tops & Tags Project:
Sweethearts Foundation
Term 1-3

Slipper Day:
Reach for a Dream
5 May

Clothes to Good Project:
Clothes to Good/H&M
26 April

Beach Clean-Ups:
KZN Beach Clean-Up
Term 1-3
4 March
12 August
16 September

Canned Food Drive:
Mandela Month Project
St Monica's Children's Home
Isaiah 54 Children's Sanctuary
18 - 31 July

Casual Day:
Open Air School & Various Others
1 September

Other Events, Projects and Initiatives:

Sport Department & Boarding Establishment

International Men's Day: Raising a Boy Child Programme "A Walk with the President":

DHS was proud to have been selected as a school to participate in the 16 days of activism against the abuse of women and children. A group of DHS Rugby and Hockey Boys showed their support and participated in a march/walk on 25 November, at North Beach, Mini Town from 6h45-8h30. This important event was held to highlight the positive value that men bring to the world, their families, and communities. The president also made an appearance and addressed the crowd on these matters, as well as thanking all for their support.

The Baby Home - Durban North:

A group of our boys visited the home for babies on 11 August. The home for abandoned babies was founded 8 years ago and is run by Jo Teunnisen.

Our boys interacted with the babies, played, and even changed nappies and fed the babies their lunch. It was really a beautiful day, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were happy to show their nurturing and softer side.

We hope that more boys will have the opportunity to visit The Baby Home next year and that we can continue our relationship with this special organisation.

Music Department

On 1 November the DHS Jazz Band participated in an outreach event and

performed for 80 women who live in the Essenwood Residential Home. Our Boys' performance brought much joy, and they hope to continue the relationship which DHS has built with the home over many years and continue bringing the joy of music to them in a beautiful act of kindness.

Community Engagement

"Growing Together" Gardening Project in conjunction with Glenridge Pre-Primary School:

This year our Tuesday group of Community Engagement Boys partnered with Glenridge Pre-Primary School to start an Eco-Schools project "Growing Together". The project is aimed at teaching skills of sustainable living and establishing values of respecting the environment and its resources.

The kids at Glenridge Pre-Primary, together with our DHS boys, undertook to create a garden. This included preparing the soil, nursing and planting seedlings and care and maintenance of the garden. The long-term goal is to eventually grow and harvest the vegetables and fruit and to sell the produce. Our boys gained many gardening skills as well, as building teamwork and leadership skills.

Open Air School Partnership:

We are so proud to have continued our partnership with Open Air School and we are forever grateful for each moment shared with the teachers and learners.

Our Boys have had wonderful experiences in building relationships with the kids at Open Air School and have thoroughly enjoyed assisting in the learning process and support to teachers during lessons. We hope to



continue this partnership as the benefits for both DHS and Open Air School are immense.

Donations Made This Year

- Wheelchair donation by Xantha Whitely 8A.
- CHOC's annual Flip Flop Day 17 February - our staff managed to raise R1230.00 for CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation SA;.
- Reach for a Dream's annual "Slipper Day" was held on 5 May - DHS managed to raise R4320.00.
- In July 1000 homes in the informal settlement of Kennedy Road,

in Clare Hills, was ravaged by a catastrophic fire which left almost all the residents without homes and all their belongings, leaving them destitute. Many families and school-going children were left without the essentials to live their everyday lives. DHS was called on and many staff and boys donated items. On Thursday, 27 July, a delegation from our RCL, accompanied by Mr TT Mthembu, visited the residents of Kennedy Road to hand over the donations.

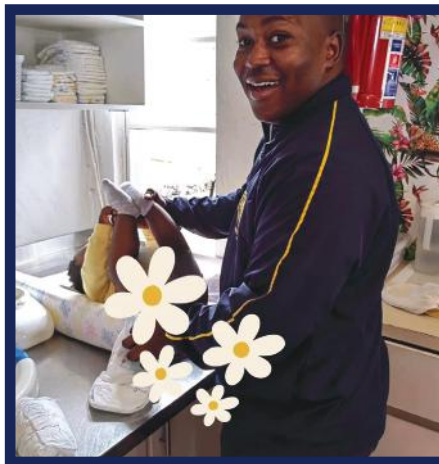
- Casual Day, 1 September - our school managed to raise and donate R2280.00 to the National

Council of and for Persons with Disabilities.

- Unused and used textbooks were donated to the following schools:
Phambili High School
Luna Full-Service School
Mayville Secondary School
Hunt Road Secondary School
- At the end of the year our boys also donated gently used school shoes to the ICARE organisation who assist and help to rehabilitate street children.

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M-i-C: Community Service



The Baby Home



Clothes for Good

Sport Awards

During the course of the year, Sport Awards were earned by Boys in Grades 10 to 12 for their sporting achievements. Congratulations to the following Boys who received Awards for their Sporting activities in 2023.

ATHLETICS

Colours: Adriano Jackson

Half Colours: Ntando Buthelezi
Zenkosi Mhiyane
Daniel Ikotela
Francois Erasmus
Jaydon Roberts
Jaden Stewart

BADMINTON

Colours: Sherav Maharaj

Half Colours: Alexander Gudgeon
Troy Getkate
Shaun Southwood
Erin Benton

BASKETBALL

Honours: Bryce Techet

Colours: Anthony del Fava
Lunathi Nyingwa

Half Colours: Quvane Agcina
Ethan Bollay
Sibongakonke Diko
Lethabo Mathobela
Lubanzi Zulu

FIRST AID

Colours: Alex Gudgeon

Half Colours: Yuvir Badassey
Ubayd Shaik
Aphile Yende

GOLF

Half Colours: Phaniso Makhanya
Andile Mbambo
Mehit Behari
Kyle McCalgan

HOCKEY

Honours: Leruo Ditlakhanyane
Keelan Henry
Lethabo Bocagw
Aldridge Maasdorp
Lumi Matwele
Ruben Peters

Colours: Mahlatse
Lethabo Mathobela
Nathi Jona
Sitchaba Siyoyo
Bhaves Naicker
Joshua Mungherera

Half Colours: Lubanzi Zulu
Ntando Mshengu

RUGBY

Honours: Welhrich Basson
Christian Everitt
Simphiwe Ngobese
Hopewell Ntshangase

Colours: Deano Boesak
Akahlulwa Boqwana
Daniel Ikotela
Sibusiso Mahlangu
Unaye Mndau
Floresen Ockhuis
Mahle Sithole
Khanyisa Stamper

Half Colours: Siyanda Dlamini
Dale Hendrikse
Sima Hlabisa
Siseko Mani
Ntando Mavuso
Bandile Zama
Siphiwoethu Zungu

RUGBY SEVENS

Honours: Hopewell Ntshangase

Colours: Akahlulwa Boqwana
Adriano Jackson
Thando Luthuli
Zenkosi Mthiyane

SOCCER

Colours: Theo Brown
Oluhle Canham
Deylan Ogle
Ayden Quinn

Half Colours: Asanda Dlamini
Alain Frankson
Mawande Mnguni
Snalo Nyawose
Muso Ramashamole
Minenhle Vilakazi
Hlela Ntombela
Mbuso Hlangu
Ndalo Wotshinisi
Owa Msomi
Sduduzo Zondi
Sphesihle Ndebele

SOFTBALL

Honours: Riley Clarivette
Luke Gallagher
Muhammad Shaik

Colours: Ethan Cooper



Half Colours: Josh Brein
Liam Gregan
Colby Kingloch
Joaquim Salvador
Mika Smidt

Matthew Hunt
Marnu Koekemoer
Callyn Kinsey
Colours: Awande Nkunze
Bayanda Hufner
Reuben Haylock

WATER POLO

Colours: Blake Davison
Marnu Koekemoer
Adrian Truter
Kirk Wilson

SWIMMING

Honours: Kegan Olivier
Keyontae Raynard
Brendan Visser

Half Colours: Thiren Naidoo
Adrian Truter
Kirk Wilson



*Athletics Award Winners
Zenkosi Mthiyane, Adriano Jackson, Daniel Ikotela, Francois Erasmus, Jayden Roberts*



*Badminton SA Representatives
Sherav Maharaj and Lincoln Wilson*

Athletics

The 2023 calendar year saw athletes from Durban High School increase their participation in numerous school sanctioned events. Initially we were involved in the Auelle' Track and Field Series held at the Msunduzi stadium in Pietermaritzburg. Here our athletes competed in a night series from 17:00 to 21:00. A number of athletes took part, with perhaps the performance of the evening belonging to Adriano Jackson who ran an 11.34s 100m, scoring 756 points on the Athletics South Africa points scale.

Many of our athletes performed admirably during the Auelle' series, which showed a notable increase in not only the number of athletes competing in the series, but an overall improvement in both overall results and in personal bests achieved by the athletes.

The various rounds of trials commenced on 2 February and a number of the Durban High School athletes were entered into a variety of events. The following athletes were selected after the Durban Central try outs. Sibusiso Msibi and Taresh Naidoo were selected for the boys U17 3000m, Malwande Shandu was selected for the boys U15 3000m, Jaden Stewart was selected for the boys U15 discus, shot put and Javelin events. Francois Erasmus was selected

for the boys U17 discus event, whilst Adriano Jackson and Zenkosi Mthiyane were selected for the boys U17 100m and 200m events respectively. Other boys who were selected for the central side were Ali Thiam, Daniel Ikotela, Khwezi Shabane, Akahlulwa Boqwana, Riccardo Girodo, Jaydon Roberts, Taresh Naidoo, Sbusiso Msibi and the captain of the Athletics team, Ntando Buthelezi.

After competing at the Umlazi trials several of the Durban High School pupils were selected to participate at the KwaZulu-Natal Championships in Pietermaritzburg. Jaden Stewart went on to win a Gold medal in the U15 discus, Silver in the U15 Shot put and a bronze in the U15 javelin events. Similarly, Daniel Ikotela won a silver medal in the U17 Shot put event and Francois Erasmus won silver in the boys U17 discus event.

When we reflect as a school it is clear that Durban High School is improving every year, with more and more representation at the various levels. I look forward to 2024 to see how much further our athletes will progress and how many will represent our province in the various athletic events. A big thank you though to all the boys who made themselves available and who participated in the many events throughout the athletics season.

Thank you to Ntando Buthelezi for all his efforts as the Captain of Athletics and all he has contributed to the sport in his time at DHS.

Regular Athletes:

Sameshan Kisten, Donelle Katlego Hendriks, Taresh Thinagrin Naidoo, JB Louw, Renclynn Manzi, Nyakallo Masiloane, Inkosinathi Ntshingila, Jordan Esaias Pencilliah, Meyer Prinsloo, Ronan Roberts, Khwezi Sihle Shabane, Ntando Thulani Wandile Buthelezi, Levi Rungan, Rietumetse Sello, Malwande Shandu, Jaden Stewart, Ryan Viviers, Lincoln Wilson, Amile Xulu, Thando Zwane, Akahlulwa Boqwana, Nande Daki, Austin Du Toit, Francois Erasmus, Chad Evans, Riccardo Girodo, Joshua Haguma, Rueban Haylock, Owethu Hlongwane, Daniel Ikotela, Adriano Jackson, Alibongwe Khanyile, Jose Bryce Lottering, Sbusiso Msibi, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Taresh Naidoo, Riley Pechey, Aveshan Reddi, Jaydon Roberts, Mahle Sithole, Uviwe Zembe, Bophelo Zondi, Muhammad Aniff, Mpila Bunge, Kamahelo Mndaweni, Mawande Mnguni, Simphiwe Ngobese, Hopewell Ntshangase, Ntando Austin Sihlangu, Akhona Zulu, Siphiwosethu Zungu

Captain: Ntando Buthelezi

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M-i-C: Athletics

Badminton

We began our pre-season training two weeks before the end of the term. It was a significant milestone that we were able to field four teams for the season, and even more encouraging was the consistency we have managed to maintain year after year. The juniors

responded positively, although, on a bitter-sweet note, three of our first-team players were nearing the end of their careers. We were fortunate to have Mr Maharaj and his daughter, Laika Maharaj, to assist in coaching our boys. We are deeply grateful for the expertise, time, and dedication they shared with

our players, helping to nurture their development in Badminton.

Their efforts were reflected in the boys' transformation from recreational players to above average players. The fledglings displayed enthusiasm and passion, which bodes well for the





Badminton 2023

Front Row (L to R): Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Alexander Gudgeon, Ms Akalia Maharaj (Badminton Coach)

2nd Row: Sherav Maharaj, Troy Getkate

Back Row: Lincoln Wilson, Erin Benton, Evashin Arumugam

sport's future. In the early stages of the league matches the players were understandably nervous but, with each game, their confidence grew. Supported by their coaches, they learned to focus not on the immediate results, but on the long-term growth and realisation of their goals.

Although our performance in the league and tournaments was not as strong as we had hoped, we take pride in the recognition the players received for their individual achievements, with several earning provincial selections in various categories.

On behalf of the 'Badminton Family', we bid farewell to three of our first-team players: Captain Alexander Gudgeon, Troy Getkate, and Evashin Arumugam. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the season. Your support has been invaluable, and I believe that together, we will continue to strive toward being the best we can be.

C Moodley

M-i-C: Badminton

Awards:

Sherav Maharaj - Colours Re-Award - KZN U19A Re-Award, National U19 Squad, represented KZN in the U19 SA Championships, National Grading (did not make the National Team)

Alexander Gudgeon - Half Colours - 80% 1st Team Appearances - *Evashan Arumugam*, Half Colours - 80% 1st Team Appearance, KZN U19D

Troy Getkate - Half Colours - 80% 1st Team Appearance, KZN U19C

Shaun Southwood - Half Colours - KZN U19E Team

Erin Benton - Half Colours - KZN U17B Team

Lincoln Wilson - Honourable Mention (Grade 9), KZN U17A Team - National U17 Squad

Results

SA U19 Championship & Inter-Provincial Tournament:

KZN Team:

A Team - Sherav Maharaj

B Team - Lincoln Wilson

C Team - Troy Getkate

D Team - Evashan Arumugam (C)

E Team - Shaun Southwood

KZN Schools League:

A Division - DHS A 2nd, DHS B 4th

B Division - DHS C 3rd, DHS D 4th

SA Schools Badminton Championship:

B Team - 4th in Group, Position 8th

A Team - 2nd in Group, Position 3rd

Overall

DHS Player of the Tournament - Lincoln Wilson

Inter-House Results 2023:

1st	Blackmore	6
2nd	Langley	5
3rd	Campbell	4
4th	Swales	3
5th	Payn	2
5th	Grice	2



1st Team Basketball



Basketball 2023

Front Row (L to R): Mr L van Wyk (M-i-C : Basketball), Bryce Techet (Captain), Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Sethu Ngobe, Mr J Amisi (Head of Basketball)

2nd Row: Lubanzi Zulu, Mxolisi Ngubane, Agcina Quvane, Sibongakonke Diko

Back Row: Aphelele Nxasana, Ethan Bollay, Lunathi Nyingwa, Lethabo Mathobela

Absent: Anthony Del Fava

The 1st Team Basketball overcame many challenges and showed remarkable progress throughout the season. The team had to cope with the loss of Coach Zulu, who passed away before the pre-season, however, they honoured his memory by working hard and improving their skills and fitness.

The players also showed a growth mindset, learning from their mistakes and developing as individuals and as a team. The team had some setbacks on and off the court, but they always showed a commitment to learning and improving.

The team performed well at the Kearsney Invitational Basketball Tournament (Stayers) in the spring break. They finished second in Pool B, beating Jeppe, Pinelands, Northwood, and KES (2022 Runners-up). We won three out of four games, including a thrilling comeback against KES. They beat Westville in the Quarterfinal and then lost narrowly to Maritzburg College in the semi-final, 46-40. We recovered and beat Kearsney 46-43. The team followed the game plan well and played with confidence, positivity, and a winning attitude throughout the tournament culminating in a prideful Bronze finish.

The team faced two losses against Northwood (61-45) and Westville (50-48), but they did not lose their focus or motivation.

After the break, they played against College and Kearsney again, losing to College 41-30 but winning against Kearsney 50-44. These games boosted the team's confidence and pride in their efforts, leading to a successful streak of momentum that ended with a final win against Clifton (47-43) at the end of the season.

We express our sincere appreciation to Mr van Wyk and the entire coaching





Coach Zulu with his team at half time vs the Old Boys

staff for their invaluable administrative and on-court contributions, which have been instrumental in the team's continued growth. We extend our gratitude to Mr Pinheiro and Mr Goodwin for their unwavering support on match days and to Mr Pillay for his tireless efforts in ensuring the team is always well-prepared, especially for home fixtures.

KZN Representative:

KZN U18 - Bryce Techet

Open Basketball Awards:

Most Valuable Player of the Year - Agcina Quvane

Most Improved Player of the Year - Wandile Mthembu

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	2
Lost:	3
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Vuyolwethu Bavuma, Ethan Bollay,

Anthony Del Fava, Sibongakonke Diko, Bayanda Hufner, Lethabo Mathobela, Wandile Mthembu, Afeziwe Ndovela, Nkosenhle Ngcongco, Samkelo Ntsangase, Lunathi Nyingwa, Agcina Quvane, Lubanzi Zulu

Assistant Coach - S Kim Kayembe
Manager - L van Wyk

J Amisi

1st Team Basketball Coach

2nd Team Basketball

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to coach and lead such a fantastic group of gentlemen. Their unwavering character, determination,

and spirit throughout the season truly embodied the DHS basketball culture, and I couldn't be prouder of them.

The Durban High 2nd Team had a great season, with an impressive undefeated home record for the entire 4th term season.



While we faced some tough losses away from home, particularly against Kearsney College and Hilton, our team showed great resilience and sportsmanship throughout.

Unfortunately, our final fixture against Clifton was rained out, but we are taking this as an opportunity to focus on areas for improvement in the upcoming season.

Overall, it was a memorable season, and I believe we can use it as a solid foundation to build an even better team for the future.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 2
Lost: 2
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Ziphozomusa Bhekswayo, Thabiso Mtambo, Bryce Woolf, Thato Shabangu, Liam Hitchens, Sandile Mkhize, Zolani Ndkoweni, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Pato Kungawo, Mxolisi Ngubane, Bryce Techet, Aphelele Nxasana, Nhlanhla Mngomezulu

P Bambi

2nd Team Basketball Coach

3rd Team Basketball

I feel immensely grateful to have been allowed to mentor such a remarkable and diligent group of young men. Our season commenced with a game against Westville, which proved to be a closely contested match, with the boys putting in a valiant effort but ultimately losing in the final quarter. Similarly, the second game of the season presented another challenge, but the boys persevered and continued to work hard to improve their skills and strategies.

Despite facing several setbacks and not achieving as many victories as we would have liked, the boys never allowed their morale to be dampened. They

consistently demonstrated unwavering passion and loyalty towards the blue and gold, always striving to give their best effort. It was truly inspiring to witness their progress throughout the season, with each game showcasing their growing proficiency and understanding of the sport.

As I reflect on the season, I am confident that the team will continue to improve and achieve even greater success in the coming years. The boys' dedication, work ethic, and spirit have been exceptional, and I am honoured to have played a part in their development.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 0
Lost: 4
Drawn: 0

Regular players:

Jean Roux, Bryce Woolf, Mika Smidt, Ayanda Mathenjwa, Joseph Gengaya, Lwandile Mashego, Neo Mokhomo, Sean Mbokazi, Hakim Mtembu, Yamkela Nquseka, Phila Hlatswayo, Daniel Mayiza

P Bambi

3rd Team Basketball Coach

4th Team Basketball

The 4th Team is a remarkable group of boys who enjoy playing basketball as well as rugby. They are part of our Rugby Programme and they bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the court.

The boys faced some challenges with attending practices because they were in their final year of school and had to focus on studying for their exams that began during the season. This meant that they could not play as many games as they would have liked.

The 4ths showed their incredible resilience and determination, winning all their matches. This demonstrates that they have a strong work ethic and a competitive spirit that apply to both sports and academics. In a sport like Basketball that requires skill and strategy, these qualities are essential.

I am very proud of these boys and their achievements this term. I wish them all the best for their exams and their future endeavours.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 3
Lost: 0
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Bandile Zuma, Azi Mkokeli, Hopewell Ntshangase, Simamkele Hlabisa, Simphiwe Ngobese, Luvuyo Qasha, Siphiosethu Zungu, Oluhle Ntuli, Hlumelo Madikane, Amahle Mazibuko

S Sokhela

4th Team Basketball Coach





Basketball Award Winners

U16A Basketball

It was a challenging year for DHS Basketball as we mourned the loss of our inspirational Coach Zulu. He left behind a legacy of excellence and passion that we strived to uphold. We worked hard to improve our skills and strategies, following his guidance and vision.

Our team was formidable and feared by our opponents, as we had some of the most talented players in the province. Unfortunately, we suffered some setbacks due to injuries and lost two games against Westville and College. We commend our boys for their resilience and perseverance, which enabled them

to overcome the difficulties and learn from the experience.

We are optimistic that this team has a bright future and will continue to dominate the Opens age group next year.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U16 Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa

U16 Basketball Awards:

Most Valuable Player of the Year - Lunathi Nyingwa

Most Improved Player of the Year - Finlay Engledow

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	3
Lost:	2
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Lunathi Nyingwa, Afeziwe Ndovela, Samkelo Ntshangase, Nkosenhle Ngcongco, Tisetso Mkhencele, Erin Benton, Finley Engledough, Jose Lottering, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Lebogang Tsikedi

M Sibulawa
U16A Basketball Coach

U16B Basketball

The young boys in this team have demonstrated a keen interest in basketball and a remarkable comprehension of the sport. They have encountered many difficulties as the B-Team, but they persevered

in their aspirations of enhancing their performance.

Some may advance to the 1st Team next year, such as Asanda Radebe, who has developed considerably as a player and

an individual. He still needs to refine his abilities, but I have confidence in his potential to become an outstanding player. Sihawu Zungu is another one who has made significant progress since the

first term; I hope Sihawu will compete for a position in the 1st Team with Asanda.

The B team achieved one win this term, and it was against our formidable rivals, College. That was a commendable achievement for all of us. But we still have much to acquire and improve, and I hope the boys will utilise their time in the 2nd Team to exhibit their eagerness for accomplishment in the 1st Team. It has been a privilege to coach these boys this term. They have imparted

to me a lot as well. I look forward to seeing them play in 2024 when they will confront any adversary with fortitude and assurance. They have displayed the spirit and desire that every Durban High School Basketball team should have.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 2
Lost: 3
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Ntsika Bango, Sihawu Zungu, Niyanda Shangase, Aston Hoskins, Asandamahlubi Radebe, Peter Wahome, Aaron Drimmie, Thanduxolo Gumede, Jacques Scheepers, Anakin Sommers

S Sibulawa

U16B Basketball Coach

U16C Basketball

Durban High School's Basketball programme is renowned for being challenging and competitive. The U16C team demonstrated their mettle by exhibiting patience, cooperation, determination, and passion during a demanding season.

While the Basketball Program suffered a significant loss with the passing of Coach Zulu, the boys resolved to keep moving forward and improving after every game or practice. Their attendance was never in doubt, and they always sought feedback from the coaches to enhance their skills.

This team comprised boys who excelled in other sports, which fuelled their drive

for excellence. This is a testimony to the values and environment at DHS, where hard work and discipline are deeply ingrained.

Despite starting the season with two losses, the U16C Basketball team displayed remarkable maturity and growth. They won against Kearsney and showed exceptional sportsmanship towards every team they played against. Although the final fixture was cancelled due to inclement weather, the boys were content with their win and ended the season on a high note.

Overall, the Basketball programme at DHS is demanding, but this team rose to the challenge with their patience,

cooperation, determination, and passion.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 1
Lost: 3
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Malwande Shangu, Bandile Cele, Ngodi Stefane, Lufuno Sithole, Raynhardt Brown, Mthokosizi Mathebula, Joshua Mungherera, Chazlen Sagadevan, Kwenzakwenkosi Madlala, Mekai Samuels, Shaun Southwood, Ngele Gasa

J Bambi

U16C Basketball Coach

U16D Basketball

The Basketball programme at Durban High School is renowned for its competitive nature, and it's truly inspiring to see the passion and resilience of the players. All the teams display a great deal of dedication, but it's especially evident in the lower teams where players' commitment to improvement is impressive.

This season posed a challenge for the boys as they had to play without the guidance of Coach Zulu, who was highly respected among staff, schoolboys, and old boys. The boys took it upon themselves to honour him by giving their all on the court.

Despite initially lacking in basketball coordination, due to their focus in other

sports, the team was able to overcome and improve with practice and dedication. Their results demonstrated their commitment to the game and their school's colours, which is a tradition passed down through generations of dedicated players.

Although the season began with a loss against our traditional rivals Maritzburg



College, the boys bounced back with a win over Hilton. Despite the cancellation of their final fixture against Clifton due to inclement weather, the team remained focused on improvement, demonstrating remarkable intensity and desire during practice days.

Overall, the boys were pleased with their growth this season and are already looking forward to joining the open teams next year. Their

commitment and dedication to the game of Basketball is truly admirable, and I do not doubt that they will continue to improve in the future.

Results:

Played: 2
Won: 1
Lost: 1
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Riley Pechey, Jordan van Wyk, Joseph Udo Dang, Isreal Tshamalenga, Njabulo Mtolo, Bandile Ngwenya, Sibusiso Luthuli, Bophelo Zondi, Ethan Ramkumar, Owethu Hlongwane, Aziz Kramer

J Bambi

U16D Basketball Coach

U15A Basketball

The U15As have had a difficult season. The term required a lot of effort, resilience, and humility from the boys to get through it. They displayed that and then some.

Acclimating to the change was one of the biggest challenges we faced throughout this season. The boys had to adjust to a more aggressive style of play in a short time. The following changes extended beyond our desired style of play. To maximise the development through increased match time, the season closed with a smaller group (8) than we started with (12).

Another change was how positively the boys were able to respond to the level of discipline I required of them - Mr Van Wyk was influential in this change.

This season was just a matter of margins. With each match, our match score differences decreased, indicating the progress made throughout the season.

We have a great crop of talent within this team. The captain (Bonga Charma) is fierce, and his fighting spirit motivates the others well. With time, these boys could be influential in our programme. Our boys' performance in the last match of the season against Clifton supports my previous statement, closing the year with a dominant 47-9 win. I see the potential for at least three Provincial level players to come out of this crop of boys. I hope they can fulfil their potential.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U15 - Mpilenhle Sithole

U15 Basketball Awards:

Most Valuable Player of the Year - Bonga Charma

Most Improved Player of the Year - Lungani Ngcobo

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 4
Lost: 1
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Chibuike Anagbaoso, Rekgonne Gare, Milisuthando George, Bonga Charma, Sibongakonke Buthelezi, Lincoln Wlison, Lungani Ngcobo, Tej Bhayroo

T Mnguni

U15A Basketball Coach

U15B Basketball

The U15B Basketball team faced some tough challenges during the season, but they showed resilience and determination to overcome them.

Despite not being an offensively-minded team, they demonstrated a high level of competitiveness that kept

all the players on their toes and boosted their confidence. The boys played with honesty and integrity, with a solid defensive presence. Their fearlessness in competing against the A-team during internal matches was remarkable, and it served as a reminder that they have the potential to challenge themselves and improve.

It is essential to continue building upon the foundations of basketball for the boys, as we have set a high standard for them and the programme. The team has a wealth of potential and raw talent; presenting an opportunity for us coaches to nurture their skills.



One player, Jonathan Makoni, showed tremendous improvement throughout the season, and his hard work and dedication are commendable. He has been influential in this team and is likely to surpass his age-mates to play for U16As next year.

Results:
 Played: 5
 Won: 2
 Lost: 3
 Drawn: 0

Regular Players:
 Jordan Rochat, Bongisibusiso Ngcoya, Lathitha Mafunda, Philasande Buthelezi, Diego Louw, Lisulenkosi Sikhahlane, Jonathan Makoni, Ambesiwe Sipango, Mnqobi Zincume

T Mnguni
 U15B Basketball Coach

U15C Basketball

Our U15C Basketball team has had a remarkable season that has been both challenging and rewarding. The boys have demonstrated impressive dedication since the very first practice, showing up with a positive attitude and eagerness to develop and refine their skills.

Under the guidance of Manager Mr L van Wyk, Director J Amisi, and Assistant Coach Milani Mnguni, our team has faced many obstacles, particularly in matches against traditionally stronger schools. However, the team has learned that off-field discipline is just as important as on-court performance, which has become a valuable part of their personal growth.

We commend the players for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout the season. Their efforts have yielded impressive results, and we are confident that they will continue to achieve even more remarkable things in the future.

As we reflect on the season, we look forward to the continued growth and success of our U15C basketball team. With a strong foundation, devoted players, and a supportive community, we are confident that this exceptionally talented group will achieve great things in the years to come.

Throughout the season, our team faced tough opponents like WBHS, Northwood, Kearsney, Maritzburg

College, Hilton, and Clifton. Despite the challenges, our team fought hard and showed great spirit on the court.

Results:
 Played: 5
 Won: 1
 Lost: 4
 Drawn: 0

Regular Players:
 Lumi Gwiji, Mondli Bhuthelezi, Colby Louis, Mawethu Calane, Mika'il Jahangeer, Siyjabula Khathi, Shreyan Naidoo, Fanelesibonge Magwaza, Amkelo Mngoma, Senzokuhle Xulu, Athayanda Gasa

A Masikati
 U15C Basketball Coach

U15D Basketball

Our U15D Basketball journey this season was full of challenges and moments of triumph, which provided a unique and gratifying experience.

From the very beginning, the boys demonstrated their commitment and dedication to the team, approaching each training session with a positive mindset and a strong desire to improve their skills.

Throughout the season, our team demonstrated tenacity, discipline, and an unwavering work ethic,

especially during matches against tough opponents. We realised that off-field discipline is just as important as on-court prowess, and this became a cornerstone for our players' personal growth.

We salute our players for their unwavering commitment and diligence throughout the season. Their hard work not only resulted in impressive performances but also served as an inspiration for even greater achievements in the future.

Looking back on the season, we are excited about the ongoing growth and triumphs of our U15D basketball team. With a strong foundation, committed players, and a supportive community, we believe that this exceptionally talented group is destined for even greater success.

Our team had some spirited clashes with formidable adversaries this season, including WBHS, Northwood, Kearsney, Maritzburg College, Hilton, and Clifton.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Manager Mr L van Wyk



and the Director, Mr J Amisi, for their support and guidance throughout the season.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 1

Lost: 4
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Mika'il Shabies, Mikaeel Mulla,
Muhammad Roshan, Daniel Zeeman,

Shaiyur Somlal, Phumelelela Simelane,
Ahlelelwe Mkhize, Londa Olifant

A Masikati

U15D Basketball Coach

U14A Basketball

Coaching a sports team is a challenging but rewarding experience, especially when preparing for important games and giving instructions that players need to follow. I am pleased to say that this team did an excellent job in both areas, despite not having much natural talent. Throughout the year, they worked incredibly hard, and their improvement was remarkable. Their heart and dedication were second to none.

The team played well in their games, considering their level of experience. I am confident that they will develop into great players in the years to come, as long as they maintain their focus and put in the necessary effort. One game that stands out was the match against

Maritzburg College. Although we faced a height disadvantage, we started strong, with Noah Paulsen leading the way with his excellent scoring. We did lose focus at times, but the boys fought hard and worked together to secure a hard-fought victory.

I am incredibly proud of these gentlemen for their hard work, effort, and dedication. They showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the season, and I do not doubt that they will continue to improve and achieve great things. Well done, boys!

U14 Basketball Awards:

Mos Valuable Player of the Year - Noah Paulsen

Most Improved Player of the Year - Shiloh Tayiya

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 3
Lost: 3
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Noah Paulsen, Joshua Pechey, Jordan Loubser, Lungelo Dlamini, Mwezi Mqingwana, Mpilenhle Sithole, Shiloh Tayiya, Okuhle Dladla, Zanez Ontong

S Kim-Kayembe

U14A Basketball Coach

U14B Basketball

Our team had a great season due to our height and size advantage, which allowed us to focus on running the ball with speed and intensity.

Throughout the season, we made several adjustments by switching positions and moving players to higher and lower teams to balance the U14 age group.

Our U14B team played excellent basketball, despite not having played the sport before high school. Their determination and commitment

to attend every practice were truly admirable. I must mention the Power Forward, Awande Ngcobo, who played every game throughout the season, demonstrating his unwavering dedication to the team.

Although the team's results speak for themselves, we must acknowledge the effort and hard work of every player. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such a fantastic group of young men, and I am excited to see what the future holds for them.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 4
Lost: 1
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Luniko Joni, Manzi Renc-Lynn, Awande Ngcobo, Calvin Schallies, Nkazimulo Khanyile, Khayelihle Nene, Ramiel Ackerman, Luyolo Sithole, Ntokozo Nkosi, Sello Reitumetse, Mthokozisi Twala

S Kim-Kayembe

U14B Basketball Coach



U14C Basketball

I'm proud to say that the U14C basketball team has been an incredible experience for me. Every player on the team is unique in their own way, yet they share a common passion for the sport that unites them. This season has been particularly remarkable as I saw the players come together as a team and work towards a common goal.

Our journey began with a win against Westville, which boosted the team's confidence and helped them gain momentum. Despite losing to Maritzburg College and Kearsney in the following weeks, the boys displayed an incredible fighting spirit and never gave up. They continued to push themselves to be better and always gave their best effort on the court. The game against Hilton was a real nail-biter, with the team securing a narrow 17-15 win. The

bench players played a significant role in this victory, and it was great to see them contribute to the team's success. As a coach, it was rewarding to see some players exceed my expectations and demonstrate their abilities.

Our final game against Clifton was an amazing experience for the team, as everyone got to contribute and the school showed incredible support for the boys. I'm proud of the progress that every player made throughout the season, especially those who attended our electives program every week.

Coaching this team has taught me some valuable lessons, particularly the importance of consistency and patience in achieving results. The boys truly love the sport, and I believe that this passion will continue to drive them to greater heights in the future. It has been an

absolute pleasure to coach this team, and I look forward to seeing what they achieve in the future.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	3
Lost:	2
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Ngcebo Madikizela, Steven Ngubane, Kwanda Ntombela, Triston Webstor, Mhlengi Mpanza, Mabutho Mbonambi, Israel Nwankwo, Cayden De Bruin, Simon Nelson, James Bunono, Meyer Prinsloo, Lwanele Mkhize, Phokhuhle Hlatshwayo

J Abrahamsi
U14C Basketball Coach

U14D Basketball

Throughout this season, the D team faced many challenges, but it was also a season of growth and development. For some of the inexperienced players, this was an opportunity to learn more about the fundamentals of basketball and gain valuable experience. As their coach, I was committed to helping them develop their skills and build their confidence while keeping things fun.

Despite a rocky start, the D team underwent a complete transformation this season, with many of their former players being promoted to higher teams. This presented a challenge, but we worked hard to bring everyone together and find a balance and we were able to make progress in many areas, including communication, focus, and teamwork.

One of the highlights of the season was seeing some of the players step up and become more confident in their abilities. This was particularly evident in the case of Nzuzo Buthelezi, who impressed me with his competitive spirit and determination to encourage his teammates, despite being a new player.

As their coach, I faced my challenges in motivating the team and keeping morale high, especially when things weren't going well. However, I believe that these challenges provided valuable growth opportunities, both for myself and for the players.

In the end, the D team's final game against Clifton proved to be a fitting conclusion to the season. We were able to put into practice all the improvements

we had made throughout the season, resulting in a fantastic win. While it wasn't the season we had hoped for, it was the season we needed, and I am excited to see how the team continues to develop and grow in the future.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	1
Lost:	4

Regular Players:

Nzuzo Buthelezi, Keno Mashigoana, Kivesh Padayachee, Nthuthuko Gqwaru, Zulu Ziphezinhle, Keegan Greenaway, Langa Usiphile, Nathan Evans, Nhlakanipho Shabalala, Wakhiwe Nonqane, Jamie Fynn, Onke Hadebe, Lungelo Mthembu

J Abrahams : U14D Basketball Coach



1st Team Cricket



1st XI Cricket Team 2023

Front Row (L to R): Semal Pillay, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Khulekani Mseleku, Mr T Trenoweth (1st XI Cricket Coach), Nkululeko Masondo

2nd Row: Sfundu Mthembu, Lazlo Jooste, Ismaeel Omar, Krian Jugoo

Back Row: Ethan Cooper, Jared Havemann, Bayanda Majola, Joshua van Biljon

The 2023 Cricket season for the 1st Team boys was something special to me as a coach. It was a team who took a massive jump from U16 to the open age group.

The DHS 1st Team was a very young team, consisting of eight Grade 10 boys. As the coaching staff we knew it was not going to be easy for them to adjust to the step up from U16.

The boys faced many challenges and struggled to get over the finish line with a win. We put in long hours with them and the highlight of the season was beating College at home.

I would like to thank the Director of Sport, Mr N Pillay, for all the hard work he does behind the scenes. Thank you to the fitness and conditioning coach, Mr C Goodwin, who played a massive role in making sure our boys were fit and strong for the season.

To the boys - a big thank you for believing in the process and always giving it your all. We could not be prouder.

Results:

Played:	8
Won:	1
Lost:	6
Drew:	1

SA Representatives:

U17 High Performance Camp - Bayanda Majola, Semal Pillay

Open & U16 Cricket Awards:

Chris Catto Award for the Greatest Contribution to Cricket - Khululekani Mseleku

Open Batsman of the Year - Semal Pillay

Open Bowler of the Year - Semal Pillay

U16 Batsman of the Year - Ismaeel Omar

U16 Bowler of the Year - Bayanda Majola

Regular players:

Joshua van Biljon, Ethan Cooper, Bhavesh Naicker, Bayanda Majola, Ismaeel Omar, Zaid Motala, Sfundu





KZN Cricket Representatives
Bayanda Majola (KZN U19), Semal Pillay (KZN U16), Ismaeel Omar (KZN U16), Josh van Biljon (KZN U16),
Ethan Jenkins (KZN U15), (U15) Taine Havemann

Mthembu, Semal Pillay (Captain), Jared Havemann, Mihir Behari, Nkululeko Masondo, Khule Mseleku (Vice Captain)

Player Profiles

Joshua van Biljon: KZN U16

Joshua is a top order batter who is also a wicket keeper. Joshua showed great determination throughout the year and worked extremely hard, contributing to the needs of the team. Joshua played an excellent knock against College to ensure the team got the victory. It is worth noting that Josh was also selected for the KZN U16 team, which is a major accomplishment.

Ethan Cooper:

Ethan is a middle order batter who also bowls medium pace. Throughout the year Ethan was a great individual to have in the team as he is someone who often picks up the spirits of the team when the chips are down. His contributions

throughout the year were valued by the coaches and other teammates.

Bhavesh Naicker:

Bhavesh is a middle order batter who also bowls medium pace. Throughout the season Bhavesh's efforts with the ball in hand were indeed handy as he was very economical and his efforts in the field were excellent and he was an asset in the field. Bhavesh could improve his batting when facing seam, although he is a great player of spin.

Bayanda Majola: SA U17 High Performance Camp, KZN U18

Bayanda was by far the pick of the bowlers throughout the year for the DHS 1st team as he is a quick right arm seamer. Every game, Bayanda ran in with the same intensity and energy as every opening bowler should. However, injuries did take a toll on him. Bayanda was selected for the KZN U18 team whilst still being in Grade 11 so this

young man has a bright future ahead of him.

Ismaeel Omar: KZN U16

Ismaeel is an opening left-handed batter who is what every coach looks for in an opening batter. Throughout the season Ismaeel showed great composure when facing the new ball and never looked unsettled at the crease. Ismaeel was selected for the KZN U16 team, which is a great accomplishment.

Zaid Motala:

Zaid Motala is a medium pace bowler who often bowled in the middle overs for the team. Zaid was an economical bowler for the team. However, due to his lack of fitness he could not bowl long spells. This is definitely an aspect he needs to work on.

Sfundo Mthembu:

Sfundo is a top order batter and a part time spinner for the first team.

Sfundo played an excellent knock against Waterkloof at Michaelmas week where he made 63, helping the team get a decent score against a strong opposition.

Semal Pillay: SA U17 High Performance Camp, KZN U16

Semal is a top order left-handed batter and left-handed opening bowler. He is also the 1st Team Captain. Throughout the year Semal showed great leadership and amazing skills with both bat and ball in hand. A knock that stands out is one where he scored a 100* against Clifton and led from the front as a true captain. Semal was selected for the KZN U16 side in 2023.

Jared Havemann:

Jared is a leg spinner and is also a handy lower order batter. Jared was the pick of the DHS spinners in 2023 as he did his job bowling leg spin in the middle overs while being economical. Jared was extremely unlucky not to make a KZN side in 2023.

Mihir Behari:

Mihir is a top order batter who bowls part time medium pace. Mihir's season was up and down with the bat. He did, however, contribute with the ball, bowling decent medium pace. He also showed great leadership being a senior in the team.

Nkululeko Masondo:

Masondo is an opening batter. Masondo showed great signs in the 1st Team playing a few good knocks as he is a hard-hitting batter. However, injuries sustained playing rugby kept him out in the 4th term.

Khulekani Mseleku:

Khule is a middle order batter who is also a keeper. Khule's season with the bat was not the greatest, as compared to previous years. However, he did show great leadership throughout the season, being the vice captain of the team.

T Trenoweth & C Pillay
1st XI Cricket Coaches

2nd XI Cricket

The 2nd XI Cricket team has a long history of proud and resilient boys all striving to reach the pinnacle of 1st team at DHS.

With many ups and down throughout the season, the boys learnt many lessons which can be used in both cricket and life. The most interesting and exciting game that the boys competed in was Maritzburg College away. Unfortunately, we could not get the result but the fight and drive our boys showed was truly special.

We as coaches, along with the younger boys, would like to thank all of our Matric boys for their many years of service to the DHS cricket programme. We know you will carry on the pride of DHS. And to our younger boys, we hope they learnt from the older guys and are able to lead from the front next year.

A massive thank you goes to Mr Trenoweth and Mr Pillay for excelling and improving upon our cricket programme.

Results:

Played:	4
Wins:	0
Rained out:	1
Losses:	3

Regular Players:

Aidan Braum, Jaquim Salvado, Ruben Peters, Thando Luthli, Wyatt Rose, Chad Evans, Kaden Mckenzie, Vuyo Mokwena, Bhavesh Naicker, Zaid Motala, Thuba Ndelu

M van der Merwe & D Pinheiro
2nd XI Cricket Coaches

3rd XI Cricket

The "Thirsty Thirds", had a tough season with a lot of positives, and definitely some lessons.

For a team mainly made up of players that have a lot of "gees" for school, the cricket side of things needed a lot of development. This team grew week by week, having at some stage a squad of 22 cricketers. After each game we played, the other teams' coaches

complimented us for having amazing "gees" during our games and honouring the spirit of this gentleman's game.

We had a humdinger in our first match, vs Westville, going down to the last 6 balls, and that set the tone for the rest of the season. This showed us as coaches the type of character this team was comprised of.

The stand-out fixture for us as coaches had to be College in Maritzburg, keeping their score below 100, with scintillating bowling and fielding efforts from our boys. This gave us a lot of confidence going in with the bat, with the openers setting a great foundation for us. Our batsmen were on fire and managed to surpass the score with 9 wickets still in hand. This was the epitome of quality amongst the Thirsty Thirds.



I thank the parents of these boys for supporting us week in and week out and their invaluable effort to be part of our little family.

I look forward to keep working with this team and eventually making that breakthrough in having winning as a habit.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 1
Lost: 2
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Zaid Timol, Yusuf Moosa, Nkululeko Masondo, Aka Boqwana, Josh

Brien, Liam Gregan, Jaydon Roberts, Muhammad Kadwa, Lethabo Bogacwi, Umar Parak, Sipho Ntisana, Liam Ruiters, Leruo Dithlakanyane, Allain Frankson, Thando Luthuli

R Allerston & F Genade
3rd XI Cricket Coaches

4th Team Cricket

Taking over the 4th team in the final term was difficult, with there being a lack of interest and effort from the boys due to how things as they battled to adjust to the change in coach from the 1st term.

It was a tough task, but as the term went on there was a change of attitude from the boys and things became much more enjoyable - despite the results.

Results for the term read three losses from three matches, with one game

being rained out. The losses were against College, Westville and Kearsney. A positive from the final term is that the team improved after every game.

Results:

Played 3
Won 0
Lost 3
No Result 1

Regular players:

Joshua Smith (Captain), Brandon Steyn, Rahul Tewari, Shumayl Peer, Joseph

Gengaya, Matlhatse Sebake, Lethabo Bogacwi, Keane Spogter, Tylan Pillay, Tristan Nair, Lungelo Mtshali

L Matthysen
4th XI Cricket Coach

U15A Cricket

The U15A Cricket team is one of the most prestigious sporting teams at DHS, with some incredibly talented young men. A big shout out to Taine Havemann and Ethan Jenkins for being selected for the KZN U15A cricket team.

We had some amazing performances this season and, with the good we need to take the bad, as we also had some frustrating losses. The highlight of the season was a massive win over Clifton, where the boys did extremely well in winning by 165 runs.

As I part with the U15A team I would like to wish the boys all the best as they move up the ranks at DHS. I can't

wait to see them grow from strength to strength going forward in their time at DHS. I have no doubt that we have a few super stars and future professional cricket players in this U15A team.

A massive thank you must go to Mr Trenoweth for his amazing effort to run and manage the DHS cricket programme.

KZN Representatives:

U15 - Taine Havemann, Ethan Jenkins

U15 Cricket Awards:

Batsman of the Year - Taine Havemann
Bowler of the Year - Iwan Slabbert

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 1
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Taine Havemann, Akthar Basha, Raul Chetty, Joshua Morley, Iwan Slabbert, Tristan Quail, Ethan Jenkins, Joshua Snyman, Muhammed Asmal, Seth Edwards, Sandi Mazibuko

C Addison
U15A Cricket Coach



U15B Cricket

The season was composed of four fixtures, one of which was cancelled due to inclement weather, but the U15B season was still one to remember, due to the courageousness shown by the individuals in the team.

This is a team that each player contributed in one way or another.

The highlight of our season would be our fixture against Kearsney. Setting a score of 177 after 20 Overs, the boys pulled off their first win after losing so closely against Westville by 3 runs and losing in the last over against Maritzburg College.

Through unity and determination, the boys showed that they are a team that strives for excellence, improving week in and week out.

Coaching this team has been highly rewarding due to the nature in which I've been able to witness the individual team players grow and progress into a united brotherhood. As a coach I hold a lot of pride and respect for each of my players and look forward to seeing them progress in the future seasons to come.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 1
Lost: 2

Drawn: 0
No Result: 1

Regular Players:

Keagan Knighton (Captain), Damian Swart, Amelio Ramdeo, Sahil Peerbhay, Jose Lottering, Daniel Pech, Landa Tose, Joel Loots, Taahir Adams, Denva Shaw, Bonngoe Mokoena, Leeam Nair, Buhlebenkosi Msani

D Marques
U15B Cricket Coach

U15C Cricket

The U15C Cricket team participated in two closely contested matches, demonstrating commendable improvement and resilience despite facing defeats in both encounters. The first game saw them pitted against Westville, followed by a challenging match against Maritzburg College.

In the initial game against Westville, the team encountered a formidable opponent. Although the end result did not favour the U15C side, there were positive signs of growth. The bowlers showed promise with accurate deliveries and strategic field placements, challenging the opposition's batting line-up. While the batting performance may not have been as desired, the team displayed determination and a willingness to learn from the experience. The fielding efforts were commendable, marked by moments of brilliance in the

outfield and crucial breakthroughs from the bowlers.

Undeterred by the outcome of the first match, the U15C team entered the second game against Maritzburg College with a renewed sense of purpose. The growth from the previous game was evident in various aspects of their performance. The bowling attack showcased improved control and strategic variations, creating additional pressure on the opposition batsmen. The fielding standards were elevated, featuring sharp catches and agile movements that reflected the team's commitment to improvement.

Despite the ultimate outcome in both matches, the U15C Cricket team deserves praise for their relentless effort, continuous improvement, and the spirit with which they approached

each game. The boys gave their best on the field, and their collective dedication sets a positive foundation for future endeavours.

Results:

Played: 2
Won: 0
Lost: 2
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Mikav Mohanlall, James Gouws, Calyn Chetty, Mohammad Sahib, Thomas Howard-Davies, Israel Roberts, Mohammad Abdul, Jaiden Bramwell, Aariz Laljee, Koven Naicker, Cameron Rogers, Timothy Naicker

T Dudas
U15C Cricket Coach



U15D Cricket

The 4th term was always going to be difficult to put together cricket teams. The boys from the 1st term were boys from various term 1st term sports who managed to play one game for the U15 D to help out then, but they made it clear that they would like to go back to their preferred 1st term sport.

Getting total commitment, therefore, from these boys proved to be difficult. My goal was to recruit new boys to represent the team. Participation is a wonderful part of sport and I was encouraging just that as I was in pursuit of new players.

Westville Boys was the only fixture the team managed to play in the 4th term. The U15D team was very much undercooked and not yet ready to compete, and we lost that match by 9 wickets, it was a first cricket match for some of the boys. I was very happy about the positive manner in which the boys approached the game. Not only were they positive at all times, but they also had fun playing the game.

I would like to thank the boys for taking their time to make themselves available so we can all go out and enjoy this wonderful game we love. I hope the boys' commitment will grow and our numbers will rise in 2024.

Results:

Played	1
Won:	0
Lost:	1

Regular Players:

Lumi Gwiji, Likho Konza, Omphile Kola, Kevin Barnes, Keanan Rennie, Mekki Aysen, Timothy Naicker, Mihle Ndlovu, Tanda Ngejane, Ethan Moonsamy, Daniel Zeeman

S Dubazana
U15D Cricket Coach

U14A Cricket

The U14A Cricket term was one of plenty of ups and downs, but the weather was surely the biggest winner this term, or loser - depends on how you look at it. Out of our 10 matches across the formats the weather was in charge of five of the results. With our matches against Hilton, Kearsney, Northwood (x2) and Maritzburg ending in a no result.

In the matches against Hilton, Kearsney, Northwood and Maritzburg we managed to bat first and put runs on the board that placed us in a favourable position, but it was not to be as the rain caught up with us.

Our remaining five games were Westville (x2), Kearsney, Michaelhouse and Clifton.

Our first match against Westville was a 50 overs match. We batted first and posted

a score of 244. We then proceeded to restrict Westville to 240 after the 50 overs and won the match by 4 runs. It was a great result for us as Westville was then the number 1 ranked side in the country. Sadly, we could not repeat the result in our W100 match against them.

Our W100 match against Kearsney ended in a draw with a brilliant last over by DHS to force the result.

Our matches against Michaelhouse and Clifton were won convincingly.

Overall, a very positive season considering we only lost one match out of 10, but we feel like we could have done much better if the weather allowed us to play. This team will go into next year with high hopes of becoming one of DHS' best.

U14 Cricket Awards:

Batsman of the Year - Sulaiman Jadwat
Bowler of the Year - Keegan Brauns

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	3
Lost:	1
Draw:	1
No Result:	5

Regular Players:

Actar Basha, Raul Chetty, Ivan Slabbert, Taine Haverman, Josh Morley, Ethan Jenkins, Josh Snyman, Tristan Quail, Sandi Mazibuko, Connor Cuinn, Bo Mokoena, Landa Tose, Trishar Singh, Buhle Msani

S Takodza
U14A Cricket Coach





*U15 & U14 Cricket Award Winners
Taine Havemann, Keegan Brauns,
Sulaiman Jadwat, Iwan Slabbert*

U14B Cricket

A very keen and able bunch of cricketers. Unfortunately, the boys let themselves down during matches when the basics of the game were very much needed and unfortunately lacking. They found themselves under pressure, especially when batting. It was then, when some grit and commitment was really needed, that the boys let themselves down. They gave away their wickets too easily, and will hopefully have learnt during their first season of High School cricket that much greater effort, dedication and commitment not to 'get out' is required.

The highlight of Term 4 was our initial bowling against Maritzburg College. Especially, the opening spell from

Ethan Balakisten, and the support of the change bowlers was really good and we had Maritzburg College in early trouble. Unfortunately, we let things slide and bowled too many extras which otherwise could have put us in a winning position. It was a good, hard game but sadly resulted in a 46 run loss.

The side was ably led by Ronan Roberts, and I would like to encourage the boys to keep working hard and wanting to learn more about the basics of the game and the mental toughness that is required to improve and grow in order to become more competitive.

It was a pleasure working with these young men and I wish them all the best

and encourage them to keep playing the game.

Term 4 Results:

Played:	3
Won:	0
Lost:	3
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Ewan Stayt, Riley Hooper, Nayur Ramachul, Ronan Roberts (Captain), Seth Jaganathan, Naval Maharaj, Zachary Manicum, Bulelani Cebani, Ethan Balakisten, Isenathi Ntshingila, Jaylin Cleophas

R Kohne
U14B Cricket Coach

U14C Cricket

The season was an enjoyable one. The boys worked really worked hard. In the first few games the results did not go the boys' way. The boys had tough opening matches against Westville and Northwood. The next game was against Maritzburg Colleges, and the boys played better and only lost by a few runs.

The next game against St Charles was better and we narrowly lost. The highlight of the season was the game

against Kearsney College at Kearsney. Kearsney batted first and scored 140 runs in 20 overs. Kurson Martin was the best bowler and took 3/37. DHS then batted and chased the score down with 3 overs to spare. Evan Kemper scored 98 runs of 36 balls. This was the boys' first win for the season.

It was a privilege to work with them through the year. The boys really worked hard and remained committed until the end of the season.

Results:

Played	6
Won	1
Lost	5

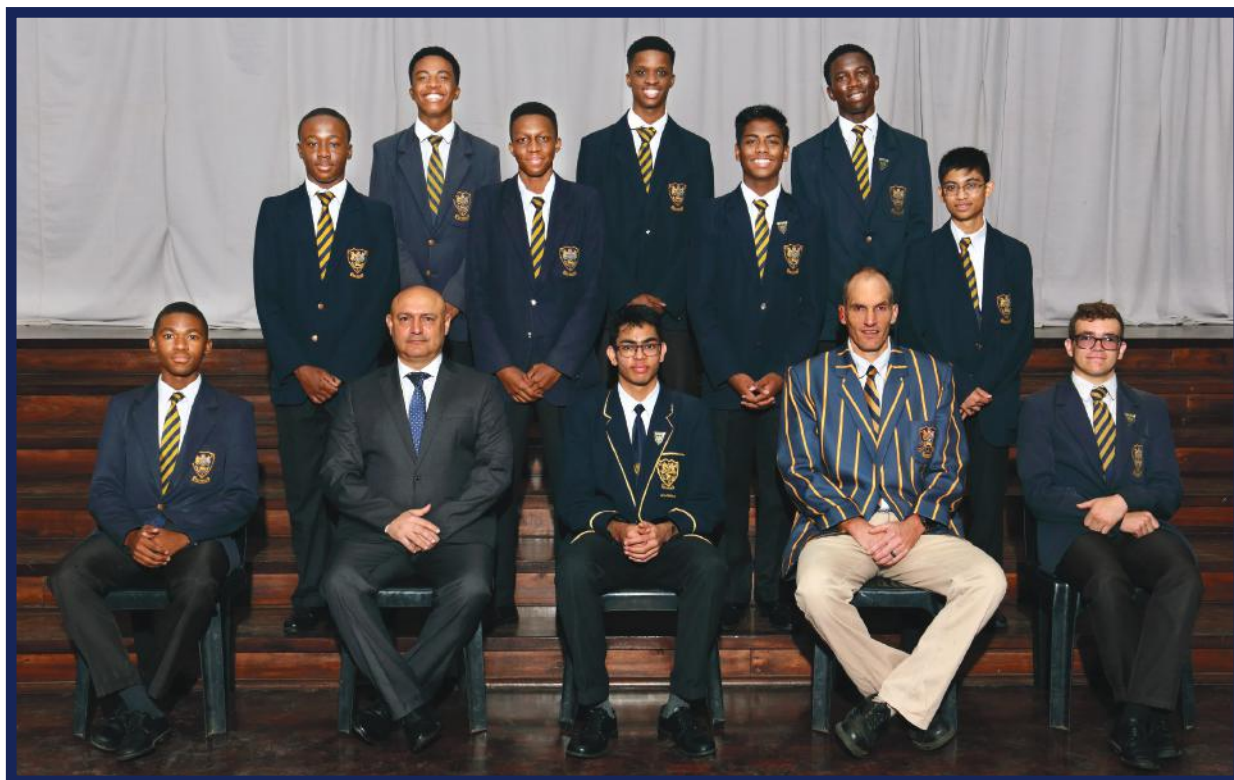
Regular Players:

Evan Kemper, Ash Neil Babajee, Zaire Alli, Mohamed Ahmod, Jaylin Cleopas, Edward Jacobs, Mikhael Rasool, Zaheer Alli, JB Louw, Sterling Padi, Elijha Titus

C Muller
U14C Cricket Coach



Cross Country



Cross Country 2023

Front Row (L to R): Owami Dlamini, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Taresh Naidoo, Dr S Clifton (M-i-C : Cross Country), Josh Meij

2nd Row: Lungelo Dlamini, Olwethu Hlongwane, Tahj Salick, Devaj Sanjith

Back Row: Kwenza Madlala, Alibongwe Khanyile, Hakim Mthembu

Absent: Mayedwe Inganawe, Kamohelo Mndaweni, Keanan Rennie

The season started with a keen group of boys, most of whom had been part of the team in 2022.

The Interhouse events kicked them off, with Campbell house winning the battle over many laps of the "Garden Route", which has become a squad favourite in the last few years.

Following the success of our U15 age group in 2022, the U17s were strengthened in 2023 with almost all of the strong juniors moving up to run against some older boys. Despite the youthfulness, our U17 team topped the charts at one interschools event, and achieved two other podium positions during the regular season.

The team also enjoyed the trip to Jeppe, with Ryan Viviers showing his Triathlon

pedigree, and beating all the juniors to take line honours at altitude against a large and very fit group of Jeppe boys.

From there a select few moved on to district and regional trials. Alibongwe Khanyile, Devaj Sanjith, Owami Dlamini and Taresh Naidoo all fronted up in Blue and Gold in the U16 event, with Taresh and Owami making it through to Umlazi trials at a rather haphazardly organised Durban Central event. Both performed well at the 2nd trial, with Taresh going straight through to KZN trials, and Owami selected as 1st reserve. Unfortunately, the KZN event was cancelled at the last minute.

A number of the boys also ran in some club events during the year, with the

school officially registered as a 'running club' with KZNA for the first time in 2023.

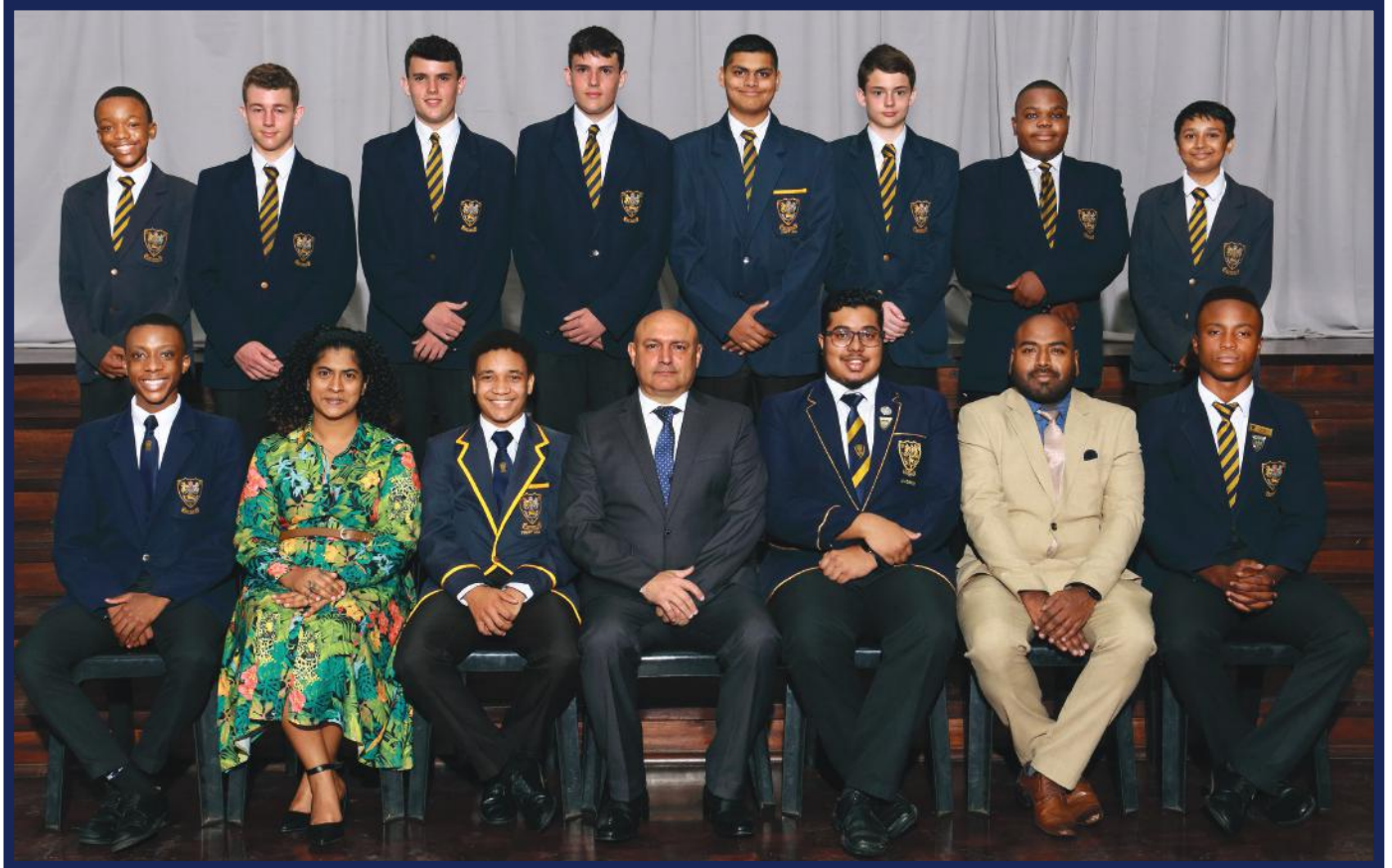
Thanks must go to Mr Charles Moodley for organising buses (and stepping in as assistant coach) and our team of bus drivers for taking us all over the district - Ngiyabonga Ahmi and Zach.

Regular Runners:

Lungelo Dlamini, Owami Dlamini, Olwethu Hlongwane, Mayedwe Inganawe, Alibongwe Khanyile, Kwenza Madlala, Josh Meij, Kamohelo Mndaweni, Hakim Mthembu, Taresh Naidoo, Keanan Rennie, Tahj Salick, Devaj Sanjith

S Clifton
M-i-C: Cross Country

First Aid



First Aid 2023

Front Row (L to R): Aphile Yende, Ms S Francis (M-i-C : First Aid), Alex Gudgeon, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Ubayd Shaik, Mr E Thomas (Assistant M-i-C: First Aid), Thando Luthli

Back Row: Nsika Ziqubu, Cayden Deiener, Ethan Heath, Josh Heath, Yuvir Badasse, Aiden Hudson, Bayanda Mbhele, Yash Amaidas

The year has proven to be an exciting one in respect of growth for our first aid team. Many of the learners received first aid training and certification this year through the School's Electives Programme.

Our First Aiders were able to assist more proactively in the sporting arena. This was much to their delight as they were given the opportunity to merge their theoretical skills with their practical exposure.

Our team this year included the following learners:

Badasse Yuvir, Mbhele Bayanda, Hustons Aiden, Amaidas Yash, Shaik Ubayd, Diener Cayden, Gudgeon Alex, Heath Josh, Heath Ethan, Yende Aphile.

These young men were given recognition in terms of merit certificates, half colours and full colours in respect of their dedication and service to sports this year.

We bid farewell to our team leader, Alex Gudgeon, as well as Troy Getkate, Ubayd Shaik and Aphile Yende who will be matriculating. We wish them well in all their future endeavours.

S Francis
M-i-C: First Aid



1st XI Hockey



1st Team Hockey 2023

Front Row (L to R): Aldridge Maasdorp, Cameron Goodwin, Leruo Ditlhakanyane (Captain), Mr A D Pinheiro, Lulonke Gono (Vice-Captain), Mr M Baker (Head of Hockey), Keelan Henry

2nd Row: Mahlatse Sebake, Bhavesh Naicker, Liam Ruiters, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Lubanzi Zulu, Tyrique Cloete

Back Row: Sduduzo Zondi, Ntando Mshengu, Lethabo Bocagwi, Lethabo Mathobela, Lumi Matwele, Joshua Mungherera, Nathi Jona

Absent: Ruben Peters

In 2023 we cemented our place as one of the top hockey teams across the country, finishing 6th in the SA Schools' rankings.

With our brand-new blue turf (The Colosseum), we fired full steam ahead and started the season in fine form with big wins over Maritzburg College, Westville and Northwood.

We then participated in our very own Coastal Cup festival and went through unbeaten. Another invite to the prestigious Hibbert Shield saw us take on the best teams in the country and

we finished 7th, beating Clifton 5-0 on the last day.

Unfortunately, results didn't go our way towards the back end of the season and this is definitely something to look into for 2024. We ended the year with a tough trip to Jeppe and narrowly went down 3-2.

A big thank you to Mr Bottomley for being our assistant coach, Mr Moodley for sorting out transport for the year, Mr Pillay, Mr G Goodwin and Mr Pinheiro for their support, Mr C Goodwin for looking after conditioning and Mr

Kelly-Stack and Mr Manuel for working with the team throughout the season. Lastly, Mr Shedlock and the foundation for their continuous support in our programme.

My biggest thank you goes to the boys. We have worked hard this year in trying to change the mentality of the DHS first team - from local whipping boys to the toughest fixture on the calendar. Loads of work was put into culture and belief as a team, which showed in some close contests. 2023 was the start of something special and 2024 we look to build on this. A big thank you to our



Hockey SA Representatives in 2023

Matric boys for all your commitment towards the blue and gold over the last 5 years.

Hockey Awards:

Open Most Improved Player of the Year - Keelan Henry

Open Player of the Year - Leruo Ditlakhanyane

SA & KZN Representatives:

SA U21 - Leruo Ditlakhanyane

SA U18A - Lethabo Bocagwi, Henry Keelan, Leruo Ditlakhanyane (Captain),

SA U18B - Aldridge Maasdorp

SA U17 High Performance - Lumi Matwele

KZN U18A - Lethabo Bogzawi, Leruo Ditlakhanyane, Keelan Henry, Aldridge Maasdorp, Lumi Matwele, Ruben Peters

KZN U18B - Nathi Jona, Mathlatse Sebake, Lethabo Mathobela

KZN U18C - Ntando Mshengu, Lubanzi Zulu

Results:

Played: 22

Won: 13

Lost: 7

Drawn: 2

Regular Players:

Keelan Henry, Liam Ruiters, Lulonke Gono (Vice Captain), Mathlatse Sebake, Aldridge Maasdorp, Leruo Ditlakhanyane (Captain), Lethabo Mathobela, Lethabo Bogacwi, Ruben Peters, Lumi Matwele, Tyrique Cloete, Lubanzi Zulu, Nathi Jona, Sithaba Siyoyo, Bhavesh Naicker, Joshua Mungherera

Coaches:

M Baker, T Bottomley

M Baker

1st XI Hockey Coach

2nd Team Hockey

On paper this had to be the best 2nd XI Hockey side DHS has had in a long time, so naturally I was super excited to be coaching a top group of kids.

The season started off really well with convincing performances against Maritzburg College, Westville and Northwood. After about three to four weeks of really good sessions and results, the numbers at training dwindled and we struggled to get more

than five players down to training. No matter how much I'd beg and plead to the boys over the phone or in person, things did not change, which saw our season turn out below par - which was obviously extremely disappointing considering the teams we were putting out each week. A disappointing season for a team that had so much potential.

Results:

Played: 10

Won: 3

Lost: 5

Drew: 2

Regular Players:

Joshua Kippen, Ayden Quinn, Joshua Loots, Bryce Woolf, Jared Haveman, Allain Frankson, Lubanzi Zulu, Kyle McCalgan, Liam Ruiters, Thando Mshengu, Andile Mbambo, Joaquim Salvador, Sduduzo Zondi

T Bottomley

2nd XI Hockey Coach



3rd Team Hockey

For the DHS Hockey Programme, having a 3rd XI Hockey Team is a massive achievement and a step in the right direction. Recently we have been able to be very successful with our higher teams and this year there was a massive focus on creating depth throughout the programme.

In terms of results, it was an extremely tough year for our third side, but with this being the first year of having a third team there were definitely more

positives than negatives. I am extremely proud of the boys for their commitment to the team and to the programme and I know that the boys all learnt a lot throughout the season that will help them in the future.

Results:

Played:	8
Won:	2
Lost:	5
Drew:	1

Regular Players:

Evan Chinniah, Ethyn van der Byl, Chase Willemse, Blake Davison, Callan Smith, Adam Preston, Wyatt Rose, Mthetho Matshotyana, Tyron Hatcher, Aidan Braum

N Nyawot

3rd XI Hockey Coach

U16A Hockey

The 2023 outdoor Hockey season was a season many of the boys will remember for a long time to come. Our practices were always well attended, and the guys were keen to get right the aspects we were trying to refine and there was always a high energy output. Although the boys sometimes didn't hit the standards they always strived for, there was always effort to be better than before. This year was the first year we attended the Hibbert Cup Tournament hosted by Pearson College, where we performed exceptionally well, finishing in 2nd place behind SACS.

Our domestic league was largely filled with success with us only losing two games (one of which was on exchange to Jeppe) and drawing one, but with strong victories over Hilton College, Michaelhouse, Northwood and Westville.

We attended the Hibbert Cup for the inaugural tournament and blew away

most of the competition - we played an extremely high level of hockey, for which many coaches and parents praised the boys for their professionalism on and off the turf!

I am incredibly proud of this team.

SA & KZN Representatives:

SA U16A High Performance - Joshua Mungherera, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo

SA U16B High Performance - Christopher Abrahams

KZN U16A - Christopher Abrahams, Tyrique Cloete, Semal Pillay, Sihle Sogoni, Joshua van Biljon, Joshua Mungherera, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo

KZN U16B - Krian Jugoo, Bonngoe Mokoena, Lungani Ngcobo

U16C - Jaiden Bramwell, Oyinthanda Ngejane

Hockey Awards:

U16 Most Improve Player of the Year - Joshua Mungherera

U16 Player of the Year - Bhavesh Naicker

Results:

Played:	20
Won:	15
Drawn:	2
Lost:	3
Goals scored:	64
Goals Against:	17

Regular Players:

Joshua van Biljon, Joshua Mungherera, Tyrique Cloete, Semal Pillay, Bhavesh Naicker, Sihle Sogoni, Tanda Ngejane, Christopher Abrahams, Krian Jugoo, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Dilan Ebrahim

T Kelly-Stack

U16A Hockey Coach

U16B Hockey

The U16B season was very successful, with player growth being the biggest positive coming

out of it. The team managed to get an 80% win record, which is truly amazing

considering the level of Hockey that the opposition teams were playing.



The highlight of our season was definitely the 4-1 win against old rivals Maritzburg College.

The boys showed great commitment to the programme, as well as growth. Considering that the team also changed to a new coach halfway through the season, it is also amazing that they managed to buy in to the new principles and concepts so quickly.

It was an absolute pleasure coaching these boys this season and I hope to see all of them grow and develop into really good hockey players and humans in the future.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	8
Lost:	1
Drew:	1

Regular Players:

Tylan Pillay, Joshua Brien, Raul Chetty, Chad Evans, Daniel Pech, Bo Mokoena, Keane Spogter, Lumi Gwiji, Jadin Bramwell, As'bonge Dladla, Tristin Quail, Joel Loots, Connor Quinn, Nali Thobela

Coaches: J Cass, R Rademayer

R Rademayer
U16B Hockey Coach

U16C Hockey

This Hockey season had many emotions brought out, from start to finish. We started the season off with a bang, managing to beat a very well-oiled College team. As the season went on, we were faced with the challenge of being able to finish once we got in the D.

We played strong hockey throughout the season, consistently finding ourselves in good positions, but we struggled to finish and convert those opportunities into goals. We spent hours on the turf working on it and fine tuning these small issues.

We travelled up to Jeppe High for our last fixture. Jeppe proved to be a very strong team and on the day our U16C team boys showed up and managed to dominate the game and bring home a win on their last game of the season.

I would like to thank all the boys who took part and stuck with the team throughout the hard times. A big thanks to the Director of Hockey, Mr Baker, who led the hockey programme and made sure things were always well organised and very professional.

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	2
Lost:	5
Drawn:	2

Regular Players:

Connor Quinn, Dilan Ebrahim, Ethan Greenhalgh, Sihawu Zungu, Tej Bayroo, Malwande Shandu, Jordan Rochat, Lazlo Jooste, Aaron Drimmie, Jacques Scheepers, Thando Mchunu, Keanan Rennie

T Trenoweth
U16C Hockey Coach

U16D Hockey

The season did not get off to the greatest start. The challenge with this team was that those who were playing had other commitments during the weekend such as band, rugby and soccer. So we rarely had the same boys pitch for match days. The ones who were committed improved and got a call up to the U16C side.

When we were a full, strong side we did manage to play good Hockey and get

some results our way. We missed some results which should've come our way but the boys did enjoy their Hockey, which was the main focus for us as a team.

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	2
Lost:	5
Drew:	2

Regular Players:

Lungelo Mtshali, Uviwe Zembe, Heath Wallis, Zeke King, Mekhai Samuels, Aaron Maharaj, Leeam Nair, Sameshan Naidoo, Riley Pechey, Thando Ngcobo, Mohamed Sahib

A Cebekhulu
U16D Hockey Coach



U14A Hockey



U14A Hockey Team at Michaelhouse

This group of boys was most definitely one of the best teams I've worked with. They have developed so much in such a short space of time on and off the field. They have been the best addition to the DHS hockey programme and have added so much value to the culture of the Hockey programme.

My pure focus going into the season was just all about building a culture that will be with them for the next four years of their school boy Hockey careers.

A massive thank you to Mr Baker for giving me the opportunity to coach the U14A team, and also a big thank you to the boys for buying into the culture

of the U14A DHS Team. You boys have definitely made your mark in the DHS Hockey Programme!

Proud!

KZN Representatives:

KZN U14A - Elchaan Lubbe, Sandisizwe Mazibuko, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Eben Peters

KZN U14B - Keegan Brauns, Matt Potgieter, Cole Spogter

KZN U14C - Riley Hooper

Hockey Awards:

U14 Most Improve Player of the Year - Ethan Balakisten

U14 Player of the Year - Elchaan Lubbe

Results:

Played:	20
Won:	13
Lost:	3
Drew:	4

Regular Players:

Matt Potgieter, Ovayo Nklowana, Elchaan Lubbe, Riley Hooper, Eben Peters, Keegan Brauns, Jessie van Wyk, Neval Maharaj, Jordan Loubser, Steven Dennil, Ethan Balikistan, Cole Spogter, Sandi Mazibuko

I Manuel
U14A Hockey Coach

U14B Hockey

This season for the U14B Hockey team was a very tough one, although it was very successful

in the end. From the first practice the team knew that only hard work would make us stand out from the rest of

the schools. The team showed huge amounts of dedication and growth throughout the season, leading them to

play some amazing Hockey towards the end of the season.

As the coach, seeing the team grow like they did make me extremely proud, with the moment of the season for me being our second match against Northwood. After losing 4-1 in the first game to a very impressive Northwood, the team were able to go toe to toe in the second match, only losing 1-0 to a very late match winner from Northwood.

Overall, the team can be extremely proud of their season and the efforts that they put in.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	4
Lost:	5
Drew:	1

Regular Players:

Tinashe Mehta, Ryan Viviers, Joshua de Oliveira, Isenathi Ntshingila, Michael van Biljon, Chibuike Anagboaso, Mawande Mdabe, Lungelo Dlamini, Remial Ackerman, Caleb Smith, Mwezi Mgingwana, Seth Dass, Naval Maharaj, Jordan Loubser

C Goodwin
U14B Hockey Coach

U14C Hockey

The U14 age group has incredible depth, which allowed all U14 Hockey teams to be well balanced and competitive.

The boys grew in skill, knowledge and confidence throughout the season and played an attacking brand of Hockey inspired by the culture of DHS. They showed immense character in every game they played, being humble in every win and learning valuable lessons with each loss.

The U14C Hockey Team had an incredible season with very impressive wins against Kearsney, Hilton, Westville and the highlight victory of the season was on tour against Jeppe.

A massive thank you must go to Mr Baker, Mr Manuel and Mr Goodwin for their amazing effort to run and manage the DHS Hockey Programme.

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	7
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Channing Bedford, Usiphile Langa, Ngcebo Madikezila, Wian Van Wyk, Ashton Jansen, Ashniel Babajee, Zach Manicum, Cale Cross, Lwandile Mkhize, Oligugu Khuzwayo, Nayur Ramachul, Israel Nwankwo

C Addison
U14C Hockey Coach

U14D Hockey

The U14D season was a tough yet rewarding period of time for the boys. The boys started the season off well with an initial win; however, they did hit some stumbling blocks after that. Once they collected themselves and went back to basics, the wins started coming. In particular, the boys played a stunning game of Hockey against Hilton, winning 6-3 - showing resilience after going down initially, but demonstrating the DHS spirit to fight back.

With some lovely wins and some unfortunate losses, the boys learnt a lot in their first Hockey season and they will all be valuable assets to DHS in the future.

Results:

Wins:	4
Losses:	4
Draws:	1

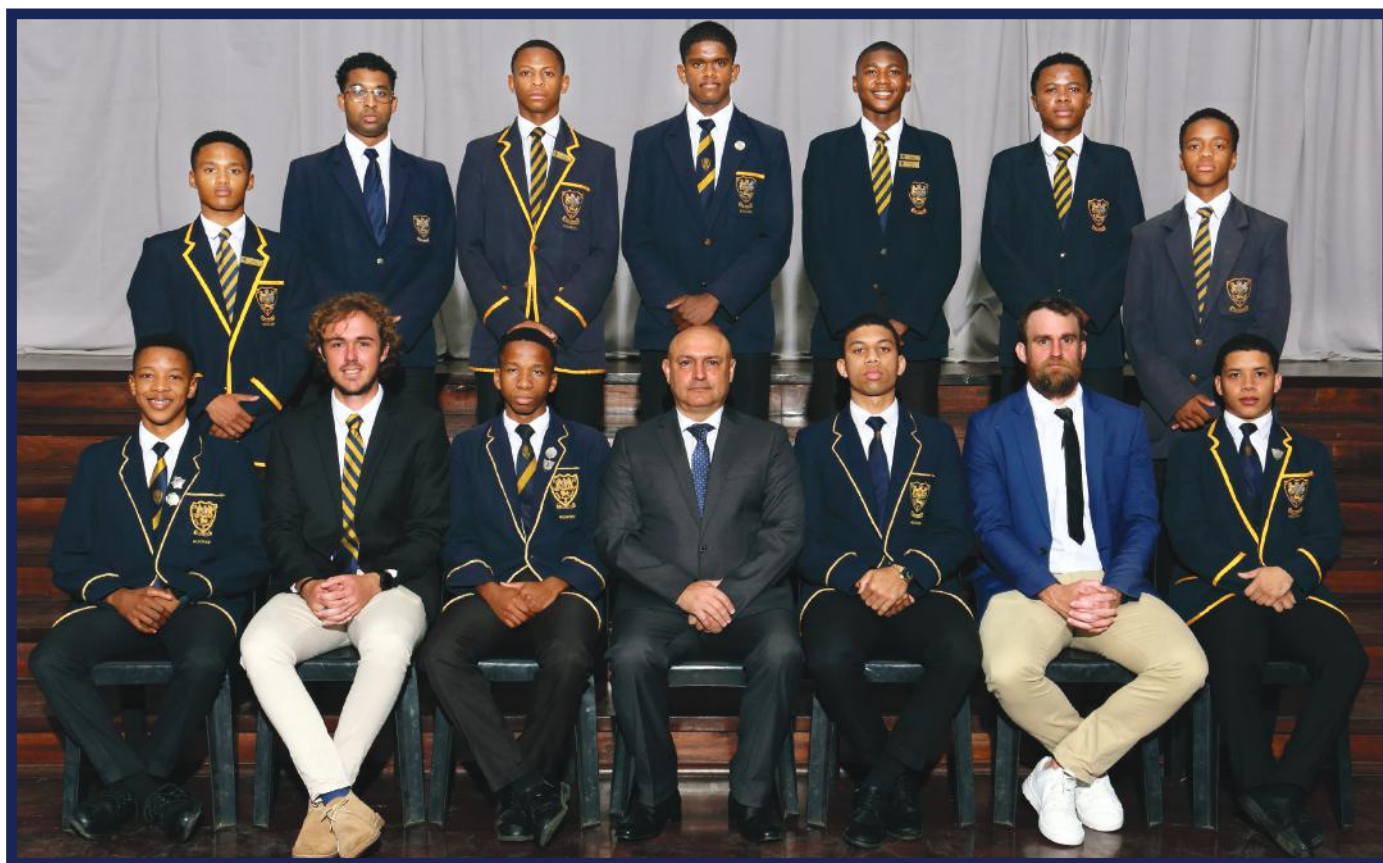
Regular Players:

Adam Bowen, Dumisani Mthembu, Sharav Ayer, Amile Hlope, Lungelo Mthembu, Joshua Peterson, Josh Heath, Nhlakanipho Shabalala, Sabelwe Msomi, Hamzah Moosa, Shyreek Sewpursat, Caleb Gopichand, Jayden Walters, Darshan Naidoo, Keegan Greenaway, Rikhil Paulsen, Noah Paulsen

D Pinheiro
U14D Hockey Coach



1st Team Indoor Hockey



1st Team Indoor Hockey 2023

Front Row (L to R): Lulonke Gono, Mr C Goodwin (1st Team Coach), Leruo Ditlhakanyane (Captain), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Keelan Henry, Mr M Baker (Head of Hockey/1st Team Coach), Aldridge Maasdorp

Back Row: Mahlatse Sebake, Liam Ruiters, Lethabo Bocagwi, Joshua Kippen, Lumi Matwele, Nathi Jona, Lubanzi Zulu

Absent: Ruben Peters

Indoor hockey season is always an exciting time for our DHS boys and this year was no different. Indoor hockey in KZN is extremely strong in the U18 age group, and this was definitely evident this year with all top four teams in the log being very closely matched on the field.

Our indoor season did not get off to a good start, with us losing to Kearsney, Westville and Northwood. We then managed to qualify for the semifinals by finishing fourth in the log, but this meant we had to face up against our rivals Northwood, who finished first. In an amazing game, we managed to beat Northwood 2-1 in the semifinals, which led us to play against Westville

in the final. The final definitely did not go to plan and we found ourselves 3-0 down going in to the last five minutes of the game, but the boys never gave up and we managed to score two late goals to put Westville under a bit of pressure. Unfortunately, our comeback was too late and we lost the match 3-2. Although we lost the final, there were many lessons learnt throughout the season and I am extremely happy with how certain boys stood up to the challenges that we faced.

SA & KZN Representatives:

SA Indoor Squad - Leruo Ditlhakanyane
KZN Mynahs - Lumi Matwele, Joshua Kippen
KZN Raiders - Leruo Ditlhakanyane

Hockey Award:

Open Player of the Year - Leruo Ditlhakanyane

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	4
Lost:	5
Drew:	0

Regular Players:

Keelan Henry, Lulonke Gono, Lethabo Bogacwi, Leruo Ditlhakanyane, Lumi Matwele, Liam Ruiters, Ruben Peters, Mahlatse Sebake, Aldridge Maasdorp, Nathi Jona, Lubanzi Zulu, Joshua Kippen

C Goodwin

1st Team Indoor Hockey

U16A Indoor Hockey

The 2023 indoor hockey season got off to a great start. The boys were really enjoying the ability to express themselves on the court this time and being able to build on the foundation they set for themselves last year. Our practice sessions have seen guys work hard and focus on key areas, which they managed to incorporate onto the court, and the boys were keen to get right the aspects we were trying to refine.

We displayed some incredible hockey throughout the round robin stages and set ourselves up for the best possible opportunity to clinch the title come finals day. We finished top of the log going into the semi-finals, which saw us take on Kearsney, just as it did in 2022. It was visible that the boys intended on setting up a meeting in the final and they wanted to right the group stage performance against Kearsney after a very slow start in that game. We came out the blocks firing, the DHS boys took full control of the game from the start and were lethal with ball on their sticks. 3 goals in the 1st chukka set them up for a great finish which saw them keep their feet on the pedal, eventually

winning that 8-0. This saw us up against Westville boys in the final.

This team was ready to fire on all cylinders: we spoke game plans and how we were going to approach the start of the game and it was clearly visible the boys only had one thing on their mind. The whistle went and on they played, taking control of the game and asserting their dominance right from the get-go. After a flurry of chances early in the game that we were unable to take, I knew it would take just one to open them up and that was that. A cleanly worked penalty corner slotted away set the boys up for a very polished performance. A goal in each quarter is something not often achieved in a final, and a clean sheet saw the DHS U16A team 4-0 winners and crowned the U16A League Champions for 2023. I think it's necessary to mention that throughout the semi-final and the final, this team scored 12 goals and did not concede a single goal, something not many teams can say they have accomplished. They were also able to complete this season unbeaten, an incredible season wrapped up in the most deserving way possible for this team.

I am incredibly proud of this entire group of young men, well done boys!

Hockey Award

U16 Player of the Year - Tyrique Cloete

Results:

Played: 9
Won: 9
Goals Scored: 48
Goals Conceded: 7

Regular Players:

Dilan Ebrahim, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Tyrique Cloete, Joshua Mungherera, Semal Pillay, Krian Jugoo, Joshua van Biljon, Christopher Abrahams and Bhavesh Naicker (Captain)

T Kelly-Stack
U16A Indoor Hockey Coach

U16B Indoor Hockey

Another incredible year for the DHS U16B team. This team displayed Indoor Hockey of the highest standard, scoring 87 goals in 7 games and only conceding 6, our Highlight being the 8-2 win vs Clifton U16A side. These boys played with high standards and never let those standards drop. Our motto was if someone watched us play for the first time what would they think? I am very proud of this team and these boys as they have

secured promotion into the A section for 2024.

Results:

Played: 7
Won: 7
Lost: 0
Goals for: 87
Goals Against: 6

Regular Players:

Lungani Ngcobo, Bo Mokeona, Jadin Bramwell, Thanda Ngejane, Tinashe Mheta, Lumi Gwiji, Nali Thobela, Sihle Sogoni, Buhle Msani

M Baker
U16B Indoor Hockey Coach



Rowing



Rowing 2023

Front Row (L to R): Joshua Meij, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Esethu Tshicila (Captain of Boats), Mr G Surtees (M-i-C : Rowing), Hendrik Bezuidenhout

Middle Row: Aiden Hutson, Tahj Salick, Hariv Pillay, S'qiniseko Nxumalo

Back Row: Connor Hollington, Christian Pillay, Dain Fort, Hakim Mthembu, Adithya Sarjoo

School's Rowing team has gone from strength to strength this year. The number of boys participating continues to grow - thanks in no small part to the 'marketing' efforts of the boys who are already in the squad - and it is hoped that this will continue to be the case in 2024.

The Rowing calendar got off to an explosive start and the squad travelled to Johannesburg to participate in the RMB VLC National Sprints Regatta, which was held over the weekend of the 28th and 29th of January. Disappointingly, a number of our crews were unable to participate on the second day due to adverse weather conditions. This was

rather unfortunate, since we felt that the Boys were well-prepared for the event and they were itching to show the competition what we were made of.

Thankfully, further opportunity to showcase our talent was not far off in the form of the RMB SA National Rowing Champs Regatta, held on the final weekend in April. The U18 coxed quad crewed by Joshua Meij (bow), Hariv Pillay (2), Esethu Tshicila (3), Henro Bezuidenhout (stroke) and Tajh Salick (cox) put in a dominant performance against men's crews to win the Men's Open C Division. They were awarded bronze medals for this performance. This crew (with Pillay substituted by

Hakim Mthembu) placed 4th in South Africa for the Junior Men's U18 coxed quad amidst fierce competition.

Bezuidenhout and Meij also placed second in the Men's C double sculls race with a 1000m time of 3 minutes and 56 seconds, which was just over one second later than the winners, meaning that it was an incredibly tight race.

If these results weren't enough, Hariv Pillay (bow) and Hakim Mthembu (stroke) placed third overall in the Junior Men's U16 double sculls race, earning themselves KZN half-colours awards in the process, and narrowly missing out on full colours.

Overall, the boys acquitted themselves admirably both on and off the water, and I was very pleased to hear that our boys were paid a number of compliments regarding their dress and conduct throughout the weekend.

On 1 July, both junior and senior crews participated in the Head of the Bay regatta. This is an annual 12km head race, which is rowed at Durban Harbour. The boys had a fun day out and, despite not winning any categories, acquitted themselves well and managed respectable times.

I look forward to an even better 2024 and I am confident that our rowing

team will continue to achieve whilst flying the DHS flag high.

Results:

National Champs Regatta 2023

<i>Event No</i>	<i>Race & Crew</i>	<i>Position</i>
8	Men's C 4x - / + Bezuidenhout	1st
84	MC 2x Bezuidenhout	2nd
38	Junior Men's U18 4x + Bezuidenhout	4th
25	Junior Men's U16 2x Mthembu	3rd

Regular Rowers:

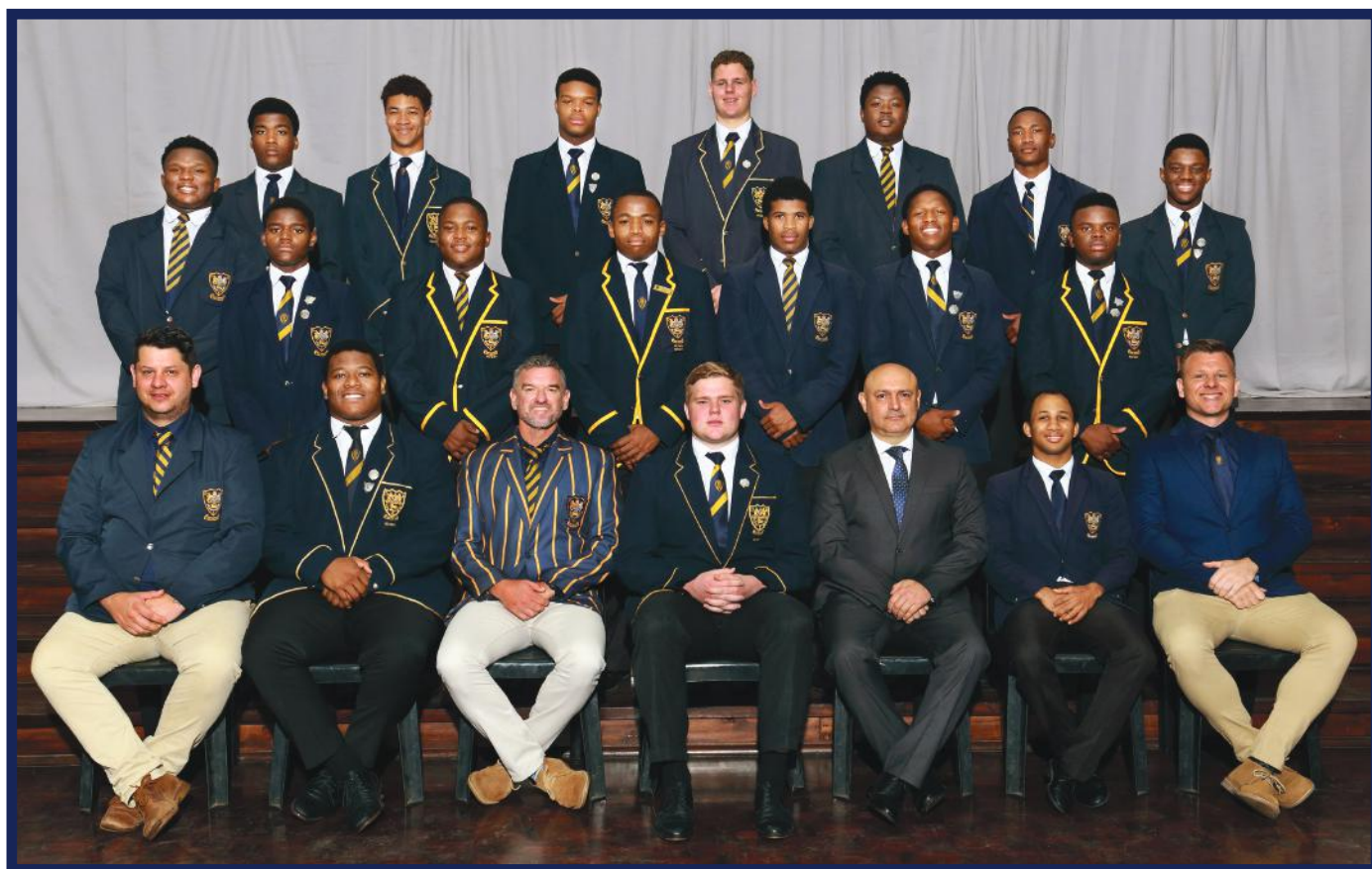
Seniors - Esethu Tshicila (Captain), Henro Bezuidenhout (Vice Captain), Connor Hollington, Josh Meij, Hakim Mthembu, Hariv Pillay, Tajh Salick
Juniors - Delen Booysen, Dain Fort, Connor Kay, S'qiniseko Nxumalo, Christian Pillay, Adithya Sarjoo.

Coach: Ms H Abraham

G Surtees
M-i-C: Rowing



1st XV Rugby



1st XV Rugby 2023

Front Row (L to R): Mr M Janse van Rensburg (1st XV Manager), Simphiwe Ngobese, Mr P Engledown (Head of Rugby), Christian Everitt, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Florensen Ockhuis, Mr R de Koker van der Sandt (Head of Strength & Conditioning)

Second Row: Bandile Zama, Mahle Sithole, Unaye Mndau, Maurice Willemse, Hopewell Ntshangase

Back Row: Zingce Simka, Siyanda Dlamini, Deano Boesak, Simamkele Hlabisa, Weihrich Basson, Siseko Mani, Hlumelo Madikane, Siphiosethu Zungu

This season was a very special one and was built on the foundations laid in the 2022 season. It had so many positives and such a great competitive season it was.

We started the off season with a tough gym and conditioning programme and the boys left in December in great physical condition. The pre-season was another tough phase and a team-building trip to Hluhluwe afforded us great preparation for the season ahead.

We started the season off with three good wins, including a close contest

against Maritzburg College, which we won 14-7, and which was our second win over our old rivals in two seasons. We then travelled to Pretoria for the Noord Suid Festival and played well, receiving a standing ovation for our efforts in going down 25-24 vs Affies. We followed that narrow defeat up with a 35-7 win over Nelspruit to have a successful first Noord Suid festival representing School.

We ended up playing five games in 10 days, as we left the one festival and joined the Kearsney festival, winning two of the three matches, with a shock

defeat and good lessons learnt vs Worcester Gym.

We managed home and away wins over both Westville and Northwood, with one of our best games playing Westville at their Founders celebrations and managing to beat them 43-19. DHS also travelled to the top rugby school's competition - Wildeklaar - in Kimberley and once again came up against another traditional rugby powerhouse school, Paul Roos, eventually going down 21-14 but bouncing back with a 64-17 victory over HTS Drostyd. We had disappointing

losses to both Hilton (36-35) and Michaelhouse (31-27).

A huge thank you to the Warriors for the effort and commitment to the Rugby programme. We had five players represent the Sharks Craven Week U18 side, with Simphiwe Ngobese and Christian Everitt getting SA Schools colours. We had a further 12 players involved in Academy and Academy XV sides - a testament to the hard work put in by our players and the school rugby programme.

Thank you to all the Old Boys and supporters who have been with us on the 2023 Rugby journey. Without the support of the Old Boys many of our achievements would not be possible, a special thank you to every Old Boy who has helped get DHS back into top flight rugby and competing against the big schools. A special thank you to Mr Gavin Varejes for his help and to Mr Stephen Saad and Max Oliver who in my last two seasons have been a huge help.

Thank you to all the Rugby coaches who have helped in all age groups and to our Director of Sport, Mr Pillay, and our Head Master, Mr Pinheiro, for supporting the Rugby with such passion and directing the programme in the right direction.

Lastly, to the management team thank you so much for the hard work and commitment to DHS. We say goodbye to our manager Morne Jansen van Rensburg and our Physio Marc - to both of you a huge thank you and wishing you all the best going forward. Rikus, our Strength & Conditioning Coach and Ronnie Uys - I look forward to a huge 3rd season together and to doing something special in 2024.

National & Provincial Representatives:
SA Schools - Simphiwe Ngobese
SA Schools A - Christian Everitt

Sharks U18 Craven Week - Weihrich Basson, Christian Everitt, Simphiwe Ngobese, Hopewell Ntshangase, Maurice Willemse

Sharks U17 Academy Week - Akahlulwa Boqwana, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Mahle Sithole

Sharks Academy XV - Duncan Basson, Daniel Ikotela, Adriano Jackson, Thando Luthuli, Unaye Mndau, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Florensen Ockhuis, Khanyisa Stamper

Results:

Played:	19
Won:	13
Lost:	6
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Siyanda Dlamini, Christian Everitt (Captain), Simphiwe Ngobese, Sima Hlabisa, Weihrich Basson, Dale Hendrikse, Siseko Mani, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Florensen Ockhuis, Deano Boesak, Maurice Willemse, Zingce Simka, Amahle Mazibuko, Ntando Mavuso, Hopewell Ntshangase

Coaches - R Uys, R van der Sandt and P Engledow

Manager - M Janse van Rensburg

Physio - M Colia

Player Critique:

1. Siyanda Dlamini

Siyanda was a hard working loose-head prop and was a regular starter this season, he was a great team man and achieved half colours playing 16 of the 17 games. The Bus formed a formidable front row partnership and they dominated the season.

2. Christian Everitt

Christian has such a good rugby mind and really understands the game well. He captained the DHS side for the season and enjoyed his second year in the first side. A strong scrummager and very skilful which helped him achieve

school Honours, KZN Craven Week side. He went on to represent South Africa Schools team. He was also a great character and made training fun. Chris is plying his trade at the Sharks.

3. Simphiwe Ngobese

Ngobese was a huge tighthead and, as mentioned, our front row enjoyed a formidable season. Ngobese was also a flyhalf in a tight-head's body and his skillset was incredible. He was a big player for the team, and what a great young man. He enjoyed a lie in on mornings but on the field he came to life. He joined the Sharks and achieved school honours, KZN Craven Week and South African Schools this season.

4. Sima Hlabisa

Sima broke into the side having played a full game in the 2nd XV. At the start of the first team game we had an early injury and he went on to basically play a full first team game; he was incredible. He enjoyed his rugby but had good balance and always gave his best when on the field. Sima played 16 of the 17 games and achieved Half Colours. He signed at NWU.

5. Weihrich Basson

Weihrich bounced back from a bad injury and enjoyed a great season with School. He achieved school Honours, KZN Craven Week and secured a contract to further his career in Japan. He really developed while playing senior rugby. What a wonderful young man; he was a pleasure to coach and was always willing to improve and do his bit for the team.

6. Dale Hendrikse

Dale struggled with a shoulder injury and was playing his second year in the first team. He played 14 of the 17 games and achieved Half Colours.

7. Siseko Mani

Mani became a household name at DHS and played some great rugby. He





1st XV vs Maritzburg College

worked hard to get back in the side and was a hard big ball carrier in the team. He was playing his second year at first team level and was involved in 16 games during the season. He achieved Half Colours, he represented the Sharks in the previous season.

8. *Sibusiso Mahlangu*

Giant, as he is called at School, came up from the U16s and put in some hard work in the off season and holidays to make sure he made this team. He had a great season as a youngster, achieving Colours for his School and also representing KZN Academy U17A side. He is an athletic and physical player with a big work rate and a great line out exponent. It will be exciting to watch him next year and what he can achieve.

9. *Floresen Ockhuis*

Dynamic and X factor scrum-half, as with most No 9s he was very brave and a true Jack Russell behind the pack. He has electric speed and acceleration and scored some memorable tries, none more so than on Founders vs Kearsney. Ockhuis also served as Captain and had

a great personality; he was very liked by his peers. He went onto achieve Colours for his School and represented KZN Academy XV.

10. *Deano Boesak*

What a season Deano Boesak enjoyed. He was signed by the Stormers and played a huge role in our successful season. I have never met a flyhalf as quiet as him and it did complicate things, but his natural talent and skill had supporters and even opposition schools wanting pictures with him post-match. He is the most natural player I have ever coached. He achieved Colours for his School and is definitely one of the players to watch in the future.

11. *Maurice Willemse*

A try scoring machine and one of the best finishers I have coached in the game. He enjoyed a fantastic season and was rewarded with a late contract to join the Sharks. Maurice had all the qualities required of the modern wing in the game. His biggest development was in defence. He was awesome to coach and watch and achieved KZN

Craven Week and School Honours in his final season.

12. *Zingce Simka*

Simka exploded on the senior rugby scene and enjoyed an incredible start to senior rugby. He was a solid and strong running 12 and bounced many a player. He was awarded KZN Craven Week, KZN 7's and South African 7's. Sadly missed out on it all due to a serious knee injury. He was terribly unlucky and we are excited for him to shoot out the lights in the 2024 season.

13. *Amahle Mazibuko*

Mazibuko was involved in all 17 games and was fast with very good feet. He was outstanding in defence in some key games, especially vs Westville on their Founders day. He played a leadership role within the team and was a special player to coach, We are hoping Mazibuko makes a big jump in his rugby at UCT next season.

14. *Nthando Mavuso*

Nthando had an exceptional season for DHS. He was especially great at defence

and scored some great tries for us during the season. Hard working in the gym, with great fitness, he was part of a very good back three. The game against Affies and the role he played will always be remembered. He is a good player with an exciting future.

15. Hopewell Ntshangase

Hopewell enjoyed another good season with DHS and was rewarded with both KZN Craven week and SA 7's and took part in the Common Wealth Games, to

top off a brilliant two seasons. Hopewell was brilliant in defence and created many opportunities for the wings and himself this season. He is a very talented young rugby player and I hope he gets a break to demonstrate what he can offer.

Open Rugby Awards:

IT Bennison Trophy for Best 1st XV Player - *Deano Boesak*

Aztec Trophy for Most Dedicated DHS Rugby Player - *Siphiwo sethu Zungu*

Open Coaches Rugby Award for Commitment and Loyalty - *Christian Everitt*

De Bruyn Trophy for the Junior Player with the Biggest Impact in the 1st XV - *Zingce Simka*

Getkate Award for the Most Improved Player of the Year - *Thando Luthuli*

P Engledow
1st XV Rugby Coach

2nd XV Rugby

The 2nd XV had one of its better seasons, blessed with talented individuals and team spirit second to none. They started the season like a house on fire, defeating Voortreker and St Charles with big scores. They then had an unexpected draw against our big rivals Maritzburg College. The team went up to Pretoria and participated in the Noord Suid Tournament. The first fixture was against host Affies. The team were humbled and learnt from this encounter and, as a result, they came out victors against Nelspruit with an impressive score.

The second term came into effect and the DHS 2nd team were ready and had a mission on their hands. The mission was simple: play at their best and try to improve every week, a mission that each member took to heart. They had a

wonderful winning run that came to an end at Westville. Once again there were lessons to be learnt. Discipline is an important part of the game and without it we fell. The team played a further three games in the third term, winning two and losing one.

A big thank you to Live Engineering for sponsoring the second team jersey. We are grateful to have generous people in the Durban High School community. Thank you to the parents who supported the boys. It is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Mphululi Dimaza who, after sustaining a season ending shoulder injury, took it upon himself to manage the team on game days with the help of Dain Fort. It is amazing to see such servant leadership.

Results:

Played: 14

Won: 10

Lost: 3

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Bandile Zama (Captain), Sipho sethu Zungu, Unaye Mndau, Mahle Sithole, Ali Thiam, Sandla Twenani, Bryce Techet, Nkululeko Masando, Daniel Ikotela, Thando Luthuli, Akabongwe Boqwana, Adriano Jackson, Duncan Basson, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Alston Cedras

Manager:

M Dimaza

S Sokhela
2nd XV Rugby Coach

3rd XV Rugby

One must always consider the difficult task of coaching the 3rd XV Rugby side. Here one is confronted by the young Grade 11 and 10 learners who have ambitions of playing 1st XV and 2nd XV rugby and are constantly driving to improve their skills and performance, thereby

catching the eye of the top coaches. The coaches, meanwhile, are also managing the Matriculants who are happy just to enjoy their final season of Rugby in which they will play with friends. This balancing act is not without its fair share of drama and conflict. However, once this balance is attained, coaching this

side can really be thrilling and fulfilling for a coach. This was definitely the case with this team in 2023.

Our season started off with a fixture against the Umlazi 1st XV, who were our opponents when we played against the KZN Development Teams. The game



started off as a physical battle and was riddled with errors as both sides clearly were just starting out their respective seasons. The first try of the DHS season was fittingly scored by the captain, Azi Mkokeli. In fact, he would go on to score another try later in the match as the 3rd XV won the match 40-0. It was clear that this side was filled with talent. However, handling errors were aplenty and it was evident that this team could be their own worst enemy at times.

Training sessions were always fun and varied between intense conditioning sessions, individual and team skills sessions and, of course, set piece and patterns of play. Our second fixture against St. Charles saw the team consist of many 4th XV players as a number of 3rd XV players were afforded the opportunity to play for the 2nd XV. This mixed side started off relatively well and managed to soar to a 17-0 half-time lead on the backs of 2 very good tries, one of which was scored by Amukelani Ntuli, who showed quickness of feet and a dash of speed to score a wonderfully worked try. The 2nd half, however, was a far tighter affair but saw Mxolisi Ngubane show an abundance of strength to fight through several tackles to score a try late in the 2nd half. The final score a sound 22-7 victory to DHS.

The third match of the season was against our oldest rivals, Maritzburg College, played on van Heerden's. In a very tough encounter, it was clear that our greatest weakness was our front row. This was due to losing 2 out of the 3 players to the second side. Whilst DHS could match College in all other facets of the game, it came down to College's dominance in the front row, where they stole possession of the ball from us at scrum time. Two unconverted tries scored by Khubisa and Jackson saw DHS lose 10-12 to Maritzburg College.

Our next two fixtures were against Westville and Northwood at home. We

knew that this would be a tough set of fixtures and were also aware that we would be required to play them again later in the season in our away fixtures. In a closely fought affair against Westville, Qasha and Ntuli scored incredible tries to lead us to a 17-10 victory. The Northwood fixture was not as close and DHS showed what they were capable of when they could fire on all cylinders. DHS managed an astounding 36 - 0 victory with tries from Ntuli, Hendriks, Mkokeli, Bavuma, Nkosi - and even the 4th side replacement Xolo - managed to get on the scoreboard.

The weekend of 5 May saw us travel up to the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal to face Hilton College. This was a tough encounter, which saw Hilton move out to a 17-0 half time lead. DHS fought back early in the second half with a wonderful try by Andile Maphumulo. With the score at 17-10 DHS were attacking in waves and had entered into the Hilton College 22m area. After several phases of play it looked certain that DHS were going to score when the flyhalf threw a long pass which was intercepted by the Hilton College centre and he ran 90m to score under the DHS poles. This was incredibly disheartening for the boys, who unfortunately could not bounce back from this mistake and ended up with a 31-10 loss.

A week later we travelled up to the Midlands for a second time to face Michaelhouse. In yet another titanic battle, where both Jean-Roux Jonker and Axl Franken scored tries, DHS led 14-10 with a minute left on the clock. Pinned in our own 22m area, all we had to do was clear the danger and defend for a minute to win the game. A slow and poor attempt to clear the ball on our part saw Michaelhouse charge down our attempted kick and score in the corner to win the match 10-15. This was a game that could have gone either way but, on the day, it was Michaelhouse who enjoyed the victory.

Our next two fixtures were against Kearsney College at home and Westville Boys' High School away from home on their old boys' day. In both these matches, DHS showed their dominance in all facets of the game. Against Kearsney we managed a 28-12 victory whilst up at Westville we managed a dominant 24-0 win. In both matches players like Enzo Machaba, Jean-Roux Jonker, Azi Mkokeli, Luvuyo Qasha and Donelle Hendriks showed their ability to score tries at will and the 3rd XV DHS side showed exactly what they were capable when they worked together as a team.

We were fortunate to play a touring school from England in our next fixture. The Abraham Darby School were a group of large boys. Man for man they were definitely the bigger side. After the first half of intense rugby DHS led 10-5. However, in the second half it was clear that our boys were far fitter and quicker than our opponents. This saw DHS dominate the play and after several well worked team tries DHS ended up 38-5 victors. Perhaps the most memorable moment of the match occurred when Jean-Roux Jonker burst through a gap carrying the ball. However, instead of running straight towards the try line, he decided to deviate towards an opponent where he 'bounced' the opponent and catapulted him across the field. It must be said, though, that whilst the victory was sweet, the camaraderie after the match at the post-match function was far better to savour. The DHS players are not often exposed to teams from abroad and the experience and friendships made after the game were wonderful to witness. We hope that the boys from Abraham Darby School enjoyed their experience and will visit our shores in the not-too-distant future.

Our season ended off with the away fixture against Northwood, where DHS managed a close win, and a school tour to Jeppe High School for Boys



in Johannesburg. The fixture against Jeppe was a lot tougher considering the long trip by bus and very different interpretation of the rules of Rugby. However, it was still an experience where many lessons were learnt and the boys enjoyed the trip. Jeppe ended up winning the fixture relatively comfortably and we look forward to hosting them in 2024, and assure them that they will face stiff competition in 2024.

It must be said that I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of youngsters. I do not remember a moment where I was not happy in the company of these fine young men. To the Matriculants in the team, I wish them all the best for 2024 and, to the Grade 10 and 11 players, I

hope to see you guys representing the 1st and 2nd XV in 2024. A big thank you must go to both the captain and vice-captain, namely Azi Mkokeli and Sethu Ngobe respectively. You guys were a pleasure to work with and handled the responsibility of leadership within this team with aplomb. “Thank you, guys, from the bottom of my heart”.

Results:

Played	12
Won	8
Lost	4
Points for:	259
Points against:	130

Top Points Scorers:

D Hendriks	37 points
A Cedras	33 points

A Mkokeli	25 points
A Maphumulo	23 points
A Ntuli	20 points
J Jonker	20 points

Regular Players:
Azi Mkokeli (Captain), Sethu Ngobe (Vice-Captain), Jean-Roux Jonker, Bryce Techet, Ethan Bollay, Tumiso Nkosi, Mpathi Nxaba, Charl Meyers, Andile Maphumulo, Lethu Zibobo, Axl Franken, Lunga Khubisa, Donelle Hendriks, Amukelani Ntuli, Luvuyo Qasha, Enzo Machaba, Vuyolwethu Bavuma, Mxolisi Ngubane, Kaden McKenzie, Allston Cedra

A Dudas
3rd XV Rugby Coach

4th XV Rugby

After a three-year absence, the anticipation of coaching rugby again really excited me. Coaching at 4th team level was certainly a privilege.

My first session with these boys was an absolute eye opener. Strategies and general skill sets were far from adequate. The first task at hand was to change the narrative of their training ethic. The boys lacked the passion required and it was my hope that if I were to be that change, so too would they. And this worked magnificently.

The improvement was remarkable. Our result against a very able Kearsney team on Founders Day was epic for the team. And, from there, the team gelled

and improved with every session. We finished the 2nd term with a very good win against Westville, away on their Old Boys Day.

With success and growth comes promotion and in the 3rd term we lost several players to the 3rd XV. This was also a result of unfortunate injuries within the higher teams. Our final fixtures against Northwood and Jeppe saw us lose no fewer than six players. This depletion had an inevitable outcome for the boys. They did, however, play with the same commitment expected from them.

The team was captained by Riley Clarivette, who was outstanding.

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	3
Lost:	5
Drew:	1

Regular Players:
Wamkelwe Msomi, Colby Kinloch, Kaden McKenzie, Thato Shabanga, Hendrik Bezuidenhout, Mitchell Steele, Ethan Bollay, Sfundu Mthembu, Marnu Koekemoer, Mihle Diko, Riley Reardon, Riley Clarivette, Matteo Grizzo, Hlompho Xolo, Mxolisi Ngubane, Vuyolwethu Bavuma

S La Marque
4th XV Rugby Coach

5th XV Rugby

The 2023 Rugby season was undoubtedly a challenging one for our team, but it was

also a season defined by unwavering determination, growth, and a spirit that refused to be broken. While we did not

secure a single victory, the journey we embarked upon throughout the season has left an indelible mark on each



player, coach, and supporter. Despite a series of tough losses, our team showed incredible resilience and a refusal to give up. Every game was a test of our resolve, and we never wavered in our commitment to improving and fighting until the final whistle. The ability to maintain this level of determination in the face of adversity is a testament to the character of our players.

One of the most significant achievements of this season was the steep learning curve experienced by our team members. With each game, our players became more knowledgeable about the sport, developed better strategies, and improved their skills. The growth witnessed during the season was remarkable, and it sets a strong foundation for future success.

The Rugby season also strengthened the bonds between our players. Through shared struggles and defeats, the team grew closer and developed a

sense of camaraderie that transcended the field. This unity will be a vital asset as we move forward, knowing that we can count on each other through thick and thin.

While the season may not have yielded victories in the win column, it has provided us with invaluable lessons and motivation for the future. Our team is now more determined than ever to work hard, refine our skills, and build a stronger foundation for success in upcoming seasons.

The 2023 Rugby season may not have resulted in any wins on the scoreboard, but it was a season defined by heart, determination, and a commitment to growth. Our players displayed resilience, camaraderie, and an unbreakable spirit that will serve as a strong foundation for future success. We take away from this season a valuable set of lessons, a deeper bond as a team, and an unshakeable determination to turn our

fortunes around in the seasons to come. With the support of our community and the spirit of never giving up, we are confident that our future holds brighter days on the rugby field.

Results:

Played:	11
Won:	0
Lost:	11
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Mohammad Saib, Phila Gwamanda, Tokelo Moloi, Dawid Snyman, Joshua Smith, Wandile Mthembu, Egerton Hingston, Thabiso Mtambo, Trent Vriese, Liam Hichens, Kian Russell, Bayanda Hufner, Sabelo Mkhize, Prins Nyuswa, Ayanda Mathenjwa, Jude Miller, Jordan Visick, Anele Nhlumayo

T Dudas
5th XV Rugby Coach

6th XV Rugby

The 2023 season saw DHS developing the depth of Rugby with a strong focus on numbers in different positions, especially in the open age group. The 6th team was able to expand on the number of boys playing Rugby for School and develop them into future players of greater skill and with a greater love for the game of Rugby. The season has been tough for everyone involved, and the boys had to adapt to a unique style of training and playing against some tough opposition.

The boys rose to the occasion and ensured that School could always field a competitive side - during the season several boys developed into excellent leaders and impressed with their abilities to communicate, improvise and overcome, both on and off the

field. An early highlight of the season was a comfortable win over old rivals Westville on our home field Nourse, a match attended by many people supporting School, and which ended in a beautiful display of running rugby. This match proved to be a great confidence booster for the team.

Later matches against Michaelhouse and Kearsney delivered action packed moments of Rugby with all the boys putting in hard work and effort to contain skilled opponents - some good defensive play was displayed, along with several moments of attacking brilliance with confident ball in hand.

With every hard-fought loss the boys grew in their will and desire to win, and bested Westville for a second time

during the season on their homefield. This was an ideal ending to our season and an indication of much more depth and exciting rugby in the future of DHS. The boys were elated and felt that their work and dedication during the year has paid dividends.

A big thank you to parents and supporters who stood by on the sidelines for every moment of sorrow and joy shared with the boys - it made a world of difference to them and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, boys, for all your hard work and effort throughout the season - you have certainly displayed the warrior spirit and I have enjoyed this journey every bit as much as you have.



Lastly to Mr Engledow, Mr Pillay and the entire sport staff - thank you for your unwavering commitment to the sport and the development of our boys.

Results:

Played: 7
Won: 2
Lost: 5
Drawn: 0

Regular Players:

Avuyile Xaba, Sinobuhle Mbatha, Mika Smidt, Phiwokuhle Jakazi, Egerton Hingston (C), Joshua Smith, Matthew Fynn, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Zayd Aniff, Mpendulo Dlamini, Mihle Diko, Kamohelo Mndoweni, Alwande Ndlovu, Lwandile Ndlovu, Thabalakhe Ndelu, Avela Gwala, Siyanda Bhengu, Joaquim Salvador, Zipho Bhekishwayo, Sabelo Mkhize, Thato Shabangu, Thabiso Mntambo, Owami Dlamini, Wandile

Mthembu, Inganawe Mayedwa, Ntando Buthelezi, Wyatt Rose, Theko Moshoeshoe, Esetha Tschicila, Riley Reardon, Hixolo Xolo, Ima Mkokeli, Agcina Quvane, Favoured Muya, Nhlanhla Mngomezulu, Owa Msomi, Nandile Umlaw, Zolani Ndokweni, Ayden Quinn

J du Plessis
6th XV Rugby Coach

U16A Rugby

The DHS U16A enjoyed another successful season for the year 2023, with a national ranking of 12th place by the end of the season - an achievement both coaches and players can be very proud of.

The scary fact is that, if it weren't for a few brain 'freezes' during crucial moments of certain games, there

could have been even more wins and a statistically stronger season.

However, we cannot fall into the trap of judging a season only by wins and losses. The growth this team showed throughout various patches of the season produced two very proud coaches.

This team is blessed with a phenomenal forward pack, which was coached sublimely by my Forwards Coach and fellow Old Boy, Mr MkhaliPhi. With this being your first year as an A team coach for 15-man Rugby, you truly deserve to hold your head up high. You developed a pack around which the team revolved and which other teams feared. This despite the loss of our 8th man and



U16A Rugby Team



Captain in the beginning of the year for the entire season.

Behind every pack, there must be a General in charge, and whilst I don't enjoy singling out players, a special mention must be made of Jordan van Wyk at 10 who developed into a World Class player as the season went on. It truly was a disgrace that you weren't selected for Grant Khomo.

I am immensely proud of this team, proud of School and proud of my fellow coach, Mr Mkhali - an Old Boy who I coached myself and now have the special memory of coaching alongside.

Highlights of the season were certainly the victories against College, the dismantling of Kearsney on our Founders Day, the return victory against Northwood after all our injuries from the 1st round defeat, as well as the brilliant away victory against Michaelhouse.

It's worth mentioning that in 2022 this same side lost at home to Michaelhouse, so the convincing win this year was truly a performance to remember.

As one can see by the results, all losses went down to the wire and could've gone either way, which leaves the future of School Rugby in a great place.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U16A Grant Khomo - Joseph Udo-Idung

KZN U16B - Jordan van Wyk, Peleneo Shakwane, Jose Lottering, Bradley La Grange, Jaydon Roberts

Rugby Awards:

Forward Player of the Year - Lunathi Hobo

Backline Player of the Year - Jordan van Wyk

Results:

Played:	19
Won:	12
Lost:	6
Drew:	1
Points for:	503
Points against:	163

Regular Players:

Siraaj Cook, Liam Gregan, Zano Tshabalala, Joseph Udo-Idung, Jose Lottering, Austi du Toit, Lunathi Hobo, Bradley La Grange ©, Mthokozisi Mathebula, Jaydon Roberts, Jordan van Wyk, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Peleneo Shakwane, Ethan Cooper, Bayanda Majola, D'Angelo Snayers, Francious Erasmus, Riccardo Girodo, Joshua Morris, Cebo Bizana, Mpumulelo Gumede

L Matthysen
U16A Rugby Coach

U16B Rugby

The Rugby Season for the year 2023 was an exhilarating journey filled with passion, dedication, and fierce competition among young athletes. The 16B boys grew stronger and stronger through the season and really showed what it really means to be a brotherhood.

The season consisted of 10 games, of which 7 were won. A highlight of the season would have been beating Northwood twice, home and away. Our away game was much tougher as we were disrupted through changes made. Despite this the boys rose to the challenge and defied all odds, winning

17-7 and showing what it truly means to play as a brotherhood.

As we look forward to the next season, the future of rugby is in capable hands, and the U16B category will continue to be a breeding ground for future stars in the sport.

It has been a privilege, as well as an honour, to be able stand for this team through the season. I can say each and every one of these boys has grown, not only on the field, but off. I look forward to seeing these boys grow further in the future.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	7
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Bango Nsika, Leon Bezuidenhout, Bryce Schnettler, Ricardo Girodo, Kirk Wilson, Liam Gregan, Umar Parak, Francois Erasmus, Damien Pennington, Lunathi Nyingwa, Niyanda Shangase, Joshua Morris, Cebo Bizana, Mpumulelo Gumede, Joshua Brien

D Marques
U16B Rugby Coach



U16C Rugby

This season has been a tough one for all involved. The results may not have gone the way we had wanted or envisaged, but the boys never gave up.

There was a lot of hard work backspace from the Boys. The results were close and the talented bunch of boys gave it their all.

The boys' general skills improved and they will continue to grow and develop,

and with continued commitment the results will come. They are encouraged to keep working hard and playing for their teammates and their School.

Term 3 Results:

Played:	3
Won:	1
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Finlay Engledow, Lufuno Sithole, Bradley Seaton, Joshua Nandkumar, Anthony Del Fava, Asanda Radebe, Chad Evans, Nkanyezi Mthethwa, BandileCele, Uviwe Zembe, Luyanda Gavinya, Ngodi Stefane, Afeziwe Ndovela, Awande Mahlobo, Njabulo Mtholo, Riley Pechey, Zoe Tembe, Fonin Chetty, Jack Bowen, Makanya Qhayiya, Tshamalenga Israel

C Muller
U16C Rugby Coach

U16D Rugby

The U16D Rugby season had a slow start, with a few learners turning up to practice until we started rugby matches, when more learners attended.

Mr AD Pinheiro came into the coaching team of U16D to add more experience in coaching. The boys came out more in terms of attendance and improved, especially in set pieces, and, once they'd won a game, their attendance and commitment increased. The learners had more confidence and structure in their game.

When travelling to Jeppe not all learners could attend the trip due to injury and finances. The learners that attended fought hard against Jeppe but unfortunately lost.

The U16D rugby team improved and thoroughly enjoyed their games.

Results:

Played:	8
Won:	2
Lost:	6

Regular Players:

Aston Hoskins, Ryan Spooner, Anakin Somers, Nkosinathi Gumbi, Bandile Cele, Ethan Anderson, Timothy Wippich, Lufuno Sithole, Cameron Phipps, Ryder Hazell, Mbekezeli Gasa, Shaun Southwood, Aziz Kramer, Ethan Augustine, Malembe Khwezi, Afeziwe Ndovela, Mbele Bayanda, Uviwe Zembe

K Govindsamy
U16D Rugby Coach

U15A Rugby

As we started the new Rugby season at Durban High School for 2023 the boys were ready and the U15A were good to go.

We began the season well with a win over Voortrekker Bethlehem. We then played a very good Maritzburg College side and beat them. What a great way to start the holiday and the Glenwood Festival, where we played three games and won them all.

After that we played two games that would test us as a team - Northwood and Westville - where the boys showed that they are the best in Durban.

The boys trained hard and the spirit was good in the camp as we prepared for the best festival in the country, Wildeklaar Tournament - the biggest in the country. We played Paarl Roos who were ranked number 2 in the country; unfortunately, we lost the game.

The second game, on the Monday, we played HTS Drosdy and went down in the last seconds of that game.

Then it was back home to play all the best teams in Durban where we had mix results.

At the end of the season we were ranked number 8 in the country.





U15A Rugby Team vs Paul Roos

I just want to thank the boys who played for the jersey and their School. To my forward coach, Mr Pina, thank you so much for all you did, the boys learnt a lot from you.

KZN Representatives:

Sharks U15 Rhino Week - Duhan du Plessis, Milisuthando George, Likho Khonza, Ambesiwe Sipango, Joshua Snyman, Stefan van der Vyver
Sharks U15B - Zion Smith

Rugby Awards:

Forward Player of the Year - Stefan van der Vyver

Backline Player of the Year - Milisuthando George

Results:

Played:	16
Won:	11
Lost:	5

Regular Players:

Llewellyn Farrell, Zanande Zulu, Mili George, Jade Lottering, Landa Tose, Keagan Knighton, Iwan Slabbert, Joshua Snyman, Sibo Buthelezi, Duhan du Plessis, Zion Smith, Ambesiwe Sipango: Matthew Templeton, Stefan van der Vyver, Likho Konza, Damian Swart

Manager: F Genade

A Esterhuizen & M Pina
U15A Rugby Coaches

U15B Rugby

Our U15B Rugby team had a challenging season, where the absence of key players and limited attendance at practices affected our overall performance and confidence. Despite these setbacks, I am proud of the team's commitment and determination, as well as the potential for future growth observed throughout the season.

The team struggled with the absence of key players due to injuries, other

commitments, or being called up to the A side. This affected team cohesion and disrupted the development of game strategies.

For various reasons, such as personal schedules or conflicting commitments, the majority of the squad could not attend all practices. This hindered the team's ability to work on skills, improve tactics, and build strong bonds.

At the beginning of the season, there was a positive outlook among the team members, with enthusiasm and high hopes for a successful campaign. Midway through the season, however, a series of losses and setbacks took a toll on the players' confidence. This impacted their performance on the field and hindered their decision-making abilities.

Despite the challenges, the team gradually began to unite and work

together more effectively as the season progressed. This was evident in improved communication, mutual support, and better understanding of each other's playing styles.

Although the season's results might not reflect our true potential, various aspects demonstrated progress and growth. These included individual player development, increased tactical awareness, and better team dynamics. While the team faced notable challenges throughout the rugby season, their commitment and determination were commendable. The lack of confidence

in the middle of the season was understandable but did not overshadow the positive growth and improvements observed. With a full squad and increased attendance at practices, I am confident that the team will achieve greater success in the future.

The new-found cohesion and promising growth seen within a single season provide a solid foundation for the team's development and future accomplishments.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	5
Lost:	5
Drawn:	0

Regular Players:

Omphile Kola, Matthew Mottram, Senzo Xhulu, Denva Shaw, Spho Mabaso, Banzi Mhlongo, Chris Denysen, Simiso Mkwanazi, Mngqobi Zincume, Bongi Ngcoya, Lwazi Shibase, Liza Benya, Bo Mokoena, Liso Cele, Jaidon Bramwell

F Genade
U15B Rugby Coach

U15C Rugby

Following a good preseason training schedule, the U15C boys really showed great persistence and consistency throughout the season, winning most of their games.

The season's fixtures were filled with plenty of rivalry derbies and the U15Cs managed to put up a solid fight with a never dying spirit on the field. It took a game for them to find their rhythm but, once they got a solid win in their second game against Westville in a tight contested match, the boys were where they needed to be.

Throughout the season the boys faced many adversities but managed to stride through the hard times and fly the DHS

flag high with a positive winning ratio, just showing the determination from the boys. A special mention must go to the Captain Lathita Mafunda and Mholi Calane for leading the forwards and backline, always with pride and passion.

To end the season, we played an away game against Jeppe and the boys ruled victorious in a convincing 21-7 win against a strong Jeppe side! Well Done to all the boys involved and coaches for assisting the boys in this season. Special mention goes to Mr Crouch and Mr Botha for helping when coach Mr Cronje was away.

Results:

Played:	11
Won:	6
Lost:	5

Regular Players:

Lethitha Mafunda (Captain), Mhlondi Buthelezi, Levi Munsamy, Cameron Rogers, Minenhle Sithole, Sandiso Gumede, Oscar Dreyer, Amkhelo Mgoma (Vice Captain), Louis Colby, Peter Wahome, Blessing Dube, Unesu Thobeka, Mholi Calane, Nqubeko Ngwenya, Connor du Plessis

Manager: T Jones

D Cronje
U15C Rugby Coach

U15D Rugby

It was a real pleasure to coach this group of special players. They were led from the front by captain Jesse Miller. The passion they showed for the game and each other was amazing to watch. The season had some very good highs, with wins over Westville and Hilton and Jeppe, and in the games we

lost the boys showed great character and tackled to the end. One of the two main highlights of the season was the second game against Northwood. We were beaten by more than 20 points in the first game. The second game was a heated affair, but our boys showed incredible character and narrowly lost

10-5. We had the opportunity to win it in the last few minutes but a final pass went to ground, so we came agonisingly close but it was a great game to watch. The second highlight was the tour to Jeppe. The boys loved the whole experience of being hosted for the



first time and ending a season with a resounding 33-12 victory.

A big thank you to the boys for putting in the hard work this year.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the sidelines during the games. It is greatly appreciated and makes an impact on your son.

A big thank you to Mr Botha who ran our special warm up drills and was

so instrumental in the boys' skills improving.

Results:

Played: 7

Won: 3

Lost: 4

Regular Players:

Jesse Miller (C), Bryce Bailess, Joshua Morley, Thomas Davies, Asabonga Dladla, James Gouws, Taahir Abrams, Philasande Buthelezi, Dane Fort,

Lukhanya Gago, Ezekial Haynes, Anver de Jager, Taine Haverman, Daniel Pech, Daniel Zeeman, Phillip Mael, Mikhail Jahangeer, Thandolwethu Zwane, Ishaan Aysen, Joao Paulo Aventurado, Unathi Sithole, Rekgonne Gare

B Crouch

U15D Rugby Coach

U15E Rugby

It was a tough season for U15E, but an enjoyable learning experience for many players. We had a large group of new, inexperienced players join the ranks and they enjoyed participating this season.

Despite the lack of games made available for U15E, many learners grew in their understanding of the game and even clinched a few tries during internal matches against the U15D side. Some players were absorbed into the U15D side as well.

All the learners can be proud of themselves for representing their school

and showing great enthusiasm, both on and off the field, and supporting each other in this wonder game.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the sidelines during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated. Look forward to next season.

Results:

Played: 2

Won: 0

Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Dain Fort (Captain), Ishaan Aysen (Vice Captain), Sbusiso Ngcobo, Lukhanyo Gojo, James Gous, Mika'il Jhanger, Alwande Olifant, Inge Smidt, Aphiwe Msiya, Kiav Bodasing, Siseko Sanda, Ezekiel Haynes, Aryan Trikam, Fanele Kwaza, Anver de Jager

P Botha

U15E Rugby Coach

U14A Rugby

The year of '23 for DHS U14 rugby was quite a success. There were a couple of stand-out games for me as coach this year but, nonetheless, the amount of work we needed to put in as coaches, mental coaches, support systems and players buying into the 'method to the madness' structures. Pre-season was tough for these boys coming from various backgrounds and different primary schools, and a lot of work had to go into growing the cohesion of these boys.

The positive side was that as these boys became part of the Blue and Gold culture, family and systems as a whole, the hunger to play rugby and train was evident after their long break. There were days where we had to push through our training times, only finishing at 18:00 at night, with boys working the hard yards to get through the blood, sweat and tears.

All the effort of the year saw this team only losing one game at the prestigious

Wildeklaar tournament, showing us as coaches and players where we were lacking in terms of development, and where we were meant to be as a team. Our personal highlight this year had to be the game vs Paul Roos, being in and out of the fight for small periods in the game, until a time where we were trailing 24-14 and I thought that we had given up. I had to take the reins as we were not winning line-out balls. We got a penalty and decided to scrum on halfway. I called a back-line move and





U14A Rugby Team vs Paul Roos

the boys executed it perfectly, scoring in the corner and converting it. DHS 21-24 Paul Roos. With probably three minutes left to play, we kicked the ball down field, forcing a knock on their 5m line. We won the scrum and scored after three phases and, with time up, the score was DHS 26-24 Paul Roos. It was the most amazing feeling and experience for us as coaches and the boys to live through together. This will definitely be one of my highlights as a coach that I will never be able to forget!

This slowly changed the work ethic and will to succeed into a very successful local season. These boys managed to go unbeaten locally in KZN and are the second DHS U14A side to do so in two years. This solely boiled down to the will to succeed and boys flourishing off each other and growing in brotherhood.

This was indeed a special season with a lot of special individuals involved. These boys grew immensely under the circumstances and there are no words for the character developed within them. Champion mentality at its best.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U14 Youth Duikers Team - Laiton McConnell

U14 Rugby Awards:

Forward Player of the Year - Nyakallo Masiloane

Backline Player of the Year - Kurshtion Martin

Results:

Played:	15
Won:	14
Lost:	1

Regular Players:

Phokuhle Hlatshwayo, Evan Kempen, Hlomela Mbane, Mthokozisi Twala, Bulelani Cebani, Zanez Ontong, Kurshtion Martin, Umer Daniels, Nyakallo Masiolane, Eduard Jacobs, Jaylin Cleophas, Ronin Roberts, JB Louw, Bunono James, Luniko Joni, Zaheer Allie, Meyer Prinsloo, Renc-lynn Manzi, Sterlin Padi, Elijah Titus

R Allerston & G van Niekerk
U14A Rugby Coaches

U14B Rugby

The 2023 Rugby season was one to remember for the U14B side. New to high school rugby, the boys came in with excitement and enthusiasm for the season. The coaches managed to put together five sides for the U14 age group. This meant that there was plenty of depth to work with. Injuries to the A-side tested that depth and the boys that came in as replacements really did impress. They underwent trials prior to the season and therefore all coaches involved got a chance to see the players at their disposal and the areas that they needed work on.

The U14B side started their season off with a warm-up game against Kearsney College which they won quite comfortably, and it looked to be a dream start for a long season ahead. The boys showed plenty of passion, camaraderie and eagerness to win for all their games.

The season had some very good highs, with wins over Michaelhouse, Hilton and Jeppe, but also some lows with disappointing losses to Westville, and twice to Northwood, in the mix. Kearsney

College at the old boys' day stands out as the best match as everything that had been coached was on display in the game. We were prepared before the game and, although they scored first, the boy's regrouped and dominated every aspect of the game. There were some gutsy moments in the games, especially when defending in our line. The moment of that game is when Elijah Titus got picked up and dropped and ran 80m and then offloaded to Evan Bowes to score in the corner - a true spectacle of a try which had parents watching cheering on our boys.

A big thank you to the boys for putting in the hard work this year. Although it's not a 100%-win rate, we managed a 73%-win rate, which is very impressive.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the sidelines during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

Thank you to the A and C team coaches for playing shadow with us before games so that our boys could run through their

game plan and to become more familiar with how the coaches expected them to play the game.

Lastly thank you to Mr Z Mazwi who brought in a Sharks U19 player to assist the boys in their defensive, ball carrying, tackling and ball placing techniques. These lessons were very valuable and the boys enjoyed that session thoroughly.

Results:

Played:	11
Won:	8
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Laiton McConnell, Luke van Wyk, Jason Esterhuizen, Sinqobile Duma, Zanez Ontong, Meyer Prinsloo (Captain), Evan Kempen, Isenathi Ntshingila, Qamani Am, Zaheer Allie, Evan Bowes, Elijah Titus, Daine Janse van Rensburg, Lungelo Mabuya, Wakhiwe Nonqane, Cayden de Bruin, Awande Ngcobo

Z Mazwi & A Nompandana
U14B Rugby Coaches

U14C Rugby

This season has been a tough one for all involved. The results may not have gone the way we had wanted or envisaged, but the boys never gave up. There was a lot of hard work required from this side from the very first practice, but credit must go to the boys as they arrived at every training session with the attitude to learn and improve on their skills.

The boys' general skills improved and they will continue to grow and develop

and with continued commitment the results will come. They are encouraged to keep working hard and playing for their teammates and their School.

Term 3 Results:

Played:	3
Won:	0
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Keno Mashigoana, Steven Ngubane, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Zane McCracken, Mphilenhle Sithole, Lyle Lloyd, Khayelihle Nene, Fezile Chili, Sello Reitumetse, Braden Pratt, Kwanda Ntombela, Ewan Stayt, Sanele Mkhize, Darrian Pillay, Cayden de Bruin

R Kohne
U14C Rugby Coach



U14D Rugby

The Rugby season kicked off with the U14 rugby trials held on van Heerden. The boys relished the opportunity to run onto to this wonderful and historic rugby field. Teams of various capability levels were chosen, and I had the privilege to coach a wonderful group of boys who loved the game and were willing to learn. They showed this through their commitment to attend practices, asking questions all the time regarding the game.

Teaching the boys to understand each position on the field was a tricky affair, as was getting them to understand what was required of them when playing that position. We quickly got over that part of our journey. The next part was to motivate the boys to understand the fundamentals of the attack and defence. It was still hard to understand without a worthy opponent to play against - the U14E team was learning as well, so no help was found there. This opportunity to learn came when the boys faced Maritzburg College in their first match of the season. Although the boys suffered a heavy defeat, none of them ever thought of giving up. Instead,

they all reminded each other that this is a learning point - you can't learn if you quit. This motivated the boys to attend more practices and they also went and found more boys who were willing to join.

The coming matches became better in terms of score difference as the boys started to understand the game more and more, and as we got into practices and game time. The boys showed all that they had learnt later in the season as we now competed much better and showed a bit of structure in play. The boys pulled off a great win against Michaelhouse, they drew against Northwood, who got away with a 14-7 win the first round. The boys always looked like they would score and take the second Northwood game, as they were very comfortable on defence and attack. We went on to beat the development team by a very comfortable margin.

Our last challenge as a team was to see how much we had improved when we took on Jeppe. The boys were calm at all times, showed no panic driving up. The boys arrived late for our match the next

day, which threw us onto the back foot. The team picked up as the match went on, played really well and almost won the game. However, it was Jeppe who held their nerve to secure a narrow win.

I would like to thank Mr Pillay and his team for giving us this wonderful opportunity to shape these young minds, to teach them the disciplines of life.

Results:

Won:	2
Drew:	1
Lost:	5

Regular Players:

Mhlengi Sithole, Nathan Evans, Lethu Mbambo, Lwanele Mkhize, Mhlengi Mpanza, Luthando Mkhize, Andile Mkhize, Okuhle Dladla, Lucky Khobane, Jordan De Connick, Joshua Pechey, Jadon De Connick, Nathi Litile, Cambell Weldon, Zipho Zulu, Tiago Mkhize, Mabutho Mbonambi, Fisokuhle Nhlabathi, Reece Hunt, Salim Mavunza

S Dubazana
U14D Rugby Coach

U14E Rugby

As we embarked on a mandate to grow and improve our competitiveness in the game, it is important that we look back at our performance in the last year. This allows us to build on areas that require additional focus and attention.

The U14E Rugby team competed in four games this year. Players' skills were rather rough around the edges, but they persevered and attended practices rigorously, learning many lessons along the way which they carried with them into matches.

It is hoped that the team will continue to grow as Rugby players and practice in the off season to become more fine-tuned players.

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	0
Lost:	3
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

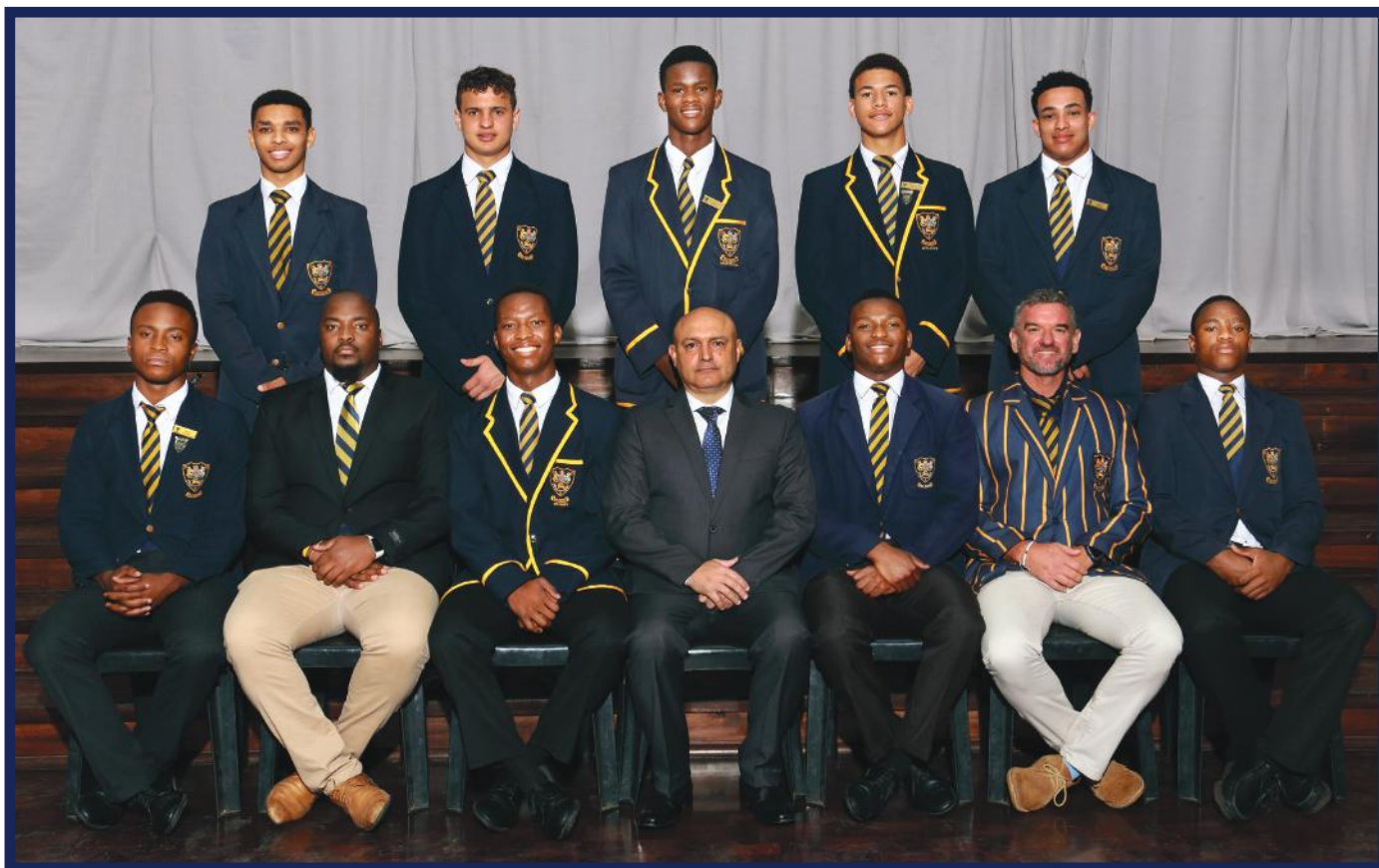
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Makhanda Ntsholo, Londa Olifant, Declan Marques, Diphaphanu Ntsoane, Nkazimulo Khanyile, Joshua Pechey, Lwazi Mbhele, Ompiwe Mqadi, Minu Mavunza, Sacheil Pillay, Simon Nelson, Fisokuhle Nhlabathi, Luyolo Sithole, Munashe Tayiya

T Moodley
U14E Rugby Coach



1st Team Rugby Sevens



1st Team Rugby Sevens 2023

Front Row (L to R): Thando Luthuli, Mr S Mkhali (Coach), Akahlulwa Boqwana, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Zenkosi Mthiyane, Mr P Engledow (Head of Rugby), Andile Maphumulo

Back Row: Jordan van Wyk, Bradley la Grange, Lunathi Nyingwa, Adriano Jackson, Duncan Basson

The 2023 season will be remembered as one of achievement, growth, and unforgettable moments. Our boys not only lifted two major tournament trophies but also competed in South Africa's most prestigious schools' 7s competition in Potchefstroom.

The campaign began with an internal U18 warm-up tournament, giving us an opportunity to test combinations and assess our squad. We bowed out in the quarterfinals to our own Matric "B" side but finished a respectable 5th overall. With valuable lessons learned, the team was ready for the season ahead.

Our first major challenge was the Glenwood 7s, a tournament where

we had narrowly missed out the previous year. The opening match saw us stumble to Westville, but the team rallied superbly, winning every remaining game to reach the final. In a thrilling rematch against Westville, the boys displayed determination and heart, edging the cup final 19-17 to claim a memorable victory.

The following weekend we hosted our own DHS 7s tournament, where the pressure was on as defending champions. Once again, the team rose to the occasion, fighting their way to the final against a well-drilled Michaelhouse outfit. With the scores locked at 12-12 at full time, the match went into extra time. After three tense minutes, Adriano Jackson produced a

moment of brilliance, breaking through the defence to score under the poles and secure back-to-back titles for DHS.

Next, the squad travelled to Potchefstroom for the prestigious NWU 7s, competing against the country's strongest rugby schools. The highlight came in the quarter-final against Grey College, where we led for much of the match before narrowly conceding late. Although we finished 6th overall, the experience proved invaluable, showing our players that DHS can compete at the very highest level.

Four of our boys, Aka Boqwana, Thando Luthuli, Zenkosi Mthiyane, and Adriano Jackson, were rewarded with selection for the KZN 7s team, while Sibusiso



Sevens Rugby KZN U17 Representatives

Adriano Jackson, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Akahlulwa Boqwana, Thando Luthuli

Mkhaliphi contributed as part of the provincial coaching staff. Impressively, DHS had the largest representation in the squad.

My sincere thanks go to Mr Engledow for his invaluable assistance with the 7s programme, and to the school management for their continued support.

KZN & SA Representatives:

SA U18 - Hopewell Ntshangase

Sharks U17 - Akahluwa Boqwana, Adriano Jackson, Thando Luthuli, Zenkosi Mthiyane

Results:

St Charles Tournament:

U18s:

29-25 loss vs Michaelhouse
(plate final)

U17s:

12-5 loss vs Westville

28-17 win vs Hilton B

22-14 loss vs DHS U18s

Glenwood Festival U17:

14-5 win vs Northwood 1
(semi final)

21-19 win vs Westville (final)

DHS Festival U17:

22-14 win vs St Charles
(quarter final)

24-10 win vs Northwood 1
(semi final)

17-20 win vs Michaelhouse
(final - sudden death)

NWU Tournament U17:

39-19 loss vs Grey College
(Cup quarter final)

28-19 loss vs Garsfontein

28-19 win vs Waterkloof
(7th and 8th playoff)

Regular Players:

Aka Boqwana, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Thando Luthuli, Bradley La Grange, Lunathi Nyingwa, Vuyolwethu Bavuma, Duncan Basson, Andile Maphumulo, Lunga Khubisa, Jordan van Wyk, Adriano Jackson, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Daniel Ikotela

S Mkhaliphi & P Engledow
1st Team Rugby Sevens Coaches

U15 Rugby Sevens

The Rugby season had ended so we had a week to prepare for the first 7s tournament at St Charles College, where we had two teams playing.

Both teams did well and we ended up playing against each other for 3rd and 4th position, with the A side winning that game. So, we got back on the training field for the next tournament at Glenwood High School.

It was nice to see the boys out there have some fun. We ended up playing in

the final against a good Westville side and, unfortunately, we lost that game. But we kept on practicing and working hard because we knew we will have another tournament at Durban High School before the end of the 7s Season.

Unfortunately, it did not go as planned but we put in a good effort. Thanks to the boys that had a go at it, and thanks to all coaches who were involved in the 7s season. Thank you for your effort.

Results:

Played: 14

Won: 10

Lost: 4

Regular Players:

Duhan du Plessis, Milisutando George, Zenande Zulu, Renc-Lynn Manzi, Kurshtion Martin, Umer Daniels, Luniko Joni, Eduard Jacobs, Sterlin Padi, Zion Smith, Mthokozise Twala, Jaylin Cleophas, Iwan Slabbert

A Esterhuizen & L Matthysen
U15A Rugby Sevens Coaches



1st XI Soccer



1st XI Soccer Team 2023

Front Row (L to R): Allain Frankson, Mr S Bezuidenhout (Head of Soccer), Theo Brown, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Ayden Quinn, Mr T Makhetha (Coach), Caleb Weideman

2nd Row: Sinalo Nyawose, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Bophelo Zondi, Mbuso Hlangu, Amile Ndlovu, Sphehile Ndebele

3rd Row: Thandolwami Ntshangase, Oluhle Canham, Uyiosa Usadalo, Callan Smith, Sduduzo Zondi, Awande Makhonza

Back Row: Asanda Dlamini, Muso Ramashamole, Hlela Ntombela, Mawande Mnguni, Minenhle Vilakazi, Owamandayi Msomi

Absent: Deylan Ogle, Mihle Diko

The 2023 season was one of the most successful footballing seasons School has ever had. The 1st Team were able to bring back pride and joy to the Horsefly faithful with a series of great victories that saw them win the DUT/Empangeni High School Social Cohesion Tournament, Kearsney College Football Tournament, the Plate section of the Grey College Tournament, and win back the Raw Cup from our fiercest rivals, Maritzburg College. Durban High School's 1st team

also lost out narrowly on penalties in the semifinals of the 2nd Term league, and were controversially knocked out by Kearsney College in the Kloof Tournament.

It was not only the outstanding results domestically and in tournaments that brought School pride, but it was the manner in which the 1st Team set about their business. They exhibited an exciting style of play that was aggressive in defence and attack, positive in

approach and looking to take the game to every single opposition they came against. This positive approach and outlook led to results such as 5-0 vs Port Shepstone, 8-0 vs Curro Salt Rock and 10-0 vs St Andrew's Bloemfontein. DHS finished as the highest scoring team in the Kloof High Schools Tournament, managing a staggering 23 goals in seven games.

The season had some very good highs, with wins over Grey College,



Soccer Open Award Winners - Ayden Quinn and Theo Brown

Michaelhouse, Maritzburg College, Kearsney College, Jeppe High School, St Charles College, Parktown High school and Northwood, to name a few.

The boys can be very proud of their efforts in this historic season for School. The team's success led to boys being recognised for individual awards, such as captain Theo Brown being selected for the Kloof High School Tournament Team of the Tournament and the DUT/Empangeni High School Social Cohesion Tournament Player of the Tournament. Ayden Quinn was named the Goalkeeper of the Tournament in the same tournament and Hopewell Ntshangase finished the Grey College 2023 tournament as the tournament's leading goal scorer.

Thank you to Mr Steve Bezuidenhout and Mr Nathan Pillay who provided support to the team from Director of Soccer and Director of Sport roles respectively. Their forward thinking and innovation allowed for the most

prestigious Soccer team in the school to reach great heights.

A thank you to Mr Phumlani Mhlango, who doubled up as the U15A Head Coach and the 1st Team assistant coach - often doubling his time and efforts to provide extra support to the 1st Team. A special thank you to Container World, who joined the DHS family this season as main sponsor of the 1st Soccer team. The generous donation allowed the team to take part in as many tournaments as possible.

SA & KZN Representatives:

SA U19 Invitational - Theo Brown
KZN U19 Inviatational - Theo Brown, Awande Makhonza, Deylan Ogle, Callan Smith, Minenhle Vilakazi, Caleb Weidman

KZN U19 - Oluhle Canham, Ayden Quinn
KZN U16 - Sinalo Nyawose, Uyioso Usadolo, Ndalo Wotshinisi

Open Soccer Awards:

Player of the Year - Theo Brown
Most Improved Player - Ayden Quinn

Leading Goalscorer - Oluhle Canham (18 goals in 32 games)

Results:

Played:	45
Won:	31
Lost:	9
Drawn:	5

Regular Players:

Theo Brown (Captain), Ayden Quinn (Vice Captain), Muso Ramashamole, Sduduzo Zondi, Mawande Mnguni, Deylan Ogle, Hlela Ntombela, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Asanda Dlamini, Uyioso Usadolo, Callan Smith, Minenhle Vilakazi, Sinalo Nyawose, Spesihle Ndebele, Owamandayi Msomi, Oluhle Canham, Hopewell Ntshangase and Mbuso Hlangu

Coaches: T Makhetha, P Mhlango, S Richard
Manager: T Makhetha

T Makhetha
1st XI Soccer Coach





1st XI Soccer vs Northwood

2nd XI Soccer

The season did not start well, with a loss against Alexandra High, Pietermaritzburg. However, we used players mainly from the U16A squad as all the players were away with the 1st team at a tournament in Empangeni High.

The following week we travelled to Maritzburg College and, having the bulk of our squad back, had a good result, winning the fixture 4-1. A special mention is made of Thando Shangase, who scored two goals and was deservedly promoted to the 1st Team for the next match against St Charles.

Big numbers continued attending training sessions, with positive attitudes from the players. We unfortunately lost 0-1 to St Charles but, with the many chances created, we should have won at a canter. We could not score, but

the boys kept going, and the result was unlucky.

As the season progressed, the team showed massive development and played with enthusiasm. The hard hours put in during the training sessions paid off, as evidenced in our well-deserved 5-1 win against Clifton. The next game against Northwood was considered the crunch fixture of the season. The result was a goalless draw, but again we were superior in all aspects, except scoring. We created many chances but could not convert.

This team has really progressed through the season and played good soccer, except for the last game where we lost (1-2) against Durban North College. We had a makeshift team with players absent due to Trial exams and injuries,

though we should have easily won, but for complacency and show-boating.

I would like to thank the players for their commitment and attitude during the season.

Results:

Played:	6
Won:	2
Lost:	3
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

Zulu Akhona, Zondi Sduduzo, Ndlovu Amile, Weideman Caleb, Diko Mihle, Dlamini Asanda, Hlangu Mbuso, Mbatha Sinobuhle, Qasha Luvuyo, Zama Bandile, Smith Callan, Cibane Yamkela

C de Bruin
2nd XI Soccer Coach

3rd XI Soccer

We had enough boys to field a 5th team during the trials and it was wonderful to see how many boys turned up to trial for the teams. With the assistance of the other two experienced coaches, we were able to sort out the teams and got

them ready to play their first match that very same weekend.

The 3rd Team first took on Reddam House. The boys arrived early, we got ourselves organised. During the match, it showed that the boys had not had

enough time to play with each other. Our play was unstructured and our poor soccer fitness level showed as the match wore on. We managed to draw our first match at least. In the next few practices, we managed to get fitness and plays going. Disappointingly

though, boys played other sports during this time, so the full chosen team never had a chance to practice together. The next match was at Maritzburg College where the team went down 4-1. The team quickly realised their mistakes, fixed them, and we managed to win two of the remaining three matches, with a draw to St Charles.

I was really lucky to be involved with a great bunch of boys. They were really respectful and gave their best every time they were given the opportunity to run onto the field. I cannot wait for

the next Soccer season, and I am sure it is the same for the boys who are staying behind. Thank you to the Matric boys who gave of their time while they were preparing for trials. That showed true commitment to the team.

Thank you to Mr Pillay and his team for the great opportunity to coach the boys. I look forward to the coming Soccer season.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 2

Lost: 1
Drew: 2

Regular Players:

Timothy Naicker, Zaahid Randeree, Timothy Wippich, Muhammed Mahomed, Anakin Somers, Banele Khanyile, Aryan Balwanth, Muhammad Kadwa, Siphosethu Ntisana, Mekai Samuels, Sisekelo Khaba, Lungelo Mtshali, Amukele Mkhwanazi

S Dubazana

3rd XI Soccer Coach

4th XI Soccer

This season has been relatively average for the 4th team. The season started with the young men showing great character - coming from behind to salvage two back-to-back draws. The big game of our season came at us fast. We travelled to our rivals, Maritzburg College, and the challenge was as tough as expected. The boys showed a lot of heart but we fell short.

A big thank you to the boys for putting in the hard work this year. The results will happen sooner rather than later.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 0
Lost: 1
Draw: 2

Regular Players:

Shuaib Khan, Avuyile, Mika Smidt, Joshua, Jacks, Neo Mojhommo, Ndabenhle Mhlungu, Rahul Tewari, Ethan Stainleyback, Kungawo Pato, Zayd Aniff, Dawson Edwards, Tayur Govender, Siphosomusa Bhakiswayo

S Sokhela

4th XI Soccer Coach

5th XI Soccer

The Super 5's, as they called themselves, only played two games but made the most of those games, winning both. Fun and friendship were the objectives for the season and these were achieved with the highest of standards.

A huge thanks to Ms Nagan, who stepped in to ensure a well organised group. Thanks to Mr Bezuidenhout for affording us the opportunity to play.

Results:

Played: 2
Won: 2
Draw: 0
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Alibongwe Khanyile, Skye King, Anotha Khumalo, Asandamahlubi, Akaziwe Ndelela, Nhlosenhle Ndimande, Bandile Cele, Kamohelo Mndaweni, Drew Francis, Malwande

Shandu, Khwezi Malembe, Alastair Perumjal, Jordan Visick, Keyontae Raynard, Christopher Morris, Bradley Govender, Awande Nkunzi, Keshan Pillay, Kearen Naidoo, William Ronnie, Ethyn van der Byl, Wamkelwe Msomi, Anathi Mabaso, Anele Nhlumayo

K Nagan

5th XI Soccer Coach



U16A Soccer

2023 was a season full of ups and downs for the U16A team. It started with the bulk of the team taking part in the U19 Kearsney Festival and winning it, followed a week later by a final loss in the KZN High School U16 Tournament.

These highs were followed by a series of defeats due to silly and costly errors. The season finished on a high with a comprehensive victory over WBHS.

Awande Makhonza, Uyuso Usadolo and Sbona Mdimba were stand out performers throughout the season and the conversion of Musi Mbuli to striker added a physical presence and goals to the forward line.

Despite the inconsistency, the overall objective of developing players for the 1st Team in 2024 was achieved and I look forward to seeing these players flourish at higher levels.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U16 - Sinalo Nyawose, Uyiosa Usadolo, Ndalo Wotshinisi

U16 Soccer Awards:

Player of the Year - Awande Makhonza
Most Improved Player of the Year - Sbona Mdimba

Results:

Played: 7
Won: 2
Lost: 5
Draw: 0

vs Kingsway	lost 1-2
vs George Campbell	lost 1-2
vs PMB College	lost 1-3
vs St Charles:	lost 1-2
vs Clifton:	won 4-0
vs Northwood:	lost 0-1
vs WBHS:	won 3-1

Regular Players:

Bophelo Zondi, S'Bongukuthula Mdimba, Bonga Charma, Keane Spogter, Ethaba Mhlango, Owenkosi Makhubu, Awande Makhonza, Uyiosa Usadolo, Cebo Bizana, Muzikayise Mbuli, Finlay Engledow, Jaden Govender, Luyanda Gavinya, Thanduxolo Gumede

S Bezuidenhout
U16A Soccer Coach

U16B Soccer

Well, it has been a great but sadly short season for U16B team. The boys did extremely well and adapted to the various changes in team sheets and formations I had to exploit.

We were very unfortunate to be beaten at St Charles. That 1 nil loss (penalty) is the only blemish to an exemplary record in 2023. I think the highlight of the season for the boys was the win over Westville, with three injured keepers in the age division. Ronin Chetty took the mantle and did school proud. We ended

up winning 2-1. Great performances by Bhavesh Naicker, general of my midfield, Jaden Govender our Captain, Finlay Engledow, defensive wall, and, surprisingly Inathikosi Mkhencele with late goals and assists securing victories. Player of the season goes to Owami "Ronaldo" Dlamini.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 4
Draw: 1
Lost: 1

Goals For: 11
Goals Against: 3

Regular Players:

Finlay Engledow, Jaden Govender, Ronin Chetty, Bandile Cele, Luyanda Gavinya, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Mikhail Mudaly, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Owami Dlamini, Kwenzakwenkosi Madlala, Thanduxolo Gumede, Lwandile Gumede, Ayman Abdulla, Zaid Timol

L van Wyk
U16B Soccer Coach

U16C Soccer

What a quick soccer season this was for the U16C side, it left the boys hungry for more. We always knew though that this would be tough and a lot would be expected of the coaching staff and the boys. The U16C season began with

trials, where we as the coaching staff got to see how the boys played and which position each boy would play. Due to the number of boys that wanted to play soccer, it meant that spots for the B, C and D side were very tight.

The Season officially began against Maritzburg College, and the boys managed to score first through a penalty and go on to win the game 2-1. This was followed by a comprehensive 4-0 win against St Charles the following week. Games against the traditionally



stronger schools were always going to be tough and this was shown in the games that the boys went on to draw against Westville and Northwood, where the scores for both games was 2-2.

There were a number of boys that showed great potential and the coaching staff are impressed and think that these boys will be playing for the 1st XV in the near future, should they work hard at improving their skill set and understanding of the game.

U16D Soccer

The team had a balance of average to good players and, fortunately, this combination enabled me to replace players in strategic positions, and this way our core positions were not compromised.

The standard of the play eventually improved, plus there was camaraderie and a sense of self belief in every player to add value to the team. The mindset of the players changed when they started focusing on enjoying themselves

A big thank you to the boys for putting in the hard work this year. Although hard-work and determine was expected of them, they managed to deliver the results. A big thank you to the DHS staff and boys for the support when the team played at home. This support did not go unnoticed by the coach and the boys.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the sidelines during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

and gelling as a unit and results did not matter at that point. I, as a coach, felt that the purpose and mission as a person in charge was to develop boys into real men of stature and character.

It was a pleasure being associated with such fine young men and I am assured that the future is in good hands.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 3

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 2
Lost: 0
Draw: 2

Regular Players:

Malwande Shandu, Akaziwe Ndlela, Lebogang Tsikedi, Alibongwe Khanyile, Mvelo Buthelezi (Captain), Uviwe Zembe, Asandamahlubi Radebe, Tylan Pillay, Qhayiya Makhanya, Umar Parak, Krian Jugoo, Aston Hoskins, Aziz Kramer

A Nompandana
U16C Soccer Coach

Draw: 0
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Timothy Naicker, Zaahis Randeree, Timothy Wippich, Muhammed Mahomed, Anakin Somers, Banele Khanyile, Aryan Balwanth, Muhammad Kadwa, Siphosethu Ntisana, Mekai Samuels, Sisekelo Khaba, Lungelo Mtshali, Amukele Mkhwanazi

C Moodley
U16D Soccer Coach

U15A Soccer

The 2023 season proved to be a big success for our U15A squad. Our season saw us compete in two tournaments. We got knocked out in the semifinals at the KZNSFA U15 age group tournaments and were crowned as champions at the Empangeni High School U15 tournament. The semifinal loss at the KZNHSFA was our only defeat of the season.

Outstanding players in the age group were: Colby Louis, Mawande Mdabe, Amile Xulu, Daniel Zeeman, Sandile Mthethwa and Christopher Abrahams.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U15 - Bonga Charma, Colby Louis, Sphesihle Ndebele, Lisulenkosi Sikhahlane

U15 Soccer Awards:

Player of the Year - Colby Louis
Most Improved Player of the Year - Amile Xulu

Results:

Played: 8
Won: 4
Draw: 4
Lost: 0

vs Kingsway	drew 1-1
vs George Campbell	won 3-1
vs Alexandra High	won 3-1
vs St Charles	won 1-1
vs Clifton	drew 0-0
vs Northwood	won 4-1
vs Westville Boys	drew 2-2

KZNHSFA U15 Tournament:

G1 vs Carter	won 4-1
QF vs Hillcrest	won 1-0
SF vs Westville Bits	lost 3-1

Empangeni High U15 Tournament:

G1 vs Siphumelele	drew 2-2
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G2 vs Khombindlela won 2-1
 G3 vs Old Mill won 1-1
 SF vs Empangeni won 6-5p
 Final vs Old Mill won 3-1p

Regular Players:
 Ewan Stayt, Colby Louis, Christopher Abrahams, Amkelo Mngoma, Amile Xulu, Lisulenkosi Sikhahlan, Daniel Zeeman, Diphaphanu Ntsoane,

Mawande Mdabe, Sandile Mthethwa, Oyintanda Ngejane, Sibusiso Ngcobo

P Mhlongo
 U15A Soccer Coach

U15B Soccer

Selections went well and we quickly developed a good understanding amongst the players and coaches.

Although we didn't have the time to gel as a team and for the players to understand what was expected from them, we still managed to play very well. The players showed that they come from a well-disciplined school. The players really wanted to play for their school, which was shown when we came back from two goals down against Northwood.

I would like to thank DHS Management, soccer staff, coaches, players for working with me and to trust me. A special thank you to Mr du Plessis, U15D coach

Results:
 Played: 5
 Won: 4
 Lost: 2
 Draw: 0
 Goals for - 18, Goals against - 9

Regular Players:

Tawonda Mhungu, Taahir Adams, Keviin Barnes, Joshua Morley, Jesse Miller, Jeremy Engelbrecht, Uyanda Ndlovu, Onke Booio, Yenziwe Makhanya, Anver de Jager, Phillip Maelo, Mawethu Calane, Bongisibusiso Ngcoya, Rekgonne Gare, Sbusiso Ngcobo, Lwazi Shibase

Z Shezi
 U15B Soccer Coach

U15C Soccer

Much like the B team, selections went well but we did not have as much time to gel as I would have liked. This was reflected in periods of really high-quality soccer but also mistakes. These mistakes meant we would draw three games that we really should have won.

I would like to thank Mr Pillay and Mr Bezuidenhout for the opportunity to coach these players.

Results:
 Played: 4
 Won: 1
 Draw: 3
 Lost: 0
 Goals For: 6
 Goals Against: 5

Regular Players:

Mlondi Buthelezi, Siseko Sanda, Israel Roberts, Esethu Shandu, Unathi Sithole, Nqubeko Ngwenya, Fanelesibonge

Magwaza, Thandolwethu Zwane, Calyn Chetty, Triston Webster, Amelio Ramdeo, Muhammad Sahib, Sisekelo Khaba, Mikav Mohanlall, Sandiso Gumede, Daniel Govender

Z Shezi
 U15C Soccer Coach

U15D Soccer

The 2023 season was a vibrant and successful one for the U15 age group, with large numbers of excited and committed players eager to prove themselves worthy of running out for School. Our training sessions were energised and, under the leadership of capable coach Shezi, the boys soon realised their potential and

the great opportunity for learning at hand. Their commitment to the team was unwavering in terms of practice and match attendance.

Our first match saw the boys come up against strong opponents and, with the team still settling into their positions and roles, a loss was recorded. However,

after hard work on the training field the boys showed great determination to end the following match level against Maritzburg College, an exciting match showcasing entertaining football, proving the progress and growth of the players.



After another hard-fought defeat against St Charles, the Horseflies stepped up to the challenge and ended their season with a positive win against Northwood. The players were rewarded for all their effort and determination during the season with the final match showing their talent, spirit and warrior mentality.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to every boy who participated and enjoyed a great season along with the coaches and parents involved. Thank you to every spectator and supporter of DHS who stood by on the sidelines and

carried the boys through every moment, whether victory or defeat.

Our football programme is healthy and under the leadership of Mr Bezuidenhout will surely only reach new heights - a huge thank you to him for his effort and professional implementation of the soccer programme.

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	1
Lost:	2
Draw:	1

Regular Players:

Sisekelo Khaba (Captain), Philasande Buthelezi, Sibulele Petse, Landon Dunn, James Gouws, Ihsaan Aysen, Bryce Bailiss, Lungani Ngcobo, Nali Thobela, Lumi Gwiji, Cameron Rogers, Chibuike Anagbaoso, Nkosinathi Olifant, Mika'al Shaibes, Julio Azevedo

J du Plessis
U15D Soccer Coach

U14A Soccer

The U14A squad had a great season this year, with 10 players from a squad of 15 making the District team and four players (Mawande Mbade, Nhloso Luthuli, Jose Munsami, Lungelo Mabuya) made the KZN schools team - proof that we are moving forward and developing great athletes that represent the school and the soccer programme as a whole.

The team took some time to gel while adapting to the new environment of a new school, new friends, and a demanding football programme, with all the electives and training sessions. We have had a really dedicated group of players this year and the results illustrate that. Our biggest win was at Queenburgh high school (10 -1) and our highest finish was the semifinals at the KZN Age group tournament.

The U14A team of 2023 have had a good season and they will only get better if they continue to work as hard as they did this year. It was a pleasure coaching this team and I look forward to seeing their improvements in the years to come.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U14 - Lucky Khobane, Nhloso Luthuli, Lungelo Mabuya, Mawande Mdabe, Jose Munsamy

U14 Soccer Awards:

Player of the Year - Jose Munsamy
Most Improved Player of the Year - Reuel Nsibande

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	2
Draw:	2

Lost: 1
Goals For - 3, Goals Against - 2

St Charles	drew 0-0
Clifton	drew 0-0
Maritzburg College	won 1-0
Northwood	won 2-0
Westville	lost 2-0

Regular Players:

Braden Pratt, Cayden de Bruin, Andile Mkhize, Asiphile Msabala, José Munsamy, Israel Nwankwo, Nhlakanipho Shabalala, Lucky Khobane, Lungelo Mabuya, Simon Ndlovu, Reuel Nsibande, Luke Chetty, Minu Mavunza, Mawande Mdabe, Cole Spogter

L Tharavan
U14A Soccer Coach

U14B Soccer

It was a great season for the U14B side, who knew, going into the term, that it was a big challenge, but they stepped up to the plate excellently. We started off the term with a convincing 3-0 win against Alexandra

High School, with positive results following in our next two games. From that point we decided as a team that our biggest challenge would be to go unbeaten, so that became our goal. Unfortunately, we fell to defeat at our

last game of the term but, in terms of the soccer played, the improvement and dedication the boys showed in training and matches was truly impressive and I am very proud of them. I think the term was a success all round, but the biggest



highlight of the season for the boys was the win over Northwood, at home. A game at DHS was what we all wanted and to win at home was the icing on the cake.

Special mentions to Fezile Chili (Captain), Darrian Pillay, Wakhiwe Nonqane, Daine Janse van Rensburg, Omphiwe Mqadi and Mvelo Mkhize, who were the stand-out performers of the term.

Thanks to Mr Pillay for organising and planning everything and doing his bit

for the soccer season. The biggest thanks must go to Mr Bezuidenhout for the support, guidance and help throughout the season, being there for us, giving of his time, as well as his dedication to the boys and coaches.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 4
Draw: 1
Lost: 1

Goals for - 15, Goals Against - 12

Regular Players:

Mhlengu Sithole, Braden Pratt, Darrian Pillay, Fezile Chili, Wakhiwe Nonkane, Zain Moolla, Asiphile Msabala, Thinabethu Dlangalala, Nkazimulo Khanyile, Hlomela Lethile, Omphiwe Mqadi, Kwanda Ntombela, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Lwazi Mbhele, Reitumetse Sello, Mvelo Mkhize, Ziphezinhle Zulu

T Ally

U14B Soccer Coach

U14C Soccer

As we embark on a mandate to grow and improve our competitiveness in the game, it is important that we look back at our performance in the last year. This allows us to build on areas that require additional focus and attention.

The team competed in four games this year. The players skills were rather rough around the edges, but they persevered and attended practices rigorously, learning many lessons along the way which they carried with them

into matches. Prominent players who stood out consistently were Caleb Smith and Ontong Zanez, who displayed good all-round abilities. However, the team played well together and it is hoped that the boys will continue to grow as soccer players and practice in the off season to become more fine-tuned players.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 1
Lost: 3
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Zanez Ontong, Sharav Ayer, Ashneil Babajee, Okuhle Dladla, Oligugu Khuzwayo, Lwandile Mkhize, Luyolo Sithole, Remiel Ackerman, Amile Hlophe, Lungelo Mthembu, Sabelwe Msomi, Sachiel Pillay, Awande Ngcobo, Keegan Greenaway, Lindokuhle Nyembe, Nkosenhle Dladla, Lethokuhle Mbambo, Caleb Smith

T Moodley

U14C Soccer Coach

U14D Soccer

Despite the shorter season, the boys adapted and improved dramatically over the few weeks we played. They exceeded my expectations and surprised me with how quickly they picked up on certain concepts and implemented them in game situations. Even when there was discipline needed, the boys took the constructive criticism on the chin and were better for it.

This season's results do not reflect fairly how hard these boys worked and how much they improved. I want my boys

to know how immensely proud I am as their coach. Keep up the hard work!

Thanks must go to Mr Pillay for organising and planning everything and doing his bit for the soccer season. The biggest thanks must go to Mr Bezuidenhout for being behind me and helping and guiding me, being there, giving his time and dedication to the boys and coaches.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 0
Draw: 2

Lost: 1
Goals For: 3
Goals Against: 4

Regular Players:

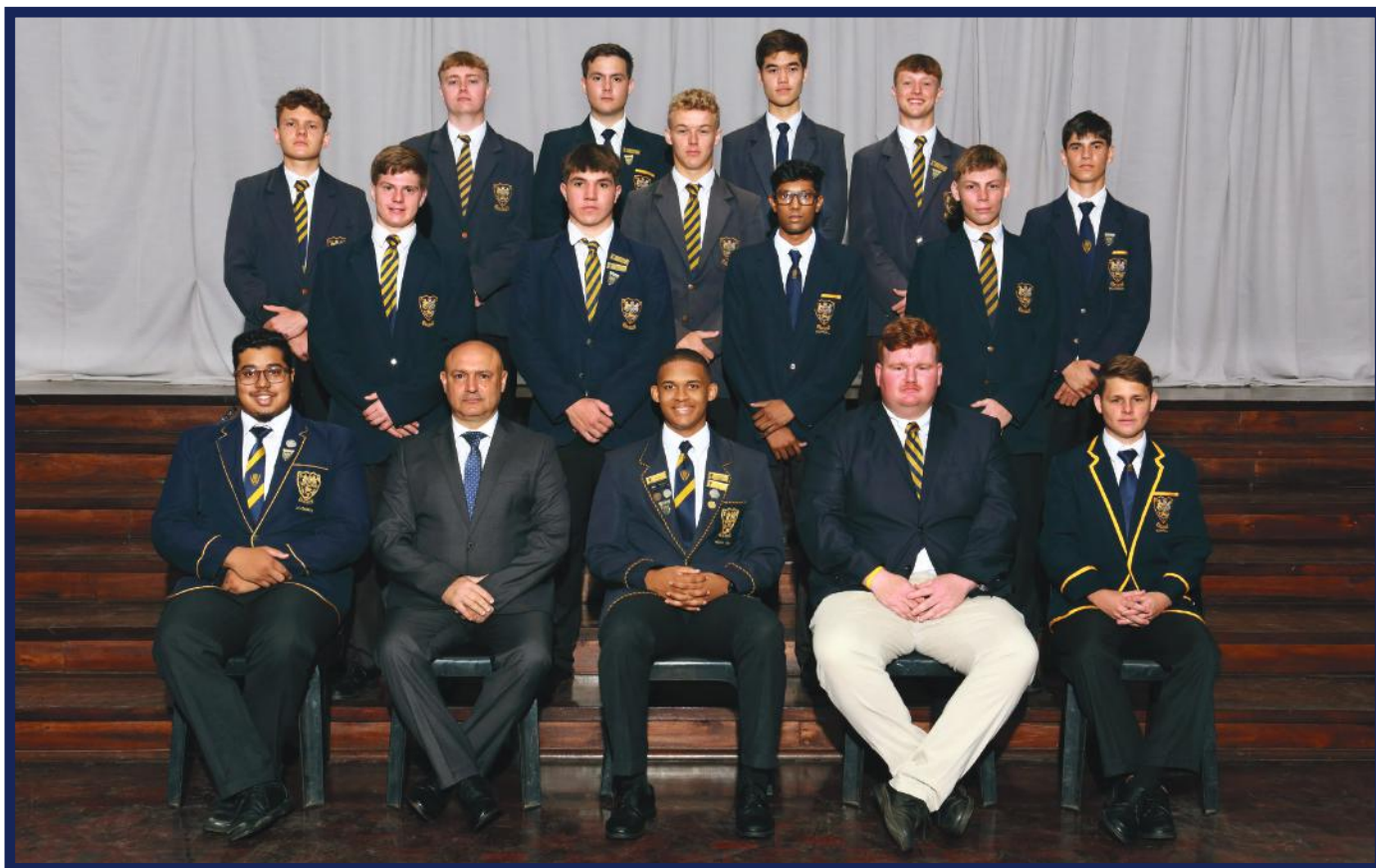
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J Fuller

U14D Soccer Coach



1st Team Softball



1st Team Softball 2023

Front Row (L to R): Muhammad Shaik, Mr AD Pinheiro, Riley Clarivette, Mr C Murphy, Luke Gallagher

2nd Row: Liam Gregan, Kaden Mckenzie, Sayuran Pillay, Josh Brien

3rd Row: Matteo Grizzo, Ethan Cooper, Joaquim Salvador

Back Row: Colby Kinloche, Bryce Woolf, Mika Smidt, Jared Havemann

The 1st Softball team this year was a young side that consisted of three players who played 1st team last year, three players that played U15 last year, with the rest never having played Softball before, so it was a big learning curve with just a short season.

The DHS team was in the A Division and we played the likes of Glenwood, Northwood, Westville and Westville B. The team struggled with the pace of the game in the first fixture, going down badly to the league champions, Westville, but they pulled it back nicely, beating Glenwood and Northwood.

The team went from strength to strength. There was a definite improvement in the ability and skill levels of the players by the end of the season. The 1st Softball team ended up placing Third at the end of the season.

We had three players make the KwaZulu-Natal U19 Softball Team and one player made the KwaZulu-Natal U17 Softball Team.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U19 - Riley Clarivette, Luke Gallagher, Muhammad Shaik

KZN U17 - Ethan Cooper

U16B All Star Team - Jordan Rochat

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	3
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Luke Gallagher, Riley Clarivette, Muhammad Shaik, Liam Gregan, Ethan Cooper, Colby Kinloch, Joshua Brien, Jared Havemann, Joaquim Salvador, Bryce Woolf, Mika Smidt, Kaden Mckenzie, Matteo Grizzo

C Murphy
M-i-C: Softball



U15A Softball

It was a real pleasure to coach this group of special players. They were led from the front by captain Jordan Rochat, and the passion they showed for the game and each other was amazing to watch. The season had some very good highs, with the come from behind victory over Westville and sevens boys making it to the U15KZN training squad. The only game we lost during the league was against Westville in round 1.

The boys improved with every game and had a great win against Northwood of 18-5 and a win against Glenwood of 8-5.

The natural talent of this side was truly incredible with only three players in the team having played softball before this season.

A big thank you to the boys for putting in the hard work this year. Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the sidelines during the games. It is greatly appreciated and makes an impact on your son.

KZN Representatives:

KZN U15 - Raul Chetty, Taine Havemann, Mikhail Johangeer, Daniel Pech, Tristan Quail, Connor Quinn, Jordan Rochat

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	3
Lost:	1

Regular Players:

Jordan Rochat (Captain), Tristin Quail, Connor Quinn, Raul Chetty, Ethan Jenkins, Meyer Prinsloo, Joshua Peterson, Thomas Davies, Taine Havemann, Daniel Pech, Joshua Gopaul, Varish Sha, Mika'il Jahangeer

B Crouch
U15A Softball Coach

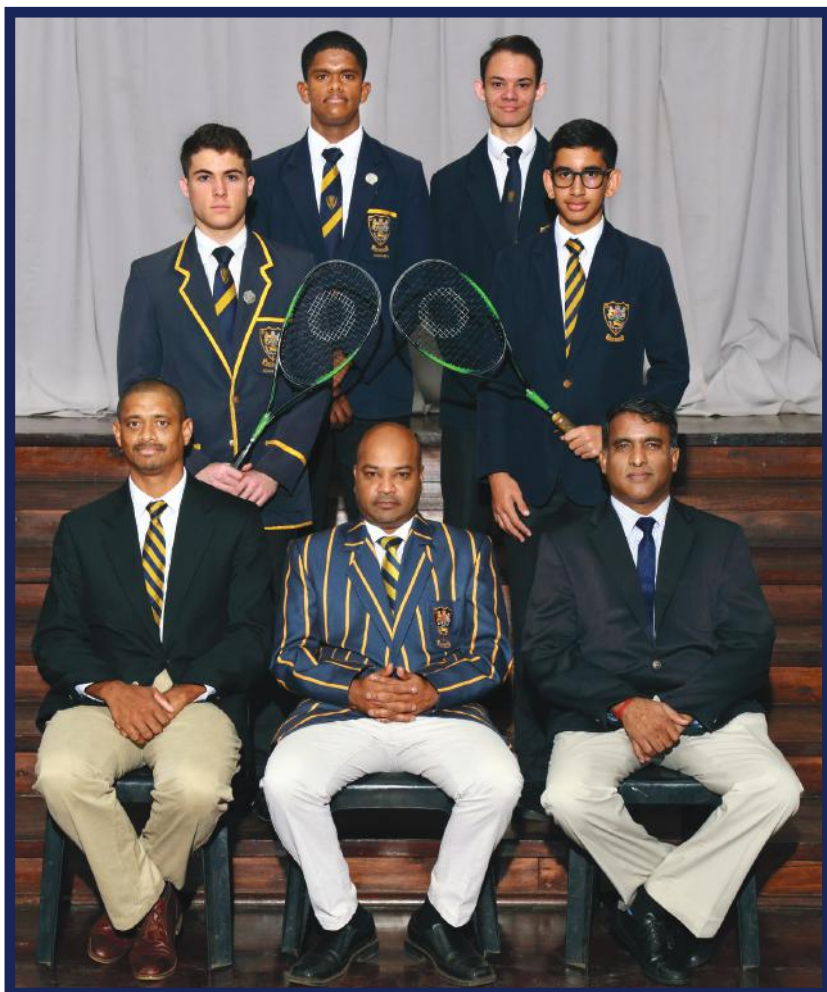


*Softball KZN Reps
Ethan Cooper,
Luke Gallagher, Muhammad
Shaik, Riley Clarivette*



*Softball KZN Reps
Jordan Rochat, Mikail
Jahangeer, Tristin Quail,
Raul Chetty, Daniel Pech,
Connor Quinn*

Squash



1st Team Squash 2023

Front Row (L to R):

Mr Q Kippen (Squash Coach), Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Mr D Naidoo (M-i-C : Squash)

2nd Row:

Troy Getkate, Muhammad Asmal

Back Row:

Joshua Kippen, Jaitley Roberts

We were able to generate a little more interest in Squash this year than in previous years. However, we were a little concerned about being able to field two teams (10 players) in the school squash league, which is played in the 2nd term. A few boys showed some commitment and stepped up their level of play, allowing us to field the two teams. Our 1st team played in the C Section and the 2nd team in the D section of the league.

Most of the boys were new to the game of squash. This, together with them being juniors, meant a difficult start to the season. The boys worked hard and some juniors claimed spaces in the 1st team. Some of the boys are showing a keen interest in developing their skills further, which is good going forward.

The 1st team players did well, considering that most of them are in Matric and have huge academic commitments. We congratulate them on their dedication. They know that they will be missed next year.

The 1st team had a very good season, playing five matches and losing only two. The team comprised Joshua Kippen (Captain), Jaitley Roberts, Troy Getkate, Muhammad Asmal and Mihir Behari. The 2nd team comprised Trishar Singh, Delen Booysen, Khanyani Khanyile, Muhammad Aboobaker and Amaar Essack. We utilised a small team of reserves who filled in when necessary: Zaakir Essack, Ayush Sewpaul and Ethan Greenhalgh.

We look forward to seeing new boys coming through to participate in the wonderful game of squash in coming years. It is always good seeing the boys develop, especially with many of them only starting their squash journey at high school.

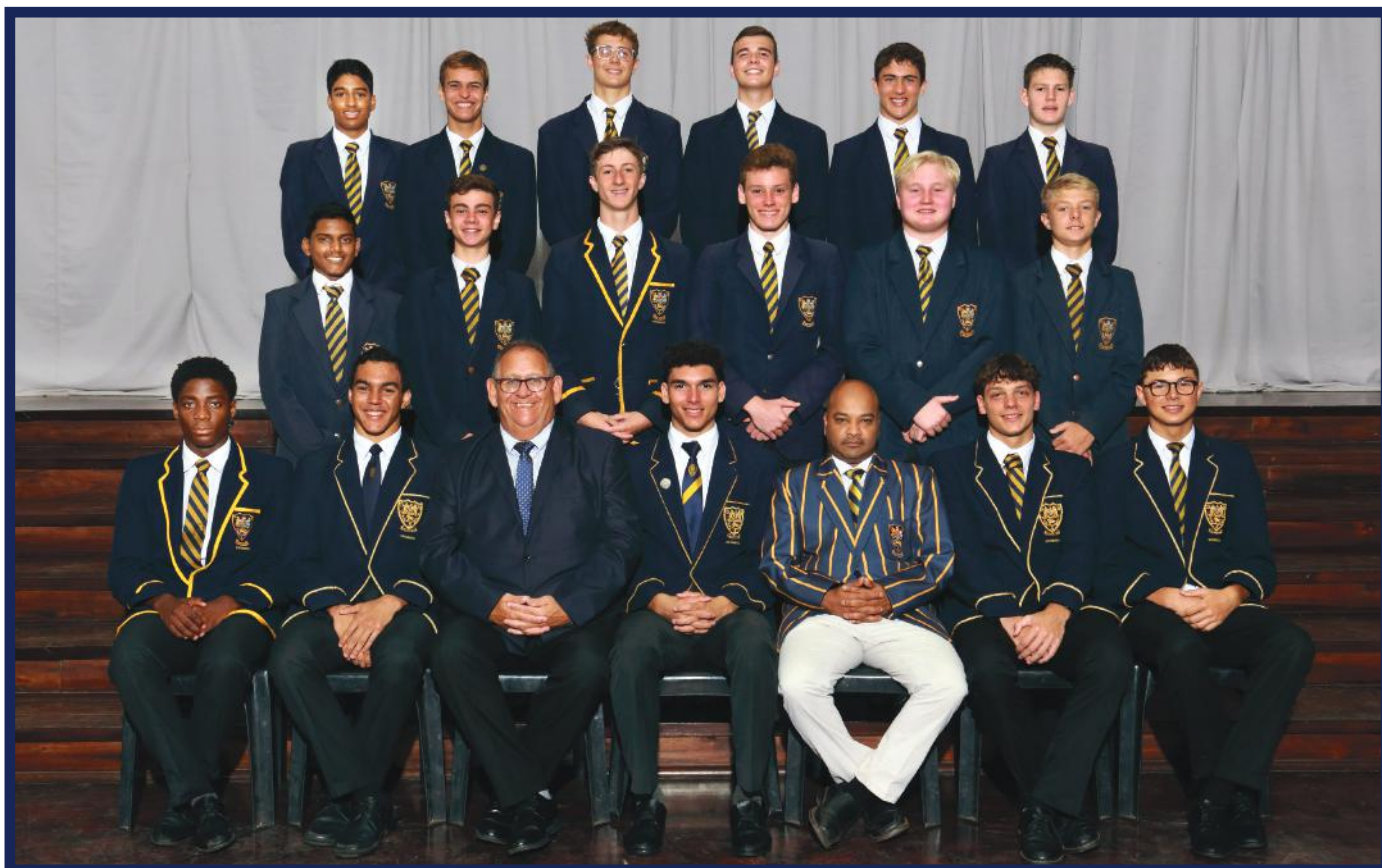
A big thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement throughout the season. A special thank you to Mr Cecil De Bruin for supporting the boys and accompanying them on some of their games.

Coach: Q Kippen

D Naidoo
M-i-C: Squash



Swimming



Swimming 2023

Front Row (L to R): Bayanda Hufner, Callyn Kinsey, Mr S La Marque (Head of Aquatics), Keyontae Raynard, Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Matthew Hunt, Marnu Koekemoer

2nd Row: Saieshan Naidoo, Ryan Viviers, Reuban Haylock, Jack Bowen, Luc Brand, Slade Forrester

Back Row: Thiren Naidoo, Riccardo Girodo, Kirk Wilson, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Zion Smith, Adrian Truter

Absent: Wian van Wyk, Siyanda Ntaka, Kegan Olivier, Brendan Visser, Awande Nkunzi

The School Championship Gala was a splendid event with brilliant performances from our boys. The growth of swimming has started to produce the required depth, allowing the introduction of an U17 Age Group. Records were also introduced and the times recorded on the day were outstanding.

The overall results of the Gala:

1st	Swales	127
2nd	Payn	89
3rd	Langley	68
4th	Blackmore	56
5th	Grice	54
6th	Campbell	25

The Age Group Champion Swimmers were:

U14	Eben Peters (Swales)
U15	Tristan Jansen van Rensburg (Payn)
U16	Reuban Haylock (Langley)
U17	Brendan Visser (Grice)
U19	Keyontae Raynard (Swales)

Our Swimming team participated in the Affies Gala for the first time. This gala included a programme catering for individual and relay events. The boys swam exceptionally well and finished in second place.

The overall results were as follows:

1st	Westville Boys'	414
2nd	DHS	331
3rd	Grey College	328
4th	St Benedicts	321
5th	Affies	270
6th	Pretoria Boys'	254
7th	Kearsney	167
8th	Maritzburg College	162
9th	St David's	70

Following the Affies Gala, our swimming team participated in the Alan Burt Gala, hosted at St Stithians College in Johannesburg. The boys were again superb.

The overall results were as follows:

1st	Westville	582
2nd	DHS	482
3rd	St David's	372
4th	Pretoria Boys	360
5th	St Stithians	354
6th	KES	346
7th	Maritzburg College	310
8th	Kearsney	248
9th	Glenwood	168
10th	Parktown	68

In the Westville Invitational gala, our boys were up against some of the best swimming schools in South Africa. However, they were up to the challenge and finished in a credible 4th position.

The overall results were as follows:

1st	Westville
2nd	St Benedict's
3rd	St David's
4th	DHS

The Durban & Districts (D&D) Gala is the highlight of the swimming calendar for the Durban boys' schools. The gala was swum at the Kings Park Swimming complex and delivered a spectacle that was well rewarded with support and performances.

For the DHS swimming team, it was a matter of so close but yet so far. The boys swam incredibly well and pushed the eventual winners, Westville Boys High School, right until the end. The lead changed hands several times and, in the end, it was unfortunate that disqualifications cost us the required points. Westville were full value for their victory as their swimmers too, performed exceptionally well.

The gala saw DHS win 10 events, place 2nd in 13 events, 3rd in one and were disqualified in two. Congratulations must go to the U17 age group of Matthew Hunt, Marnu Koekemoer, Bayanda Hufner and Brendan Visser who won all five of their events.

The final placings were as follows:

1st	Westville	134
2nd	DHS	124
3rd	Northwood	94
4th	Clifton	77
5th	Kearsney	65
6th	Glenwood	40

The Term 1 swimming season concluded with the KZN Top 8 Gala hosted at the Kings Park Swimming complex. The objective was again to produce the best performance we could as a team. The boys performed exceptionally well, with U17s winning 4 of their 5 events. The highlight was undoubtedly the 1st place in the 5-age freestyle event. In this event our last two swimmers, Brendan Visser and Keyontae Raynard, made up a body length to beat the gala winners Westville.

The final results:

1st	Westville	200
2nd	DHS	181
3rd	Clifton	121
4th	Maritzburg College	109
5th	Hilton	101
6th	Northwood	99
7th	Glenwood	64
8th	Kearsney	44

Several swimmers took part in the SA Junior National Swimming Championships, held at Kings Park in Durban. Our boys did exceptionally well and attained the following results:

Keyontae Raynard:

50m Backstroke - Gold, 100m Freestyle - Silver, 50m Freestyle - Silver, 100m Butterfly - Silver, 200m Freestyle - Bronze, 200m Butterfly - Bronze

Awande Nkunzi:

200m Breaststroke - Silver, 50m Breaststroke - Silver, 100m Breaststroke - Bronze

Brendan Visser:

400m Freestyle - Gold, 200m Individual Medley - Gold, 200m Freestyle - Silver,

200m Backstroke - Silver, 1500m Freestyle - Silver, 50m Butterfly - Bronze

Matthew Hunt:

100m Butterfly - Bronze

Marnu Koekemoer:

Personal Best in all events

Kegan Olivier:

Personal Best in all events

The DHS Swimming Team participated in the inaugural Curro AquaElite gala. Our boys had a very successful gala, winning the gala against some of the best swimming schools from around the country.

Results on Day 1:

200m Freestyle - 1st Keyontae Raynard 2:01,31, 4th Marnu Koekemoer
50m Backstroke - 1st Awande Nkunzi 29.52, 2nd Tristan Janse van Rensburg
100m Breaststroke - 3rd Callyn Kinsey
100m Butterfly - 1st Keyontae Raynard 58.60 (Senior National qualifying time), 3rd Matthew Hunt
50m Freestyle - 3rd Matthew Hunt 25.72, 5th Tristan Janse van Rensburg
100m Backstroke - 1st Keyontae Raynard 1:04.46, 2nd Tristan Janse van Rensburg
200m Freestyle Relay - 2nd DHS

Results from Day 2:

200m IM - 1st Keyontae Raynard 2:17.12, 3rd Marnu Koekemoer
50m Breaststroke - 3rd Callyn Kinsey, 4th Awande Nkunzi
50m Butterfly - 2nd Tristan Janse van Rensburg, 7th Matthew Hunt
100m Freestyle - 1st Keyontae Raynard 53.81, 4th Matthew Hunt
Mystery 200m Medley Relay - DHS 2nd

Keyontae Raynard was awarded the Trophy for the Best Performance of the gala for his 100m freestyle.

Overall results:

1.	DHS	217
2.	CURRO Hazeldene	203





3. CURRO Hillcrest 109
4. Grey College
5. Centraal Hoerskool
6. SACS

KZN & SA Representatives:

SA U20 - Bayanda Hufner, Awande Nkunzi

SA U20 - Keyontae Raynard

SA Junior Nationals Championships - Keyontae Raynard, Awande Nkunzi, Matthew Hunt, Slade Forrester, Ryan Viviers, Tristan Janse van Rensburg

SA National Short Course Championship - Tristan Janse van Rensburg

KZN Schools - Reuban Haylock, Saieshan Naidoo, Awande Nkunzi, Siyanda Ntaka

The following boys were regular A team swimming members:

U14 - Ryan Viviers (Captain), Wian van Wyk, Saieshan Naidoo, Eben Peters, Seth Dass, Daine Janse van Rensburg

U15 - Tristan Janse van Rensburg (Captain), Luc Brand, Zion Smith, Siyanda Ntaka

U16 - Reuben Haylock (Captain), Kirk Wilson, Adrian Truter, Thiren Naidoo, Jack Bowen, Riccardo Girodo

U17 - Brendan Visser (Captain), Matthew Hunt, Bayanda Hufner, Marnu Koekemoer

U19 - Awande Nkunzi (Captain), Keyontae Raynard, Callyn Kinsey, Kegan Olivier

The team captain was Keyontae Raynard who always led by example and from the front.

S La Marque
Head of Swimming



Age Group Champs

U14 - Eben Peters (Swales)

U15 - Tristan Jansen van Rensburg (Payn)

U16 - Reuban Haylock (Langley)

U17 - Brendan Visser (Grice)

U19 - Keyontae Raynard (Swales)

Tennis



Tennis 2023

Front Row (L to R):

Ms M Bisschoff (M-i-C : Tennis), Zaid Timol, Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport)

2nd Row:

Uneso Tyobeka, Faiq Khan

Back Row:

Darius Phali

Absent: Abu Usuf, Mvelo Bhengu, Alex Blyth and Mika Ballim

We have had a more successful year in 2023 than in the past. Skills have improved and we took part in the eThekweni School League.

The Berea Lawn Tennis club courts were being resurfaced and therefore we could not use them for the 1st two terms. We practiced and played our games at Westridge Tennis Stadium.

The High School Boys' League took place during the 2nd term. We played four games and won two and lost two. Mika Ballim was our best player and

Ballim and Tyobeka the best doubles partners.

We toured to Jeppe High School for Boys. We lost the match, but valuable experience was gained.

I would like to thank Mrs Hamilton for her help on Thursdays and thank you to coach Karin Boshoff for her valuable input.

Regular Players:

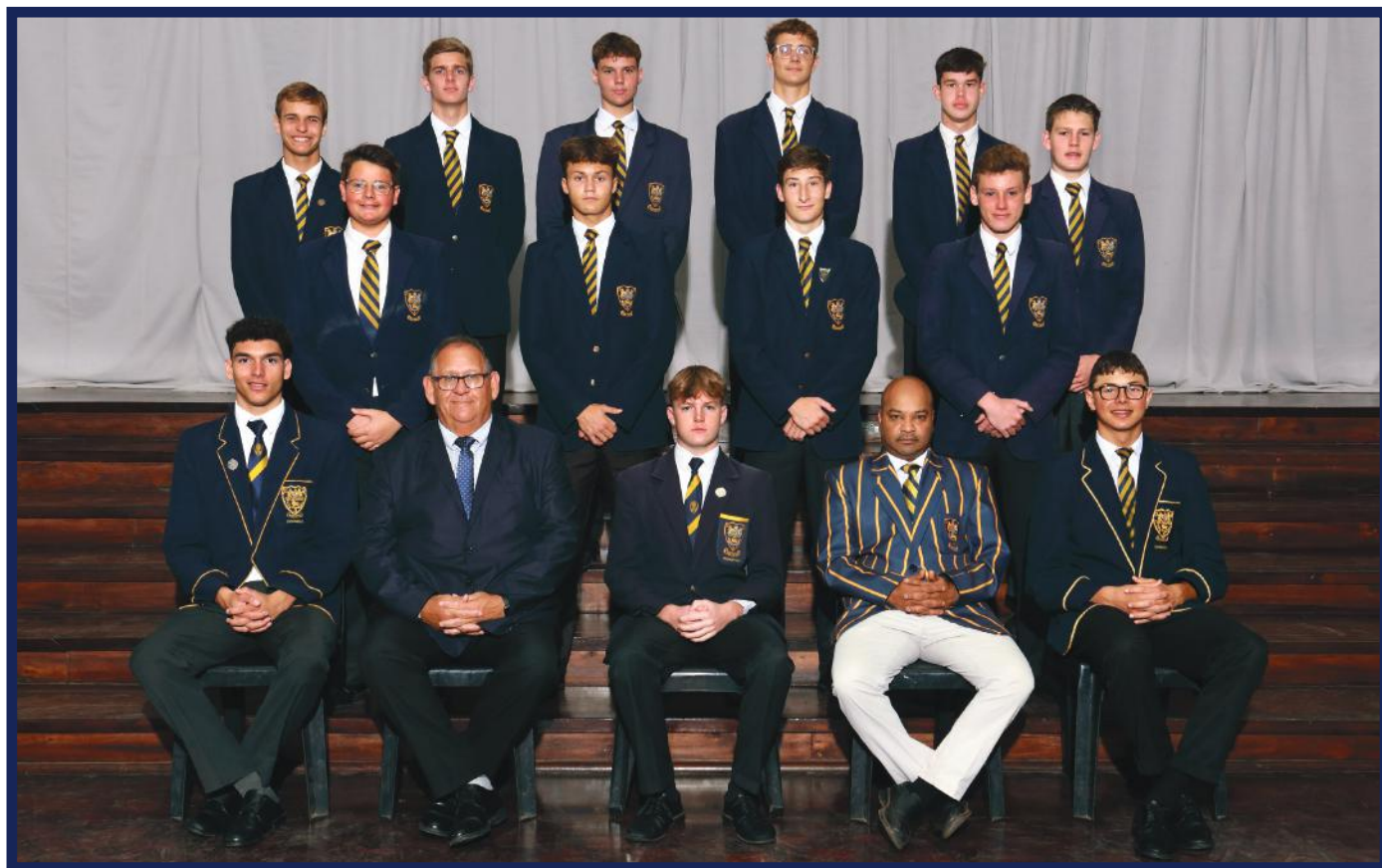
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M Bisschoff
M-i-C: Tennis



1st Team Water Polo



Water Polo 2023

Front Row (L to R): Keyontae Raynard, Mr S La Marque (Head of Aquatics), Reece Truter, Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Marnu Koekemoer

2nd Row: Cameron Phipps, Caiden Coelho, Blake Davison, Jack Bowen

Back Row: Riccardo Girodo, Ryan Spooner, Ruan Basson, Kirk Wilson, Troy Alldred, Adrian Truter

Absent: Kegan Olivier

The 1st term saw very little Water Polo due to the condensed aquatics programme. However, the matches that did take place were a sure indication of the talent that was present in this young team.

The highlight of the term was the tour to Johannesburg to participate in the Reef Cup. The boys were still gaining momentum into the season and produced some very suitable results. In the domestic fixtures the boys produced some scintillating Water Polo. Solid wins against Northwood and Maritzburg College were marred by a poor showing against Westville. Against a very powerful Hilton College team, we

played well but, in the end, Hilton were just too strong for our boys.

The team was captained by Reece Truter in term 1, and he was replaced by Marnu Koekemoer in term 3. The leadership from both was absolutely outstanding.

Congratulations must go to the following boys for gaining KZN Selection:

Marnu Koekemoer	KZN Schools U19B
Blake Davison	KZN Schools U19B
Kirk Wilson	KZN U18 Currie Cup
Kirk Wilson	KZN Schools U16A
Adrian Truter	KZN Schools U16A

The 1st team and the U16 Tournaments were sponsored by Thompsons Meats. We are truly grateful for their commitment. A huge thank you must also go to the Truter and Basson families for their continued support, financially and in person.

Results:

vs Westville:	lost 6-11 & 8-12
vs Hilton:	lost 4-13
vs Maritzburg College:	won 13-7/12-11
vs Glenwood:	won 12-4 & 8-4
	lost 6-7
vs Northwood:	lost 6-9 & 9-12
	won 11-4
vs Michaelhouse:	lost 8-9 & 5-9
vs St Benedict's:	won 14-10

vs Affies: lost 4-5
 vs Paul Roos: lost 6-13
 vs KES: won 10-9
 vs Reddam House: won 8-7 & 11-2
 vs Clifton: lost 7-11 & 6-14
 vs Randpark: won 27-2
 vs Steyn City: won 12-2
 vs Crawford LH: won 15-5
 vs Beaulieu: won 26-3 & 14-2
 vs Reddam BV: won 21-3 & 22-3
 vs St Peters: won 5-3
 vs Parktown: won 16-4 & 15-5
 vs Pearson: won 15-3 & 16-0

Results Summary:

Played: 30
 Won: 19
 Lost: 12

Water Polo Awards:

Most Valuable Player - Marnu Koekemoer
 Best Hold-Guard - Kirk Wilson
 Sportsmanship Trophy - Marnu Koekemoer

Regular Players:

Marnu Koekemoer (Captain), Reece Truter, Troy Alldred, Keyontae Raynard, Kirk Wilson, Adrian Truter, Blake Davison, Ryan Spooner, Jack Bowen, Riccardo Girodo, Kegan Olivier, Morgan Siljebrandt, Caiden Coelho, Cameron Phipps

Player Critique:

Marnu Koekemoer (Captain)

Marnu has had an unbelievable season. He has developed into an incredible goal scorer. More so, he has developed into an outstanding captain of the team. He always brought a sense of calm and putting in extra training was never an issue for him. He was rewarded for his efforts in being selected for the KZN Schools U19B team.

Reece Truter

By his standards Reece had an indifferent year. His potential should have seen him be more dominant in matches, but he



Water Polo KZN Reps

Adrian Truter and Kirk Wilson were members of the KZN U16 Water Polo team which won Gold in the IP final against Western Province

always seemed somewhat distracted from achieving.

Troy Alldred

As a goalkeeper, Troy is a player with incredible potential. Despite being new to the position, he has grasped his role well and has been incredibly solid.

Keyontae Raynard

Keyontae has developed into a hole guard. His understanding of the game has improved dramatically and his ability to score goals has started to improve.

Kirk Wilson

If one was to do a profile of an international player, you wouldn't need to look further than Kirk. He has all the attributes. However, the biggest attribute is his attitude. Everything about Kirk is team related. His commitment is always 100% and he leads by example.

Kirk was rewarded with his selection into the KZN U16A team.

Adrian Truter

There is nothing too hard for Adrian. He continuously works hard and then raises his bar even further in matches. He has become a solid team player. He has also shown his versatility in being capable of playing in all positions (except goalkeeper). Adrian was selected for the KZN U16A Team.

Blake Davison

Enthusiasm and willingness are never lacking from this fine young man. Blake always gives 100% and he has developed his finer skill set. Blake is an incredible player and was rewarded in his selection into the KZN U19B team.

Ryan Spooner

2023 saw Ryan develop into the most improved player of the team.



His anticipation and aggression have improved dramatically and he has started to become a leading scorer in the team. He is also a natural leader and has brought stability within the team.

Jack Bowen

Jack has developed well. At times, he does doubt his own ability, but he is an incredible team player. He will certainly grow as a right fetch player.

Morgan Siljebrandt

Initially Morgan battled with the intensity required to play at 1st team level. However, once the self-belief kicked in he grew into a solid all-round player. He is apt at both fetch and at the back. He has also shown tremendous commitment to his conditioning and I

look forward to seeing his progress in 2024.

Riccardo Girodo

Riccardo has been an outstanding hole-guard. He was lacking in his scoring ability, but that has been remedied and he has a powerful and accurate perimeter shot.

Caiden Coelho

As a left-handed player, Caiden is full of potential. At times, he seemed to lack confidence but every now and again he would not over-think plays and he would produce some scintillating performance. He needs to develop a genuine passion for the game. Far too many times he allowed himself to be distracted from doing the right thing.

Kegan Olivier

Keegan seemed to lose focus on his water polo after term 1. He was solid and reliable player. Understandably, academics became a priority for him. to seeing his progress in 2024.

Cameron Phipps

Cameron needs to focus on his conditioning. His water movement is adequate for a goalkeeper but without conditioning, he was found to fall behind what is required at 1st team level.

S La Marque
Head of Aquatics

2nd Team Water Polo

The 2nd team consisted of a group of enthusiastic players who joined in the efforts to make it into the 1st Team. Their commitment to training and undying love for the sport was truly great to see from the DHS pupils!

Unfortunately, the 2nds didn't get many fixtures in the 4th term, but were able to play a few tough games where their strengths and fitness was challenged, and the boys did DHS proud with

how they dealt with minimal game preparation.

Francois Erasmus and Dawson Edwards would lead from the front, both being marquee players.

Other great additions to the team were Chase Willemse and Cameron Phipps, who pushed the team every training.

Results:

Played: 3

Won: 0
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Cameron Phipps, Thiren Naaido, Chase Willemse, Francios Erasmus, Dawson Edwards, Trent Vriese, Ryder Hazel, Bradley la Grange, Yuvir Badasse, Kian Russell, Ethan Anderson, Caiden Coelho

S Simamane
2nd Team Water Polo Coach

U15A Water Polo

Following a good pre-season training schedule, the U15A boys were in great condition and looking forward to a positive season ahead.

We had many endeavours to overcome but the boys' persistence kept them going and we managed to be competitive in a very strong age group in KZN, with a massive improvement from the first term.

Special mention goes to Zion Smith, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Matthew Mottram, Chris Dennyssen, Luc Brand and Russel Mhungu for being top academics while maintaining a busy sport schedule with various different sports.

Exciting to see what's ahead for these group of boys as they are really looking to inspire the younger boys when they're older!

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 1
Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Zion Smith, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Luc Brand, Matthew Mottram, Zano Dladla, Christopher Dennyssen, Llewellyn Farrell, Russel Mhungu

D Cronje : U15A Water Polo Coach



U15B Water Polo

The mighty B team, who consisted mostly of our Rugby players, demonstrated their keen skills and strength backspace in the pool! Despite most of the players not being familiar with the sport from the start, trainings were always attended, and the boys were eager to have fun and showcase what they have to offer.

Sometimes sport can become very competitive and we lose sight of the fun aspect in school boy sport, but this young group of individuals, who at first

were very hesitant about the sport, ended up producing good results in the end.

Although the boys learnt a lot, as a coach I learnt just as much. For starters, having to learn how to coach a sport in Afrikaans and make up new jargon for the boys to understand, and create a new fun environment for them and at the same time learn without downplaying the seriousness of the game.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 1
Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Luca de Esclana, Duhan du Plessis, Matthew Templeton, Daniel Baillache

D Cronje
U15B Water Polo Coach

U14A Water Polo

2023 was a promising year for our Aquatics programme as we gained a fresh group of juniors into our Water Polo system and the progress was immense.

We knew we had a good foundation to work with as we had a strong group of swimmers who added value to the Water Polo team and trainings were that much easier, not being worried about fitness. We expected a tough first term and a lot of lessons to be learned, but the boys' determination and victories in only their first year of Polo uplifted the

boys and sparked their passion for the sport.

The boys managed to stay competitive in the final season and meet the goals set for the year. True DHS colours were shown when boys were starting to get sick and exams were upon them, yet it didn't stop them from trainings or even participating in tournaments.

Water Polo Award:

Most Promising Player in his first year at DHS - Zane McCracken

Results:

Played: 10
Won: 3
Lost: 7
Tournaments played: 2

Regular Players:

Channing Bedford, Jordan de Connick, Jaden de Connick, Reece Hunt, Braden Pratt, Zane McCracken, Willem van Wyk, Ryan Viviers, Slade Forrester

G May
U14A Water Polo Coach

U14B Water Polo

In every school depth is what sets apart the good and the great. Although these boys were unfamiliar with the sport they never once threw in the towel, but instead persevered through the hardships of learning a new sport. Special mention goes to Cale Cross who started off in the B team, but throughout the year attended all the Electives and afternoon sessions and, at the end, solidified his position in the A team.

Not many games were played but, in the fixtures we did secure, the boys had great pleasure in playing the game of Water Polo. Soon these boys will grow to become great players and strive to be in the 1st Team one day!

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 0
Lost: 4

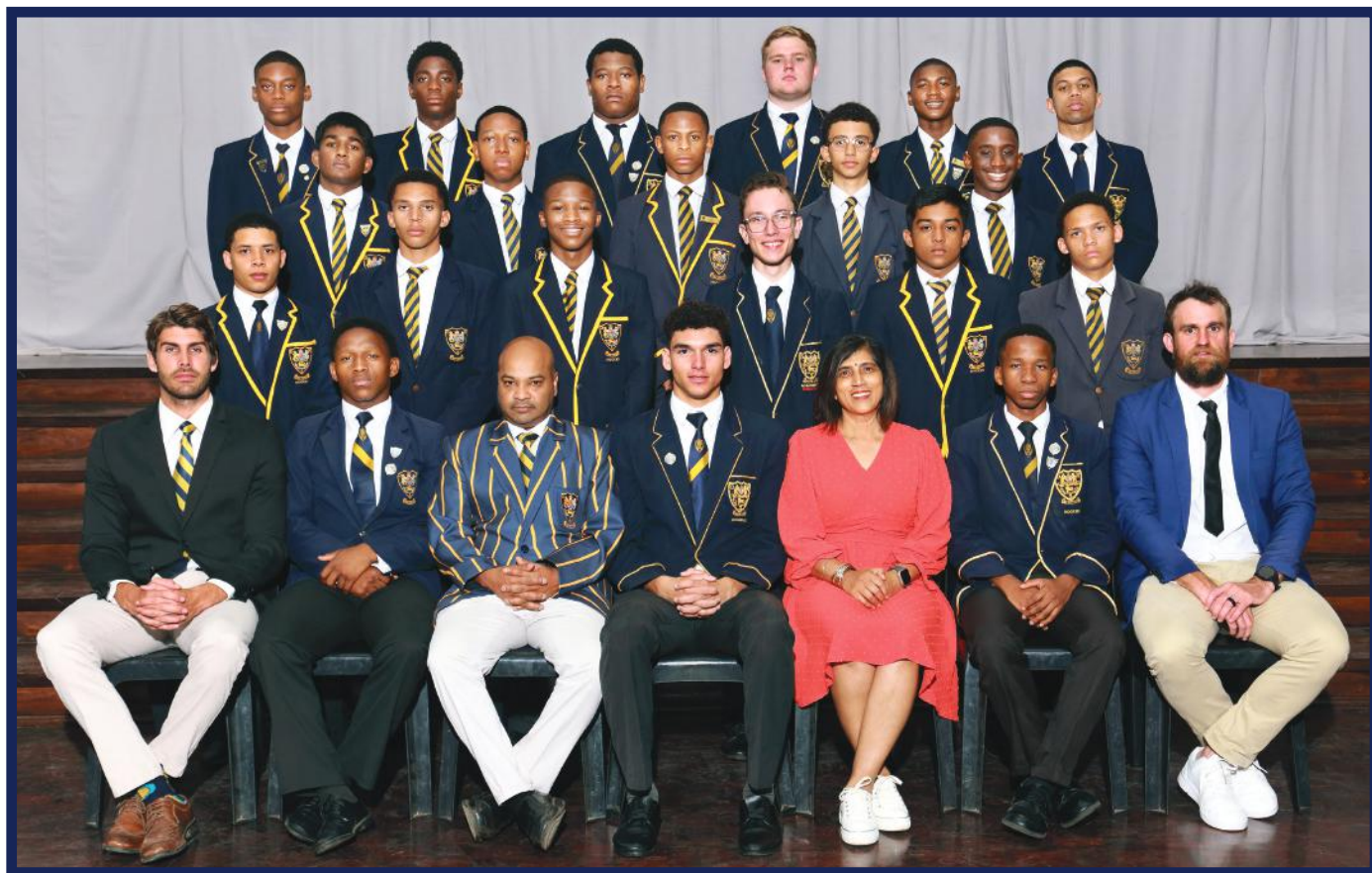
Regular Players:

Daniel Andreou, Campbell Weldon, Adam Bowen, Cayden Diener, Kaden Pillay, Josh Heath, Thando Zwane, Aidan Hutson, Darian Pillay

G May
U14B Water Polo Coach



South African Representatives



SA Representatives 2023

Front Row (L to R): Mr D Cronje (Water Polo), Hopewell Ntshangase (Rugby), Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Keyontae Raynard (Swimming), Mrs S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Leruo Dithlakanyane (Hockey), Mr M Baker (Hockey)

2nd Row: Aldridge Maarsdorp (Hockey), Theo Brown (Soccer), Sitshaba Siyoyo (Hockey), Xanda Theologo (Debating), Bhavesh Naicker (Hockey), Christopher Abrahams (Hockey)

3rd Row: Sharav Maharaj (Badminton), Joshua Mungherera (Hockey), Lethabo Bogacwi (Hockey), Lincoln Wilson (Badminton), Siyanda Ntaka (Swimming)

Back Row: Awande Nkunzi (Swimming), Bayanda Hufner (Swimming), Simphiwe Ngobese (Rugby), Christian Everitt (Rugby), Lumi Matwele (Hockey), Keelan Henry (Hockey)

Congratulations to the following young men of Durban High School who were awarded South African colours for their achievements in their various activities:

Badminton

SA Schools - Rivaldo Soni, Jaydon Beru, Nischay Jairaj, Tonderai Ndudzo

Cricket

U17 High Performance Camp - Bayanda Majola, Semal Pillay

Debating

Xanda Theologo

Indoor Hockey

SA Indoor Squad - Leruo Dithlakanyane

Karate

SA National Championship - Aaron Maharaj

Rugby

SA Schools A Team - Christian Everitt
SA Schools Team - Simphiwe Ngobese



Rugby Sevens:

SA U18 - Hopewell Ntshangase

Soccer:

SA Invitational U19 - Theo Brown

Surfing:

Surfing SA - Ntokozo Maphumulo

Swimming

SA U20 - Bayanda Hufner, Awande Nkunzi

SA U20 - Keyontae Raynard

SA Junior Nationals Championships - Keyontae Raynard, Awande Nkunzi, Matthew Hunt, Slade Forrester, Ryan Viviers, Tristan Janse van Rensburg

SA National Short Course Championship - Tristan Janse van Rensburg

Staff

Mr M Baker

Mr S Bezuidenhout

Mr D Cronje

SA Boys U17 - Coach

SA U21 Men's - Selector

SA Schools Combined Football Associations Festival - Head Co-Ordinator

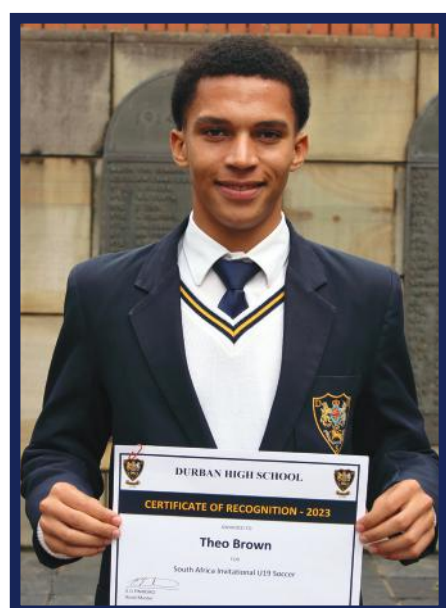
SA Men's Water Polo - Player



SA Debating - Xanda Theologo



SA Rugby - Simphiwe Ngubane and Christian Everitt



SA Soccer - Theo Brown



SA Sevens Rugby - Zingce Simka and Hopewell Ntshangase



KZN Representatives



Congratulations to the following young men of Durban High School who were awarded KZN colours for their achievements in their various activities:

Badminton

KZN U19A - Sherav Maharaj
KZN U19B - Lincoln Wilson
KZN U19C - Troy Getkate
KZN U19D - Eveshan Arumugam
KZN U19E - Shaun Southwood
KZN U17A - Lincoln Wilson
KZN U17B - Erin Benton

Basketball

KZN U18 - Bryce Techet
KZN U16 - Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa
KZN U15 - Mpilenhle Sithole

Debating

Sbani Maphumulo, Kian Rama, Xanda Theologo

Cricket

KZN U19 - Bayanda Majola
KZN U16 - Ismaeel Omar, Semal Pillay, Josh van Biljon

KZN U15 - Taine Havemann, Ethan Jenkins

Fencing

KZN U20 - Aaron Drimmie

Fishing

KZN U19 Deep Sea Angling Association & KZN U19 Fishing - Kaden Mckenzie

Hockey

KZN U18A - Lethabo Bogacwi, Leruo Ditlakhanyane, Keelan Henry, Aldridge Maasdorp, Lumi Matwele, Ruben Peters
KZN U18B - Nathi Jona, Mathlatse Sebake, Lethabo Mathobela
KZN U18C - Ntando Mshengu, Lubanzi Zulu
KZN U16A - Christopher Abrahams, Tyrique Cloete, Semal Pillay, Sihle Sogoni, Josh van Biljon, Joshua Mungherera, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo
KZN U16B - Krian Jugoo, Bonngoe Mokoena, Lungani Ngcobo

KZN U16C - Jaiden Bramwell, Oyinthanda Ngejane

KZN U14A - Elchaan Lubbe, Sandisizwe Mazibuko, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Eben Peters

KZN U14B - Keegan Brauns, Matt Potgieter, Cole Spogter

KZN U14C - Riley Hooper

Indoor Hockey

KZN Mynahs Indoor - Lum Matwele, Joshua Kippen

KZN Raiders Indoor - Leruo Ditlakhanyane

Multi-Sport Racing

KZN Triathlon, KZN Biathlon, KZN Duathlon - Ryan Viviers

Music

KZN Schools Jazz Band - Siyabonga Chonco, Sayed Hoosen, Daniel Mayiza, Unaye Mndau, Jude Miller, Andrew Paul
KZN Youth Wind Band - Colby Bezuidenhout, Mihle Ndlovu



KZN Youth Orchestra - Zaakir Essack, Luvuyo Mkhize, Connor Rixon, Ayush Sewpaul

Rugby

Sharks U18 Craven Week - Weihrich Basson, Christian Everitt, Simphiwe Ngobese, Hopewell Ntshangase, Maurice Willemse

Sharks U17 Academy Week - Akahlulwa Boqwana, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Mahle Sithole

Sharks Academy XV - Duncan Basson, Daniel Ikotela, Adriano Jackson, Thando Luthuli, Unaye Mndau, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Florensen Ockhuis, Khanyisa Stamper

U16 Grant Khomo Week - Joseph Udo-Idung

Sharks U16B - Liam Gregan, Bradley La Grange, Jose Lottering, Jaydon Roberts, Peleneo Shakwane, Jordan van Wyk

Sharks U15 Rhino Week - Duhan du Plessis, Milisuthando George, Likho Khonza, Ambesiwe Sipango, Joshue Snyman, Stefan van der Vyver

Sharks U15B - Zion Smith

KZN U14 Youth Duikers Team - Laiton McConnell

Rugby Sevens

Sharks U17 Sevens - Akahluwa Boqwana, Adriano Jackson, Thando Luthuli, Zenkosi Mthiyane

Soccer

KZN U19 - Oluhle Canham, Ayden Quinn
KZN Invitational U19 - Theo Brown, Awande Makhonza, Deylan Ogle, Callan Smith, Minenhle Vilakazi, Caleb Weideman

KZN U16 - Ndalo Wotshinisi, Sinalo Nyawose, Uyiosa Usadolo

KZN U15 - Bonga Charma, Colby Louis, Sphehile Ndebele, isulenkosi Sikhahlane

Softball

KZN U19 - Riley Clarivette, Luke Gallagher, Muhammad Shaik

KZN U17 - Ethan Cooper

KZN U15 - Raul Chetty, Taine Havemann, Mikhail Johangeer, Daniel Pech, Tristan Quail, Connor Quinn, Jordan Rochat

U16B All Star Team - Jordan Rochat

Swimming

KZN Schools Team - Reuban Haylock, Saieshan Naidoo, Awande Nkunzi, Siyanda Ntaka

Touch Rugby

KZN U15A Boys Team - Mawande Mdabe, Ewan Stayt

Water Polo

KZN U16 - Adrian Truter, Kirk Wilson

KZN U19B - Blake Davison, Marnu Koekemoer

KZN U15 (2022) - Ruan Basson, Adrian Truter, Kirk Wilson

Staff

Mr M Baker	Head of KZN Hockey High Performance, KZN Coastals Hockey U18A - Head Coach, KZN Raiders Indoor Hockey - Assistant Coach,
Mr D Cronje	KZN Waterpolo U13B - Coach, KZN Mens Waterpolo - Player
Mr S Dubazana	Sharks Schools Rugby Craven Week - Manager
Mr F Genade	Sharks Schools Rugby Academy Week - Manager
Mr C Goodwin	KZN Mynahs Indoor Hockey - Player, KZN Mynahs Hockey - Player

Mr T Kelly-Stack	KZN Raiders Mens Indoor Hockey - Player,
Mr S La Marque	KZN Raiders Mens Hockey - Player, KZN Coastals U16A - Assistant Coach
Mr T Makhetha	Sharks Schools Rugby Grant Khomo - Selector, KZN Waterpolo Board, KZN Waterpolo U19 - Selector
Mr I Manuel	KZN High School Football Association - Treasurer
Mr L Matthysen	KZN Coastals Hockey U16A Boys - Manager, KZN Coastals Hockey U18B Boys - Manager, KZN Mynahs Indoor Hockey - Player, KZN Raiders Hockey - Manager
Mr S Mkhalihi	Sharks Schools Rugby Invitational XV - Assistant Coach
Mr N Pillay	Sharks Schools Rugby U17 Sevens - Coach
Mr M Pina	Sharks Schools Secretary, KZN Primary Schools Cricket Committee
Mr A D Pinheiro	Sharks Schools Rugby U15B - Assistant Coach
Mr T Trenoweth	Sharks Schools Rugby Craven Week - Selector
Mr R vd Sandt	Kwa-Zulu Cricket U16 - Manager
	Sharks Schools Rugby Academy Team - Strength and Conditioning Coach



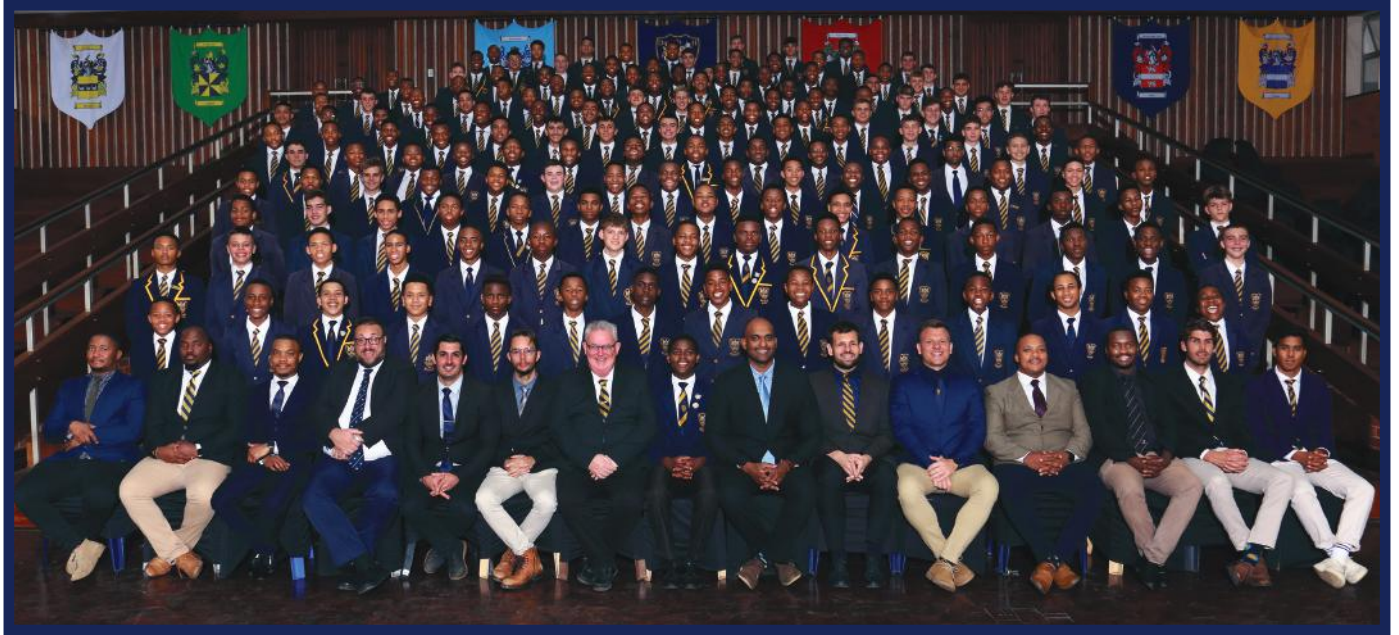


KZN Hockey Representatives



KZN Rugby Representatives

Blackmore House



Blackmore House Boys and Staff 2023

Head Prefect: Bandile Zama
Deputy Heads: Lulonke Gono
Amahle Mazibuko

Prefects:

Siyanda Dlamini, Daniel Erasmus,
Alexander Gudgeon, Sima Hlabisa,
Ditlhakanyane Leruo, Aldridge
Maasdorp, Hlumelo Madikane, Phaniso
Makhanya, Charl Meyers, Sethu Ngobe,
Simpfiwe Ngobese, Thandolwami
Ntshangase, Luvuyo Qasha, Liam
Ruiters, Siphiosethu Zungu

Grade 11 Assistant Prefects:
Mahle Sithole, Unaye Mndau

Blackmore House is currently the largest it has ever been. It houses 187 Boarders who often act as the heartbeat of the School. The boys are involved in every facet of Durban High School life and often set the tone of completing tasks that others see as menial, but which are important in the daily running of such a large operation (eg, taking off the covers, putting on the covers before and after a cricket match).

There are currently 45 KZN representatives and 10 South African representatives that reside in Blackmore House. Five of the six main characters the cast of this year's school production of *Grease* were Blackmore boys.

The boys have been involved in several community clean-up programmes, especially along the Durban Beach front and have visited orphanages in order to play with little ones. This is a critical aspect of what we try and instil in the young men of Blackmore House, showing gratitude for the opportunities that they have, being kind and being caring. Ultimately becoming good citizens, good husbands and good fathers.

Current Blackmore House residents celebrate the diversity of South Africa's rainbow nation. All 11 official languages and a few more are represented in the House. Blackmore House's reputation is an international one, with several boys residing in the Boarding Establishment as a result of a conversation between

their parents and a Blackmore Old Boy, somewhere in the world.

There is a 128-year heritage that is a portion of Blackmore House tradition. Many Old Boys who were boarders return and one of the first things they want to do is have a tour through Blackmore House. They reminisce the pondering of their exploits and adventures whilst being Boarders. The beauty of being a Blackmore Boarder, is that you join a brotherhood that spans more than a century.

Developing gentlemen of character and excellence will continue to be the key focus in Blackmore House.

S Cromie
Superintendent of Blackmore House



Blackmore House Formal Dinner

The 128th annual Blackmore House Formal Dinner was held on Thursday 26 October 2023 in the DC Thompson Hall. The evening saw over 230 guests present and was a celebration of the Boarders and their role at Durban High School.

The guest speaker for the evening was the CEO of the DHS Foundation, Mr Andrew Shedlock, who reminded the Boarders of their critical role in setting an example to the rest of the school by doing many extra tasks, such as taking the covers off before cricket matches, putting them on again after matches, scoreboard duties, to name but a few. Mr Shedlock spoke of the pride that past Blackmore House boys feel towards the Boarding Establishment and the critical role the House played in developing them as individuals. Mr Shedlock also commented that the boys should be grateful for the many opportunities they have as a result of the generous support from the Old Boys Association.

In his address, the 2023 Blackmore House Head Boy, Bandile Zama, reminisced regarding the five years that the Grade 12s had spent together in Blackmore House, sharing several

humorous stories and thanking the Head Master, the DHS Foundation, various service providers and Masters for the role they had played in assisting the Matrics through their five-year journey.

Special Award Winners:

Dux 2023 - Lulonke Gono
Bowley Trophy for Dedication to Blackmore House - Alexander Gudgeon
Superintendent's Award - Siseko Mani
The De Riquebourg Trophy - Bandile Zama
Legacy Award - Lulonke Gono, Amahle Mazibuko
Lockyear Goodfellowship Trophy - Siphiosethu Zungu
Senior Team Player of the Year - Mphululi Dimaza
Junior Team Player of the Year - Meyer Prinsloo

The bar in developing gentlemen of character and excellence was very evident throughout the Boarding Establishment.

The awards ended with the announcement by Head Master, Mr AD Pinheiro of the 2024 Head Boy



2023 Blackmore Head Boy, Bandile Zama, receives his Old Boys blazer from Mr Andrew Shedlock

of Blackmore House and the three Deputies:

Head Boy - Unaye Mndau
Deputies - Duncan Basson, Mahle Sithole, Khanyisa Stamper



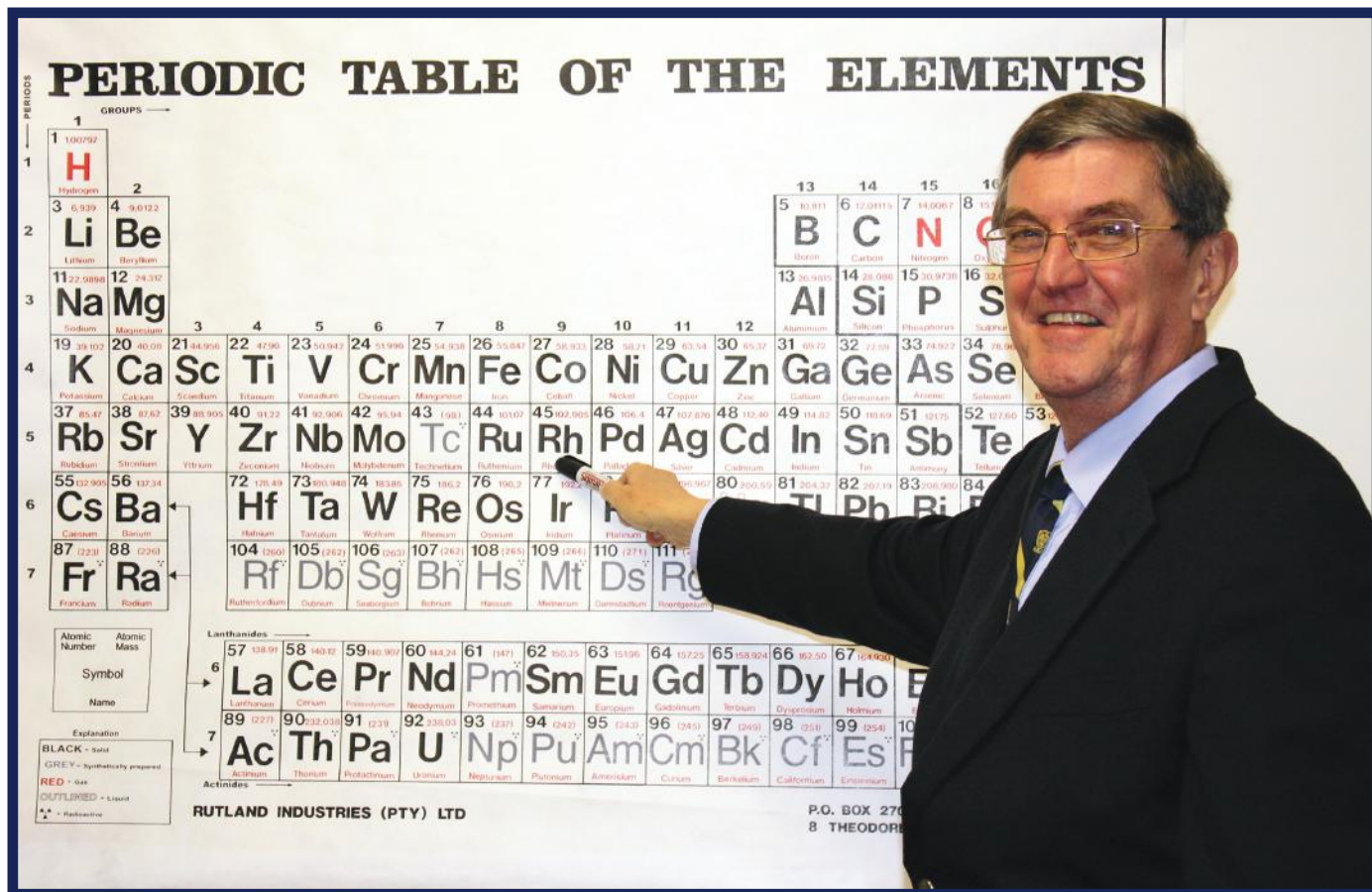
The new Grade 8 'Sas' Nourse Dormitory in Blackmore House was officially opened on 9 February 2023.

Sas Nourse was the first Headmaster of Blackmore House when Blackmore moved to its current location in September 1969.

The small function was attended by Sas's daughter, Ann, his son-in-law, Clive and his granddaughter, Lea.

In Memoriam

Mr Anthony “AJ” Human



Deo Fretus, Mr AJ Human!
Durban High School was privileged to have had a passionate employee who dedicated his life to the young men of this fine School.

In 1965 Mr AJ Human walked in through the front gates of DHS and nearly 54 years later, in 2018, he eventually retired after serving under eight of the fifteen DHS Head Masters.

From teacher of Physical Sciences (52 years), to Boarder Master and Housemaster at Blackmore House (15 years), to Rotary co-ordinator, functions manager, avid DHS sport supporter and Old Boys liaison for the DHS Foundation Trust ... there was not much at School

that Mr Human did not leave his mark upon. His impact on the lives of 1000s of DHS Old Boys was indelible - he holds a special place in their hearts and they all have so many stories to tell about him.

Mr Anthony (Tony) John Human, known to thousands as 'AJ', started his schooling at Bellair Primary: his cousins had attended Glenwood High School and so AJ followed them there from 1958 to 1961. From a very young age he was interested in Science and he entertained the youngsters in his neighbourhood by 'magically' causing liquids to change colour.

In 1962, AJ enrolled at Durban Teachers Training College, known as 'Dokkies',

where he completed a 3-year Science Diploma. In 1965 he joined the staff of DHS and studied part time for his BSc degree through Unisa. Old Boys insist that AJ was strict, precise, thorough and a 'no nonsense' educator. Many Old Boys, particularly the ones who battled with science, attribute Mr Human's patience and skill in assisting them with passing this difficult subject. And most remember the periodic table to this day!

AJ kept in contact with 100s of Old Boys over the years, travelling around the world to visit them. Old Boys never failed to pop into School when in Durban to reminisce and pay a visit to their favourite teacher. His office was filled with photographs and paraphernalia





Mr Pinheiro and Phepsi Buthelezi present Mr Human with the copy of his portrait at his special assembly

- memories of exceptional times and unique relationships.

In June 2017, the traditional DHS Founders Weekend was dedicated to paying tribute to this very special gentleman. The Founders Day Assembly, which is held to honour the Old Boys of DHS, saw the DHS community paying respect to the longest serving staff member in the School's history. The Chairman of the Governing Body at the time, Mr Winston Owen, spoke of the role that Mr Human had played at the School and presented him with a gift from the School Governing Body, a specially made tie-pin to commemorate his 50 years of service to the School. Mr Trevor Bennison, the 12th Head Master, paid tribute to AJ, calling him a true legend at DHS. Mr Human was present at the Centenary celebrations in 1966, at the 125th celebrations in 1990 and the 150th celebrations in 2016 ... a legend indeed! Mr Human then addressed the audience, sharing

anecdotes and memories of his years at School. Current Head Master, Mr AD Pinheiro, together with Head Prefect of 2017, Phendulani 'Phepsi' Buthelezi, presented to Mr Human a gift of a copy of his portrait which hangs in the AJ Human Room, a memento to adorn the walls of his home. AJ was also the Guest of Honour at the Old Boys Dinner and at the Rugby match on Founders Day.

In June 2018 a special assembly was held to say goodbye to living legend Mr AJ Human on his retirement. AJ joined the staff of DHS in 1965 at the age of 20 and 52 years later, in 2016, he retired from teaching Physical Science and joined The DHS Foundation Trust, where he worked with those very close to his heart, the DHS Old Boys.

Mr Human was about to retire from the Foundation and he was honoured at this, his very last assembly, which was attended by two of his previous Head Masters, a number of Old Boys, some

of his personal friends and the Staff and Boys of Durban High School.

Mrs Vermaak, Deputy Principal, paid tribute to Mr Human and his commitment to School, sharing some anecdotes and opinions of the Old Boys, and telling the audience of some of his achievements, including being awarded the Freedom of the City of London. Mr Human responded, thanking the Staff and Old Boys of DHS for the long road trip which had been such a special part of his life. He said that the Old Boys, who were spread worldwide, were a close-knit family, one he intended maintaining his ties with. He made special mention of the very loyal and dedicated Estate Staff and thanked them for all they had done to assist him over the years.

"I never thought, when I started teaching at DHS, that I would still be here for so many years," he said adding that not only had he taught some of the boys' parents, but he had reached a stage where he even taught their grandparents.

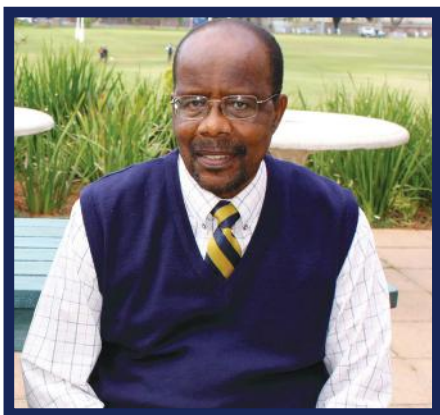
"I was involved with working with Old Boys from all around the world. It was hard work but the Old Boys are special to me. I'm not really retiring; I don't believe in the word. Although I will no longer be teaching or working with the Foundation, I still have a few things up my sleeve," he said.

The science laboratory at School is named after AJ, as well as the functions room in which his portrait hangs and two cabinets are on display filled with the memorabilia he collected in his 54 year "reign". Although no longer a living legend, he will always remain a legend at his beloved School.

Deo Fretus, Mr Human, we will never forget you.

S Drew
Editor

Mr Themba Ntetha



A tribute to Themba Ntetha, who unfortunately passed away on Friday, 23 June 2023, written by DHS Old Boy, Neil Lamble.

Themba Ntetha's son Ricardo (DHS Class of 2005) called me this morning to report the sad passing of his dad this past Friday 23 June after two days in hospital with pneumonia. The news of Themba's passing leaves generations of DHS Old Boys with heavy hearts at the loss of this incredible yet humble man who served DHS loyally from 1967 until 2012 - a monumental 45 years! Themba was at School when I started in 1969, he was there when I taught there in the mid-1980's and he was there when my youngest son left DHS in 2004. He was one of those "constants" that linked DHS boys from so many different eras together and a rich part of the overall tapestry that constituted the DHS experience for us.

I remember Themba first as AJ's (Mr Human) lab assistant in my early days at the school and how he used to pull funny faces as he walked behind AJ while the rest of us (who were terrified of AJ) tried to keep straight faces and learn some science. Themba later moved to become the library assistant working with several generation of librarians in his later years at the school. However, he remained very close to AJ throughout his time at DHS. Although I

knew Themba well during my time as a pupil at DHS (particularly as a boarder) it was really during my three years of teaching at School that Themba and I formed quite a special bond. Themba at this time had his learners' licence and was trying to get his driver's licence - the problem was that he did not have a vehicle to practice driving in and this is where I came in. Themba used to track me down in whichever classroom I was teaching at the time and ask if he could "wash my car". This was our special code to mean that he was off for a drive around the Berea to hone his driving skills in my old Audi. The big day of his test came one December and I remember him phoning me so proudly from Melmoth to tell me that he had passed his test and that all the "car washing" had paid off.

Themba will always be remembered as one of the great characters and legends that have graced our beloved old School but there was much more to him than this. Themba had some amazing interpersonal skills that sadly few at the school were aware of and he played a critical role in a few very sensitive interpersonal matters between members of the teaching staff that few were even aware of. It was a source of huge pride to Themba as a loyal supporter of DHS that his son Ricardo could attend the school in the early 2000's - something that we know would not have been possible when Themba started teaching at the school. He was very proud of his rural Zulu background and always spoke fondly of his family and was very proud of the achievements of his children.

After he retired in 2012, Themba sadly became a bit of a "forgotten man" of DHS for some years and I personally had lost contact with him. Fortunately, through Dave Magnier I reconnected

with Themba in recent times, and we had many long chats on the phone reminiscing about the old times. When we as the Class of 1973 started planning our 50th reunion, there was one non-negotiable - Themba was going to be there!! I was so proud to be sitting next to him at the Old Boys assembly on Friday 27 May when the current and past DHS boys raised the hall roof with their applause for this absolute legend of DHS. It was also our honour to have Themba as one of our staff guests of honour at our reunion dinner that night. Despite the sadness of his passing, it is really good to know that the institution that he served so loyally for so long had the opportunity to recognise him appropriately before he passed away.

At this sad time, Themba's family can rest assured that he was a much loved and much respected figure at a great institution and that he is remembered with great fondness by tens of thousands of Old Boys throughout the world. This in itself is a massive achievement for a man from such humble beginnings in rural KZN and speaks volumes for the type of person he was. We trust that Themba's family will take great comfort from this fact at this time, and we extend our sincere condolences to them all.

Hamba kahle, Baba - siyabonga kakhulu.

Rest in Peace, Mr Themba Ntetha.

Neil Lamble
Class of 1973

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Mr Letha Zulu



DHS was deeply saddened by the news of the sudden passing of our Director of Basketball, Mr Lethuxolo 'Letha' Zulu.

Mr Zulu started his journey at DHS in 2007 as a member of the Sports Department, and was later appointed the Director of Basketball. He was also a keen Physical Education educator.

During his tenure at DHS, he was largely involved in coaching many teams, including the KZN Basketball team, The UKZN Men's team and was involved in the South African Schools setup.

We would like to send our condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr Zulu, as well as the Old Boys and current DHS Boys that he had grown strong relationships with.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew Mr Zulu, a true legend of Durban High School.

Deo Fretus!

A Basketball Legend: Letha Zulu

Letha Zulu, a name synonymous with Basketball excellence in South Africa, left an indelible mark on the sport.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Coach Zulu was a loving father to his children, in whom he instilled the same values of hard work, discipline, and perseverance that he preached to his teams.

In the Basketball community, Coach Zulu was revered as a father figure. He provided guidance, mentorship, and support to countless young athletes, helping them to develop both on and off the court. His commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting the growth of the game was hugely impactful. Coach Zulu's passion for the game was contagious, inspiring others to share his love for Basketball through his ability to connect with players on a personal level. This was one of his greatest strengths, fostering a sense of trust and respect and creating a supportive and inclusive environment where athletes could thrive and reach their full potential.

Coach Zulu's coaching prowess extended beyond the local level. He led both junior (U16, U18) and senior provincial teams to consistent success, often winning or placing second in inter-provincial tournaments. His ability to develop and motivate players at all levels of the game was a testament to his exceptional coaching skills.

In 2007, Coach Zulu moved to Durban High School, where he joined forces with Mr Myles Delport to take over the 1st team. Under his guidance, DHS achieved remarkable success, winning multiple national tournaments. His coaching prowess extended further

when he was appointed as the National Coach for the U16 boys' team. In 2015, he led the team to a successful qualification and participation in the U16 AfroBasket.

Coach Zulu was a visionary leader who recognised the potential of the sport and worked tirelessly to develop it. He was involved in various Basketball programmes, including Danville Girls High School, Durban University of Technology (DUT), and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). His coaching at UKZN was particularly noteworthy, as he guided the team to top-tier finishes in the USSA Tournament.

Coach Zulu served as the Chairperson of Basketball in eThekweni Municipality and the eThekweni Basketball Association (EMBA), established by him, stands as a testament to his dedication to the sport. The league has become a thriving platform for Basketball development in the region, providing opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels.

Letha Zulu's untimely passing came as a shock, not only to the Basketball community, but to those he mentored, befriended and inspired. His legacy will continue to live on through them and through the positive impact he had on the sport of Basketball in South Africa. While he may no longer be with us, his memory serves as an inspiration to future generations of coaches and athletes.

J Amisi
Colleague & Basketball Coach



Mr Steven Mtshali



In 1987 Mr Mtshali joined DHS, initially as a staff member of Blackmore House. He then later moved across to School in July 1994 as a General Assistant/ Groundsman. In October 2005, Mr Mtshali was elected as the ground staff leader and thus replaced Mr Joseph Ngongo as the 'Induna'.

Mr Mtshali was a huge supporter of DHS Rugby, and many will remember him for the role he played in the build up to the 1st XV games at Founders, entertaining the crowd in the traditional Zulu outfit which was bought by the School and presented to him by Head Master at the time, Mr Dave Magner, and his fellow workmen.

Durban High School was deeply saddened by the tragic passing of one of our long-standing members of staff, Mr Steven Mtshali.

"Stephen was a quiet but strong man. I never saw him angry or speak poorly to anyone. He was completely trustworthy and reliable. He was a special man."

- Dave Magner

Steven was also passionate about football; an avid supporter of African Wanderers Football Club during the 1980s, but later deciding to support Kaizer Chiefs. The walls of his quarters were covered with photographs of his favourite players and teams.

The entire DHS Staff and Boys will miss having Steven the 'Induna' patrolling around the grounds of School, quietly going about his duties, staying late to lock up, singlehandedly lifting and carrying heavy items with his incredible strength - our very own Superman!

Our deepest sympathies go to all his loved ones.

Lala kahle, Mnumzane Mtshali.
Deo Fretus!

S Drew
Editor

Kaeden Thiagarajan



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of a fine young man, Kaeden Thiagarajan. Kaeden, a Matric pupil in 2022, was diagnosed with cancer in 2021. He was extremely brave and faced his health challenges

head on. He was positive and showed great courage in his fight against cancer. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Kaeden joined DHS from Morningside Primary, where he excelled in Academics and Sport. At his interview to join the school he impressed and he enjoyed a successful career at School. He started out in the U14C Football team, persevered and was selected for the U15A team the following year. In Grade 11 he represented the 3rd XI Cricket and was a member of the pre-season 1st XI Football squad.

It was at this point that Kaeden was experiencing a great deal of pain in his back and was forced to give up his sport on being diagnosed with advanced

Metastatic Ewings Sarcoma. Kaeden then focused on his academics. In his final year he showed great strength and determination. He pushed himself to attend class on the days his pain allowed, some days for three hours, while on others he had to leave sooner. He even managed to attend his Matric Dance.

On behalf of the DHS family, we extend our deepest sympathies to his parents Shan and Peggie and sister Zoe. We cannot fully comprehend the pain and loss you feel, however, please take comfort from the very many school community members whose prayers and best wishes are with you at this difficult time.



DHS Foundation Trust

Chairman's Report

The DHS Foundation Trusts board of Trustees have committed themselves to being prudent custodians of benefactor funds, and to support the school's activities based on sound business cases.

I am happy to say that we continue to make good progress in delivering on these two promises. The Foundation office continues to run smoothly under the very energetic and passionate leadership of Mr Andrew Shedlock.

The momentum we started to see with several initiatives has continued and it is pleasing to see the good work the Foundation continues to do in terms of re-engaging Old Boys in various parts of South Africa and our offshore alumni. This has been conducted through the innovative use of digital platforms and were appropriate through events that have taken place in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town. In 2024 we have expanded these events abroad with an Old Boys evening in London.

It is important that Old Boys are kept informed of the significant strides being made by the management team at DHS.

This has been supported by the Foundation aligning our funding activities towards the School's stated strategy in a disciplined manner, focusing on income generating projects that will build on the financial sustainability of School. There is now overwhelming evidence that the initiatives financed by the Foundation are making DHS a premium destination for parents to send their children. Below are a few of many Foundations funded projects that are adding significant value to the school.

- The Nonpareil and Cambridge Academy expansion was completed at the end of 2023 and will cater for 200 students through these two world class international education programme. This gives students an excellent opportunity to apply to tertiary education institutions worldwide and expands the Schools potential learner base beyond the South African borders. This project is being supported by Chris Seabrooke and the Victor Daitz Foundation.
- The completion of the Memorial Pavilion that not only gives Old Boys a "home" at School but, with funds raised through memberships, we are aiding in the financial support for students through the Nonpareil Academy programme.
- The completion of the Hockey AstroTurf with the support of Maris Stella and Trelidor.
- The purchase of a new bus to expand our reach to the Upper Highway and Hillcrest regions. Demand to attend DHS from these regions has been on the increase for a number of years.

As a board of Trustees, we are encouraged by progress being made at School. The future is indeed very promising. This revival would not have happened without the support from Old Boys. We would like to convey our appreciation to Old Boys around the world for the support they continue give to the school.

The proceeds from the sale of the Durban North Property have been received and have been invested to provide a sustainable base for future financial support to School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board of Trustees for their ongoing support and for giving up their personal time for our School.

To the Head Master and his management staff, a huge thank you for all your efforts and for re-establishing the traditions and financial stability of our great School.

A special thank you to "Shedders" and Liezl, who are the sharp end of the spear that has been driving the completion of the many projects and building the support of our Old Boys. Your contribution to the success of the School over the past few years has been extraordinary.

The contribution of various companies through 2023 has been incredible and I would also like to thank them for their support:

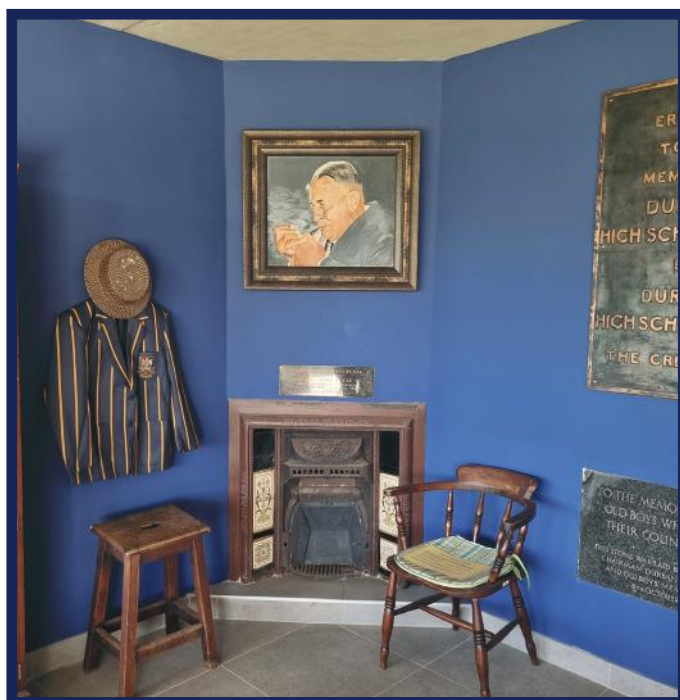
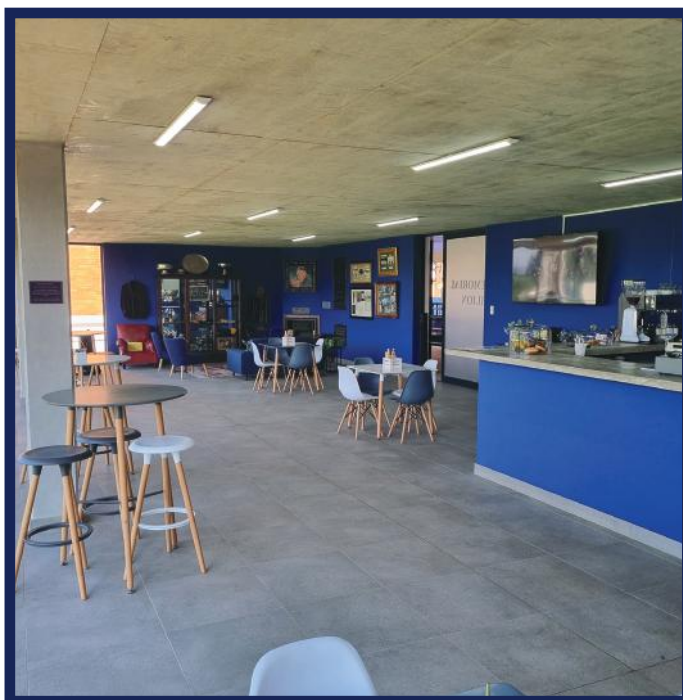
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To the Old Boys. I would like to thank all of those you have contributed to the success of the School in 2023 and onwards into 2024.

A special thank you to Chris Seabrooke for your unwavering support over so many years both personally and financially. The foundation that was set under your leadership has given us the base for the current achievements.

Over the past few years School has laid down a new marker in terms of what a





The Memorial Pavilion



The extension of the Old Science Block begins





Traditional Boys School in South Africa looks like, acts like and delivers both in the classroom and on the sports field. We have moved the line, and now our rivals are trying to catch up.

But it is not enough to move the line, we need to keep going and keep pushing. We have the management team both at the School and at the Foundation to keep moving the line - but we need your support to fuel this energy.

We can see what the efforts of a few can do, imagine what many will achieve!
Deo Fretus

Damian Judge
Chairman of the DHS Foundation Trust

CEO's Report

2023 was a year of many milestones for the DHS Foundation Trust. It was a year when several capital projects were completed, a new bus was purchased for the School and more importantly the generosity and support from our Old Boys throughout the year continued to grow.

In January, the new Grade 8 Dormitory was opened and named in honour of the first Superintendent of the 'New Blackmore' Mr 'Sas' Nourse.

In February, the much-anticipated AstroTurf was opened, and in April the new Memorial Pavilion, which overlooks the Main Field, and, which provides the 'best view in the house', opened.

In May, work began on the Old Science Block where an entirely new floor has been added to accommodate the demand for Cambridge and Non-Pareil education. This facility will open in January 2024.

At the same time, work began on the extension of the Memorial Pavilion, and this was completed in September.

In October, a new School Bus was purchased as there is now a demand for boys from the Upper Highway area to attend DHS. This bus will start operating at the start of the first term in 2024.

In 2023, we hosted three golf days, two over Founders Weekend and our annual Gauteng Old Boys' Golf Day in September. In 2024, we will be adding the Cape Town Golf Day to the list.

Founders Day was again a huge success with 12 signature years celebrating their reunions at DHS. Over 140 Old Boys attended the Old Boys Assembly where the Headboy of 2008, Matt Lane, addressed the Old Boys and School with an extremely moving address.

During the year, Old Boys social gatherings were held in Gauteng, Cape Town, South Coast (Scottburgh) as well as North Coast (Salt Rock). Cape Town Old Boys set the bar with over 55 Old Boys attending the function, and I am hoping that this is just a start and that we can grow our Old Boys support around the country.

None of these projects and or events could take place without the support of our OLD BOYS. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their generous and loyal support of the DHS Foundation. In 2023, I have been truly humbled by the generosity of our Old Boys, and I cannot thank them enough. As I have often said in my numerous addresses, I am honoured and privileged to be in the position I am in, reconnecting with Old Boys but more importantly meeting new Old Boys and I am extremely grateful for their support. Please may it continue and grow in 2024.

Our Old Boys continue to achieve in the business sector, as well as in sports and culture. We are extremely proud of all our Old Boys and would like to congratulate every one of our Old Boys. We are extremely proud of their achievements.

Before I finish, I would like to take a moment and remember the Old Boys who have sadly died in the past year. On behalf of myself and the entire Old Boys community, I would like to express my sincere condolences to loved ones, families and friends who have lost someone very dear to them. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to thank Liezl Basson for all her support during 2023. Liezl has taken care of all the administrative functions of the Foundation, and this has allowed me to network with our Old Boys and more importantly host Old Boys events, which has grown and strengthened the Old Boys once again, Thank you, Liezl.

Damian Judge and the Trustees, thank you all once again for your support, it is very much appreciated. Your support of the School has been immeasurable, and this can be seen by the developments at DHS in 2023. I think that School can be very grateful for your support.

DEO FRETUS

Andrew Shedlock
CEO of the DHS Foundation Trust





Horsefly 'til I die ...



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