

Durban High School

2024



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



At the 2023 AGM, I reflected on the successful year that we had enjoyed, and that it was going to be a hard act to follow. As we come towards the end of this year, I have to doff my cap to the Class of 2024 for an outstanding year and in exceeding the successes of last year.

The year started with the arrival of 240 new Grade 8 boys. This took our overall enrolment to 1050 boys, of which 200 are boarders. This is a significant increase over the past few years and this upward trajectory in numbers has allowed us to increase our Post Provision Norm (PPN), so that we now qualify for a second Deputy Principal as well as an additional Departmental Head. These posts are advertised in the latest Promotion Gazette. Our applications are sitting at record numbers as we are certainly the school of choice. We have accepted 240 boys for 2025. I congratulate the

Marketing and Admissions Office for all their efforts.

I also commend our Finance team for getting another Unqualified Audit (Clean audit) for 2023. This is our sixth clean audit in a row. This is certainly not usual for the education sector, and it is important for parents to know that there are firm financial controls in place and that the finances drive our excellent offering.

With our multi-nodal education offering coupled with our excellent staff, it is notable that when the 2023 NSC results were released, we were the best placed boys' school in our District and placed in the Top 10 overall. Our Mathematics and Physical Sciences results placed us second overall in the Province in terms of the results of the above subjects.

On another note, this year we also congratulated Obert Mupomoki, Adri Sutherland and Natalie Rungan on being conferred their Doctorates. This takes our tally of Academic Doctors to a total of eight.

However, our concern lies with the lack of Academic rigour of our poor performing learners. The lack of parental support in most of these cases has exacerbated their results. It is vital that parents work closely with the school to ensure that their sons achieve excellent results. A Bachelor Pass is the minimum expectation of the school.

On the extra-curricular front, the results have been exceptional for 2024. At our recent Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, over 260 boys were recognised for making representative teams in over 25 different codes. Of this group, 40 boys achieved National selection. Many of our teams are ranked in the Top 10 Schools nationally. I'm also proud of the performances and achievements in other activities, such as our highly acclaimed school production - *Little Shop of Horrors*, the school musicians in a myriad of performances, the debating and public speaking results, Toastmasters achievers, the boys who attained the President's Awards, the winners of the Aqualibrium, as well as the Bridge Building Competition (SAICE), achievers in the various Olympiads, just to name but a few. I thank all the staff and coaches involved in our extensive extra-mural programme for their incredible drive and support.

Further exciting developments this year have been the addition of our next two educational nodes, namely the Brave Generation Academy (BGA) and the Academic Support Centre (ASC), to our offering. The demand for these nodes



next year has already exceeded our expectations and highlights once again our determination to be in the forefront of academic innovation and excellence. There are also discussions taking place for potential future developments with further educational nodes. Watch this space.

While it is important to celebrate all these successes, we need to be aware of the challenges that lie ahead. As the Department of Education faces further financial constraints, so we become more affected. In the near future I

foresee state posts becoming frozen as teachers retire or resign from the Department, and that will put further strain on the finances of the school.

Excellence comes at a cost, and I am grateful to most of the parents for meeting their financial commitments. We need to keep working hard in the upkeep and improvement of our facilities as well as in the retention of our excellent staff. Our staff are certainly highly committed and passionate about their profession.

As the year draws to a close, I thank every single person who has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school. Not only the staff but also the Governing Body, the Foundation, the Old Boys, the parents, as well as donors who have all supported. I thank the whole DHS community for their support and efforts. I ask you not to waiver in your support for 2025. We are all on this remarkable journey together.

A D Pinheiro
15th Head Master



Nonpareil & Cambridge Academy



We entered a new era in 2024 when we moved into our modern, brand-new Academy, atop the oldest block of our grand old DHS. We are grateful to all who made this possible, especially the DHS Trust Foundation, with 14 new classrooms, an auditorium, a boardroom, two offices and ablutions all filled with modern furniture that had us all inspired to do great things throughout 2024. And great things our boys did!

The inspiration extended into their academics, with many students surprising even themselves with the levels to which they rose to. There are too many to list individually, but suffice to say they covered themselves in glory, topping almost all the grades with higher aggregates than they had achieved in previous years, as well as attaining Colours and Honours for their efforts. New learners from mainstream also joined us and soared. It really has been an exceptional year academically. Many of our matriculants have successfully gained acceptance into top universities for degrees in medicine, actuarial science, engineering, computer sciences, business and finance, and veterinarian sciences. We are very proud of these achievements.

The Academy had a very strong intake of Grade 8 learners and it was the first year with three classes which filled our 14 classrooms. These Grade 8 learners are bright, enthusiastic and ready to take on the autonomous learning style of the academy. Some, as per usual, adapted earlier than others and my challenge was on - to coax the desired changeover to independent learning. Many more students started filling the top spots in the grade rankings and all with the desired enthusiasm for learning and heads filled with ideas.

The Academy students also applied their time management and dedication to the areas of expertise outside of their academics. There was excellence in the fields of debating, public speaking, chess, music, water polo, swimming, cricket, rugby, hockey, softball, soccer, karate, basketball, fencing, bridge building and even dabbling on the stock market. All of these extracurricular activities our students participated in, they represented at regional or national level too. A lot to juggle, but time management lessons were key to this.

Our second Harvard representative, Nureldin Mohamed, completed his first year successfully and is filled with many ideas going forward of cures for cancer and HIV. His change from pure

computer science, like his brother Adam, in his fourth year at Harvard, to bio-engineering, adds a different dynamic to his future that has ignited many ideas and partnerships for him. Our current Cambridge A Level students have chosen and successfully been accepted at top universities for medicine, business and law.

Looking forward to 2025, our numbers have grown to 215, with 16 classes, and classes average around 15 learners. Congratulations are due to Mr Obert Mupomoki, who was awarded his PhD in Chemical Engineering and is now Dr Mupomoki. We are very proud of all the hard work he put into his doctorate, as well as his continued efforts and dedication with his students. We also welcome a new Cambridge Business and Economics teacher, Mr Obert Marongedza, who boasts top results nationally from past exams who will teach mainstream, Nonpareil and Cambridge classes.

Grateful thanks to Ms Caroline Harrison who has professionally managed a large part of the Cambridge success in our Examination Centre for Private Candidates. DHS opens its doors to over 100 students in the June and again in the October Cambridge exam series, where students come from near and far to complete their international qualifications alongside our boys in their IGCSE and A Level qualifications.

Thanks to all our teachers who have taught Nonpareil and Cambridge classes for their inspiration, hard work, dedication and often after hours work to ensure they feed into the minds of these students.

C Dickinson
Head of Nonpareil & Cambridge
Academy



Academic Support Centre

The Academic Support Centre (ASC) started in January 2024 as part of the School vision to become a multi-nodal school offering all our boys a programme that fits their educational needs.

Mr Noel Moodley was appointed as Head of ASC and developed a model that would benefit boys with barriers to learning. The programme would be over two years, from Grade 8 to Grade 9, with the boys then being integrated in the mainstream from Grade 10. There would only be 15 boys in the programme.

The January 2024 enrolment was seven boys, and the work began on providing care and support for each boy in managing their barriers to learning. Trained staff developed Individual Support Plans (ISP) for each boy with specific outcomes. These were monitored and concessions and accommodations were made, both for the classroom and exams. The



classroom setup and technology used were geared towards meeting the neurodiverse needs of each learner.

The boys developed gradually but steadily and achieved progress over the year with all boys passing their final exams and entering Grade 9.

The 2024 ASC class had a final number of 14 boys enrolled, double the initial seven, and the interest due to the results

has led to a full class for 2025, and admissions sought for 2026 and 2027.

We are proud of all our boys who persevered amidst their barriers to learning, and of the dedicated staff who go above and beyond the call of duty for our boys. It proved to be a most successful year as ASC grew from strength to strength and augurs well for the future.

N Moodley
Head of ASC

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.

Other courses will hopefully ignite a passion in a career and give them an idea of what it takes to succeed, while some 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, thereby making it relevant to them.

In 2024, the DHS Electives Programme has continued to evolve and develop. This year the programme introduced a wide range of online courses through the Openlearn platform. This gave our boys the opportunity to do over forty different internationally certified

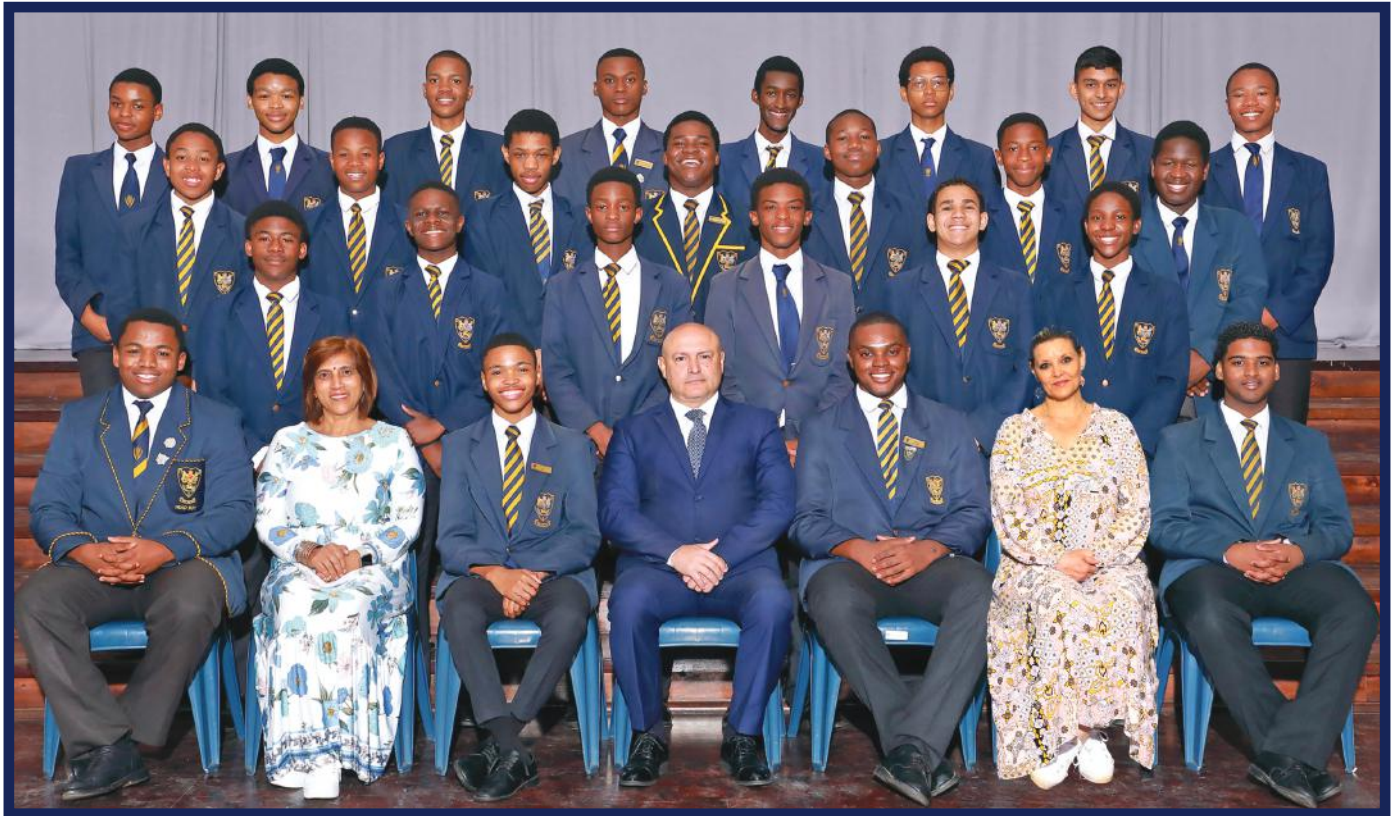
courses. Some of the most popular courses included: The Business of Soccer, Climate Change, Developing Resilience in Sport, Digital skills. These new developments proved to be hugely successful, and we look forward to introducing new courses in 2025.

Finally, I would like to once again thank our Electives partners for allowing us to offer such wonderful courses to our boys. Our partners are:

Open University, Creative Arts College, DUT (Durban University of Technology), Focus Air, VALT Financial Services, Value Corp Training, Mandate Consulting, Dante Languages

B Adam
Head of Electives Programme

School Production - Little Shop of Horrors



Little Shop of Horrors

Front Row (L to R): Unaye Mndau, Ms S Nagiah (Head of Culture), Mholi Malinga, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Sandla Twenani, Ms L Coppin (Director), Colby Bezuidenhout

2nd Row: Sbusiso Ngcobo, Mhlengi Sibisi, Malwande Shandu, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Jesse Miller, Monde Mazibuko

3rd Row: Lwandle Mbatha, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Daniel Ikotela, Sakhi Shibe, Mwezi Mqingwana, Zesizwe Mbongwa

Back Row: Ikho Mdeleni, Nande Daki, Mihle Ndlovu, Mphululi Dimaza, Joshua Haguma, Iminathinkosi Langa, Zahi Chetty, Ngodi Stefane

Absent: Daniel Mayiza, Bandile Cele, Bophelo Zondi, Khwezi Malembe, Mahle Sithole, Ethan Heath, Joshua Heath, Yash Amaidas

In 2020, on my maiden voyage into the world of directing a school production at DHS, I chose the very challenging musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, as my first production to direct at the school.

I auditioned boys and girls for the production, and in March we were super excited to have our first read through of the script. However, the entire world came to a grinding halt as the pandemic hit us and, while we all

hoped that lockdown wouldn't last long and that we would be able to resume rehearsals, sadly this was not to be. My original cast were never able to perform it and we had to abandon the project altogether.

It took some years before theatre was accessible again and it was only last year that I was able to put on a large full-scale musical at school. Although *Little Shop of Horrors* (LSOH) was still on my

mind, I had decided on *Grease* instead because by this time I had realised what an enormously difficult and technical production LSOH was to stage and, to be honest, I didn't have the confidence in myself to pull it off.

Grease was a triumph, and I firmly believe that this hugely successful and well supported production put DHS on the cultural map.





Following this success, I knew that it was going to be quite a feat to reproduce something of the same quality but, after realising the sublime talent that DHS had to offer, I was more than up for the challenge! I was also confident enough now in my ability to revisit LSOH and so, in February 2024, I held auditions over a week for DHS learners, as well as auditioning girls from nearby schools in and around Durban. The turnout was overwhelming and I was thrilled that I was able to find my perfect cast.

We rehearsed from March through to the end of July, working around extra-murals, exams, tours and individual time tables. It was chaotic and extremely difficult scheduling rehearsals around a 48-member cast!

The cast worked tirelessly at night after school and extra-murals, over weekends, as well as throughout the July holidays. I don't think people realise just how much work it takes to pull off a production of this magnitude. I know that I pushed my cast to work hard, but it was only because I knew

their true potential, even if they didn't know it themselves. Along with my amazing creative team, Tory du Plessis, our Musical Director, and Danny Guselli, our choreographer, we worked long hours to achieve my vision. In fact, my cast exceeded my expectations. I was in total awe of what they managed to pull off. I am so immensely proud of each and every cast member, from my chorus to my lead roles.

The show ran for four nights and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive; some even saying we managed to top the previous musical (*Grease*) in 2023 which, to be honest, I wasn't sure was possible.

Directing these talented, committed and enthusiastic youngsters was one of my favourite theatrical experiences that I have had in my 30-plus year career. Getting to know them outside of the classroom and watching them grow in confidence as performers and people has been the most rewarding feeling, and something that I will forever remember and cherish.

Thank you to Mr Pinheiro for his trust in me, as well as his immense support. I would also like to thank the parents of my cast for their enormous support (and petrol!) and for encouraging their children to be involved in the production.

I am so incredibly proud of my cast, and I will always have a special place in my heart for each and every one of them for making this production so uniquely special and memorable.

L Coppin
Director

Cast of Little Shop of Horrors

Lead Roles - Durban High School Boys:

Mholi Malinga	Seymour
Daniel Mayiza	Mr Mushnik
Unaye Mndau	Audrey II (Voice)
Colby Bezuidnehout	Audrey II (Puppeteer)
Sandla Twenani	Orin Scrivello
Iminathi Langa	Customer
Ikho Mdleleni	Mr Bernstein

Monde Mazibuko	Mrs Luce
Emmanuel Mqingwana	Skid Snip
Daniel Ikotela	Patrick Martin

Lead Roles - Girls:

Yzabela Gabrielle Aromin (Crawford LL)	Audrey
Lulekwa Mkhumbuzi (Westville Girls')	Crystal
Caleen Malumbete (Northlands Girls)	Chiffon
Thandiswe Bock (Brettonwood)	Ronnette
Sisanda Buthelezi (Grosvenor Girls')	Pearl
Leah Parry (Durban Girls' College)	Velvet
Anele Mtshali (Our Lady of Fatima)	Sapphire

Chorus/Ensemble - DHS Boys:

Grade 12 - Joshua Haguma, Mphululi Dimaza, Nande Daki, Zesizwe Mbonga
Grade 11 - Bandile Cele, Bophelo Zondi, Khwezi Malembe, Malwande Shandu, Ngodi Stefane
Grade 10 - Jesse Miller, Mhlengi Sibisi, Mihle Ndlovu, Nsikelelo Mpangase
Grade 9 - Lwandle Mbatha, Mwezi Mqingwana, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Sbusiso Ngcobo, Zahi Chetty
Grade 8 - Sakhi Shibe

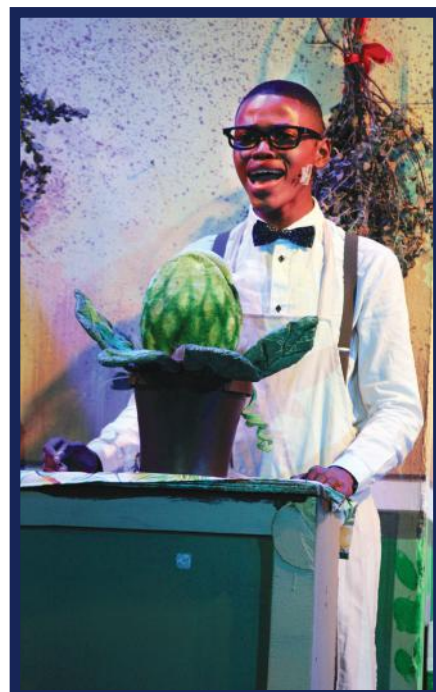
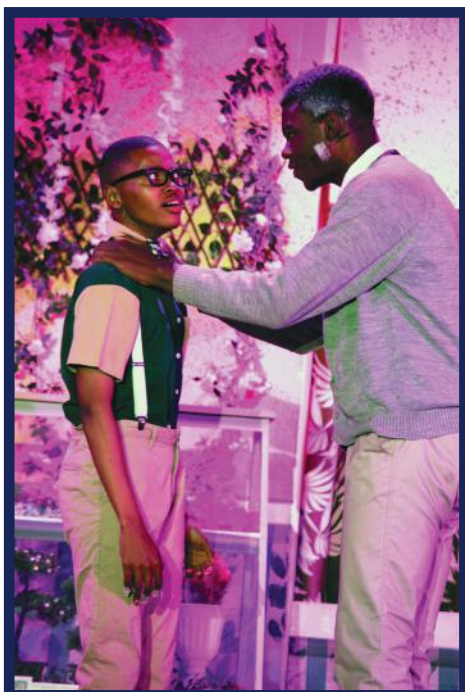
Chorus/Ensemble - Girls:

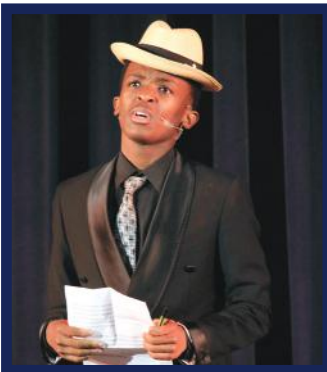
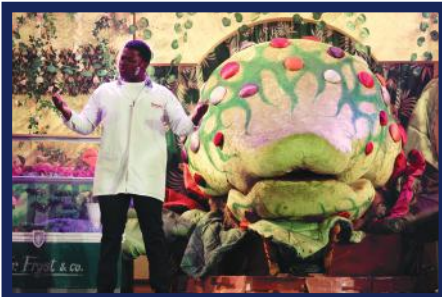
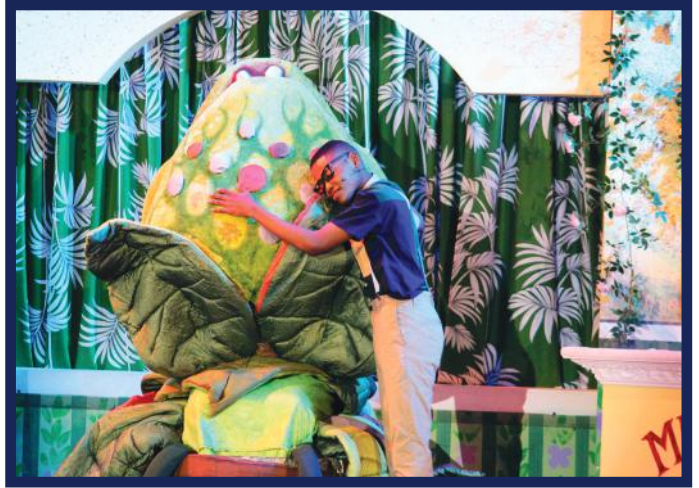
Grade 9 - Akhiwe Msomi (Danville), Danae Erian (DGHS), Kate Fobo (Maris Stella), Mpilwenhle Ndlovu (Maris Stella)

Grade 10 - Evangeline Thomassen (DGHS), Kundai Mushambadope (DGC), Lwandle Luthuli (Maris Stella)
Grade 11 - Anathi Mkhize (Grosvenor Girls'), Keira Thompson (Eden College), Lwandle Memela (Holy Family), Zoe Neethling (Queensburgh Girls')
Grade 12 - Sinothile Mthiyane (DGHS)

Production Team:

Director	Liesl Coppin
Choreographer	Danny Guselli
Musical Director	Tory du Plessis
Sound	Brandon Bunyan
Set	Greg King
Stage Manager	Tatum Teunissen
Assistant Stage Manager	Mahle Sithole





Staff Notes

During the course of 2024 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.

Mr Jean Amisi - Sport
Mr Dylan Botha - Sport
Mr Sibongiseni Cele - Intern
Mr Craig Foord - Educator
Ms Irene Govender - Educator
Mr Keagan Hezlett - Sport
Mr Luke Isemonger - Sport
Ms Lauren Jansen v Rensburg - Marketing
Mr Fabian Lazarus - Sport
Mr Nkululeko Mcuma - Sport
Mr Jeremiah Naicker - Educator
Mr Bernard Ngcongo - Bus Driver
Ms Saloshnie Parmaswar - Educator
Mr Caleb Pillay - Sport
Mr Bivaash Ramroop - Educator
Ms Angelique Selvaruthnam - Educator
Mr Sean Scott - Intern
Mr Mark Smith - Security
Mr Matthew Stride - Intern
Mr Damien Williams - Educator

As is the case every year at any school, we had to say farewell to a few members of staff:

Mr Dylan Botha - Sport
Mr Rikus de Koker van der Sandt - Conditioning
Mr Tristyn Dudas - Educator
Mr Dylan Cronje - Sport
Mr Andre Esterhuizen - Educator
Mr Cameron Goodwin - Sport
Mr Noel Moodley - Deputy Head Master
Dr Adri Sutherland - Educator

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 a successful 2025!





Academic Staff 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr B Green, Mr I Lewis, Ms S Nagiah, Mr S Ngongo, Ms M Vermaak, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Mr G Goodwin, Mr N Moodley, Mr R Smyth, Mr B Adam, Mr S Cele

2nd Row: Ms S Parmaswar, Dr R Salmond, Ms K Nagan, Mr C de Bruin, Ms Z Mtshali, Ms C Dickinson, Ms L Meyiwa, Ms A Selvaruthnam, Ms J Bibin, Ms S Francis, Mr D Ramaya, Dr A Sutherland

3rd Row: Ms B Vorster, Ms P Ngobese, Ms P Sibisi, Ms E Sibisi, Mr R Herd, Mr F Matizakurima, Ms J Kistiah, Mr B Ramroop, Ms M Bisschoff, Mr D Marques, Ms S Daniel, Dr W Rawlinson

4th Row: Dr A McDuling, Mr S Cromie, Mr E Thomas, Mr A Esterhuizen, Mr D Naidoo, Mr S Dubazana, Ms M Watermeyer, Mr T Moodley, Mr A Boodhram, Mr P Botha, Mr K Govindasamy, Ms H Henley

Back Row: Mr D Williams, Ms M Girodo, Mr L Matthysen, Mr T Dudas, Mr R Warren, Mr C Muller, Mr S Bezuidenhout, Mr D Moodley, Mr R Köhne, Mr B Crouch, Mr O Mupomaki, Ms M Subbiah, Mr C Foord

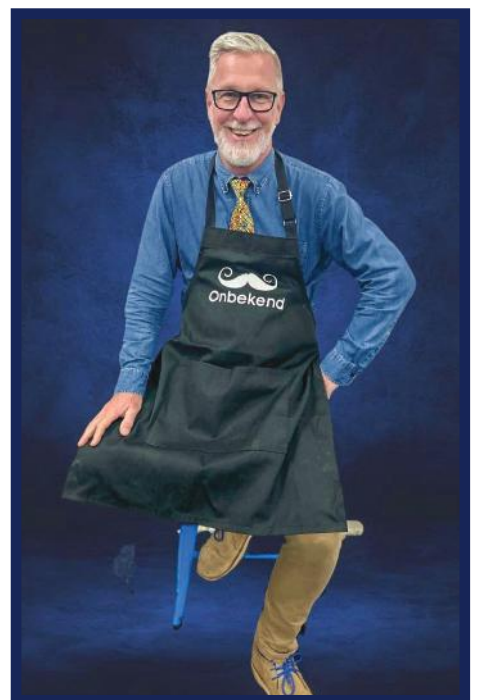
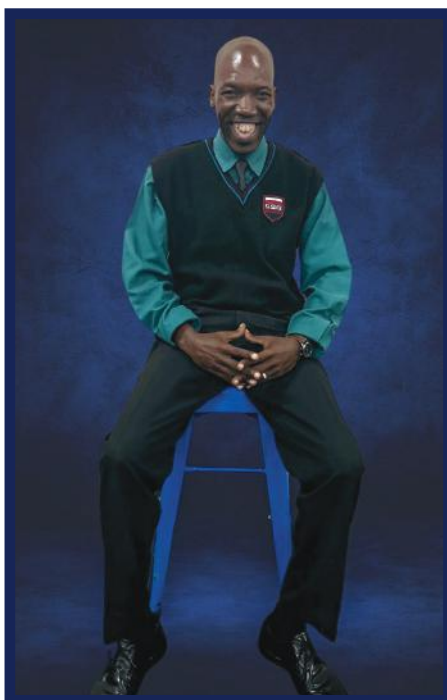


*Celebrating the Ladies of Durban High School
for Women's Day!*



Sport Staff 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr M Pina, Mr F Genade, Mr N Pillay (Director of Sport), Mr S Bezuindenhout, Mr S Mkhalipli
2nd Row: Mr P Engledow, Mr S Kim-Kayembe, Mr J Amisi, Mr T Trenoweth, Mr C Pillay, Mr Z Mkhabela
Back Row: Mr F Lazarus, Mr K Hezlett, Mr R Allerston, Mr C Murphy, Mr D Botha, Mr D Freese



Mr C Mthembu (Security Guard), Mr D Moodley (Educator) and Mr I Lewis (Departmental Head)



Academic Support Staff 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr W Dlamini, Ms S Drew, Mr B Coskey, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Mr D Golan, Mr TT Mthembu, Ms Z Zukulu

2nd Row: Ms N Mkhize, Ms S Coetzee, Ms S Mabija, Ms C Luthuli, Ms T Masikane, Ms S Singh

3rd Row: Ms N Majozi, Ms D Dicks

Back Row: Ms L Whiteley, Mr N Tembe, Mr M Smith, Mr E Nxumalo, Ms L Jansen van Rensburg, Ms A Mtantato



Estate Support Staff 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr P Zulu, Mr N Mdladla, Mr G Aylward, Mr A D Pinheiro (Head Master), Mr N Pillay, Mr T Khumbuzo, Mr J Nxumalo

Back Row: Mr E Swartz, Mr B Ndlovu, Mr L Sibiya, Mr S S Dludla, Mr T Haynes, Mr P Mbhele, Mr E Nxumalo





DHS Staff members wearing black to honour abused women and children during Heritage Week

Farewell to Dr Adri Sutherland

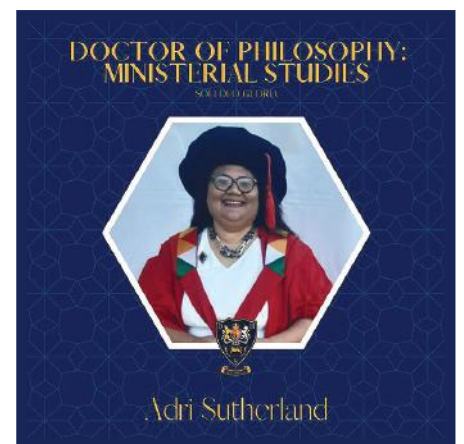
Dr Adri Sutherland joined DHS in January 2015 and spent 10 years at School in the Afrikaans Department. She is also a trained counsellor and counselled a number of boys, who would just pop into her classroom and chat to her. She also assisted many staff members with her wise words and support.

Dr Sutherland was always willing to go the extra mile. In recent years, she was very involved with the Grade 9 GEC. She typed a lot of notes and put together quite a few of the booklets that are used for the Grade 8s and 9s in the Afrikaans Department. The exam papers that she set were always relevant to the boys of DHS because the articles she used for comprehension or summary were about our boys performing out there on the sports fields.

Over the years, Dr Sutherland has been in charge of the RCL and Community Service. While she was at DHS, she graduated with a PhD degree in Ministerial Studies - Doctor of Philosophy in Theology : Ministerial Studies.

She is a deeply religious person and this shone through in her every day actions. She was very involved in her church community and lead retreats and workshops.

"Now that both your boys are living their own lives, you and Andrew can have some valuable time together. We hope the girls at your new school appreciate you as much as our boys did, and that you get along with them after teaching just boys for 10 years!"



Dr Sutherland was a valuable member of our Afrikaans Department. Thank you very much for your contribution to the department, Adri. We wish you well at your new school.

M Bisschoff
Friend and Colleague

Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony



Top 3 in Grade 12

Xanda Theologo (3rd), Connor Rixon (Dux), Keshan Pillay (2nd)

DHS held its annual Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony on Friday, 11 October 2024 and, as usual, it proved to be a prestigious event which not only recognised the exceptional academic achievements of our Grade 12 Learners, but also show-cased the talent of our musicians and school choir. The event was celebrated by special guests, the proud parents and families of our prize-winners and, of course, the dedicated staff members who have played a fundamental role in ensuring that the young men being celebrated were able to realise their full potential in the classroom throughout the year.

Mphululi Dimaza (one of our Deputy Head Prefects for 2024) opened the ceremony with an insightful reading which reflected on the values, resilience, commitment and passion expected of

DHS Learners, and particularly how these attributes are essential to academic success - in any institution and on any level. Dr Kim de Vasconcellos (Class of 1996), our Guest of Honour, later went on to elaborate on how learners are able to nurture a 'successful attitude' towards life - an approach to studying and career development which makes achievement possible. His message was simple. Yes, he was fortunate enough to have benefited from his time as a Learner at DHS, but that his success always came from his own commitment to excellence and the standards he set for himself.

He spoke of hard work, developing a strategy towards life which almost guarantees success, team work, self-discipline and living by a set of sound values.

Assisted by Mr Lewis and Ms Henley, a number of Merit Certificates, Academic Subject Awards and Special Awards were handed to deserving recipients by Dr de Vasconcellos who were clearly proud of what they had achieved, as were their parents and family members. The Ceremony certainly lived up to expectations, especially in terms of publicly reinforcing the school's commitment to ensuring their learners are supported in achieving results at an often unexpectedly high level. The ceremony was an inspiration to those younger Learners invited to attend and certainly set the standards for their own successes in 2025.

Joshua Loots was awarded the Cambridge International Dux Award, while Connor Rixon was the much-deserved recipient of the C G Hand





School Dux Connor Rixon (left) and Cambridge Dux Joshua Loots (right) with Guest Speaker, Dr K de Vasconcellos

Memorial Prize as the Dux Award for being the top academic achiever in 2024. The traditional Changing of the Guard Ceremony (the announcement of the new Head Prefect for 2025) was clearly a popular choice - an emotional moment as Unaye Mndau (head Prefect for 2024) announced the new Head Prefect for 2025 and handed the Head Prefect's Blazer to Kirk Wilson who graciously accepted the honour and responsibility that would come with his new role in the school going forward.

We wish the class of 2024 the opportunity to make dreams come true as they venture forth to tertiary study, travel or in the careers they choose to pursue. As much as we will not forget them, we hope they will never forget the special moments they shared with peers and teachers at DHS

M Vermaak
Senior Prize-Giving Co-Ordinator

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

Major Awards

C G Hands Memorial Prize - Dux:

Connor Rixon

Cambridge Assessment International
Education Prize - Dux:

Joshua Loots

G B Lapinsky Prize - Dux Proxime
Accessit:

Keshan Pillay

Kessel Feinstein Prize - Third in Grade
12:

Xanda Theologo

Special Awards

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

Unaye Mndau

John Adam Tollman Memorial Trophy
for Outstanding Achievement in the Art
of Music:

Luvuyo Mkhize

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

Unaye Mndau

Devi Rajab Cultural Award for the Top
Performer in his Field: Xanda Theologo

Rotary Award in Memory of Geoff Mace
for Outstanding Involvement in Extra-
Mural Drama: Ikho Mdleleni

Geoff Mace Award for Excelling in
Sport, Academics and Cultural Aspects
at School: Unaye Mndau

Christopher Wells Award in Memory
of Christopher Wells for Excellence in
Sport and Culture: Mahle Sithole

Stephen Mulholland Prize for Wide
Involvement in the Cultural Aspect of
School: Daniel Mayiza

L C W Theobald Award for the Captain
of Cricket: Semal Pillay

Ernie Theunissen Award for the Captain
of Rugby: Duncan Basson

Sportsman of the Year:
Ntokozo Maphumulo



Leadership Award Winners

Hendrik Bezuidenhout (Shaun Gray Leadership Award), Unaye Mndau (Head Prefect) and Mphululi Dimaza (RCL Chairman)

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

Unaye Mndau

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

Hendrik Bezuidenhout

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

Unaye Mndau

Patel Family Award for the RCL Chairman:

Mphululi Dimaza

George Armstrong Award for the Head Prefect of School:

Unaye Mndau

Grade 12 Academic Prizes

Chris Seabrooke Prize for Music:

Unaye Mndau

Tim Wells Prize for Dramatic Arts:

Ikho Mdeleleni

Allan Turton Prize for Visual Arts:

Sibongakonke Diko

Ladies Committee Prize for Visual Arts Practical:

Tylor Visser

Prize for Business Studies:

Xanda Theologo

Eddie Corlett Prize for Accounting:

Darius Phali

Buxton Family Prize for Economics:

Xanda Theologo

'SAS' Nourse Prize for Geography:

Connor Rixon

A W Mclver Prize for History:

Joshua Haguma

Subject Prize for Life Orientation:

Xanda Theologo

DHS O N T Downes Prize for Information Technology:

Keshan Pillay

Association Prize for Engineering Graphics & Design:

Taresh Naidoo

Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy

Tahj Salick

W I Knight Prize for Mathematics:

Connor Rixon

D C & E V Thompson Prize for Life Sciences:

Keshan Pillay

G J Armstrong Prize for Physical Sciences:

Connor Rixon

Innocent Chamane Prize for isiZulu First Additional Language:

Bongokuhle Madonda

Niekie Gerber Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language:

David Snyman

Bill Payn Prize for English Home Language:

Connor Rixon

Merit Certificates:

Grade 12 Learners who achieved "A" aggregates in 2024:

Zayyaan Ahmed, Zayd Aniff, Hendrik Bezuidenhout, Phila Gwamanda, Zakariyya Hansa, Marnu Koekemoer, Neo Mokhomo, Kearen Naidoo, Nevaal Naidoo, Taresh Naidoo, Darius Phali, Keshan Pillay, Agcina Quvane, Connor Rixon, William Ronnie, Joshua Smith, David Snyman, Jordan Soodyall, Brandon Steyn, Xanda Theologo



Address by Head Master - Mr A D Pinheiro

Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to the Senior Prize-Giving ceremony of the Class of 2024. Thank you to Dr Kim de Vasconcellos for being our special guest at this special occasion. Mr Lewis has already formally welcomed everyone here so, with all protocols observed, let me delve straight into my thoughts.

This past year has been by many standards a highly successful one for DHS. The depth and breadth of achievements is certainly to be admired. These achievements would not be possible without the teamwork required from various constituents. I thank all involved. Thank you to the parents for your support of the school and your sons. Thank you to all our staff - and here I include security staff, drivers, ground, maintenance, cleaning, sports and cultural, finance and administration, and last but not least our academic staff. Your incredible commitment and dedication is commendable. Thank you to my SMT and Exco team for your support and robust discussions.

All for the benefit of our Boys. Thank you to my PA, Mr Dlamini, for managing my office. It's probably the riskiest job in the school and probably should be allocated danger pay. Thank you to donors, sponsors and Old Boys who support the school and the boys. Thank you to the Foundation for your incredible support of the school. You have made a difference in the growth of the school. Finally, thank you to Ms Vermaak and her team for today's prize-giving. The show cannot go on without meticulous planning behind the scenes and I thank the whole team for their efforts.

As I said earlier, we have achieved much this year and I want to touch on some points, but more pointedly I want to touch on these successes from the viewpoint of the educational journey that we are currently on, a journey of reshaping education.

When measuring our Academic results, both overall and in gateway subjects, it is notable that we are regarded amongst the top performing schools nationally. Our boys continuously achieve exceptional results in the top end and there is a determined drive for boys to attain a minimum of a Bachelors Pass. While this is obviously meritorious, I believe it is the achievements of the boys in areas such as the Bridge Building Competition, Aqualibrium Competition, Public Speaking Platforms, Toastmasters Courses, Presidents Awards, Debating, Olympiad results in various subjects and so forth that deserves attention. It talks to opportunities for multiple intelligences. Equally impressive have been the achievements of the boys in both the cultural and sporting spheres. Listening to the level of play of our musicians in various forums, including today's performance, and the quality of our school play "The Little Shop of Horrors" amongst others; it is notable that we not only offer Cultural pursuits but offer them at a similar level expected of professional performers. Reading each term, the activities and results of the cultural pursuits, suggests the healthy environment that exists at DHS for the boys to demonstrate their array of intelligences. The performances of the boys on the sporting front is equally admirable, with our various teams in the various codes regularly ranked in the Top 10 ranked teams in South Africa. This was punctuated at

our recent Sports and Culture Awards Ceremony where over 250 boys were recognised for making representative teams, of which over 40 boys attained National recognition.

The support of parents, Old Boys and donors has allowed us to develop and encourage these levels of performance. Without this support the boys would not have been provided the platform to showcase their talents.

It is, however, imperative that we all recognise that we need to continue raising the bar in all spheres. We need to do this because at no time in our recent history in our nation, has the need been higher for their intelligences. In the past, intelligence was defined by the outdated measurement of IQ tests. Recently, renowned Harvard psychologist, Howard Gardner, pioneered multiple intelligences. The realisation is that different people have different strengths and abilities that show distinct and different intelligences. Gardner defined 8 intelligences but there is an understanding that there are more. He categorized them as:

1. Linguistic intelligence - ability to think in words and use language to express complex meanings.
2. Logical-mathematical intelligence - ability to calculate, quantify, consider, hypothesise and perform complex mathematical operations.
3. Spatial intelligence - ability to think three dimensionally, perceive imagery, recreate, transform or modify images, navigate oneself and objects through space and produce and decode graphic information.





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4. Bodily Kinesthetic intelligence - ability to manipulate objects and fine tune physical skills.
5. Musical intelligence - ability to distinguish and create pitch, melody, rhythm and tone.
6. Interpersonal intelligence - ability to interact effectively with others.
7. Intrapersonal intelligence - ability to construct an accurate self-perception and to use this knowledge in planning and directing one's life.
8. Naturalist intelligence - ability to observe patterns in nature, identify and classify objects and understand natural and human made systems.

So how is this related to teaching and learning? When educational approaches are aligned with learners' intelligences or aptitudes, understanding can come more easily and with more enthusiasm. Learning becomes more intrinsically motivating.

In my opinion, inclusive education is not about providing environments to cope

in, but rather to provide environments that maximise various intelligences.

The DoE's attitude to learner centric approaches is also flawed. No teacher can effectively teach each and every learner each and every concept according to their individual needs, in the same environment.

Not in a class of 30 learners and, if reports are to be believed, with the budgetary constraints of the DoE the class sizes may become even larger. We know that every child learns in a different way and we need to make learning intrinsically motivating for each child. The best way to making schooling intrinsically motivating is to customise education to match the way each child best learns.

However, the DoE is fixated with standardisation in teaching and testing, and standardisation clashes with the need for customisation in learning. I am reminded of Albert Einstein's quote as follows: "Everybody is a genius. But if

you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

To introduce customisation, schools need to move away from the monolithic instruction of batches of learners and move toward a modular student-centric approach. If we agree that we all learn differently and that learners need customised pathways and paces to learn, why do the decision makers want to standardise the way schools teach and the way that they test?

I believe we need to look at three aspects that potentially hinder this modular or, as I often refer to it as, multi-nodal approach. Firstly, the expectations and requirements of the DoE in relation to schools must also be modular. All schools are different. One size does not fit all.

Secondly, teachers need to see that their role today is different to that of the teacher when they were once learners at school. While we are all aware that

technology has disrupted the way we work, live and play, we also need to be aware that disruption in education is already taking place widely around the world and it is not only based on the use of technology in the classroom. And this is perhaps where I disagree with Clayton Christensen in that he believes that technology should be the primary driver of the disruption of education. I, however, believe that it is in the role of the educator and in the pedagogical approaches where the real positive disruption is, and can take place.

The most successful Business School today is the Harvard Business School and in their case method of study the teacher asks the questions and the students do the teaching. As teachers we need to understand that the way we teach is underlined by our own unique and dominant intelligences and strengths. We are unconsciously incompatible with boys with different intelligences and strengths when we utilise traditional teaching methods. Our role has to be different.

The third aspect that hinders the multi-nodal/modular approach is the interdependent architecture of schools which fosters standardisation. Modularity allows for customisation/

learner centric approach, so the solution is to move to a modular/multi-nodal approach in schools.

So now, why this long reflection on the disruption of education? At the start I spoke about the successes of our boys. There is no doubt that there has been a marked improvement the last few years in the achievements of the boys. This is not perchance. This is not only a result of our decision to drive excellence but, also, to lead the change, lead the disruption in education. We have worked with the DoE, and around them, to initiate this disruption. In fairness, the officials above us both at circuit as well as district level have in reality been very supportive and I commend them.

Six years ago, we started our modular/ multi-nodal approach to schooling and we have since then introduced modular spaces such as the Nonpareil Academy, Cambridge Academy, NewBridge Tertiary Institution, Swales Online Academy and, as of this year, we have introduced the Academic Support Centre as well as the Brave Generation Academy. Both of these latest modular/nodal environments are already highly sought after for next year but, more importantly, provide further environments for boys to

showcase their abilities, talents and intelligences. Our unique and extensive Electives Programme also furthers the opportunities for greater success and development. Many of our teachers are embracing their evolving roles and those that are, are certainly becoming more impactful in the boys' lives. And, we are slowly but surely also changing the architecture of our school to reflect this modular/multi-nodal approach.

We have had incredible successes this year that we can rightly be proud of, but our greatest success lies in that we are providing a school, a place, a home where every individual is catered for, can realise their potential, talent and intelligences and in due course become a better person and meaningfully make their community a better place.

Last year I ended off with an Abraham Lincoln quote. Please allow me license to reword this quote:

"I like to see a man proud of the school he grew in. I like to see a man live so that his school will be proud of him."

I wish the Class of 2024 all the best.

A D Pinheiro
15th Head Master



*DHS Musicians
performing at
the Senior Prize-
Giving Ceremony*

Address by Guest Speaker - Dr K de Vasconcellos

Good Morning, and thank you Mr Pinheiro for inviting me here today. Thank you to the teachers, parents, dignitaries and especially the boys for having me here on this important day.

It's 28 years since I last sat where you are sitting and it's wonderful to see the school looking so good. Old people usually say things were better in their day, well our slang definitely was, seriously "No Cap", "Skibidi", "Rizz" are just bad... but your school is looking amazing and seems to be going from strength to strength. You are very fortunate.

I generally imagine that a guest speaker at a day like this should be someone famous, preferably a Springbok rugby player who single-handedly wrestled a flock of tigers to death in the Serengeti. You might have to excuse the liberties that I have taken with this example but the point is that you might be asking, as I did, why am I here? I can only assume that someone, other than just my mother, thought "that guy seems successful", and suggested inviting me. While I have had successes, as we all have, I don't think of myself as successful yet. But I do think about success, and so I that's what I'm going to talk to you about today. I asked my boys (they are in Grade 4 and 6 at DPHS) what they thought I should share with you. They said I should tell you about important things that I've learnt in my life... ok, that's fine... but they also said that, whatever I do I, must not tell you a Dad joke. So, because you should never let your kids boss you around...I will give 10 points to whoever can answer this question correctly: why is it so windy at a DHS rugby match? Because there are

a lot of fans! Anyway, so no stand-up for me. Back to success.

So, some of you are successful and some of you aren't! Well, that's what you might believe or even have been told. But that's incorrect on a number of levels and we need to give some thought to what success is, actually.

Firstly, success is personal. We all look at success differently. I encourage all of you to spend time thinking about what success in life would mean to you.

Success is often thought of as achievements: A aggregate, first team cricket, a degree - and those are all achievements and must be celebrated - but success is so much broader:

It is about finding joy and purpose in your life.

It is about achieving physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being and balance.

It is about relationships and how we make people feel.

It is about overcoming setbacks, persevering and growing stronger.

Above all else, it is about making a positive impact on the world.

Success is also, importantly, a journey and not a single destination. We might have successes and failures along the way but we are never done with the journey: even after we die a legacy can live on indefinitely.

So what are the keys to success? The most important is sitting right there: and that's you! I often hear people say that someone is naturally talented, athletically gifted, has a photographic memory or things along those lines. Yes, some people have certain advantages and disadvantages. For example, I am not built to be a Durban-July-winning

jockey or a Springbok lock but, other than these extreme examples, our potential is almost always greater than our achievements. You have the potential to excel in more ways than you can even begin to realise. So how do you do that? I've excelled academically, and because I'm a doctor I know how the body works, so you would think that I must know the secret...and I do. I'm going to share it with you. The secret is... hard work. Some of you already know this, but for others it's a bit of an anticlimax I suspect. There really is no short cut.

Many people have described this in different ways. A famous golfer said that the more he practices the luckier he gets. Malcolm Gladwell talked about needing 10 000 hours of practice to become an expert in a field. I have definitely put in 10 000 hours to become an expert in my field. I remember leading up to exams where I would start studying at 6am, study for 40 minutes, have a break for 20 minutes and repeat, taking an hour for a walk in the afternoon and 30 minutes for supper, and working till 10 or 11 at night and then repeating, day after day. I sacrificed many parties, movies and sports events. At medical school I had the opportunity to play decent club cricket but had to sacrifice that because of the time constraints. On a whole different level, Shane Warne, who some say is the greatest spinner ever, is often thought of as a party animal but behind that exterior was a focussed machine of a cricketer. He had one drill where he would put a small coin on the pitch and would bowl over and over by himself until he had hit the coin a certain number of times. This would sometimes add hours to his practice, but he would not stop until he achieved





Multiple award winner of the day, Unaye Mndau (left) and Sportsman of the Year, Ntokozo Maphumulo, with Guest Speaker, Dr K de Vasconcellos

the goal. In cycling it is often said that the difference between the winner of an event like the tour de France and the rest is the ability to suffer. At a point, our bodies start to complain and feel pain when we push them. This point is usually quite far from our maximum effort but it is a protective mechanism to stop us pushing too much. Most top cyclists do a similar amount of training and have similar performance stats. The one that can handle suffering the most gets closest to his maximum potential and is thus most likely to win. So, your final exams are coming up soon. There is still time to push and to push yourself to new heights. Putting in your hardest work yet and making short-term sacrifices will be worth it.

I must just mention though, that sometimes the path to success is not straightforward. In second year of medical school, you learn about human anatomy in great detail. As part of that you are assigned a cadaver, which is a dead body, that you will dissect for the year. We had a book that described exactly how you would prepare and dissect each part of the body. One day we were dissecting the abdomen

and had to remove and prepare the intestines. The book said that once you have removed the bowel you need to attach one end to a tap and flush it out. No-one else seemed bothered to do this, but I was determined to do it right. So I attached my cadavers bowel to the tap, and turned the tap on, and nothing happened, so I turned the tap higher, and nothing happened, this was odd, so I turned the tap up more. As I looked away to ask my colleague their opinion, I heard a scream and, before I knew it, I was covered from head to toe in grey-brown sludge. Apparently, our cadaver had a blockage in his bowel. So sometimes, instead of success, hard work gets you covered in poo, but any failure is temporary and you must never give up. I got the prize for anatomy that year, and I don't think it was just because I gave the professors the biggest laugh of their careers.

The other key to success is strategy. Elephants are my favourite animals. One of my greatest pleasures is being in the bush watching a herd of elephants doing their thing. They are very special, but now I want to talk about eating one. One of my favourite mantras is

“how do you eat an elephant?” Any ideas? It's easy, one bite at a time. What this means is that any task, even a seemingly impossibly huge one, can be accomplished by working at it bit by bit. I use this for my masters students when they need to do their first research project: they freak out and want to write the protocol, do the literature review, learn statistics, get ethics approval, create the data collection sheet, and get funding - all at once, and they get in an absolute tizz and feel it is an impossible task. By breaking it down into manageable goals, each one of them goes on to get their research done and their masters degree awarded. We all have elephants we need to eat. Take time and breathe and come up with your strategy and keep working at it.

The other tip that helps when it comes to eating elephants, is team work. The more people helping, the quicker you get rid of that pesky pachyderm. Most of you probably know of Max Verstappen. He's a 3-times Formula 1 world champion, and was racing in F1 before he could legally get his driver's licence. I think he's the best F1 driver of this generation but he would not be

where he was today without his team: a father who was also a Formula 1 driver, the best car designer in Adrian Newey and a pit crew that can change 4 tires in 1.9 seconds. Whether we realise it or not, and whether we like it or not, we will always do better as part of a team. As you sit here now you all have a team. This may be parents, teachers, coaches, and friends. You might not realise how important they are to you, and you may not even like them at times but, as you go through life, never forget about your team and please remember to show gratitude to your team.

The next key to your success is here, all around you: Durban High School. You have been given the most amazing platform to succeed by the fact that you came to school here. There are too many famous old boys to mention. There are cricket greats like Hashim Amla, future rugby greats like Phepsi Buthelezi, academic giants like Aaron Klug who won a Nobel Prize in chemistry, and artists like Fernando Pessoa who is the Portuguese equivalent of Shakespeare. These boys were all shaped by the school and, realise it or not, you too have been indelibly moulded by DHS.

The impact of your school on your life and chance of success is huge. In a very interesting book called *Criconomics*, the authors present data that shows that the most important predictor of whether or not you are going to play cricket for your country is what high school you went to. In a South African context, DHS is the leading producer of South African cricketers. Enough said. Earlier I mentioned Malcolm Gladwell and needing 10 000 hours of practice to become an expert. What he didn't mention is that the research that this was based on focused on what is called deliberate practice, which is focused work under the guidance of an expert teacher. And this is where the difference arises at a school like DHS: excellence attracts excellence, and whether in the

classroom or on the sports field, you are privileged to have expert guidance by excellent teachers. To this day I appreciate the impact of many of my teachers at DHS. I will only mention two that are no longer with us.

Mr Cowgill was a biology teacher, with a sharp wit and no-nonsense approach. He inspired a love for the natural world in me but also viciously (in my mind) deducted marks from my biology tests when he struggled to read my writing. This taught me to pay attention to detail though. I maintain that I eventually won the battle by becoming a doctor, where bad handwriting is almost essential.

The other teacher is Mr Mace, an inspiring English teacher. He introduced our class to the movie *Dead Poet's Society*, which we studied as a set work. A quote from the movie has stayed with me ever since and has influenced my life in many ways: "I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life. To put to rout all that was not life; and not, when I had come to die, discover that I had not lived".

The other benefit to attending a school such as this, is the community that you are now part of. From a personal perspective I grew up poor. I remember looking for coins down the side of the couch at the end of the month so we could buy bread and milk. My mother used to drop me at school in our ancient green Ford Sierra. This was literally the ugliest car ever, and to make matters worse it roared - not a Ferrari roar, but the roar of an angry asthmatic tractor. But I was fortunate enough to attend DHS. Twenty-eight years ago, almost to the day I sat in this hall and a very wealthy old boy was a guest at this prize-giving. The guest was impressed by my academic achievements and possibly felt sorry for me after seeing the ugly green Sierra, and after the assembly he approached me and offered to pay for

my entire university tuition. He gave me the best start to a career that anyone could hope for. This is just one story, but the community is powerful and is an asset to you as you go through life.

So far, I've focused on achievement-based success, but as I said at the start, success is so much more than that. Because it is only really now that we are looking at success more holistically I can't share facts and figures on these other aspects of success but let me share some anecdotes that may help you going out into the world.

You learn a lot from your failures, probably more than from your successes. One failure from school still bothers me. One of the boys in our grade was bullied throughout his school career. He went on to have a very difficult life after school. I was not one of the bullies but, looking back, I regretted that I didn't stand up for him and didn't befriend him and help him out of the situation. There is a famous quote that "the only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing". So, please actively treat people well, be kind and stand up for those less fortunate than you. Never underestimate what a little act of kindness can mean to someone.

I studied at UKZN medical school, which was historically the only medical school for so-called non-white doctors. I was one of the first white doctors to train there. It was clear that some senior doctors did not want me there though. This hurt because I knew that my principles were very different from what they assumed. After some introspection, I understood why they felt the way they did though and my decision was to persevere, to make sure that I lived my values and showed that I was fair, hard-working and respectful. One of my happiest moments came years later when one of the fearsome professors phoned me about a patient



and said "I am phoning you because I trust you as a person and doctor". I knew then that I had earned his respect over the years. So, you will face people who don't like you. The first thing is to introspect and make sure that it is not because of something that you are doing wrong. If it is not, then the best approach is to be true to yourself and your values and earn their respect. Sometimes success comes in persevering and building relationships.

Up to now, I don't think I said anything too controversial but what I am going to say may upset some parents and teachers, but I need to be honest with you. Success is as much about achievements as having meaning and purpose and achieving well-being and balance in your life. In my work in ICU, 25% of patients die despite everything we do for them. So I have seen a lot of people dying and a lot who have been at the brink of death and survived. I can tell you that not one of these patients has ever said they worked too little, or regretted spending too much time with their families. No-one has ever woken up asked about their business first. Almost everyone asks about their loved ones... and the rest ask if they can have a cigarette.

There are a four moments that influenced my life that I briefly want to share with you to illustrate decisions on well-being and balance.

The first happened when I was trying to decide which university to go to. At the time many said Bloemfontein had the best medical school and it seemed obvious that I needed to go to there. A month before I was due to leave for the bustling metropolis of Bloemfontein, I was sitting on the grass at Kingsmead cricket stadium, watching some long-forgotten provincial match. It was a beautiful humid Durban summer's day, and in a moment I changed my plans. I decided to stay in Durban and attend

the far less well recognised UKZN medical school and I have never looked back. University (and so many other aspects of life) is what you make of it. Going to a less well-known University has never held me back, I have had job offers from around the world and have had every opportunity to progress; but more importantly I was happy, I met my future wife and mother of my 2 children, expanded my world view and a grew so much as a person. So don't be afraid to make less popular choices or choose the road less travelled.

The next few years are also about solidifying who you are as a person. Finding your true self is a success. Don't be afraid to try new things. I assume I felt the need to rebel against the DHS dress code when I went to 'Varsity, so for a while I had long bleached blonde hair and purple contact lenses. It was the height of rave culture and I paired this with luminous mesh tops and shiny nylon pants. I claim this irresistible look is why my wife chose to marry me: weirdly she just shudders and walks off when I say this to her. Anyway, don't be afraid to live life and explore new things. Just please do so safely. The biggest cause of death in young men is young men. In my job I don't judge anything that someone chooses to do but scientifically I can tell you that there are no safe street drugs, there is no safe way to speed on the roads and there is no safe way to drink and drive. Please think of your team and find yourself safely.

Another example of finding joy and achieving balance was in 2010: the soccer World Cup was in South Africa but I was also due to write my final anaesthetic specialist exams. These exams are gruelling, and the workload is crazy. In the years before, I had won the medals for the preliminary exams and my head of department was very excited that I was going to win the medal for the final exam. So, I did what

any sensible person would do - I went to all the World Cup matches I could get tickets for and didn't win the medal. Now this wasn't a sudden emotional decision. I weighed up the amount of work I would need to do and realised I could attend the matches and pass but not win the medal. So I made a reasoned decision to attend what was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I knew that there were no consequences for my career, and I explained my decision to my HOD. Once again, I am happy with the decision. Now don't use what I have said as an excuse not to put in the hard work, but bear in mind that success in life is more than coming first in an exam or getting into a sports team. On that topic: while preparing for these exams some trainees start to avoid work to study and it can become quite unpleasant as people clamber over each other to get to the top. I made a decision early on that I would treat people fairly and would find time to study in my own time. Funnily enough, that is one of the things in my career that I am most proud of and if I have to give another piece of advice it is that it is not worth compromising your values to get to the top.

I have one last story on balance in life and then I will round up. In 2020, the first wave of COVID was starting to really hit and I was stressed and run down. On a Saturday morning, I was at work in ICU. I had a headache and my vision went a bit funny but it seemed like a migraine and settled fairly quickly. At 2pm I went to do a ward round and, at some point, fell over onto the junior doctors next to me. I wasn't fully there and couldn't stand but was insisting that I was fine and wanted to finish the ward round. Anyway, I was whisked off to hospital and had scans of my brain and neck and it was found that I had torn my carotid artery on the right: this is the artery that supplies most of the blood to your brain and I was close to having a massive stroke. I was put on blood thinners,



spent a few days in hospital, felt fine and insisted on going back to work the next week. The doctor wanted to book me off for 6 weeks, but I insisted I was needed at work. So the next week I was back at work and was on call for the ICU and sure enough I fell over again. To cut a long story short the blood thinners weren't working properly, and I went back to hospital and had them changed and recovered again. This time my wife and the doctors insisted I stay off for 6 weeks.

Those 6 weeks were very important for me. I had to let go of my feelings of guilt for leaving my colleagues to fight the pandemic and for the first time in my life I had to focus on relaxing and living life slowly. It also helped me come

to terms with what was important to me. Family and your health comes first. After 5 weeks (I know it wasn't 6 but it was close enough) I went back to work. My wife had pleaded with me to cut back on things, but I realised I love what I do, I love treating patients and teaching and doing research. What I had to learn was to manage my stress better and not sweat the small stuff. In 2021 I had another scan and my carotid had healed. For years I had been thinking of doing a couple of trips, but the time had never seemed right. Two weeks after the scan my family and I drove up Sani Pass for the first time, in June of that year we spent a week off the grid in the Kgalagadi and later we camped in the desert in Morocco. It certainly wasn't fighting off tigers in

the Serengeti but for me it was close. I had learnt the importance of living and really embracing life.

So, if there is any message from me to you today it is live your life to the full. To paraphrase the quote from earlier: live deep and suck out all the marrow of life. Put to rout all that is not life. You have everything you need for a successful journey through life. There is untapped ability and strength within you and DHS has given you a wonderful foundation for success. Work very hard but don't forget to play hard too. And develop a taste for elephant.

Dr Kim de Vasconcellos
Class of 1996



*Merit Award Winners (above) and
Cultural Activities Award Winners
(left)*

Address by Head Prefect - Unaye Mnadu



Good Morning, Mr Pinheiro, Distinguished Guests, Parents, Staff and last, but not least, the Class of 2024.

It feels like just yesterday I was trying to figuring out what lesson I had after break. And now, here I am, Head Boy, giving you my last official address ... and still I'm unsure on what lesson I would have after this!

Looking back, it's hard not to smile. There were moments when I seriously doubted my ability to get through a week, like the time I had to juggle prefect duties, music, rugby, the production and somehow pretend I wasn't hopelessly lost in every single maths class. But I'm not going to lie, the one thing that I have learnt here at DHS is that whatever happens, just keep moving forward.

Many have asked me "How did you do it? How were you able to juggle music, rugby, drama while also keeping your academics on par?" And my simple answer then to them was "just put your head down and just do it". Which was not wrong. You never know your potential until you reach it; but looking back there are two things that were life lessons which helped me at the end of the day.

First, many would not believe it when I say this, but I failed Grade 2 and

that feeling of failure, not being good enough, not only broke me, but also fuelled something inside - a hunger to never feel like that ever again, especially in academics. Secondly is that before, and even during my time here in DHS, my parents went through a very horrible divorce where I would hear fighting on a daily basis, my mother and my siblings crying while suffering though depression and anxiety. Many did not know because I would use rugby, music as my distraction knowing that whenever I would enter a field or sing a song I could be a different person altogether.

You might be wondering why I'm telling you this, and I promise that it's not for you to feel sorry for me in any way possible. It's to show you that every single person seated in this hall has either gone through, or is going through, something. Your failures don't define you and your issues, family or not, should never stop you from moving forward because life is full of unexpected twists and turns. And that's okay. We don't have to have it all figured out. What matters is that we stay true to our beliefs, support each other, and keep moving forward. Even if we stumble along the way, we help each other because it really costs nothing to be kind, and that's what it means to be a DHS boy.

But through it all, being your Head Boy has been one of the greatest honours of my life and I would love to thank you, Class of 2024, for going through this journey with me, even if it meant accepting a punishment from me. I would also love to thank you, Mr Pinheiro, for trusting in me to not only lead the Matrics, but lead the school. I've learnt a lot from you, that being by observing you or from your advice or chirps.

There's a certain magic in this place, in our School. It's the people. It's the friendships we've formed, the moments of ridiculous laughter, the deep conversations, the times we've all just sat there wondering how we're going to get through this. And then, somehow, we do.

So, as we head into the next chapter of our lives, remember this: don't be afraid to take risks, laugh every day, and be kind. The world doesn't need more perfect people. It needs people who are brave enough to take risks, believe in themselves, flaws and all.

To my incredible teachers, thank you for your patience, your guidance, and for not giving up on me, on us, even when we gave you every reason to. To my fellow students, the ones seated on the rakings and the ones not present today, thank you for the memories, the laughs, and for always keeping me humble.

To Ms Coppin and Ms Nagan, thank you both for always being there for me even if it meant taking time away from family. To Mr Engledow, thank you for not only understanding me as a player, but as a person. To Dr Rungan, thank you for always telling me what I need to hear and not what I want to hear, and also being a mother figure to not only me, but to all those boys sitting next to you.

To the Class of 2024, **THIS IS OUR TIME.** We may not always feel like it is, but we are at the start of a new and exciting chapter. We've got this. No matter what, just remember: we'll always have each other and the extraordinary, wild, and beautiful memories we made here at DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL. Thank you, everyone. It's been an unforgettable ride. **DEO FRETUS!**

Unaye Mndau
Head Prefect 2024



Dux 2024 - Connor Rixon



I was fortunate enough to attend Manor Gardens Primary School, a primary school that is well known for its high literary standards. Despite not being a so-called 'top achiever', in Grade 7 I received an A aggregate and won several 'effort' awards for my consistent hard work.

Initially, I was not a well-performing student at DHS. However, this changed during the lockdown period when I strived to improve on my mediocre term 1 results in Grade 8. With a revised work ethic, I did not waste time during lockdown. At year end I placed 7th in Grade 8 with an aggregate of 82%. I also received the Creative Arts award, combining Music and Dramatic Arts.

Knowing that I could achieve commendable results, I set a goal of getting above 85% for every one of my

subjects in Grade 9. At the end of 2021, I placed 2nd in Grade 9 with an aggregate of 93,3%, and I received a number of subject prizes.

I successfully aimed for 1st place in Grade 10. At the end of the year I was rewarded with an aggregate of 93,9%, an Honours award for Academics and subject prizes for Geography, Music and Physical Sciences.

In Grade 11 I remained consistent and thankfully placed 1st in Grade 11 for the 2023 academic year, with an aggregate of 92,4%. I received the subject prizes for Geography, English Home Language, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

In my matric year my goals were to be Dux, as well as the hope of making it to the National Prize Giving at the beginning of 2025. After working tirelessly from the end of Grade 11, through every holiday, and during every break period, I placed 1st in Grade 12 for every term, achieving aggregates of 93,7% (term 1), 96,1% (term 2) and 93,6% (trials), through which I reached my goal of being Dux for the 2024 academic year. At the Senior Prize-Giving I was also awarded the subject prizes for Geography, English Home Language, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

Throughout my time at DHS, I was involved in various activities to try and absorb as much as I could from what was

on offer. For several years I participated in Toastmasters competitions, which allowed me to become a much more confident person, and it particularly accelerated my progress in language studies at school. I also completed a First Aid course, a Mandarin First Level course and received Silver level for the President's Award Programme. Furthermore, having been a part of the Music programme at DHS for several years, I had picked up both the piano and trumpet, for which I had been examined to a Grade 6 level for both instruments. With such a calibre in my CV, I have been given several bursary offers as well as the option to study overseas in Hong Kong.

I have always had a passion for Mathematics and Physical Sciences. With a drive to always learn more and with such a passion, I aim to pursue a career in aerospace engineering, first studying mechanical engineering as an undergraduate with the sight of specialising as a postgraduate.

Without DHS, I doubt my achievements to date would have been as commendable. As such, I am able to strive towards fulfilling my true potential without being concerned about how to do so because DHS has provided me with the pathway to excellence.

Connor Rixon
Dux of 2024

Cambridge Dux 2024 - Joshua Loots

Josh Loots excelled in Mathematics and Physics throughout his Cambridge career and finished strongly in his A Level exams to enter into the medical degree he had been striving for.

Josh was thoroughly involved in school, playing cricket and hockey for the second teams. He also achieved in the President's Award which required a lot of time and effort - well done, Josh.

Josh's leadership capabilities were rightly recognized when he was selected as a Prefect for the school's leadership body.

Ms C Dickinson
Head of Cambridge Academy



Junior Academic Awards Ceremony

The Junior Academic Awards Ceremony was held in February at DHS to honour all our students who excelled academically in 2023.

We were privileged to welcome Mr Bruce Hughes, Head Prefect of the Class of 1994, as our Guest Speaker. He delivered an inspiring address to all in attendance, sharing the following powerful message to the Boys of DHS:

“As men of DHS, I ask you to stand tall, be leaders, own your actions, each day wake up wanting to be better than yesterday and, if I can leave one thing with you that I hope sticks, effort = reward”.

It is no secret that DHS has made an unparalleled commitment to academic excellence, and these young men stand as a testament to that dedication, achieving outstanding results in both the mainstream and Cambridge curricula.

Congratulations to all prize winners on their phenomenal achievements.

GRADE 11:

Connor Rixon - 1st in Grade 11
Subject Prizes - English Home Language, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, UKZN Outstanding Achievement Award for Mathematics and Physical Sciences
Certificate of Merit

Taresh Naidoo - 2nd in Grade 11
Subject Prizes - Engineering Graphics and Design, Life Sciences
Certificate of Merit

Xanda Theologo - 3rd in Grade 11
Subject Prizes - Business Studies, Life Sciences
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 11 AS Level:

Joshua Loots - 1st in Grade 11
Subject Prizes - Afrikaans Second Language, Biology, Chemistry, English First Language, Physics
Certificate of Merit

Ruben Peters - 2nd In Grade 11
Subject Prizes - Afrikaans Second Language, Mathematics
Certificate of Merit

Bryce Woolf - 3rd in Grade 11
Subject Prizes - Physics
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 10:

Nivaan Chetty - 1st in Grade 10
Subject Prizes - Accounting, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Certificate of Merit

Nirav Ramjuguth - 2nd in Grade 10
Subject Prizes - English Home Language, Life Orientation
Certificate of Merit

Sayed Hoosen - 3rd in Grade 10
Subject Prize - Life Sciences
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 10 IGCSE:

Mika Ballim - 1st in Grade 10
Subject Prizes - Accounting, Afrikaans Second Language, Biology, Cambridge International Mathematics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics
Certificate of Merit

Morgan Siljebrandt - 2nd in Grade 10
Certificate of Merit

Anthony del Fava - 3rd in Grade 10
Subject Prize - English Home Language
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 9:

Matthew Mottram - 1st in Grade 9
Subject Prizes - Creative Arts, English Home Language, Life Orientation, Social Sciences
Certificate of Merit

Kyle Phali - 2nd in Grade 9
Subject Prize - Technology
Certificate of Merit

Oyintanda Ngejane - 3rd in Grade 9
Subject Prizes - Economics Management Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 9 IGCSE:

Sohan Seetal - 1st in Grade 9
Subject Prizes - Accounting, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English First Language, Mathematics, Physics
Certificate of Merit

Ariz Lalljee - 2nd in Grade 9
Certificate of Certificate

Shashwat Puri - 3rd in Grade 9
Certificate of Merit

GRADE 8:

Cayden Diener - 1st in Grade 8
Subject Prizes - Economic Management Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences
Certificate of Merit

Zaakir Essack - 2nd in Grade 8
Subject Prizes - Creative Arts, English Home Language, Mathematics, Technology, Certificate of Merit

Eben Peters- 3rd in Grade 8
Subject Prizes - Afrikaans First Additional Language, Technology
Certificate of Merit





Top 3 in Grade 11 - School
Xanda Theologo (3rd), Taresh Naidoo (2nd), Connor Rixon (1st)



Top 3 in Grade 11 - Cambridge
Bryce Woolf (3rd), Ruben Peters (2nd), Joshua Loots (1st)



Top 3 in Grade 10 - School
Sayed Hoosen (3rd), Nirav Ramjuguth (2nd), Nivaan Chetty (1st)



Top 2 in Grade 10 - Cambridge
Mika Ballim (1st), Morgan Siljebrandt (2nd)



Grade 11 Merit Certificate Prize Winners



Guest Speaker Address - Bruce Hughes

It certainly has been a while since I was on this stage addressing boys, never mind parents and the educators! Got some goose bumps!

Morning everyone, thanks for the intro and, really, thanks for having me this morning to address you all, and especially the boys of DHS that sit here before me. I once sat in your chairs and well realise that you don't want a long boring address from some ballie. I get it! I will talk as my "real self" and not my "ideal self" and keep it short.

I am a normal oke! No motivational speaker, no public speaker, just a dad of two boys, a husband and entrepreneur. I have a story and, like you, you are all building and starting to live your own stories. They will all be different stories, but they remain yours and you own them! What we all share is this foundation that this school has given us to build our stories. I urge you ... don't waste it!

Foremost you need to honour and show enormous amounts of gratitude to your parents and these amazing educators for giving you this opportunity. What you don't realise and what I have come to know, having lived, worked, engaged, travelled with so many men of DHS, is that there is a bond and a DNA that sits inside each of us that never leaves you. Go home tonight and when you see your parents or when you next engage with your teachers, thank them! Show gratitude for the opportunity you have been given.

The foundation of who I am and what I still want to achieve was born here on these grounds. My academics were certainly not like these prize winners today! I was a sportsman that gave his best in the classroom. I quickly realised in business if I was to build a successful

company, I needed to surround myself with people that were smarter than me. I have a business philosophy that "good people run good businesses", so surround yourself with good people. Today, I have 6 (4 of those from 1994 year) DHS old boys that sit on our leadership group of companies, one that is the MD of one of our subsidiaries and, since selling our group of companies to the Spar Group, I now sit on an executive team of 5 old boys from DHS and all of them from the class of 1994! Incredibly one of them is my new boss and was the Deputy Head Boy when I was Head Boy. Now how bizarre is that and how the wheel turns? In there is that I have surrounded myself with like-minded and good people, who each day wake up wanting to be better than yesterday.

That's amazing and it is because the foundations of all these guys started here.

Here is something even more crazy. My wife Lea's grandfather is SAS Nourse, a legend at DHS, with a field and new section at Blackmore's named after him. There are so many incredible stories about SAS Nourse from his time at DHS that some teachers who have been around or were taught by him can reveal. As Head Boy of DHS, I spoke at SAS' funeral and then years later married his granddaughter. Must have had an eye on her when she was in the front row. Now, talk about keeping it in the family!

I left school, studied part time, but my dream was to play cricket for the Dolphins and rugby for the Sharks. A dual provisional sportsman was my dream and I nearly lived that dream, but injury struck with a broken neck playing the Cheetahs in a warm-up game. Tried to rebuild my body but my body would not agree to the rigours of playing

professional sport and the training that goes with it. So, I had to pivot, make a change. One door closed and I needed to open another. Just down the road at Berea Park, where I scored my first 100 for DHS (and we played cricket there when I was at school) in the U14A team, was the start of 26 years of being an entrepreneur. I sold fruit and veg at the Berea market on Saturday mornings. Not even sure if the Berea markets still operates today. I drove to Eston (DHS boys from school had farms out there) and bought product from them and had fresh produce ready for the start of the market. Every granny from the old age homes came every Saturday morning for their fresh fruit and veg. My DHS manners lured them in, and I was sold out by 10am! Cash in the hand and ready to jol Saturday night. I knew early, if I wanted to be successful, I had to work hard and I had to be prepared to sacrifice Friday night jols with my mates as I was off to the farms to collect stock at 4am. If you want to meet your ambitions, it comes with some sacrifice and, wow have I learnt that in the last 26 years in the business world! Also, in the world of endurance sports.

You can't achieve, finish or complete any adventure if you have not planned or put in the work! Hours of training, suffering, time away from family and friends and, yes, opting out of the many lekker things in life. But it is all worth it as nothing replaces that feeling of achievement, of being successful, even if for one weekend, one subject, one exam. That feeling is incredible, and you want to have it again and again! It is that fire in your belly, that hunger to want to be better and achieve more. I know many, if not all of you, love that same feeling. Own it, build on it - it rests in your hands. You own your destiny, it's part of your story.





Guest Speaker, Mr Bruce Hughes, with Dux of School, Connor Rixon (left) and Dux of Cambridge, Joshua Loots

I progressed from selling produce to selling baked beans and toilet paper. 26 years later, still selling baked beans and toilet paper - just a lot of them, and added many new products to the stable.

Being busy building a business and being in the heart of global food trade means you don't sleep much. I needed my cup filled outside of the commercial world and missing the constant training and exercise. I decided to enter the Two Oceans marathon. Well, that was the start of a huge passion for endurance sport. In 19 years of competing and adventuring, it has taken me all over the world, seen the most remote and beautiful places on the planet and met incredible people. Again, to fill my cup, came with sacrifices! Days and days away from family, firstly for work and now adventures. Selfish yes, but this is all part of my story and I had to own it. I had to surround myself with a great team, starting with my wife (long suffering), understanding family, and a great leadership team in the businesses. I brought them all on the journey, not physically, but in that we collectively raised millions for charity. There is no "I" in "Team" and part of our value set at Encore Group is that it

"takes a team to make the dream work" - simple but it is so true! My message in that is pick your team - your mates, your family, your team mates if you're playing team sports, your parents, your teachers. Let them be part of your story. Be You, be Authentic. In a world today, where there so many temptations and influences, it is vital you remain your real self and not your ideal self.

As for all prize winners who leave here today - you go home and celebrate! Celebrate with your team. There is no greater feeling and, remember, show gratitude as they are part of your success. For the ones that have not won a prize, you go home with the ambition to win one next year or simply just set yourself a goal. But for the winners your challenge is to maintain high performance. Once offs don't count and in maintaining high performance in anything means you have to dig deep. It is a true reflection of who you are, your character, your grit, the want! Performance is one thing but maintaining high performance is the challenge as you build your own story.

So, what have we got? So simple chaps:

- Show Gratitude;

- You will be crazy not to build on the foundations this great school has and continues to give you;
- Surround yourself with good people;
- Own that lekker feeling of achievement - brings fire to your belly
- Don't be afraid to change course - in that is part of your story;
- In any success you have to sacrifice things;
- Make sure you celebrate the wins, no matter how small, and continue to have fun;
- Maintaining high performance is harder than a once-off achievement - that is the real strength of your character.

As men of DHS, I ask you to stand tall, be leaders, own your actions, each day wake up wanting to be better than yesterday and, if I can leave one thing with you that I hope sticks, effort = reward.

Thanks for having me and best of luck to you all.

Bruce Hughes
Class of 1994





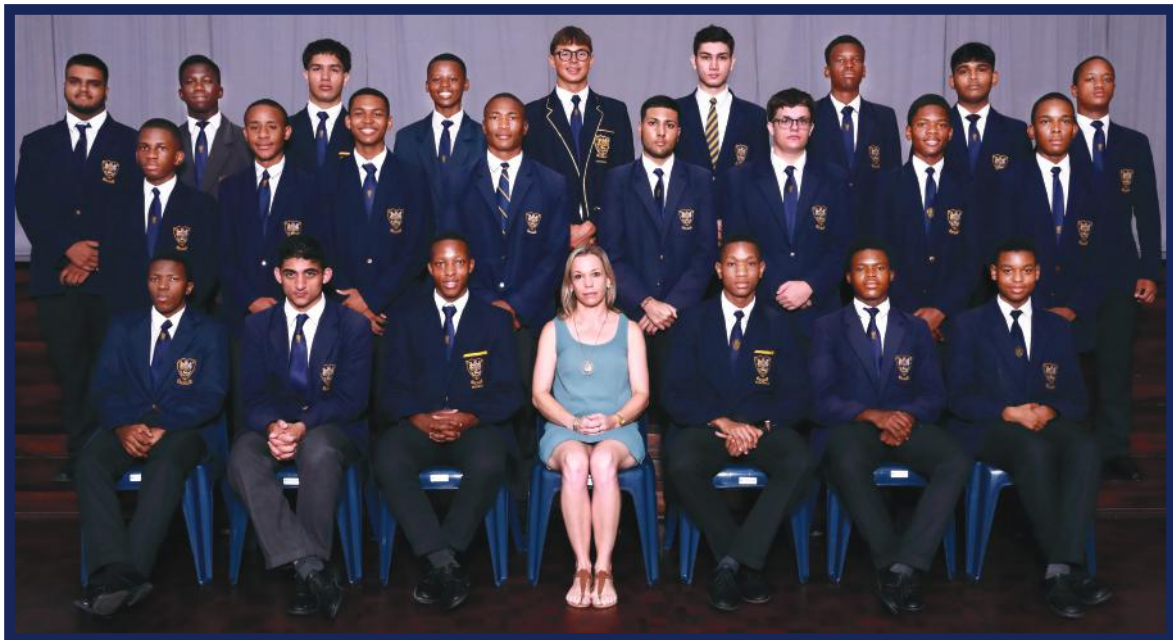
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Front Row (L to R): Thando Luthuli, Mahle Sithole, Unaye Mndau, Ms M Bisschoff (Class Tutor), Mphululi Dimaza, Ruben Peters, Matlhatse Sebake

2nd Row: Brandon Steyn, Sinalo Nyawose, Keshan Pillay, Semal Pillay, Egerton Hingston, Kuveshan Naidoo, Lubanzi Zulu, Kaden McKenzie

3rd Row: Joshua Loots, Lumi Matwele, Taresh Naidoo, Duncan Basson, Lethabo Bogacwi, Ima Mkokeli, Kearen Naidoo, Jared Havemann

Back Row: Joshua Smith, David Snyman, Hendrik Bezuidenhout, Daniel Mayisa, Dale Hendrikse, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Bryce Woolf, Khanyisa Stamper

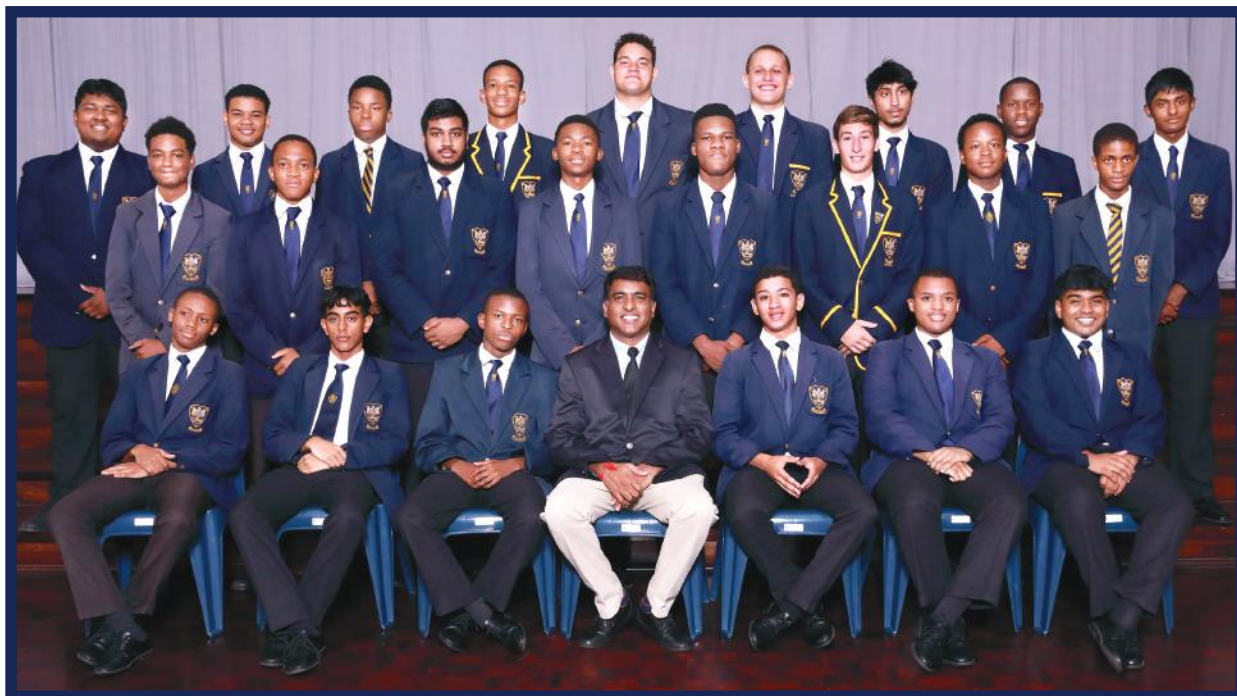


Grade 12U : Dr R Salmond

Front Row (L to R): Samkelo Mngadi, Zayyaan Ahmed, Mbuso Hlangu, Dr Salmond (Class Tutor), Neo Mokhomo, Sibongakonke Diko, Ikho Mdeleleni

2nd Row: Samora Sitole, Phiwokuhe Jokazi, Iminathinkosi Langa, Hlumelo Madikane, Rahul Kalicharan, Connor Hollington, Sean Mbokazi, Yamkelo Mvelase

Back Row: Chiragh Sajiwan, Hakim Mthembu, Sa'ad Hansa, Sinakhokonke Shezi, Marnu Koekemoer, Tylor Visser, Ziphozomusa Bhekiswayo, Hayden Dorasamy, Theko Moshoeshoe



Grade 12R : Mr D Naidoo

Front Row (L to R): Avela Gwala, Zayd Aniff, Melokuhle Skosana, D Naidoo (Tutor), Tashriq Peterson, Phila Gwamanda, Eldren Chetty

2nd Row: Kerwin Sawmynaden, Zolani Ndokweni, Keshav Govender, Owami Dlamini, Philasande Hlatshwayo, Blake Davison, Lwandle Mashego, Daniel Uhomoibhi

Back Row: Dhevaak Naidoo, Ethan Stainleyback, Ndabenhle Mhlungu, Lethabo Mathobela, Jean-Roux Jonker, Ethan Bollay, Muhammad Sheik, Owamandayi Msomi, Tristan Nair



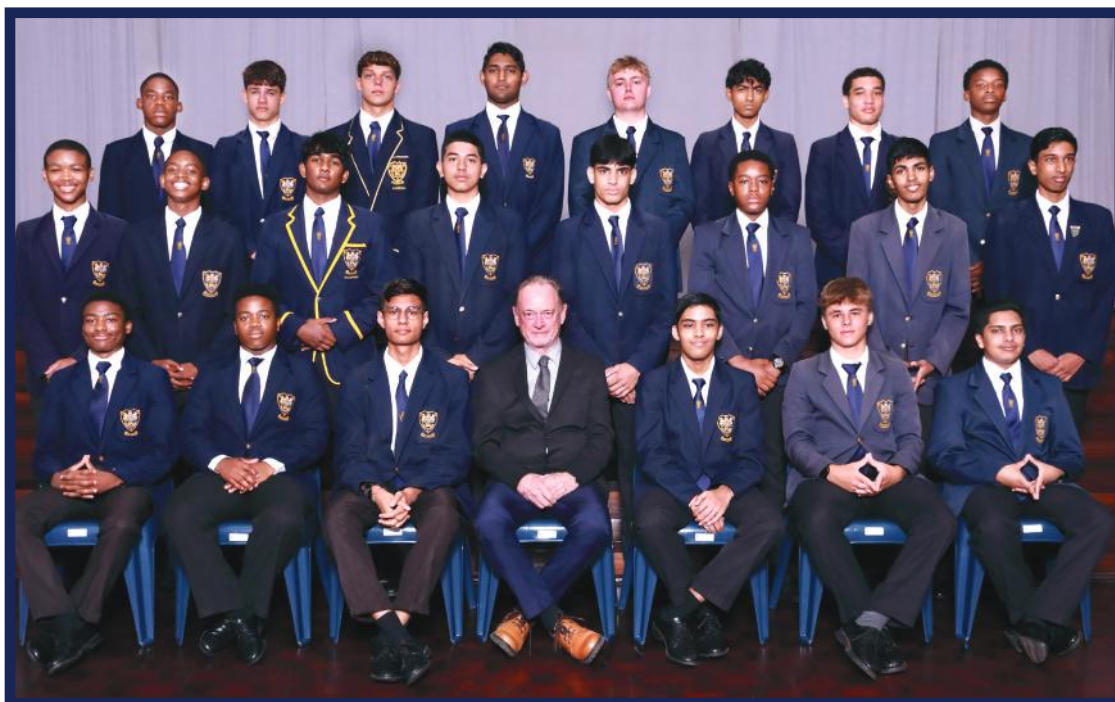
Grade 12B : Ms J Bibin

Front Row (L to R): Luke Kettle, Ayanda Mathenjwa, Joseph Gengaya, Ms J Bibin (ClassTutor), Joaquim Salvador, Asanda Mtambo, Wandile Mthembu

2nd Row: Liam Hichens, Bongokuhle Madonda, Nevaal Naidoo, Moosa Barmania, Uyandumusa Mnguni, Hariv Pillay, Israr Hassim, Sinobuhle Mbatha

Back Row: Kungawo Pato, Agcina Quvanr, Thabiso Mtambo, Akahlulwa Boqwana, Thato Shabangu, Hlompho Xolo, Kasanda Muya





Grade 12A : Mr R Herd

Front Row (L to R): Sudheer Deepnarain, Shyaam Maharaj, Sabelo Mkhize, Mr R Herd (Class Tutor), Sfundu Mthembu, Arav Paramanand, Chase Willemse

2nd Row: Nande Daki, Shuaib Khan, Sherav Maharaj, Akhil Naidoo, Amile Ndlovu, Nesan Pillay, Saif Rahman, Avuyile Xaba

Back Row: Matthew Hunt, Colby Kinloch, Ntandoyenkosi Mshengu, Mxolisi Ngubane, Shaegan Naicker, Callan Smith, Rahul Tewari, Riley Reardon

Absent: Mnenhle Cele



Grade 12N : Ms K Nagan

Front Row (L to R): Bongani Dlamini, Xanda Theologo, Damon Coetzee, Ms K Nagan (Class Tutor), Jordan Reddiar, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Zyheid Desai

2nd Row: Ayush Dwarika, Tahj Salick, Nhlanhla Mngomezulu, Yamkela Ngquseka, Andile Maphumulo, Asanda Dlamini, Sbukuthando Dlamini, Ntando Mavuso

Back Row: William Ronnie, Diego Miglietti, Mphathi Nxaba, Luvoyo Neo, Sandile Mkhize, Joshua Haguma, Declan Watson, Zakariyya Hansa, Esethu Tshicila



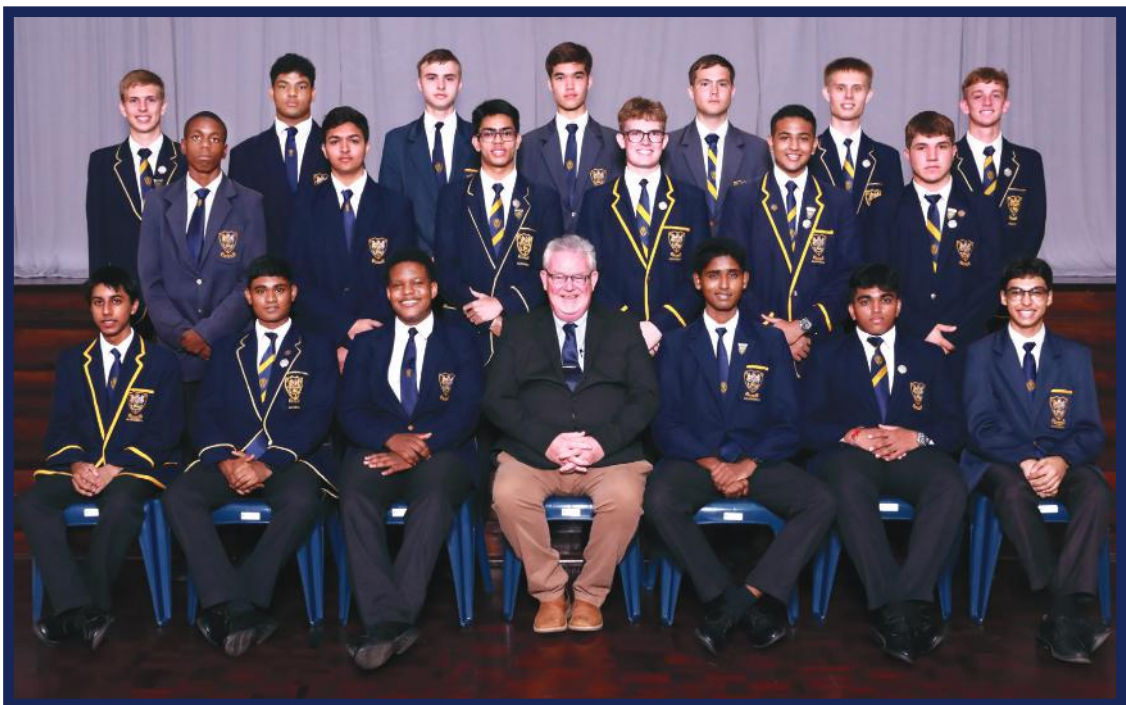
Grade 12H : Ms E Sibisi

Front Row (L to R): Emmanuel Mqingwana, Matteo Grizzo, Connor Rixon, Ms E Sibisi (Class Tutor), Adriano Jackson, Josh Meij, Ntokozo Maphumulo

2nd Row: Aidan Braum, Aveshan Reddi, Joshua Jacks, Mohammed Adam, Nathi Jona, Kian Russell, Mihle Diko, Mohammed Saib

Back Row: Muhammed Ball, Shival Reddy, Joash Pillay, Mohammed Motala, Thubalakhe Ndelu, Caleb Weideman, Allston Cedras, Jayden Gradidge

Absent: Roman Jones



Grade 12X & XX : Mr S Cromie

Front Row (L to R): Jordan Soodyall, Keshan Pillay, Themba Mahlaba, Mr S Cromie (Class Tutor), Darius Phali, Kuveshan Naidoo, Yaasir Sultan

2nd Row: Uyiosa Usadolo, Mohammed Moosa, Taresh Naidoo, Joshua Smith, Kearen Naidoo, Kaden McKenzie

Back Row: Kaden Remley, Liam Stokes, Mika Smit, Bryce Woolf, David Snyman, Ruben Peters



Matric Results 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their achievements in their final exams!

The pass rate of 96% is slightly down on previous years. However, this is still an excellent result, particularly when you bear in mind that these boys were in Grade 8 in 2020 and affected by the COVID lockdown for a few years.

It is with great pride that we celebrate and congratulate the Top 5 Achievers for their outstanding 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results.

1st	Connor Rixon - 7 distinctions
2nd	Keshan Pillay - 7 distinctions
3rd	Taresh Naidoo - 7 distinctions
4th	Xanda Theologo - 6 distinctions
5th	David Snyman - 6 distinctions

Their dedication, persistence and determination have truly paid off and we look forward to seeing the incredible things they will continue to accomplish. The DHS Head Master, Mr Pinheiro, along with Connor Rixon and Xanda Theologo, had the honour of attending The Umlazi District Excellence Awards Function for the Matric Results of 2024.

We are thrilled to share that Xanda was awarded 3rd place for Economics, and Connor achieved a spectacular 1st place for English in the Umlazi District, the biggest Department of Education district in KZN.

Well done, Gentlemen! We are honoured to call you DHS Old Boys.

Deo Fretus!

L Matthysen
Educator/Social Media Editor



1st - Connor Rixon
7 Distinctions



2nd - Keshan Pillay
7 Distinctions



3rd - Taresh Naidoo
7 Distinctions



4th - Xanda Theologo
6 Distinctions



5th - David Snyman
6 Distinctions

NSC Results 2024

The candidates below were awarded the National Senior Certificate in 2024 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
Adam, Mohammed	LIFO	Miglietti, Diego	ACCN, LIFO
Ahmed, Zayyaan	ENGHL, MLIT, LFSC, BSTD, LIFO	Mkhize, Luvuyo	ZULFA, MUSC, LIFO
Aniff, Zayd	BSTD, LIFO	Mkhize, Sabelo	
Barmania, Moosa		Mkhize, Sandile	
Basson, Duncan	AFRFA	Mkokeli, Ima	LIFO
Bezuidenhout, Hendrik	AFRFA, ACCN, LFSC, LIFO	Mndau, Unaye	DRMA, MUSC
Daki, Nande		Mngadi, Samkelo	
Deepnarain, Sudheer		Mngomezulu, Nhlanhla	ZULFA
Desai, Zyheid	LIFO	Mnguni, Uyandumusa	ZULFA, LIFO
Diko, Mihle		Mokhomo, Neo	MATH, PHSC, GRDS, INFT, LIFO
Diko, Sibongakonke		Moosa, Mohammed	
Dimaza, Mphululi	LIFO	Mqingwana, Emmanuel	
Dlamini, Asanda	ZULFA, MLIT, BSTD	Mshengu, Ntandoyenkosi	ZULFA, LIFO
Dlamini, Owami	ZULFA, LIFO	Mtambo, Asanda	
Dorasamy, Hayden		Mthembu, Hakim	
Gwala, Avela	ZULFA, LIFO	Mthembu, Wandile	ZULFA
Gwamanda, Phila	ACCN, LFSC, ECON, LIFO	Muya, Kasanda Favoured	ZULFA, BSTD, LIFO
Haguma, Joshua	LIFO	Mvelase, Yamkelo	ZULFA
Hansa, Zakariyya	MATH, ACCN, BSTD, LIFO	Naicker, Shaegan	MLIT
Havemann, Jared		Naidoo, Akhil	ENGHL, MLIT, DRMA, LIFO
Hingston, Egerton	INFT, LIFO	Naidoo, Dhevaak	
Hollington, Connor		Naidoo, Kearen	MATH, PHSC, LFSC, ECON, INFT, LIFO
Jacks, Joshua	LFSC, LIFO	Naidoo, Kuveshan	BSTD, LIFO
Jokazi, Phiwokuhle	ZULFA	Naidoo, Nevaal	ENGHL, MLIT, LIFO
Jona, Nathi		Naidoo, Taresh	ENGHL, MATH, PHSC, LFSC, GRDS, INFT, LIFO
Kettle, Luke	LIFO	Nair, Tristan	BSTD, LIFO
Khan, Shuaib		Ndelu, Thubalakhe	
Kinloch, Colby		Ndlovu, Amile	
Koekemoer, Marnu	AFRFA, MLIT, LIFO	Ndokweni, Zolani	
Madikane, Hlumelo		Ngquseka, Yamkela	LIFO
Madonda, Bongokuhle	ZULFA, LIFO	Nyawose, Sinalo	ZULFA
Maharaj, Shyaam	LIFO	Pato, Kungawo	LIFO
Mahlangu, Sibusiso		Phali, Darius	ENGHL, MATH, ACCN, PHSC, LFSC, LIFO
Maphumulo, Andile		Pillay, Hariv	
Mathenjwa, Ayanda	ZULFA, LFSC	Pillay, Keshan	ENGHL, AFRFA, MATH, PHSC, LFSC, INFT, LIFO
Mathobela, Lethabo		Pillay, Semal	LIFO
Mayiza, Daniel	DRMA	Quvane, Agcina	ZULFA, MATH, ACCN, PHSC, ECON, LIFO
Mbatha, Sinobuhle	ZULFA, LIFO	Rahman, Saif	
Mbokazi, Sean	ZULFA	Reddiar, Jordan	LIFO
Mbongwa, Zesizwe	LIFO	Reddy, Shival	LIFO
Mdleleni, Ikho	ZULFA, DRMA, LIFO	Remley, Kaden	
Mhlungu, Ndabenhle			



Name	Distinction Subjects	Name	Distinction Subjects
Rixon, Connor	ENGHL, AFRFA, MATH, PHSC, LFSC, GEOG, LIFO	Smith, Joshua	MATH, ACCN, PHSC, LFSC, LIFO
Ronnie, William	ENGHL, PHSC, LFSC, INFT, LIFO	Snyman, David	ENGHL, AFRFA, MATH, ACCN, PHSC, ECON, LIFO
Russell, Kian		Soodyall, Jordan	ACCN, LFSC, MUSC, LIFO
Saib, Mohammed		Stamper, Khanyisa	LIFO
Salick, Tahj	MLIT, LIFO	Steyn, Brandon	ENGHL, LFSC, BSTD, LIFO
Salvador, Joaquim	INFT, LIFO	Sultan, Yaasir	AFRFA, GEOG, GRDS, LIFO
Sawmynaden, Kerwin	MLIT	Tewari, Rahul	LIFO
Sebake, Matlhatse		Theologo, Xanda	ENGHL, AFRFA, GEOG, ECON, BSTD, LIFO
Sheik, Muhammad	LIFO	Tshicila, Esethu	ZULFA
Shezi, Sinakhokonke	ZULFA	Uhomoibhi, Daniel	
Sithole, Mahle	ZULFA, DRMA	Usadolo, Uyiosa	LFSC, INFT, LIFO
Sitole, Samora		Watson, Declan	
Skosana, Melokuhle	BSTD	Weideman, Caleb	DRMA
Smith, Callan		Xaba, Avuyile	

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

Name	Name
Bhekiswayo, Ziphozomusa	Khubisa, Lunga
Bogacwi, Lethabo	Luthuli, Thando
Bollay, Ethan	Maharaj, Sherav
Boqwana, Akahlulwa	Maphumulo, Ntokozo
Braum, Aidan	Mashego, Lwandle
Cedras, Allston	Matwele, Lumi
Chetty, Eldren	Mavuso, Ntando
Davison, Blake	Meij, Josh
Dlamini, Bongani	Moshoeshe, Theko
Dlamini, Sbukuthando	Motala, Mohammed
Dwarika, Ayush	Msomi, Owamandayi
Govender, Keshav	Mthembu, Sfundu
Gradidge, Jayden	Nxaba, Mphathi
Hansa, Sa’ad	Paramanand, Arav
Hendrikse, Dale	Peterson, Tashriq
Hichens, Liam	Pillay, Joash
Hlangu, Mbuso	Reardon, Riley
Hlatshwayo, Philasande	Sajiwan, Chiragh
Hunt, Matthew	Shabangu, Thato
Jackson, Adriano	Visser, Tylor
Jones, Roman	Willemse, Chase
Jonker, Jean-Roux	Xolo, Hlompho
Kalicharan, Rahul	Zulu, Lubanzi

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

Name
Ball, Muhammed



Matric Dance - In Vogue

Our Matrics were exhilarated when they each received their personalised digital invitation to the dance - something they will treasure for the rest of the lives. And the countdown began for the much-anticipated Matric dance.

Finally, the day dawned - Saturday 2 March 2024. Clear skies and beautiful sunshine - this was the sign it was going to be great. The couples' arrival at the Durban Exhibition centre was nothing short of spectacular.

The approach to Walnut Road was filled with excitement and utter splendour as parents, well-wishers and friends lined the car park of Durban Exhibition Centre to watch the arrival of our guests. They did not fail in impressing everyone with their excellent behaviour and embracing what a true gentleman is. Well done boys. You did us proud.

No expense was spared in the arrival vehicles - from motor bikes, to exotic vehicles, to trucks!! The revving of these grand vehicles got onlookers flocking

for a good spot so as not to miss a single moment.

This year's theme was IN VOGUE and the once bare hall was transformed into a magical wonderland of opulence and grace. The décor was nothing short of spectacular. Bottle green and gold was our colour scheme and Marlin and his team from Magical Events must be complimented on making sure we had the best of the best.

The centre pieces comprised retro golden ornamental stands with strings of silver pearls. This was complemented by silver and gold table cloths, gold crockery and bottle green napkins. The golden queen Anne chairs added to the elegance of the hall. Each learner had a personalised place setting with a specially made DHS key ring and handmade bracelets for their partners. Subdued lighting, strategically placed fairy lights and PAR can lighting enhanced the atmosphere even further.

The full buffet station, ranging from the simple salad to the tastiest mutton

curry, tantalised our taste buds and certainly had us going back for more. Nothing ends a good food like good dessert. Once again compliments to the chef for ensuring we were well satisfied.

The LED dance floor surrounded by dazzling lighting made everything just perfect. Our Head Boy, Unaye Mndau, and his beautiful partner, opened the dance with their fluid ballroom style dance followed by the equally stylish deputies. Thereafter the dance floor rocked with the rest of the learners and their partners as they danced the night away. The DJ certainly played to the learners' taste in music!

The 3D photo area was quite popular with the learners and the roving photographer made sure to capture every special moment.

A huge thank you to all the service providers for ensuring that our every expectation was met and more!

S Nagiah

Matric Dance Co-ordinator





Matric Bell Ringing Ceremony



The tradition of formalising our farewell to the current Grade 12 Class of 2024 was both enjoyable and a success. Every boy who enters Durban High School in Grade 8 starts his experience by ringing the Bell in the DC Thompson Hall. Five years later, now a young man, every pupil ends his journey by ringing the Rhineland Bell overlooking the Pool.

Thank you to Mr Crouch who opened the proceedings with the prayer and Mr Shedlock, CEO of the DHS Foundation, who addressed the pupils with a positive message to take forward into their future endeavours.

Dr “Stash” Mathenjwa (Head Prefect of 2016) was the guest speaker for this event. He expressed his delight in being invited to address the pupils, which was made more special by the fact that his brother Ayanda is currently in Grade 12. He pointed out that it was a privilege for them to share this ceremony together. Dr Mathenjwa reminded the boys about the value of the experience they have received by attending DHS and how it

prepares pupils holistically for the many different spheres of life.

He indicated to them how they will encounter a lot of challenges and that there will be ups and downs. He invited them to adopt three simple practices to assist in adapting to life after school.

Firstly: to never give up. You won't always have it together, no one ever does. You are Horseflies after all and Horseflies never give up.

Secondly: Do not try to do it alone. Get a good community around you and lean on them, never be ashamed to ask for help. DHS encourages everyone to get involved in extra mural activities, it is because they want you to get used to working in a team. No matter what you do in life, you will always have to work in a team of some sorts.

Thirdly: Try not to find yourself doing one thing after school. Do things that will challenge you to grow in other aspects of your life. If you attend university, continue to play sports or if you are in a professional sport set

up, don't stop reading or doing online courses. Continuing to widen your experiences or boundaries gives you perspective when things don't go that well in that particular thing. It prevents you from feeling like your whole world is falling apart.

Dr Mathenjwa closed his address referring to the impact DHS has made on producing leaders in a wide variety of professions. He challenged the pupils to go on and make a difference. “Our country needs more difference makers.”

The significance of the 8 Bells was read by the current Head Prefect, Unaye Mndau, followed by Mr Shedlock presenting Unaye Mndau with an Old Boys Blazer.

The pupils then proceeded to the Rhineland Bell overlooking the Pool to signify the culmination of their journey at DHS. The pupils enjoyed a last opportunity to sing the school song and the war cries.

R Smyth
Head of Grade 12





The Class of 2024 ring the Rhineland Bell in farewell



Head Prefect for 2024, Unaye Mndau, and newly announced Head Prefect for 2025, Kirk Wilson, at Senior Prize-Giving

Founders Day



It was heart-warming to welcome all DHS Old Boys, the DHS Family and Community, as well as the Michaelhouse Community, who joined us in our 158th year of celebrating DHS at Founders Day on Saturday 1 June.

The culmination of a number of successful celebrations over the course of the week, it was certainly a Founders Day to remember for School, with a huge crowd in attendance, a record number of Old Boys, impeccable behaviour by our Boys and, the cherry on top, the DHS 1st XV beating Michaelhouse 23-10!

All fixtures in both Rugby and Hockey were extremely competitive, with DHS winning the majority of the Rugby fixtures and House winning the majority of the Hockey. Thank you to Michaelhouse for being such great opponents in our 158th year celebrations. Well done to all players

and coaches on another great day for DHS.

Peter Engledow, DHS 1st XV head coach, proudly reflected: "This is a very special day for us. The Old Boys brought such a fantastic vibe and atmosphere. All the teams put in a lot of effort, discipline and hard work in the field." He said they knew Michaelhouse would be competitive and difficult. "They put us under a lot of pressure - especially our line-outs. We didn't have good attacking ball, so that made things difficult for us. I am delighted for the boys and hopefully that makes us the No 1 ranked team in the province - which was our season goal."

DHS Class of 2019 Old Boy, Taine Owen, said: "From half time, we knew the game was over and victory was secured. The lead grew and the boys played well." He added that it was one of the best years in School's history as nine pupils were

selected for the Sharks U18A Craven Week side. "Schools can't really argue that we aren't the best in the province as the proof is in the selections."

Lindani Msomi, Class of 2014, said: "It's great coming back after 10 years and seeing the boys play incredibly well. All of the games I watched in the morning were incredible. I love the way the current pupils present themselves in uniform and the respect each pupil carries."

The Boys weren't the only ones in action on the day, however. That morning, about forty runners set out from Crusaders Sports Club in Durban North and headed to the finish line at DHS for the Bill Payn Fun Run, a new tradition recently introduced by the Foundation. As in previous years, the teams were divided into four runners per team and the rules were that you had to finish in your team.





In true Bill Payn fashion, there were 'refreshments' at halfway - a beer was downed - and then it was onto the finish at DHS, through the EG Jansen gates. The winning team of 2024 was: Neil Browning, Alibongwe Khanyile, Owethu Hlongwane and Kirwan Stevens. At the finish, the runners were treated to a bacon and egg roll and coffee. A few of the runners continued with the Bill Payn tradition and even had a beer at the finish. Thanks to all the runners that took part. We appreciate your support in keeping this tradition going.

On Friday, 31 May, over two hundred Old Boys attended a special Old Boys Assembly in the DC Thompson Hall. The DHS Jazz Band entertained the Old Boys after which Head Master, Mr A D Pinheiro, introduced all the recent SA & KZN representatives and schoolboy achievers to the Old Boys. It was astonishing to see how many there

were - they took up the entire front stage of the Hall.

Bruce Hughes, Director of Monteagle Limited, then addressed the Old Boys with a very powerful and meaningful speech. Bruce spoke about what DHS meant for him and how it laid the foundation for him "to build his story".

Four very special guests attended the Assembly, namely Basil Williams (OB 1941), Basil Matzopoulos (OB 1947), Aubrey Bidgood (OB 1947), and Mike Gierke (OB 1947). Basil Matzopoulos and Aubrey Bidgood were in the same class, Form VIA in 1947, and what made this occasion particularly special, was that they have not seen one another since they left School 76 years ago. Basil Williams played scrum-half for the 1st XV in 1941, and he has the distinction of turning 100 years old this year.

Andrew Shedlock, CEO of the DHS Foundation Trust, presented each of the four special guests with an Old Boys blazer on behalf of the DHS Foundation and the Old Boys. After the presentation of the blazers, Basil Matzopoulos addressed the Assembly with a very moving and emotional speech. Andrew himself gave an excellent speech, with the following message: "Founders Day is arguably the most important day in the School's calendar: It is a day when we remember the Founders of the school, and value their legacy."

"We remember those who have contributed to the leadership and vision of the school ever since. It is the one day in the year where Old Boys and the school can be together, to remember that we are an important and strong community - the whole is stronger than the sum of its parts. We need this occasion in the year just to remind us



All the SA and KZN Representatives and school boy achievers at Founders Assembly



Special guests at Founders Assembly, Mr Basil Williams, Mr Basil Matzopoulos, Mr Aubrey Bidgood and Mr Mike Gierke

that we do not work, or live or play in isolation. We do it as Old Boys and a School - a great school which has stood the test of time, and which has a great, great history and legacy."

In the build-up to Saturday, 1 June, two Golf Days were held. On Thursday, 30 May, the DHS Foundation hosted their annual Reunion Golf Day at Royal Durban Golf Club. Just over 100 golfers took part on what can only be described as a perfect Durban winter's day. The Reunion Groups who took part in the Golf Day were from the years 1969, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2008, and 2019.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to the title sponsor of the day, Vodacom. Your support is very much appreciated, and we look forward to continuing our association in the future. A big thank you to all those who sponsored a tee box which

kept the golfers well 'refreshed' during the day. Thanks also goes to those who sponsored 4-ball prizes. We are all very grateful for your support. A special thanks to Murray Collins and Little Bayete for the auction prize. Your support is much appreciated.

The next day, Friday 31 May, we hosted the DHS Foundation Golf Day. Over one hundred and twenty golfers played in the Golf Day, and the 4-balls consisted of Old Boys, parents and friends of DHS Old Boys. The weather played its part and the feedback, once again, was most positive. Thank you to title sponsor, Trellidor. The support of Craig Meekers, Peter Rawson and their Trellidor Team is always very much appreciated. To all the companies who sponsored tee boxes, thank you for making the day most enjoyable for the golfers.

Stephen Saad and Kirkman Kamp, Pat Goss and Umngazi Hotel & Spa, thank

you for the auction prizes. As always, your support is very much appreciated at an event like this. Thank you to all who sponsored 4-ball prizes, meaning we were fortunate to hand out prizes up to twentieth place.

Finally, thank you to Royal Durban Golf Club for hosting the DHS Foundation Golf Days. Thank you to all your staff for making both days a huge success.

To our Old Boys, what made these celebrations so memorable is your passionate and unwavering support - we thank all of you.

Here's to more memories being made that resonate with DHS and which will be cherished forever.

A Shedlock
CEO : DHS Foundation



Grade 8 Bell Ringing Ceremony



On Friday 19 January, the new Grade 8 boys concluded their week-long orientation programme with a Bell Ringing Ceremony. This was their first formal occasion in their high school career after days of different sporting and other training activities which were preparing them to cope with the expectations of being in a new school.

The occasion took place in DC Thompson Hall, and it was attended

by parents, grandparents, the prefect body, and school management. During this time, it is not being in the hall for such occasions, but that did not deter the excitement of boys and their supporters.

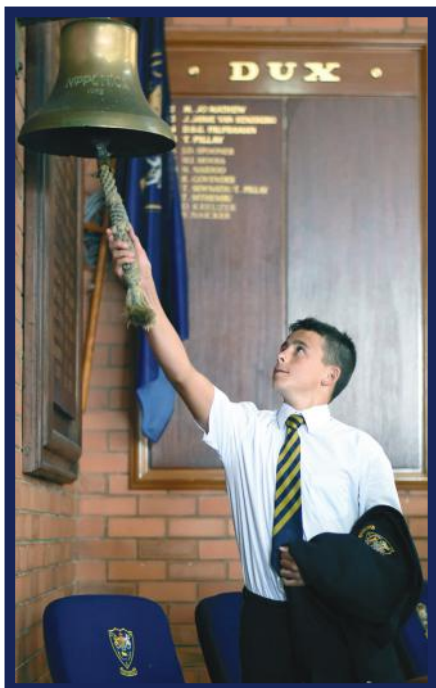
The Bell Ringing Ceremony is an occasion where boys pledge their allegiance and commitment to the headmaster, the prefect body, and attendees - that they will uphold the traditions and values of the school with pride and dignity.

The boys then line up in their class order, and ring a school bell to affirm this allegiance and commitment to the school. They then officially wear their DHS blazer with the help from prefects to affirm this allegiance and commitment to the school.

After they have put on their blazers, boys walk on the stage to greet and shake the Head Master's hand, which signifies their first welcome by the Head of the school. This is then followed by saying a school pledge. The conclusion of the pledge is followed by a new tradition, where the prefect body leads the Grade 8 boys with a war cry song. This solidifies the unity between the junior and senior boys, and the hall becomes a buzz during this time.

May the next five years be the best years of these young men, and may they embrace every activity that the school offers to achieve maximum potential in all they choose to do.

S Cele
Head of Grade 8



Armistice Day Service



Our annual Armistice Service was held on Monday 11 November. We have become accustomed to rain at this service over the last few years and it was no different this year. In true Durban High School fashion, however, “the show went on”.

The service was well attended. The proceedings were opened with an

official welcome from our Head Master, Mr AD Pinheiro. Lt. Col. Greg de Ricquebourg (Retired) performed the reading of the poem *God's Garden* by Paul Warren. Father Dane Elsworth conducted the scripture reading and sermon. The Roll of Honour containing the names of all the DHS boys who had made the ultimate sacrifice in wars around the world was read by Colonel

PK Acutt (Retired). Unaye Mndau performed an outstanding rendition of a song titled *We Remember*.

The wreath laying ceremony was well supported by the various military units present on the day: King Shaka Regiment, South African Legionnaires, The Moth Rhumbelow Shellhole, Durban Light Infantry, SAAFA Durban Branch, KZN Reserve Signal Unit and 61 Mechanised Unit.

In a new tradition introduced this year, The Durban High School Foundation Trust laid a new wreath alongside the Durban High School wreath. We would like to thank the SA Legion for their continued support of this important event in our school calendar.

G Goodwin
Deputy Head Master



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 2024.

GRADE 12

Grade 12 Academic Awards for Trials 2024 Exams:

Honours Re-Award:	Taresh Naidoo Keshan Pillay Xanda Theologo
Colours:	Darius Phali Connor Rixon William Ronnie Joshua Smith Jordan Soodyll David Snyman
Half Colours:	Zayyaan Ahmed Zayd Aniff Hendrik Bezuidenhout Phila Gwamanda Zakariyya Hansa Marnu Koekemoer Neo Mokhomoo Kearen Naidoo Nevaai Naidoo Agcina Quvane Brandon Steyn

Grade 12 Academic Awards for the June 2024 Exams:

Honours Re-Award:	Keshan Pillay Connor Rixon David Snyman Theologo Xanda
Colours Re-Award:	Kearen Naidoo William Ronnie
Colours:	Taresh Naidoo
Half Colours Re-Award:	Neo Mokhomoo Phali Darius Jordan Soodyall Yaasir Sultan
Half Colours:	Zyad Anniff Phila Gwamanda Zakariyya Hansa Marnu Koekemoer Agcina Quvane Joshua Smith Brandon Steyn

GRADE 11

Grade 11 Academic Awards for the November 2023 Exams:

Honours Re-Award:	Taresh Naidoo Connor Rixon Xanda Theologo
Colours Re-Award:	Kearen Naidoo Joshua Smith
Colours:	Keshan Pillay David Snyman Brandon Steyn
Half Colours Re-Award:	Joshua Jacks Luvuyo Mkhize Neo Mokhomoo Yaasir Sultan
Half Colours:	William Ronnie Jordan Soodyall

GRADE 10

Grade 10 Academic Awards for the November 2023 Exams:

Honours:	Nivaan Chetty Sayed Hoosen Nirav Ramjuguth
Colours:	Siyabonga Chonco Tishen Deepnarain Riccardo Girodo Caleb Gounder Shivay Munien Thiren Naidoo Zayd Abdul Oomar Thivyan Pillay Kirk Wilson
Half Colours:	Rohan Bridgemohan Kerwin Fisher Tristan Frank Muhammad Yahya Kadwa S'bongukuthula Mdima Lungelo Mtshali Thashar Naidoo Alain Ntibasame Riley Pechey Devaj Sanjith Ngodi Stefane



Learning Areas

English Home Language

The 2024 Academic year started off with a bang, with the Grade 12 learners commencing work on the first day. The addition of a new system of learning - the ASC programme (for learners with barriers to learning) was a new experience for us all at DHS. We welcomed Ms Angelique Selvaruthnam into the department and she fully facilitated the English programme with the learners from ASC.

As our school numbers increased, so too did the Academy classes. This year we increased our Grade 8 Academy classes to include X, Y and Z.

It is pleasing to note that our Grade 8 and 9s are making good progress and it seems that the reading programme is helping our boys with their comprehension skills.

Competition amongst our top grade 12 learners was clearly evident as we saw a few percentage differences in their marks. Our top candidates - Connor Rixon, Xanda Theologo, Keshan Pillay - are highly motivated learners. Ten learners: K Pillay, C Rixon, M Sebake, L Mkokeli, D Coetzee, N Jona, A Jackson, C Willemse, T Visser and M Skosana were selected for the DBE external oral moderation. Feedback given was that our boys performed exceptionally well, impressing the moderators with their ability to hold a conversation on general topics.

They were also privileged to attend the stage production of Othello, which I am sure benefited them greatly.

Despite the trial examinations being a stressful and, for the majority of our boys, a daunting task, they performed

quite well, producing some very good results. This year the English prize went to Connor Rixon who is also the Dux of the school.

Throughout the year our Grade 12s were involved in the Winter and Spring extra classes with quite a few boys attending. The Grade 12 teachers are to be commended for giving up their afternoons and weekends to ensure our boys were adequately prepared for their exams. We look forward to a positive set of results.

The Grades 8 - 11 performance throughout the year had both its ups and downs. It is pleasing to note that there are no failures in Grade 10 and 11.

The GEC for the Grade 9s is always an area for great concern. Our boys are still struggling with the multiple-choice questions. Lack of experience in this area is to be blamed. We hope to improve on this in 2025 by incorporating multiple choice questions more in class exercises. The difficulty with the language section is a concern. Our boys lack of creativity and fluency is to be remedied by ensuring there is more control regarding the reading and feedback programme. Needless to say, there were no failures and the grade average is 70%.

The Grade 8s embraced School and were excited initially about high school, until the demands of the subject got to them. All told they performed well with very few failures.

Congratulations goes out to Richard Khune on his marriage. We wish him all the happiness in this new phase of his life. Sadly, we had to bid farewell to Mr Noel Moodley who takes up the position of headmaster at St James Primary school. To you, Sir, we want to say thank

you for all you did and still do for our school. We wish you every success in your new venture. To Ms Shirelle Daniel, well done on your appointment as Subject Head for English. I wish you all the success and know that you have the support of the entire department behind you.

English Home Language NSC Report 2024:

Symbol	No. of Learners	Percentage
A	11	6.6%
B	23	13.8%
C	47	28.3%
D	59	35.5%
E	26	15.6%
F	-	

My heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers in the department. You have done a sterling job and we thank you for all your time, effort and energy in ensuring the success of the boys.

Ms S Nagiah
Departmental Head: Languages

Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal

Die getal Afrikaanse leerders het weereens vanjaar toegeneem. Daar was ook 'n 8 ASC (Academic Support Class) klas bygevoeg wat deur Mnr Esterhuizen onderrig is. Die Academy klasse was aanvanklik X en Y klasse en vanjaar het dit vermeerder na X,Y en Z klasse.

Meer aandag was ook vanjaar aan kritiese denke tipe vrae bestee, wat vraag 3 en 4 van die Funksionele Grammatika vraestel behels. Goeie vordering is in hierdie afdelings gemaak, wat 'n aanduiding is dat ons leerders nou meer self vertrou het en



dat ons die vrugte van ons harde werk pluk. Leerders in die VOO fase vaar nou beter in vraag 3 en 4 in vergelyking met vraag 5, alhoewel vraag 5 die minder uitdagende deel van die vraestel is.

Ander positiewe aspekte is die juniors wat ook vir vraestel voorberei en die Graad 10s wat veel beter vaar in die uiteensetting van die opsomming.

Die Graad 8s was vanjaar baie rustig en kalm en het goeie werk sonder moeite gelewer. Alhoewel hulle gesukkel het, was die werk etiket in vergelyking met vorige jare, bo-gemiddeld. GEC, wat die AOS in Afrikaans is, het die Graad 9s nogal besig gehou.

Die volgende Graad 12s was vir die eksterne moderasie gekies en hulle het DHS baie goed verteenwoordig. Hulle het weereens die moderators baie beïndruk met hul beleefdheid, houding en spontane response by die onvoorbereide gesprek. Een van die moderators het kommentaar oor hoe dapper hulle is, gelewer. Hulle was baie ontspanne en grappig. Names?

Daar was ook strawwe kompetisie tussen die top 6 Afrikaanse candidate: David Snyman, Xanda Theologo, Connor Rixon, Tareh Naidoo, Duncan Basson en Marnu Koekemoer. Snyman, wat vanaf Graad 9 die top Afrikaanse kandidaat was, het ons weereens beïndruk met sy uitstekende punte en die Afrikaans prys is weereens aan hom toegeken. Ons sien uit na die uitslae in die NSC eksamen. Hopelik sal hulle beter NSC vraestel 2 punte beter as proewe wees.

2024 was 'n interessante en genotvolle jaar vir die Afrikaans Departement. Daar was heelwat feesvieringe wat plaasgevind het. Beide Mev Henley en Mev Nagiah het die jeugdige groot ses nul betree. 'n Tydperk waarna albei uitgesien het, weens die pensioenaris afslag.

Die Afrikaans leerkragte se seuns, wat al drie DHS ou-studente is, het hierdie jaar hul grade behaal. Shaelin Nagiah wat in 2010 matriculeer het en alreeds 'n graad in siviele ingenieurswese besit, het vanjaar 'n Masters in Business Administration – Private Equity Elective aan die Universiteit van St Gallen in Copenhagen - behaal. Matthew Henley, wat in 2017 matriculeer het, het vanjaar 'n MBChB, mediese graad aan die Universiteit van Kaapstad behaal. Austin Sutherland wat in 2019 matriculeer het, het ook 'n Advanced Diploma in Information and Communication Technology met 15 uit 20 onderskeidings in sy studies by DUT behaal. Die Afrikaans Departement is baie trots op ons ou- studente en wens hulle alle sukses in die toekoms toe.

Meneer Esterhuizen het in Julie vanjaar met Nicolene in die huwelik getree. Ons wens hulle 'n geseënde en gelukkige huwelik toe.

Die mees teleurstellende nuus is dat beide Dr Sutherland en Mnr Esterhuizen ons aan die einde van die jaar verlaat om poste by ander skole te beklee. Alhoewel ons baie hartseer oor die verlies is, wens ons hulle alle sukses toe en bedank hulle vir hulle bydrae oor die jare. Dr Sutherland was 10 jaar in DHS en Mnr Esterhuizen 3 jaar.

Afrikaans FAL NSC 2024

Top leerders vanaf Graad 8 tot 11:

Graad	Naam	%
Graad 8		
Graad 9		
Graad 10		
Graad 11		
Ms H V Henley Vakhoof: Afrikaans		

IsiZulu First Additional Language

The year 2024 started off with a positive spirit among the IsiZulu boys this year. It is always pleasing to see how dynamic and ready they are at the start of the academic year. Seeing them set up subject symbol goals for the year at the start of the year brings a lot of joy to their teachers, and the positive competition among themselves inspires and motivates them to keep improving on their set target marks.

The Grade 12 IsiZulu boys are no exception. They also have had a lot of academic demands, considering that they are to rush the curriculum in a space of three terms.

In August 2024, six Grade 12 IsiZulu boys were selected to participate at the annual DBE's external district oral moderation. This call up results in a lot of stress and pressure to do well as they are not only representing their school, they are also faced with other students from other schools, who also come fully prepared. Our boys never disappoint, they always arrive prepared and, moreover, they use the PowerPoint programme and props (visual material) well in their speeches, which causes a lot anxiety for other participating schools. This oral moderation was held at Sastri College, and boys did exceptionally well in the following categories:

- Prepared Speech
- Reading Exercise
- Listening & Comprehension Exercise

We thank the boys who took part on this gruelling and mentally challenging exercise.

In September 2024, the IsiZulu department was invited to attend the annual best speaker competition, which



is organised by Danville Park Girls' High School. This competition is open to Grade 11 boys only, and it is a great competition as it involves all categories of oral skills which include poetry, speeches, rhyme, and reading. All these are conducted in IsiZulu, and boys are encouraged to use all grammatical styles which can also be very cultural and academic in their chosen category.

At the conclusion of the day's competition, Akaziwe Ndlela from DHS was rated as one of the best participants, and was awarded with a certificate of participation.

In the same month, the Grade 12 IsiZulu boys sat for their trial examinations. This was quite a challenging time for them as they had to prepare fully in order to achieve great results at the end.

The trial exams were concluded, and teachers had the task of marking the exams, and moderating them. After this process, the top five boys' scripts had to be collated and verified to determine who will be the recipient of the Innocent Chamane Award for IsiZulu First Additional Language. This year's winner was Bongokuhle Madonda. The department is proud of this young man's achievement!

The year ended with the NSC exams, and at the end of 2024 the IsiZulu boys have achieved the following symbols:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>No. of Students</i>	<i>%</i>
A	23	38
B	26	43
C	9	15
D	1	2
E	0	0
F	1	2

I would like to thank my colleagues, Ms Mtshali, Ms Sibisi, and Ms Nagiah (Departmental Head for Languages), for all the support they have given

our Department in making this year a successful one.

Mr S Cele
Subject Head: IsiZulu

Dramatic Arts

This year we welcomed Ms Irene Govender to our team. We were delighted to have her join the Drama Department. With her wealth of knowledge and experience she has indeed been an asset to DHS thus far.

In terms of the academic achievement of the boys, the practical component continues to afford our boys the opportunity to shine in hands-on and creative based tasks which gives them a more balanced opportunity to achieve.

The theory component is still very challenging for some boys. Ms Govender and Mr McEwen have been trying to focus on these boys by providing extra lessons during the Elective Period. The majority of boys who attended these extra lessons were very committed to improving their overall marks and this went a long way in seeing some real progress.

We were pleased to invite teacher, choreography and dance specialist, Ms Daisy Spencer, in Term 2. On 11 and 18 April Ms Spencer facilitated a Physical Theatre Workshop with our Grade 10 and 12 boys. Ms Spencer engaged the boys in a number of activities that allowed the boys to think differently about how to create a movement piece. Our boys had lots of fun participating in games and tasks to use their imagination and their bodies. The overall experience was immensely enjoyed by all.

On 9 October, Vusi's Dance Company treated our Grade 11 boys to an energetic and creative Physical Theatre

Workshop which had them lifting each other in the air and tumbling on the floor to create some very interesting and imaginative movement pieces for their Final Practical Examination.

The Class of 2024 has indeed been a high achieving group of boys, scoring the highest class average in the last 4 years as well as the most participation in productions, both in and out of school. The following boys were the top four achievers for the Trials Examination, with Ikho Mdleleni being awarded the prize for Dramatic Arts for 2024.

1. Ikho Mdleleni - 87%
2. Akhil Naidoo - 84%
3. Mahle Sithole - 84%
4. Unaye Mndau - 83%

The NSC Matric Results 2024:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>No of Learners</i>	<i>%</i>
A	5	25%
B	3	15%
C	8	40%
D	4	20%
	20	Average = 69%

Ms G Joshua
Subject Head: Dramatic Arts

Music

The Music Department at Durban High School has continued its tradition of excellence in 2024, showcasing the school's unwavering commitment to cultivating musical talent and academic success. With exceptional academic results, a growing team of skilled instructors, and remarkable performances, the department has reinforced its reputation as a leader in music education.

Academic Achievements

1. *Matric Class Excellence*
 - The 2024 Matric Music students delivered exceptional



practical performances, with 100% of the cohort earning A passes in their final practical examinations. This outstanding achievement reflects their dedication, creativity, and technical expertise, as well as the support and guidance of their teachers.

2. Grade Averages for 2024

- The Grade 11 Music class excelled with an impressive class average of 83%, showcasing their consistent commitment to mastering both theory and performance
- The Grade 10 Music students achieved a remarkable class average of 82%, a testament to their hard work and enthusiasm for the subject.
- The Grade 9 Music class achieved a class average of 72%. Fifteen students will go on to take music as a subject in 2025
- The Grade 8 Music class achieved a class average of 76%. With the majority of students having no prior formal music training, this is an outstanding achievement.

Expanded Teaching Programme

In 2024, the DHS Music Department further enhanced its offerings by expanding its team to include 12 part-time practical music instructors. These highly skilled professionals bring a wealth of experience as educators and performers, enriching the programme with their expertise and passion for music.

The department now offers lessons in a wide variety of instruments, ensuring students have access to a diverse range of musical disciplines, including:

- Keyboard and Strings: Piano, violin
- Percussion and Rhythm: Drums, bass guitar, guitar

- Brass and Woodwind: Saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba
- Vocal Training: Voice

This comprehensive and inclusive curriculum allows students to explore their musical interests and develop their talents under expert mentorship.

Performance and Community Engagement

The Music Department has had an extraordinary year, with students showcasing their talent and dedication through various school and community events. Highlights include:

- Ensembles, Orchestras, and Solo Performances: Students delivered outstanding performances across diverse settings, displaying their technical skills and musical expression.
- Annual Showcase Concert: This signature event was a tremendous success, attracting large audiences and earning widespread praise for the students' professionalism, artistry, and passion for music.

Looking Ahead

As the Durban High School Music Department reflects on its achievements in 2024, the focus now shifts to building an even brighter future. The department remains dedicated to fostering growth, nurturing talent, and maintaining its tradition of excellence. Its key objectives for the coming years include the following:

1. Expanding Instrumental Offerings

To provide students with greater opportunities to explore their musical interests, the department plans to introduce additional specialised instruments. By broadening the range of instruments available, students will have access to unique sounds, techniques, and styles that may

inspire them to delve into new genres of music. This expansion will also prepare learners for more diverse roles in ensembles, orchestras, and solo performances, ensuring they are well-rounded musicians equipped for any stage.

2. Encouraging Greater Participation in National Competitions and Festivals

The department aims to motivate more students to participate in prestigious national music competitions and festivals. These events offer invaluable opportunities for students to gain exposure, collaborate with peers, and perform on prominent stages. Such experiences not only build confidence but also allow students to receive feedback from industry experts, further honing their skills. By facilitating this level of engagement, the department seeks to elevate its students to new heights of achievement and recognition in the broader music community.

3. Fostering a Lifelong Love for Music

The Music Department is committed to inspiring every student to embrace music as a meaningful part of their lives. Beyond the pursuit of technical mastery, the focus will remain on encouraging artistic expression and creativity. By cultivating a love for music, the department aims to empower students to view music as a lifelong passion - whether as professional musicians, enthusiastic amateurs, or avid listeners. This holistic approach ensures that every learner benefits from the transformative power of music, both during their school years and beyond.

Through these forward-looking initiatives, the Durban High School Music Department aims to solidify its

position as a leader in music education. By expanding its programmes, nurturing talent, and fostering a deep appreciation for music, the department seeks to empower its students to excel not only on stage but also in life. With unwavering support from the school community and benefactors, the future promises continued harmony, growth, and outstanding achievements for the DHS Music Department.

Dr N Rungan
Subject Head: Music

Visual Arts

"Some people are artists. Some, themselves are art."

- Unknown

2024 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 young artists impressing us with their skills and knowledge. Some extremely talented, while others were introduced to the formal training in Art aspects.

In Term 2 the boys were introduced to writing an Art exam.

In Term 3 our Matrics set up their Retrospective Exhibition in the school Hall, where they were assessed externally by the Art moderators. We received the following symbols: 5 As, 5 Bs, 5 Cs, 5 Ds and 2 Es. Our average was 66%.

Tylor Visser was the recipient of our Art Practical prize, with Sibongakonke Diko scooping up awards in both Art Practical and Art Theory. Well done to them.

Term 4 saw our Grade 12s complete their 24-hour practical Visual Arts exam (NSC Paper 2). The theme they received from the Department of Education was 'Bridge'. It was interesting to see

how the boys interpreted this theme, both figuratively and literally. On 18 November they wrote their final Visual Arts - Paper 1.

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

Thank you to Mr Lewis and Ms Govender for their contribution in making 2024 a successful year in the Visual Arts Department. May 2025 be another blessed year.

Below are some artworks from our budding artists.

Ms M Subbiah
Subject Head: Visual Arts

Engineering Graphics & Design

The Grade 12 Engineering Graphics and Design prize was awarded to Tareh Naidoo, whose discipline and consistent effort paid off as he achieved 83% in the Trials exam.

The boys generally achieved very pleasing results in the NSC with no failures. Three boys achieved A symbols, seven got B symbols, nine Cs, two Ds and three Es, with an average of 67%. The boys worked hard and they were rewarded for their efforts.

Mr L Girodo
Subject Head: GRDS

Geography

The need for the study of geography is to help us understand our environment, from helping us to predict natural disasters to implementing changes in response to issues such as global warming. You develop a strong knowledge of how weather systems work, natural phenomena, global

population and migration, and much more. Environmental Sciences such as Geography have never been more relevant and necessary in an age when we have become aware of issues such as global warming and a move to sustainability.

Geography as a subject offers learners an opportunity to hone skills and problem solve when learning about people and our environment. In an ever-changing society where technology has infiltrated nearly every industry, technologies of the 4IR can offer new tools for city authorities, private developers and residents to properly plan, visualise and manage urban development. Geography offers learners an opportunity to evaluate, discuss and learn about these environmental changes, both physical and natural.

As a department the Geography staff are incredibly committed and enthusiastic about the subject, trying to ensure that learners who take the subject from Grade 8 until Grade 12 enjoy the subject and find it fulfilling.

2024 saw 37 candidates write the National Senior Certificate Geography examinations. With Durban High School being placed 4th in the district of Umlazi in 2023 we are expecting the class of 2024 to achieve a place in the top three this year.

Unfortunately, we said goodbye to Mr A Dudas, a wonderful leader who has now taken up a post in Australia. However, we do welcome Ms Parmaswar, who is the new subject head. In 2024 DHS opened the Academic Support Centre (ASC). This centre provides individualised support and resources to help learners overcome barriers to learning. This dedicated centre has Ms Selvaruthnam teaching Geography.

We will challenge the Grade 12 boys of 2025 to better these results as I am sure



they are capable, with the proviso of putting in the hard work and dedication required throughout the new academic year.

I would like to thank the Geography Department for their hard work and dedication towards the boys and subject and look forward to 2025 where our department will, I am certain, grow from strength to strength.

Ms S Parmaswar
Subject Head: Geography

History

The 2024 academic year started well with a good staff complement and the welcome of a new staff member, Mr D Williams.

Students at senior phase continued to show excellent results throughout the year. Student numbers in the History Department continued to increase through the academic year as a result of subject changes in Grade 10, while a stable performance from all students in FET phase continued to persist in the department despite being faced with many challenges.

A 94.1% pass rate was achieved by the Matrics of 2024. We wish them all the best for the future.

Mr P Botha
Subject Head: History

Life Orientation

Life Orientation is an academically assessed subject in high schools throughout South Africa. The focus is centred on fostering holistic development by encouraging learners to explore values, ethics, personal beliefs, and societal roles.

Life Orientation is a vital 'subject' that must be covered at school level. It

emphasizes the importance of nurturing not only academic skills but also emotional intelligence, critical thinking and social responsibility. These skills will prepare learners to lead fulfilling lives and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the world at large.

DHS will continue to partner with Teenactive to produce grade specific workbooks. Teenactive provides quality and up to date content which is relevant to the learners of today. These workbooks took the place of textbooks, and it is vital we teach our boys of the current events affecting the communities in our country.

I would like to congratulate our Grade 12s as they once again produced good results for the subject.

I would also like to acknowledge the educators involved in Life Orientation. Your commitment to our boys during this time has been fantastic.

Mr S Dubazana
Subject Head: Life Orientation

Technology

In 2024 DHS continued to be one of fifty schools nationally to be chosen for the pilot GEC programme by the Department of Education. Our Grade 9 learners were given a new module and task for the GEC. This task involved the research, planning and construction of an alarm system using recycled material. Grade 9 rose to the challenge and were able to design and construct some very successful and innovative alarms.

Technology is all about solving problems and once again many Grade 8 and 9 learners showed tremendous talent and some excellent results were obtained.

Technology from Grade 10 onward in Engineering, Graphics and Design is preparing students for their future

paths. They engage with real-life scenarios, such as visualising objects and understanding mechanical and civil concepts, like reading machine parts or designing houses. Through projects, they learn to quantify materials, conduct research, and refine their ideas.

Mr L Girodo
Subject Head: Technology

Information Technology

"I just realized that while we are all focusing on updating IT because we perceive it as outdated and in need of a revamp, Information Technology is the most up-to-date subject as it directly deals with technology and its advancements. This raises an important question: what will happen when we begin to recognize how outdated other subjects are in comparison? Information Technology's evolution can serve as a blueprint for the transformation of education across all disciplines. What we do with IT going forward will not only shape its future but also provide a working model for modernizing and integrating technology into other subjects."

- The Future of Education in the Age of AI.

This year, 2024, was another year of change in the IT department. Mr Surtees decided to emigrate to New Zealand, leaving the department in my hands. This was no easy task, given that I had to take on his mainstream and Nonpareil Academy classes in addition to my Cambridge Computer Science classes. This year has been an incredibly stressful and challenging year but, with the dedication and commitment by all, we managed to overcome and turn it into a successful 2024. I often tell my boys that I cannot turn them into professional programmers. If I could, then I would not have been here.



The current Grade 12s performed extremely well in the June and Trial exams. They also produced some outstanding Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs) with eight As from a total of 13, with an overall average of 82%. I am now looking forward to the outcome of their 2024 NSC IT results. Special mention must go to Keshan Pillay who achieved a 97% aggregate for all three terms, thereby winning the DHS ONT Downes Prize for IT for 2024. Well done, Keshan!

To the current Grade 10 and 11 boys. As mentioned in a previous report, Information Technology is unique in the time commitment - at least four hours a week outside of class - which it demands. It also presents an enormous challenge, in the form of perseverance and the need to embrace humility, for the boys. I would encourage any boy doing Information Technology or considering Information Technology for the FET phase to consider very carefully whether he is willing to devote that much time to the subject. Realistically, this will mean time spent practicing or studying instead of indulging in leisure activities. The rewards are great, but like anything worth doing, the amount of effort is commensurable.

Finally practice makes perfect. According to Alan Turing, "Programming is a skill best acquired by practice and example rather than from books." So, practice, practice, practice, and when you think you have practiced enough, practice some more! It is as simple as that.

Mr D Ramaya

Subject Head: Information Technology
and Cambridge Computer Science

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences Department this year welcomed Mr J du Plessis. We 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.

This year, junior Life Sciences students took part in a forest rehabilitation programme in Pietermaritzburg. The programme was a key activity of the Environment Club, an initiative led by the Life Sciences Department to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. The students were involved in practical conservation efforts aimed at restoring local forests, improving biodiversity, and raising awareness about environmental issues. This programme highlighted the importance of hands-on learning and the students' commitment to environmental stewardship.

The year 2024 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 inspire the learners to academic brilliance.

Mr T Moodley

Subject Head: Life Sciences

Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics has had an eventful and impressive year, marked by a series of academic achievements, student successes, and innovations in teaching and learning. As we look back over the past academic year, it

is clear that the Department has not only maintained its strong reputation but also expanded its reach and impact within the school and beyond.

The Department's commitment to learner development remains a cornerstone of its success. The curriculum for Mathematics in the 2024 academic year was successfully aligned with national standards, ensuring that learners received a balanced and rigorous education. The department is well equipped with up-to-date textbooks, digital learning platforms, and access to a wide range of online resources. The Department's mentoring programmes include Mathematics electives across all grades, extra lessons after school, and Winter and Spring camps for Grade 12 learners. These interventions have continued to provide learners with the tools and guidance needed to succeed academically. In the classroom, the Department has made significant strides in integrating technology and innovation into its teaching practices. The introduction of smartboards in the Nonpareil Academy classes has made teaching more interactive and autonomous. In our mainstream classes, the Google Classroom platform continues to make Mathematics more accessible to learners outside the traditional classroom and encourages collaboration and sharing of ideas.

The level of engagement in Mathematics has been positive, with learners participating actively in extracurricular events. Our learners excelled in the South African Mathematics Olympiad, where ten were placed in the top 100 achievers in the province. Additionally, the school offers AD Maths to high performing learners. The Grade 9 learners wrote the national GEC examination, which focuses on real-world applications of Mathematics and project-based learning.



The performance of learners in Mathematics has been generally strong, with notable successes all round. In the NSC exams, our Grade 12 class of 2024 achieved a pass rate of 95.3%. There were 10 distinctions. The pass rates for the other grades were as follows: Grade 11: 99%, Grade 10: 100%, Grade 9: 90% and Grade 8: 95%.

We said farewell to Ms Bronwyn Vorster and Ms Natalie Mabbett, who left the employ of the school. We wish them the very best in their careers.

Thank you to our Departmental Head, Mr Rob Smyth, for his leadership, to Ms Eunice Sibisi for leading the Mathematical Literacy team, and to my dedicated team of educators. With a commitment to continuous improvement and a focus on supporting all learners, the Department is well-positioned for even greater success in the coming academic year.

Mr A Boodhram
Subject Head: Mathematics

Physical Sciences

The Physical Sciences teaching staff of 2024 are extremely proud of the remarkable results achieved by our students. It is truly wonderful to witness their dedication and commitment to their studies. The Grade 12 pupils worked tirelessly throughout the year, consistently putting in the effort required to excel in a challenging subject.

Throughout the year, they attended extra Physics lessons regularly, which greatly contributed to their success. In addition, many students participated in the extra classes held during the school holidays. The boys took full advantage of the opportunity, attending Autumn, Winter, and Spring classes to reinforce their understanding and deepen their knowledge of key concepts.

These collective efforts bore fruit, as the results were exactly what we had hoped for. DHS was once again praised at the first Umlazi subject meeting for the outstanding academic performance of our students. It is clear that the hard work and dedication of both staff and students have paid off.

The Grade 12 group also made us incredibly proud during their Trials examinations. The competition among the top achievers for the Physical Sciences prize was intense, and it was a pleasure to witness their determination and excellence. Ultimately, Connor Rixon's perseverance, dedication, and consistent hard work earned him the well-deserved recognition as the prize winner for 2024.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the science staff for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout what has been a very busy year. The dedication and passion shown by the teaching staff, who continually go above and beyond to ensure that students receive the best possible education, has been invaluable. From additional lessons and after-school support to mentoring students through their academic challenges, their contributions have been integral to the success of our students and the department as a whole.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our Grade 12 students for their achievements this year. Their commitment and resilience have set an example for the future generations of Physical Sciences students at DHS. As we look ahead, we wish our current Grade 12 group all the best for their new ventures in 2025. May they continue to aim high and succeed in all their future endeavours.

Ms M Girodo
Subject Head: Physical Sciences

Accounting

The Accounting Department is pleased to have had another successful year, marked by a 95% pass rate in the Grade 12 Trial Examinations. We extend our sincerest congratulations to Darius Phali, the recipient of the Accounting Award who achieved 94%, and to Nivaan Chetty, the top achiever in Grade 11 who achieved 93% in the examinations. The Grade 10 group had a strong year, demonstrating a solid foundation for future success. An improvement in the quality of results, as well as the passion for this subject was evident.

The department remains committed to fostering a passion for Accounting and the educators continue to strive for excellence in every grade.

We wish the Class of 2024 all the best in their future endeavours.

Mr J Naicker
Subject Head: Accounting

Economic Management Sciences (EMS)

The department had a strong year, which resulted in a 100% pass rate for Grade 9s, and a 99.5% pass rate for Grade 8s. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both students and teachers.

Through engaging lessons, practical exercises and technology integration, students have developed critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of economic principles. The department has also prioritised financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills, empowering students to make informed financial decisions and pursue entrepreneurial ventures. By fostering a culture of



innovation and critical thinking, the EMS Department is equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills for future success.

Mr J Naicker
Subject Head: EMS

Business Studies

Mr Thomas, Mr Govender and Mr Matthysen headed up the teaching of Business Studies in 2024. 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 that received an award for his outstanding achievement in Business Studies was Xanda Theologo. We congratulate him and wish him success in his future endeavours.

Mr E Thomas
Subject Head: Business Studies

Economics

This year has been successful. The Economics class has grown in the past year to a class of 57 and the performance of the boys has been satisfactory, with approximately 28% of the boys achieving above 80%.

Ample time was available for revision which will contribute to a successful result in their final examination.

The Cambridge boys have performed exceptionally well during the year. The Cambridge classes have grown as well, with boys in IGCSE, AS and A levels.

During the year the boys gained insightful knowledge by participating in the JSE challenge as well as the SARB Monetary Policy Challenge. The SARB gifted the boys with laptop backpacks for their participation.

I wish the Class of 2024 all the best in their future endeavours.

Ms J Kistiah
Subject Head: Economics

Learner Support

At Durban High School, we understand that education goes beyond academics. It's about fostering a nurturing environment where students feel supported and safe. Our comprehensive pastoral care system ensures that all learners have the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships, encouraging open communication and personal growth.

Mentorship Program: Building Connections

A cornerstone of our pastoral care is the mentorship programme, which pairs carefully selected Grade 11 students with new Grade 8 learners. These mentors, AKA big brothers, provide guidance and support, meeting weekly with their mentees to foster open conversations. Under the expert guidance of our school counsellor, Mr Bryan Adam, the Grade 11 mentors receive training to effectively fulfil their roles, ensuring that they are equipped to offer the support that younger students may need.

Class Tutors: Fostering Relationships

The next level of our support system consists of class tutors who oversee the well-being of their respective classes. Meeting twice a week, these educators work to cultivate trusting relationships with their students, making it easier for them to share their thoughts and feelings. This consistent interaction creates a supportive classroom environment where every learner feels valued.

Pastoral Heads: Comprehensive Support

Our pastoral heads play a vital role in ensuring the overall well-being of each grade. These dedicated educators manage referred cases and provide necessary guidance to students in need. They serve as a crucial link between learners and the broader pastoral care system, ensuring that every concern is addressed promptly and effectively.

The Role of the School Pastoral Head

At the helm of our pastoral care system is Mr Bryan Adam, our school pastoral head and a trained counsellor recognised by the HSPCA. Mr Adam specialises in providing counselling to students facing more significant challenges. He prioritises confidentiality and works diligently to create a safe space for students to express themselves. For cases that require additional expertise, he ensures proper referrals to medical practitioners, following up to guarantee that our students receive the comprehensive care they deserve.

A Safe Space for All

At DHS, we take pride in our extensive pastoral care system, which ensures that every learner feels safe to speak up and receive the help they need. If any student requires assistance, we encourage them to reach out to Mr Adam via email (bryan.adam@durbanhighschool.co.za) to set up a meeting. Together, we are committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive.

Mr B Adam
Head of Learner Support



Creative Writing

An Essay

As the sun set over the university campus, I found myself at a crossroads - caught between my parent's expectations and the exciting allure of freedom. Unbeknownst to me, they had mapped out my future, comprising a life of success and stability. But as I prepared to start this new chapter, I felt the weight of their dreams pressing on my heart, steering me towards an unfamiliar path, far removed from my own dreams and aspirations.

In their eyes, university was a way to secure a good job - a ticket to a reputable life. They pictured me in a graduation gown and cap, confidently stepping into a corporate world that promised financial security and social approval. However, university life revealed a different picture. It was a vibrant place filled with diverse ideologies, unique paths, and a freedom that sparked my imagination.

The lectures opened my mind to limitless possibilities beyond the traditional views - in art, philosophy, and social justice. This ignited a passion within me that my parents had overlooked. Each discussion and late night debate forced me further away from their expectations. I began to see my university education as an opportunity to explore stereotypical beliefs, rather than just a step towards a predestined future.

This transition wasn't easy. Conversations at the dinner table grew intense as I shared my dreams of travelling, writing, and pursuing a career in the arts. Their worries echoed in my mind: "What about stability? What about success?" Yet, amid their concerns, my desire for authenticity remained. University became more

than a place for academic success; it became a journey of self-discovery.

In this newfound freedom, I learned how to forge and navigate my own path. I networked with inspiring professors and peers who dreamed without limits. Together, we explored not just what we could achieve, but who we desired to be. Each moment of breaking away from conformity felt like reclaiming a part of my identity - a myriad of mixed experiences that would ultimately shape my journey.

As graduation approaches, I realise that true freedom isn't about rejecting my parent's dreams but about embracing my own. The path I create may deviate from theirs, but it is inherently mine - a blend of their hopes and my dreams. In this combination, I discover that freedom is not just an escape but an adventure waiting to unfold.

With every step forward, I feel my parent's support woven into my plans. As I look ahead, I see not just my future, but a legacy of exploration, courage, and the infinite possibilities that await

Adam Essayy
Grade 12N

One moment that seemed to last an eternity (an extract)

"... The sweet-sounding melody of the classical keys calmed the atmosphere. Recumbently ensconced upon my reclining chair, I gazed out into the city I called home. Soaking up the last glimpse of the ephemeral beauty the sunset had to offer, a sense of relaxation and assurance filled my heart knowing I had made it this far in life. A penthouse

in the States overlooking the marvellous spectacle of the New York nightlife was a testament to my hard work. However, complete contentment was not to last.

The mellifluous tones from the speakers continued through the evening as the night-sky dimmed to reveal the darkness I had been dreading. The wine glass was my accompanying counterpart which calmed my soul before the final hours of the day. Slowly sipping away at the bubbly beverage help me forget what had happened.

The night persisted. Time was running.

An imposing ring of the doorbell broke the ataraxia of the atmosphere. Standing up from my seat I could feel the discomfort that lay in my chest. My senses were stimulated to a maximum, almost as if it were a natural defensive state that I was being drawn into. I walked to the door, re-adjusting my attire, and placed my hand on the doorknob. The copper sucked heat from my grip as I opened the door in front of me. No-one was there ..."

Kirk Wilson
Grade 11Y

The Battle of our Minds

Debate, argue, clash, fight!
A battle with minds so bright.
What we argue about is mere fact
however good fellowship is what we enact.
Arguments are what we tend to hear
but we rebut opposition without any fear.

The words are tearing at the seams
a war between our two teams.
The only weapons are that of our voices



I wonder if proposition was the best of our choices?

POI!

Our case is more than what meets the eye.

Oh, the art of debate –
this is not a sport
for one to spectate.

Nivaan Chetty
Grade 11X

How to Punctuate

A full stop ends a statement.

Use an exclamation for a command!

What do you use for a question?

My mind searches for the answer...

“A question mark!” exclaims my textbook.

A list, and extra information separated by a comma,

however, how do you tell the difference between it’s misconception?

A semi-colon takes the place of a conjunction;
its good old foes introduces lists: but, and, because, for...

Oh no! punctuation makes my head go round.

Was that an injection or an interjection?

Oh dear, parts of speech are letting me down!

Nirav Ramjuguth
Grade 11X

A Warrior’s Sacrifice

As the moon rose, the valley erupted with the roar of battle and the thunder of drums, maiming the serenity of the farmland. The ground shook with the march of a thousand men as the storm clouds followed closely behind them ...

The rain pattered against him, washing the blood off his battle-plate, streaming down his face. The warrior stood alone in the “Tallyman’s field” surrounded by the mangled corpses of friend and foe. The warrior’s breath was ragged as the adrenaline from his previous actions wore off. Once a beacon of serenity and nobility, the warrior’s blade now lay in his hand, a weapon of savagery used to hack and cleave. The blade no longer gleamed in the astral light but was stained with blood.

This spectre’s body ached, and his muscles screamed with fatigue. Each movement reminded him not only of the brutality of battle, but of his own role in it, As the rain pelted him, the echoes of battle cries and the clashing of steel still resonated in his mind. Worst of all was the grim silence - the silence where the spectre endured the weight of his own survival.

The landscape that surrounded him, once a sea of green, was now a wasteland of bodies. The emblem on his chest was lost in the blood-soaked tabard. In front of him stood the tilted banner of his house, caked in dirt and blood, its colours dulled. The rain continued to wash away not only the dirt and blood, but the dreams and ambitions they had carried into battle.

As the rain soaked him, he cast his gaze over the fallen. He had fought for a cause, one he had valued dearly, but the ruination that lay before him challenged that belief. His comrades had marched beside him for that banner, and they had died for it. Grief washed over him as heavy as the rain. His white knuckles clenched harder around the hilt of his blade, binding him to the mortal plain, whilst his comrades ventured into the beyond.

His vigil had ended. The warrior sheathed his blade and marched away. The rain continued to purify the tainted

earth, washing away the spilt blood. The battle had been won and he alone had bested death.

Matthew Mottram
Grade 10X

Remind Me

In the labyrinth of my mind, thoughts twist and unwind, Memories like rhymes, slipping through the sands of time. Faces fade, names evade, like shadows in the shade, A mental masquerade, where clarity decayed.

Once sharp as a blade, now dulled by the haze, Lost in a maze, where the past plays charades. Fragments of the past, like shattered glass, Moments that amassed, now slipping fast.

In the fog, I search for the spark, A flicker in the dark, a remnant of the arc. Identity’s mark, now a question stark, in the mental park, where echoes embark.

Now the void consumes, memories erased, A blank slate faced, where nothing’s traced. In the silence, I’m displaced, a mind misplaced, In the empty space, my past effaced.

Voices whisper, but they don’t connect, A life once vivid, now indirect. In the mirror, I reflect, a soul unchecked, A journey lost, a path deflects.

Yet in this void, a strange peace lies, No more questions, no more whys. In the stillness, my spirit flies, Beyond the bounds, where memory dies.

Jeddan Atkinson
Grade 9XX



A Rumble and Then a Strike

It was a dark and stormy night. The feeling in my stomach a rumble as I entered a dead silent exam room. My hands dripped with sweat – they felt like they had just been in a freezer. I picked up my pen to write but it just faded away, like the moon as a cloud covers its luminous light.

I looked down at my exam page, the words started to flash and fade like lightning and thunder. There was a loud rumble in my stomach, the storm edged closer. I could hear a silent ticking in the distance. It was seconds ticking away. The lightning got closer. The thunder got louder. There was a massive storm cloud surrounding my head, waiting to burst at any second. I looked around and saw nothing. I looked back at my exam page - still nothing. I know I studied, but the knowledge was washed away by dark clouds. I couldn't stop imagining my parents' faces when I broke the news. News of failure. The wind started to pick up as my hair was ruffled. The leaves danced in the distance of the dark and rainy night. My head started to spin alongside the exam. The thunder got louder and the lightning struck faster. My hear pounded in my arm as I scrawled across the exam page. There was fear in my eyes, then raindrops fell onto the paper. Thunder rumbled and roared, then nothing.

The silence broke as I left the exam room. The storm cloud disappeared. The thunder and lightning stopped. Realisation surrounded my head as the light returned. I survived the dark, stormy night.

Tairav Chetty
Grade 8X

Grade 8 Flash Fiction

Stories of 10 words or less ...

A man's last words: loving her was my biggest mistake.

Alex Coetzee
Grade 8X

In one second . . . She became a memory.
Antonio Gounden
Grade 8X

She let go, and in the fall, finally found herself.

Joshua Beattie
Grade 8X

Life stopped, her heart didn't. He was gone for good.

Tairav Chetty
Grade 8X

I'm not the only one. Maybe I never was
Thandolwethu Phoswa
Grade 8X

SAICE Schools Aquilibrium Competition 2024

The aim of this competition is to simulate a network with a practical model, giving learners some insight into distribution of water and ensuring that

there is constant flow of water equally to their respective reservoirs, minimising penalty points. The learners task is to design a model water distribution network to supply three litres of water equally between three points on the grid using two different diameter pipes and connection pieces.

They build and operate this system and are judged on how well they execute the task, working on a penalty points system. This competition exposes learners to the practical application of processes that influence their daily lives, ie, how water gets to their homes. They are made aware of the intricacies involved in the design of water distribution networks and the actual water delivery to households.

The KZN Regional Competition was held in April 2024, with 11 schools participating. The event was hosted by SAICE (South African Institute of Civil Engineering) Durban Branch and sponsored by Umgeni Water.

The DHS team, comprising of Lincoln Wilson, Sameshan Kisten and Sohan Seetal from 10XX, were the KZN Regional winner, being placed in 1st position with a penalty point of 100 (2,9 Litres of water collected in 3 reservoirs).

C Moodley
M-i-C : Aquilibrium Competition



Prefects



Prefects 2024

Front Row (L to R): Lubanzi Zulu, Keshan Pillay, Mphululi Dimaza (Deputy Head Prefect), Unaye Mndau, (Head Prefect), Ruben Peters (Deputy Head Prefect), Mahle Sithole (Deputy Head Prefect), Matlhatse Sebake

2nd Row: Sinalo Nyawose, Kearen Naidoo, Daniel Mayisa, Henro Bezuidenhout, Lethabo Bogacwi, Duncan Basson, Ima Mkokeli

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Duncan Basson
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 Jared Havemann
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 Egerton Hingston
 Joshua Loots
 Thando Luthuli

Sibusiso Mahlangu
 Lumi Matwele
 Daniel Mayisa
 Kaden Mckenzie
 Ima Mkokeli
 Kearen Naidoo
 Kuveshan Naidoo
 Taresh Naidoo
 Sinalo Nyawose

Keshan Pillay
 Semal Pillay
 Matlhatse Sebake
 Joshua Smith
 David Snyman
 Khanyisa Stamper
 Brandon Steyn
 Bryce Woolf
 Lubanzi Zulu



Blackmore House Prefects



Blackmore House Prefects 2024

Front Row (L to R): Ayanda Mathenjwa, Mr E Govender (Senior House Master), Unaye Mndau (Head Prefect), Mr S Cromie (Superintendent), Sfundu Mthembu

Back Row: Lethabo Bogacwi, Mphululi Dimaza, Dale Hendrikse, Marnu Koekemoer, Lumi Matwele, Thando Luthuli

Absent: Duncan Basson (Deputy Head Prefect), Khanyisa Stamper (Deputy Head Prefect), Mahle Sithole (Deputy Head Prefect), Matlhatse Sebake, Jean-Roux Jonker, Samkelo Mngadi

Head Prefect: Unaye Mndau

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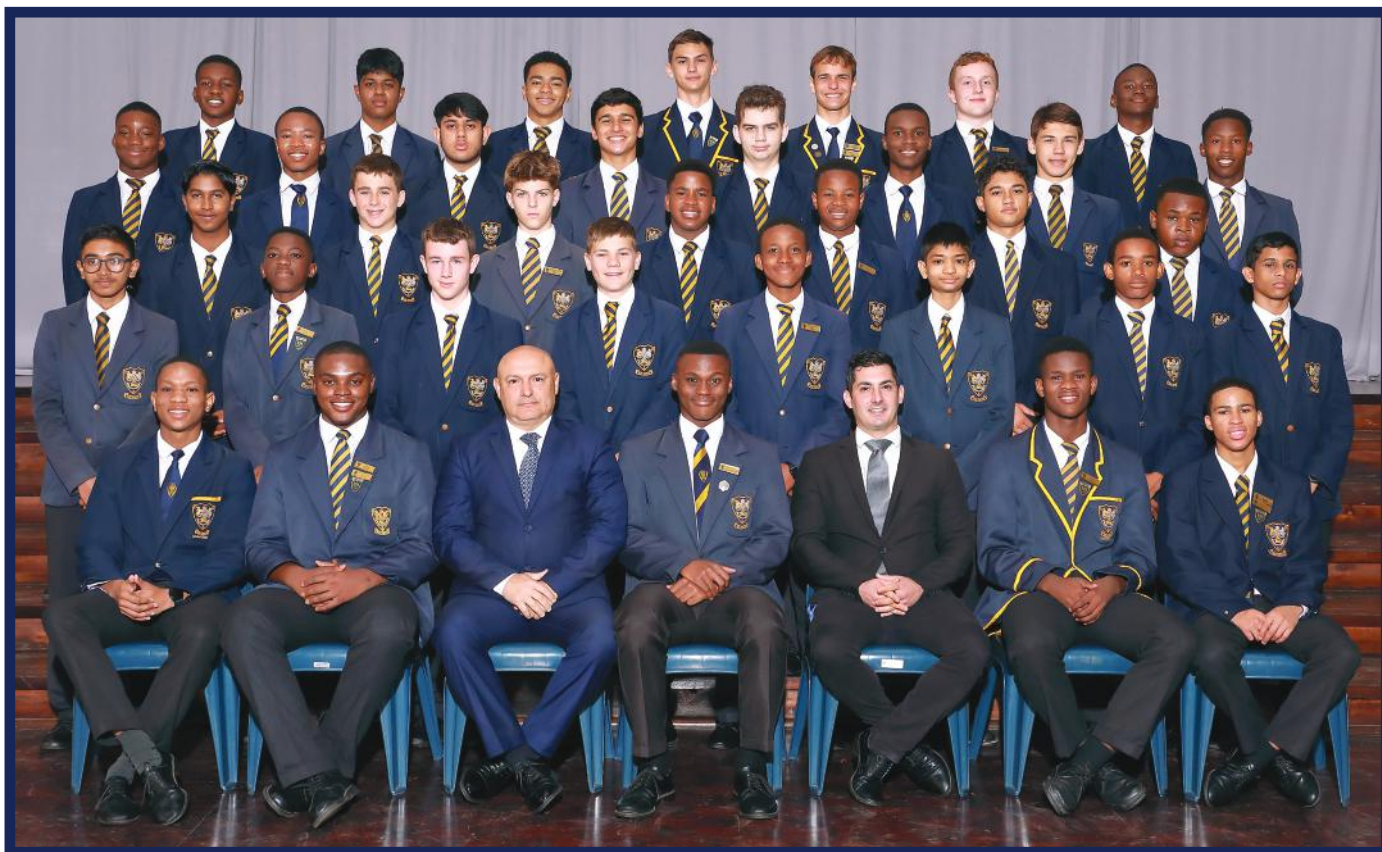
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Representative Council of Learners



RCL 2024

Front Row (L to R): Neo Mokhombo, Sandla Twenani (Vice-Chairman), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Mphululi Dimaza (Chairman), Mr D Marques (Teacher Liaison), Lunathi Nyingwa, Tyrique Cloete (Treasurer)

2nd Row: Josh Neville, Aphiwe Msiya, Diener Cayden, Luke Adam, Yengwa Sanda, Talin Patel, Ruel Nsibaude, Zachary Chetty

3rd Row: Koven Naicker, Thomas Denyssen Julio Azevedo, Elchaan Lubbe, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Taahir Adams, Bongisibusiso Ngcoya

4th Row: Goodluck Ezenwa, Stefane Ngodi, Abdul Muhammed, Skye Richard, Kobus Bronkhorst, Elaine Ntibasame, Seth Wessels, Luniko Joni

Back Row: Blessing Kitondo, Leeam Nair, Renc-lynn Manzi, Morgan Siljebrandt, Ricardo Girodo, Matthew Mottram, Fezile Chili

Absent: Luyanda Ndlovu, Zahi Chetty, Darshan Naidoo, Dawson Edwards, Jacques Vriese, Tashriq Peterson, Darius Phali, Adriano Juliano Jackson, Shyaam Krishnam Maharaj, Joaquim Salvador, Jordan Reddiar, Seetal Sohaan

RCL Leadership

Chairman: Mphululi Dimaza
Vice Chairman: Sandla Twenani
Secretary: Shyaam Krishnam
Treasurer: Tyrique Cloete

The Representative Council of Learners (RCL) of Durban High School is proud to present a summary of its achievements and initiatives for the year. Our efforts focused on fostering inclusivity, supporting the community, and promoting a safe and positive school environment.

Planning for Athletics Day

One of the key projects this year was laying the groundwork for the much-anticipated Athletics Day, which is still in the planning phase. The RCL has been instrumental in:



- Collaborating with the sports department to design an inclusive event framework;
- Gathering input from students to ensure diverse participation;
- Initiating discussions around logistics, themes, and scheduling.

These efforts have set a solid foundation for a successful event that will enhance school spirit and camaraderie when implemented.

Clothes for Good Campaign

The Clothes for Good initiative was another key accomplishment, reflecting the RCL's dedication to community upliftment. Through this campaign, we:

- Collected clothing donations from students, parents, and staff
- Partnered with local organisations to distribute the items to underprivileged families
- Raised awareness about social responsibility among our peers.

This campaign demonstrated the power of collective effort in making a positive impact.

Child Protection Act Workshops and Anti-Bullying Efforts

In line with our commitment to fostering a safe and supportive school environment, the RCL actively participated in workshops on the Child Protection Act. These workshops equipped us with knowledge and skills to:

- Advocate for child rights and responsibilities;
- Recognise and address issues related to safety and well-being within the school community.

Building on the insights gained, the RCL led efforts to create safer environments by:

- Implementing an anti-bullying campaign to raise awareness and educate students about the harmful effects of bullying;

- Establishing peer support groups to provide a platform for students to discuss concerns and seek help;
- Working closely with staff to ensure school policies align with a zero-tolerance stance on bullying.

These initiatives have helped cultivate a more respectful and inclusive atmosphere at Durban High School.

Looking Ahead

As the year comes to a close, the RCL is proud of its progress and excited for future opportunities to serve. Whether through community outreach, school events, or fostering a safe environment, we remain committed to leading with purpose and care.

We thank the entire Durban High School community for their support and look forward to building on these successes in the coming year.

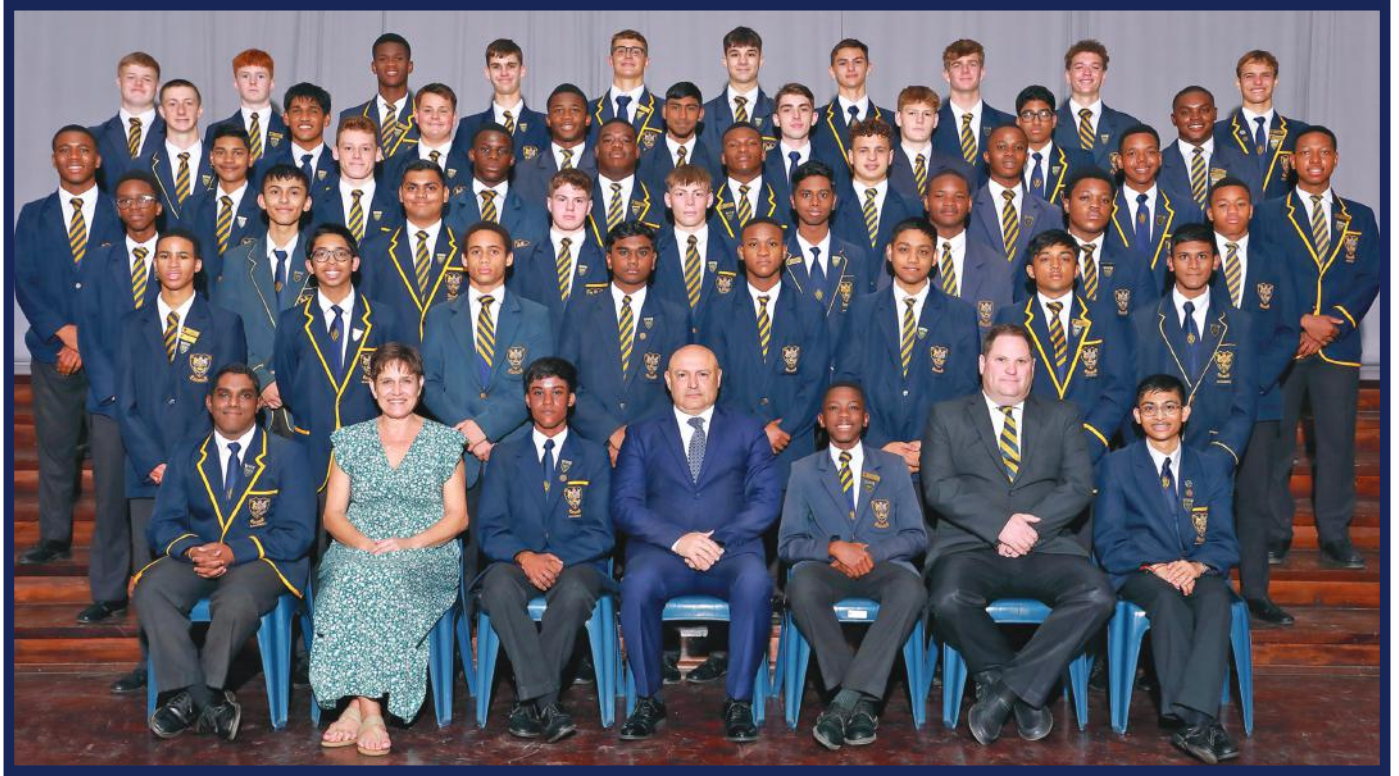
D Marques
RCL Teacher Liaison



RCL Leaders

Tyrique Cloete (Treasurer), Mphululi Dimaza (Chairman), Sandla Twenani (Vice-Chairman), Shyaam Krishnam (Secretary)

Mentorship



Mentors 2024

Front Row (L to R): Thivyan Pillay, Ms M Girodo (Head of Mentors), Thishen Deepnarain, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Aphiwe Msiya, Mr B Adam (Assistant Head of Mentors), Devaj Sanjith

2nd Row: Tyrique Cloete, Caleb Gounder, Damian Pennington, Darshan Reddy, Thandolwenkosi Mchunu, Mikhail Mudaly, Bhavesh Naicker, Nirav Ramjuguth

3rd Row: Lebogang Tsikedi, Sayed Hoosen, Yuvir Badassy, Liam Gregan, Joshua Brein, Nivaan Chetty, Njabulo Mtololo, Nkanyenzi Mthethwa, Bophela Zondi

4th Row: Liyabona Nkosi, Andrew Paul, Jack Bowen, Peloneo Shakwane, Josep Udo-idug, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Bradley La Grange, Zoe Thembe, Siyabonga Chonco, Joshua Mungerera

5th Row: Reuban Haylock, Kerwin Fisher, Cameron Phipps, Mihle Zibobo, Ahmed Raza Shaik, Alex Blyth, Adrian Truter, Thiren Naidoo, Sandla Twenani

Back Row: Bradley Seaton, Chad Evans, Lunathi Nyingwa, Aaron Drimmie, Kirk Wilson, Franscois Erasmus, Morgan Siljebrandt, Ryan Spooner, Finlay Engledow, Riccardo Girodo

Absent: Kwenza Madladla, Leon Bezuidenhout

Mentoring involves the presence of a caring individual who provide our young boys with guidance, advice, friendship, encouragement, and positive role modelling over time. It is all about building meaningful relationships. At Durban High School we carefully select our Grade 11 mentors to ensure that these qualities are genuinely embodied.

Throughout the year mentors and their mentees collaborate on relevant life topics and themes, which not only foster socialisation but also promote the development of key values.

We had one of the best, most successful mentoring experiences this year. Our Grade 11 group showed a great deal of 'brotherhood' to their Grade 8 mentees. Our goal is for the Grade 8 learners

to finish the year knowing they have something valuable to contribute and understanding that they, too, can make a difference. This is the core of our mission.

Our current Grade 10 students are eager to meet their new Grade 8 brothers in 2025!

M Girodo
M-i-C: Mentors



President's Award

The number of learners that sign up for President's Award has increased significantly since its inception in 2020. Many other learners indicated that they tried signing up but were locked out. This, however, does not translate to the medals achieved due to the learners' delay in submitting their portfolios. We had to look at finding a bigger venue this year to accommodate the numbers.

Even though signing up starts in Grade 9, we had two Grade 8s who sneaked in manual applications and who are in the process of completing their activities and managing their portfolios.

The challenge currently is still the outdoor activities, even though Mr Lewis schedules various outdoor activities for different grades. With DHS being such a busy school, we struggle to find a sports-free weekend, where the President's Award team can include their own outdoor activities.

The number of medals has increased over the years and these are awarded as portfolios are submitted. It is encouraging to see the consistency of some learners who sign up in Grade 9 and follow through to matric. Their commitment is remarkable, since some sign up and do not attend due to clashing with other sporting electives, but still manage to complete their tasks independently.

One such committed young lad is Devaj Sanjith, who is the go-to person for the President's Award. He is the group admin and has his finger on the pulse regarding programme correspondence. We are immensely grateful for his commitment and contribution since Grade 9 and have made him captain of the programme.



Xanda Theologo, Gold Award achiever (left) and Devaj Sanjith, Silver Award achiever and Group Admin for the President's Awards

DHS learners are fortunate in that the activities required are what they are engaged in anyway. Opportunities are created for them to fulfil the required activities. MIC's and coaches are extremely supportive and assist the learners with accurate record keeping of activities.

DHS President's Award look forward to hosting an outdoor activity early in 2025 to encourage early submission.

Xanda Theologo, a Grade 12 learner, was our only Gold for 2024. His is a double celebration since the skill developed – debating - secured him Honours award for debating. We are immensely proud of Xanda, since he also achieved Academic Honours previously.

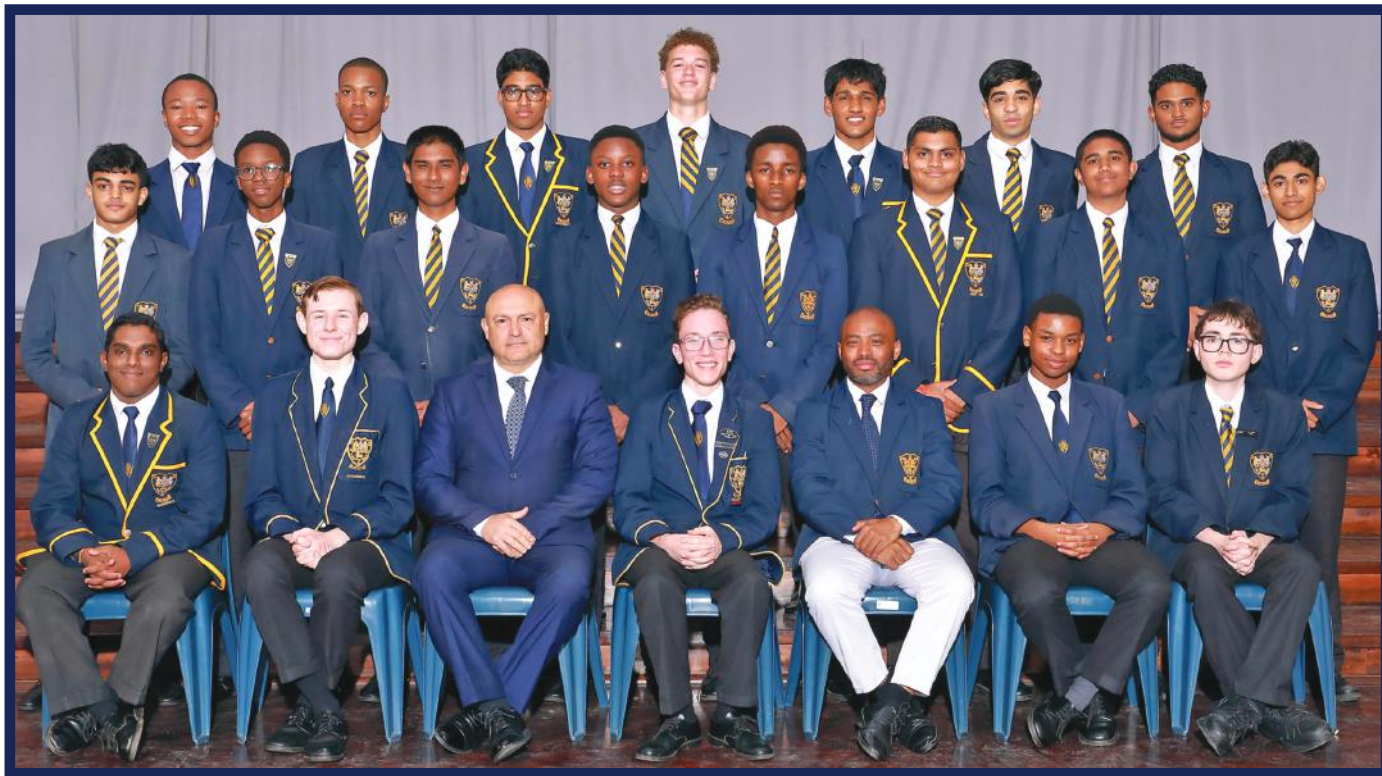
We are also very excited with the increase in the number of silver awards achieved, with Devaj Sanjith (Grade 11), Riccardo Girodo (Grade 11), Connor Rixon (Grade 12) and Tileshe Deepnarian (Grade 11) all receiving silver.

President's Award Achievers:

Name	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Xanda Theologo			2024
Devaj Sanjith	2023	2024	
Riccardo Girodo	2023	2024	
Connor Rixon		2024	
Tileshe Deepnarian	2024	2024	
Kian Rama	2023		
Vadivelu Naiker	2023		
Jaden Dookie	2023		
Kearen Naidoo	2023		
Jordan Subbiah	2023		
Ronnie William	2023		
Ubay Nunan	2023		
Bryce Woolf	2024		
Joshua Loots	2024		
Joel Loots	2024		
Mika Ballim	2024		
Darshan Reddy	2024		
Muhammad Kadwa	2024		

H Henley
President's Award Leader

Toastmasters - Grade 11 Youth Leadership



Toastmasters 2024

Front Row (L to R): Thivyan Pillay, Connor Rixon, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Xanda Theologo (Captain), Mr SW Cele (Head of Toastmasters), Ikho Mdleleni (Deputy Captain), Rhys Humphries

2nd Row: Shalan Naidoo, Lebogang Tsikedi, Kyle Phali, Mngqobi Zincume, Funda Magwaza, Yuvir Badassey, Keuren Naidoo, Rohan Bridgemohan

Back Row: Ngodi Stefane, Mihle Ndlovu, Thiren Naidoo, Finlay Engledow, Kerwin Fisher, Zaahid Randaree, Azhar Sheik

The Toastmasters training is conducted during the elective period on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and it is a step-up training programme from the public speaking programme.

During this time, boys learn communication and leadership skills through various activities which include: Impromptu and Prepared Speeches, Evaluation of Speeches, Organisational Training, Leadership Training

These skills are further enhanced through continuous practice and teaching from their experienced trainer.

Like Public Speaking training, certain boys find this training intimidating, but with practice and encouragement from their trainer and fellow boys, they start to show progress in public speaking. To qualify for a certificate, boys must fulfil all required activities of the programme, and their assessor must be satisfied with their overall performance in all activities. Boys who have completed the above receive an internationally recognised certificate from the uMhlanga Toastmasters Club.

I would like to thank our trainer and facilitator, Mr Dinesh Maharaj, for training our boys during the elective period during 2024.

Toastmasters Graduates 2024:

Ahmaed Seedat, Lincoln Wilson, Tej Bhayroo, Lebogang Lungelo Tsikedi, Sameshan Kisten, Yuvir Badassey, Zaid Motala, Sanele Mkhize, Rhys Edgar Humphries, Ahmad Seedat, Ammaar Amod, Azhar Sheik, Caleb Gounder, Kerwin Fisher, Keuren Naidoo, Kyle Phali, Mihle Ndlovu, Mngqobi Zincume, Muhammed Lulat, Ngodi Stefane, Rohan Bridgemohan, Sanele Mkhize, Shalan Naidoo, Shivay Munien, Thiren Naidoo, Thivyan Pillay, Wamkelwa Thabede, Yash Rambally

S Cele
Head of Toastmasters and Co-Ordinator



Grade 11 Work Experience

The Grade 11s once again embraced the work experience programme with enthusiasm. They were, since January, reminded of the programme being from 15-19 September and they were encouraged to secure employment earlier. The majority of the grade was excited about this new venture and had already secured their employment in term one.

It is encouraging to see more of the boarding establishment boys using the opportunity to secure employment at home. This allows our DHS learners to work in various provinces as well as out of the country. Our DHS ambassadors represented our school well, which is excellent networking and marketing strategy taken out of Durban.

There were, however, challenges experienced this year. Some companies could not accommodate the learners during the scheduled week but requested time that was suitable for

the company. Their requests clashed with other school activities, including assessments.

Another challenge is that learners interested in pursuing careers in the medical field and aviation had difficulty in finding places that could host and accommodate them for the scheduled week. The medical field no longer allow mentoring, following COVID. This did not stop the learners from pursuing alternative employment instead.

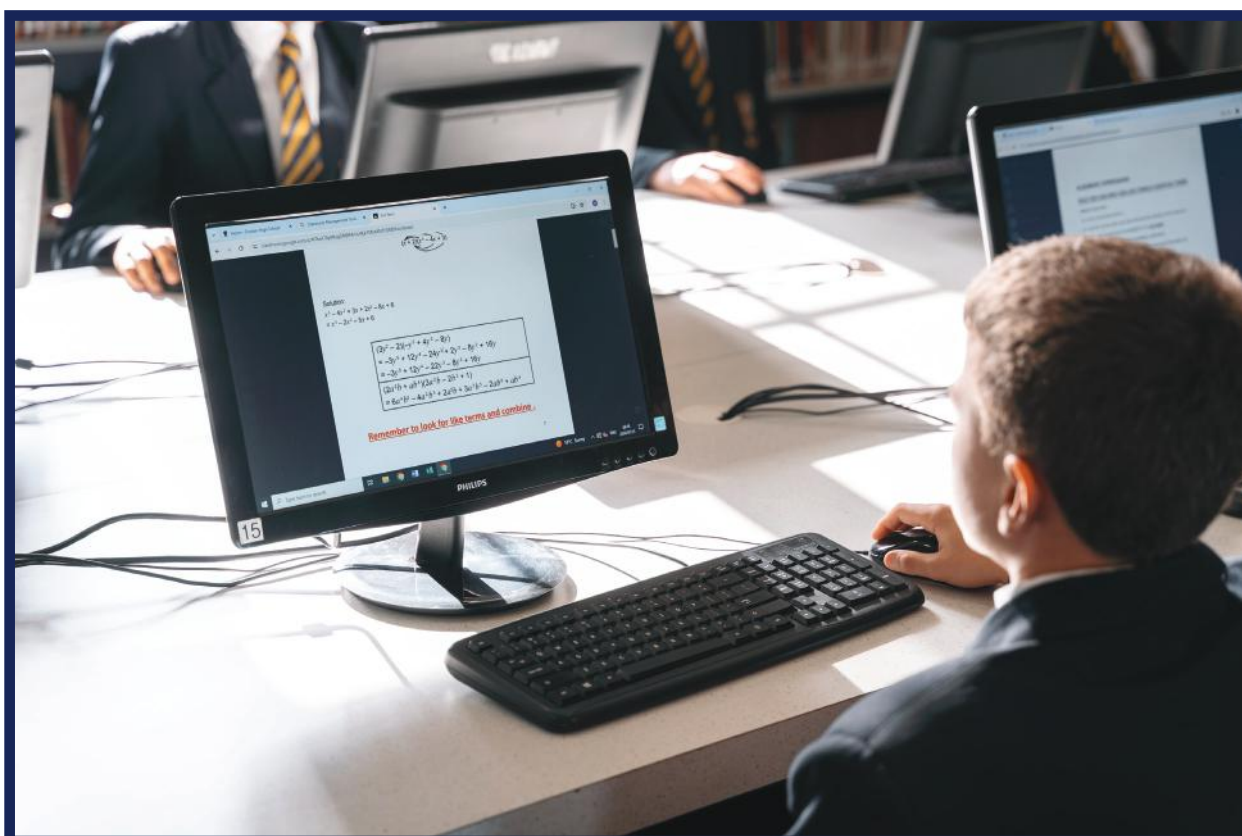
There have not been unusual career choices this year. The following learners were exceptional in doing their work experience in their own time so that they could be involved in the Grade 10 hike as leaders. They are: Yuvir Badassey, Leon Bezuidenhout, Alexander Blyth, Tishen Deepnarain, Thashar Naidoo, Riley Pechey, Devaj Sanjith and Ngodi Stefane. These young men were commended for their outstanding

leadership skills in mentoring and encouraging the Grade 10s on the hike.

Stuart Sutton and Associates, an engineering company, has once again been kind enough to accommodate four of our DHS learners. This year the company's work experience programme was run at the same time as the DHS work experience week. The learners that made the entrance criteria and were accommodated are Ryan Spooner, Siyabonga Chonco, Shivay Munien and Lungelo Mtshali. The learners were grateful for the opportunity given to them.

We have again received very good feedback from companies. They are impressed with our learners' impeccable manners, appearance, conduct and enthusiasm.

H V Henley
Work Experience Co-ordinator



Grade 10 Leadership Excursion to Khotso Horse Trails



This was the second year in a row that all Leadership Excursions took place in the same week. This year, however, this coincided with the last week of term. The reasoning was to reduce the impact on academic time which is extremely precious at DHS. This did, however, result in a number of boys not taking part for various reasons, and these need to be addressed across the board in 2025. After last year's intensive logistical planning (transport, venues, and staffing) 2024 went extremely smoothly in this phase. As this was our second Leadership Week post-

COVID, the necessary enthusiasm had been generated amongst the boys and staff. As the following reports attest, all three grades had a very successful and enjoyable week.

On Sunday 15 September a smaller group of 110 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 12km 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 23 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.

Roll call was taken and the boys managed to pack themselves and their equipment onto the buses in record time and we departed from DHS at

7h30. The weather at this point was wet and dismal, so I was keeping my fingers crossed for better weather in Underberg. Thankfully the road trip to Underberg was uneventful and we managed to get through all the roadworks in good time.

On arrival at the start of the Drak Gardens Road at around 13h00, we were welcomed by very overcast weather with threatening clouds in the distance. Here I made an executive decision that the boys do the 9km hike along the scenic Mzimkhulu River to Khotso Horse Trails with only a day pack, as I didn't want any kit to get soaked if it rained. This meant that the fitter boys arrived in camp super early and were able to choose premium sites for their tents.

On arrival at Khotso the boys were briefed and, after the camp rules were set out, the boys were able to enjoy a late lunch before they were divided into their activity groups. During the planning phase earlier in 2024 I had visited Khotso and worked out a new routine and had a new satellite "out hike" camp established in a grove of trees away from the base camp. Because of the rotation of the groups, this meant that one group would do their out hike on Sunday. This group was randomly chosen, and they ended up experiencing really good weather. Back in base camp the boys enjoyed a braai and sat around the camp-fire singing and sharing stories.

Tuesday brought some rain, but this did not interfere with our programme. We did brief the boys about keeping tents and kit dry and, fortunately, most followed this advice. Here also, my staff played a pivotal role in going around and inspecting tents on a regular basis during the week.

The weather varied for the rest of the week, but rain was always around. This didn't dampen our boys' spirits,

and they reflected true resilience. It was so miserable one evening that I made a large potjie pot of chicken and vegetable soup for the boys to enjoy. This was much appreciated, and one boy told me the next day that the soup really lifted his spirits. The rotation of activities was as follows:

farm work, erosion control, archery, horse riding, water activities, hike, overnight in the mountains, fishing, leadership tasks.

The farm work included gathering firewood, 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.

The highlight for many of the boys was the two-hour horse trail and we were able to make sure that the groups were kept as small as possible. A scenic ride around the foothills of the farm was completed by every boy in the group. I am glad to report that no one fell off this year, although our staff do hold the record in this regard.

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 environmental 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.

Thursday came far too quickly, and many boys indicated that they wished the experience was longer. Packing up, as always, was a mammoth task, but by 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 Mr Girodo, Mr Botha, Mr Esterhuizen, Mr du Plessis, Mr Govindasamy, Mr de Bruin, and Mr Thomas. This year we also had a social media manager, Ms Bhengu, to assist with documenting the excursion. You can find this detailed and often humorous documentation on Instagram @dhs_khotsocamp_2024. I would like to express my thanks to her, especially as she had to take leave from her regular job to assist with this experience.

Each staff member contributed to the success of the trip and imparted their 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.

Planning is well underway for the 2025 edition and information will be distributed early in the year.

I Lewis
Head of Outdoor Leadership Activities



Grade 9 Leadership Excursion



From 18 to 20 September, the Grade 9 students embarked on an exciting three-day excursion to The Farm in Umtinsini, Zululand. The trip was designed to test their teamwork, resilience and leadership abilities through a variety of outdoor challenges. Here's a summary of the memorable experiences from each day.

Day 1: Teamwork and 12 km Hike - The adventure began with students being divided into groups and given R50 each to purchase supplies for their group's supper that evening. This exercise encouraged collaboration as they had to make strategic decisions while sticking to a limited budget.

After the shopping challenge, the students set off on a 12km hike around the scenic trails of Umtinsini. The hike tested their endurance and teamwork as they navigated the rugged terrain under the afternoon sun. Upon returning to camp, the students rested

and then prepared their group meals. After supper, everyone gathered for an energetic war cry session, filling the air with School spirit as each group showcased their pride and unity.

Day 2: Dam Activities and Weather Challenges - On the second day, the students visited the nearby dam for a series of adventurous activities. However, the weather took a sudden turn for the worse, with strong winds and heavy rain affecting the day's plans. While horse riding went ahead, the canoeing and paddling activities had to be cut short due to the increasingly harsh weather conditions. The wind and rain made it unsafe to continue on the water, but the students still managed to keep their spirits high and embraced the challenges with resilience.

Day 3: Obstacle Course and Farewell - The final day began with a hearty breakfast before the students faced their last challenge - an obstacle course

at The Farm. This course tested their physical abilities and teamwork as they climbed, crawled, and balanced their way through a variety of hurdles. The boys showed remarkable determination and co-operation as they tackled the course, demonstrating the leadership and perseverance gained throughout the trip. After completing the obstacle course, the students gathered for a final reflection on their shared experiences before returning home.

The Grade 9 excursion to The Farm was a resounding success. Despite the challenges posed by the unpredictable weather, the boys' energy and spirit never wavered. The trip was an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and personal growth, and it will be remembered fondly by all who participated.

D Marques
Pastoral Head : Grade 9



Grade 8 Leadership Excursion

From 16 to 18 September, our Grade 8 boys enjoyed an unforgettable outdoor adventure at Baynesfield Farm, located just a few minutes outside Richmond in the southern Midlands.

This fun-filled, leadership-focused excursion encouraged the boys to step out of their comfort zones and into an unfamiliar environment to embrace the challenges of independent living. For many, it was their first time away from home without parental supervision - a milestone in itself!

Upon arrival, the boys got to work setting up their tents, which would serve as their shelter for the next two nights. It was a fun and educational moment as they learned through trial and error, guided by the farm's supportive staff. Watching them was both entertaining and heart-warming!

Over the course of the camp, the boys participated in a variety of exciting activities including obstacle courses, water slides, paddling, fishing, paintball, and team-building exercises. The farm's hands-on guides were readily available, providing support and encouragement as the boys eagerly prepared to take on their two-day programme of group activities.

These group experiences promoted teamwork, resilience, and new friendships beyond their usual classroom interactions.

One of the highlights was the opportunity to prepare their own meals. With guidance from the camp leaders, the boys developed basic cooking skills, a sense of responsibility, and gained confidence in their ability to look after

themselves - all part of the broader learning experience.

Despite a dramatic thunderstorm on the final night, spirits remained high. The boys watched a movie together and later filled the camp with school songs and war cries - proof that not even the challenging conditions could dampen their energy or enthusiasm!

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Baynesfield Farm staff and guides for ensuring a safe, injury-free, and unforgettable experience - especially in an age where parental concerns often make such adventures a rare opportunity.

This adventure will surely be remembered for years to come.

S Cele
Head of Grade 8



Grade 8 Orientation Week

"DHS is a brotherhood."

These were the words spoken by Mr Pinheiro as he officially welcomed the Grade 8 learners of 2024 during their first assembly at Durban High School.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and emotion as parents and

their sons marked the beginning of an important chapter in their lives - joining the proud tradition and community that is the DHS family.

Orientation Week concluded with a day of structured, enjoyable activities facilitated by The Farm. The programme included a variety of team-building exercises designed to

encourage camaraderie, co-operation, and connection among the Boys. It proved to be an ideal conclusion to the week, allowing the boys to establish friendships and build confidence in a supportive and spirited environment.

Welcome, Gentlemen, to the DHS Brotherhood.



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 Cultural Activities in 2024.

CHESS

Colours: David Snyman
Diego Miglietti

Half Colours: Keshan Pillay
Kearan Naidoo
Tristan Frank

DEBATING

Honours: Xanda Theologo

DRAMA

Colours: Emmanuel Mqingwana
Unaye Mndau
Ikho Mdleleni
Daniel Mayiza
Mahle Sithole
Sandla Twenani
Daniel Ikotela

MUSIC

Honours: Declan Watson

Colours: Siyabonga Chonco
Mholi Malinga
Liyabonga Nkosi
Andrew Paul
Declan Watson

Half Colours: Daniel Mayiza
Zesiswe Mbonga
Thando Mchunu
Eden Mfatuzo
Tisetso Mokubung
Shivay Munien
Zoe Tembe
Sandla Twenani

POETRY

Colours: Akaziwe Ndlela



Cultural Activities

The cultural programme at School is so vast and all-encompassing that it has now become a way of life for us here at DHS.

Our learners are involved in a myriad of activities, ranging from Debating to Music and they excel in all these activities.

Chess:

We have over 30 learners in our Chess Club and at least 12 of these boys play for our school team. Individual and team tournaments held throughout the year help our players hone their skills on the chess board.

Debating:

This is a very popular activity amongst our boys, with the classes filling up quite quickly.

We have both a junior and senior team that compete regularly with other schools. We have this year won the accolade for being the best Debating School in the Durban and Districts zone. Xanda Theologo has been selected as the best debater and he represented KZN in December at the National competition.

Drama:

Our school productions have certainly put our school on the map. Ms Liesl Coppin must be congratulated for her superb efforts in turning our ordinary boys into 'professional' artists on stage. *The Little Shop of Horrors* was a masterpiece!

Drama Club:

The Drama Club has made great inroads with its tongue in cheek mini productions. The production *Books, Bombs and Boxes* during the school concert was amazing, especially as it was made up of just three boys.

Music:

Our music programme, spearheaded by the super talented Dr Natalie Rungan, is just moving from strength to strength. It is difficult to believe that the calibre of learners and their talents far surpass their age and experience. It is always a joy to watch these recitals and mini concerts. Thanks to Dr Rungan, music is offered as a subject here at School. Our boys have excelled both at school and externally.

Public Speaking:

This is a very popular activity across the grades and the class is full for both the first and second semester courses.

Poetry:

Great inroads have been made, especially with the new format: Poetry Explosion. This explored the spoken word and allowed for the learners to explore different avenues. Only original works could be showcased at this event.

The President's Award:

Once a very limited activity, it is fast becoming quite popular. Many boys have managed to achieve their bronze certificates with Xanda Theologo achieving gold.

Sisonke:

This is our annual stage production showcasing our cultural diversity and inclusivity in our school. The highlight of the show is always the dance display from our female staff.

School Dances:

The Matric and Grade 11 dances are the social highlights on the school calendar. The boys splurge on their matric dance and have the best time.

Many of our learners have achieved accolades in the various fields. We

congratulate all the boys on their achievements.

Special Awards for the Grade 12s:

Richard Salmon Award - Unaye MNdau
Chris Seabrooke Award - Unaye Mndau
Stephan Mulholland Award - Daniel Mayiza

Geoff Mace Award - Unaye Mndau
Rotary Award in Memory of Geoff Mace - Ikho Mdleleni

Chris Wells Award - Mahle Sithole
John Tollman Award - Luvuyo Neo Mkhize

Devi Rajab Award - Xanda Theologo
The Cecil Renaud Award - Unaye Mndau

KZN Representatives:

Durban and Coastal Debating League
Winners - Hasnain Ebrahim, Jordyn Fernandez, Christopher Gounder, Yash Rambally, Xanda Theologo

KZN Schools Debating Association
participants - Zaakir Essack, Jordyn Fernandez, Christian Pillay, Xanda Theologo

KZN Jazz Band - Siyabonga Chonco, Mholi Malinga, Esinako Mfatuza, Tisetso Mokubung, Liyabona Nkosi, Andrew Paul

KZN Youth Wind Band - Colby Bezuidenhout, Mihle Ndlovu

KZN Youth Orchestra - Luvuyo Mkhize, Samuel Smocilac

S Nagiah
Head of Culture



Chess



Chess 2024

Front Row (L to R): Levi Munsamy, Mr C McEwen (Coach), David Snyman, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Diego Miglietti, Ms S Nagiah (M-i-C: Chess), Tristan Frank

Back Row: Navid Naicker, Shivay Munien, Zayd Abdul Oomar, Aryan Pillay, Yanzuo Chen, Yash Amaldas

"Chess is the gymnasium of the mind."

Chess has continued to grow in popularity with Mr Cade McEwen's coaching. The start of the year surged forward with over 50 members. The Chess elective on a Wednesday has grown from 15 to 30 regular attendees. Learners are passionate about chess, both within school allocated time as well as in various independent tournaments.

ECA Youth Trials and the eThekwini Open:

The ECA Youth Trials and the eThekwini Open were attended by several of our learners over many weekends. Five of our boys were involved over April, May and September. These were:

David Snyman (Captain), Diego Miglietti, Kieran Sewnarain, Yanzuo Chen and Aryan Pillay.

Top Results:

ECA Youth Trials - U18 & 20
(Maximum 6 points)

1. Kieran Sewnarain - 4 ½ (3rd Place)
2. Diego Miglietti - 3 ½
3. David Snyman - 3
4. Yanzuo Chen - 3

ECA Youth Trials - U14
(Maximum 6 points)

1. Aryan Pillay - 5 ½ (1st Place)

eThekwini Open (Maximum 6 points)

1. Kieran Sewnarain - 4
2. Diego Miglietti - 3
3. David Snyman - 2
4. Yanzuo Chen - 2

An exceptional set of results all-round, especially Kieran and Aryan who have shown exceptional prowess in their respective age groups.

The Durban & Districts Chess Challenge

This year saw a growth from 10 to 11 schools competing in the Durban and Districts Chess challenge. The initial fixtures were moved from April to March. This allowed more opportunities for schools to complete all the fixtures, with the added pressure of more competing schools. Our learners continued to perform well on Friday afternoons, with the results as follows:

Final Results:

1. George Campbell 87
2. Northwood 77
3. Durban High School 64

4. Glenwood	62
5. Crawford	53 ½
6. St Henry's	53 ½
7. WBHS	43 ½
8. DGHS	36
9. Durban North College	29
10. Westville Girls	27 ½
11. New Forest	20

Inter-House Chess Tournament

The Inter-house took place in Term 3. Some houses were prepared with

a game plan, while others scrambled to find the best players to represent them. Overall, the Rapid Tournament consisting of 1 x Junior and 1 x Senior ended as follows:

Final Positions

1st	Campbell	7
2nd	Langley	6
3rd	Grice	5
3rd	Swales	5
5th	Payn	4
6th	Blackmore	3

Congratulations to Campbell House, climbing from last to first position this year. This was largely due to an inspired junior section, many of whom were determined to prove themselves on the chess board.

S Nagiah
M-i-C: Chess



Community Service

Community Service continues to be a dynamic force in our School, underpinning our core values, and many boys making a real effort to give of their time, money and talents to worthwhile projects and events. Class tutors have played an integral role in disseminating information and reminding boys of the various projects and events we have done this year.

DHS completed the following events/projects this year:

Flip Flop Day Donation (staff only) - CHOC - 23 February
Easter Project (Grades 8 & 9) - St Theresa's Children's Home - 18 March
Pet Food Drive (whole school) - SPCA Durban & Coastal - 16 May
Slipper Day (whole school) - Reach for a Dream - 31 May
Clothes to Good Project (whole school) - Clothes to Good/H&M - 1 August
Casual Day (whole school) - Open Air School & Various others - 6 September
Christmas Gift Donation (staff only) - St Martin's Diocesan Home for Children - 21 November
Tops & Tags Project (whole school) - Sweethearts Foundation - Term 1 - 3
Beach Clean-ups (whole school) - KZN Beach Clean-Up - Term 1 - 3

Hamper Drive:

An independent group of Durban High School boys headed by Amaar Essack (10XX), through their own initiative, from 27 February - 23 March, packaged and distributed non-perishable food item hampers. These food hampers were donated to an orphanage in Mayville. 90 hampers in total were donated, each comprising a variety of essential food items. Through the collaboration with the orphanage, the hampers made a significant and long-lasting impact by addressing the

nutritional needs of these vulnerable children.

CANSA Relay:

On Saturday 3 August, DHS learners participated in the annual CANSA relay, an event held at Northlands Girls High. Despite this being a very busy sporting and cultural weekend for our learners, they still availed themselves and turned out for this worthy course. DHS is extremely proud of the young men who turned out in support of the event.

Nelson Mandela Month: Clothes to Good Project:

Clothes to Good (CTG) is an exciting and unique social and environmental awareness programme, which recycles pre-loved and new clothing, shoes, and any retail apparel. CTG finds great joy in using what others categorise as 'waste' to create a positive impact. In honour of Nelson Mandela Month, we called on our DHS community to spend 67 minutes cleaning out their wardrobes and to donate unwanted clothes and shoes to the Clothes to Good Project. The theme for Nelson Mandela International Day 2024 was: 'It is still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity' and every bag donated was in support of this theme to fight poverty and inequality. This project was well supported with just over 100 bags donated on 1 August. For every bag donated our boys received a 15 % H&M clothing discount voucher, a Spekboom and 1 hour of Community Service.

SPCA Donations:

Durban & Coast SPCA is an organisation that has always been close to our hearts. From the start of 2024 they have been struggling to feed the many abandoned and neglected animals that they house. During Term 2, on 16 May,

we called upon our DHS community to donate food, toys, treats and grooming products to assist the SPCA to care for these precious animals. We were pleased to drop off these items at SPCA and provide a little relief and support.

South African National Blood Service (SANBS):

SANBS visited DHS 4 times this year; it was well supported with an average of 100 units being collected per visit. The Grade 10s as a group are to be congratulated as the grade that donated the most on a regular basis. We look forward to even more learners supporting the Blood Drive in 2025 as this is a very valuable and necessary service that we provide for our community.

Community Engagement (Electives):

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

This year our Tuesday group of Community Engagement boys continued our partnership with Glenridge Pre-Primary School and assisted with the 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 continued to care for the garden we planted last year. This included preparing the soil, nursing and planting seedlings and care and maintenance of the garden. Our boys also assisted with the building of a mud kitchen. This included sanding and varnishing the wood and putting it together. Our boys gained many skills in gardening and building as well as having fun with the kids at Glenridge.





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 providing support to teachers during lessons. We hope to continue this partnership as the benefits for both DHS and Open Air School are immense.

Top 'n Tags:

This project has continued to be a huge success. Throughout the year we have managed to collect and distribute countless amounts of plastic bottle tops and bread tags from our boys and the public to be recycled. The money gained from the recycling was donated to the Sweethearts Foundation to buy wheelchairs for the those in need.

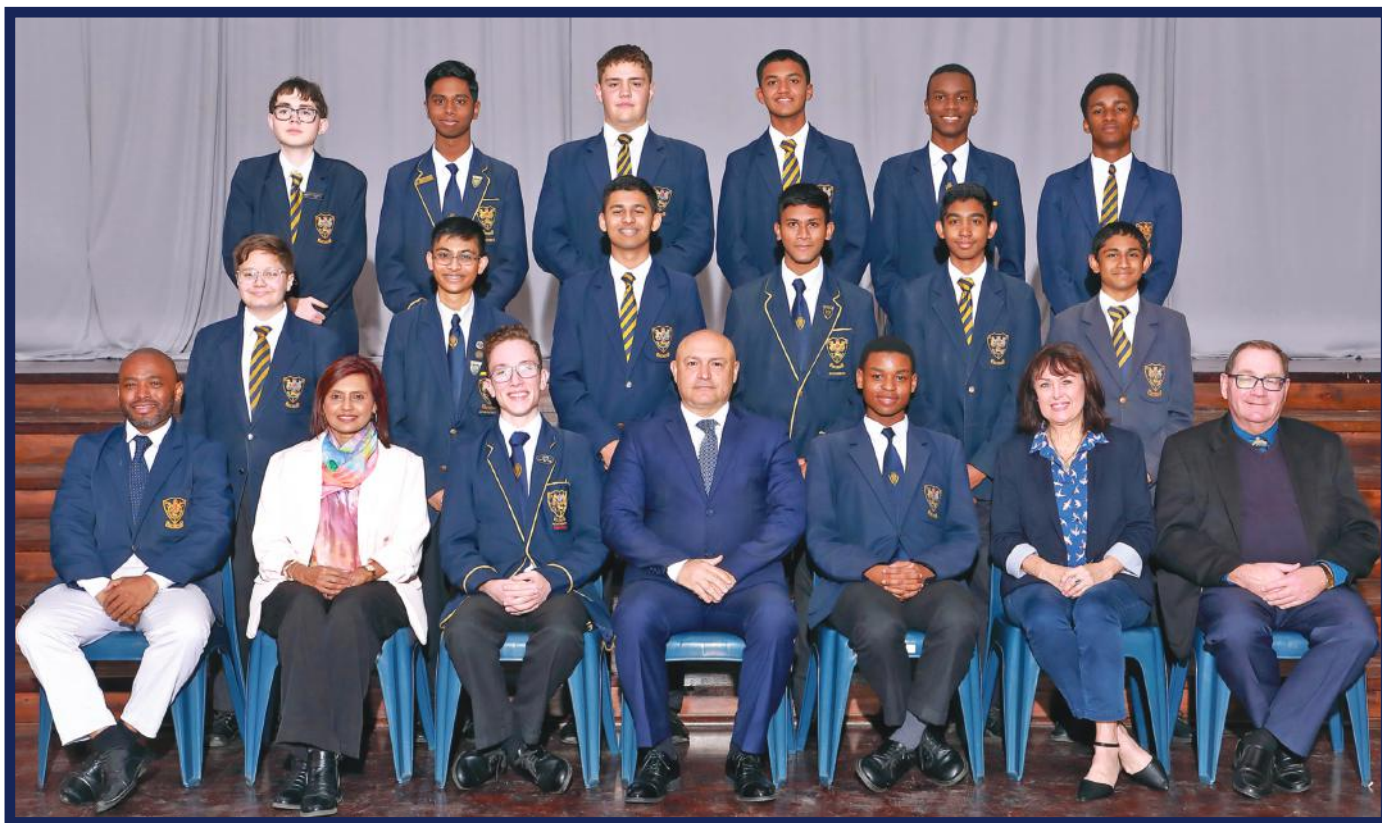
Monetary Donations made in 2024:

- CHOC's annual Flip Flop Day - our staff managed to raise R1130.00 for CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation SA.
- Reach for a Dream's "Slipper Day" - DHS managed to raise R3840.00.
- Casual Day - our School managed to raise and donate R900.00 to the National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities.

G Joshua
Head of Community Service



Debating



Debating 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr SW Cele (Head of Debating), Ms S Daniel (Adjudicator), Xanda Theologo (Captain), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Ikho Mdleleni (Deputy Captain), Dr W Rawlinson (Adjudicator), Dr A McDuling (Adjudicator)

2nd Row: Jordyn Fernandez, Devaj Sanjith, Zaakir Essack, Nirav Ramjuguth, Hasnain Ebrahim, Darshan Naidoo

Back Row: Rhys Humphries, Nivaan Chetty, Dain Fort, Christian Pillay, Alain Ntibasame, Funda Magwaza

The Debating boys have, once again, made the school proud this year. As 2024 started, they didn't show any holiday sluggishness. They went to various fixtures and won the majority of their debates in all age groups: Grade 8, Junior and Senior teams.

The league's new ruling for 2024 was that all debates are geographically centralised, and DHS had all their fixtures against various Durban schools at Clifton College. This notion of localising the fixtures bore a lot of fruit from a logistical and time point of view.

On Tuesday 6 August, three Grade 8 DHS boys debated at the Durban and Coastal League (DCDL) final competition against

the Grade 8 Clifton College debating team. The final competition took place at Clifton College. These boys were Jordyn Fernandez, Hasnain Ebrahim and Christopher Gounder.

At the conclusion of the district final debating competition, the Grade 8 DHS debating team won and they are the district's debating champions for 2024 in the Grade 8 age group.

The final competition was followed by the awards function at the same school, and two DHS debating boys were awarded with the special certificates for their positive spirit of debating in 2024. These boys were Alain Ntibasame and Jordyn Fernandez.

The following boys were also ranked in the top ten for being the best debaters in the district for 2024:

Grade 8 Category:

- Christopher Gounder
- Jordyn Fernandez
- Hasnain Ebrahim

Junior Category:

- Yash Rambally

Senior Category:

- Xanda Theologo

This final fixture was well attended by DHS boys and other interested supporters and it was good to see support from all walks of life, including

parents and friends of the participating team.

KZN Provincial Debating Tournament:

On the weekend of 19-21 July, four DHS Debaters represented the Durban and Coastal League (DCDL) at the annual KZN Debating Provincial Championship which was held at St Henry's Marist College. These students were Xanda Theologo, Zaakir Essack, Christian Pillay and Jordyn Fernandez.

The KZN Debating Provincial Championship is every debater's dream. Only those students who have earned top scores during the preliminary rounds in their respective leagues get selected for participation at this prestigious level.

The championship consisted of KZN leagues that are affiliated to the KwaZulu-Natal Students' Debating Association: the Durban and Coastal, Pietermaritzburg, Phoenix, and Empangeni leagues. Individual debaters were placed in teams of the four participating leagues. Teams were thus much stronger as they consisted of the 'cream of the crop' debaters from each league.

The adjudicators were representatives from each league in the championship, and the scores that they gave at the conclusion of each debating round determined the progress of that team into the semi and final rounds of the championship. This made debating a highly contested activity throughout the championship.

At the conclusion of the provincial championship, the following DHS boys were awarded special certificates in their team groups:

- Zaakir Essack (Best Speaker Award and 5th in the Junior Category)
- Christian Pillay (Junior Squad)
- Xanda Theologo (Senior Squad)

We are extremely proud of these four gentlemen for their exemplary involvement and outstanding achievement in the 2024 Debating Provincial Championship.

At the end of 2024, Xanda Theologo represented the province at national level in the Eastern Cape. This is no mean feat considering that he had been hard at work juggling between his demanding Grade 12 academic year,

fulfilling his captaincy role, and debating at every fixture.

We bid farewell to Xanda Theologo and Ikho Mdleleni at the end of 2024 as they conclude their high school careers, and wish them the best in their future endeavours.

I would like to thank Dr W Rawlinsin, Ms S Daniel, Dr A McDuling and Mr L Chetty (coach) for their dedication and involvement in debating this year.

Regular Debaters:

Nivaan Chetty, Christian Pillay, Yash Rambally, Zaakir Essack, Devaj Sanjith, Alain Ntibasame, Xanda Theologo (Debating Captain), Nirav Ramjuguth, Funda Magwaza, Kwenza Madlala, Dain Fort, Rhys Humphries, Jordyn Fernandez, Ikho Mdleleni (Debating Deputy Captain) Christopher Gounder, Hasnain Ebrahim, Darshan Naidoo

I am looking forward to seeing what these fine young men will achieve in Debating in 2025.

S Cele
Head of Debating



Drama Club



Drama Club 2024

Front Row (L to R): Ms S Nagiah (Head of Cultural Activities), Monde Mazibuko, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Nsikelelo Mpangase, Mr C McEwen (Coach)

Back Row: Lwandle Mbatha, Nate Nefdt

Absent: Tsutsu Gwala

The Drama Club at Durban High School has enjoyed a remarkable year, offering learners a dynamic space to explore their passion for the performing arts. With Mr McEwen at the helm, the club has thrived, providing an invaluable opportunity for learners from Grades 8 to 10 to develop confidence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for theatre.

The highlight of this year's activities was a comedic extract titled Books, Bombs, and Boxes performed at the Sisonke Concert. This was particularly well received and showcased the ability of three of our club's long-standing members: Monde Mazibuko, Nsikelelo

Mpangase and Lwandle Mbatha. The play delivered a perfect blend of wit, timing, and energy, leaving the audience uplifted and wanting more. The performers' dedication and flair were a testament to the skills developed through months of preparation.

Despite being a small group of six learners, the Drama Club has consistently exceeded expectations. Weekly sessions have been more than rehearsals. They've been spaces to build friendship and learn more about theatre. Learners have engaged holistically, from scriptwriting and character development to the technical aspects of stage performance. These

experiences have not only allowed them to refine their craft but have also instilled in them a sense of discipline and pride in their work.

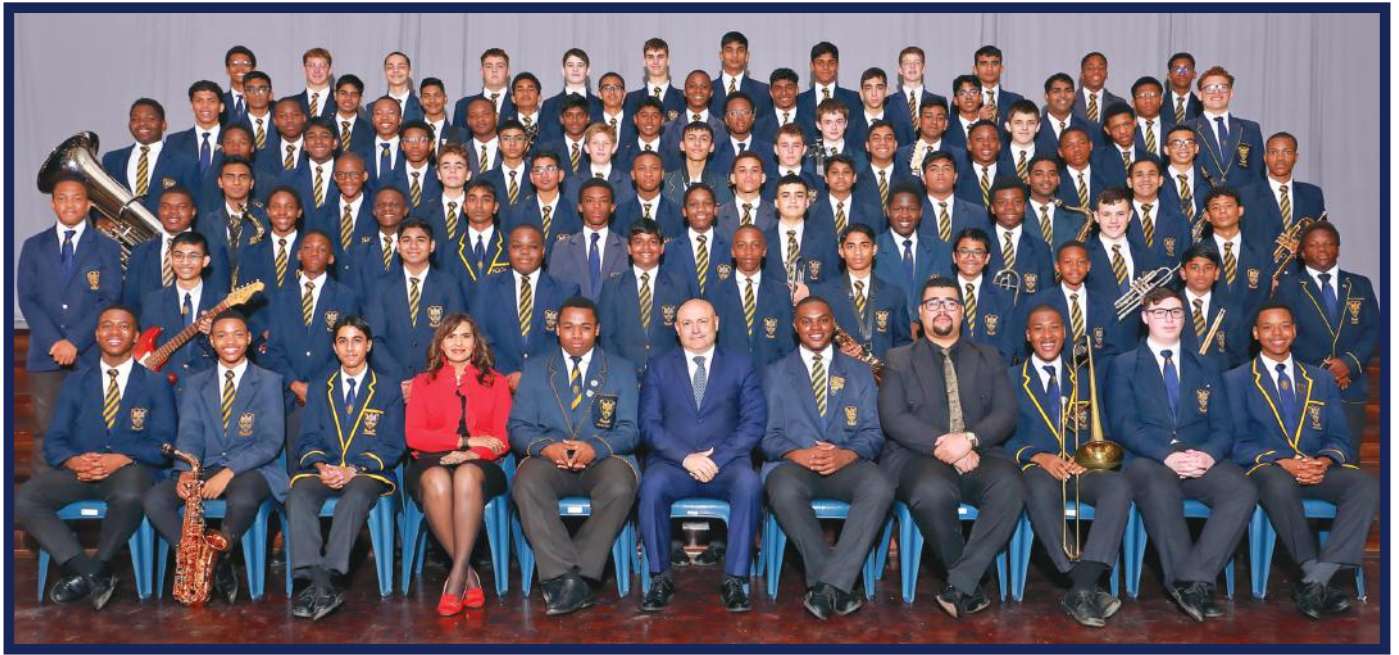
The success of the Drama Club this year is a reflection of the commitment and enthusiasm of its members, as well as the supportive environment cultivated within the group.

Drama Club Members:

Monde Mazibuko, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Lwandle Mbatha, Tsutsu Gwala, Nate Nefdt

C McEwen
M-i-C : Drama Club

Music



2024 Music Boys

The Music Department at Durban High School has become a cornerstone of creativity, expression, and unity. From first notes played in classrooms to the standing ovations at performances, music connects us in ways words often cannot. Reflecting on the past year, it is evident that our talented students and dedicated teachers have left an indelible mark on the school's cultural tapestry.

Over the past eight years, the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre has significantly enriched the lives of countless boys, providing them with exceptional opportunities through its programmes and industry connections.

This year marked an exciting milestone with the formation of our DHS Jazz Combo Band, which was selected at the first DHS Jazz band camp in January. This flagship eight piece ensemble performed at the prestigious National Schools Jazz Festival in Makanda, with three of its members advancing to the

final round of auditions for the National Schools Jazz Band.

Under the leadership of Dr Rungan, the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre is home to a team of eleven part-time instrument teachers. These professionals bring extensive experience as performers and educators and a shared passion for music excellence. Each teacher's fluency in music literacy is a non-negotiable requirement, ensuring the highest curricular and extracurricular music standards. Their mentorship continues to inspire our learners to pursue and achieve musical excellence.

Highlights of the Year:

The Music Department showcased its talent at various public events this year, including:

- All Stars Shine- an inter-school showcase of exceptional music students; directed by Dr Rungan.
- Trellidor's National Workshops – where the DHS war cry band and DHS Jazz Combo performed for national and international guests.

- Workshops and Collaboration performances with Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra
- The Chris Seabrooke Music Centre's 8th Birthday Celebration- an annual showcase of the music department's offerings.

Our boys have excelled, not only within the school but also on regional and national stages, proudly representing Durban High School at various prestigious festivals and competitions, including:

- The KZN Schools Drumline Competition
- The KZN Schools Drum-off
- The KZN Schools Jazz Festival
- The National Schools Jazz Festival in Makanda

In addition, many of our boys have earned selection for provincial music bands - a testament to their consistent effort, discipline, and passion. We take immense pride in their accomplishments, particularly as they continue to excel in academics

and other sporting disciplines alongside their musical pursuits.

Below is a list of boys who were selected for Provincial Bands:

KZN Schools Jazz Band:

Liyabona Nkosi	Grade 11
Mholi Malinga	Grade 11
Tisetso Mokubung	Grade 11
Siyabonga Chonco	Grade 11
Eden Mfatuzo	Grade 11
Andrew Paul	Grade 11

KZN Youth Orchestra:

Samuel Smociliac	Grade 8
Djibril Jahangeer	Grade 8
Luvuyo Neo Mkhize	Grade 12

KZN Youth Wind Band:

Mihle Ndlovu	Grade 10
Colby Bezuidenhout	Grade 10
Liyabona Nkosi	Grade 11
Thando Mchunu	Grade 11
Zoe Tembe	Grade 11
Siyabonga Chonco	Grade 11

Looking ahead, the future of the DHS Music Department is filled with promise and potential. Thanks to the steadfast support of our benefactor, Mr Chris Seabrooke, and the DHS Foundation Trust, plans are already in motion to expand our offerings and unlock new avenues for growth and achievement. From enhancing our facilities to introducing innovative programmes and fostering more collaborations with industry professionals, the opportunities on the horizon will further cement the role of music as a cornerstone of our school's cultural and creative legacy.

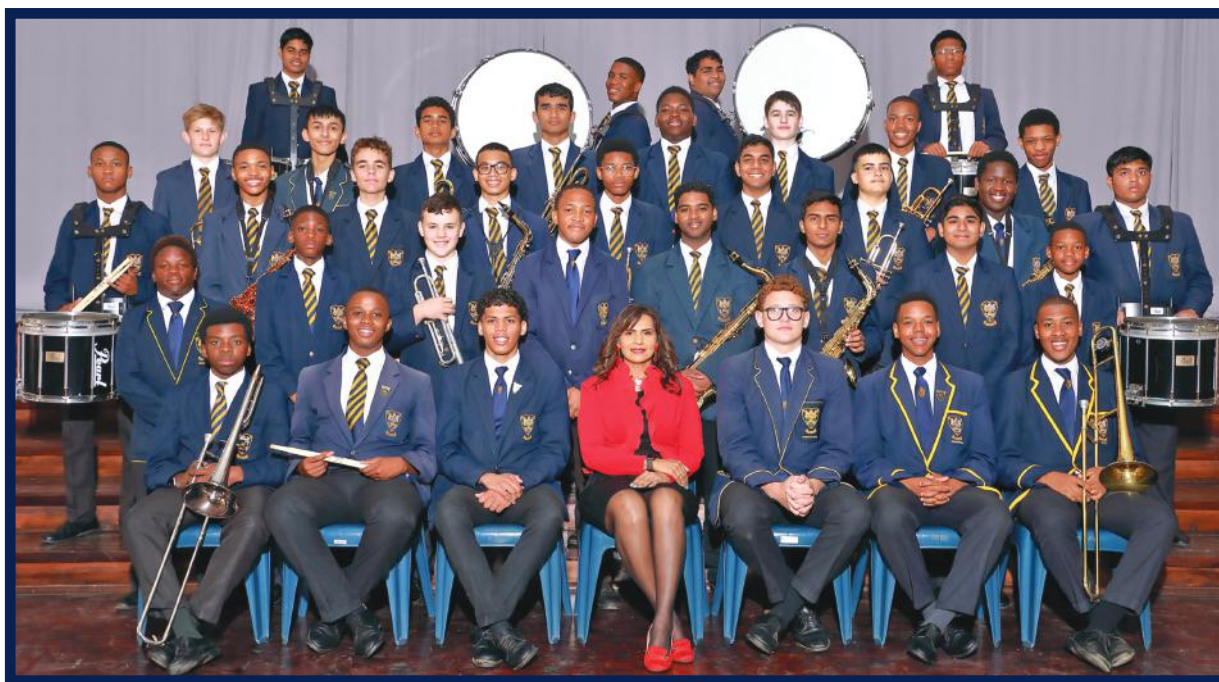
Our Music Department is more than just a collection of lessons - it is the heartbeat of a vibrant and dynamic community. It is a space where students find inspiration, forge lasting friendships, and unleash their creativity in ways

that go beyond the ordinary. Whether performing on stage, collaborating with peers, or finding their voice through music, our boys are encouraged to embrace the transformative power of the arts.

As we prepare for the year ahead, we celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students and teachers who have worked tirelessly to elevate our music programme. With enthusiasm and anticipation, we look forward to the incredible music that will resonate in the corridors of the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre and beyond.

Here's to another year of inspiring melodies, harmonious collaborations, and unforgettable performances!

N Rungan
Head of Music



Drum Line 2024

- Front Row (L to R):** Eden Mfatuzo, Zoe Tembe, Caleb Weideman, Dr N Rungan (Head of Music), Ethan Bole, Siyabonga Chonco, Luvuyo Mkhize
- 2nd Row:** Ntokozo Maphumulo, Tshiamo Rafube, Samuel Smocilac, Xolani Ndokweni, Colby Bezuidenhout, Varish Sha, Seth Jaganathan, Likhona Luthuli
- 3rd Row:** Thandolwenkosi Mchunu, Mholi Malinga, Daniel Andreou, Ethan Pillay, Tisetso Mokubung, Kamran Singh, Djibril Jahangeer, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Zechariah Jacob
- 4th Row:** Christopher Watt, Sayed Adhil Hoosen, Landon Dunn, Lemar Dunn, Mlondi Buthelezi, Connor Kay, Mihle Ndlovu, Nsikelelo Mpangase
- Back Row:** Wesley Giandhair, Liyabona Nkosi, Caleb Naidoo, Sihawu Zungu



DHS Choir 2024

Front Row (L to R): Bayanda Mbele, Lathitha Mafunda, Dr N Rungan (Head of Music), Zesizwe Mbongwa, Mr V Smith (Choir Conductor), Monde Mazibuko, Keanan Rennie

2nd Row: Mhlengi Sibisi, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Mholi Malinga, Uddhav Rajaram, Colby Bezuidenhout, Jesse Miller

3rd Row: Sayed Adhil Hoosen, Nsikelelo Mpangase, Lwandle Mashego, Aidan Hutson, Raidan Pillay, Ngodi Stefane

Back Row: Caleb Naidoo, Nate Nefdt, Imminathi Langa, Connor Kay, Mlondi Buthelezi, Mihle Ndolvu, Kalon Reddy, Landon Dunn





Jazz Band 2024

Front Row (L to R): Luvuyo Neo Mkhize, Zoe Tembe, Dr N Rungan (Head of Music), Unaye Mndau, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Sandla Twenani, Esinako Eden Mfatuzo

2nd Row: Seth Jaganathan, Samuel Smocilac, Colby Bezuidenhout, Zesizwe Mbongwa, Djibril Jahangeer, Mholi Malinga, Shivay Munien, Lathitha Mafunda

3rd Row: Ethan Balakisten, Ethan Pillay, Mngobi Zincume, Ahdil Sayeh Hoosen, Njabulo Mtolo, Tisetso Mokubung, Jaziel Tirumalai, Thandolwenkosi Mchunu

4th Row: Liyabona Nkosi, Wesley Giandhari, Andrew Paul, Landon Dunn, Siyabonga Chonco, Ethan Chetty, Caleb Naidoo, Sihawu Zungu

Back Row: Jordan Chetty, Imminathi Langa, Lyle Lloyd, Mlondi Buthelezi, Aaron Drimmie, Lemar Dunn, Mihle Ndolvu, Declan Watson

Absent: Daniel Mayiza, Siphosethu Ntisana



Poetry Club



Poetry Club 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr R Herd (Assistant M-i-C), Akaziwe Ndlela, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Mngqobi Zincume, Ms P Ngobese (M-i-C: Poetry Club)

2nd Row: Bayanda Majola, Jongikhaya Dandala, Funda Magwaza, Ethan Kathumba

Back Row: Mpumelelo Gumede, Nkosenhle Ngcongco, Banele Khanyile

Poetry is an art form which allows students to express their emotions and moods through the spoken word. It is here where they expose their inner beings to a captive audience.

This activity is gaining popularity at our school, and more schools from surrounding areas are starting to have this exciting activity in their schools as well. This creates an ethos of being able to participate in Open / Closed MIC sessions and allows more students from

Durban schools to engage with one another through this art form.

We aimed to help students to boost their self-esteem, confidence and develop a more acute sense of empathy and this year our school became the talk of the town through the achievements of our poetry club.

A new event, Poetry Talent Explosion, was introduced. This took place on 26 July 2024. We hosted seven schools (George Campbell Technical School,

Mowatt Park, Glenwood, Curro Heritage, Overport Secondary and Reddam College). Each school had three representatives.

This is an event in which participants perform the art of singing, dancing, playing any musical instrument, poetry, comedy etc. Each school had an opportunity to demonstrate their unique skills. This afforded the learners the opportunity to showcase their talents in any field, and they were able to motivate and show their hidden



potential. Every written work had to be an original as a form of self-expression, a description of the world's beauty, a form of entertainment or even a teaching tool. Performers were to bring their own words to life, creating a unique and captivating experience for both poets and the audience.

Akaziwe Ndlela participated at the Poetry Africa Competition on

12 October 2024 and was placed in the top 3 in KZN. The school awarded Akaziwe with Full Colours for Poetry on 25 October 2024.

I would like to thank Mr Herd for his involvement and dedication to the Poetry Club.

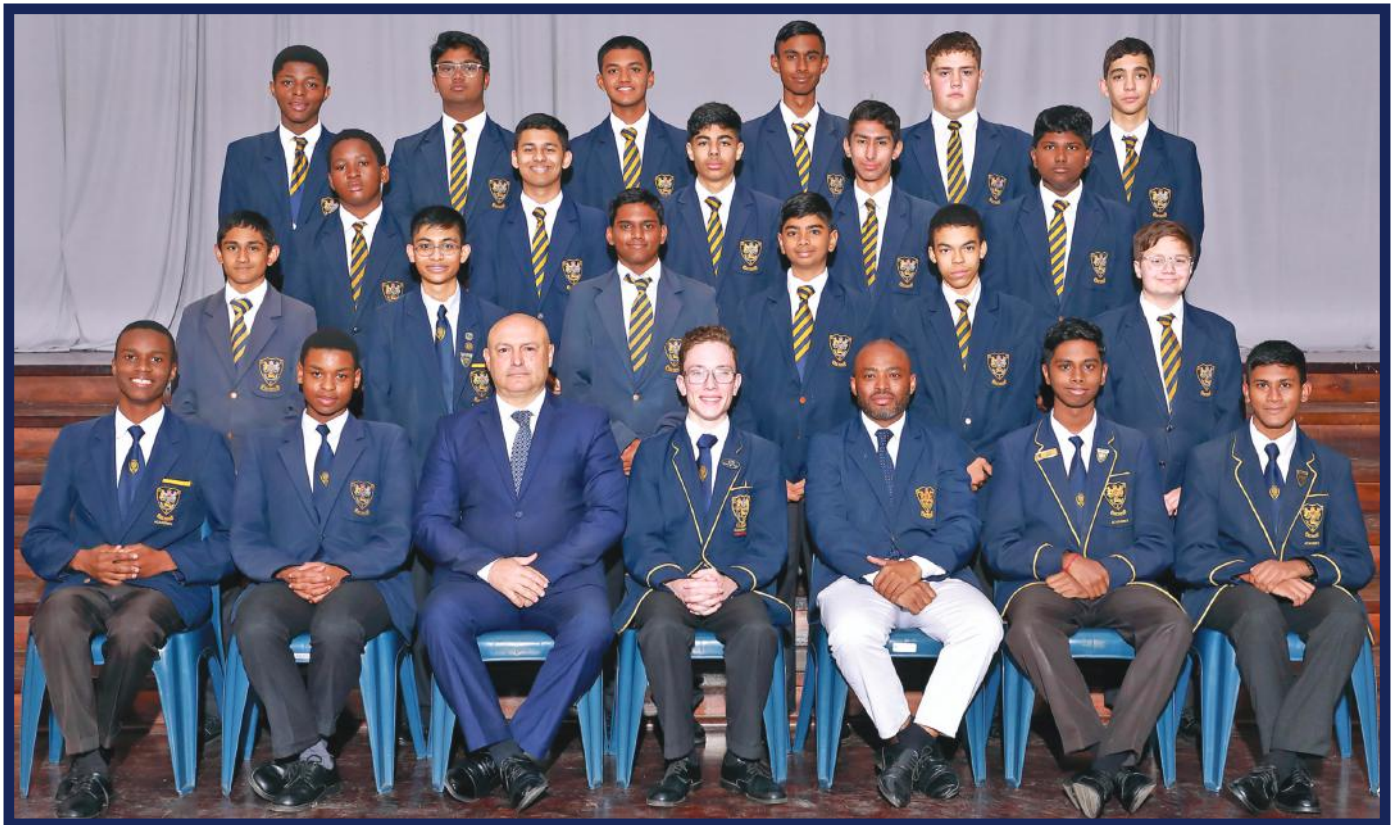
Active Members:

Akaziwe Ndlela (Captain), Bayanda Mbhele, Mngqobi Zincume, Funda Magwaza, Lathitha Mafunda

These young men did an exceptional job, and I cannot wait to see what they will do in 2025 and beyond.

L P Ngobese
M-i-C: Poetry Club

Public Speaking



Public Speaking 2024

Front Row (L to R): Alain Ntibasame, Ikho Mdleleni (Deputy Captain), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Xanda Theologo (Captain), Mr SW Cele (Head of Public Speaking), Nivaan Chetty, Nirav Ramjuguth

2nd Row: Darshan Naidoo, Devaj Sanjith, Saieshan Naidoo, Kahil Govender, Andrew Nemes, Jordyn Fernandez

3rd Row: Thabo Ncala, Zaakir Essack, Sarkhot Daniyal, Aboobaker Muhammad, Hiran Naidoo

Back Row: Lithalethu Ncala, Kian Govender, Christian Pillay, Kivesh Padayachee, Dain Fort, Nate Nefdt

The Public Speaking Training is conducted during the Electives period on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout two terms. This training is aimed at boys who are in Grade 8 and 9, especially those who

lack confidence in themselves and, more importantly, those who are afraid of speaking in public.

The training starts with easy public speaking tasks and gradually progress

to more involved tasks as boys slowly develop confidence in speaking in front of others. The easy tasks are usually ice breakers, which allow any boy an opportunity to say something in front of others in one minute. This training has

gained momentum since its inception, and every week there is a strict agenda that is followed through.

The agenda for each week mimics the real-life meeting set up, which allow boys to fulfil certain tasks given to them. In the agenda, boys get exposed to different public speaking skills which they develop during each term, such as chairing the meeting, being the secretary, delivering a fully prepared speech, and learning the effective ways of giving each speaker (prepared and unprepared speeches) constructive feedback so that they can improve.

During the training, boys also learn different public speaking techniques which they will apply successfully in their next assignment.

This is a more practical approach to developing boys' public speaking ability, and they have shown some great improvement in their personal and public speaking ability. This interactive way of learning public speaking techniques has seen a lot

of boys progress to the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Programme, which is another vital skill in their life in their Grade 10 or Grade 11 years respectfully.

The speakers for 2024 consisted of the following gentlemen:

Boys are encouraged to take up this training as it is a valuable skill for their personal development, and it is conducted in a less intimidating way.

Group One (First Semester):

Darshan Naidoo, Zaakir Essack, Kivesh Padayachee, Muhammad Aboobaker, Daniyal Sarkhot, Saieshan Naidoo, Mekhael Pillay, Dain Fort, Arav Bhoola, Shalin Naidoo, Seth Dunn, Dreshen Mistry, Djibril Jahangeer, Seolan Thaver, Max Pronk, Yashil Singh, Kian Govindasamy, Aryan Pillay, Jude Davies, Mohammed Ebrahim, Thandolwethu Phoswa, Josh Gounden, Uddhav Rajaraman, Andrew Nemes, Kirwan Stevens, Likhona Luthuli, Abdullah Cassim, Caleb Naidoo, Sebastian Subbiah, Tyrell Clayton, Talin Patel,

Kahil Govender, Thomas Delport, Hiran Naidoo, Joshlen Naidoo, Cole Martin, Thabo Ncala, Manelisi Zuma, Tairav Chetty, Jordyn Fernandez, Matthew Davis, Thomas Delport, Sicebile Mchunu, Lwandile Mazibuko, Benjamin Blom, Brock Worman, Darshan Govender

Group Two (Second Semester):

Joshua Steenkamp, Sikiza Nyathikazi, Bandile Manzi, Mawande Sibisi, Yadaarth Singh, Nzuluyemfihlakalo Biyela, Junior Makaukau, Israel Esbend, Akoob Muhammad, Navid Naicker, Hiran Naidoo, Caleb Naidoo, Darshan Govender, Zafar Khan, Wandile Khuzwayo, Zachary Chetty, Jordyn Fernandez, Nate Nefdt, Abdullah Cassim, Levi Reddy, Muhammad Rameez Asmal, Khethelo Gumede, Krian Govender, Kahil Govender, Lithalethu Ntlokwana, Tshepo Motloun, Esethu Siyaya, Lwandile Mabaso, Oratile Modipane, Akwande Mchunu

SW Cele

Head of Public Speaking Training

Sisonke - We are Together

Our annual school cultural concert was held on 22 August, featuring performances of dance, drama, poetry, music, and vocals. This vibrant night which showcases our diverse and talented boys was an evening filled with joy and fantastic entertainment. This year the concert did not incorporate a competition as we just wanted to celebrate our talented performers without any pressure and it was a fun filled event with an array of items. It was again done in a Barnyard style event which we have found works so well in creating a vibe and interaction among guests.

The show was hosted by the funny and vivacious Grade 11 boys, Nirav

Ramjuguth, Nivaan Chetty and Alain Ntibasame. The electric and responsive crowd was blown away by our super talented performers. The highlights of the evening were:

- Yash Amaidas with his Michael Jackson impersonation while singing *"Beat it"*;
- John Mazuba singing Justin Bieber's *"Baby"* which really got the crowd going;
- The Ladies Staff Dance Group, *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"*, performing a dance to *"Man I Feel Like a Woman"* & *"Uptown Funk"* with Daniel Mayiza, Iminathinkosi Langa and Emmanuel joining on vocals for the latter;

- The DHS Drama Club performing an extract from their workshopped play called *"The Box"*, based on the story of Pandora's Box;
- The School Choir;
- Lyle Lloyd;
- Grade 9 boys;
- Mr Botha on guitar; and
- Ikho Mdleleni's intense and powerful performance of a monologue from the classic play *"A Time to Kill"* which left the audience overwhelmed by the depth of his piece.

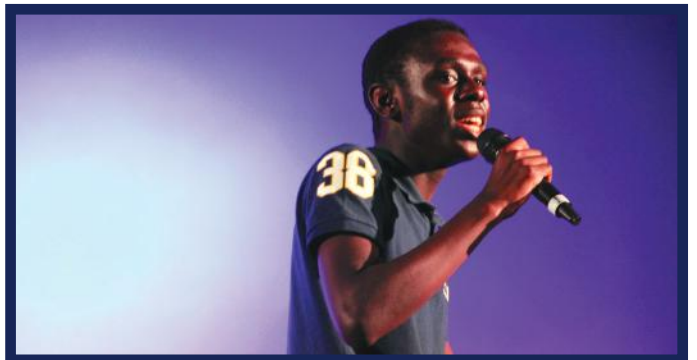
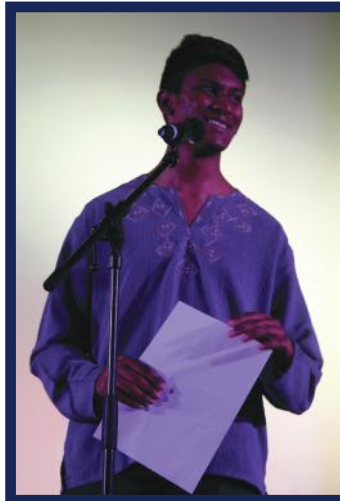
G Joshua

Sisonke Co-Ordinator





The Cast of Sisonke 2024



Sport Awards

During the course of the year, Sport Awards are earned by Boys in Grades 10 to 12 for their sporting achievements. Congratulations to the following Boys who received Awards for Sport in 2024.

ATHLETICS

Half Colours:

Cebo Bizane
Francois Erasmus
Daniel Ikotela
Adriano Jackson
Bayanda Majola
Amogelang Mataboge
Joshua Morris
Zenkosi Mthiyane
Jaydon Roberts
Priden Sibiya
Zanomkhosi Tshabalala

FIRST AID

Colours:

Yuvir Badasse

Half Colours:

Aphiwe Msiya

GOLF

Half Colours:

Mika Ballim
Mvelo Bhengu
Alexander Blyth
Darius Phali
Uneso Tyobeka

BADMINTON

Honours:

Tobias Sheehama

Colours:

Lincoln Wilson

Half Colours:

Erin Benton
Shaun Southwood

HOCKEY

Honours:

Christopher Abrahams
Lumi Matwele
Lethabo Bogacwi
Tyrique Cloete
Lethabo Mathobela
Joshua Mungherera
Bhaves Naicker
Ruben Peters
Sithsaba Siyoyo

BASKETBALL

Honours:

Anthony Del Fava
Samkelo Ntshangase
Lunathi Nyingwa

Colours:

Nathi Jona
Semal Pillay
Mahlatse Sebake
Joshua van Biljon
Lubanzi Zulu

CRICKET

Honours:

Bayanda Majola
Semal Pillay

Colours:

Ethan Cooper
Ismaeel Omar
Joshua van Biljon

Half Colours:

Dilan Ebrahim
Ntando Mshengu
Sihle Sogoni

ROWING

Half Colours:

Lazlo Jooste
Jared Havemann
Sibosiso Msibi
Sfundo Mthembu
Bhaves Naicker
Dhilan Naraidu
Leon Bezuidenhout

Half Colours:

Henro Bezuidenhout
Tshicila Esethu
Josh Meij
Hakim Mthembu



RUGBY

Honours: Duncan Basson
Aka Boqwana
Bongani Dlamini
Adriano Jackson
Sibusiso Mahlangu
Nero Marcwin
Zingce Simka
Mahle Sithole
Khanyisa Stamper
Mthiyane Zenkosi

Colours: Daniel Ikotela
Cedras Allston
Bradley la Grange
Jose Lottering
Thando Luthuli
Okuhle Mbanjwa
Inathinkosi Mkhencele
Unaye Mndau
Joseph Udo-indung
Jordan van Wyk

Half Colours: Jaydon Roberts
Elvino Witbooi

SOCCER

Honours: Sinalo Nyawose
Callan Smith

Half Colours: Cebo Bizana
Louis Colby
Asanda Dlamini
Mbuso Hlangu
Awande Makhonza
Owenkosi Makhubu
Owa Msomi
Connor Quinn
Keane Spogter
Uyioso Usadolo
Caleb Weideman
Ndalo Wotshinisi
Bophelo Zondi

SOFTBALL

Honours: Ethan Cooper

Colours: Raul Chetty
Liam Gegan

Taine Havemann
Colby Kinloch
Daniel Pech
Tristan Quail
Jordan Rochat

SQUASH

Half Colours: Muhammad Asmal
Tyrique Cloete
Tobias Sheehama
David Snyman
Lincoln Wilson

SURFING

Honours: Ntokozo Maphumulo

SWIMMING

Honours: Oliver Delport
Rueben Haylock
Matthew Hunt
Marnu Koekemoer
Tristan Janse van Rensburg
Bayanda Hufner
Jack Bowen
Christopher Denyssen
Thiren Naidoo
Zion Smith
Adrian Truter
Kirk Wilson

WATER POLO

Honours: Kirk Wilson

Colours: Ruan Basson
Jack Bowen
Adrian Truter

Half Colours: Caiden Coelho
Blake Davison
Christopher Denyssen
Riccardo Girodo
Marnu Koekemoer
Russell Mhungu
Cameron Phipps
Morgan Siljebrandt
Ryan Spooner
Zion Smith



Athletics

The 2024 Athletics season experienced an influx of eager athletes wanting to showcase their talents and build on their individual skill-sets. Athletes trained diligently and made inroads with development of fitness and new skills.

School provided several opportunities for athletes to compete at events hosted by KZN Athletics, as well as privately hosted leagues like the Aquelle Night Series and Aquelle Spring Series in Pietermaritzburg.

Several athletes set personal bests during the season and have shown dedication, commitment and,

ultimately, growth. DHS will only seek to develop these athletes even further and continue to provide opportunities for athletes to perform to their full potential.

A special thank you is extended to Mr Nathan Pillay for his continued support of the athletes and their efforts in competing.

Regular Athletes:

Renc-Lynn Manzi, Saieshan Naidoo, Wakhiwe Nonqane, Ronan Roberts, Cebo Bizana, Mpumelelo Gumede, Francois Erasmus, José Lottering, Bayanda Majola, Ama Mataboge, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Joshua Morris,

Banele Quthwa, Jaydon Roberts, Peloneo Shakwane, Malwande Shandu, Zanomkhosi Tshabalala, Joseph Udo-idung, Sanda Yengwa, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Aka Boqwana, Ntando Mavuso, Allston Cedras, Daniel Ikotela, El-Jay Alexander, Adriano Jackson, Harshil Bachoo, Zahi Chetty, Fezile Chili, Alex Coetzee, Junior Douw, Phokuhle Hlatshwayo, Bunono James, Luniko Joni, Sterlin Padi, Jordan Pencilliah, Shalom Tshamalenga, Mthokozisi Twala, Tyler Cox, Priden Sibiya, Ryan Viviers

J du Plessis
M-i-C: Athletics



Badminton



Badminton Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr C Moodley (M-i-C: Badminton), Erin Benton (Captain), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Sherav Maharaj (Vice Captain), Mr R Maharaj (Coach)

Back Row: Shaun Southwood, Lincoln Wilson, Immanuel Ndudzo, Tobias Sheehama

There was an air of optimism at the start of the 2024 year due to the recruitment of two experienced Namibian nationals. I said to myself yes, it is time that we are going to bring back the glory years and have some silverware back in the cabinet by winning both the league and SA Schools Championships.

So, at the start of the school year there was excitement in the air as we felt we were going to have a formidable season. However, this turned into disappointment when Sherav Maharaj, our Number 1 player, hobbled into the school premises on crutches. We were

told that his recovery period would be between three to four months. This would buy us some time after rehabilitation and he would be ready for the SA Schools in August. I conceded that the league may be out of our reach but the National Schools Championship would be possible. But we were hit with another curve ball when BSA announced that the SA Schools Tournament was brought forward to April. We then realised that we would have to learn to adapt and certain things in life are beyond our control.

Pre-season commenced three weeks prior to the end of Term 1 and I was

overwhelmed by the positive turn out during the practice sessions. We managed to assemble four teams in the league and, with the guidance and coaching expertise of Mr Maharaj, the boys were able to raise their fitness levels and enhance their playing skills. It was pleasing to witness the interest and dedication of our juniors and in this it is heart-warming to know that at DHS the future of Badminton is looking positive.

I am glad that Badminton can be viewed as having a balance. One is the competitive and the other the social aspect of it.

We wish all the players a well-earned rest and to those that are participating in the SA Junior International tournament in Cape Town during the holiday all the best and we are proud of you for keeping the DHS flag flying high.

Despite the loss of our Number 1 player, DHS still managed to be the SA Schools Champions for the 6th time - 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2024.

SA Schools Tournament: 28 - 30 April 2024

Venue: KZNBA Hall, Durban

No. of Participating Teams Boys: 10, Girls: 8

Durban High School: A & B Team

Preliminary Rounds: B Team

Team Coach: Mr R Maharaj

Team - Shaun Southwood, Mikaeel Rasool, Caleb Gounder, Siphosethu Ntisana

B Team vs Hillcrest High School A: 0-5 loss

B Team vs Westville A: 0-5 loss

B team vs Westville D: 3-2 win

B team vs Hillcrest High C: 5-0 win

Position: 3rd in Group

Overall Position: 6TH

DHS are the SA Schools Champions and Doubles Champions for 2024

Team Coach: Sherav Maharaj

Team - Tobias Sheehama, Lincoln Wilson, Immanuel Ndudzo, Erin Benton

Preliminary Round:

DHS A vs Alberton A: 5-0 win

DHS A vs Hillcrest High B: 5-0 win

DHS A vs Westville Boys C: 5-0 win

DHS A vs Westville Boys B: 5-0 win

Won 4 out of 4 matches (maximum points), Group Winners

Semi Finals:

DHS A vs Hillcrest High A: 3-0

Finals:

DHS A vs Westville A: 3-2

(won 2 singles and one double)

SA Schools Doubles Champions:

Tobias Sheehama and Lincoln Wilson

Beat Westville 2-1 in the final

Incentive: Represent SA in the All-African Schools tournament in Senegal in August 2024.

KZN Badminton Association 2024

School League Results:

1st: DHS A Team

2nd: DHS B Team

3rd: DHS C Team

4th: DHS D Team

Players Achievements and Recognition:

Tobias Sheehama (Grade 12) - Colours

March - U19 Doubles Finalist, Bloem

April - SA Schools Champs Team Singles & Doubles

May - U19 SA Champions (Singles & Doubles)

July - SA U19 Singles Finalist, Pretoria. Graded No. 2 in SA Captain - Namibian U19

August - qualified to participate in All African Schools Tournament. Namibian Senior Team since 2021

Lincoln Wilson (Grade 10) - Colours

April - SA Schools Champs, SA Doubles Champs

May - KZN Open National Doubles Finalist

August - SA Schools U19 representative at All Africa Continental Championship, Senegal

AIR Badminton Doubles Champion, Senegal Double Champion

Erin Benton (Grade 11) - Half Colours

KZN U19B - 2024, SA Schools Champs

Shaun Southwood (Grade 11) - Half Colours

KZN U19E

Immanuel Nduduzo (Grade 8) - Merit

April - SA Schools Champs Team

May - SA U15 Double Finalist

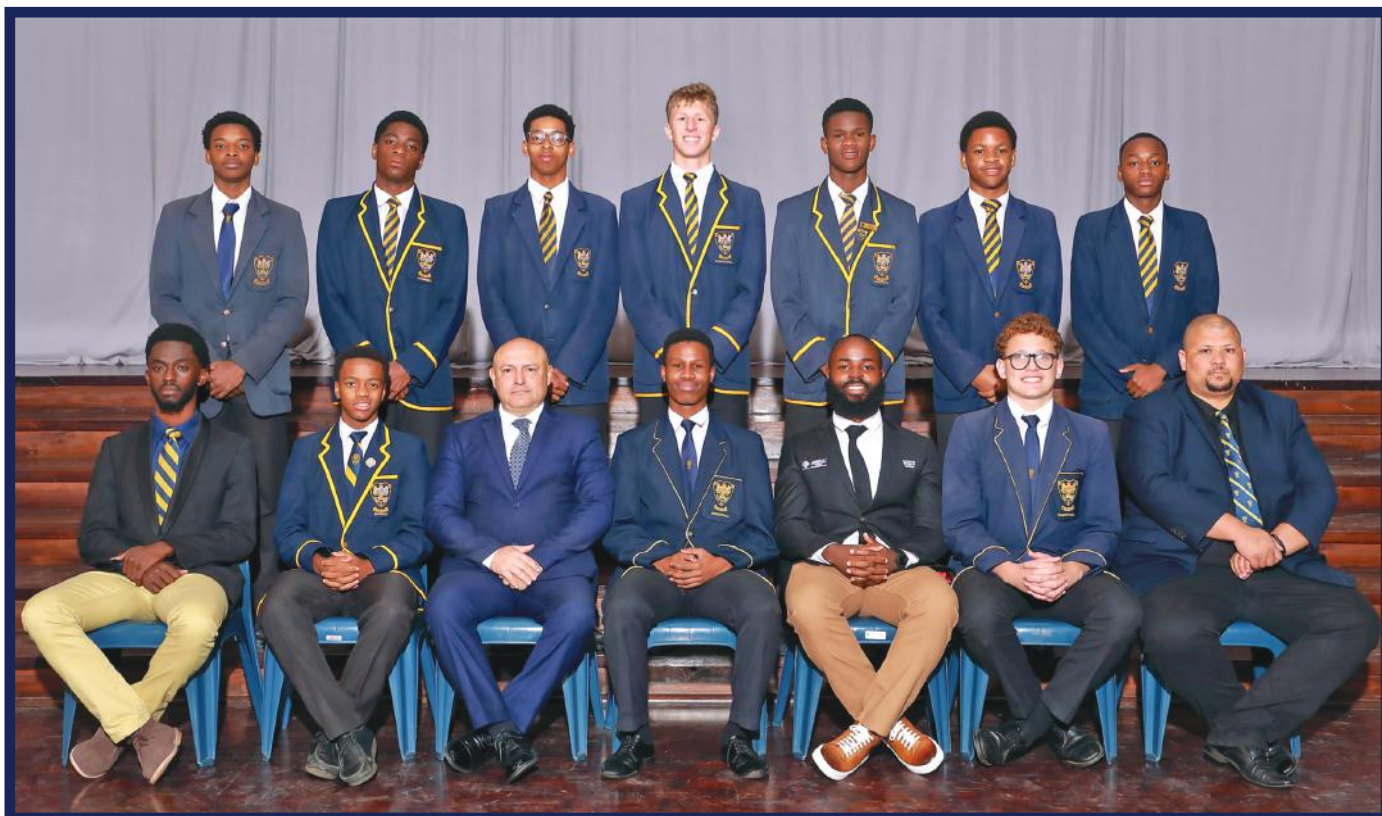
Sept - Namibian U15A Team, Durban

C Moodley

M-i-C: Badminton



1st Team Basketball



1st Team Basketball 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr S Kim-Kayembe (Assistant Coach), Lubanzi Zulu, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Agcina Quvane, Mr J Amisi (M-i-C: Basketball, 1st XI Coach), Ethan Bollay, Mr L van Wyk (Manager)

Back Row: Mxolisi Ngubane, Bayanda Hufner, Nkosenhle Ngongo, Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa, Samkelo Ntshangase, Afeziwe Ndovela

Absent: Lethabo Mathobela, Sibongakonke Diko, Wandile Mthembu, Thabiso Mtambo

A Season of Growth and Promise

The DHS 1st Team Basketball Squad exhibited tremendous growth and promise throughout the season. The transition from Term 1 to Term 3 was marked by a noticeable improvement in the team's performance, fuelled by the players' unwavering dedication and hard work.

The team entered the season with ambitious goals, aiming to improve on the previous year's performance and establish themselves as a force nationally. The early victories against St Charles and Hilton were encouraging steps towards achieving these goals. However, the loss to Michaelhouse

served as a valuable lesson, highlighting the importance of consistency and mental toughness.

Despite setbacks, the team displayed remarkable resilience and determination. The matches against Westville and College, though challenging, showcased the team's ability to compete at a high level.

The crucial victory over Clifton further solidified the team's progress and provided a positive end to the regular season.

The Stayers Tournament offered valuable experience and lessons. While the 6th-place finish was not the desired

outcome, the team gained valuable insights that will shape their approach to future competitions.

The team's dedication and hard work, combined with the guidance of the coaching staff, and backing from our parents and support staff, have laid a strong foundation for future success.

As we look ahead, we are committed to building on our strengths and addressing areas for improvement.

With continued effort and a focus on unity in all team pursuits, the 1st Team Basketball team is poised to achieve even greater heights in the years to come.



SA & KZN Basketball Representatives

SA U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Mpilenhle Sithole

KZN U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Oligugu Khuzwayo, Noah Paulsen, Luyolo Sithole, Mpilenhle Sithole

KZN U18B - Ethan Bollay, Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa, Agcina Quvane

KZN Representatives:

KZN U18B - Agcina Quvane, Anthony Del Fava, Ethan Bollay, Lunathi Nyingwa
KZN U17 - Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa, Samkelo Ntshangase

Awards:

Open Most Improved Player of the Year:

Samkelo Ntshangase

Open Most Valuable Player of the Year:

Lunathi Nyingwa

Regular Season Results:

Wins: 3
Losses: 3

Tournament Results:

Wins: 3
Losses: 4
Final Placement: 6th

Key Players:

Lunathi Nyingwa - Nyingwa's dynamic play-making and scoring ability made him a constant threat.

Anthony Del Fava - Del Fava's accurate three-point shooting provided a crucial offensive spark.

Afeziwe Ndovela - Ndovela's explosive scoring and signature spin move made him a dangerous offensive weapon.

Samkelo Ntshangase - Ntshangase's defensive prowess and ability to disrupt opponents' rhythm were crucial to the team's success.

Bayanda Hufner - Hufner's quickness and anticipation made him a versatile two-way player with high potential.

Most Promising Players:

Nkosenhle Ngcongo - Ngcongo's physicality and skill-set make him a dominant force on the court.

Vimbiso Kasvosve - Kasvosve's imposing presence and deceptive mobility make him a dominant force on the boards.

Talatala Bukasa - Bukasa's length and athleticism make him a formidable rim protector with a high ceiling.

Rekgonne Gare - Gare's tenacious defence and strong work ethic make him a valuable contributor.

Chibuikwe Anagbaoso - Anagbaoso's basketball IQ and off-ball movement make him a versatile player.

Bonga Charma - Charma's high-energy play and hustle make him an asset.

Michaiah Chipeta - Chipeta's selfless play and strong work ethic make him a key contributor.

J Amisi
1st Team Basketball Coach



2nd Team Basketball

The 2nd Team displayed commendable character, fight, and a never-say-die attitude throughout the season, embodying the true spirit of Durban High School basketball.

Despite facing challenges and narrowly losing four of their five games, the team's unwavering dedication and effort were evident in every match.

The team's resilience and fighting spirit were commendable, as they fought until the final whistle in each game. While the season may have been

challenging, it provided valuable lessons and experiences for the younger players who will form the core of next year's team.

We wish the graduating players all the best in their final exams and future endeavours.

The younger players are encouraged to use this season as a platform for growth and look forward to leading the team next year.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	1
Lost:	4

Regular Players:

Bryce Woolf, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Zolani Ndokweni, Kungawo Pato, Ngubane Mxolisi, Bhekiswayo Ziphosomusa, Erin Benton, Nhlanhla Mngomezulu, Daniel Mayiza, Asanda Radebe, Liam Stokes, Finlay Engledow, Joshua Mungherera

P Bambi

2nd Basketball Coach

3rd Team Basketball

The 3rd Team exhibited exceptional character and an impressive work ethic throughout the entirety of the season. In the face of numerous challenges and setbacks, the players consistently displayed resilience and perseverance, embodying a never-say-die attitude that has come to define DHS Basketball.

As the season progressed, the growth of the team was particularly noteworthy. Each player demonstrated a commitment to improving their skills, whether it was refining their shooting technique, enhancing their defensive strategies, or developing better teamwork and communication on the court. Although the outcomes of their games didn't always reflect

the hard work put in during practices and matches, the invaluable lessons learned from each experience provided a solid foundation for their future development.

As their coach, I take immense pride in the dedication shown by the team. Every practice session was filled with focused drills and constructive feedback, creating an environment where players felt encouraged to push their boundaries. The commitment to personal and collective improvement was evident, laying the groundwork for future successes.

Looking ahead, with sustained dedication and a continued emphasis on individual growth, the 3rd Team is well

positioned to make significant strides in their development. Their journey this season has not only forged stronger basketball players, but also instilled valuable life skills that will benefit them both on and off the court.

Regular Players:

Ayanda Mathenjwa, Baphelo Zondi, Mika Smidt, Khanyile Alli, Phumi Gumede, Tisetso Mokubung, Aaron Drimmie, Bandile Cele, Lebohang Tsikedi, Inathi Nkosi, Lufouno Sithole, Khwezi Malembe, Aziz Kramer, Somers Anakin, Philasande Hlatshwayo, Nsika Bango, Riley Pechey

P Bambi

3rd Team Basketball Coach

4th Team Basketball

The 4th Team Basketball side has had one of its better seasons, being blessed with talented individuals and team spirit second to none. The team started the season like a house on fire, chasing the legacy left by those who came before them. The fire did not stop throughout the season, resulting in them defeating all teams on their way to an unbeaten season. The humble gentlemen have displayed great character when the chips were down and have fought their way to every victory.

The team did struggle to acquire some victories, but one thing always carried them to victory - their love and passion for the school and their

exemplary brotherhood. Every week at training, and on game day, they were pushed to their limits and one thing always remained: they held together and always picked each other up and overcame any challenges they faced as a collective. The team did struggle with some injuries but always kept their heads held high and kept the fighting spirit. Discipline is an important part of the game and, without it, we could not have achieved anything.

Thank you to the parents who supported the boys, it is greatly appreciated. Your presence on the sidelines made the boys play better and harder to earn your pride. We are grateful.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 3
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Zanomkhosi Tshabalala, Jose Lottering, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Marcwin Nero, Elvino Witbooi, Niyanda Shangase, Joshua Morris, Jordan Van Wyk, Joseph Udo-idung, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Israel Tshamelanga, Mthokozisi Mathebula, Peloneo Shakwane

S Sokhela

4th Team Basketball Coach

U16A Basketball

A Season of Dominance

The 2024 U16A Basketball team concluded an exceptional season, characterised by unwavering dedication, strategic brilliance, and outstanding individual performances.

National and Provincial Representatives:

SA U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Mpilenhle Sithole

KZN U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Oligugu Khuwayo, Noah Paulsen, Luyolo Sithole, Mpilenhle Sithole

Key Players and Their Impact:

Bonga Charma - a stand out player, consistently improved and demonstrated exceptional talent. His hard work and dedication position him for a promising future in basketball.

Rekgonna Gare - a skilled and composed player, contributed significantly on both ends.

Chibuike Anagbaoso - a talented point guard, showcased exceptional vision

and leadership, guiding the team to victory.

The team's dominant performance throughout the season is reflected in their impressive record:

St Charles:	36-22
Hilton College:	36-28
Michaelhouse:	31-10
Westville High:	40-26
Maritzburg College:	50-30
Clifton College:	50-12

The future of Durban High School Basketball looks promising with the emergence of talented young players like Talatala Bukasa and Michaia Chipeta. Their dedication and potential make them promising prospects for the upcoming seasons.

It has been an honour to coach such a talented and dedicated group of young men. Their hard work and commitment have made this season truly memorable.

SA Representatives:

SA U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Mpilenhle Sithole

Awards:

U16 Most Improved Player of the Year

Peter Wahome

U16 Most Valuable Player of the Year

Rekgonne Gare

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 6
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Bonga Charma, Rekgonne Gare, Chibuike Anagbaoso, Ambesiwe Sipango, Sibongakhonke Buthelezi, Milisuthando George, Diego Louw, Lungani Ngcobo, Talatala Bukasa, Micaiah Chipeta

M Sibulawa

U16A Basketball Coach



U16B Basketball

The U16B Basketball team displayed a strong team ethic, working together seamlessly to achieve common goals. The team's commitment to hard work and improvement was evident throughout the season.

Key players like Peter Wahome and Athayanda Gasa made significant strides, particularly in their defensive prowess and offensive efficiency, as respectively as individuals. The team's defensive intensity, characterised by aggressive pressure and forced turnovers, was a key factor in their success. While their

offensive play showed promise, there is room for improvement in shot selection and efficiency.

The team's mental toughness was evident as they faced challenges and used them as opportunities for growth. Their ability to learn from setbacks and maintain a positive attitude contributed to their overall performance.

With continued dedication and hard work, the U16B team is poised for future success.

Results:

Played:	6
Won:	3
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Jordan Rochat, Philasande Buthelezi, Peter Wahome, Lathitha Mafunda, Jonathan Makoni, Lisulenkosi Sikhahlane, Athayanda Gasa, Israel Roberts

M Sibulawa
U16B Basketball Coach

U16C Basketball

The U16C Basketball team concluded a successful season marked by significant growth and development. The players' unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic were evident from the outset, driving their performance on the court. The infusion of new talent brought fresh energy and diverse skills, fostering a strong team dynamic and camaraderie.

forced turnovers, and created fast-break opportunities. While the team achieved notable success, there are areas for improvement, such as finishing plays with precision and maintaining consistent intensity throughout the game. With a focus on these areas, the team is poised to continue their development and elevate their performance in future seasons.

Regular Players:

Lumi Gwiji, Nali Thobela, Siyjabula Khathi, Mnotho Mbatha, Bryce Bailiss, Khetho Mkhize, Mlondi Buthelezi, Daniel Fwita, Sinan Kassongo, Simiso Mkhwanazi, Thanda Ngejana, Onke Boo

T Mnguni
U16C Basketball Coach

A key factor in the team's success was their strategic defensive approach, particularly the implementation of a full-court press. This aggressive strategy disrupted opponents' offensive rhythm,

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	3
Lost:	2

U16D Basketball

The U16D Basketball team demonstrated remarkable growth and improvement throughout the season, overcoming various challenges, notably the limitations posed by restricted court space. Despite these obstacles, the players maintained a high level of enthusiasm and a commendable

eagerness to learn, which significantly contributed to their development.

The arrival of new, inexperienced players infused the team with fresh ideas and perspectives, fostering team cohesion and enhancing overall performance. The team's aggressive pressing defence

was effective in creating turnovers and generating fast break opportunities. However, improving finishing skills remains a key area for development.

The team navigated several disruptions throughout the season, including cancelled fixtures. Nonetheless, they





remained resilient, using this time to focus on individual skill development

and conditioning. The players' commitment to the fundamentals and their eagerness to learn position them well for continued growth.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 2
Lost: 1

Regular Players:

Priden Sibiya, Maki Aysen, Shreyan Naidoo, Kiav Bodassing, Richard Gyamti, Divine Kabadi, Mika'il Shaibes, Julio Azevedo, Colby Luis, Fanele Magwaza

T Mnguni
U16B Basketball Coach

U15A Basketball

From the beginning, this team was dedicated to representing their school, especially after training hard during the holidays.

Although the team is average in height, they have worked diligently. This was evident in the Home Turf Hoops Tournament, where we were placed in a particularly challenging group. Against teams like Kearsney and St Johns (Johannesburg), the boys finished unbeaten and topped their group. However, they lost in the quarter-finals to one of the best basketball academies in the country by just 3 points, finishing 5th out of 25 teams.

Term 4 marked a fresh start for the boys, with intensity being the focus. Their common goal was to play like champions and be the best athletes on the court.

I am pleased with the team's performance, but there is always room for improvement. I look forward to seeing their growth and progress in the future.

Awards:

U15 Most Improved Player of the Year:
Luyolo Sithole
U15 Most Valuable Player of the Year:
Mpilenhle Sithole

Results:

Played: 11
Won: 6
Lost: 5
Draw: 0

Regular Players:

Noah Paulsen, Lungelo Dlamini, Mpilenhle Sithole, Okuhle Dlamini, Oligugu Khuzwayo, Ntokozo Nkosi, Luyolo Sithole, Jordan Loubser, Joshua Pechey, Mwezi Mqingwana

S Kim-Kayembe
U15A Basketball Coach



U15B Basketball

This season was the best for an U15 B team for a very long time.

The boys participated in the annual Home Turf Hoops tournament hosted by Northwood, which provided a valuable learning experience. Competing in this A team tournament, they faced tough opposition but managed to win all their group matches. Unfortunately, they were eliminated by Michaelhouse U15A in the quarter-finals, finishing 13th out of 25 teams.

The season's results speak for themselves: the team played 10 games, won 7, and lost 3, with close encounters against Michaelhouse and Maritzburg College.

A special mention goes to Reitumetse Sello, who played in every game this season. Despite sometimes looking like he needed a break, he kept pushing until the final whistle. I am excited to witness the continued growth of this great group of young men in their basketball journey.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	7
Lost:	3
Draw:	0

Regular Players:

Mabutho Mbonambi, Awande Ngcobo, Calvin Schallies, Nkazimulo Khanyile, Khayelihle Nene, Sello Reitumetse, Mhlengi Mpanza, Tristan Webster

S Kim-Kayembe
U15B Basketball Coach

U15C Basketball

The U15C Basketball team embarked on a challenging yet rewarding season, marked by dedication, growth, and camaraderie. I extend my sincere gratitude to every player and member of the support staff for their unwavering commitment and hard work.

The season provided invaluable learning experiences, as the team faced tough opponents and encountered various challenges. Through these experiences, the team developed crucial skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

The players' individual growth was evident throughout the season. Significant improvements were observed in shooting, defence, and strategic understanding. These

advancements will serve as a strong foundation for future success.

A particular highlight of the season was the Northwood U15 tournament, where Ngcebo Madikizela, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Luniko Joni, and Tristan Webster, members of the C team, were given the opportunity to compete alongside the A and B team players. Their inclusion showcased their hard work and dedication, and it strengthened the team's overall bond.

The team played four games this season, securing one victory and experiencing three losses. While the win-loss record may not be ideal, the closer margins in the losses compared to the previous season indicate significant improvement. These narrow defeats

demonstrate the team's growth and the progress made by each player.

As we reflect on this season, we celebrate the team's achievements and look forward to building upon this foundation in the future.

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	1
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Nzuzo Buthelezi, Ngcebo Madikizela, Remiel Ackerman, Mvelo Mkhize, Ntombela Kwanda, Mashigoana Keno, Gophichard Caleb, Evans Nathan, Joni Luniko, Webster Tristan, Fezile Chili, Bunono James

T Kaniki
U15C Basketball Coach

U15D Basketball

The U15D Basketball team embarked on a significant journey this season, characterised by dedication, growth, and a strong

team ethos. Despite the outcomes of individual games, the team's progress and development were evident throughout the season.

The team's players made substantial improvements in various key areas:

- Skill Enhancement: The team's shooting, passing, and defensive



abilities were significantly enhanced.

- **Team Unity:** Improved communication and coordination fostered a stronger team dynamic, allowing each player to contribute effectively.
- **Strategic Understanding:** The team's grasp of offensive plays and defensive tactics deepened, leading to improved performance on the court.

While the team made significant strides, some areas require further development:

- **Focus and Intensity:** Maintaining focus and intensity throughout the game.

- **Defensive Strategies:** Strengthening defensive strategies to limit opponents' scoring opportunities.

The team played four games this season, securing one victory and experiencing three losses. Despite the losses, the team's performance demonstrated significant improvement. Each player contributed to the team's success and worked diligently to minimise the impact of setbacks.

In conclusion, this season has been a valuable learning experience for the team. The players' dedication and hard work have been instrumental in their individual and collective growth. As the team moves forward, it is essential

to build upon the lessons learned and strive for continued improvement.

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	1
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Dilan Venn, Ethan Mudaly, Sbelwe Msomi, Nhlakanipho Shabalala, Sachiel Pillay, Lungelo Mthembu, Wakhiwe Nonqane, Tinashe Mheta, Sanele Ntuli, Musa Letlaka, Langa Usiphile, Kwanelisan Hadebe, Israel Nwankwo, Nkosenhle Dladla

T Kaniki

U15D Basketball Coach

U14A Basketball

The U14A Basketball team made significant strides this season, demonstrating exceptional growth and dedication. The team's success was the result of meticulous preparation and intense training sessions held twice a week in the months leading up to the season.

The season commenced with a resounding victory over St Charles, where the team's formidable defence was instrumental in securing a 28-14 win. This early triumph, achieved on the main court, boosted the team's morale and set a high standard for the remainder of the season.

The Michaelhouse Tournament provided invaluable experience, exposing the team to a higher level of competition. Although the team faced several losses, these encounters offered valuable lessons in resilience, urgency, and adaptability.

The team's progress was further evident in the subsequent match against

Michaelhouse, where they secured a 30-22 victory. This win highlighted the team's strong defensive foundation and clutch performances.

The match against Westville proved to be a turning point, as the team overcame an early deficit to secure a 37-21 victory. This performance showcased the team's improved urgency and determination.

The most challenging match of the season came against Maritzburg College. Despite a valiant effort, the team ultimately fell short, losing 26-21. However, the competitive nature of the match and the team's resilience were commendable.

The season concluded with a convincing 30-13 win against Clifton, where the team's strong defensive performance and contributions from the bench players were key factors.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr Amisi and Mr Kim-

Kayembe for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the season. Their expertise and dedication were instrumental in the team's success.

Awards:

U14 Most Improved Player of the Year:

Goodluck Ezenwa

U14 Most Valuable Player of the Year:

Micah Underwood

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	4
Lost:	1

Regular Players:

Cebolenkosi Diko, Micah Underwood, Caleb Silvan, Ntateko Rikhotso, Junior Gahima, Goodluck Ezenwa, Qayiya Mguzulwa, Sitha Mpati, Ntuthuko Mngomezulu, Bonga Nene, Tshepo Motlout

J Abrahams

U14A Basketball Coach



U14B Basketball

The U14B Basketball team displayed significant growth and improvement this term. Characterised by strong technical skills, excellent passing, effective communication and a high basketball IQ, this team consistently impressed.

All team members, like their counterparts in the A side, benefited from the mid-year practice sessions. The B side players worked diligently to enhance their skills, and their progress was evident throughout the season.

Our season commenced with a dominant victory over St Charles, where the team excelled on both offence and defence, securing a 33-8 win. The team's ability to maintain composure even during periods of dominance was commendable.

The subsequent match against Hilton proved to be a challenging encounter. The team struggled to counter the opposition's press, resulting in a 10-23

loss. This setback served as a valuable lesson, motivating the players to work harder in practice.

The match against Michaelhouse presented another opportunity for growth. Despite being undersized, the team's speed and technical ability allowed them to secure a convincing 39-16 victory. This win showcased the team's resilience and determination.

The final two matches against Westville and Maritzburg College were closely contested. While the team fought valiantly, defensive lapses and communication issues hindered their efforts. These challenges aside, the team displayed commendable spirit, particularly against Westville, where they narrowly lost 22-21.

The season concluded with a match against Maritzburg College. Despite a strong effort, the team ultimately succumbed to the pressure, losing 27-12.

Notwithstanding their physical limitations, the U14B team consistently exceeded expectations, displaying confidence and skill that often rivalled the A side.

I extend my gratitude to Mr Amisi and Mr Kim-Kayembe for their invaluable contributions and guidance. I look forward to the continued growth and success of this talented group of young athletes.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	2
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Anesu Zulu, Sekani Kubayi, Tshiamo Rafube, Somelele Langa, Ntobeko Khubone, Blessing Kitondo, Akwande Mchunu, Jaden Sullaphen, Emmanuel Makanjuola, Zweli Msomi

J Abrahams
U14B Basketball Coach

U14C Basketball

The U14C Basketball team experienced a season of growth and commitment. From the initial practices to the final buzzer, the boys consistently demonstrated dedication, honing their skills and fostering a strong team dynamic. Throughout the season, they confronted challenging opponents, learning valuable lessons in teamwork, resilience, and discipline. The team's development was evident as each player embraced their role and exuded increased confidence on the court.

While the team faced several tough matches, they celebrated some hard-fought victories. A few games were particularly memorable, showcasing

strong defensive efforts, coordinated plays and exceptional team chemistry - a testament to their hard work. These performances highlighted not only individual talent but also the collective progress of the entire squad.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the M-I-C and coaching staff for their invaluable support and guidance, as well as to the school for its continued backing of our basketball programme. Special thanks to the parents for their unwavering encouragement; your presence at games and support throughout the season significantly impacted the players and the team as a whole. We

look forward to building upon this year's achievements and witnessing the boys reach new heights.

Results:

Played:	5
Wins:	1
Losses:	4

Regular Players:

Thando Phoswa, Nksosenhle Dladla, Vuvu Mavunza, Gabriel Cutts, Blake Hayden, Brock Worman, Ziphezinhle Zulu, Seth Dunn, Thoba Dlomo, Abiola Jobe, Daniel Hunkin

A Masikati
U14C Basketball Coach



U14D Basketball

The U14D Basketball team concluded an exhilarating season marked by dedication, growth, and a shared love for the sport. Each player demonstrated unwavering commitment, attending practices with enthusiasm and a willingness to embrace challenges. The season provided thrilling matches and valuable learning experiences, fostering a deep understanding of teamwork, resilience, and focus.

Despite facing formidable opponents, the team remained resolute, utilising each game as an opportunity to hone their skills. As the season progressed, the players' improvement became increasingly evident, showcasing enhanced coordination and refined

strategies. Moments of triumph highlighted the team's potential and their persistent effort promises continued growth in the sport.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the school, the dedicated coaching staff, and the supportive parents who were instrumental in the team's journey. Your unwavering encouragement and guidance have significantly impacted the players, nurturing their passion for the sport and creating a conducive environment for growth.

We eagerly anticipate witnessing these young athletes continue their development and achieve even greater heights in the seasons to come.

Results:

Played:	5
Wins:	4
Losses:	1

Regular Players:

Sobhale Biyela, Tochi Eze, Amarique, Buhle, Tinashe Makoni, Lukhona Silwane, Oliver Rayson, Lwandile Mabaso, Vukile Khuzwayo, Kivesh Padayachee, Usiholile Mngomezulu, Zanda Dlodla, Benjamin Blom, Oliver Zishiri, Caleb Naidoo, Amarique Abrahams, Unako Swana

A Masikati
U14D Basketball Coach



1st Team Cricket



1st XI Cricket Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Bayanda Majola, Jared Havemann, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Semal Pillay (Captain), Mr F Lazarus (1st XI Cricket Coach), Bhavesh Naicker, Sfundo Mthembu

Back Row: Lazlo Jooste, Joshua van Biljon, Sibusiso Msibi, Taine Havemann, Ethan Cooper, Dhilan Naraidu, Ismaeel Omar

The 1st XI Cricket team enjoyed a truly memorable and successful season in 2024, showcasing skill, resilience, and exceptional teamwork throughout the year. Over the course of 17 matches, the team recorded 13 wins and only 4 losses - a testament to their consistent performances and strong team spirit.

A major highlight of the season was their victory in the Clifton T20 Festival, where the team displayed explosive batting and disciplined bowling to defeat Maritzburg College convincingly in the final.

Their success continued at the 100 Ball Tournament, where they secured an impressive 3rd-place finish against tough competition.

The team then embarked on a dominant run in the 50-over format, going unbeaten in their next eight matches. This included a stand-out performance at the prestigious Michaelmas Cricket Week, hosted by Maritzburg College. The team remained undefeated during the week, capped by a commanding 8-wicket victory over Affies, one of the top cricketing schools in the country.

As the season drew to a close, we bid farewell to two exceptional players: Semal Pillay and Sfundo Mthembu. Both have been integral to the team's success and have led by example on and off the field. We thank them for their commitment, passion, and contributions to 1st XI Cricket and wish them all the very best as they pursue their cricketing careers beyond school.

Their presence will be missed, but their legacy will remain.

The future of 1st XI Cricket looks bright, built on the strong foundation of this season's achievements.

Congratulations to the players, coaching staff, and everyone who contributed to an outstanding 2024 campaign.

Other victories included wins over:

St Charles by 64 Runs
Hudson Park by 178 Runs
St Stithians by 6 Wickets
Hilton College by 1 Wicket
Michaelhouse by 7 Wickets
Westville by 79 Runs
Maritzburg College by 9 Wickets
Clifton by 8 Wickets

Glenwood by 7 Runs
Kearsney by 22 Runs
St Charles by 5 Wickets

Brief Summary of Players

Semal Pillay

Captain / All Rounder / KZN U18 / U17
CSA Regional Camp

Our captain and most valuable player, Semal, enjoyed a successful year with bat and ball, scoring 891 runs with an average of 38. He also took 30 wickets with a strike rate of 31.30.

Semal earned 50 1st team caps.

Bayanda Majola

Fast Bowler / KZN U18 / SA U19
Emerging Team

The Gasman, who showcased his pace and accuracy, Bayanda took 33 wickets with a strike rate of 24.00.

Joshua van Biljon

Wicket Keeper / No. 4 Batsman / KZN
U17 / U17 CSA Regional Camp

Joshua has the ability to single handedly win games with explosive batting and consistent ball striking. His unique skill set to face both pace and spin bowling made him unique to bowl to.

Joshua scored 975 runs with an average of 41.00.

Josh earned 50 1st team caps.

Ismaeel Omar

Opening Batsman / KZN U17/ U17 CSA
Regional Camp

The Rock, as we called him, Ismaeel is very tight in defence and a consistent opening batter, which is rare at school level.

He scored 870 runs with an average of 31.

Ismaeel earned 50 1st team caps.

Ethan Cooper

All Rounder / KZN U17

Ethan is all-rounder with equal potential with bat and ball. However, he did not fulfil his role with the bat, scoring 367 runs with an average of 17.00.

He took 18 wickets with a strike rate of 16.00.

Taine Havemann

Opening Bowler / Middle Order
Batsman / KZN U16 (Captain) / U16
Player of the Year (Dolphins Awards)

Taine showed great maturity and composure with his consistent performance, being only in Grade 10. He delivered game winning performances with the bat and ball, scoring 381 runs with an average 53.00 and took 16 wickets with a strike rate of 27.00.

Jared Havemann

Leg Spinner / Lower Order Batsman

Jared had a fantastic season with the ball and contributed with the bat.

He took 38 Wickets with a strike of 24.00 (average) in 152 overs. He also contributed 236 runs with an average of 27 and a winning 50 runs against Northwood.

Sfundo Mthembu

Middle Order Batsman

Sfundo, a middle-order batsman with the highest strike rate, is an explosive batsman who has the ability to change a course of the game; however, he didn't live up to his potential with the bat.

Scored 318 runs with an average of 18.00.

Lazlo Jooste

Middle Order Batsman

Technically the best batsman in the team, Lazlo has full potential to be one of the top batsmen in 2025.

Lazlo scored 174 runs with an average on 20.00.

Dhilan Naraidu

Left Arm Orthodox Bowler

Dhilan opened the bowling consistently with doing a holding job for Bayanda. He took 30 wickets with a strike rate of 25.00.

Bhavesh Naicker

Middle Overs Bowler

A team player, Bhavesh had the safest hands in terms of catching and fielding. He took 36 wickets with a strike rate of 16.00

SA Representative:

SA U19 Emerging Team - Bayanda
Majola

Awards:

Chris Catto Award for Cricketer of the Year: *Semal Pillay*

DHS Award for Contribution to Cricket:

Sfundo Mthembu

Open Bowler of the Year:

Jared Havemann

Open Batsman of the Year:

Joshua van Biljon

U16 Bowler of the Year:

Ethan Jenkins

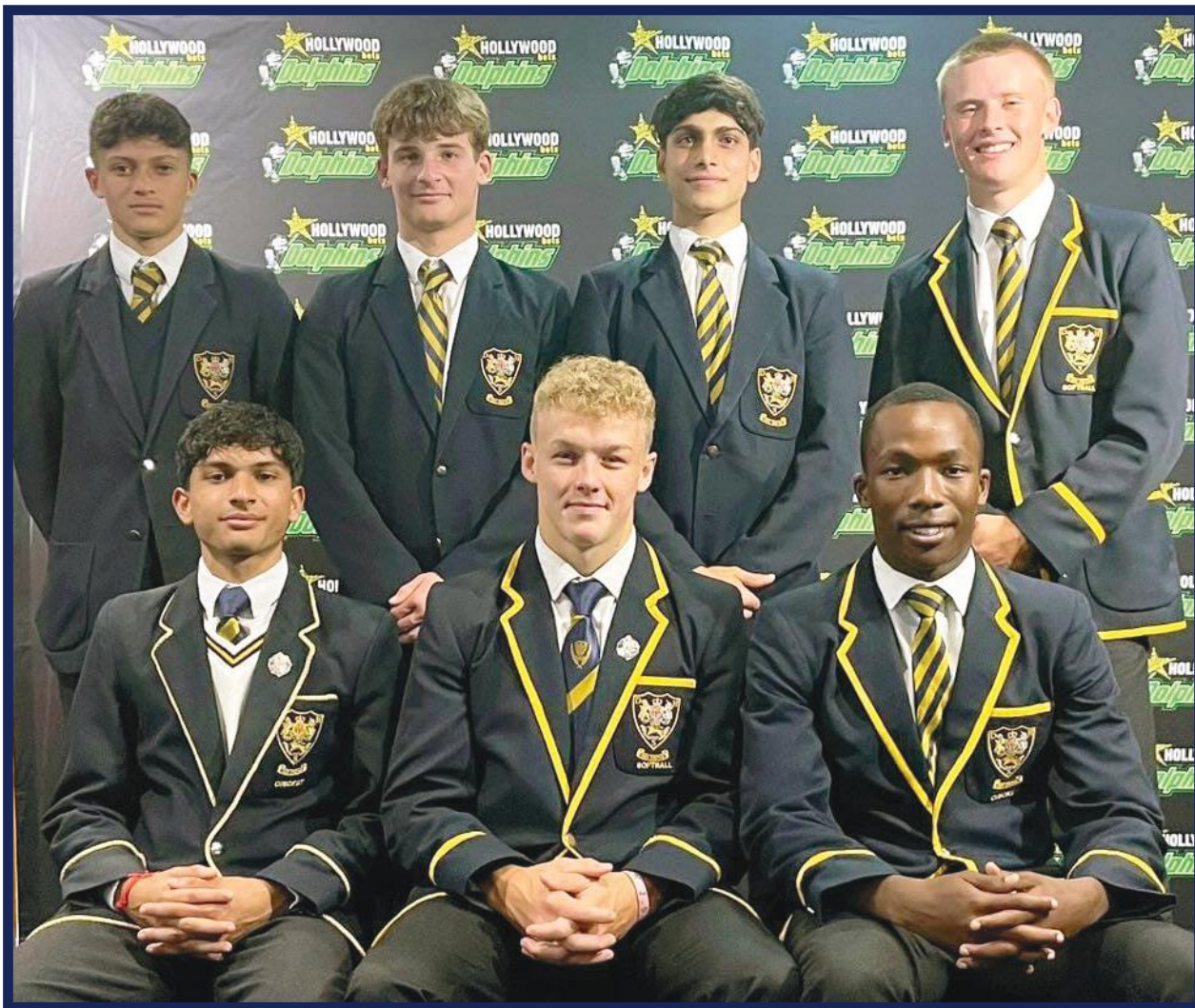
U16 Batsman of the Year:

Taine Havemann

F Lazarus

Head Cricket Coach





KZN Cricket Selections

Semal Pillay (U18), Ethan Cooper (U17), Bayanda Majola (U18)

Sulaiman Jadwat (U15), Joshua van Biljon (U17), Ismaeel Omar (U17), Taine Havemann (U16)

2nd XI Cricket

The 2nd XI Cricket team had an unbelievable season in Term 4. The open age group welcomed the U16 boys to the ranks in term 4, and it is fair to say that those boys fit in seamlessly. Throughout the season the boys showed grit and resilience in each of their games, which resulted in them getting hard fought victories.

With these victories came some extremely tight wins such as a one wicket win against St Charles, while we also displayed dominance in a 214-run win against Clifton.

These boys grew throughout the season, not only within Cricket but off the field as well. As coaches, we were extremely proud of taking care of such an exciting and young team, and we are looking forward to keeping an eye on all of them in the future.

Big thanks to Mr Trenoweth and Mr Pillay for supporting us with the necessary resources when needed. To the boys, we wish all of you a prosperous end of year and we hope your growth never stops.

Results:

Played:	6
Won:	3
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Sibisiso Msibi, Akthar Basha, Raul Chetty, Vuyo Mokoena, Ethan Jenkins, Tristin Quaill, Joshua Brien, Mohammad Asmal, Seth Edwards, Chad Evans, Sandile Mazibuko, Zaid Mootala

D Pinheiro & K Naraidu
2nd XI Cricket Coaches

3rd XI Cricket

The season began with a sense of excitement and optimism, and it didn't take long for the team to demonstrate their potential. With a solid pre-season training programme, the boys were prepared and mentally focused from the very first match. Their success was not only built on strong individual performances, but also a team ethos of support and discipline.

The 2023/24 season saw several remarkable batting performances from the 3rd XI, with key players stepping up to deliver match-winning knocks. Umar Parak and Daniel Pech emerged as the stand-out batsmen. Their ability to adapt to various match situations - whether anchoring the innings or accelerating in the death overs - made them key pillars in the team's success.

Muhammad Asmal was undoubtedly the stand-out bowler, finishing as the

team's leading wicket taker. His ability to consistently bowl in the right areas, combined with his disciplined line and length, made him a constant threat to opposition batsmen.

As the season concludes, the 3rd XI can look back with immense pride on a successful year, but the hard work is not done. With a focus on improving fitness, refining skills, and working on team cohesion, the team is already preparing for next season. The coaching staff is confident that the success of this year can be built upon and will lead to even greater achievements in the future.

The 3rd XI has not only performed exceptionally well on the field but has also represented the school with great sportsmanship and respect. We look forward to seeing what this talented group of young cricketers will achieve in the seasons to come.

Thank you to the parents who supported their boys on the side lines during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

Results:

Played:	3
Won:	1
Lost:	1
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

Iwan Slabbert, Umar Parak, Jayden Roberts, Daniel Pech, Connor Quin, Damian Swart, Landa Tose, Muhammed Kadwa, Amelio Ramdeo, Sandile Nitsana, Qhayiya Makanya

C Muller
3rd XI Cricket Coach

4th XI Cricket

The 4th term Cricket season in the Open Age Group always comes down to the commitment and availability of boys who are willing to play. This was blatantly clear for the 4th team in Term 4.

After the successful 1st term for the 4th team, there was a high expectation for the team in term 4. Unfortunately, the first three weeks were abysmal due to poor commitment shown by players. After this week, things turned and the 4th team produced some fantastic cricket which resulted in memorable

victories for the team, including a 9 wicket win over Westville!

I enjoyed coaching the boys who were committed throughout the year and I wish you more success and enjoyment in your cricket.

Results:

Played:	3
Won:	1
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Aka Boqwana, Zingce Simka, Daniel Ikotela, Daniel Pech, Denva Shaw, Buhle Msani, Leeam Nair, Liam Gregan, Keane Spogter, Sipho Ntisana, Taahir Adams

L Matthysen
4th XI Cricket Coach



5th XI Cricket

This season was very challenging as the 5th side was changing every week due to players being called up to the 4ths. However, this was one season where the 5th team had more than 20 players signing up and that's because the boys started understanding what the team is about. The 5th team was all about getting involved and getting to express yourself outside of class and enjoying those few hours on the cricket field.

The highlight of the season was when we played Maritzburg College at College

and we surprisingly made 137 after 20 overs - and this was when the boys realised they had a chance of winning the game. The energy on the field was very good to see and boys were encouraging each other and that's what the 5th side is about. That game we won as we bowled College out for 81.

Results:

Played: 3
Won: 1
Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Mikav Mohanlall, Ahmad Seedat, Muhammad Sahib, Atreyu Jooste, Jayden Botha, Mihle Ndlovu, Sandla Twenani, Lungelo Mtshali, Likho Konza, Ryder Thandroyen, Shumayl Peer, Timothy Whippich, Amo Mataboge, Nathan Aneke, Ompile Kola, Sisanda Sikhosana, Amod Ahmed

S MkhaliPhi
5th XI Cricket Coach

U15A Cricket

The U15A Cricket team faced a challenging season, playing a total of six matches but only securing one win.

Although the season's results didn't reflect their determination, the players maintained a positive attitude and supported each other, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie. Their lone win was a hard-fought match that showcased their potential when they played cohesively.

Throughout the season, the players showed dedication and resilience, consistently putting in hard work during both practices and matches. Despite struggling to convert their efforts into

victories, the team showed glimpses of talent and skill, particularly in their fielding and bowling performances. Several players demonstrated individual growth, honing their techniques and gaining valuable match experience that will undoubtedly benefit them in future seasons.

This season has provided the team with crucial learning moments, emphasising the importance of consistency and teamwork. With these experiences under their belt, the U15A squad is well-positioned to come back stronger and more focused in the next season.

Awards:

U15 Bowler of the Year: Caleb Smith
U15 Batsman of the Year: Suliman Jadwat

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 1
Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Suliman Jadwat, Caleb Smith, Muhammed Seedat, Steven Denhill, Matt Potgieter, Keegan Brauns, Sharav Reddy, Abokwe Moeng, Micheal van Biljon, Eben Peters, Joshua Peterson

C Pillay & M Stride
U15A Cricket Coaches

U15B Cricket

This season was a tough one for players and coaches alike. Nonetheless, the team pushed through and tried to put their best foot forward at every hurdle. Coming into the season we had a couple of

performance-based objectives set out that would help us achieve the bigger goal (win more games) which were to: a) bat out our allotted overs as many times as possible; and b) not have our

extras be one of the oppositions top scorers every week.

On the batting front we managed to achieve the target 3 out of 5 times, while in the other two times being



bowled out chasing tough targets. On the bowling side we had a couple of good performances from the likes of Aryaan Chinsamy, Ethan Balakisten and Zachary Manicum but our performance in the field often let the bowlers down. This led to us chasing totals that were well above par and put pressure on the light batting unit.

Cricket is a 3-discipline game and if you do not perform in all 3 then you run the risk of being rolled over.

On 12 October we made the not so short trip up to Michaelhouse where we put in the best performance of the season, resulting in a 51-run victory. This is the match where our fielding

led us - the boys' energy and efficiency was really evident, which even led to parents complimenting the team on their much-improved showing. This showed us that we can do the right things, it is just a matter of consistency and the will to concentrate for extended periods of time.

We ended off the season with a loss, batting second on a tricky wicket, but game management and temperament were lacking on the day to pull off the win.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to support and the drivers who accompanied us all over the province.

The time you have given up means a lot to the coaches, as well as the boys.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 1
Lost: 4

Regular Players:

Aiden Muruvan (Captain), Ntsikelelo Madosi, Nayur Ramachul, Josh de Oliveira, Jaco de Klerk, Aryaan Chinsamy, Naval Maharaj, Ethan Balakisten, Nyakallo Masiloane, Ronan Roberts, Zachary Manicum, Bulelani Cebani, Ewan Stayt.

N Mcuma
U15B Cricket Coach

U15C Cricket

The season ended with two games in Term 4 against Westville and Maritzburg College. Unfortunately, both games were lost. The bowling was reasonably good and numerous spin bowlers were used during the matches and took the majority of the wickets. The batting department was where we struggled and that led to the downfall in both matches played.

The boys need to learn to apply themselves and be determined not to throw their wickets away, as well as to

play each ball on its merits. The fielding against College was very good and with a bit more application to the task at hand the game should have been won, but DHS fell 16 runs short in chasing the total.

I wish all the cricketers the best of luck in 2025 and thank them for the season.

Results:

Played: 2
Won: 0
Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Cole Spogter, Luke van Wyk, Ashniel Babajee (Captain), Bulelani Cebani, Meyer Prinsloo, Sterlin Padi, Jaylin Cleophas, Elchaan Lubbe, Eduard Jacobs, Mikail Rasool, Nkosinathi Ntshingila, Shirav Ayer, Lushen Govender, Ewan Stayt, Zaydaan Ahmod, Shyreek Sewpersad, Arien Reddy, Nirav Naidoo

R Kohne
U15C Cricket Coach

U15D Cricket

In the fourth term, the U15D side played two fixtures. The first fixture was a 20/20 fixture against a Westville U15D side at Westville Boys High. DHS batted first and got off to a very positive start with many of the opening batsmen getting a start and able to hit boundaries. The issue that arose was

the regular loss of wickets. Luke van Wyk and Laiton McConnell managed to steady the ship with a few quick runs. However, an unfortunate run-out halted our momentum. We managed to get 101 all out from 14 overs.

The Westville side set out with a positive mindset. Laiton McConnell bowled very well and picked up 3 wickets. Westville found themselves on 38/4 in the 5th over. DHS was in the game and needed to pick up a few wickets to get the job done. Unfortunately, Westville was able to put together a big partnership



and was able to cross the line with no further loss.

Our next game was on a Saturday with a much-changed team. The opponents were Maritzburg College in Maritzburg. DHS batted first and the innings had a very different complexion. The batters played with maturity and managed to get to 93/ 8. Maritzburg came out and played a controlled innings. In the end, unfortunately, they were 94/2.

I would like to thank the 20 boys who played for the team in the 4th term. Although the results did not go our way, a lot of good cricket was played.

Results:

Played: 2

Won: 0

Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Zaydaan Ahmod, Keathan Edwards, Edwil October, Frans-Johan Uithaler, Arien Reddy, Nerav Naidoo, Declan

Marques, Jahandre Weir, Sherav Ayar, Kelby Naicker, Laiton McConnell, Luke van Wyk, Cole Spogter, Meyer Prinsloo, Darshan Naidoo, Hamza Naidoo, Elchaan Lubbe, Jaylin Cleophas, Keshav Naidoo, Shyreek Sewpersad

D Williams

U15D Cricket Coach

U15E Cricket

Term 4 summer sport has its challenges as we draw closer to exams. My goal was to recruit new boys to represent the team, since participation is a wonderful part of sport. Mr Florian Genade and I were encouraging just that as we went in pursuit of players.

The U15E team was formed mainly from rugby and hockey playing boys. The basic sporting skills showed as we

went about our practices. The E team unfortunately had no fixtures this term, but well done to some of the boys who ended up playing for D and C Teams.

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 2025.

Regular Players:

Sterlin Padi, Jaylin Cleophas, Johandre Weir, Adwil October, Keathan Edwards, Eduard Jacobs, Frans-Johan Uithaler, Meyer Prinsloo, Junior Douw, Nsikelelo Madosi, Steven Ngubane, Mhlengi Sithole

S Dubazana

U15E Cricket Coach



U14A Cricket Team at Michaelhouse

U14A Cricket

A Strong Start and Valuable Lessons Learned

The boys kicked off the season with some challenges, but their resilience and determination shone through as they went on to win 5 out of their 6 fixtures in KwaZulu-Natal. The season's early results showcased a solid work ethic and growth in team dynamics, even though the team faced some tough competition.

One of the stand out events was the Charl van Rooyen Cricket Festival featuring top schools from around the country, which proved to be a massive learning curve for the players. Although the boys encountered difficult situations, the experience of competing in such a high-pressure environment was invaluable. It allowed the team to refine their skills, develop mental

toughness, and understand the finer points of cricket at a more advanced level.

The lessons from the festival, combined with the positive results in KZN, set the team up for a strong finish to the season. The boys are now more confident in their abilities and are keen to build on their momentum moving forward. With continued hard work, focus, and the insights gained from the festival and their good results from the back end of the season they are ready to tackle the upcoming challenges head-on.

Overall, the closing of the season has been a positive one and the boys are set up for the U15 age group, and the team is poised to continue improving as they gain more experience and learn from both their successes and setbacks.

To the boys a big thank you for believing in the process and always giving it your all. We couldn't be prouder.

Awards:

U14 Bowler of the Year: *Luke Adam*

U14 Batsman of the Year:

Elandre van Rooyen

Results:

Played: 13

Won: 6

Lost: 7

Regular Players:

Luke Adam, Elandre Van Rooyen, Jeremiah Joesph, Kian Govindsamy, Rayan Nunan, Chris Watt, Liam Janse Van Vuuren, Yashil Singh, Muhammad Asmal, Shuan Stumke, Casy Buys, Hayden Deysel

T Trenoweth & C Nyathikaz
U14A Cricket Coaches

U14B Cricket

The U14B Cricket team had a season marked by growth, resilience, and determination.

Despite a series of challenging matches and narrow losses, the boys showed remarkable sportsmanship and improvement on the field, making this season an unforgettable one.

Early in the season, the U14B side faced formidable opposition. They battled hard, often putting up impressive scores and displaying promising individual performances. Players like Jarren Pillay and Reyan Nunan showed skill and consistency with both bat and ball, giving glimpses of a bright cricketering future ahead.

Though victories may have been elusive, each game provided valuable lessons that the team embraced with enthusiasm. They celebrated small victories – a well-played shot, a brilliant catch, or a crucial wicket – with the same fervour as any win. The bond among players grew stronger, and their commitment to training and teamwork became the true highlight of the season.

The final match showcased the progress they had made, pushing their opponents and keeping spirits high until the last ball. It was clear that, despite the results, this season will be remembered as a time of camaraderie, growth, and enduring memories. The U14B side

can proudly look back on a memorable season, with valuable lessons to carry forward.

Results:

Played: 6

Won: 0

Lost: 4

Drawn: 2

Regular Players:

Tyler Putter, Marco van der Heever, Aya Njenje, Reyan Nuna, Bryce Andersson, Max Pronk, Jarren Pillay, Tyler Gill, Siphe Khumalo, Liam Jacobs, Bonga Dlomo

D Marques & S Cele
U14B Cricket Coaches



U14C Cricket

The start of the 3rd term Cricket found us in action with some exiting players in the U14C group in a game against St Charles. We had a tough time out there and lost the game; but some of the boys had never played cricket before, so it was nice to see them have some fun and play for their team mates.

We practiced and worked hard. The next scheduled game was against Hilton but they did not have an U14C team.

After that we played Michaelhouse and the boys really played well and won that game. After that we had two games left against Westville and Maritzburg College but, unfortunately, we lost those matches.

Thanks to the boys that had a go at it. Most of them are rugby boys that just want to have some fun in the cricket season. Thank you for your effort.

Results:
Played: 4

Won: 1
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

El-Jay Alexander; Shalom Tahamalenga; Benitez Mickson; Alex Coetzee; Caleb Jantjies; Tiaan Van Den Heever; Nkosinathi Ntentile; Kungawo Goduka; Omhle Dwane; Ndukiso Ngcakani; Blain Anthony

A Esterhuizen
U14C Cricket Coach

U14D Cricket

The U14D team faced a challenging run, ending with a record of four losses and a draw. Despite their efforts, the team struggled to find their rhythm, often falling short in key moments. Each match showcased moments of promise, with some players displaying strong individual performances, but team cohesion and consistency were lacking.

The season's highlights included a hard-fought draw in a nail-biting match where the team showed resilience, demonstrating their

potential to compete under pressure. Unfortunately, the losses revealed areas for improvement, particularly in fielding and batting partnerships.

As the season concluded, the team reflected on their experiences, and with determination and lessons learned, they set their sights on the next season, eager to turn their fortunes around.

Results:
Played: 5
Won: 0
Lost: 4
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Carl von Fintel, Talin Patel, Anjanan Ananthan, Arav Bhoola, Kiwan Stevens, Uzair Ahmed, Akhil Madaree, David Ishwartudht, Tyrel Clayton, Declan Nayager, Mohammad Haniff (Captain)

K Govindasamy
U14D Cricket Coach

U14E Cricket

The U14E boys played two only matches for the term, against Westville and Maritzburg College, in the T20 format, and lost both matches.

The reason for playing only two matches is that only these two schools have teams going down to E. Although we only played two matches, the boys continued to show commitment and enthusiasm, as evidenced in the number of players attending training

practice - the whole term had 100% attendance at every practice.

The team showed improvement on the batting side against College, batting the full 20 overs and losing 5 wickets. The College high score was mainly due to lots of extras and dropped catches.

Results:
Played: 2
Won: 0
Lost: 2

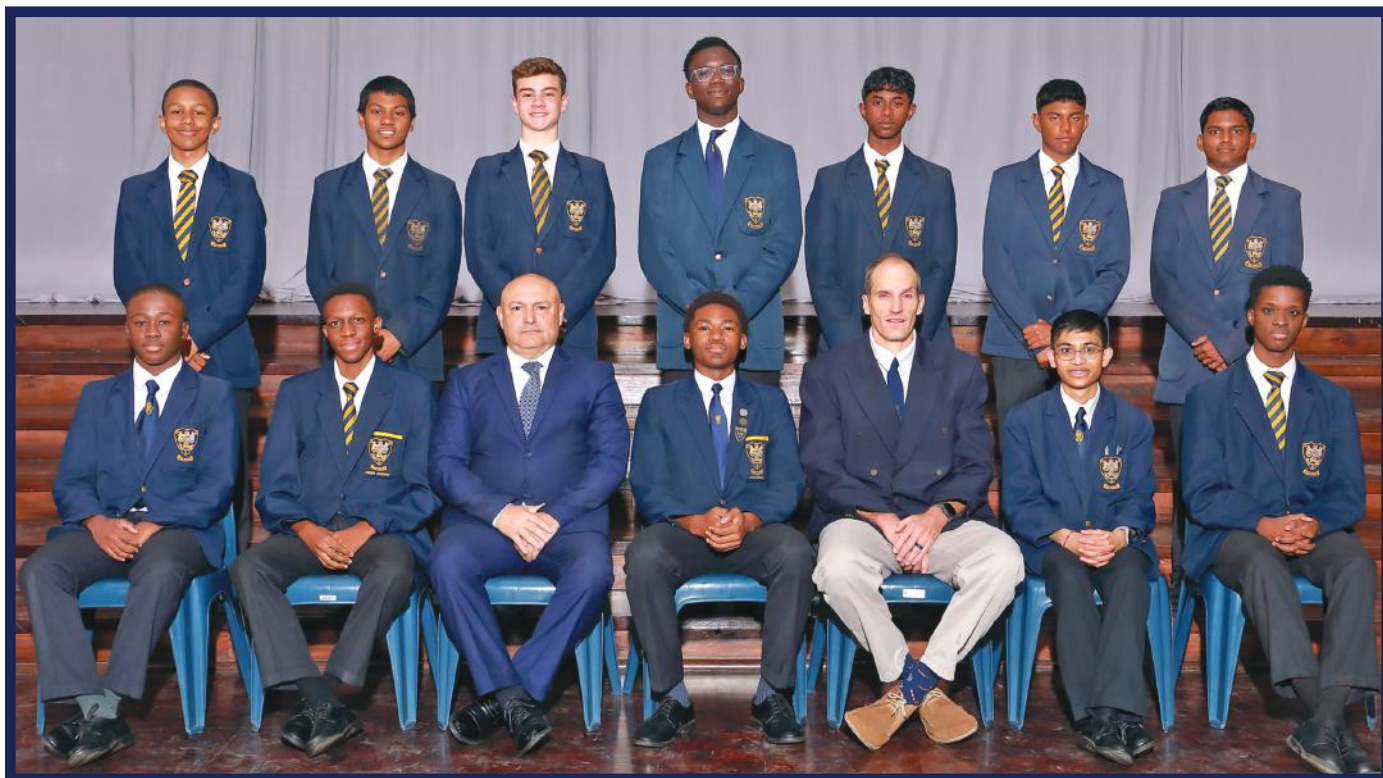
Regular Players:

Zafar Khan, Andrew Nemes, Pranav Singh (Captain) Hasnain Ebrahim, Hiran Naidoo, Husain Ally, Zaeem Motala, Joshua Beattie, Sicebile Mchunu, Abbay Ramdhani, Thomas Gradwell, Kerwin Stevens

C de Bruin
U14E Cricket Coach



Cross Country



Cross Country Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Lungelo Mtshali, Owethu Hlongwane, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Owami Dlamini (Captain), Dr S Clifton (M-i-C: Cross Country), Devaj Sanjith, Alibongwe Khanyile

Back Row: Kirwan Stevens, Harshil Bachoo, Ryna Viviers, Hakim Mthembu, Shalin Naidoo, Kaden Pillay, Saieshan Naidoo

The Cross Country season was slow to get going this year, with a new organising group taking some time to find their feet and put the interschools fixtures together. Our season therefore started with lots of internal activity, including a few trips to the Westville Country Club trails with the help of our hosts at Westville Old Boys.

Along with our seasoned regulars from previous years, a talented crop of youngsters arrived and ruffled a few senior feathers. By the season's end they had all spurred each other on to achieve representation at higher levels of selection. The U15 team ended the season as the top school team in the Coastal region, with the U17s a close 2nd in the league.

Owethu Hlongwane (boys age 17), Harshil Bachoo (age 15) and Kaden Pillay (age 14) all earned Umlazi selection, with Owami Dlamini and Ryan Viviers representing Durban Central.

A number of the boys also ran in some club events during the year, with the school officially registered as a "running club". Ryan Viviers earned a call-up to the club B team at SA Champs.

Unfortunately, on the schools' side, KZN trials failed to take place for a second year.

At the interschools league, Harshil and Ryan regularly dominated the top 2 steps of the podium in boys U15, the pair remaining unbeaten through the season. Other team members in both

U15 and U17 finished regularly in the top 20 to give the team standings a boost. Well done to you all for holding the Blue and Gold flag high.

The team also hosted Jeppe at our home trail in Westville, with DHS winning the junior race and Jeppe the seniors. We taught the Johannesburg boys what hills are all about.

Thanks must go to Mr Charles Moodley for organising buses and our team of bus drivers for taking us all over the district. Ngiyabonga, Ahmi and Zach.

Mr Trenoweth was also a great help during the 3rd term, where he deputised as coach for all the boys who attended trials and assisted with the co-ordination of the Jeppe event.



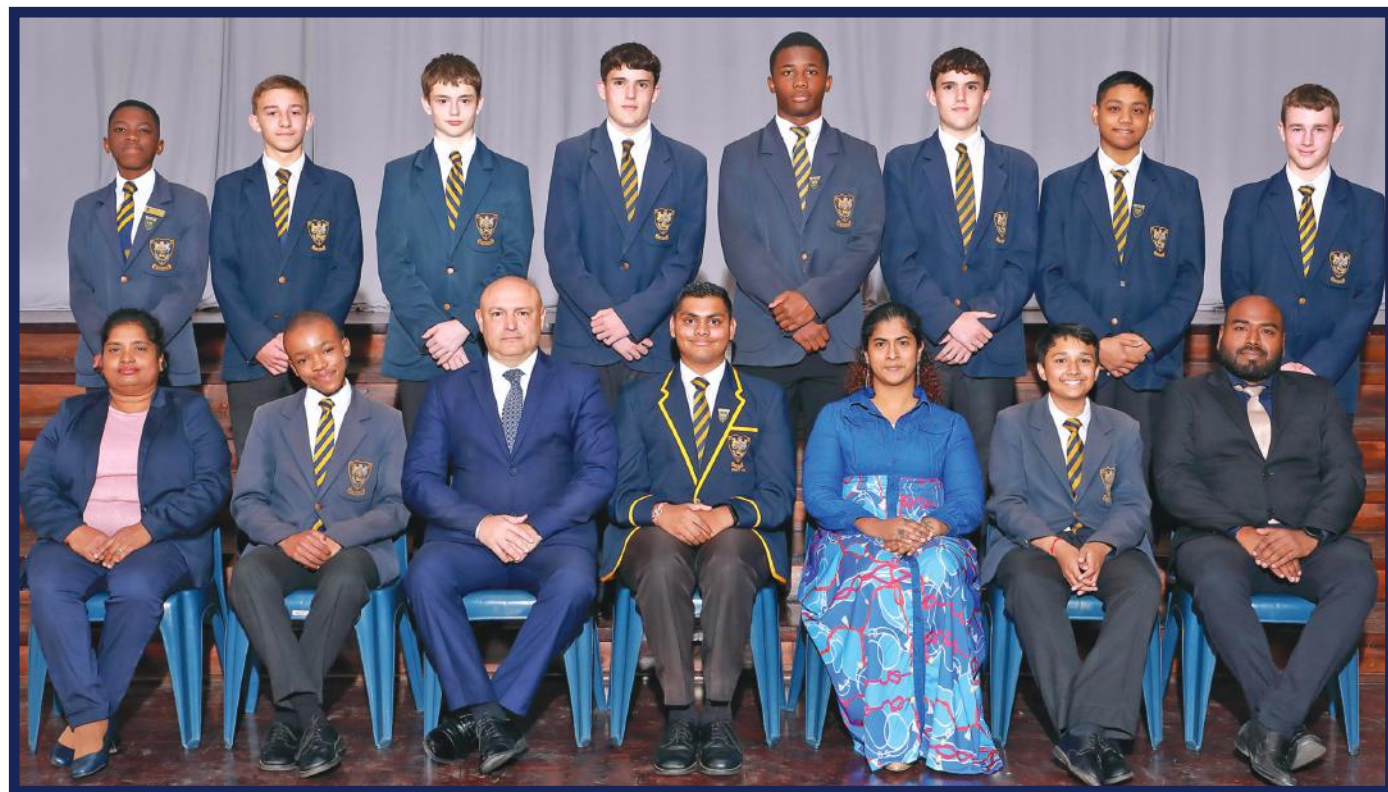
It will be exciting to see what the future holds for the team next year with an exciting schedule on the cards, and a strong team waiting to tackle whatever comes their way.

Regular Runners:
Lungelo Mtshali, Owethu Hlongwane, Owami Dlamini (Captain), Devaj Sanjith, Alibongwe Khanyile, Kirwan Stevens, Harshil Bachoo. Ryan Viviers, Hakim

Mthembu, Shalin Naidoo, Kaden Pillay, Saieshan Naidoo

S Clifton
M-i-C: Cross Country

First Aid



First Aid 2024

Front Row (L to R): Ms S Parmaswar (Assistant M-i-C: First Aid), Nsika Ziqubu, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Yuvir Badassey, Ms S Francis (M-i-C: First Aid), Yash Amaidas, Mr E Thomas (Assistant M-i-C: First Aid)

Back Row: Aphiwe Msiya, Cale Cross, Aiden Hutson, Josh Heath, Mihle Zibobo, Ethan Heath, Mikhail Mudaly, Cayden Diener

The year proved to be exciting for our First Aid team, with many learners pledging their commitment. Many of our novice learners received First Aid training and certification this year through the School's Electives Programme.

Within these perspectives our First Aiders were able to assist more pro-actively in the sporting arena - this was much to their delight as they were allowed to put their theoretical understanding into practice. Our team for 2024 included the following learners:

Badassey Yuvir, Cale Cross, Huston Aiden, Amaidas Yash, Mihle Zibobo, Diener Cayden, Mikhail Mudaly, Heath Josh, Heath Ethan, Nsika Ziqubu, Aphiwe Msiya.

These young men were given recognition in terms of merit certificates, Half Colours, and Full Colours in recognition of their dedication and service to sports during the year. In the absence of any Grade 12 First Aiders in 2024, the younger members of our team rose to the challenge and took on greater responsibility. Our Grade 11 team members also used their commitment

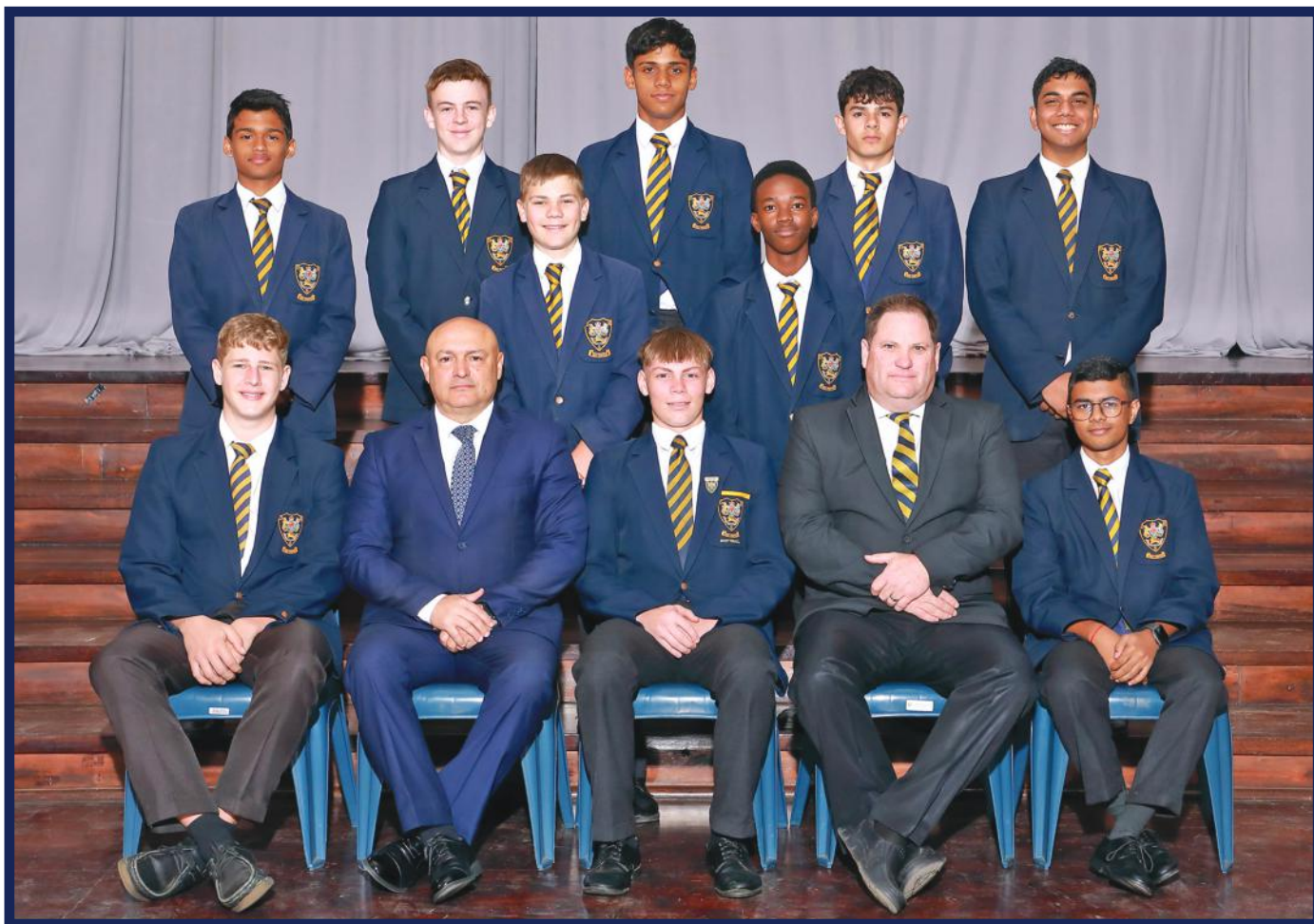
to this code to support their application for the President's Award which is an internationally recognised accolade.

This year we successfully affiliated with First Responder KZN, who provide on-site medical assistance during fixtures and Netcare Parklands who give our boys priority care in the event of injuries, and also offer a discount to our trauma cases. We look forward to maintaining strong relationships with these service providers in 2025.

S Francis
M-i-C: First Aid



Golf



Golf Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Denva Shaw, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Joshua Brein, Mr B Adam (M-i-C: Golf), Triden Pooran

2nd Row: Luke Adam, Thapelo Nxumalo

Back Row: Naval Maharaj, Tristan Quail, Seth Das, Raul Chetty, Kamran Singh

Golf at DHS made great progress in 2024, and the vision to become one of the top golf schools in the province is well on track.

In 2024 we partnered with Indie Golf to offer a golf academy for aspiring young golfers, where they have the opportunity to develop their golf with PGA accredited coaches twice a week. We are definitely starting to see the benefits.

School continues to compete in the B-League in KZN. However, this year we achieved key victories over Glenwood

and Northwood (B-Team). This is a massive improvement from previous years.

Another exciting aspect to this is that the majority of the team are either in Grade 8 or Grade 9, which means there is huge potential over the next few years.

The goal for 2025 is to win the B-League and be promoted to the A-League for 2026.

Regular Players:

Joshua Brein, Thapelo Nxumalo, Triden Pooran, Denva Shaw, Luke Adam, Rahul Chetty, Naval Maharaj, Tristan Quail, Seth Das, Thushav Pooran

B Adam
M-i-C: Golf/Coach



1st XI Hockey



1st XI Hockey Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Nthando Mshengu, Nathi Jona, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Lethabo Bogacwi, Mr K Hezlett (Head of Hockey), Lumi Matwele, Semal Pillay

2nd Row: Christopher Abrahams, Tyrique Cloete

Back Row: Bhavesh Naicker, Joshua Mungherera, Joshua van Biljon, Sihle Sogoni, Dilan Ebrahim, Lubanzi Zulu, Sithsaba Siyoyo

Absent: Ruben Peters, Matlhatse Sebake, Lethabo Matobela

The DHS 1st XI enjoyed a highly successful and memorable season, culminating in an impressive fourth-place finish on the South African Schools Hockey Rankings.

The season got off to a flying start, with the team recording eight wins and a draw in their opening nine fixtures. A major early highlight was a historic away victory over Maritzburg College, the first win at their home ground since 2008. This was followed by a commanding 8-0 triumph over St Charles College in Pietermaritzburg, where the team truly found their rhythm.

Next came the prestigious Hibbert Shield Tournament, where the team suffered their first loss of the season against Bishops. This defeat set up a daunting quarter-final clash against the top-ranked team in the country, SACS. In a fiercely contested match, DHS took the lead shortly after half-time, but two well-timed goals from SACS, one late in the third quarter and another midway through the fourth, saw our boys narrowly edged out 2-1. Demonstrating resilience and composure, the team bounced back to win their remaining matches, securing a remarkable fifth-place finish, the highest ever for DHS at the Hibbert Shield.

Returning home, DHS faced tough local opposition in Clifton and Michaelhouse, narrowly losing both encounters in what was arguably the most challenging phase of the season. Despite the setbacks, the team showed maturity and determination.

The third term saw a strong resurgence with back-to-back fixtures against Northwood and Jeppe. These matches showcased the best of DHS hockey, with the season concluding on a high note, a well-earned 3-2 victory over Jeppe, reflecting the team's development, character, and growing confidence throughout the year.

This season was also marked by exceptional individual achievements. An impressive 15 players earned KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) honours, with a record eight being selected for the KZN U18A team. Furthermore, six boys achieved national recognition:

- Lumi Matwele - SA U21 and SA U18A
- Lethabo Bogacwi - SA U18A
- Bhavesh Naicker, Tyrique Cloete, Sithsaba Siyoyo - SA U17
- Christopher Abrahams - SA U16A and SA U17

accomplishments of the team are a reflection of their hard work, unity, and the unwavering support of coaches, parents, and the wider DHS community.

Awards:

Open Most Improved Player of the Year:

Sebake Mahlatse

Open Player of the Year:

Lumi Matwele

Results:

Played:	19
Won:	13
Drew:	2
Lost:	4

Regular Players:

Dilan Ebrahim, Lethabo Bogacwi, Matlhatse Sebake, Ruben Peters, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Semal Pillay, Sihle Sogoni, Lumi Matwele, Nathi Jona, Lethabo Mathobela, Joshua Mungherera, Tyrique Cloete, Christopher Abrahams, Joshua Van Biljon, Lubanzi Zulu, Nthando Mshengu

K Hezlett

1st XI Hockey Coach

It was a season filled with passion, progress, and pride. The



SA Schools Hockey Selections

Front - Tyrique Cloete (SA U17), Bhavesh Naicker (SA U17), Christopher Abrahams (SA U16 & SA U17)
Lumi Matwele (SA U21 & SA U18A), Lethabo Bogacwi (SA U18A), Sithsaba Siyoyo (SA U17)

2nd XI Hockey

The 2nd XI Hockey team approached the season with great promise, fielding one of the strongest sides in recent years. The squad was packed with talent and potential, but the challenge throughout the season lay in building consistent cohesion and connection on the field.

There were moments of excellence, most notably a convincing 3-0 win over Clifton, which showcased the team's capability when playing with structure and intensity. However, there were also disappointing outings, such as a 2-0 loss to St Charles, where the boys struggled

to find rhythm and assert themselves.

Across the season, a recurring theme was inconsistency in performance. Too often, the team was unable to play to its full potential, which unfortunately led to results that did not reflect the true quality within the squad.

While the outcomes may not have always gone our way, the season was valuable in terms of growth, learning, and team development. With greater focus and cohesion, this group of players has the foundation to take DHS hockey to even greater heights.

Results:

Played:	9
Lost:	5
Won:	2
Drew:	2

Regular Players:

Tylan Pillay, Joshua Loots, Keane Spogter, Joshua Brien, Jared Havemann, Tyler Cox, Chad Evans, Liyabona Nkosi, Lazio Jooste, Qhiyaya Makhanya, Bryce Woolf.

A Cebekhulu
2nd XI Hockey Coach

3rd XI Hockey

The season began with a thrilling encounter against Kearsney College, where the team put in a spirited performance but were edged out 3-2 in the final minute in a match that set the tone for a competitive and determined campaign.

Throughout the season, the boys played with heart and commitment, consistently giving their all regardless of the challenges faced. Weekly changes to the team brought both new opportunities and adjustments, yet

the players adapted well and showed commendable growth with each fixture. Despite the improvements in structure and teamwork, the side was often unlucky not to convert their chances into goals, which meant that the results didn't always reflect the effort and progress made. However, the season was marked by a positive attitude, resilience, and a strong team spirit - qualities that truly define DHS sport.

Results:

Played:	6
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Won:	0
Drew:	0
Lost:	6

Regular Players:

Keanan Rennie, Aaron Drimmie, Thando Mchunu, Jacques Scheepers, Malwande Shandu, Zeke King, Callan Smith, Lungelo Mtshali, Siphosethu Ntisana, Joaquim Salvador, Hlumelo Maqubela, Uviwe Zembe, Makai Samuels.

P Thusi
3rd XI Hockey Coach

U16A Hockey

Coaching this group was both a privilege and a pleasure. The squad began the season under a weight of expectation, and - true to the unpredictable nature of sport - not every bounce of the ball went our way.

What never wavered, however, was the boys' commitment. Whenever I challenged them to lift the intensity at

training, they responded by pushing it even higher; whenever we sought more energy, they raised the bar again.

Our campaign ended with a commendable 5th place national ranking. That standing becomes even more impressive in light of key results: we defeated Jeppe, who were 4th in South Africa, and were leading top

ranked SACS 2-0 until the final seven minutes. Performances like those show just how special this side can be on its day.

It has been an honour to guide such a determined and talented team, and I am already looking forward to building on this foundation next year.



Awards:

U16 Most Improved Player of the Year:

Christopher Abrahams

U16 Player of the Year:

Joshua van Biljon

Results:

Played: 19

Won: 15

Drew: 1

Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Christopher Abrahams, Ethan

Balakisten, Jadin Bramwell, Keegan

Brauns, Lumi Gwiji, Taine Havemann,
Elchaan Lubbe, Sandi Mazibuko,
Lungani Ngcobo, Oyinthanda Ngejane,
Ovayo Ntlokwana, Eben Peters, Matt
Potgeiter, Landa Tose, Joshua van Biljon,
Jesse van Wyk

T Bottomley

U16A Hockey Coach

U16B Hockey

The U16B Hockey team had an incredible season, winning all but one game against a well-structured Michaelhouse side. The boys showed immense growth, developing both as players and as a team. They faced challenges with resilience and came back stronger each time.

Congratulations to the team for their hard work and outstanding performance! We look forward to seeing what they achieve next season.

Results:

Played: 9

Won: 6

Drawn: 2

Lost: 1

Regular Players:

Buhle Msani, Keegan Brauns, Taine Havemann, Raul Chetty, Tristan Qual, Sandi Mazibuko, Nali Thobela, As'bonga Dladla, Stephen Denhill, Daniel Pech, Joshua Morley, Cole Spogter, Joel Loots.

D Freese

U16B Hockey Coach

U16C Hockey

Our team started off very disorganised as a team and as individuals; however, we managed to get ourselves organised and playing structured hockey.

The team had great potential but unfortunately the results didn't always go our way, small errors let us down in key moments.

I believe a lot of the players in my team have potential to become much better hockey players.

Results:

Played: 6

Won: 1

Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Tinashe Mheta, Connor Quinn, Joshua De Oliveira, Mwezi Mqingwana, Ngcebo Madikizela, Ashneil Babajee, Seth Dass, Fanele Magwazu, Ramiel Ackerman, Ruben Delpont, Joel Loots, Emmanuel Maklanjuola, Zachary Manicom

J Korte

U16C Hockey Coach

U16D Hockey

The season was both enjoyable and rewarding, marked by the team's determination and consistent effort. Although the opening fixture against Kearsney ended in a tough loss, the boys quickly found their rhythm. In challenging early matches against Westville and Northwood, the team showed resilience and character

to come out on top in closely contested encounters.

A hard-fought 2-2 draw against Maritzburg College reflected the boys' growing confidence and improvement in both skill and teamwork. This progress was evident in our next fixture, where we delivered a dominant performance

to secure a 5-0 victory over St Charles College.

That match stood out as the highlight of the season - not only for the result but for the quality of hockey played. It was a pleasure to coach this group of committed young men, who gave their all until the final whistle of the



final game. Their work ethic, growth, and camaraderie made the season a memorable one.

Results:

Played: 5
Won: 3

Lost: 1
Draw: 1

Regular Players:

Oligugu, Seth Dass, Connor Quinn,
Fanele, Landon, Ethan Moonsamy,
Jordan Roachat, Ashneil Babajee, Aktar

Basha, Sahib Muhammed, Jeremy
Gouws

C Pillay

U16D Hockey Coach

U16E Hockey

It was a topsy-turvy season for the team, one that began on a high note with a strong and well-earned win against Kearsney. While that match ultimately proved to be our only victory of the season, it showcased the potential and fighting spirit within this group of young players.

Despite the results not always going our way, I must commend the boys for their unwavering commitment and positive attitude throughout the season. Training sessions were consistently well attended, with players arriving eager to improve and support one another. Their willingness to learn, work hard,

and stay resilient through challenges is something to be proud of.

While the scoreboard didn't always reflect our growth, the improvement in individual skills, teamwork, and discipline was clear to see.

It was a pleasure coaching this group, and I look forward to seeing their progress in the seasons ahead.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 1
Drew: 3
Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Caleb Gopichund, Shreyan Naidoo, Dumisani Mthembu, Mikail Shaibes, Keegan Greenaway, Amile Hlope, Cale Cross, Lungelo Mthembu, Zach manicum, Adam Bowen, Darshan Naidoo, Usiphile Langa, Alonzo Phiri, Sharav Ayer, Landon Dunn, Miguel Deckford, Benjamin Blom

C de Bruin

U16E Hockey Coach

U14A Hockey

The U14A Hockey season was a testament to the adage: "Hard work beats talent". This team embodied that spirit from start to finish, and their growth throughout the season was nothing short of remarkable.

The opening phase of the season was particularly challenging. We faced a demanding fixture list and were tested early during the Coastal Cup Festival. Despite these tough match-ups, the boys showed promising signs of development, managing a hard-fought draw against a strong St Alban's side.

We then took on formidable opponents in Westville and Northwood. While the final scores didn't fall in our favour, the team demonstrated growing belief and

competitiveness, proving they could hold their own against some of the top hockey schools in the province. Unfortunately, there were a few matches later in the season that we narrowly lost - games we certainly had the ability to win. These results dealt a blow to the team's confidence but also served as valuable learning moments.

Two highlights of the season stand out for me as coach. The first was our performance at the Hibbert Shield. Although we didn't achieve the results we had hoped for in the group stage, the boys rallied impressively to lose only one game for the remainder of the tournament, a strong reflection of their grit and determination. The second

highlight was our return fixture against Northwood. In what was arguably our best performance of the season, the boys executed their game plan superbly and earned a well-deserved 1-1 draw.

The progress this team has made has been driven by their exceptional work ethic. From early morning training sessions to late evening practices, these boys consistently gave their all. They truly embodied the DHS hockey culture - outworking our opponents and showing a relentless commitment to improvement.

If this trajectory continues, I have no doubt that by the time this group



reaches their U16 year in Grade 10, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Awards:

U14 Most Improved Player of the Year:

Bongakonke Dlomo

U14 Player of the Year:

Hlompho Morake

Results:

Played: 18

Won: 6

Lost: 6

Drawn: 6

Regular Players:

Smangalisio Hlatshwayo, Bonga Dlomo, Luke Adam, Hayden Deyssel,

Unako Swana, Mikhail George, Casey Buys, Hlompho Morake, Oxolo Ntlali, Amarique Abrahams, Jeremiah Josheps, Bryce Andersson, Aya Njenje, Siphesihle Khumalo, Sabelwe Msomi

C Goodwin

U14A Hockey Coach

U14B Hockey

This season saw the team make significant progress, particularly in our out-letting and overall structure. A major focus was placed on developing our fundamental skills, especially our ability to transition the ball effectively from defence into attack. Through consistent drills and targeted practice sessions, the boys improved their understanding of game flow and became far more confident in turning defence into offensive opportunities.

One of the most notable transformations this season was that of Bonga Dlomo. Initially a field player, Bonga stepped up when the team needed a goalkeeper. Through his dedication and commitment, he worked hard to develop the skills required for the position and ultimately became the U14A team's goalkeeper, a true testament to his determination and adaptability.

Results:

Played: 8

Won: 0

Drew: 2

Lost: 6

Regular Players:

Bonga Dlomo, Casey Buys, Elandré van Rooyen, Travis Bentley, Tyler Putter, Benkosi Mbatha, Israel Nwankwo, Bonga Nene, Khethelo Gumede, Sabelwe Msomi, Kian Govindsamy, Zachary Chetty, Joshua Peterson

D Botha

U14B Hockey Coach

U14C Hockey

The U14C Hockey team faced a tough season, characterised by both challenges and growth. Over the course of the season, the team played a total of seven games. Despite the difficulties, this season was a valuable experience for the players, contributing to their development and resilience. Each game provided opportunities for learning and improvement, and the team demonstrated significant growth throughout the season.

The season highlighted areas for improvement and provided the team with important lessons on teamwork, strategy, and perseverance. The ability

to bounce back from losses and continue to strive for success was a notable aspect of the team's performance. The challenges faced fostered stronger bonds among the players and helped build a more cohesive unit.

Looking ahead, the experiences gained this season will be instrumental in preparing for future competitions. With continued dedication and effort, the team is well-positioned to build on this year's experiences and achieve greater success in the seasons to come.

Results:

Played: 7

Won: 2

Lost: 4

Drew: 1

Regular Players:

Carl von Fintel, Vuyani Ndlovu, Yashil Singh, Wandile Mabaso, Oloruntoba Ogunsanya, Mawande Sibisi, Josh Geyser, Blake Hayden, Mnombomhle Dwane, Kian Govindsamy, Max Pronk, David Ishwarduth

T Trenoweth

U14C Hockey Coach



U14D Hockey

The U14D Hockey team enjoyed a season filled with growth, development, and valuable lessons. It was incredibly rewarding to witness the transformation in each player, many of whom picked up a hockey stick for the first time this year. By the end of the season, these boys had not only learned the fundamentals of the game but had also grown in confidence and teamwork.

While some of our results didn't reflect the effort and determination shown on the field, every match was played with energy, pride, and true "Blue Blood" spirit. The team's commitment and passion were evident in every performance.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly our match against St

Charles. The boys delivered an exciting, fiery brand of hockey that captured the attention and admiration of even the other DHS coaches. It was a memorable display of how far they had come.

With the skills and values developed this season, both on and off the field, I have no doubt that these boys will continue to grow into strong players and well-rounded young men. It has been a fantastic year for the DHS Hockey programme, and I would like to extend special thanks to Mr Pillay and Mr Hezlett for their unwavering support and for providing the resources that made this growth possible.

Finally, to the boys: thank you for an incredible season. It has been a true honour to coach each and every one of you. I am immensely proud of your

progress and look forward to watching your continued journey in DHS Hockey.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	0
Drew:	3
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Daniel Hunkin, Noah Naidoo, Matthias Moodley, Kirwan Stevens, Likhona Luthuli, Mawande Sibisi, Kylan Ashanand, Sekani Kubayi, Onika Nsereko, Zweli Msomi, Blake Hayden

D Pinheiro
U14D Hockey Coach



Short Corner vs Northwood

1st Team Indoor Hockey



1st Team Indoor Hockey 2024

Front Row (L to R): Christopher Abrahams, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Sithsaba Siyoyo, Mr K Hezlett (Head of Hockey), Tyrique Cloete

Back Row: Bhavesh Naicker, Joshua Mungherera, Sihle Sogoni, Dilan Ebrahim

Absent: Tyler Cox, Ruben Peters

The DHS 1st Indoor Hockey Team enjoyed a commendable season in this year's league. Fielding a team made up entirely of stayers, we were the youngest side in the competition and faced full-strength 1st Teams from other schools. Despite the age gap and experience disparity, our boys performed exceptionally well throughout the league, winning the majority of their matches and finishing second on the log. This strong showing earned them a place in the semi-finals, where they faced a formidable Westville side.

In a tightly contested semi-final, DHS found themselves trailing 0-1 before a moment of brilliance from Tyrique Cloete brought the match level. His

individual skill and composure reignited the team's momentum, and a second goal shortly thereafter secured a well-deserved victory and a spot in the final.

The final against Northwood began on a positive note, with DHS taking an early lead. However, despite several opportunities to extend the advantage, we were unable to convert, allowing Northwood to equalise. With the game evenly poised and just two minutes remaining, Northwood managed to score twice in quick succession, resulting in a 3-1 defeat for DHS and a second-place finish overall. It was a season marked by resilience, growth and grit - a promising glimpse into the future of DHS Indoor Hockey.

Awards:

Open Player of the Year:

Bhavesh Naicker

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	6
Lost:	2
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

Ruben Peters, Tyler Cox, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Joshua Mungherera, Tyrique Cloete, Christopher Abrahams, Dilan Ebrahim, Sihle Sogoni

C Goodwin

1st Team Indoor Hockey Coach



U16A Indoor Hockey

The U16A Indoor Hockey team delivered an outstanding season, characterised by exceptional skill, determination, and unwavering teamwork. From the outset, the boys demonstrated their intent, dominating the league with confident performances. Their only setback came in an early loss to Northwood, which served as a catalyst for renewed focus and determination.

As the season progressed, the team grew in cohesion and strength, culminating in a fiercely contested semi-final against Westville. The match ended in a 3–3 draw, sending the game into a tense six-second shoot-out. Showing remarkable composure under pressure, the DHS boys held their nerve and secured a thrilling

victory, booking their place in the final.

The final brought a rematch against defending champions Northwood. From the first whistle, our team played with purpose and intensity, asserting control over the game and executing their strategies flawlessly. A commanding 6-2 win saw DHS crowned champions, claiming the title for the second consecutive year. Each player played a vital role in this emphatic victory, reflecting the team's growth, unity, and commitment.

This season's triumph is a testament to the hard work, discipline, and pride shown by every member of the squad. We look forward to building on this success in the seasons to come.

Awards:

U16 Player of the Year:

Oyintanda Ngejane

Results:

Played: 9

Won: 7

Lost: 1

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Lungani Ngcobo, Lumi Gwiji, Oyinthanda Ngejane, Keegan Brauns, Matt Potgieter, Elchaan Lubbe, Jadin Bramwell, Ethan Balakisten

D Freese

U16A Indoor Hockey Coach

U16B Indoor Hockey

The U16B Indoor Hockey team had a tough challenge as they competed in the A league. They displayed commendable effort and sportsmanship throughout a challenging season.

The team showed resilience and growth, culminating in an overall 7th place finish in the A league. The team's sole victory was a hard-fought match, demonstrating their potential and tactical prowess. The

players showed excellent coordination and determination to secure the win. Despite the mixed results, the team's spirit and determination remained unwavering.

The season has provided invaluable experience and a solid foundation for future growth. With continued effort and dedication, the U16B team is poised for greater success in the coming seasons.

Results:

Played: 7

Won: 1

Lost: 4

Drawn: 2

Regular Players:

Buhle Msani, Sandi Mazibuko, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Eben Peters, Nali Thobela, Ngcebo Madikizela, Mwezi Mqingwana, Landa Tose

D Botha

U16B Indoor Hockey Coach

U14A Indoor Hockey

The U14A Indoor Hockey team experienced a season of learning, growth, and promising performances. With many players new to the indoor format, the team took a few games to find their rhythm

but quickly showed their potential. They secured several impressive wins, with their only league losses coming in narrow defeats to eventual champions Westville, including one match decided in the final second. A 1-0 loss to

Northwood in the final pool game saw DHS finish third, setting up a semi-final rematch against the same opponents.

The semi-final was a tightly contested and tactically disciplined match. Despite



a strong performance, the game ended in a draw and was decided by a shoot-out, in which Northwood narrowly came out on top. DHS finished fourth overall, a commendable achievement for a team with limited indoor experience.

The season laid a strong foundation, and with continued growth and development, this talented group of players has a bright future ahead.

Awards:

U14 Player of the Year:

Ayabulela Njenje

Results:

Played: 9

Won: 5

Lost: 3

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Hayden Deysel, Unako Swana, Casey Buys, Mikhail George, Amarique Abrahams, Oxolo Ntali, Ayabulela Njenje, Hlompho Morake, Bryce Anderson, Bonga Dlomo

K Hezlett

U14A Indoor Hockey Coach

Rowing



Rowing 2024

Front Row (L to R): Henro Bezuidenhout, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Esethu Tshicila, Mr T Moodley (M-i-C: Rowing), Hakim Mthembu

Back Row: Josh Meij, Connor Hollington

The Rowing team of Durban High School showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship at two major rowing events in 2024, reaffirming their position as a formidable force in junior rowing.

In the Head of the Bay Regatta (Durban Rowing Club, 3 July) Christian Pillay,

Grade 9, demonstrated remarkable skill and stamina, recording the fastest time in the Junior Singles 12km race. His performance highlighted his exceptional capabilities and dedication to the sport.

Additionally, Joshua Beattie, Grade 8, received the Best Young Rower Award for his impressive potential and

unwavering commitment, marking him as a stand-out athlete to watch in the future.

At the National Rowing Championship (Roodeplaas Dam, Pretoria - Junior Division) the team continued to excel, securing multiple podium finishes:



- Junior Singles - Christian Pillay added to his accolades with a bronze medal in the highly competitive U15 age group.
- Junior Men Doubles - the dynamic duo of Henro Bezuidenhout and Josh Meij earned a bronze medal, showcasing seamless coordination and strength.
- Junior Men Coxed Fours - the team of Henro Bezuidenhout, Hakim Mthembu, Esethu Tshicila, Josh Meij, and Christian Pillay won a hard-fought silver medal, demonstrating teamwork and resilience.

- Junior Men Coxed Quadruple Sculls - in a stand-out performance, Henro Bezuidenhout, Hakim Mthembu, Esethu Tshicila, and Josh Meij captured the gold medal. This exceptional victory was notable as they surpassed seasoned university teams and outpaced the visiting team from Zimbabwe.

These achievements reflect not only the individual talent within the Durban High School Rowing team, but also the strength of their collaborative spirit and the quality of their training programme. The school and broader rowing

community look forward to seeing more from these promising athletes as they continue to raise the bar in junior rowing.

Regular Rowers:

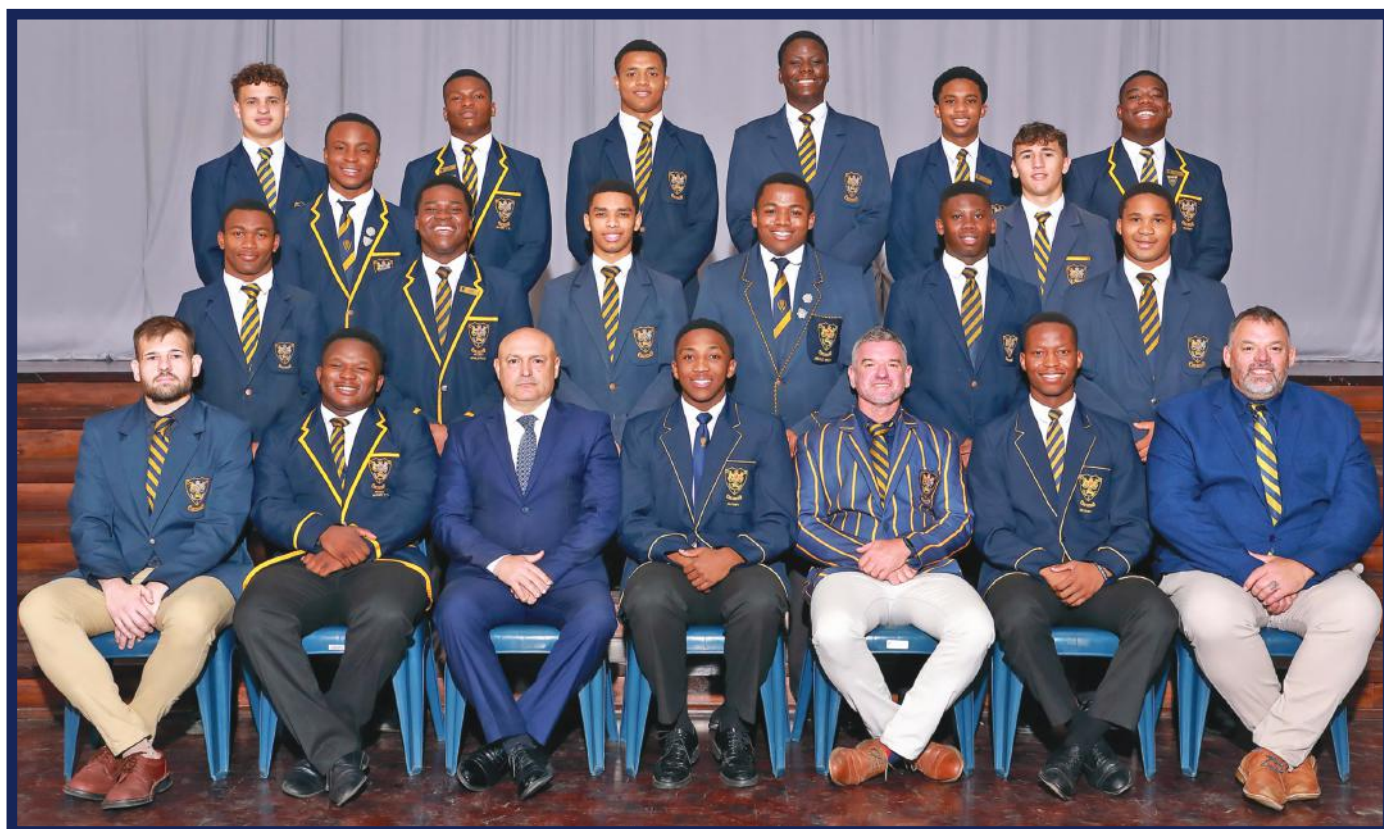
Josh Meij, Cameron, Henro Bezuidenhout, Connor Hollington, Joshua Beattie, Hakim Mthembu, Hariv Jakx Pillay, Shashwat Puri, Joshua Steenkamp, Esethu Tshicila, Sqiniseko Nxumlo, Dain Fort, Adithya Ramsunder Sarjoo, Mathew Boyles, Oliver Rayson

T Moodley
M-i-C: Rowing



1st XV Rugby vs Westville Boys' High

1st XV Rugby



1st XV Rugby Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr J du Plessis (Manager), Zingce Simka, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Sibusiso Mahlangu, Mr P Engledow (Coach), Aka Boqwana, Mr R Uys (Coach)

Second Row: Marcwin Nero, Daniel Ikotela, Jordan van Wyk, Unaye Mndau, Okuhle Mbanjwa, Elvino Witbooi

Back Row: Bradley la Grange, Thando Luthuli, Zenkosi Mthiyane, José Lottering, Vimbisio Kasvosve, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Jaydon Roberts, Joseph Udo-Idung

Absent: Mahle Sithole, Bongani Dlamini, Khanyisa Stamper, Allston Cedras, Duncan Basson, Adriano Jackson, Hlumelo Madikane, Ntando Mavuso

In the beginning of the 2024 season the squad of boys earmarked for 1st XV selection set out with a daunting task ahead of them - conquer all and finish with nothing left on the field.

Mr Peter Engledow, who possesses a wealth of experience along with assistant coach Mr Ronnie Uys, by now a DHS household name, set out to shape the squad with technical detail, knowledge, fitness, conditioning and resolve.

Hours of hard work on the field and even more sweat in the gym under the watchful eye of Strength & Conditioning

coach, Mr Rikus van der Sandt, paid dividends as the boys made a strong start to the season, playing well and finishing strong in a few warm-up fixtures. The team, however, had to rethink their dynamics and team culture after losing a historic and closely contested match at Kings Park against Rondebosch Boys' High School with a score of 5-12 early in the season.

Our boys had to find it within themselves to be better, not just on the field but off it as well. Culture forms a big part of any team or institution, and this proved to be just the case and exactly what the 2024 Warriors needed to push

themselves into a dark, unknown place. From working with a mental coach to sweating blood on the training field, these boys truly were remarkable and led by example.

What followed the Rondebosch fixture was something special, a season including an undefeated Kearsney campaign, a stunning victory over Oakdale at Wildeklaar, a historic win over Maritzburg College on Goldstones, impressive wins over Northwood, Michaelhouse and Jeppe, as well as coming just short by 2 points against a very highly rated Hoër Jongenskool Paarl.



Week in and week out the boys worked incredibly hard to make 2024 a season never to be forgotten. The philosophy of “one team, one dream” became a reality as everyone was united in a common goal, to make School proud and leave the jersey in a better place. DHS 1st XV finished 2024 undefeated in KZN and officially ranked as the best rugby school in KZN, as well as ranking in the National Top 10.

The efforts of the team behind the team are specially noted, and we thank physio, Mr Anele Mazinyo, and Strength & Conditioning coach, Mr van der Sandt, both key players in a well-oiled machine.

2024 was a record-breaking year for DHS rugby with nine 1st XV boys selected to represent Craven Week and five other boys for the Academy Week:

Craven Week:

Duncan Basson (Grade 12)
Akahlulwa Boqwana (Grade 12)
Bongani Dlamini (Grade 12)
Adriano Jackson (Grade 12)
Sibusiso Mahlangu (Grade 12)
Khanyisa Stamper (Grade 12)
Marcwin Nero (Grade 12)
Zingce Simka (Grade 10)
Mahle Sithole (Grade 12)

Academy Week:

Bradley la Grange (Grade 11)
Okuhle Mbanjwa (Grade 11)
Inathinkosi Mkhencele (Grade 11)
Joseph Udo-idung (Grade 11)
Jordan van Wyk (Grade 11)

SA Representatives:

Aka Boqwana and Mahle Sithole were both selected for the SA Schools Side, while Zingce Simka made the SA A Schools Side.

May the warrior spirit of a special band of brothers never be broken, and the flag of DHS always be flown high. The 2024 team has shown what is possible

with unwavering dedication and commitment to a common goal.

School, School, School!

Awards:

IT Bennison Trophy for Outstanding Ability and Exceptional Leadership:

Zingce Simka

Aztec Trophy for Dedication and Commitment:

Thando Luthuli & Mahle Sithole

Open Coaches Rugby Award for 100% Commitment and Loyalty:

Adriano Jackson

De Bruyn Trophy for the Colt who made the Biggest Impact to the 1st XV:

Bradley La Grange

Getkate Award for the Most Improved Player:

Akahlulwa Boqwana

New Zealand Old Boys Award:

Daniel Ikotela

Results:

Played: 18
Won: 15
Lost: 2
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Aka Boqwana, Adriano Jackson, Duncan Basson, Zingce Simka, Mthiyane Mthiyane, Allston Cedras, Marcwin Nero, Khanyisa Stamper, Bradley la Grange, Daniel Ikotela, Thando Luthuli, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Bongani Dlamini, Mahle Sithole, Unaye Mndau, Okuhle Mbanjwa, Elvino Witbooi, Joseph Udo-idung, José Lottering, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Jaydon Roberts, Jordan van Wyk, Hlumelo Madikane, Ntando Mavuso, Brian Kasvosve

Player Critique

1. Unaye Mndau

Unaye started in all our games this season and enjoyed a fantastic season in the front row. He really was an unsung hero at times. He managed to play first team while also acting as our Head Boy and Head of House at school. He was a joy to coach and a really positive influence within the team. Unaye will continue his rugby and studies at UCT in 2025.

2. Mahle Sithole

Mahle had an incredible season, culminating in him making the SA Schools squad and representing KZN at Craven Week. He started the season as Captain and did not enjoy the best start, but progressed and developed well through the season. Mahle will continue his rugby with the Lions next season and will continue his studies. He was a great student to coach and is well balanced. Mahle was awarded his Honours blazer for his rugby achievements.

3. Bongani Dlamini

Bongani played a huge role in the team's success this year and was awarded his Honours blazer for representing KZN at Craven Week. Bongani quickly settled into the squad and was such a pleasure to coach. Bongani is joining the Bulls in 2025 and we wish him all the best with his future and rugby goals.

4. Sibusiso Mahlangu

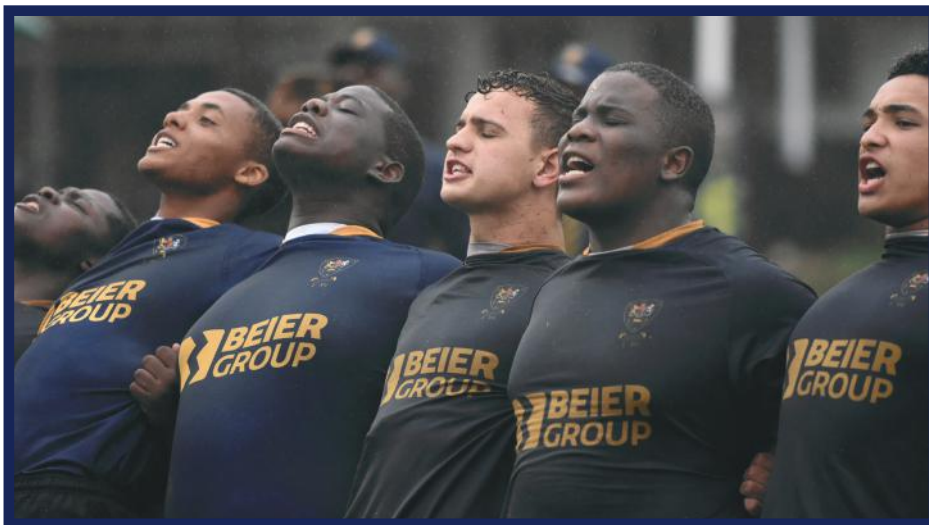
Sibusiso enjoyed his second year in the first team jersey and was another of our forward pack to achieve Honours and represent KZN at Craven Week. He was also voted as Forward of the Year. Sibusiso was immense in some of the big physical games. He has so much potential. He stood in as captain on a number of occasions and was a natural leader. He formed a great partnership with Thando Luthuli. Sibusiso will continue studying at Free State University and has a dual contract with Free State Rugby Union.





SA Rugby
Representatives:
Zingce Simka, Mahle
Sithole and Akahlulwa
Boqwana





5. *Thando Luthuli*

Thando had an excellent season for DHS. He earned a number of awards for his performance and won the Warrior award this season. He is a hard worker, an intelligent player and very focused on doing well for this team. Together with Sibusiso they really combined well in the second row and formed a fantastic partnership. Thando started and played in all 16 games this season.

6. *Daniel Ikotela*

Daniel was very unlucky not to represent KZN at Craven Week this year and played very well at trials. A hard worker and very physical, he played a proper fetcher role. Daniel combined well with the back row and has an opportunity to play another season and fight for the starting DHS jersey. A wonderful young man and very enjoyable to coach.

7. *Bradley la Grange*

Brad was the only young gun to make it as a regular starter this season and enjoyed a great season at DHS. He represented the KZN Academy team and achieved his Colours for rugby this year. Unfortunately, injuries played a role in his season and we hope Bradley will be back to full strength and fighting hard for a spot in the first team in 2025.

8. *Khanyisa Stamper*

Stamper carried injuries last year but hit the year with a bang and is a very talented and strong rugby player. He made the No 8 jersey his in 2024 and went on to represent KZN at Craven Week. Stamper has huge potential and we hope he enjoys and works hard at the Bulls.

9. *Marcwin Nero*

Marcwin hit the season with a bang and was our regular No 9. He went on to achieve Honours for rugby, representing KZN Schools at Craven Week and he was outstanding for DHS on the field. He

was awarded Best Back of the Year and Players' Player and we are very excited to see what he brings in 2025. He is a warrior on the field and very brave.

10. *Allston Cedras*

Allston eventually finished the season as our starting 10 as he and Aka competed for the 10/15 jersey; he was our Manie Libbok in attack and his play vs Maritzburg College will stay with me forever. Very talented and skilful, he did some brilliant things on the field and finished the season strong. He will hopefully continue to play and has a number of options to consider. Very shy and an introvert, he came alive on the field and I am excited to watch him progress after school. Allston played in all 16 games this season.

11. *Zenkosi Mthiyane*

Zenkosi started the season as a 13/wing but settled into the 11 jersey and did so well, working on his kicking game. A real athlete and very professional in his approach, it was not his best season but he always gives his best and is very coachable and a great young man. We are lucky to have him with us next season and I am confident he will make a big step up as a senior player in 2025. Zenkosi achieved Honours in rugby and was part of the KZN Schools Craven week squad.

12. *Zingce Simka*

Simka really has developed and grown as a young man and what a rugby player he is! He was very unlucky in 2023 with injuries but he came back strong this season and had a very good rugby year. Having said that his biggest development was his character and becoming a better young man. Simka has an unbelievable rugby brain and has signed with the Lions for 2025. Simka made SA A Schools team and represented KZN Schools at Craven week. I will be sad to see him go but so

excited to watch him take on his new challenge.

13. *Duncan Basson*

Duncan is a DHS success story. What a young man - and he has done so well on and off the field! He finished the season as our Captain, achieved Honours - making the KZN Schools team. He is very hard working, intelligent and really was the glue the side needed. He was very reliable and hard as nails in the centres. Duncan will continue at Free State University and is on a dual deal with Free State Rugby Union. Duncan, it was a pleasure coaching and working with you.

14. *Adriano Jackson*

Try scorer and finisher and so explosive, Jackson worked hard on his game after his first year at senior rugby and went on to achieve Honours, representing KZN Schools at Craven Week. Another great young man and such a joy to coach, He made a big step up and performed very well in the big games. He has signed with the Lions for 2025.

15. *Aka Boqwana*

Aka enjoyed an excellent season and competed for the 10/15 jersey and went on to achieve SA Schools and played for the KZN Craven Week team, achieving his Honours blazer at DHS. His biggest growth was off the field in becoming a much better young man, and in the end was so much fun to work with. His humble approach will see him go far and if he continues to work hard and stay focused he will enjoy a successful time at the Bulls.

P Engledow
1st XV Coach



2nd XV Rugby



2nd XV Rugby Team 2024

The 2024 Rugby Season for not only the DHS 2nd XV, but for DHS as a whole, is one to be remembered. The current success being experienced by School is truly remarkable and can be put down to many factors. These factors include phenomenal leadership at the top of our school, passionate and supportive Old Boys, coaches that not only coach, but also care deeply for our boys and lastly, special boys and special players!

The DHS 2nd XV for 2024 went unbeaten. These boys created their own history - the first DHS 2nd XV to go unbeaten since 1939! That was before Japan bombed Pearl Harbour!

As a proud DHS Old Boy and passionate coach and teacher at School, I couldn't be prouder of these boys. Our journey started together in 2023 as I coached

the U16As. The majority of that team filtered through this year into the 2nd XV as Grade 11s. In fact, when I say majority, there were never more than two Matric pupils in the 2nd XV of 2024. This alone speaks volumes of the passion, commitment, dedication and ability of all these boys. What was also fantastic to see is the number of games where the Seconds and Thirds were combined due to factors out of our control, with the 3rd team players slotting in brilliantly and never dropping the standard of performance expected of DHS Rugby. I send a huge thank you to the 3rd XV Coach, Mr Charl Muller, for being so proactive and supportive whenever it came to either practice or selection dilemmas within the two teams. I would also like to make a special mention of Inathinkosi 'Dexter' Mkhencle - our Grade 11 Captain. After your season ending injury in 2023 after

only one game - to see you bounce back this year and play the rugby we all know you are capable of made me so proud. You are a leader that leads by actions and not by words, and it most certainly works!

Whilst I could spend days thanking all that need to be thanked, I need to mention the following: To Mr Pinheiro and Mr Pillay - thank you for what you have done to DHS. Thank you also for your constant support and advice to all us coaches. To Mr Engledow and Mr Uys, working under you two has been the most enjoyable and most rewarding season I have experienced as a coach - and this is not just result based. Your attention to detail, your analysis and your drive has been a real eye opener for me and I couldn't ever thank you enough. There's no secret as to why the DHS 1st XV was ranked 6th in South

Africa this year with you two at the helm.

Lastly, thank you to the boys. I hope you read this report one day with the same amount of pride as I had writing it. You have done something that hasn't been achieved in 85 years! This was you - you did it.

Results for 2024:

Regular Season:

vs Dundee 1st	41-13 win (a)
vs Kearsney	52-14 win (a)

Glenwood Festival:

2nd/3rd vs Potch 1st	19-0 win
2nd/3rd vs Dinamika 1st	15-5 win
2nd/3rd vs Frikkie Meyer 1st	17-17 draw

vs Westville	13-13 draw (h)
vs Northwood	33-27 win (a)
vs Maritzburg College	45-10 win (a)

vs Michaelhouse	31-14 win (h)
2nd/3rd vs St Charles 2nd	45-18 win (h)
2nd/3rd vs Woodhouse 2nd	UK 24-7 win (h)
vs Northwood	36-19 win (h)
vs Jeppe	34-10 win (h)

The 2nd XV achieved the following in the 2024 season:

- First DHS 2nd XV to be unbeaten in 85 years - 1939 was the last time.
- A record victory on Goldstone's for a DHS 2nd XV - first 2nd XV to score 40 points on Goldstone's and recorded the biggest victory margin.
- The first DHS 2nd XV to score more than 50 points at Kearsney - also produced the biggest away victory at Kearsney by a DHS 2nd XV

Played:	13
Won:	11
Drawn:	2
Lost:	0

Regular Players:

Joseph Udo-idung, Zano Tshabalala, Elvino Witbooi, Sandla Twenani, José Lottering, Okuhle Mbanjwa, Brian Kasvosve, Bradley La Grange, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Jaydon Roberts, Jordan van Wyk, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Hlumelo Madikane, Peleneo Shakwane, Bayanda Majola, Andile Maphumulo, Joshua Morris, Ethan Cooper, Mxolisi Ngubane, Niyanda Shangase, Jean- Roux Jonker, Liam Gregan, Bryce Schettler, Francious Erasmus, Bryce Woolf, Ruan Basson, Lunathi Hobo, Lunathi Nyingwa, Mthokozisi Mathebula, Mihle Zibobo

L Matthysen
(Class of 2009)
2nd XV Rugby Coach

3rd XV Rugby

The 3rd XV Rugby side had an incredibly successful season. The only blemish in the season was against Maritzburg College. The team were unlucky that day, with the majority of the calls going against the boys; five minutes into the game we were 12-0 up after two great tries. We eventually lost 12-15, although the boys showed character and never stopped playing.

The rest of the games were won comfortably with the boys showing their class and commitment to the school. The highlight of the season was a 41-5 win over Jeppe in the last match. The side scored 312 points and only conceded 62.

The boys were well led by their captain, Zibobo, who led by example and had

a fine season. The boys continually worked hard through the season and showed their commitment to each other and the school. It was a privilege to work with the team and see them develop and grow within the team, continuing to improve through the season. Good memories and friendships were made and the boys can look back at the year with pride.

Results:

Played:	10
Won:	9
Lost:	1

vs Kearsney	won 25-22
vs Westville	won 18-8
vs Northwood	won 19-5
vs Maritzburg College	lost 12-15
vs St Charles	won 45-18

vs Development	won 58-0
vs Northwood	won 29-0
vs Michaelhouse	won 29-7
vs Woodhouse Grove	won 33-0
vs Jeppe	won 41-7

Regular Players:

Leon Bezuidenhout, Kaden McKenzie, Liam Greegan, Mihle Zibobo, Lunathi Hobo, Ruan Basson, Mxolisi Ngubane, Jean Roux Jonker, Lunathi Nyingwa, Finlay Engledow, Umar Parak, Mphululi Dimaza, Lunga Khubisa, Joshua Morris, Niyanda Shangase, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Bradley Seaton

C Muller
3rd XV Rugby Coach



4th XV Rugby

This season was a tough one for the 4th XV Rugby team. Taking over as the coach when the 2nd term started, they made me feel welcome from day one and that was very encouraging. The boys were full of positivity and could not wait for the first fixture of the 2nd term against Westville Boys' High School. Unfortunately, the match ended in a 17-17 draw, but credit to the players for the way they played after only two practice sessions.

It was a season that had a lot of highs and lows, where some players got called up to the 3rd team and where some players got injured, leaving us as a team with a tough battle. However, the boys remained positive and always came to practice with a good attitude

and wanting to improve on certain areas where things went wrong. We faced some tough opposition, taking heartbreaking losses to Michaelhouse, Maritzburg College and Northwood (x2), but also some comprehensive wins against Gelofte Hoërskool, KZN Development and also St Charles. We ended up with two draws - against Westville Boys' High and St Johns, a touring team from the UK.

A big thank you to all the players for their effort and hard work on and off the field, and what they put in at every practice and every game throughout the season. As a coach, I have enjoyed every moment with each and every player on the team and I would like to thank them all.

Results:

Played:	9
Won:	3
Lost:	4
Drawn:	2

Regular Players:

Ayanda Mthenjwa (Captain), Matteo Grizzo (Vice Captain), Umar Parak, Riccardo Girodo, Damian Pennington, Thato Shabangu, Bradley Seaton, Vuyo Claude, Josh Brien, Asanda Radebe, Zoe Tembe, Sfundo Mthembu, Zolani Ndokweni, Stefane Ngodi, Finlay Engledow

M Stride
4th XV Rugby Coach

5th XV Rugby

The 2024 rugby season was a truly memorable one for the 5th XV - a season of highs and lows, valuable lessons, and tremendous growth. It has been an honour and privilege to coach one of the open rugby sides at Durban High School. The standards here are high, the legacy is proud, and the Blue and Gold jersey inspires every boy who wears it.

We kicked off our campaign against Westville Boys' High. As my first fixture as head coach, it was the ideal opportunity to lay the foundation for the season ahead. It was a closely contested match, decided by which team was more clinical under pressure. Despite having just one training session and playing on a Friday, the boys showed grit and composure to secure a 17-12 victory, a result that filled me with pride.

Next up was Northwood. In another tight affair, it was Asanda Radebe's last-minute try that clinched a thrilling 12-10 win. With back-to-back victories, spirits were high and momentum was on our side.

However, our next challenge was the daunting prospect of taking on Maritzburg College at Goldstones - a venue known for its fierce pride and reputation.

We were ready for the fight, determined to break the long-standing win-less streak at Goldstones. The opening exchanges were intense, but College ultimately proved too strong on the day. They outplayed us in all aspects, and we suffered a heavy 49-0 defeat. Although the score line was disheartening, it reminded us of the high level of execution required at this level and motivated us to rise again.

Following a short break in fixtures, we turned our attention to Founders Day and a clash against Michaelhouse. As a new staff member, this fixture carried deep personal significance for me. The atmosphere was electric, with Old Boys returning to support their school. Unfortunately, despite a brave defensive effort in the early stages, we conceded too many penalties and lost 59-0. Once again, a lack of clinical finishing proved costly, and it became clear that our season needed rescuing.

The boys responded with character and resilience. We bounced back with convincing wins against St Charles and the KZN Development side. These victories restored belief and pride in the squad, proving that we could compete and succeed.

Our final fixture was a special one - an international clash against St John's from the United Kingdom. Representing



DHS against a visiting team from abroad was a great honour. The match was hard-fought, and every point earned through effort and commitment. Despite a 28-12 loss, the game was played in fantastic spirit, and friendships were forged across continents. It was a fitting finale to our season.

In total, we played seven matches, won four and lost three, a 57% win rate. For a first-year head coach, I'm proud of what we achieved, but I also see the room for growth and improvement. Special mention must go to our forward pack, who grew stronger with every match. Our leading try scorers were Nsika Bango and Egerton Hingston, while our captain courageous, Qhayiya Makhanya, led from the front, breaking lines and driving the team forward.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Mr C Muller and Mr M Stride, coaches of the 3rd and 4th teams, for their guidance and collaboration throughout the season. Thanks also to Mr N Pillay, our Head of Sport, for his belief in me and support, and to the 1st XV coaching duo, Mr P Engledow and Mr R Uys, for their mentorship. A special thank you to our Head Master, Mr AD Pinheiro, for his constant encouragement and presence on the side lines. Lastly, to the DHS supporters and boys in the stands, your unwavering spirit makes all the difference.

This season was only the beginning. The journey continues, and the future is bright.

Results:

Played:	7
Won:	4
Lost:	3
Drawn:	0
Win percentage:	57,14%

Regular Players:

Qhayiya Makhanya (Captain), Nsika Bango (Vice Captain), Phila Gwamanda, Liam Hitchens, Ethan Bollay, Emmanuel Mqingwana, Bandile Cele, Awande Mahlobo, Tylan Hoskin, Thanda Mkhwanazi, Egerton Hingston, Joshua Smith, Bandile Dlamini, Chris Buthelezi, Mbekezeli Gasa, Bayanda Mbhele, Ntokozo Maphumulo

Mr S Cele
5th XV Rugby Coach

6th XV Rugby

The 6th XV team completed their Rugby season with a mixed bag of results, winning one out of five games. Despite the challenges faced, the team showed tremendous spirit and dedication throughout the season. Their sole victory came in their second game against Westville Boys' High School, with a convincing 27-14 win. The team showed what they were capable of and what was to hopefully come later in the season.

While the team struggled against stronger opponents, they demonstrated moments of brilliance and potential. Their resilience remained unwavering despite the challenges. Each player contributed unique strengths, shaping a promising future dynamic. Through every game, they evolved and built a cohesive unit. The team's growth and development were evident in their improved performance against Michaelhouse. Despite ultimately losing on Founders Day, the players

showed all that they have learnt this season and what it means to play for the badge and for the school, showing everyone that they were more than a social side. The camaraderie and sportsmanship exhibited by the 6th side is commendable and has laid a strong foundation for future success. The players' resilience in the face of adversity and their unwavering commitment to each other, the sport and the badge has been truly inspiring.

Special recognition goes to the senior players who will be matriculating this year. Their leadership both on and off the field was crucial in shaping the team's character and ethos. They leave behind a legacy of hard work, determination, and a passion for rugby that will undoubtedly inspire the younger players.

We also extend our gratitude to the parents and supporters who have cheered the team on through every

high and low. Your encouragement and support have been instrumental in motivating the players and creating a positive environment for the team.

As we reflect on the season, there is a sense of optimism and anticipation for what lies ahead. With continued dedication, strategic improvements, and the invaluable experience gained this year, the team is poised for greater achievements in the future. The season has been a journey of growth, learning, and development. We look forward to building on this foundation in the years to come, celebrating the spirit of rugby that thrives within this team, and eagerly await the next chapter in their sporting journey.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	1
Lost:	4



Regular Players:

Ethan Anderson, Anakin Somers, Timothy Wippich, Dawson Edwards, Chase Willemse, Caiden Coelho, Mbekezeli Gasa, Callen Smith, Caleb Weideman, Ntokozo Maphumulo, Jack

Bowen, Joaquim Salvador, Kirk Wilson, Ryan Spooner, Cameron Phipps, Mika Smidt, Riley peachy, Phiwokahlo Jokazi, Colby Kinloch, Nkosinathi Gumbi, Thubalakhe Ndelu, Sanda Yengina,

Christopher Buthelezi, Anakin Somers, Kungawo Pato

C Diedericks
6th XV Rugby Coach

U16A Rugby

The 2024 season was one to remember, marked by several key goals we set and proudly achieved. Our campaign kicked off with tough fixtures against Kearsney and Northwood, which set the tone for the term. One of our most challenging encounters was against Maritzburg College, which was a real test of character. Trailing 14-5 with only minutes remaining, the boys dug deep and scored two quick tries to secure a thrilling 17-14 victory.

The season wasn't without its challenges. We experienced a disappointing loss at the Glenwood Festival and had to manage a few injury scares along the way. However, the team showed resilience, bouncing back to win several vital matches.

A major highlight was our trip to Kimberley for the prestigious Wildeklawer Toernooi. Against Oakdale, we led 20-0 at half-time, only to lose 22-20 after a lapse in focus. This was a valuable lesson in playing the full 60

minutes. Our next match against Paarl Boys was arguably our best performance of the season. We narrowly lost 18-17, but it proved that we could go toe-to-toe with some of the country's top teams.

Founders Day was another stand-out, as we played some of our best rugby and recorded a dominant 40-point win over Michaelhouse.

The team's hard work was recognised when eight players were selected for the KZN Sharks Youth Week squad, who went on to place third in the tournament; a proud moment for all of us.

In the third term, we closed off the season with strong wins over Northwood and Jeppe, ending the year unbeaten in KZN - one of our key objectives from the outset. We also had the unique opportunity to play against Woodhouse Grove, an international

school, which added a special touch to the season.

It has been a privilege to coach this talented group. We look forward to watching them transition into open rugby and continue growing as players and young men.

Results:

Played:	17
Won:	14
Lost:	3

Regular Players:

Mili George (Captain), Likho Konzo, Jaydon Botha, Priden Sibiya, Ambiswe Sipango, Zion Smith, Damian Swart, Duhan Du Plessis, Llewellyn Vorster, Iwan Slabbert, Cilermo Calorus, Nathan Aneke, Zenade Zulu, Onke Booie, Landa Tose, Omphile Kola, Matthew Mottram, Sibo Buthelezi, Atreyu Jooste

S MkhaliPhi & R Allerston
U16A Rugby Coaches

U16B Rugby

The U16B Rugby team completed the season with a balanced record of five wins and three losses.

Throughout the season, the team showcased moments of excellent teamwork, strategic play, and resilience, which were particularly evident in our victories. Our strong defence, effective

set-piece execution, and the ability to capitalise on opponents' mistakes were key factors contributing to our successes. Stand out performances from key players boosted our overall team performance and morale.

Despite these strengths, the season highlighted several areas that need improvement. Maintaining discipline on the field is crucial, as penalties often

disrupted our momentum. Defensive consistency was another area of concern, with lapses costing us in critical matches. Enhancing our fitness levels and focusing on reducing handling errors will be essential for improving our performance in future seasons. Overall, the team has a solid foundation, along with focused improvements.



Results:

Played: 9
Won: 5
Lost: 4

Regular Players:

Atreyu Jooste, Lathita Mafunda, Matthew Mottram, Tawonga Mahunga, Denva Shaw, Sibongaonke Buthelezi, Simiso MKhwanazi, Omphile Kola, Daniel Zeeman, Jaiden Bramwell, Lisa

Benya, Calane Mawethu, Christopher Denneysen, Christopher Abrahams, Bongisibusiso Ngcoya, Senzokhule Xulu

D Marques
U16B Rugby Coach

U16C Rugby

Following a good Term 2 rugby season, the U16C boys really showed great persistence and won their last fixture against Northwood in a thrilling 17-12 victory on Van Heerden's.

The season's fixtures were filled with plenty of rivalry derbys and the U16Cs managed to put up a solid fight with a never dying spirit on the field. It took a game for them to find their feet but, once they got a good win in their second game against Kearsney, the boys saw their potential and it was only upwards from there.

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.

A special mention must go to Russel Mhungu for having an outstanding season. Russel played for the U15Ds last year, but he elevated his game this year and managed to get a cap for the U16A against Clifton.

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 to the coaches for assisting the boys in this season.

Results:

Played: 7
Won: 4
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Lethitha Mafunda (Captain), Mikail Chipeta, Levi Munsamy, Bryce Bailers, Sandiso Gumede, Amkhelo Mgoma (Vice Captain), Louis Colby, Siphosethu Mabaso, Blessing Dube, Mholi Calane, Nqubeko Ngwenya, Tahir Adams, Russel Mhungu

D Cronje
U16C Rugby Coach

U16D Rugby

Having been appointed as the new head coach mid-season, there were a lot of things for me to adjust (and adjust to), especially in finding out exactly which type of player combinations worked best for the team.

This year the U16 age group from D team below did not have the best turnout in terms of numbers. However, we were able to work with what we had to fight on during the season.

The first game against Kearsney was always going to be a difficult one. The odds were against the boys but we hung tough and came out victorious against a very talented side. It was a great win because a lot of the regular boys called

in sick, but that didn't stop us as we marched on.

The rest of the season's results speak for themselves. The boys fought some tough battles and didn't, unfortunately, come out victorious, but I must commend the sheer passion and determination of the DHS men on never giving up no matter how tough the opposition was.

I have no doubt that in the two years that they have left at the school playing rugby, some of them may play for higher teams as they have the heart and the work ethic with a positive mindset. It was an absolute pleasure coaching these men as they gave their all every game.

Results:

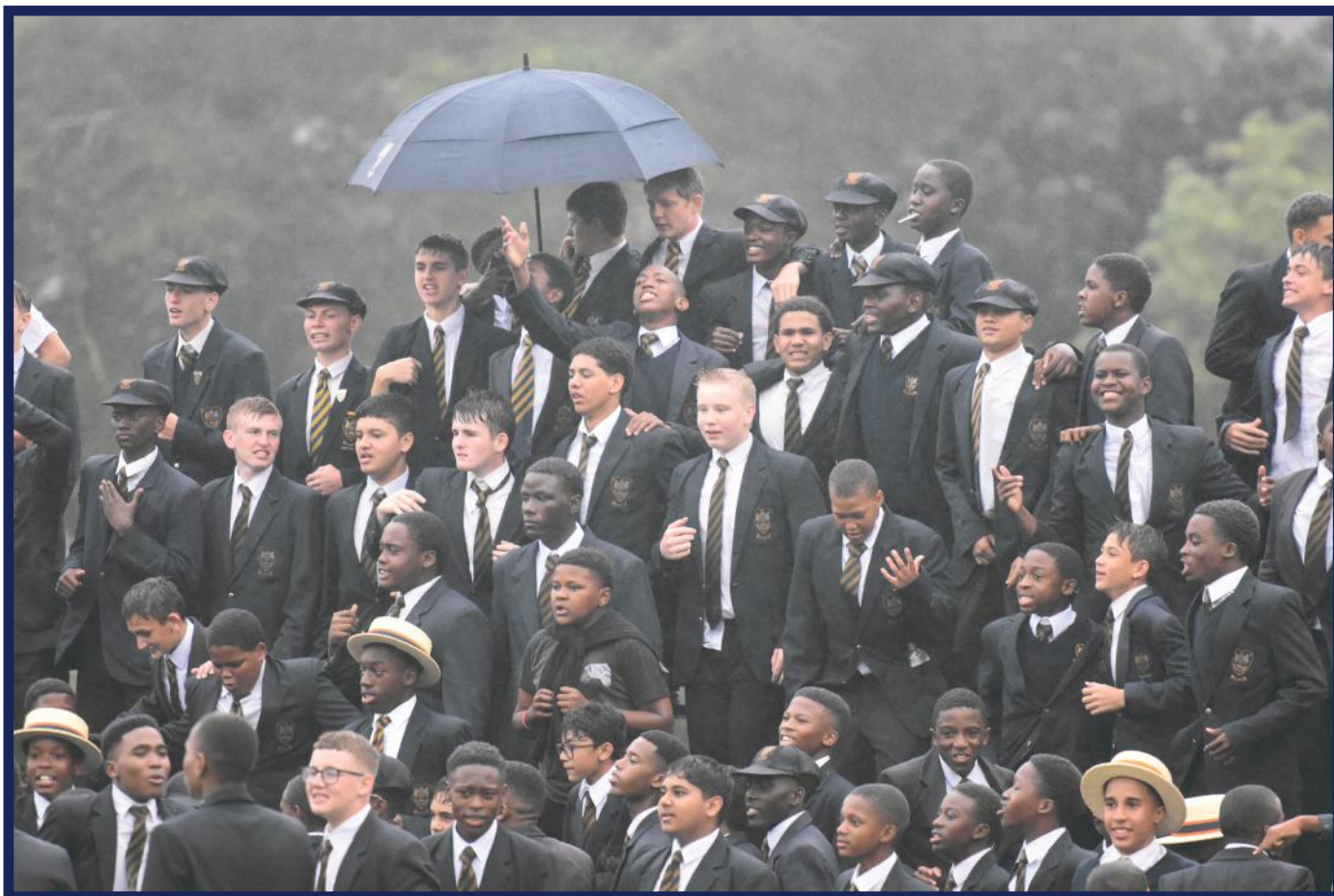
Played: 6
Won: 1
Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Philasande Buthelezi, Rekgonne Gare, Athayanda Gasa, Xantha Whiteley, Jesse Miller, Jordan Erasmus, Mihle Nkabinde, Mihle Ndlovu, Israel Roberts, Dain Fort, Sinan Kassongo, Sbusiso Ncgobo, Neo-Junior Motsoeneng, Philip Maelo, Phumelela Simelane, Banzi Mhlongo, Kopano Kekane, Aryan Trikam, Banele Quthwa, Ezekiel Haynes, Anver de Jager

S Kim-Kayembe
U16D Rugby Coach





Singing in the Rain!

U15A Rugby

As we started the new Rugby season at Durban High School for 2024 the boys were ready and the U15As were good to go. We began with pre-season and the boys could not wait for the first game of the season before we went on a tour, and there is where the boys would bond - with some very good rugby. We could not wait for a fantastic 2024 season.

We started the KZN season with our first game against Kearsney. Not a great game, but we managed to beat them. What a great way to start the holiday and the Glenwood Festival, where we played three games and won all of them.

After that we played three games that would test us as a team - Northwood,

Westville and Maritzburg College - and where the boys showed that they are the best in Durban.

We won against Westville and Northwood and just went down to College, but we should have won that game.

The boys trained hard and the spirit was good in the camp as we prepared for the biggest and best festival in the country, Wildeklaar Toernooi, where we played Oakdale Landbou Skool, some big Afrikaner boys. We had to be tested and the DHS boys did not disappoint.

In our second game we played a rugby powerhouse, Paarl Boys High. We had some injuries and some boys played

out of position, but the spirit was there, hard work paid off, and we beat them 21-19.

We got back to Durban with some good teams to play against. The boys played very good rugby, notwithstanding some injuries. But at the end it was a good term for rugby after the holiday. They played Northwood second time around and went down 3-10, but managed to beat Jeppe in the last game of season.

At one stage of the season, we were ranked number three in the country.

I would like to say thank you boys, who played for the jersey and their School. Then, my forwards coach for all you have done - Mr Pina thanks so much! The boys learned a lot from you.

Results:

Wildecklawer:

Played: 2

Won: 2

KZN Season:

Played: 15

Won: 13

Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Umer Daniels, Junior Douw, Sterlin Padi, Jaylin Cleophas, Loniko Joni, Kurhtion Martin, Hlumelo Mbane, JP Marzitz, Abakwe Moeng, Eduard Jacobs, Renc-Lynn Manzi, Zanes Ontong, Phokuhle Hlatshwayo, Nyakallo Masiloane,

Bulelani Cebani, Meyer Prinsloo, Calvin Schallies, Jaco de Klerk, Bunono James, Ronan Roberts, Mthokozisi Twala

M Pina & A Esterhuizen

U15A Rugby Coaches

U15B Rugby

This U15B rugby side should have ended the season as unbeaten! The two close losses against Kearsney College as well as Maritzburg College (both away from home) were due to a few lapses in concentration, but ultimately as a result of some incredibly poor officiating.

The team's best game of the season was their 10-7 win against Northwood at Northwood. It was a real 'test match', with no quarter given by either side. What made the win even more special was that this Northwood side had been unbeaten with the Northwood boys not yet having lost a rugby match at high school.

The season was a somewhat frustrating one as the team struggled for continuity due to the fact that numerous fixtures had to be staggered against the various

opposition schools, which meant the U15B did not play matches every week.

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.

It was an awesome bunch of boys to work with, and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching them and seeing them grow as the season progressed.

Kearsney College	Lost	22-24
Westville Boys' High	Won	29-12
Northwood School	Won	10-7
Maritzburg College	Lost	22-24
Michaelhouse	Won	10-0
Northwood School	Won	6-5
Jeppe High School	Drew	3-3

Results:

Played: 7

Won: 4

Lost: 2

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Jason Esterhuizen, Nzuzo Buthelezi, Luke van Wyk, Zane McCracken, Isenathi Ntshingila, Bunono James, Jaco de Klerk, Fezile Chili, Reitumetse Sello, Ntsikelelo Madosi, Ronan Roberts, Senzo Ntshangase, Mthokozisi Twala, Daine Janse van Rensburg, Lungelo Mabuya, Awande Ngcobo, Dilan Venn, Laiton McConnell

R Kohne

U15B Rugby Coach

U15C Rugby

"My life has taught me that nothing is impossible. No matter where you come from or what your circumstances are, with hard work, dedication, and belief in yourself, you can achieve your dreams."
- Siya Kolisi

The story of the U15C team this year is one of hard work, passion, success and sometimes failure. The season started off with a very successful away match against Kearsney.

The boys were full of enthusiasm and many of the players put their hands up on the day. The final score was 53-10 to DHS. Considering the U14C team in 2023 won only 1 game the whole season, this was already a big move in the right direction.

Coaching the C side has been very rewarding in the sense of seeing the players progress, not only in skills, but also in confidence. We have had a lot

of ups and downs this season and this means that a lot of lessons had to be learnt and we had to get ourselves up when we were down. I really feel that there was a lot of growth in the maturity of the players and that will need to continue into the new year. Say what you will about the team, but you can never doubt their passion to win and make their school proud. Sometimes when the times got tough the weight of expectation did weigh



heavy on the shoulders of the players who got frustrated when they couldn't raise their game sufficiently enough to pull off a win. When a player walks off the field with tears in his eyes then you know he feels the pain of the loss because it means so much to them.

I would like to single out one special player this season that really exemplified the U15C rugby team and that is Nzuzo Buthelezi. His hard work, tireless work ethic and inspirational leadership really galvanised the team in so many ways and the boys really responded to his earnest, lead-from-the front approach.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the U15 players who gave up their time, blood sweat and tears this season. We play rugby to fulfil the desires of your hearts to compete in the

best game in the world. Without your support week in and week out there is no point in playing. Thank you for your commitment and your willingness to put in the hard yards. Your passion for the sport is what fuels the school's rugby programme.

I know with a lot more hard work and self-belief that the U16C team will be a force to be reckoned with and that all the gains that we made this year will pay off even more going into the new year.

Results:

Played: 9
Won: 4
Lost: 5

vs Westville Lost 12-20
vs Northwood Lost 5-20

vs Maritzburg College Lost 0-46
vs St Charles Won 37-5
vs KZN Development Won 26-20
vs Gelofte Won 52-3
vs Michaelhouse Lost 7-13
vs Northwood Lost 0-28

Regular Players:

Mbambo Lethokuhle, Nduduzo Buthelezi, Keno Mashigoana, Lyle Lloyd, Awande Ngcobo, Zane Mccracken, Lushen Naidoo, Laiton McConnell, Faith Sello, Michael van Biljon, Kwanda Ntombela, Luthando Mkhize, Nathi Litile, Dilan Venn, Nhloso Luthuli, Mhlengi Sithole, Khaye Nene, Luthando Mkhize, Ewan Stayt, Evan Bowers

D Williams
U15C Rugby Coach

U15D Rugby

The 2024 season saw the U15D team return with renewed energy and higher expectations. Building on last year's progress, the boys, alongside several new teammates, quickly formed a cohesive and committed unit. Their love for the game showed in their eagerness to learn, ask questions, and improve with every session.

Early in the season, the team delivered strong performances, opening with a clean-sheet win over Kearsney and following it up with a convincing victory against Westville, avenging last year's losses. While Northwood proved a tough challenge, and Maritzburg College outclassed us on the day, the boys remained focused and motivated, determined to close the gap in future encounters.

Additional highlights included victories against St Charles College, Michaelhouse, and the KZN Development team. Thanks to the depth in the age group, we also fielded a U15E side, providing more boys with valuable game time and experience.

Several players earned promotion to higher teams, reflecting their development throughout the season. It has been a pleasure to coach this group, and I'm proud of their growth and team spirit. The lessons and memories from this season will stay with them for years to come.

Thank you to Mr Pillay and his team for the continued support and opportunity to help shape these young men - both on and off the field.

Results:

Played: 8
Won: 5
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Lethokuhle Mbambo, Steven Ngubane, Fikezwi Ntuli, Mkhize Lwanele, Evans Nathan, Letlaka Musa, Mkhize Luthando, Reece Hunt, Reaul Nsibande, Litile Nathi, Darren Pillay, Jaydon De Connick, Mvelo Mkhize, Liam Delpont, Ntuthuko Gqwaru, Jeddian Atkinson, Tiago Mkhize, Lwazi Mbhele

S Dubazana
U15D Rugby Coach



U14A Rugby

The DHS U14A Rugby team has enjoyed a remarkable season, showcasing exceptional talent and teamwork. Playing 16 games, the team achieved an impressive 14 victories, remaining unbeaten in KZN and finishing 5th nationally in their age group. With a formidable tally of 602 points scored, and conceding just 103, the team averaged 38 points scored per game and only 6 points against.

This season has been a testament to the boys ability to come together despite their diverse cultural backgrounds. Their unity and commitment to a common goal have demonstrated that when we work as one', incredible achievements are possible. The primary focus for the year was not only to develop the boys into excellent rugby players, but also to ensure that their academic pursuits remained a priority.

Each player has made significant contributions, but special recognition goes to Benitez Mickson, Tyler Gill, Marco, Tiaan van den Heever, Shalom

Tshamalenga and Mguzulwa Qhayiya for their outstanding performances throughout the year. Their dedication and skill were pivotal in the team's success.

The team experienced minimal changes throughout the season, a factor that contributed to their consistency. We regret to report a serious injury to Tevin Steady during an internal game against the U15B team. Tevin will be undergoing a lengthy recovery, and the school is committed to supporting him throughout this period.

Under the expert guidance of coaches Mr George van Niekerk and Mr Florian Genade, the team has not only achieved remarkable success on the field but has also grown as individuals and ambassadors for DHS. Congratulations to the U14A rugby team for a stand-out season, and we look forward to seeing continued excellence in the future.

Tragically, in November a key member of the U14A Rugby team, Asange

Gam, passed away. Asange was a model student, excelling in sport and academics, and showed tremendous leadership abilities. Asange was loved by all his peers and was a pleasure to both teach and coach. He will be sadly missed.

Results:

Played:	16
Won:	14
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Teven Steady, Tiaan van den Heever, Mguzulwa Qhayiya, Kungawo Goduka, Marco van den Heever, Caleb Jantjies, Asange Ngam, Shalom Tshamalenga, Liam Jacobs, Wayden White, Benitez Mickson, El-Jay Alexander, Alex Coetzee, Tyler Gill, Seth Wessels, Skye Richards, Goodluck Ezenwa, Linathi Nompandana, Omhle Dwane, Blaine Anthony

F Genade & G van Niekerk
U14A Rugby Coaches



The U14A Rugby Team 2024

U14B Rugby

The U14B side has had one of its better seasons, blessed with talented individuals and team spirit second to none. The team started the season like a house on fire, and ensured that the fire never stopped burning throughout the season, defeating all teams on their way to an unbeaten season. The U14B team was blessed with a group of learners that were a marvel to coach and watch.

The team did struggle to acquire some of their wins, but what always carried them to victory was their love and passion for the school and their exemplary brotherhood. Every week at

training, and on game day, they were pushed to their limits and one thing always remained: they held together and always picked each other up. The team really did battle to secure victory in their last game against Jeppe and a valuable lesson was learnt - discipline is an important part of the game and without it we could not have achieved anything.

Thank you to the parents who supported the boys, it is greatly appreciated. Your presence on the sidelines made the boys play better and harder to earn your pride. We are grateful.

Results:

Played: 8
Won: 8
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Linathi Nompandana (Captain), David White, Chris Watt, Josh Bandle, Tshepo Motloun, Skye Richards, Sandiswa Mdabe, Sivuyile Nzimande, Mnombohle Dwane, Blaine Anthony, Lwando Ngumbela, Thomas Denyssen, Ndzukiso Ngcakani, Oratile Modipane, Goodluck Enezwa, Nkosinathi Ntintile

S Sokhela & Z Mazwi
U14B Rugby Coaches

U14C Rugby

The 2024 rugby season was one of peaks and troughs for this group of young gentlemen. We went into the first warm-up game against Westville as individuals with no identity or any sense of cohesion, but with time spent together on the field, bonds were built and connections that would help us going forward were forged. At the beginning of the season, I asked for two things from the boys. These were to show the right attitude and to work as hard as possible. I can confidently say that the boys answered the call throughout the entire season.

The toughest games of the season came against Westville and Maritzburg College, where we recorded 22-10 and 19-12 losses respectively. The boys were bitterly disappointed on both these occasions but that did not deter their enthusiasm for the game as they continued to show up to every practice willing to learn and give their all.

The crescendo of the season came in a resounding 51-7 win at home to Michaelhouse on Founders Day, where the team really put on a top performance by putting everything we had worked on together. The execution of our attacking plays and phenomenal defensive organisation showed the growth and maturity of the whole team and I was proud of how they carried themselves on the day.

Led by Michael Spooner, we capped off a good season by beating Northwood on Nourse 31-10, getting one over them from earlier in the season where they pipped us at the end to take the game 10-7. We felt like we owed them, and the boys did not disappoint once again, playing incredibly good rugby and keeping their composure, knowing that it was a personal match for all of them.

A huge thank you to go out to the parents who give up their time to

come and watch their sons every week, it really means a lot and the boys appreciate the unwavering support.

Results:

Played: 9
Won: 5
Lost: 3
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Michael Spooner (Captain), Max Pronk, Usiholile Mngomezulu, Mohamed Haniff, Brock Worman, Kwenzokuhle Zuma, Thandolwethu Phoswa, Sivuyile Nzimande, Shaun Stumke, Junior Gahima, Sobahle Biyela, Sitha Mpati, Katlego Mashabela, Ziphezinhle Zulu, Akwande Mchunu, Zanda Dladla, Sikiza Nyathikazi, Somelele Langa, Olwenkosi Dumakude, Simangalisso Hlatshwayo

N Mcuma
U14C Rugby Coach



U14D Rugby

This season was a good one for all involved. Being able to field five sides in the U14 age group was a blessing, as there was depth in every position for each team. 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 soon learnt that to perform on the field, one must work hard as well as be disciplined off the field. I do believe that this team has a work ethic that will result in some very good performances in later years as they worked extremely hard during the year.

The season had some very good highs, with wins over Northwood and Michaelhouse. The Northwood game was our best of the season, with the win coming at Northwood. We had to defend our line for the last 5 minutes and the boys tackled their hearts out for a well-deserved victory under tough conditions.

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 on the side lines during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

Results:

Played: 5

Won: 2

Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Thubelihle Mshali (Captain), Sebastian Wiffler, Jude Davies, Sakhiwesihle Shibe, Nkateko Rikhatso, Ntobeko Knabone, Zanda Dladla, Somelele Langa, Gabriel Cutts, Akwandokuhle Mchuncu, Sikiza Nyathikazi, Zolile Hadebe, Lizwe Magagula, Siphosethu Makhonza, Bonga Nene, Vuvu Mavunza, Muhammad Akoob, Vuyani Ndovela

B Crouch
U14D Rugby Coach

U14E Rugby

In a season marked by ups and downs, the U14E Rugby team shown that resilience and determination are worth their weight in the blue and gold jersey. Despite finishing with a record of one win and four losses, the team's journey has been one of significant growth and valuable lessons.

The win was a high point, underscoring their ability to come together and execute their game plan effectively.

Each loss, though hard-fought, provided crucial insights into areas for improvement.

The U14E team learnt the foundation of rugby and the basic rules and skills to develop in their future with the game.

Results:

Played: 5

Won: 1

Lost: 4

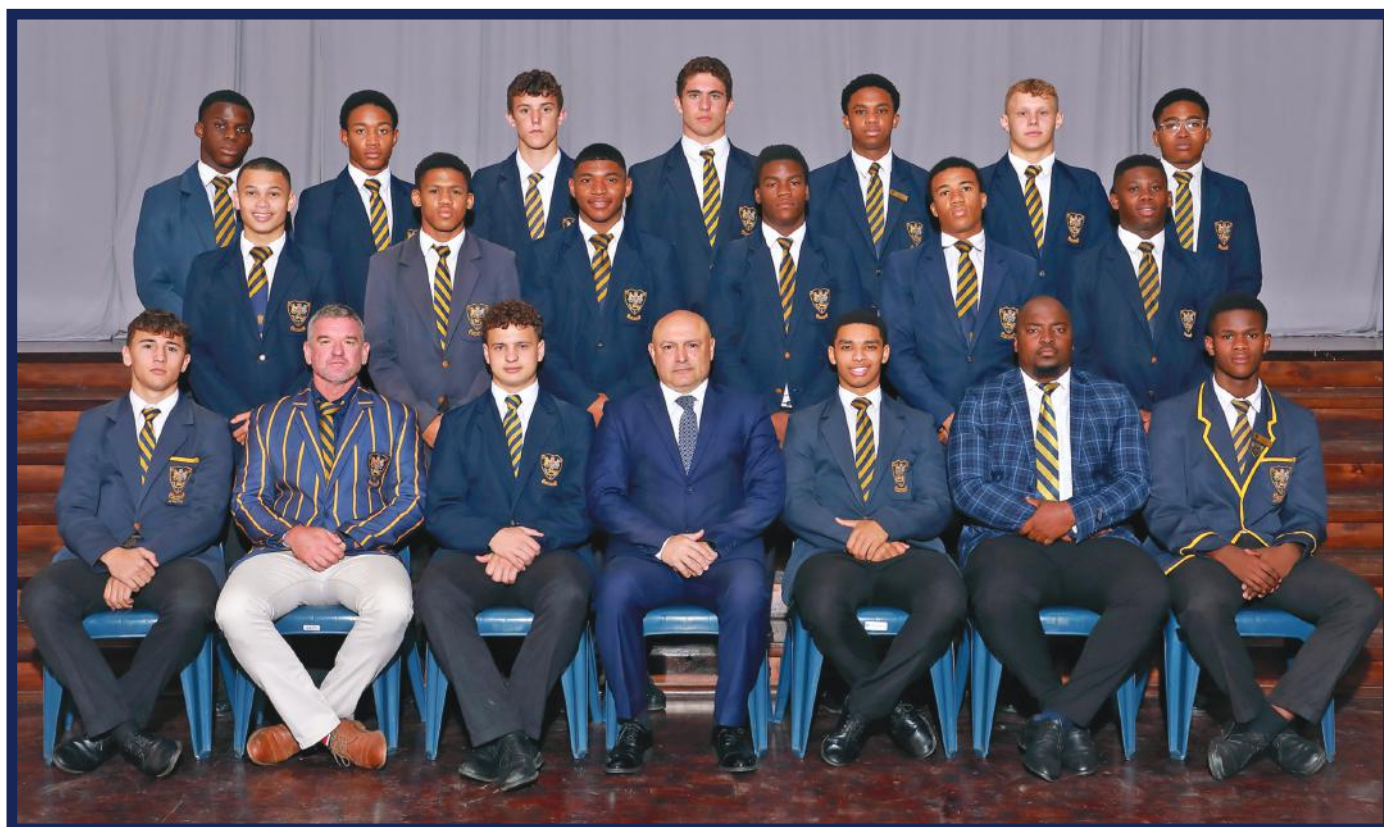
Regular Players:

Ntutuko Mngomezulu, Bonga Nene, Siphesihle Khumalo, Jeremiah Joseph, Lethokuhle Mthethwa, Romano Pillay, Jaden Sullaphen, Aryan Pillay, Kwenzokuhle Zuma, Khulekani Mhlongo, Vuyani Ndovela, Seth Dunn, Seth Francis, Zafar Khan, Caleb Naidoo

K Govindasamy
U14E Rugby Coach



1st Team Rugby Sevens



1st Team Rugby Sevens 2024

Front Row (L to R): Jaydon Roberts, Mr P Engledow (M-i-C: Rugby Sevens), Bradley La Grange, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Jordan van Wyk, Mr S Mkhaliphi (Coach), Lunathi Nyingwa

2nd Row: Cilermo Carolus, Milisithando George, Nathan Aneke, Amogelang Mataboge, Joshua Morris, Okuhle Mbanjwa

Back Row: Peloneo Shakwane, Katlego Baloyi, Llewellyn Farrel, Zion Smith, Inathi Mkhencele, Duhan du Plessis, Lunathi Hobo

The Sevens Rugby season was nothing short of special, especially considering that this year we had a short turnaround from 15s to 7s. We had just four days to prepare for our first tournament, which was the Glenwood Festival, and we had to defend our title from the 2023 season, which we won against Westville. Our goal approaching this tournament was slightly different as we had a completely different team from last year and only had three players returning this season. For the Glenwood Festival, our goal was to compete and play in the final, and again this year we played Westville, which had already played four tournaments before the

Glenwood one. We lost the final 12-7 against a very good Westville side.

We then had two weeks to prepare for the DHS tournament and our team changed from the previous tournament. With playing at home, we had home ground advantage and that meant we could use the amazing things that DHS has to offer, such as the gym, ice bath and the chambers and I must say it worked to our advantage, both our U15s and U17s playing amazing 7s and making it to the final - and what a final it was, winning it 21-12! And what makes it really special is that we played with a very young team where we focused on building for 2025.

Our last tournament was the North-West University (NWU) Prestige Schools Sevens Rugby and for the boys it's always a pleasant experience, where they get to play some of the top schools from around the country. Day 1 saw us play two games and we won one and lost one. The following day we played Strand for the pool decider. We won and came first, and that saw us play Nelspruit in the quarter final where we lost 12-10, which was a game we could've won as we made a mistake in the last play of the game which saw them scoring the winning try.

With the young team we had, I was very proud of what we could produce, on

and off the field, which makes me very excited for next season.

I also would love to thank Mr Engledow for always helping me and guiding me throughout the season.

Regular Players:

Nathan Aneke, Jordan van Wyk, Bradley le Grange, Lunathi Hobo, Zion Smith, Cilermo Calorus, Amogelang Mataboge, Okuhle Mbanjwa, Jaydon Roberts, Milisuthando George, Inathi Mkhencele, Joshua Morris, Katlego Baloyi, Llewellyn

Farrell, Peloneo Shakwane, Lunathi Nyingwa, Duhan du Plessis

S Mkhaliphi & P Engledow
1st Team Rugby Sevens Coaches

U15A Rugby Sevens

A historic season for U15 Rugby Sevens started off at the Glenwood Festival with a young squad coming off a gruelling 15's season. With not much preparation time in comparison to their counterparts, the boys put their best foot forward and tried their best with what they knew.

As coaches we were lucky enough to work with a talented group of individuals that needed to learn how to play as a team and for a common goal. The game of Sevens tests you physically and mentally and we unfortunately fell short in both departments at the Glenwood Festival where a last-minute loss to Michaelhouse 26-24 saw us crash out and not make it to the semi-finals of the tournament. This was a gut punch and learning experience for the coaches and players.

Fresh from licking our wounds, we began our preparations for our home festival. All credit to the boys for showing increased focus and effort, as well as attention to detail, in every training session after the disappointment from the week before. We emphasised skill, work rate and playing for each other over the next two weeks. This assisted to ensure our performances were good and we got the results we all wanted.

We started off the DHS festival with a bang by beating Michaelhouse convincingly in our opening fixture; the level of speed and precision was too much for our opponents to cope with. The boys did not look back from there, going on to win the tournament for the first at U15 level in our schools' history 29-17 in a final against a decent

Westville side that had hoped to take the trophy from us.

The season was a tremendous success with players and coaches growing from the experience. A huge thank you to the whole school for the support across the campaign, as well as 1st team coaches, Mr Mkhaliphi and Mr Engledow, for their continued help and guidance along the way.

Regular Players:

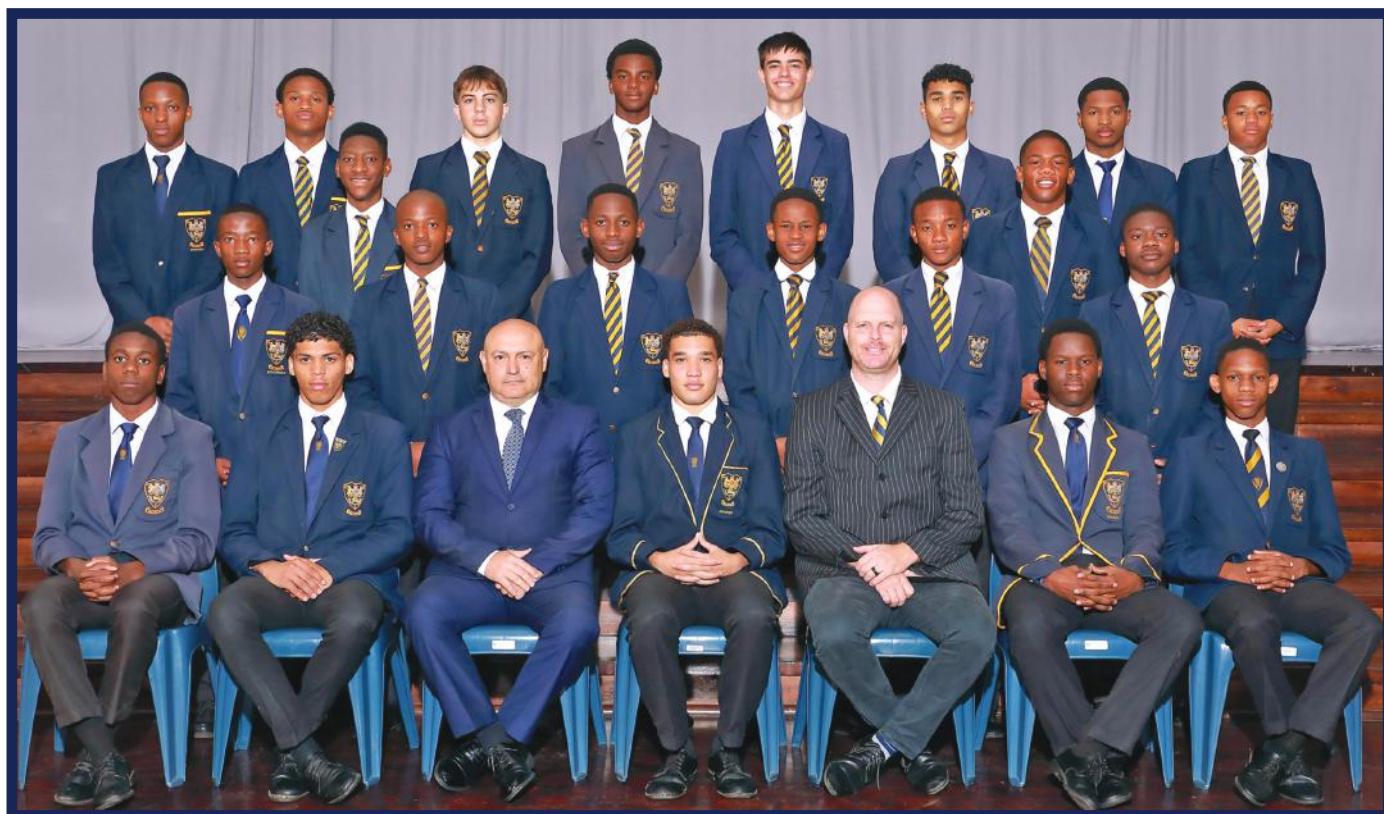
Jaylin Cleophas (Captain), Eduard Jacobs, Luniko Joni, Sterlin Padi, Mthokozisi Twala, Aobakwe Moeng, JP Maritz, Bunono James, Eljay Alexander, Tyler Gill, Alex Coetzee, Skye Richards, Hadley Erasmus

N Mcuma
U15A Sevens Rugby Coach



*U15A Sevens
Rugby Team
after winning
the DHS
Festival*

1st XI Soccer



1st XI Soccer Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Uyioso Usadolo, Caleb Weideman, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Callan Smith (Captain), Mr S Bezuidenhout (M-i-C: Soccer), Owamandayi Msomi, Sinalo Nyawose

2nd Row: Sbonga Mdimba, Awande Makhonza, Mawande Mdabe, Kepano Kekane, Colby Louis, Owenkosi Makhubu

3rd Row: Sphehile Ndebele, Ndalo Wotshinisi

Back Row: Mbuso Hlangu, Cebo Bizana, Daniel Zeeman, Bonga Charma, Conner Quinn, Keane Spogter, Mihle Diko, Bophelo Manana

Absent: Asanda Dlamini

2023 was always going to be a tough act to follow in 2024 down to the sheer amount of success the team had and so it proved.

The squad started well, losing out in two finals - the Kloof High Plate Final and KZN Top 10. However, this was counteracted by a difficult Term 2 league where they amassed only 5 points. Term 3 was a reasonable success, with a big 3-0 away win against Kearsney being the highlight.

The team had a solid Grey Tournament, progressing into the semi-finals of the Bowl section.

Sinalo Nyawose, Callan Smith, Ndalo Wotshinisi, and Owa Msomi were all excellent all year, with Caleb Weideman, Asanda Dlamini, and Awande Makhonza all offering good support.

Awards:

Open Most Improved Player of the Year:

Owamandayi Msomi

Open Player of the Year:

Sinalo Nyawose

Results:

Played:	43
Won:	17
Lost:	19
Drawn:	7
Goals For:	76
Goals Against:	70

Regular Players:

Asanda Dlamini, Awande Makhonza, Bophelo Zondi, Caleb Weideman, Callan Smith (Captain), Cebo Bizana, Colby Louis, Connor Quinn, Keane Spogter, Mbuso Hlangu, Ndalo Wotshinisi, Owa Msomi, Owenkosi Makhubu, Sbonga Mdimba, Sinalo Nyawose, Sphehile Ndebele, Uyioso Usadolo, Sitshaba Siyoyo, Zingce Simka, Amile Ndovu, Mihle Diko, Daniel Zeeman, Kepano Kekane, Bonga Charma, Mawande Mdabe

S Bezuidenhout
1st XI Soccer Coach

2nd XI Soccer

The 2nd XI Soccer team concluded their six-game season with a respectable record of three wins, two draws, and one loss.

The team's success can be attributed to the outstanding performances of S'bongukuthula Mdimma and Zingce Simka, who consistently contributed to the team's victories.

The highlights of the season were undoubtedly the wins against Kearsney and Kloof, which demonstrated the team's ability to compete against strong opponents. As we look ahead

to the next season, we aim to build on these achievements and continue to develop the team's skills and teamwork.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Mr Bezuidenhout for his guidance and support throughout the season. His dedication and expertise have been invaluable to the team's development.

Results:

Played:	6
Won:	3
Lost:	2
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

Sbusiso Msibi, Jaden Govender, S'bongukuthula Mdimma, Ayman Abdulla, Joaquim Salvador, Okuhle Mbanjwa, Cebo Bizana, Lethabo Mathobela, Dawson Edwards, Yamkela Cibane, Muzikayise Mbuli, Sithsaba Siyoyo, Lubanzi Zulu, Zingce Simka

L Thavarayan

2nd XI Soccer Coach

3rd XI Soccer

The 3rd XI Soccer team completed their five-game season with a record of one win, two draws, and two losses. While the results were mixed, there were several stand-out performances that give us reason for optimism. Luyanda Gavinya and Qhayiya Makanya consistently impressed with their skills and determination.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the 1-0 victory over Maritzburg College, a result that

demonstrated the team's potential. As we look ahead to the next season, we are committed to building on these achievements and striving for even greater success.

Results:

Played:	5
Won:	1
Lost:	2
Drawn:	2

Regular Players:

Aziz Kramer, Thanda Mkhwanazi, Luyanda Gavinya, Alwande Ndlovu, Asandamahlubi Radebe, Sean Bokazi, Khwezi Malembe, Qhayiya Makanya, Jacques Scheepers, Ethan Bollay, Wandile Mthembu, Lwandile Gumede, Uviwe Zembe, Sabelo Mkhize, Mvelo Buthelezi, Theko Moshoeshoe, Asanda Mtambo

S Dubazana

3rd XI Soccer Coach

4th XI Soccer

The season started on an average note with the 4th XI Soccer side struggling to string together practices and it showed on game day. We could so easily have won the games in which we went down as well. We were dominating in most aspects of the games, but our finishing let us down and we could not score.

As the season progressed, the team showed massive development and

played with enthusiasm. The hard hours put in during the training sessions started paying off. This team has really progressed through the season and played good soccer.

I would like to thank the players for their commitment and attitude.

Results:

Played:	4
Won:	2
Lost:	2

Regular Players:

Sibusiso Msibi, Asandamahlubi Radebe, Alwande Ndlovu, Sisekelo Khaba, Isiphilesihle Memela, Phillip Maelo, Qhayiya Makanya, Yamkela Cibane, Jacques Scheepers, Uviwe Zembe, Ndumiso Myeni, Nsika Bango, Sean Mbokazi, Thanduxolo Gumede

S Sokhela

4th XI Soccer Coach



U16A Soccer

The DHS U16A Soccer team concluded an extraordinary season with an unbeaten record, a testament to their exceptional skill, teamwork and strategic prowess. The team dominated their opponents, securing six wins and zero losses throughout the term.

From the outset, the team set the tone with a decisive 3-0 victory over George Campbell. This momentum carried them through the season, as they continued to outplay their rivals. The team's defensive solidity, anchored by goalkeeper Connor Quinn, was a key factor in their success, with just three goals conceded in six games.

Despite facing stiff competition from Kloof and Northwood, the DHS U16A team consistently rose to the occasion, demonstrating their depth and adaptability. A crucial 3-0 win over

Maritzburg College cemented their position as one of the top U16 teams in the province.

The season culminated in a 0-0 draw against Michaelhouse, sealing their unbeaten record. This remarkable achievement was a source of immense pride for both players and staff.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents for their unwavering support throughout the season. The boys also deserve immense credit for their exceptional character, dedication, and hard work, which were evident in their training and performance on the field.

Awards:

U16 Most Improved Player of the Year:
Sbusiso Ngcobo

U16 Player of the Year:

Bonga Charma

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 6
Lost: 0

Regular Players:

Connor Quinn, Daniel Govender, Bonga Charma (Captain), Lisulenkosi Sikhahlane, Amkelo Mngoma, Ethaba Mhlongo, Deepa Ntsoane, Sandile Mthethwa, Colby Louis, Kopano Kekane, Amile Xulu, Chris Abrahams, Sbu Ngcobo, Daniel Zeeman, Mawande Mdabe

N Radmillo

U16A Soccer Coach

U16B Soccer

This season, despite numerous challenges, our U16B Soccer team demonstrated resilience and dedication. With limited players but impressive attendance, we quickly built a strong foundation. The boys approached each opponent with respect and played with passion throughout the season. Although we faced an initial setback, we rallied to secure three consecutive wins. I commend the team's unwavering spirit and hard work.

I extend my gratitude to the boys, management, staff, parents, and Mr Steve Bezuidenhout for their invaluable contributions and support, which were instrumental in our success.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 3
Lost: 2
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Daniel Govender, Isiphilesihle Memela (Captain), Onke Booie, Philip Maelo, Makhanya Yenziwe, Landa Tose, Uyanda Ndlovu, Lwazi Shibase, Rekgonne Gare, Joshua Morley, Sithole Unathi, Gumede Sandiso, Russel Mhangu, Julio Azevedo, Lumi Gwiji

S Maluleka

U16B Soccer Coach

U16C Soccer

The U16C Soccer team of 2024 was a remarkable group of young athletes, characterised by their passion, enthusiasm, and

unwavering commitment to the game. Their season was marked by impressive performances and a strong display of teamwork.

From the very first match against Northwood, the team demonstrated their determination and attacking prowess, securing a 2-1 victory. This



early success set the tone for the season, as the players continued to impress with their skill and dedication. While the team faced a setback against Kearsney, their dominance on the field was undeniable. The boys' love for football was evident in every match, and their enthusiasm for the sport was infectious.

Results:
Played: 3
Won: 1
Lost: 1
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:
Anver de Jager, Jeremy Engelbrecht,
James Gouws, Israel Roberts,

Muhammad Sahib, Seth Edwards, Raul Chetty, Esethu Shandu, Bongisibusiso Ngcoya, Sinan Kassongo, Ezekiel Haynes, Tristan Quail, Miguel Deckford, Julio Azevedo, Bryce Bailiss, Taahir Adams, Ndumiso Myeni

D Williams
U16C Soccer Coach

U16D Soccer

The 2024 season was a remarkable success for our U16D Soccer team. The boys' dedication, teamwork, and discipline were instrumental in our achievements. Their regular training attendance and positive attitude contributed significantly to our performance. A turning point came in the match against Northwood, where we demonstrated resilience and adaptability. Although we narrowly lost to Kearsney College, we learned valuable lessons from both games.

The stand-out match of the season was our thrilling victory over Maritzburg College. The boys' determination and

focus were evident in this hard-fought win.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the talented players who contributed to this season's success. Their dedication and passion were invaluable. I also thank Mr Bezuidenhout and his fellow coaches for their guidance and support.

This season's achievements were a result of the collective effort of every team member. I am proud of each player's growth and contribution. The lessons learned will undoubtedly benefit them in the future. Well done, boys.

Results:
Played: 3
Won: 1
Lost: 1
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:
Khaba Sisekelo, Philasande Buthelezi, Koven Naicker, Diego Louw, Leeam Nair, Bryce Bailiss, Lizalise Benya, Nali Thobela, Nqubeko Ngwenya, Asbonge Dladla, Kiav Bodisang, Sibulele Petse, Thandolwethu Zwane, Mikail Shaibes, Ihsaan Aysen, Mikav Mohanlal

K Mngoma
U16D Soccer Coach

U15A Soccer

The DHS U15A Soccer team had a remarkable season, overcoming challenges and consistently delivering impressive performances. Despite a shaky start, the team quickly found their rhythm and secured victories in their subsequent matches.

The season's highlight was undoubtedly the comeback win against Maritzburg College on home turf, a testament to the team's resilience and determination.

Special recognition goes to Jose Munsamy, Reuel Nsibande, Ewan Stayt, Lungelo Mabuya, Israel Nwankwo, and Nhlankanipho Shabalala for their

exceptional contributions throughout the season.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr Pillay for his tireless efforts in organising and planning the soccer programme. A special thanks also to Steve Bezuidenhout for his unwavering support, guidance, and dedication to the team. His commitment to the boys and coaches has been invaluable.

Awards:
U15 Most Improved Player of the Year: *Reuel Nsibande*
U15 Player of the Year: *Josè Munsamy*

Results:
Played: 11
Won: 9
Lost: 2
Goals For: 19
Goals Against: 12

Regular Players:
Ewan Stayt, Caden De Bruin, Reuel Nsibande, Andile Mkhize, Israel Nwankwo, Nhlakanipho Shabalala, Jose Munsamy, Lwandile Ndlovu, Lungelo Mabuya, Nhloso Luthuli, Minu Mavunza, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Elchaan Lubbe, Darrian Pillay, Cole Spogter, Mawethu Calane

T Ally
U15A Soccer Coach



U15B Soccer

The 2024 season for our U15D Soccer team was marked by early success, with three consecutive victories against Northwood, Clifton, and Kloof. However, a series of narrow losses to Kearsney, Maritzburg College, and Michaelhouse followed, despite dominating play in many aspects of these matches.

In spite of the disappointing results, the team displayed significant growth and played with enthusiasm throughout the season. The hard work invested in training sessions

paid off, and the team's performances demonstrated promising development.

I would like to commend the players for their commitment and positive attitude throughout the season. Their dedication and efforts were evident in their performances, and the team's future looks bright.

Results:

Played: 6
Won: 3
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Zanez Ontong, Fezile Chili, Salem Mavunza, Nathi Litile, Mawethu Calane, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Kwanda Ntombele, Lindokuhle Nyembe, Asiphe Nzuke, Darrian Pillay, Cole Spogter, Harshil Bachoo, Simon Nelson, Ethan Balakisten, Wakhiwe Nonqane

C de Bruin
U15B Soccer Coach

U15C Soccer

Despite facing challenges, our U15C team demonstrated remarkable spirit and growth throughout the season. While the results may not have reflected their hard work, the boys' resilience and determination were evident in every match.

Notwithstanding early setbacks, the team showed significant improvement and moments of brilliance throughout the season. Their narrow loss to

Kearsney highlighted their potential, even though injuries and player inconsistency hindered their campaign.

Looking ahead, the lessons learned this season will undoubtedly strengthen the team. With greater consistency and improved player availability, we believe they have a bright future. We are immensely proud of their effort and know they will come back even stronger next season.

Results:

Played: 5
Lost: 5

Regular Players:

Sello Reitumetse, Lwazi Mbhele Landon Dunn, Moosa Hamzah, Omphiwe Mqadi, Amile Hlope, Luthando Mkhize, Zachary Manicum, Caleb Smith, Sharav Reddy, Senzo Ntshangase

S Nduli
U15C Soccer Coach

U15D Soccer

The U15C Soccer team faced a challenging season, but the players demonstrated resilience and determination throughout. Despite losses against our rivals Northwood, Michaelhouse and Kearsney, the team learned valuable lessons and improved their skills.

A highlight of the season was their victory against Maritzburg College in the Raw Cup. The team's dedication to training and sportsmanship was

commendable. As they look ahead to the next season, the group is poised for success.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 1
Lost: 3

Regular Players:

Caleb Smith, Jordan De Connick, Lwanele Mkhize, Lwazi Ngubane, Lethokuhle Mbambo, Liam Delpont,

Keegan Greenway, Lwazi Mbhele, Ngcebo Madikizela, Zahi Chetty, Luniko Joni, Dilan Venn, Tandolwethu Nxumalo, Dumisani Mthembu, Jamie Fynn, Zachary Manicum, Nkazimulo Khanyile, Ibrahim Rahman, Mlengi Sithole, Ethan Pillay

S Cele
U15D Soccer Coach



U14A Soccer

The 2024 U14A soccer season was marked by exceptional growth, camaraderie, and competitive spirit. The team demonstrated remarkable dedication and skill.

Led by a strong leadership core of Lizwe Magagula, Alexandros Zahos, Abelwe Mbanjwa and Mikhail George, the U14A squad consistently showcased impressive teamwork and individual talent. Players like Joshua Bandle, Seth Dunn, and Zolile Hadebe were instrumental in the team's success throughout the season.

The team's journey was highlighted by thrilling victories, including a comeback win against Rossburgh and a hard-fought district championship title. While there were setbacks, such as narrow losses to Phambili, Clifton, and Kearsney, these

experiences served as valuable learning opportunities.

Two stand-out players, Lizwe Magagula and Luke Chetty, were recognised for their exceptional performances by being selected for the KZN team. Their contributions to the provincial team were a testament to the high level of talent within the U14A squad.

As the season concludes, the U14A team can reflect on a year of significant growth and achievement. The players' dedication, sportsmanship, and skill development are a credit to themselves and the coaching staff.

Awards:

U14 Most Improved Player of the Year:

Mikhail George

U14 Player of the Year:

Abelwe Mbanjwa

Results:

Played: 30

Won: 26

Lost: 3

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Lukhona Silwane, Bongakonke Dlomo, Ziphezinhle Zulu, Zayaan Bandle, Luke Chetty, Seth Dunn, Mikhail George, Zolile Hadebe, Lizwe Magagula, Abelwe Mbanjwa, Philani Mbhele, Khulekani Junior Mhlongo, Alexandros Zahos, Lubanzi Mbatha

A Mthimkhulu
U14A Soccer Coach

U14B Soccer

The DHS U14B Soccer team had an exhilarating season filled with both victories and valuable lessons. Despite an opening loss to Northwood, the team bounced back with impressive wins over Clifton and Kloof, showcasing their growing adaptation to the DHS style of play.

Challenges arose in matches against Kearsney and Maritzburg College, highlighting the mental aspect of the game alongside skill. The season concluded with a hard-fought draw against Michaelhouse.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents and supporters whose presence and encouragement boosted the team's morale. A special thanks to Mr Bezuidenhout for his exceptional leadership and guidance throughout the season.

Results:

Played: 6

Won: 2

Lost: 3

Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Thomas Denyssen, Ziphezinhle Zulu, Okuhle Ngubane, Buhlebandile Gwala, Mphilwenhle Gwala, Sitha Mpati, Sekani Kubayi, Kiaden Lawler, Lungelo Mthembu, Seth Francis, Bongakonke Dlomo, Nkosinathi Ntentile, Wayden White, Cebelonkosi Diko, Lukhona Silwane, Vuvu Mavunza

B Dlamini
U14B Soccer Coach



U14C Soccer

The DHS U14C Soccer team had a solid season, demonstrating resilience and competitive spirit. Despite a mixed bag of results, including two wins, two losses, and a draw, the team showcased promising skills and teamwork throughout the campaign.

The players' dedication and determination were evident on the field, and their efforts have laid a strong foundation for future success. With

continued hard work and development, the U14C team is poised to achieve even greater heights in the seasons to come.

Results:

Won: 2
Lost: 2
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:

Kwenzokuhle Zuma, Siphosethu Makhonza, Bonga Nene, Abiola Jobe, Liam Van Bever Donker, Matthias Moodley, Conner Lambert, Katlego Mashabela, Buhlebenkosi Mbatha, Linathi Nompandana, Yusuf Amod, Oratile Modipane, Khan Mohamed, Lwandile Mabaso

J Abrahams
U14C Soccer Coach

U14D Soccer

This Soccer season was a valuable learning experience for both the players and myself as a coach. Despite the challenges, the players demonstrated unwavering commitment and a genuine passion for the sport. While some needed to gain competitive experience, they gave their all, arriving on time for training and willingly assisting with equipment. Their dedication was evident in their progress and understanding of the basics. However, our limited training facilities and crowded playing fields hindered our development.

I thank the parents for their unwavering support and Mr Steve Bezuidenhout for his invaluable contributions. Thanks to the dedicated players who were consistently present throughout the season.

Our season, though short, showcased the team's growth and potential, culminating in a well-deserved victory against Michaelhouse. I am grateful for the opportunity to coach these young athletes and contribute to their development.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 2
Lost: 2

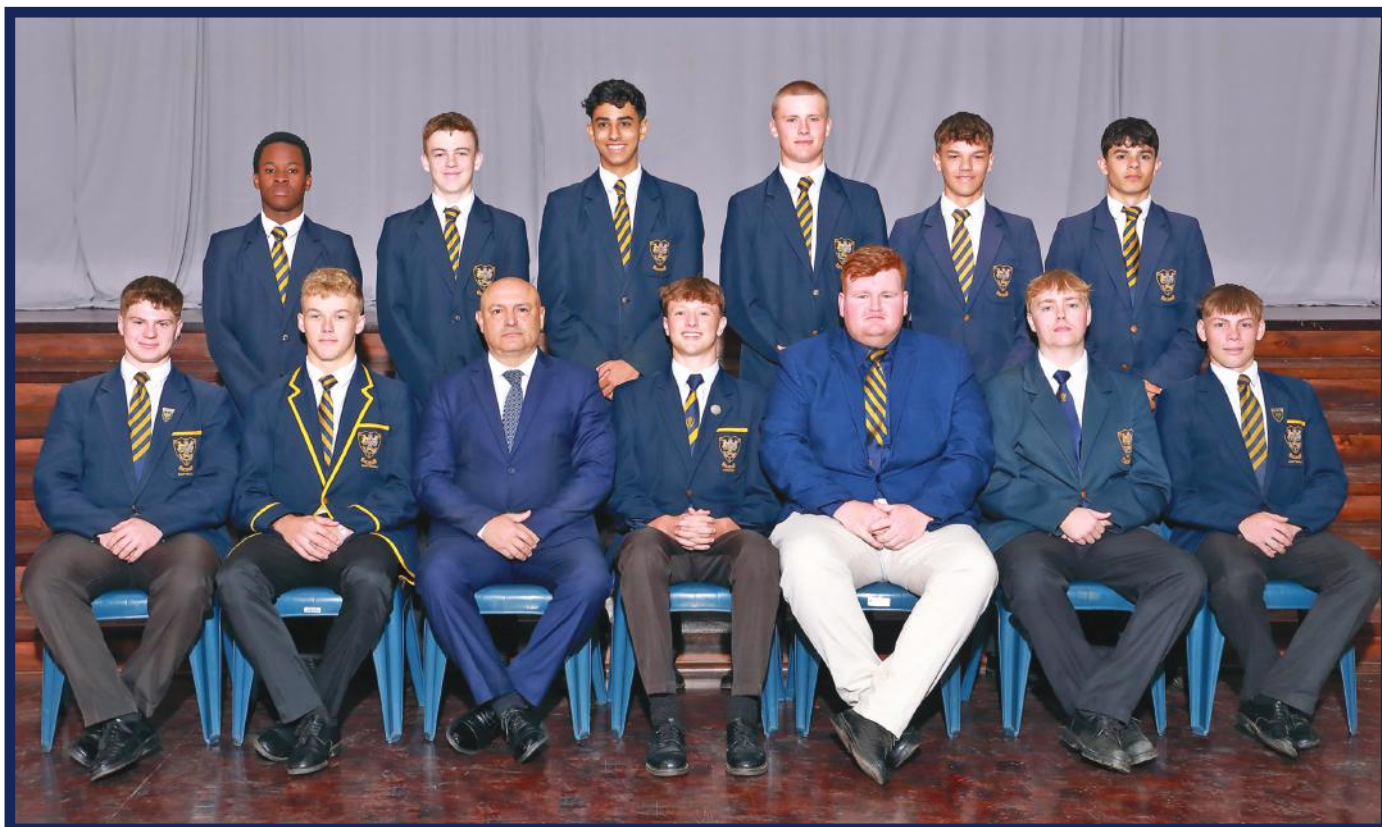
Regular Players:

Sabelwe Msomi, Sandiswa Mdabe, Zanda Dludla, Mohamed Khan, Noah Naidoo, Darshan Govender, Wandile Khuzwayo, Khono Ntombela, Sikiza Nyathikazi, Lethokuhle M'thethwa, Likhona Luthuli, Somelele Langa, Thandolwethu Phoswa, Bandile Manzi, Uzair Ahmed, Juran Premjee, Sicebile Mchunu

S Zuma
U14D Soccer Coach



Softball



Softball Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Liam Gregan, Ethan Cooper, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Jared Havemann (Captain), Mr C Murphy (M-i-C: Softball), Colby Kinloch, Joshua Brien

Back Row: Jordan Rochat, Tristin Quail, Noah Naude, Taine Havemann, Daniel Pech, Raul Chetty

Absent: Leon Bezuidenhout

The 2024 Softball season proved to be a remarkable journey for our team, showcasing our hard work, growth and determination.

We secured impressive victories against Westville B, Glenwood and Northwood. Our only setback came when we faced Westville A, but we bounced back strong, advancing to the semifinals where we triumphed over Northwood. This victory propelled us to the finals against Westville A once again. While we fought valiantly, we ultimately fell short in the finals.

With our hard work paying off, we celebrated a better overall record than

in 2023, reflecting our commitment to excellence.

The highlight of the season was the achievement of having eight players selected For KwaZulu-Natal, a testament to our talent and the effort put in by every member of the team.

This season not only strengthened our bonds, but also set the stage for even greater accomplishments in the future.

KZN Representatives:

KZN Schools U19 - Raul Chetty, Liam Gregan, Taine Havemann, Colby Kinloch, Tristin Quail

KZN Schools U17 - Ethan Cooper, Jordan Rochat

KZN Schools U15 - Jeremiah Joseph, Joshua Peterson, Meyer Prinsloo

Results:

Played: 6

Won: 4

Lost: 2

Regular Players:

Jared Havemann (Captain), Taine Havemann, Ethan Cooper, Liam Gregan, Tristin Quail, Jordan Rochat, Daniel Pech, Joshua Brein, Colby Kinloch, Noah Naude, Raul Chetty, Leon Bezuidenhout, Matteo Grizzo

C Murphy
M-i-C: Softball



Squash



1st Squash Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr D Naidoo (M-i-C: Squash), Mr AD Pinheiro, Mr Q Kippen (Coach)

Back Row: Tyrique Cloete, Lincoln Wilson, Muhammad Asmal, Tobias Sheehama

Absent: David Snyman, Zaakir Essack

The 2024 squash season was a learning curve for many of our boys. We started in Term 1 by hosting the inter-house squash tournament. Campbell House emerged as victors, but the tournament helped us to identify our strong players for selection in the inter-schools tournament.

Many of the better players were matriculants in 2023 and had moved on which meant that we were left with a young inexperienced group. For most of the boys this was their first league season which caused us to drop both teams by a section - C and D sections respectively - in the inter-schools league. Much experience was gained, especially for some of the boys who came from badminton and wanted to experience a different racquet sport.

Our 1st team comprised of Lincoln Wilson, Muhammad Asmal, Tobias Sheehama and Tyrique Cloete. Some of these players had not played squash before, however, they showed resilience and determination. They only played three of the allotted fixtures due to unforeseen circumstances, but they did win 1 of the 3. We are quite certain that going forward the experience gained in 2024 will put them in a better position for 2025.

The 2nd team consisted of Tej Bhayroo, Delen Booysen, Ayush Sewpaul and Rameez Asmal, with a few reserves getting a chance when players were not available to play matches. This is a developing squash side and will surely grow from strength to strength.

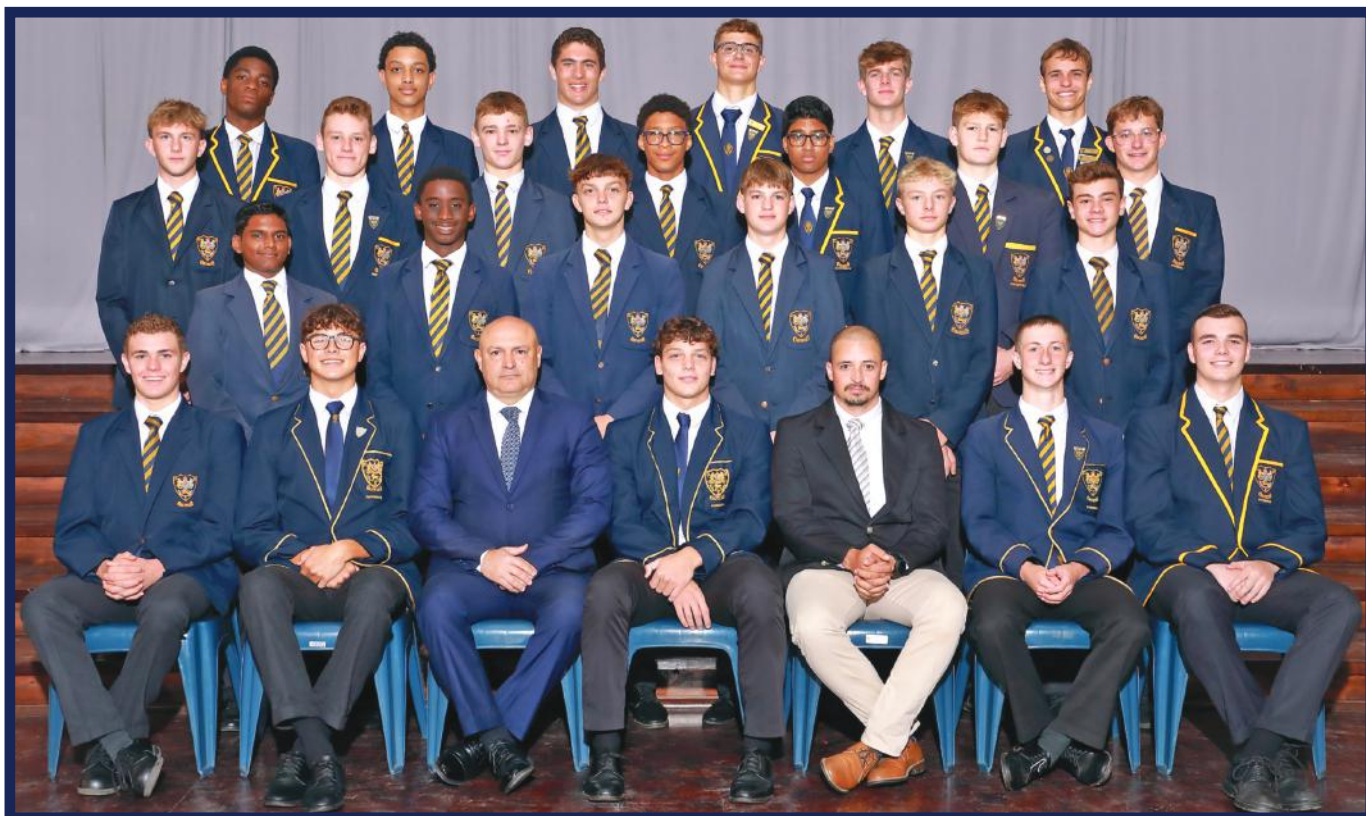
We have to express our gratitude to all that assisted to make this a great squash season, in particular Tracy Wilson for the sponsorship of the squash kit which the boys wore with pride. We look forward to seeing new boys coming through to participate in the wonderful game of squash. It is always good to see boys develop, especially with many of them only starting their squash journey at DHS.

Regular Players:

Rameez Asmal, Tej Bhayroo, Delen Booysen, Tyrique Cloete, Zaakir Essack, Renley Kayden, Timothy Naicker, Koven Naicker, Keshav Naidoo, Shalin Naidoo, Ayush Sewpaul, Tobias Sheehama, David Snyman, Lincoln Wilson
Coach: Q Kippen

D Naidoo
M-i-C: Squash

Swimming



Swimming Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Adam Theron, Marnu Koekemoer, Mr AD Pinhero (Head Master), Matthew Hunt (Captain), Mr Luke Isemonger (M-i-C: Swimming), Reuban Haylock, Tristan Janse van Rensburg

2nd Row: Thiren Naidoo, Siyanda Ntaka, Reece Hunt, Wian van Wyk, Slade Forrester, Ryan Viviers

3rd Row: Connor Franken, Jack Bowen, Caden Le Roux, Cole Martin, Saieshan Naidoo, Reece Truter, Christopher Denysen

Back Row: Bayanda Huffner, Micah Underwood, Zion Smith, Kirk Wilson, Ryan Spooner, Riccardo Girodo

2024 produced a promising year as the DHS boys showcased a successful term of swimming. With all our swimmers being pushed at early morning trainings and multiple galas, they managed to boast some impressive results:

Nestor Periedes Gala: 3rd
Alan Burt Gala: 2nd

DHS have managed to continuously improve over the years and these results are the reflection of the many hours behind the scenes from the boys and the ever-growing swimming programme here at DHS.

Not only have the boys performed against our other competition schools, but our annual Championship Gala produced some of the best internal swimming the school has seen in over a decade. Out of the 20 events that took place on the day, 13 records were broken. Ultimately, House Payn took the win for the Championship trophy. Well done to the following boys who were crowned as age group champions:

Adam Theron - 21 Points (2 records)
Ryan Viviers - 21 Points
Tristan Janse van Rensburg - 24 Points (4 records)
Reuban Haylock - 24 Points (1 record)
Matthew Hunt - 22 Points (2 records)

For what was probably one of the closest swimming results between the houses, it all came down to the last race between Blackmore House and Payn House. Vice-Captain Marnu Koekemoer and Captain Matthew Hunt went head-to-head in every race, but it was Hunt who clinched it in the last race to secure the win for his house. The final placings are as follow:

1st	Payn (118)
2nd	Blackmore (117)
3rd	Langley (79)
4th	Swales (76)
5th	Campbell (17)
6th	Grice (12)





SA National Junior/Senior Swimmers:

Left to Right: Ryan Viviers, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Bayanda Hufner, Marnu Koekemoer, Matthew Hunt, Slade Forrester, Adam Theron, Thomas Delpont (Absent), Reuban Haylock (Absent)

Durban and Districts Gala & Top 8 Gala::

The annual D&D Gala was held once again at the prestigious Kings Park pool during the week and the boys had adequate preparations leading up to the gala. All the School swimmers were at their peak fitness and it was a close fought evening of racing. DHS and Westville went head-to-head once again in all the races leading up to the final four races to determine the crowned winners.

At the end of the night DHS went down by 4 points, losing to Westville after a night of high drama. We are so proud of the boys and their efforts.

The Top 8 Gala was held at Kearsney College and the boys gave it their all once again. In a tight affair Westville pipped DHS in the last few races once again. The boys fought to the end and showed that we are near the top of swimming, not only in the province, but the country!

SA & KZN Representatives:

SA Reps - Ryan Viviers, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Bayanda Hufner, Marnu Koekemoer, Matthew Hunt, Slade Forrester, Adam Theron, Thomas Delpont, Reuban Haylock

KZN Reps - Adam Theron, Marnu Koekemoer, Ryan Viviers, Cole Martin, Siyanda Ntaka

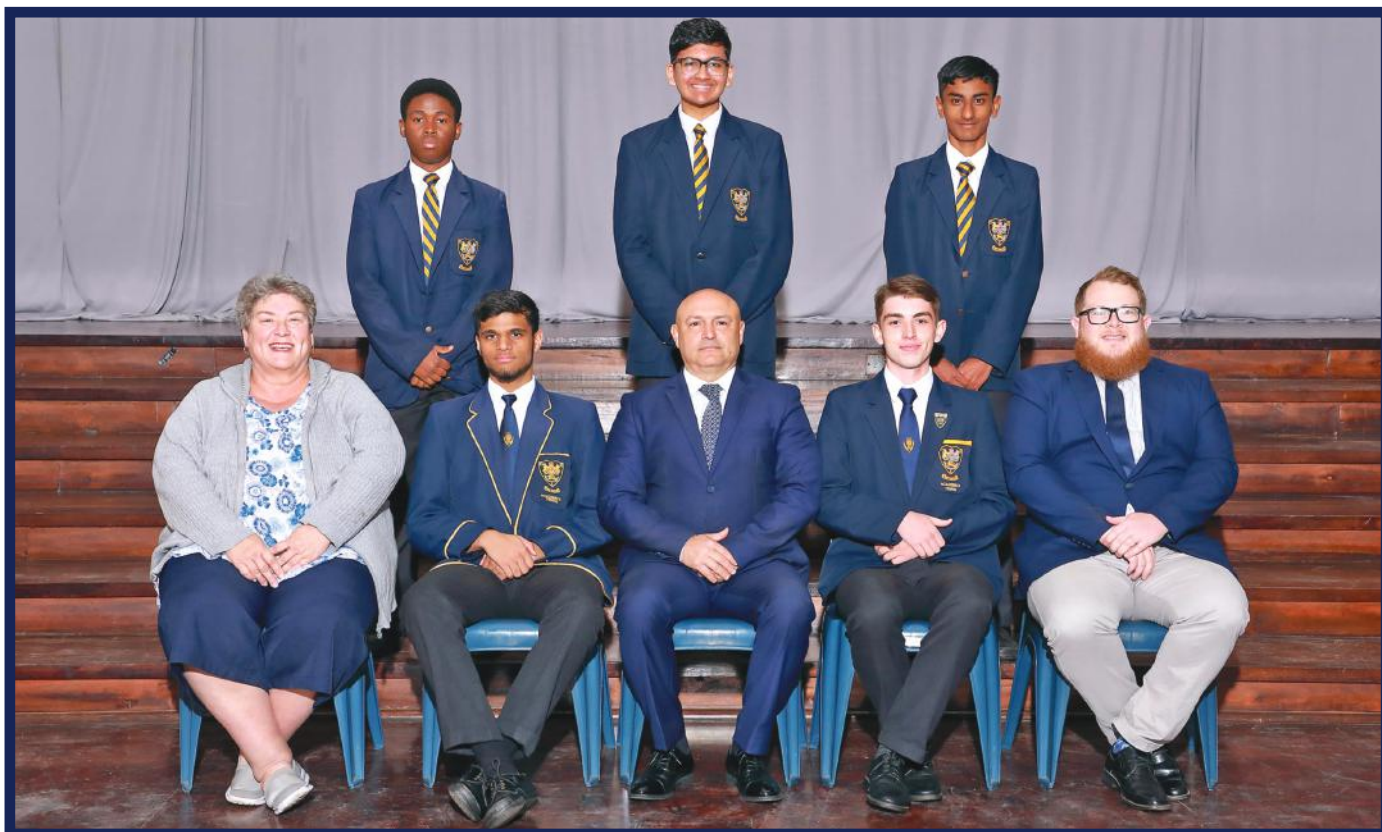
Regular Swimmers:

Slade Forrester, Ryan Viviers, Saieshan Naidoo, Willem van Wyk, Adam Theron, Micah Underwood, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Zion Smith, Christopher Denyssen, Reuban Haylock, Adrian Truter, Kirk Wilson, Jack Bowen, Riccardo Girodo, Marnu Koekemoer, Bayanda Hufner, Oliver Delpont, Matthew Hunt, Cole Martin, Caiden le Roux, Eben Peters, Connor Franken, Thireshan Naidoo

Mr L Isemonger
Swimming Coach



Tennis



Tennis Team 2024

Front Row (L to R): Ms M Bisschoff (M-i-C: Tennis), Mika Ballim, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Alexander Blyth (Captain), Mr C Foord (Coach)

Back Row: Unesu Tyobeka, Arav Narotam Bhoola, Akhil Madaree

Absent: Sohan Seetal

Tennis in 2024 was even more successful than last year with our boys showing a lot of determination in improving their skills on the court each week. In the 2024 year, we were able to field two teams in the eThekweni Schools League, where our 1st Team competed in Division 3 and our 2nd Team competed in Division 4. The majority of our games took place at Westridge Park Tennis Stadium.

Thank you to the parents of our players who regularly came to show their support on Friday afternoons.

We want to commend all our players on the hard work they put in this season. Though matches only take place during Term 2, the boys trained tirelessly

for three long terms, and we want to applaud them for their incredible dedication and the effort that they have put into improving as individuals, as well as a team. We look forward to tennis at DHS growing from strength to strength in the years to come.

Results:

1st Team:

Played:	4
Won:	3
Lost:	1

2nd Team:

Played:	6
Won:	4
Lost:	1
Drawn:	1

Regular Players:

1st Team - Sohan Seetal (Captain), Mika Ballim, Araav Bhoola, Akhil Madaree

2nd Team - Uneso Tyobeka, Alexander Blyth (Captain), Morgan Siljebrandt, Antonio Gounden

Regular Attendance: Rahul Govender, Muhammed Ebrahim, Thivyan Pillay, Romano Pillay, Abdullah Cassim, Connor Rixon

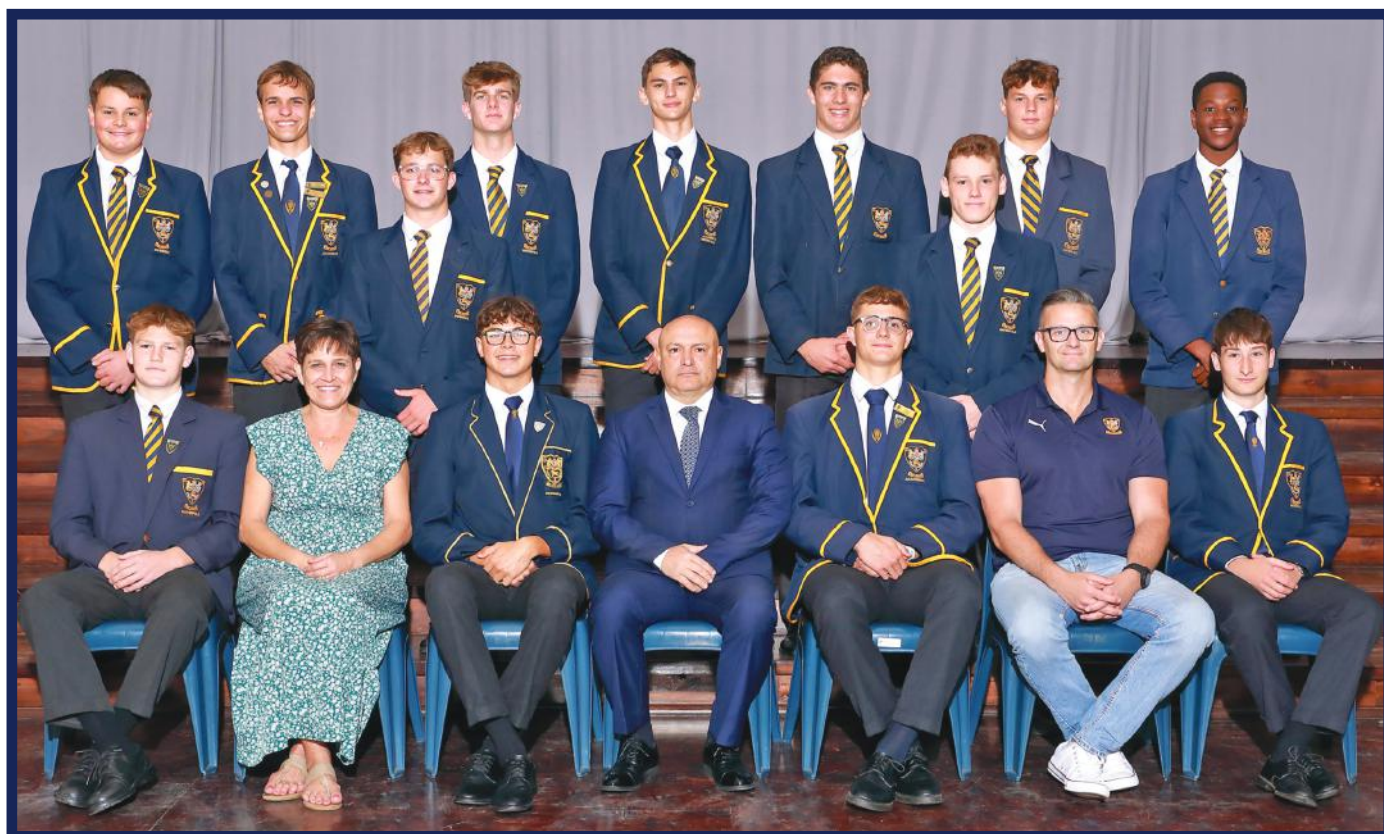
Coach: Karin Boshoff

I would also like to thank Mr Craig Foord for his valuable help and his contribution this year.

M Bisschoff
M-i-C: Tennis



1st Team Water Polo



1st Team Water Polo 2024

Front Row (L to R): Adrian Truter, Ms M Girodo (Manager), Marnu Koekemoer, Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Kirk Wilson, Mr D Stewart (Coach), Blake Davison

2nd Row: Christopher Denyssen, Jack Bowen

Back Row: Cameron Phipps, Riccardo Girodo, Ryan Spooner, Morgan Siljebrandt, Zion Smith, Ruan Basson, Russel Mhungu

Absent: Caiden Coelho

The Water Polo First Team's successful 2024 season laid a strong foundation for future achievements. Building on the lessons learned and the skills honed, the team is poised to reach even greater heights in the coming seasons. The commitment to continuous improvement and the supportive team environment will undoubtedly lead to more triumphant moments.

In summary, this season was a blend of remarkable successes and invaluable learning experiences. The team's hard work, dedication, and unity have been the cornerstones of their achievements,

and the future looks incredibly promising for these talented athletes.

Results of Tournaments:

Reef Cup (St Stithians) - 5 wins, 2 losses
 Winter League - 4 wins, 3 losses
 Clifton Tournament - 4 wins, 3 losses
 Top 10 - 4 wins, 3 losses
 Northwood Stayers - 4 wins, 4 losses
 St Stithians Tournament - 3 wins, 4 losses

Results of Fixtures:

Term 1: 8 games played (3 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses)
 Term 4: Hilton College 9-9 Draw
 Maritzburg College 17-3 Win
 Westville 9-10 Loss

Regular Players:

Caiden Coelho, Marnu Koekemoer, Adrian Truter, Kirk Wilson, Zion Smith, Jack Bowen, Cameron Phipps, Morgan Siljebrandt, Riccardo Girodo, Blake Davison, Ruan Basson, Ryan Spooner, Russel Mhungu, Chris Denyssen

Player Critique

1. Cameron Phipps

Cameron has come a long way since I began working with him. A true goalie through and through, slightly crazy but massively committed to the team and its members, he managed to keep our team in shouting distance of some big wins with some great saves. His passing

ability is also phenomenal in that I think he made 2 bad passes all season. Cam is still No 1 in my books!

2. *Marnu Koekemoer*

A very talented individual, obvious though, as he is from the South Coast. A reliable player and captain that does not make many mistakes and leads by example. I do hope he continues playing water polo as he would be an asset to any side.

3. *Kirk Wilson*

Vice Captain and Captain for 2024, Kirk is an extremely dedicated and committed individual, always giving his best to the team and wanting the best from them as well. 2025 will be DHS' year.

4. *Adrian Truter*

Mr Whirlwind...passion for the sport in buckets. When guided correctly Adrian can be a lethal weapon against other teams. We look forward to his 2025 year and what he can offer to the team.

5. *Jack Bowen*

Jack receives my shared award for Most Improved player for the year. He has put in a tremendous amount of effort to be an integral cog in the 1st team water polo wheel with a death blow shot from the right.

6. *Morgan Siljebrandt*

Morgan is the 2nd Most Improved player for the year. He rarely misses trainings, which shows his commitment to water polo and the team. His shot and passes are one of the most accurate in the team and he has been a very dependable player when asked to do things he may not be used to - something he very comfortably steps into and executes to best of his abilities.

7. *Ryan Spooner*

A very underrated player, he has a deep understanding of the game and has also managed to improve his shot tenfold. By next year he will also be a lethal shooter

on the left and deliver the results we all know he is capable of.

8. *Caiden Coelho*

Caiden has improved with leaps and bounds in the short time I have coached him. He has a great swimming ability on counter attack that puts some of the big players and teams under major pressure. His love of the sport and his team is evident with the amount of time he spends round the pool, be it training, refereeing, helping with the table. A big asset to DHS.

9. *Ruan Basson*

It's very rare when you find a left-handed hole man, but DHS has one. On top of that he is extremely strong in the centre position and, upon receiving good ball in the hole, something positive always occurs. We will be working hard on positioning next year which will make him a force to be reckoned with.

10. *Zion Smith*

Once again another extremely strong hole man for his age, he manages to put even the best centre backs under pressure. He has scored some great goals this year and, still being a junior, the next 2 years, with some improved swimming and leg training, will also put him in a category where he could be one of the best centre forwards in KZN.

11. *Blake Davison*

Also a very talented individual who added massive value to the team when in the pool. His calm nature helped him deliver passes and shots when required under pressure. He will be a loss to the team in 2025.

12. *Chris Denyssen*

Being the junior in the team, Chris has grown with confidence in these last 6 months and has become a team player that can be depended on to execute roles which have been given to him. He will be a great asset to the team in 2025.

13. *Russel Mhungu*

I wasn't convinced with Russel's treading technique, but he definitely let me know it doesn't affect his saving ability. Russel has catlike reflexes which allows him to be a great 5m penalty goalie. Russel also has a pinpoint passing ability which, at his age, shows massive confidence in his ability.

14. *Riccardo Girodo*

Riccardo has also improved this season with leaps and bounds. His ability to use his legs and get out of the water for his shots can deliver an accurate blow. With a little bit more confidence in front of the goals he will be a go-to player to finish off our attacks. His underlying ability to step up when the chips are down and go into spaces he is not used to shows that he has what it takes.

SA Representative:

SA Schools - Kirk Wilson

KZN Representatives:

U19A - Kirk Wilson

U19A Non-travelling Reserves - Ruan

Basson, Adrian Truter

U19B - Ruan Basson, Adrian Truter

U19B Non-travelling Reserves - Ryan

Spooner, Jack Bowen

U16 Non-travelling Reserves - Zion

Smith, Russel Mhungu

Awards:

Most Valuable Player:

Marnu Koekemoer

Best Hole-Guard:

Kirk Wilson

Sportsmanship Trophy:

Cameron Phipps

Manager: M Girodo

D Stewart

1st Team Water Polo Coach



2nd Team Water Polo

The 2nd Water Polo team proved to be very strong and initially showed they were committed to the sport, showing up to every training session and match day. Each week was a learning curve for them as they grew exponentially in their water polo career. The boys really wanted to be in the water as much as possible and play polo as much as they could.

With the Northwood 2nd team tournament approaching, the boys put in a lot of hard work, aiming to really get a good result from the tournament. Unfortunately, they could not get Gold, but the first thing they said to me was "Next year we go again!". This love for

the sport makes it easier to come to coach them and be with them every afternoon/evening.

In terms of the second season, however, numbers dropped off and players' commitment to the sport soon began to fade, but there were still a few in the bunch that were ready to jump in and learn. The best way to grow in this sport is a real commitment to it - and the results will show.

Results:

Played: 10

Won: 4

Lost: 4

Drawn: 2

Regular Players:

Russel Mhungu, Chase Willemse (Vice Captain), Matthew Hunt (Vice Captain), Caiden Coelho (Captain), Ethan Anderson, Thiren Naidoo, Dawson Edwards, Francios Erasmus, Bradley La Grange, Llewellyn Farrell, Matthew Mottram, Clayton Robbertse, Trent Vriese, Ryder Hazell

S Simamane

2nd Team Water Polo Coach

U15A Water Polo

The DHS U15A age group showed massive improvements this year. Starting the year still wet behind the ears and still with much to be learnt, the U15A boys travelled up to St Charles, excited to start their water polo year. After convincingly beating St Charles, the team was ready for what was to come in future weeks. Unfortunately, a flu outbreak at Kearsney College dampened the boys' chances of testing themselves against one of the best in the province. Fixtures against Northwood and Westville followed and were good for the DHS boys to test themselves against strong opposition before heading to Parktown to attend the Indigo U15 Water Polo tournament. The team finished in a respectable position to end off a term of learning. They gain valuable experience which would stand them in good stead for the 4th term.

The team trained hard throughout the third term, preparing for a busy

4th term of water polo. The focus was on developing the skills and game understanding of each player.

The 4th term started with the team playing in the KZN schools Top 10 Water Polo tournament. DHS was placed in a tough pool but showed some great perseverance in their pool matches, unfortunately losing against top teams such as Hilton and Clifton and narrowly losing to Northwood. The team rallied together to beat the Invitational Team convincingly and got the necessary confidence in that game to tackle the back end of the tournament.

The game of the tournament for the DHS U15A team was a hard-fought victory against Michaelhouse. DHS were solid in defence, restricting the Michaelhouse team from scoring a goal during the game. Definitely the game of the season! DHS then played against their old school rivals, Glenwood. DHS played another great game and beat

them in a tough match. DHS finished in 7th place in the tournament. The team was upset by the ranking but had the following week against Maritzburg College to prove to KZN that they should have been higher in the rankings.

The game against Maritzburg College was another chance to show all the doubters that this team had improved and were ready to compete with the more experienced teams. A convincing victory was achieved and the boys were proud of their performance.

Although they lost 8-6 to Westville (Top 4 finish at KZN Top 10), the close match again showcased that the U15A team were on the up and are ready to compete with any team in KZN in the senior age groups.

Thank you to the parents for their support of their boys throughout the year. It's been a pleasure coaching this age group and I wish them all the



very best as they continue to learn and develop into fine young Water Polo players.

Regular Players:
Ryan Viviers, Channing Bedford, Jaydon De Connick, Reece Hunt, JP Maritz, Zain

McCracken, Cael Cross, Willem van Wyk, Adam Bowen, Campbell Weldon

G May
U15A Water Polo Coach

U15B Water Polo

The 4th term saw the U15B boys putting up a strong performance up until the 3rd chukka and losing steam towards the end, losing out to Hilton 15-9. Michaelhouse, with a full reserve bench proved to be tough fixture for the boys, with them unfortunately losing 18-3.

Despite the setback, they bounced back well against Westville, drawing the game 7-7. The final match against Maritzburg College started well with

the boys leading in the first chukka. Unfortunately, the momentum could not be maintained and in the last chukka they narrowly went down 7-9.

Despite the seemingly dismal results, the boys really put in a huge amount of effort and improved throughout the season. I look forward to see their progression in their remaining time at DHS.

Results:

Played: 4
Won: 0
Lost: 3
Drawn: 1

Regular Players:
Daniel Andreas, Cale Cross, Adam Bowan, Josh Heath, Kaiden Pillay, Seth Dass, Campbell Weldon, Saishen Naidoo, Jayden Walters, Jordan Fernandes

P Botha
U15B Water Polo Coach

U14 Water Polo

The U14s were a small group at the beginning of the season, as some boys were involved in other sports. We had one team in the pool, the U14As, as there were not enough players to make a B side.

A lot of hard work was required from these boys from the very first practice, but credit must go to them as they arrived at every training session with the attitude to learn and improve on their skills. The boys soon learnt that to perform in the pool, one must work hard as well as be disciplined and fit. I do believe that this team has a work ethic that will result in some very good performances in later years as they worked extremely hard during the two terms, including early morning fitness sessions and afternoon skill sessions.

The season had some very good highs, with two wins over Maritzburg College, one at the Top Ten tournament and one at home. College 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 intercepted quite a few balls. The players also blocked a lot of balls shot at the goal, before they even reached it.

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 on the side of the pool during the early morning games. It is greatly appreciated and definitely makes an impact on your son.

Thanks to Mr S Spooner for the hard work and advice that came from experience. One could see the improvement in the boys' play.

KZN Representatives:
U14A - Michael Spooner
U14B - Seth Wessels, Omhle Dwane

Awards:
Most Promising Player in his First Year at DHS: *Michael Spooner*

Results:
Played: 11
Won: 2
Lost: 9

Regular Players U14A:
Travis Bentley, Thomas Denyssen, Omhle Dwane, Thabiso Makhatini, Owen Scott, Samuel Smocilac, Michael Spooner, Seth Wessels, David-John White, Sebastian Whiffler
Regularly at Practice:
Kobus Bronkhorst, Mpilwenhle Gwala, Oliver Rayson, Skye Richards

Coach: S Spooner
M Bisschoff
Manager : U14 Water Polo



South African Representatives



Ntokozo Maphumulo - SA U18 Surfing



Aaron Drimmie - SA Fencing



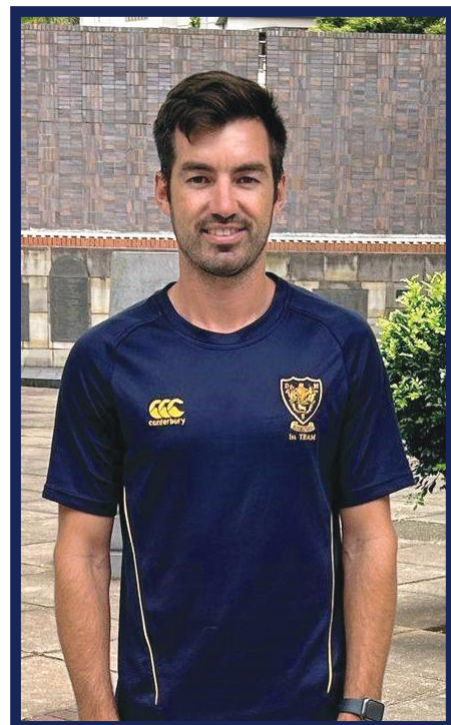
Bayanda Majola - SA U19 Cricket Emerging Team



Xanda Theologo - SA Debating



Aaron Maharaj - SA Nationals Karate



Mr Keegan Hezlett - SA Men Indoor Hockey

South African and National Representatives



South African & National Representatives 2024

Front Row (L to R): Mr N Pillay (Head of Sport), Ntokozo Maphumulo (SA Surfing), Mr AD Pinheiro (Head Master), Lumi Matwele (SA Hockey), Ms S Nagiah

(Head of Cultural Activities), Akahlulwa Boqwana (SA Schools Rugby),

Mr K Hezlett (SA Mens Indoor Hockey)

Tyrique Cloete (SA U17 HPC Hockey), Bhavesh Naicker (SA U17 HPC Hockey), Aaron Maharaj (SA Karate), Xanda Theologo (SA Debating),

Mr K Hezlett (SA Mens Indoor Hockey)

Ryan Viviers (SA Athletics), Christopher Abrahams (SA U16 Hockey)

Lethabo Bogacwi (SA U18 Hockey), Sithsaba Siyoyo (SA U17 HPC Hockey)

Lincoln Wilson (SA Schools Badminton), Zingce Simka (SA A Schools Rugby), Aaron Drimmie (SA Fencing), Bayanda Majola (SA Schools

Cricket), Mpilenhle Sithole (SA U16 Basketball), Lungelo Dlamini (SA U16 Basketball)

Mahle Sithole (SA Schools Rugby)

2nd Row:

3rd Row:

Back Row:

Absent:

South African Representatives

Congratulations to the following young men of Durban High School, and Staff, who were awarded South African colours in their various activities:

Athletics:

South Africa Christian Schools - Ryan Viviers

Badminton:

South African Schools - Lincoln Wilson

Basketball:

SA U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Mpilenhle Sithole

Cricket:

South Africa U19 Emerging Team - Bayanda Majola

Debating:

South Africa - Xanda Theologo

Fencing:

South Africa - Aaron Drimmie

Hockey:

South Africa U21 Camp - Lumi Matwele

South Africa U18A - Lethabo Bogacwi, Lumi Matwele

South Africa U17 High Performance - Tyrique Cloete, Bhavesh Naicker, Sithsaba Siyoyo

South Africa U16A - Christopher Abrahams

Karate:

South African Nationals - Aaron Maharaj

Rugby:

SA Schools - Akahlulwa Bogwana, Mahle Sithole

South Africa Schools A - Zingce Simka

Surfing:

South Africa U18 - Ntokozo Maphumulo

Water Polo:

SA Schools U18 - Kirk Wilson

Staff - Hockey:

South Africa Men's Indoor - Mr Keegan Hezlett

Other National Representatives

Congratulations to the following young men of Durban High School who were awarded Nambian colours in Badminton:

Badminton:

Namibia U17 - Immanuel Ndudzo

Namibia U19 - Tobias Sheehama



Ryan Viviers - SA Athletics



Kirk Wilson - SA Water Polo



Lincoln Wilson - SA Badminton



All the KZN Sport & Cultural Activities Representatives in 2024

KZN Representatives

The young men and staff members of Durban High School listed below were awarded KZN colours in their various activities during the course of 2024.

Athletics

KZN Christian Schools - Ryan Viviers
KZN Elite Athlete Development Programme - Ryan Viviers

Badminton

KZN U19A - Lincoln Wilson
KZN U19B - Erin Benton

KZN U17A - Lincoln Wilson
KZN U17C - Shaun Southwood

Basketball

KZN Schools U18B - Ethan Bollay, Anthony Del Fava, Lunathi Nyingwa, Agcina Quvane
KZN Schools U17A - Bonga Charma, Anthony Del Fava, Samkelo Ntshangase, Lunathi Nyingwa
KZN Schools U16 - Lungelo Dlamini, Oligugu Khuzwayo, Noah Paulsen, Luyolo Sithole, Mpilehle Sithole

Cricket

CSA U17 Regional Camp - Bayanda Majola, Ismaeel Omar, Semal Pillay, Joshua van Biljon
Dolphins Academy - Bayanda Majola, Ismaeel Omar, Joshua van Biljon
KZN Cubs Week - Bayanda Majola, Semal Pillay

Cross Country

KZN - Ryan Viviers

Debating

KZN Schools Debating Association Participants - Zaakir Essack, Jordyn Fernandez, Xanda Theologo

Fishing

KZN U19 Deep Sea Angling Team - Kaden McKenzie

Hockey

KZN U18A - Lethabo Bogacwi, Tyrique Cloete, Lethabo Mathobela, Lumi Matwele, Joshua Mungherera, Bhavesh Naicker, Ruben Peters, Sithsaba Siyoyo
KZN U18B - Semal Pillay, Sebake Mahlatse, Lubanzi Zulu
KZN U18C - Sihle Sogoni
KZN U16A - Christopher Abrahams, Jaiden Bramwell, Lungani Ngcobo, Oyintanda Ngejane, Joshua van Biljon
KZN U16B - Lumi Gwiji, Elchaan Lubbe, Ovayo Ntlokwana, Eben Peters, Matt Potgieter, Landa Tose, Jessie van Wyk
KZN U16C - Keegan Brauns, Taine Havemann
KZN U14A - Hlompho Morake
KZN U14B - Oxolo Ntlali, Unako Swana
KZN U14C - Amarique Abrahams, Hayden Deyssel

Indoor Hockey

KZN Mynahs - Bhavesh Naicker

Judo

KZN U14 - David-John White

Karate

KZN - Liam Stokes
KZN Regional Championships - Daniel Uhomobhi

Lifesaving

KZN Nippers Team - Thomas Denyssen
KZN Junior Team - Christopher Denyssen

Multi Sport

KZN Biathlon - Adam Theron, Ryan Viviers
KZN Triathlon - Ryan Viviers
KZN Duathlon - Ryan Viviers

Music

KZN Jazz Band - Siyabonga Chonco, Mholi Malinga, Esinako Mfatuza, Tisetso Mokubung, Liyabona Nkosi, Andrew Paul
KZN Youth Wind Band - Colby Bezuidenhout, Mihle Ndlovu
KZN Youth Orchestra - Luvuyo Mkhize, Samuel Smocilac

Rowing

Junior Mens Coxed Quadruple Sculls National Champs - Henro Bezuidenhout, Hakim Mthembu, Josh Meij, Esethu Tshicila

Rugby

Sharks U18 Craven Week - Duncan Basson, Akahlulwa Boqwana, Bongani Dlamini, Sibusiso Mahlangu, Zenkosi Mthiyane, Marcwin Nero, Zingce Simka, Mahle Sithole, Khanyisa Stamper
Sharks U17 Academy Week - Bradley La Grange, Inathinkosi Mkhencele, Jordan van Wyk, Joseph Udo-Idung, Okuhle Mbanjwa
Sharks U17 Rhino Week - José Lottering
Sharks U16 Grant Khomo - Nathan Aneke, Cilermo Carolus, Duhan du Plessis, Milisuthando George, Likho Konza, Amogeleng Mataboge, Iwan Slabbert, Zion Smith
Sharks U16B - Ambesiwe Sipango
Sharks U15 Rhino Week - Jaylin Cleophas, Phokuhle Hlatshwayo, Eduard



Jacobs, Jean-Pierre Maritz, Nyakallo Masiloane, Sterlin Padi
Sharks U15B - Mzingisi Douw, Aobakwe Moeng, Zanez Ontong
KZN Duikers U15 - Laiton McConnell, Luke van Wyk

Rugby Sevens

Sharks Schools U17 - Zion Smith

Sailing

J22 Youth National Championships - Shalin Naidoo
KZN Regional ILCA - Benjamin Blom, Shalin Naidoo
L26 KZN Regional - Benjamin Blom, Sohan Seetal

Soccer

KZN U19 - Sinalo Nyawose, Callan Smith, Ndalo Wotshinisi
KZN U16 - Bonga Charma, Colby Louis, Sbusiso Ngcobo, Lisulenkosi Sikhahlane
KZN U15 - Luke Chetty, Nhloso Luthuli, Lizwe Magagula, Mawande Mdabe, Josè Munsamy
KZN U14 - Josh Bandle, Andile Mkhize, Alex Zahos

Softball

KZN Schools U19 - Raul Chetty, Liam Gregan, Taine Havemann, Colby Kinloch, Tristin Quail
KZN Schools U17 - Ethan Cooper, Jordan Rochat

KZN Schools U15 - Jeremiah Joseph, Joshua Peterson, Meyer Prinsloo

Surfing

KZN U18 Team - Ntokozo Maphumulo
UGU U16 Team - Clayton Robertse

Swimming

South African National Short Course - Reuban Haylock, Matthew Hunt, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Cole Martin, Adam Theron, Ryan Viviers
South African National Senior - Reuban Haylock
South African National Junior - Slade Forrester, Bayanda Hufner, Matthew Hunt, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Marnu Koekemoer, Cole Martin, Adam Theron, Ryan Viviers
KZN High Performance Squad - Slade Forrester, Matthew Hunt, Tristan Janse van Rensburg, Marnu Koekemoer, Adam Theron
KZN Schools - Marnu Koekemoer, Cole Martin, Siyanda Ntaka, Adam Theron, Ryan Viviers

Touch Rugby

KZN U15A - Ewan Stayt

Water Polo

KZN U19B - Blake Davison, Marnu Koekemoer
KZN U18 Currie Cup - Kirk Wilson
KZN U16A - Adrian Truter, Kirk Wilson

Staff

Mr R Allerston - Sharks Schools Rugby Grant Khomo (Selector)

Mr J Amisi - KZN U18A Basketball (Selector), KZN U15 Basketball (Selector), KZN U18A Basketball (Assistant Coach), UKZN Mens USSA Coach

Ms B Bisschoff - KZN Darts

Mr S Dubazane - Sharks Schools Rugby U15A (Manager), Sharks Schools Executive Member
Mr A Esterhuizen - Sharks Schools Rugby U16B (Assistant Coach)

Mr D Freese - KZN Mynahs Indoor Hockey Team, KZN U21 Hockey Team, KZN Raiders Outdoor Hockey Team

Mr F Genade - Sharks Schools Rugby Academy Week (Manager)

Mr K Hezlett - KZN Raiders Indoor Hockey Team, KZN Raiders Outdoor Hockey Team, South African Mens Indoor Hockey Team, KZN U18 Hockey (Assistant Coach), KZN U16A Hockey (Head Coach)

Mr L Isemonger - KZN Senior National Swimming - Coach

Mr S Kim-Kayembe - KZN U15 Basketball (Selector), KZN U16 Basketball (Selector)

Mr L Matthysen - Sharks Schools Rugby U17 Rhino Week (Assistant Coach)

Mr N Pillay - KZN Primary Schools Cricket (Executive), Sharks Schools Rugby (Secretary)

Mr M Pina - Sharks Schools Rugby U15B (Assistant Coach)

Mr AD Pinheiro - Sharks Schools Rugby Craven Week (Selector)



District Representatives

The following young men and represented Districts in their various activities.:

Basketball

Umlazi U18A - Lethabo Mathobela
Umlazi U16A - Regkonne Gare, Sihawu Zungu

Cross Country

Umlazi U17 - Owethu Hlongwane
Umlazi U15 - Harshil Bachoo
Umlazi U14 - Kaden Pillay

Debating

Durban and Coastal Debating League
Winners - Hasnain Ebrahim, Jordyn Fernandez, Christopher Gounder, Yash Rambally, Xanda Theologo

Hockey

Umlazi U18A - Ntando Mshengu, Lubanzi Zulu
Umlazi U16A - Jaiden Bramwell, Lumi Gwiji, Oyintanda Ngejane, Matt Potgieter, Landa Tose
Umlazi U16B - Ethan Balakisten, Keegan Brauns, Taine Havemann
Umlazi U14A - Hlompho Morake, Oxolo Ntlali
Umlazi U14B - Amarique Abrahams, Luke Adam, Hayden Deyssel, Unako Swana

Sailing

J22 Youth Inter-Club/School
Championship - Sohan Seetal, Benjamin Blom, Shalin Naidoo, Seth Dass

Soccer

Greater Durban Football Association
U17 - Luyanda Gavinya
Umlazi U16 - Kopano Kekane
Umlazi U15 - Lungelo Mabaya, Lwandle Ndlovu, Reuel Nsibande, Nhlakanipho Shabalala
Umlazi U14 - Cayden de Bruin, Seth Dunn, Mikhail George, Zolile Hadebe, Abelwe Mbanjwa, Israel Nwankwo

Staff

Mr J Amisi - Ethekwinini Basketball (Assistant Coach)

Mr S Mkhaliphi - Varsity College USSA 7'S Rugby (Coach)

Mr N Pillay - Durban Central Primary Schools Cricket (Chairman)

Other Achievements

Aquilibrium Schools Water Competition

Regional Winners - Sameshan Kisten, Sohan Seetal, Lincoln Wilson

Bridge Building

Regional Winners - Alexander Blyth, Sameshan Kisten, Shashwat Puri





The Boys and Staff of Blackmore House 2024

Blackmore House

Head Prefect: Unaye Mndau
Deputy Heads: Duncan Basson
Mahle Sithole
Khanyisa Stamper

2024 was a year of exciting development and new challenges in Blackmore House. The House attained an enrolment of over 200 boys for the first time in its history. This obviously brought new trials, as with any expansion. With the increase in enrolment, there has been an increase in staffing too.

Despite its size, the House has enjoyed a calm year and many successes - academically, on the sports field and culturally. 2024 saw several of our boys feature in main roles within the School production, Little Shop of Horrors, as well as excel in the School band. I am pleased to report on the overall

academic standard within the House, as well as yet another excellent year of achievement on the sports field, with 56 KZN/Sharks representatives and 11 SA representatives residing within the boarding establishment.

More importantly, I wish to commend the young men of Blackmore House for their indelible spirit and passion for Durban High School. They have once again proven to be the backbone and heartbeat of many a team. This enthusiasm has been portrayed by many of the boys, not just playing A or B team sports, but some of the lower teams also engaging in a competitive spirit by going out and having fun.

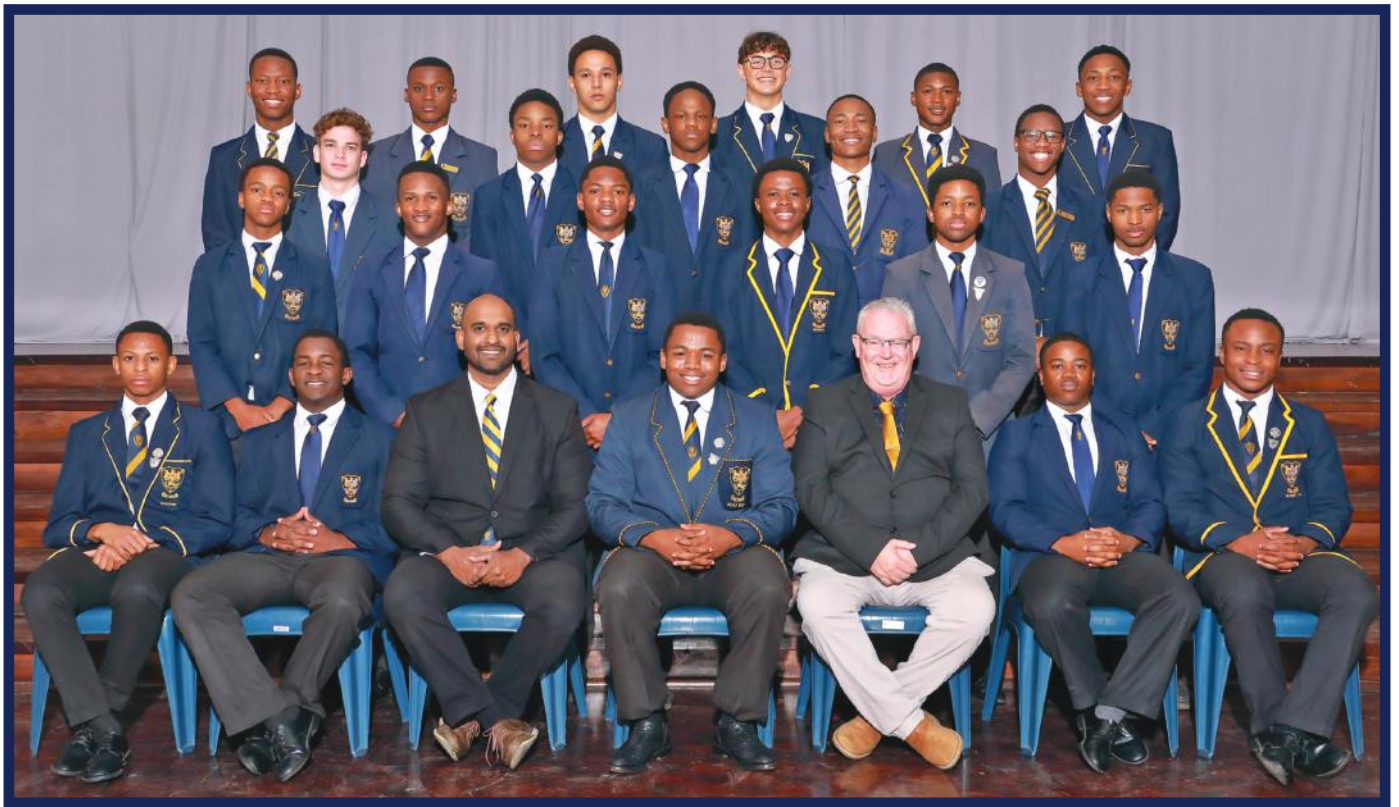
It is a demanding process to ensure that the Boarders are kept safe, happy, healthy, fed, with a secure environment within which to study. There are many

people involved in this process, from the Boarder Masters and House Mother through to our administrative assistant, safety and security officer, maintenance team and a litany of service providers, that have all done an excellent job. I wish to thank them all for their efforts. Appreciation must also be extended to the School Governing Body, the Head Master, Mr Pinheiro, and his Senior Management Team, for their support throughout 2024.

There will be further expansion during 2025, which will no doubt bring several new complications and successes. We look forward to the year ahead and all that it brings.

S Cromie
Superintendent: Blackmore House





Blackmore Matrics 2024

Front Row (L to R): Lethabo Bogacwi, Ayanda Mathenjwa, Mr E Govender (Senior House Master), Unaye Mndau, Mr S Cromie (Superintendent), Sfundo Mthembu, Thando Luthuli

2nd Row: Lubanzi Zulu, Ntando Mavuso, Sean Mbokazi, Nathi Jona, Lunga Khubisa, Mihle Diko

3rd Row: Liam Hichens, Ndabenhle Mhlungu, Thato Shabangu, Hlumelo Madikane, Andile Maphumulo

Back Row: Akahlulwa Boqwana, Mphululi Dimaza, Dale Hendrikse, Marnu Koekemoer, Lumi Matwele, Sibisiso Mhlangu

Absent: Mahle Sithole, Khanyisa Stamper, Duncan Basson, Jean-Roux Jonker, Bongani Dlamini, Allston Cedras, Adriano Jackson, Lethabo Mathobela, Samkelo Mngadi, Matlhatse Sebake



In Memoriam

Asange Ngam



It was with the heaviest of hearts that we learnt of the tragic news of the passing of one of our Grade 8 boys, Asange Ngam, in November 2024.

Asange was a model student, excelling in both Sport and Academics. He showed tremendous leadership abilities from a young age. He was a key member of the DHS U14A Rugby Team. Whilst at Penzance, Asange was a Prefect, the Captain of the Penzance 1st XV and represented KZN at A team level in U13 and U12. He was a Boarder in Blackmore House and was loved by all his peers. He was a pleasure to both teach and coach.

At a Memorial Service held for Asange at School a letter was ready out, written by Goodluck and Dilan with contributions by the rest of Asange's classmates ...

Asange ...

Keep us together, comfort us, embrace us...

The meaning of your name.

In you through God we place our trust.

*That He will take care of you.
And make your spirit anew.*

*You have been a blessing right from the start,
And you never let anyone take your heart.*

*All the love and passion you had for life,
You definitely came from heaven up above,
You got what you came for, you were loved.*

*You have departed from us in body and mind,
But not without the amazing life and legacy you have left behind.*

*You touched so many with your presence, courage and humour.
And you will be forever remembered far into our future.*

Your love for life, gratitude and fond memories we will never lose.

*So long dear friend, we have to say goodbye, to your DHS family you really were one of the best,
And now we lay you to rest.*

*Without limitations you lived your life,
We will hold the memories we shared close with all our might...
Stay well dear Asange, forever remembered in our hearts for sure,
We will forever be grateful for your life and much more.*

*Thank you for all you were to us,
And we will forever remember you with deep love.
God be with you 'til we meet again someday,
Always forever in our hearts you'll stay.*

Thank you for gathering here today to remember someone truly special to us, our friend Asange Ngam.

Asange wasn't just a classmate he made an impact on everyone he met with his kindness and humour and spirit. Whether you knew him well or just a little, you couldn't help but notice his warmth.

He always gave his best on the field. He wasn't just a player, he was a true teammate, motivating others and showing us the value of hard work and never giving up. He taught us teamwork in supporting each other, pushing each other to do our best, and never giving up. He taught us that strength comes not just from muscles but it comes from your heart, believing in yourself and standing by others.

Though you are no longer here with us, the memories we shared will remain forever in our hearts. You touched our lives in a way that words cannot describe and while we say goodbye, we know that your legacy will continue to inspire and uplift us."

Having a friend like him in my life I could never have asked the Lord for more. All the funny moments we've had together, all the warm wise words we've said to each other and to all the "KAWOLEZA ITS GAME TIME!!!"

To all Asange's family and friends, know that he will remain in the hearts of all at Durban High School.

Deo Fretus, Asange!



DHS Foundation Trust

CEO's Report

After all the major projects that were completed during 2023, 2024 was a year to 'take a breath' and appreciate the new facilities that the DHS Foundation had invested in at DHS.

Founders Weekend, Reunions & Golf Day:

The festivities started with the Reunion Golf Day on Thursday, 30 May and the Old Boys Assembly, which was attended by well over 200 Old Boys. Bruce Hughes, Headboy of 1994 addressed the Assembly with an inspiring message, and reminded us what an impact DHS has had on our lives and careers. A very moving and emotional part of the Old Boys Assembly was when three members from the Class of 1947 were introduced to the Old Boys, Aubrey Bidgood, Mike Gierke and Basil Matzopoulos. Aubrey and Basil had not seen one another since they left school. Also in attendance was Basil Williams from the Class of 1941. (Basil turned 100 on 4 September this year). All four Old Boys were presented DHS Old Boys blazers after which, Basil Matzopoulos addressed the assembly, and I don't think there was a dry eye in the Hall.

The DHS Foundation Golf Day took place on Friday, 31 May and once again a full field of golfers supported the day.

The Reunions are the highlight of Founders Weekend. It is a time, a moment, when Old Boys from all over the world get together. It is an act of reuniting, a time when a group of Old Boys who have not seen each other for some time, get together and celebrate old relationships and bonds. Over 300 Old Boys gathered in the DC

Thompson Hall on Friday, 31 May, and the celebration went on till the early hours of the morning.

Founders Day, 1 June was the day that the schoolboys had their chance to entertain the Old Boys on the Sport field, and they certainly did not let the Old Boys down.

To all the Old Boys who attended this very joyous and special occasion in our school's history, thank you, and please don't wait till your next Reunion to come back, the George Armstrong Memorial Gates in St Thomas Road are always open.

DHS Foundation Rugby Dinner:

On August 15, we hosted our Annual DHS Foundation Rugby Dinner. Jean de Villiers, former Springbok Rugby captain was the guest of honour, and he certainly did not disappoint. Jean delivered one of, if not the best, speeches ever heard. A special thank you to Gavin Varejes for his extremely generous support of the Rugby Dinner which has become one of the highlights on the DHS Foundation calendar.

The DHS Foundation hosted two more Golf Days in 2024. On 6 September the Gauteng Old Boys Golf Day was played at Killarney Country Club and it was a great success. A special thank you to Russell Crawford (OB 1981) and Stefanutti Stocks for their generous and continued support of the Golf Day.

Cape Town Old Boys Branch hosted their Golf Day at the picturesque Pearl Valley Golf Estate on Thursday, 17 October. It was the first time that the Cape Town Old Boys have hosted a Golf Day and it, like the ones in Durban and Gauteng, was very well supported by our Old Boys.

None of these events could take place without the support of the Old Boys. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous and loyal support of the DHS Foundation. 2024 has shown me how loyal, passionate and generous our Old Boys are toward their alma mater and long may it continue. I say it often and I will say it again, I am honoured and privileged to be in the position I am in, and I am extremely grateful for your support - may it continue and grow.

A definite highlight amongst the many for 2024, was my visit to the UK in April. A big thank you to Darryl Ramsey (OB 1994) for all his hard work and for hosting the event at his offices. Thank you to the many Old Boys who turned up and who travelled from afar. It was great to see many Old Boys whom I had not seen for years and more importantly to meet new fellow Old Boys.

I would also like to thank Liezl Basson for her continued support. She allows me the 'freedom' to organise events, socialise and interact with Old Boys, and to do what I thoroughly enjoy doing, whilst she takes care of the admin and finance. Thank you Liezl, and I truly appreciate your support.

Thank you to Damian Judge, Chairman of the DHS Foundation Trust and all the Trustees for their loyal support. There is never a time where I need to explain what I am doing, you have allowed me the opportunity to 'be out there' with the Old Boys and for the Old Boys, and I am truly grateful for your backing and support.

Spe Fretus!

A Shedlock
CEO : DHS Foundation Trust





Horsefly 'til I die ...



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