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Headmaster

## From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

### Social Awareness Update

The drive to raise social awareness and thereby promote inclusivity and diversity at Maritzburg College is considered by the school and its associated bodies to be a strategic imperative. This was reinforced by the recent distribution of the school's Statement of Intent, which can also be found on the Maritzburg College website and the D6.

The school's Social Awareness Task Team (SATT) has been busy with the coordination of an extensive programme intended to ensure that the "College Culture" is relevant and supportive of every person associated with our school, regardless of difference.

The initiatives to date include:

- An address to the school by Prof Kevin Durrheim of the School of Applied Human Sciences at UKZN, followed by a corresponding survey, workshops and a feedback session.
- An address to the school by Paul Harris (OC and former CEO of FirstRand Bank) on his pioneering social awareness programmes in the workplace and society at large.
- The drafting of the SATT's terms of reference, facilitated by Adv Tanya Venter.
- A workshop relating to and the drafting of the Statement of Intent, and its distribution to the College community.
- The Shikaya "School Where I Belong" workshop for all staff.
- Working with the school's Social Awareness Forum (SAF), which has run numerous functions, sessions and programmes.
- The carrying out of the IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency) social awareness survey, focus group sessions and report back. Details of the survey will be circulated shortly.

Of vital importance is that the learnings from the various initiatives are taken seriously, with the challenges addressed and the opportunities realised. To this end, a work stream session was held on 12 October to ensure that the programme is meaningful and sustainable. Responsibility will be allocated and sub-committees created, where necessary.

Multi-racial and multi-cultural schools such as Maritzburg College (which make up less than 5% of 30 000 schools nationally) have the unique opportunity to equip our boys to have a truly South African mind-set and to be effortlessly comfortable and effective in our young democracy.

We urge the College community to rally behind the school in its efforts to be a trailblazer in this regard.

Chris Luman  
Headmaster

Rob Evans  
SGB Chairman



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# Academic Achievements

## Celebration of academic excellence from our 6<sup>th</sup> formers...

This week, we held one of our most prestigious academic events on campus - our 6th Form Speech Day which recognises the outstanding academic achievements of our class of 2018. Guest of Honour and entrepreneur Mr Niel Hinrichsen highlighted the journey these young men must now travel, and the need to keep moving forward and to grow with purpose. Popular Head Prefect Ntuthuko Mchunu's stirring and heartfelt message to his fellow 6th form brothers reminded them that while this is a time to say goodbye – also to remember to return to College in the future.

A number of prizes for academic and leadership excellence were awarded. Special congratulations to our Dux for 2018, Cameron Hollaway, as well as to Mitchell van Heerden (2nd in Form) and Nishalan Govender (3rd in Form).



L-R Chris Luman (Headmaster), Nishalan Govender (3<sup>rd</sup> in Form); Niel Hinrichsen (Guest Speaker); Cameron Hollaway (DUX); Jeanette Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics); Mitchell van Heerden 2<sup>nd</sup> in Form)

## 2018 6<sup>th</sup> Form Prizewinners

### MERIT CERTIFICATES

MR Bayat, TD Bookhan, C Bower, DC Croudace, D Dhayaram, L Govender, NL Haasbroek, CA Hoffman, TS Moroney, NS Mpontshane, D Naidu, J Piek, M Reeves, WL Reich, CG Tooke, NP Welch, BG Wood, SS Zuma.

### SUBJECT PRIZES

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| The Prize for Business Studies                 | M Bayat     |
| The Prize for Computer Applications Technology | Y Maharaj   |
| The Prize for Dramatic Arts                    | S Palmer    |
| The Prize for Engineering Graphic and Design   | MN Marshall |
| The Prize for isiZulu                          | SS Dube     |
| The Prize for Mathematical Literacy            | JD Allan    |
| The Prize for Visual Art                       | J Bilbrough |
| A Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music    | S Bridgall  |

### SPECIAL PRIZES

The Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prizes for Service to the School

*JP Campbell, C Hollaway; RD Stainbank & RK Zeelie*

Phelps Canon Prize for Service to the School NM Mchunu

Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service RD Stainbank

Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship JP Campbell

Ian McAllister Prize for Academic Progress WK Ndlovu

Joint winners: Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing  
*ML Abel and JH Clacey*

Merit Certificate, the Prizes for History and English  
and the Olley Prize for History and English *PG Kidd*

Merit Certificate, the Prize for Life Orientation and the  
Mike Brown Five Pillars Award *C Beekrum*

Merit Certificate, the Prize for Life Sciences and the  
joint Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport  
*AS Bradford*

Merit Certificate, Prize for Information Technology,  
Epoch and Optima Prize for AP Mathematics, Prize  
for Achievement in Academics and Culture and the  
Bidvest Waltons Prize for THIRD IN FORM  
*N Govender*

Merit Certificate, the Prize for Geography, the PKF  
Trophy for Economics and the Nedbank Proxime  
Accessit for SECOND IN FORM  
*MA van Heerden*

Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Afrikaans, Physical  
Science and Mathematics, the  
PricewaterhouseCoopers' Prize for Accounting, the  
joint Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport,  
the First National Bank Prize and the Levinsohn  
Trophy for the DUX OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE  
*C Hollaway*



Winner of the 5 Pillars award Chirag Beekrum with his proud family

## Focus on...Speakers Circle



*Outgoing 2018 office bearers with the newly elected office bearers for 2019*

At Maritzburg College, our learners are encouraged to select from and participate in a wide range of cultural activities in addition to the sport co-curricular programme. Over the next few issues of the newsletter we will feature each of these societies and clubs. In this issue we are focussing on our Speakers Circle led by Mr Buntu (Smiley) Mdutyana.

This co-curricular group meets every two weeks and aims to develop boy's confidence and style of speaking when addressing a group of people. Open to grades 11 & 12 pupils, the boys progress over a two-year period, completing nine different projects which focus on various aspects of public speaking, are awarded a certificate once all nine projects have been completed. Through Speakers Circle, not only do the boys learn the art of

communication, but emphasis is also placed on social etiquette and graces expected in a formal environment.

Once a term these skills are showcased at the Speakers Circle dinner – and the last event for 2018 was held recently in the Victoria Hall. The boys must be commended for their exceptional talent and skills in public speaking displayed on the evening as well as for the mature way in which they took charge and ran the proceedings. The programme included both prepared as well as impromptu speeches, a formal toast, a Grammarian's report, the challenging task of using the word for the evening (indefatigable), and one-on-one as well as general evaluations. Special mention must be made of the outgoing office bearers including Chirag Beekrum as Chairman, and congratulations extended to the new office bearers for 2019; James McFarland (Chairman), Nhlanhla Lushozi (Vice Chairman) and Dave Evans (Secretary).



*Our Speakers Circle boys displayed exceptional talent and skill at the end of year formal dinner*

## Focus on...Zulu culture

The 5<sup>th</sup> form Zulu Cultural Evening is an annual event started in 2000, and boys have been enjoying and performing every year without fail,



showcasing their knowledge of their culture. Our aim is to celebrate the Zulu culture during heritage month and the event has grown every year. The talent portrayed by the boys coupled with their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm is always amazing. Activities portrayed in the event are singing of amahubo, indlamu, zulu dance, gumboots dance, isicathamiya, clan names as well as kings praises. The 4th form excursion to the Zulu homestead is the pacesetter leading up to the Zulu Evening, where our boys go to Ecabazini (Albert Falls) where they get taught about the Zulu culture, dance, singing, history of the Zulu nation and enjoy the Zulu traditional lunch. The event created many long-term memories for these boys long after they have left College.



# Sporting Spotlight

## Focus on...October Holiday Sport

The Maritzburg College boys and coaches had a busy week over the October holidays which included hosting the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas cricket festival as well as a participating in various sporting codes including cycling, canoeing, soccer and water polo.

### Cricket

The school hosted the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas cricket festival week, with a record 22 schools taking part. Maritzburg College ended the event with two wins and two losses, beating both St Johns and Westlake but losing to Affies and Grey College. A number of our boys showed great form; Mondli Khumalo had bowling figures of 5 for 36 vs Grey College, Andre Bradford made 107 and Jacques van der Walt 100 vs the New Zealand visiting side Westlake, while Jared Campbell scored 131 in the match against Affies. In addition, our U14, U15 and U17 cricket sides took part in various festivals around the country. Our U14 side had a great tournament at the Hilton Cricket Festival, beating St Albans, Wynberg and Kingswood, and drawing against Rondebosch. The U17 team took part in the Kookaburra Festival in Westville, beating Grey Bloem, Curro Grantleigh and Waterkloof but losing to Montana and Jeppe. The U15 side travelled to Port Elizabeth for the Grey High festival, where they beat SACS and Selborne College but lost to Grey PE and Affies.

### Canoeing

A number of our past and present pupils as well as staff took part in the recent 2018 Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon. World marathon champion and College old boy Andy Birkett took top spot in 5:00:52, with College canoe coach Brandon van der Walt not far behind securing a great 4th place overall, in 5:08:36. Another College old boy Stewart Little was the first u23 paddler home and finished 7th overall in 5:11:27. Our young talented star paddler Grade 11 pupil Dave Evans took honours in the u18 category in a time of 5:16:58

### Cycling

College's MTB boys were part of the KZN team that participated in the recent Spur Schools MTB league Nationals. KZN finished in 3rd place with the College boys riding like champions and securing two top ten finishes in the four races. KZN also won the National's war cry!

### Soccer

A number of College boys took part in a recent KZN soccer tour to Johannesburg. The KZN U14A side was captained by College's 3rd former Tinyiko Nkosi, and the team won their tournament at Parktown Boys High. Similarly, the U16A team, captained by College's 1st XI left back, Zusiphe Gxarisa, also won their tournament, and were unbeaten throughout. Gxarisa was named defender of the tournament and included in the Team of the Tournament.

### Water polo

College's water polo team took part in two events over the holidays; our 1st team participated in the Clifton tournament finishing 14th overall, while our U16 side took part in a tournament at DHS and finished in 13th place.



# Sporting Spotlight

## Focus on...

### Canoeing

Last weekend, College hosted the final event of the Capital Caterers Inter-Schools League. The Maritzburg College A team, made up of D. Evans, S. Little, J. Giddings and B. Lawson went stroke for stroke with the Michaelhouse A team. A solid final lap and smoothly executed portage by Giddings and Lawson gifted Evans and Little a slender lead going into the end sprint, where they took the victory, and ensured that College brought home the Graeme Pope-Ellis Trophy for the winning boys team in the Inter-schools Canoe Challenge.

Under 18: 1st –College A; 7th –College C; 8th –College B

Under 16: 4th –College B; 6th College A

Under 14: 4th –College A

In the Capitol Caterers - Kayak Centre Interschools Overall Series, College prize winners were

Under 18; 1st – D. Evans, 2nd – J. Giddings, 3rd – S. Little

Under 14: 2nd – G Cooke

In the Schools Development Club Prize for accumulated points for every paddler, Maritzburg College finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### Basketball

College's basketball teams played Hilton on the weekend, and although the outdoor games had to be cancelled due to rain, a number of indoor games continued. Our first team enjoyed a great win beating Hilton 61-41, and there were victories for most of our other teams. Our 2nd team lost 19-31, while the 3rd team won 41-27, 4th team won 20-16, 5th team won 19-18, 6th team won 24-21 and 7th team won 26-15. Other results showed the U15B team winning 29-17, U15A losing narrowly 21-26, U15D winning 29-28, U15E winning 16-15, U14A winning 31-14, & U14B winning 32-16.

### Athletics

College had some excellent individual performances at the Grey College/Oranjemeisies invitation athletics meeting held in Bloemfontein. Neo Mosebi won a bronze medal in the B14 100m, as well as winning a gold in the B14 200m event. Owen Higgins won a silver medal in the B15 800m event and an excellent 1st place and gold medal in the B15 1500m. William Pretorius finished 4th in the B15 300m hurdles race and 4th in the 300m event. Ndabesinhle Ndlovu came 6th in B16 100m and 7th in B16 200m races. Bryn Emms took 1st place and a gold medal in the B16 high jump.

### Waterpolo

This weekend was the Waterpolo Top 10 competition at Kings Park. College's 1st team finished in well-deserved 4th place overall, beating Reddam (7-0), Michaelhouse (6-2) and Kearsney (4-3), but losing to Glenwood, Hilton and Westville. The U15 team progressed to the final and finished in an excellent 2nd place, beating Michaelhouse (8-7) and Kearsney (9-2) and Hilton (5-4) before losing to Clifton. The U14 team also had a good tournament and finished in 7th place overall.





## Induction 2018

Old Boys' Induction Ceremony  
By: Gregory Haripersad (Form 6)

### **“What is it in these old walls that binds the hearts of these men?”**

The love of our parents sending us to this esteemed establishment, the pride in my brethren's eyes as we knot up our old boys' ties, the passion on the faces of the Old Collegians as they welcome us into their fraternity and the honour of knowing that all of our hearts - both parents' and old boys' alike - beat together for our beloved College.

What started out as a day of untamed antics, has now humbled down to an evening of pride and complete reverence. For tonight, our seemingly unending journey nears its end and we can only pray that, for once, the guest speakers will talk for a little while longer.

The tension in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall is palpable. There are my brothers, eager to receive their hard earned Old Boys' ties, our families, ready to capture every second of this magnificent occasion, and the Old Collegians, exuding College pride in their pinstripe blazers. The silence deafens us as the introductions begin. My blood thunders through my eardrums, completely blocking out anything Mr Marwick is saying. “This is it, this is it, this is it...”, that, is my only thought.

Tears turn our eyes glassy as we stare as the candle's flame blooms to life. Our hearts long for our fallen brother yet, where others see a candle of acknowledgment, we see a symbol of hope and a fire that will burn on within our souls for all eternity. All too soon my name is being called to become one of “them”. The elite, the legends, the Old Boys of Maritzburg College. My legs threaten to buckle as I approach the stage. Just climbing three stairs leaves my lungs feeling utterly exhausted. Rather, it is the presence of these Goliaths, these Old Collegians, who have conquered it all. Never in my life have I ever been so terrified of a man who has hair so unbelievably white! My fears melt the second I see their faces. These are not merely accomplished men, these are College Boys. They each have their own Cheshire cat grin and a twinkle in their eye which makes me feel immense warmth and love. I realize that I am not leaving College rather, moving on to the next step of what this glorious school has to offer me. Stepping closer to Mr Thembela and Mr Little, stepping closer to becoming an Old Boy, I remembered my training from Merchiston Preparatory School - “Look the person in the eye, smile, shake with your right hand and accept with your left.” I do just that. I stare with humility into the eyes of the Old Collegians, I smile knowing that I have been so abundantly blessed to have come to Maritzburg College and I accept my tie with gratitude for the future that awaits me as a College Old Boy.

The applause is unfathomable as College Boy after College Boy becomes Old Boy after Old Boy. As we wait to sign our Old Boys' pledge, I notice how: the Old Collegians' badge differs from ours, how change can be good as long as you remember your roots - “Pro Aris Et Focis”, how there are fathers of fathers - Old Collegians of Old Collegians - here tonight, and the how the humidity leaves a slight sweat on my brow - a symbolism of the blood, sweat and tears of my time here. My brothers and I complete the final step of becoming a true College Old Boy by

signing the Old Boys' pledge. 250 signatures, 250 new Old Boys, 250 new men out to change the world. I smile as I see my brother tear up while signing his name. It is funny how five years ago we were strangers.

Then, just as soon as it started, the last names are announced. Why is it that everything appears to be passing in the blink of an eye? And then, I notice him stand up. At least a meter taller than most of my brothers and I, armed with nothing but his charm, an Old Boys' Blazer and a sheaf of papers. Our headboy from our second form year, Daryn Goodson. I barely resist the urge to jump to my feet and belt out, “Goodson, please!”. I am relatively sure every single one of my brothers feel exactly the same way. One can actually see the bewilderment upon some of our faces. How is it that, just the other day, we were standing to attention in the second form quadrangle, and tonight, here we are sitting together for our induction ceremony into the Old Boys' Association? It is utterly mind blowing! It is so true to say that you have not arrived until you have left yet, my heart longs to do it all again...

All too soon, the night we wished to last forever has crept slowly to a close with the reading of “Old Walls”. True, these walls may be old, but our home is so much more than these academic bricks and sporting fields. It is the friendships, the families, mentors and brotherhoods that are created upon these hallowed grounds. The flashes of our parents' cameras are blinding as we make our way, single file, past the Olivier Cultural Centre and down towards the Boarding Establishment's Dining Hall. The incessant ringing of bells adds to the raucous applause so, it comes as a surprise when we hear the jeers and cheers of all the boarders. They have lined up leading us around the Clark House Quadrangle and out through to the War Memorial. We have gone from the cheering of our parents to the cries of pride of our many younger brothers in less than a heartbeat. Words of well wishes, handshakes of recognition and hugs of brotherly love are exchanged from the start of the line through to the end. By the time we reach the War Memorial, there is not a dry eye in sight and our “parental paparazzi” are there to capture it all.

This is it. Our final “Number 1”, our final “Jimeloyo-Ji!”. This time there will be no prefects leading, everyone together, just as brothers should be.

Jimeloyo, Ji! Jimeloyo, Ji! Jimeloyo, Ji!  
A-B-C-O-L-L-E-G-E! COLLEGE!  
WHO ARE, WHO ARE, WHO ARE WE?  
WE ARE, WE ARE, CAN'T YOU SEE?  
C-O-L-L-E-G-E! COLLEGE!!!

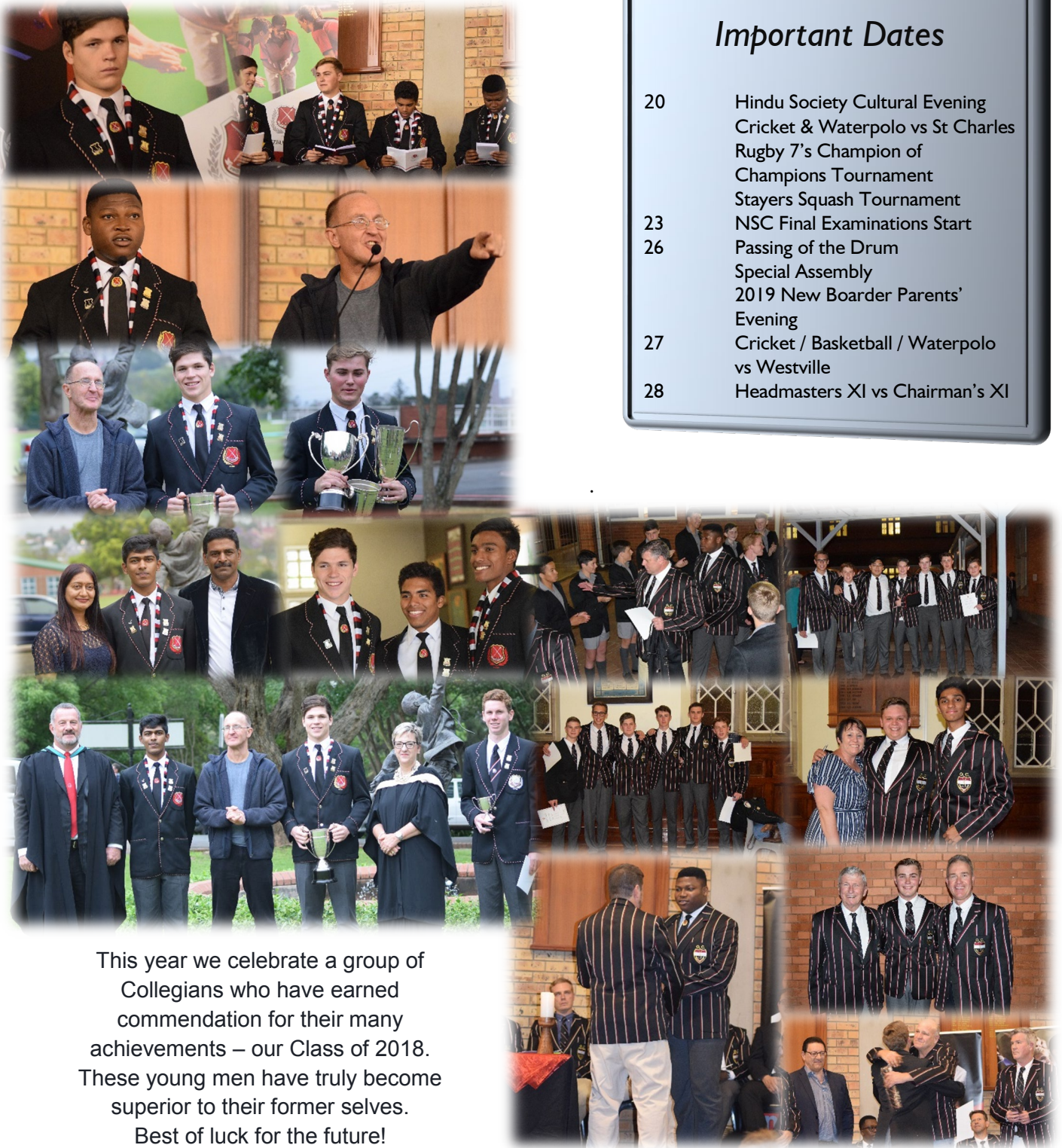
Our voices make the windows of Clark House rattle in their windowpanes, they make the noises of the night fall into stunned silence and make the Old Collegians beam with pride. Tonight, we say goodbye to the traditions which shaped us, the joys of basher throwing, the good times with great friends, the classes filled with our teachers, the weekends spent on the sports fields together and hello to a new beginning filled with hope, determination and College fire.

We set sail on this incredible journey by signing each of our brother's individual pledge certificates. This symbolizes that we all pledge our lives to not just our beloved school, but to our dearest brothers as well. After all, “College is not just for five years, it is for a lifetime.”

## The end of an era for Class of 2018...

### Important Dates

- 20 Hindu Society Cultural Evening  
Cricket & Waterpolo vs St Charles  
Rugby 7's Champion of  
Champions Tournament  
Stayers Squash Tournament
- 23 NSC Final Examinations Start
- 26 Passing of the Drum  
Special Assembly  
2019 New Boarder Parents'  
Evening
- 27 Cricket / Basketball / Waterpolo  
vs Westville
- 28 Headmasters XI vs Chairman's XI



This year we celebrate a group of Collegians who have earned commendation for their many achievements – our Class of 2018. These young men have truly become superior to their former selves. Best of luck for the future!

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