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### From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

#### Leadership 2020

Friday saw the appointment of the school's pupil leadership for the 2020; these included our head and deputy head prefects, prefects, shouting captains, and house leaders. We extend our sincere congratulations to Head Prefect for 2020, Chris van Heerden, and Deputy Head Prefects; Thabo Mbatha, Thomas Katzenellenbogen, Kaid Morsink, and Kent Goedeke. The three shouting captains for 2019, Joshua Culverwell, Charl Groeneveld and Zusiphe Gxarisa were announced and it will be their role to inspire and cajole the troops on Basher Ridge, on Pape's and elsewhere, to get behind our College men. Our house leaders, house captains and vice captains for the 10 day houses – our "homes within a home" at College were also announced, and these young men will assist the housemasters and staff in running the houses on a daily basis. With 500 boarders on our campus, our five heads of our Boarding Houses for 2020 have a challenging task ahead providing support to the boarder masters and boarder staff. Our best wishes to James Muggleton (Head of Nathan House), Payton Elliot (Head of Clark House), Kaid Morsink (Head of Hudson House), Thabo Mbatha (Head of Shepstone House) and Reece Price (Head of Elliott House).

A very special part of this assembly at College is the passing of the bass drum from our outgoing Head Prefect to the new incumbent, symbolising the passing of authority between these two boys. At the 2019 ceremony outgoing head prefect, Travis van Aardt placed his personal message of support to the head prefect for 2020 in the old drum, and handed the custodianship of the drum to Chris van Heerden, as a symbol of the passing of his authority.

This week is Diwali or Deepavali - the "festival of lights", an ancient Hindu festival celebrated in autumn every year and a time filled with light and love, when Indians all over the world would rejoice. The festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair. We wish all our boys, staff and parents a blessed time as they celebrate the holy festival of Diwali.

*Chris Luman  
Headmaster*



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# Academic Achievements

## 2019 Passing the Drum Ceremony...

Today saw the eighth annual Passing of the Drum Ceremony on our campus, celebrating the appointment of the school's pupil leadership for the next year. To be appointed as a College Prefect is one of the highest honours that the school can bestow upon a pupil, and along with the honour, comes accountability and responsibility. Our Leaders for 2020 are as follows:



**Head Prefect:** Chris van Heerden

**Deputy Head Prefects:** Thomas Katzenellenbogen, Thabo Mbatha, Kaid Morsink, Kent Goedeke

**Prefects:** Robert Akerman, Rorke Anderson, Hayden Askew, Oliver Beauclerk, Daniel Bruyns, Matthew Darch, Chad Desplace, Payton Elliot, Bryn Emms, Khwezi Hadebe, Arno Heydenrych, Wandile Hlophe, William Hodgkinson, Naledi Mndaweni, Uzile Molefi, Unathi Mtsi, James Muggleton, Liam Muller, Chad Nandh, James Robinson, Matthew Smith, Corben Stubbs, Henry Trodd, Campbell van Rooyen, Matt Veenstra, Sphehile Zondi, Matt Zunckel

**Head of Boarding Houses:** James Muggleton (Head of Nathan House), Payton Elliot (Head of Clark House), Kaid Morsink (Head of Hudson House), Thabo Mbatha (Head of Shepstone House) and Reece Price (Head of Elliott House)

**Shouting Captains:** Joshua Culverwell, Charl Groeneveld & Zusiphe Gxarisa

## Allan Gray Winner

Congratulations to Samuel Padayachee, the only Pietermaritzburg pupil who placed in the Top 11, after performing exceptionally well in the Allan Gray Entrepreneurial Challenge 2019 game. Padayachee won a unit trust of R7500.



## Form 5 Economics Tour to JHB

The 2019 economics tour to Johannesburg and surrounds took place in the last week of the third term, and saw 20 excited and ambitious young economists accompanied to the bright lights of Jozi by Messrs N Pillay and M Marwick. On the first day, the boys visited the Apartheid Museum and then toured the streets of Soweto, stopping off at the Hector Pietersen Memorial and paying a visit to famous Vilakazi St (the only street in the world to boast two Nobel Prize-winning residents). They spent much of the remainder of the week meeting high-powered, inspirational business people, many of whom were Old Collegians. These included a director of the Airports Company of SA and the CEO of OR Tambo International Airport; the head of the Air Traffic Control Centre at the airport; OC Mr Rene de la Peyre, who is a rising young executive at the international logistics company, C Steinweg Bridge; three of the most important people at Nedbank SA, namely 1983 classmates from College, Mike Brown (CEO) and George Kerby (Head of Treasury), and the company's head economist; the OC senior partner of Bowman Gilfillan, which is one of the most prominent law firms in Africa – Alan Keep – as well as fellow OC, James Westgate, who is an award-winning commercial attorney at the firm; four passionate OCs during an evening at the Bryanston Country Club, namely Mark Bruyns, Shaun Bruyns, Colin Aylward and Shaun Katz, who gave very interesting talks about their respective journeys from their school-desks at College to the hurly-burly of the business world; and a final stop at the Mister Sweet Factory in Germiston, where OC CEO, Alastair Gore, took them on an extensive tour of his R1 billion operation.

The 2019 tour was once again a unique opportunity for Form 5 boys to not just interact with many inspiring, high-powered Old Collegians, but to obtain a wide overview of the many careers that are "out there".

*Mr Matthew Marwick*



## Focus on...Calder House



The past term was another successful and productive term for Calder House. The House has been involved within many areas, including outreach, inter-house, sporting events, trial exams, the end of the winter sports season and the beginning of the summer program.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Tim Orchard has been appointed the new head of Fuller House. He has been a selfless servant of Calder since its inception. We wish him all the best for this new challenge.

To the House Leaders and Matrics of 2019, thank you for your efforts and commitment to the house and the part you have played in growing the status of Calder House this year. We believe that the House Leaders for 2020 will place their own unique stamp on the house and continue the efforts of those before them. This will be an opportunity to fulfil leadership roles within the house, support those in the younger grades and make the new form 2s feel welcome. I wish them every success next year. We wish our Matrics the best of luck for their final examinations.



2019 Calder House Matrics

Our young men have continued to work hard in the inter-house competitions; we finished in third place in both squash and House plays and we won the waterpolo for the third year running. This saw us finishing an admirable fourth place in this year's competition.

The boys have also excelled this year by helping both the Thandanani Children's Home and the Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged. Both the boys and their parents gave very generously towards the initiative and we as a House are extremely proud of what we were able to achieve this year.

## House Leaders for 2020

### Barns

Robert Ackerman (C)  
Uzile Molefi (VC)  
Rylan Hyde  
Reece Price  
Sanele Hlongwane  
Jonathan Hoyle  
Ben Jackson

### Commons

Matt Smith(C)  
Bryn Emms (VC)  
Lesedi Mosiea  
Campbell White  
James Lowe  
Kailen Thaver  
Nkululeko Zondo

### Fuller

Thomas Katzenellenbogen (C)  
Arno Heydenrych (VC)  
Ross Brokensha  
Richard Fuller  
Charl Groeneveld  
Stefan Koekemoer  
Tariq Whiteman

### Nicholson

Oliver Beauclerk (C)  
Unathi Mtsi (VC)  
Adam van Dam  
Kyle Hardy  
Keegan Tullis  
Joshua Culverwell  
Michael van Dam

### Snow

Henry Trodd (C)  
Matt Darch (VC)  
Reece Wilken  
Wanda Njimi  
Ndabezinhle Ndlovu  
Darshrean Moodley  
Ross Klusener

### Calder

Chad Desplace (C)  
Callum Dowell (VC)  
Bandile Mbanjwa  
Slade Botha  
Sahay Maharaj  
Temai Masvikeni

### Forder

Kent Goedeke (C)  
Liam Muller (VC)  
Matt Fuhri  
Quinn Lupton-Smith  
Jashwin Maharaj  
Quinton Govender  
Luyanda Mawela

### Lamond

James Muggleton (C)  
Matt Zunckel (VC)  
Michael King  
Reece le Roux  
Sifundo Manyathi  
Jadyn Rajah  
Thomas Ross

### Pape

Kaid Morsink (C)  
William Horn (VC)  
Luke de Rose  
Jeremy Maher  
John Watson  
Dylan Pretorius-Spires

### Strachan

William Hodgkinson (C)  
Sphehile Zondi(VC)  
Billy Brooks  
Harshad Mewalall  
Muhammed Charfaray  
Yukail Naidoo  
Siya Ningiza



# Sporting Spotlight



## Canoeing

Congratulations to Dave Evans who won a silver medal – the only one for South Africa, in the Junior K2 race at the World Canoe Marathon Championships in China.

## Cricket

College's cricket teams won 7 of the matches played over the weekend most of which were against Hilton, although a large number of the games were abandoned due to lightening

## Basketball

Fifteen games were played mostly against Hilton with a few fillers against Kearsney the past weekend. Against Hilton, College won 9 of the 12 games, and all three of the games against Kearsney. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team had a great game winning 77-66 against Hilton 1<sup>st</sup> team.

## Waterpolo

College's waterpolo teams played a quadrangular against Northwood, Hilton and Michaelhouse. Unfortunately we lost all of the 1<sup>st</sup> team games.

## Athletics

Owen Higgins competed in the mixed relay at UIMP Biathol World Championships and came second getting a silver medal. He will compete in his individual race on 27 October.

## Rugby

Our U15 7's side qualified for the National Champion of Champions Tournament at Grey College in Bloemfontein this past weekend. College finished top of their pool after beating Queens College 39-5 and Grey College 28-24. They drew against Boland Landbou 22 – 22 but Boland Landbou went through as they scored the first try. College played Grey PE in the Bowl Final losing 17-34.

## Table Tennis

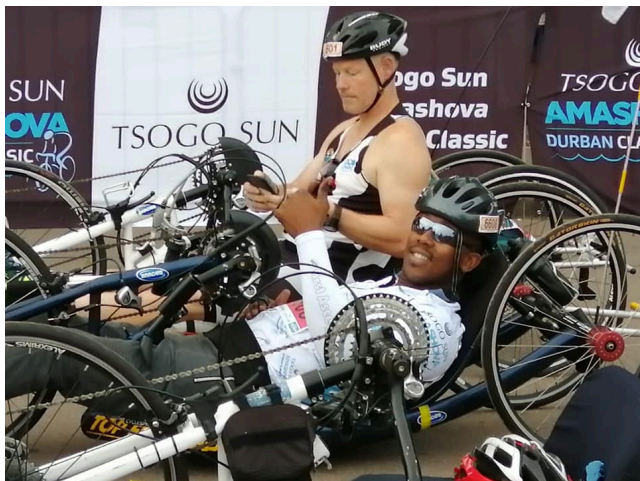
At the SA Junior Table Tennis Championship Y Naidoo won 1 silver and 2 bronze medals, reaching the semi-finals in the u18 boys event and the quarter final in the mens event. T Thulsie reached the quarter final in the U18 boys event. The following boys were selected to represent the Umgungundlovu district in the Provincial trials; U15- E Naidoo (Forder) and J Wiggill (Commons) and U18- Y Naidoo (Strachan) and T Thulsie (Pape). At the trials, Y Naidoo won the boys U18 event and E Naidoo was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U14 event. Both boys have made the KZN side in their respective age groups for the Summer Games which takes place in December.





## Focus on...MCOBA

Congratulations to all the Old Collegians who took part in the Tsogo Sun Amashova Cycle Race this past weekend. A special word of congrats to Cedric Mkhize (2003) who completed the 65km Amashova Cycle Ride. Well done Ceds!



## Midlands Golf Day

Friday 25 October saw the very successful MCOBA Midlands Golf Day take place at the Victoria Country Club.

Seen out on the course were MCOBA Midlands Branch Chairman Grant Reed with other OCs.



## New face at the Foundation Office

Visitors to the Foundation Office recently may have noticed a new, friendly face that has joined the team.

Chantall Randall has taken on the unenviable task of Database Administrator for the Foundation with particular focus on the 100MillionForCollege Campaign.

Chantall is a Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School alumnus with a strong College connection – her brother Duncan was a member of the illustrious Class of '91! She is married to husband Brad and has three children, a daughter Jessica in Grade 11 at TWC and two sons Ethan and Ryan both at Epworth Prep in grades 5 and RR respectively.



Chantall joins the campaign team with a wealth of knowledge and experience gained through her long-term involvement in the IT training and project management sectors.

Chantall's primary focus at the moment is developing and updating the Foundation's CRM which includes tracking down our Old Boys from all over the world! An interesting piece of trivia that Chantall has shared with us is that there are currently 506 Old Boys in the Australia and New Zealand area!

When not working or shuttling kids around Chantall can be found out on the road indulging in her passion for road running and already has four Comrades marathons under her belt!

Chantall shares a slight coffee addiction with the rest of the staff at College Business (she fits right in!), so please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself when next your caffeine craving strikes.



# Campus Roundup

## MC Lunch

At College we are very lucky to have many RedBlackWhite mums who dedicate hours of their time to helping out at the school in various ways, from helping around the grounds, serving refreshments at school events to making literally 1000s of zarms for the Zarm farm, and in a myriad of other areas. Ladies, we truly appreciate and value everything you do for our special school and our boys!

The school recently hosted a luncheon in our Victoria Hall as a small gesture to say thank you to these amazing ladies.



## Opening of the Langley Wing of Elliott House



On Friday 25 October we officially opened the new wing of Elliott House, named the Langley wing, in honour of Aubrey Samuel Langley. Also known as Madev, Mr Langley, a past schoolmaster, was described as being a complex and complicated man; on the one hand capable of unexpected generosity and

kindness, and on the other (more often) of volcanic fits of rage. He was understandably loathed by many sensitive young men, but his mark at Maritzburg College – on its sports-fields and in its boarding houses – endures, despite his having left the school 110 years ago. We remember Mr Langley's contribution to College sport and his distinguished he instilled a fierce pride and a robust and competitive spirit that lives on today.

At the opening of Langley wing, the chairman of the School Governing Body, Mr Rob Evans, unveiled the plaque and Mr Joe Culverwell, the chairman of the Boarder Parents' Committee, cut the ribbon declaring the Langley Wing "OPEN!"

## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

- 25 Special Assembly: Passing of the Drum [Alan Paton Memorial Hall] (Confirmation of 2020 Prefects; Announcement of Senior Prefects) Elliott House Extension Opening (Elliott House)
- 26 Cricket / Basketball / Water polo vs St Charles [H] Canoeing: Inter-schools Umkomaas No.8 to Josephine's Water polo Stayers' Tournament [Northwood] Inaugural College Chess tournament [Victoria Hall]
- 27 Diwali Canoeing: Umpetha Challenge Water polo Stayers' Tournament Cricket: Headmaster's XI vs Chairman's XI (Goldstones)
- 28 Exams Form 2 – 5 start



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