

Elliott House Term 4 Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents,

By the time you read this newsletter your son would have finished writing his national senior certificate exams. The ritual of the pump house jump after the final exam is written would also just be a memory as pictured below. It's hard to believe that another group of 6th formers has completed their journey at College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elliott House parents for their support during the year.

THE LANGLEY WING



A new wing to the southern side of the main building was also constructed this year which will house 14 boarders. A fully equipped kitchenette, communal showers and bathrooms make up the features of the newly established wing. On Friday the 25th of October 2019 the new wing of Elliott House was officially declared open by The Chairman of the governing body Mr. Rob Evans and the Chairman of the Boarder Parents Committee Mr. Joe Culverwell. The new wing has been named the "Langley wing" paying tribute to one of College's most famous teachers also known as "Madedu". We also added to the recreational aspect of our Common Room by purchasing a brand new Pool Table. The Table tennis equipment was upgraded as well which resulted in the boys having endless hours of fun and bonding in their free time.

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LEFT:

Mr Joe Culverwell officially opening the Langley Wing of Elliott House.

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JAKES GERWEL FELLOWSHIP



We would like to acknowledge S Maphanga for being awarded the Jakes Gerwel Fellowship. This fellowship will pay for all of his university costs and further academic studies. A true accomplishment in every sense of the word. Proof once again that hard work and consistency are duly rewarded.



TOP 20 TRIAL EXAMINATION PLACINGS

Well done to the following boys who have excelled academically during the trial exams and achieved a placing in the top 10.

4th - N Msiya

8th - J Colloccott

14th - U Zuma



OUR MASTERS

I would like to thank all the boarder masters, Messrs. P. Snyman, S. Bosch, S. Botha, A. Sparrow, N. Duvenage and A Landman for all their hard work, doing their duties well and for supporting me during the year. They play an irreplaceable role in the practical functioning of the house and the Elliott House routine would not be possible without them. I would like to personally thank Mr Bosch for all his efforts in transforming our old school ways to a more digital and technologically advanced routine and daily running of the house. Mr Bosch has assisted us in making our roll calls, consequence recording and meals lists very streamlined by using the most revolutionary technology available to us. We are working towards a more technologically advanced Elliott House and without Mr Bosch's input it would not have been possible.

A WORD OF THANKS

A special word of thanks to Mr. Hackland, Crosson and his maintenance team for all their hard work in Elliott House throughout the year and for keeping "ALCATRAZ" in a presentable condition at all times. To Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Gardiner thanks to you for taking such good care of the Elliott House boarders when they are feeling ill or injured. Mrs. Parker I would like to thank for all the administrative work she does for Elliott House. Mr. Hackland and team, I would like to thank for washing the boys clothing and sheets during the year. Mrs. Hackland for the administration work they did for the magazine and newsletters for Elliott house.

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ELLIOTT HOUSE IN 2019

2019 has been a productive year for Elliott House in cultural, sport and academic spheres. Most of the boys went through the year without getting a bolt and that attests to the fact that discipline in the house was of a very high standard. This year our Elliott House RCL was represented by B Elam and C Patterson with S Kekana as the Head of Elliott House. These boys served as a platform for the Elliott House boarders to voice their opinions and give accurate feedback on the day to day structures and routines of the house.

MENTORING

From a mentoring perspective our boarder masters have done their utmost best to positively impart in our boys lives in both academic and co-curricular domains. Our masters did their best to touch base with all of their mentees on a termly basis to track their performance. Our boarder masters also walked the extra mile this year and made a concerted effort to have more one on one meetings with boarders of Elliott House. In these meetings our masters also gave guidance to our boys with regards to their future plans and difficult decisions they have been

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Ultimately I would like to thank every stakeholder who contributed positively to Elliott House for the impact they have made this year. Your efforts go a long way and is much appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a very prosperous 2020. As this is only goodbye and not farewell we hope to see you in the near future.

Best Wishes

CAMERON FRASER

