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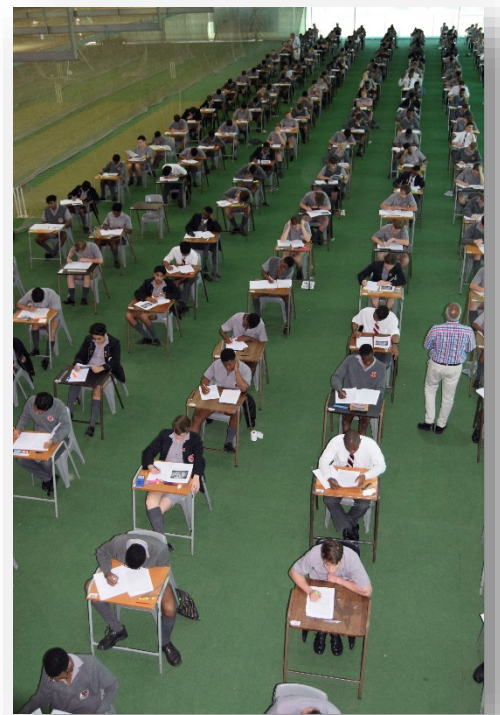
Dear Parents and Guardians

Nelson Mandela famously said, "*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*" Without a doubt these are true words and the evidence to support them is overwhelming. Many of our most influential leaders are people who have invested in learning, teaching and mentoring. Yet our country and our world are changing at an exponential rate, and the challenge is to adapt educational and learning programmes so that we can best prepare young men to meet and match the demands that they will face.

As we near the end of the school year, conversations turn to questions around "What next? What are you going to do after matric?" These place increasing pressure on 17 & 18 year olds to make the "right" choices. Some are very focussed on a particular tertiary course, and all their efforts are on securing entry into these; others have opted for a "gap year" to explore opportunities and learn more about themselves. However, for many boys, this in an overwhelming and sometimes frightening situation. Wanting to make the right choice, as well as dealing with the consequences of possibly making the wrong choice creates massive pressure. Current trends show that the average person changes jobs around 12 times during his or her career. Many workers spend five years or less in every job, and devote more time and energy transitioning from one job to another. In January 2018, it was reported the median employee tenure was 4.3 years for men and 4.0 years for women (www.thebalancecareers.com). Add onto that, that South Africa is facing its highest unemployment rate ever, and the pressure around making the "right" choice escalates.

How do we as a school support this process? These young men have many more study and employment opportunities than we had, with more options to customise training to suit individual skills and interests. Maritzburg College's rich curriculum of academic subjects supported by a high level of technology, along with its mentoring programmes, and diverse sporting and other co-curricular options, means that our boys have five years to explore and learn more about themselves. They can fine-tune interests and goals, internalise basic life skills and learn leadership principles. How can you as parents best support them? Encourage them to share their ideas and listen non-judgementally to their aspirations and dreams. Encourage them to focus on what they enjoy, and what they are good at. We all want the same thing – what's best for them.

Sally Upfold
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Academic Achievements

Focus on...Khanyisa 2019 Highlights

The Khanyisa Programme has been an interesting journey this year for everybody involved. The success of the programme is a result of tireless efforts by various stakeholders and individuals who share the same vision - of seeing Khanyisa achieving all its objectives.

On 5 October, we hosted 90 learners at a very successful Science practical session where they ran 5 labs and conducted 11 practicals. The practicals ranged from titrations to OHM's law and the learners enjoyed handling the apparatus themselves, many for the first time ever. Every exam paper will have a practical question, so it is vital that the learners see the practicals.

SCIENCE



A big thank you to Mr E Rajah for setting up all the apparatus and cleaning, and to our five peer tutors, S Dlamini, H Mewelall, H Heeralal, T Katzenellenbogen and old boy G Haripersad, who each ran a lab - you were absolutely amazing, and the day would not have been possible without you.



MATHEMATICS

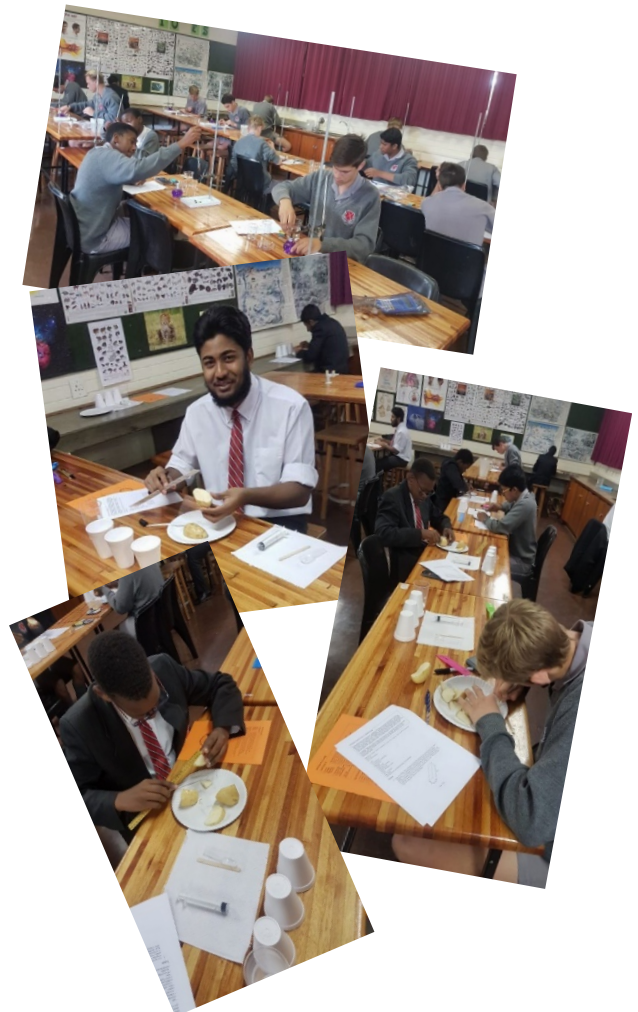
In the Mathematics programme we have witnessed learners from various schools around Pietermaritzburg attend with so much eagerness to learn. Their growth in conceptual understanding and confidence in tackling problems has been impressive throughout the year.

A highlight was when learners were given brand new calculators. The joy of owning a new 'CASIO' calculator was wonderful to see, and they were encouraged to offer their older calculators to needy schoolmates back home.

"It was so inspirational when they pledged to give back. From that moment on, my class was so alive and interesting and everybody wanted to interact more, be part of the flowing lesson and be more hands-on in finding their own solutions. They also began to question instantly if they found discrepancies from their side, a proper way to learn in a modern classroom," Mr Mabaso said.

We would like to thank Mr Luman, Hulamin, Mrs Chedie and the facilitators who make it all possible for the programme to be a success this year.

College Life Sciences Practicals



Our own Grade 10 & 11 boys have been busy with their Life Sciences prac exams this week on campus, with heads bent diligently over laboratory benches.

Focus on... Commons House



The third term was a fully involved and eventful term which brought our young Commons House men to realise that with hard work and dedication, their House gained valuable points towards scoring top honours. Commons House was acknowledged as being the top House for 2019, defending their title

gained in 2018.

With the House Leaders of 2020 being recently announced, outgoing House Captain, L Diedricks, had this message to the leaders of 2020:

"Gentlemen, on behalf of the 2019 leaders we'd like to congratulate each of you on your appointment as leaders for 2020. The future of Commons house is now in your hands, but I have no doubt that you guys will take the House to even greater heights. I encourage all of you to really get stuck in and give it your all, you won't regret it. Last but not least, enjoy every moment, it goes by in the blink of an eye. Good luck."



Commons House Leaders for 2020



2020 Commons House Captain Matt Smith & Vice Captain Bryn Emms

The House events which kept our young men challenged included the canoeing event which was unfortunately not the House strong point. The basketball event always draws a crowd and was well attended. This saw Commons House bounce back with vengeance coming fourth. After gaining momentum, the cycling boys added some fuel to the fire by bringing more promise to the field and to the scoreboard. Our waterpolo team was well attended and with a full complement of talented swimmers. Their stamina proved to be too much for most of the opposition. With a worthy fight and true grit, the team made their way into the semi-finals gaining some valuable points and they placed third.



The House Play: (Best house performance event for Commons House – first position)

On stage: J Lowe, C van Selm, E Zimasa, O Ndlovu, K Thaver, T Gibbons, B Gous, S Kubheka

House plays have been Commons House's strong point. We have a bunch of talented actors who "break their legs" for the sake of gaining valuable House points and for sheer enjoyment. The event was held after-hours and saw the other houses compete for the top honour. This being the last event of the term, Commons House needed the big "W" to narrowly edge the lead in the overall House standing. The act was brilliantly put together, and nights of preparation for this one moment set them apart from the rest. A big thank you goes to Mrs Thaver for her commitment and dedication in preparing the team. Our academics did not let us down as a solid fourth place was gained proving that Commons House is a force to be reckoned with.

We look forward to a great year ahead and wish all our matrics everything of their best in the final examinations.

Sporting Spotlight

Cricket

College's cricket teams won 9 of the 15 matches played over the last weekend most of which were against St Charles, although 5 of the games were abandoned due to lightening Our 1st XI played in their last full fixture against St Charles at home. College lost the toss and were asked to bowl first, containing St Charles to 205 runs with excellent bowling. College's chase got off to a good start and the team was in a strong position at 139/4, needing just 67 runs in 14 overs before rain interrupted the game.

Basketball

Basketball's 17 games were mostly against St Charles with College winning 14 of the games with great support, especially of the 1st team game. St Charles were ready to avenge their first term defeat and soon built up a ten-point lead with College trailing 3 – 13 at the end of the first period, College players came back with fire and it was game on. Unfortunately, we lost 55-58.

Waterpolo

The College 1st team participated in the Northwood Stayers tournament over the last weekend, while our other College water polo teams played St Charles with College winning all four of the games.

College 1st team beat Glenwood, 7-3, Clifton 5-3 and an Invitational team 7-2, but lost to Kearsney 5-10. In the playoff against Westville we won 4-3 and played Reddam Highlands in the semi-final, losing 5-9. In the final game, we played Clifton again, winning 4-2, and placing 3rd in the Tournament.

Canoeing

Our boys took part in the Capitol Caterers Interschools Lions River canoe race

Under 18

D. Evans – 1st, B. Lawson – 6th, J. Maher – 7th
S. Little – 8th

Under 16

B. Tarr – 2nd, K. Rhodes – 3rd

Under 14

C. Adam – 4th





Focus on...MCOBA

Congratulations to College old boys, Henri le Roux (Dux 2017) Carsten Rembold (2015) and Jordan Rawlins (2015) who have all made the Dean's Commendations list for the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Engineering (Chemical Engineering)



Best wishes to Neil Schietekat (2001) who takes part in his first World Golf Championship played from 31 October – 3 November 2019 at the Sheshan Golf Club in Shanghai, China. It will be the eleventh WGC-HSBC Champions tournament, and the fourth of four World Golf Championships events held in the 2019 calendar year.

Congratulations to Jiveshen Pillay (2016) was awarded Man of the Match in the SA game against Bangladesh at the Red Bull Campus Cricket 2019 World Finals.



Calling all our USA-based Old Boys!



**CALLING ALL OUR
USA BASED OLD BOYS**

Friday 1st 2019
New York City, New York
Monday 4th 2019
Durham, North Carolina
Tuesday 5th 2019
Charlotte, North Carolina
Wednesday 6th 2019
Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday 7th 2019
Dallas, Texas
Friday 8th 2019
Houston, Texas
Monday 11th 2019
Boston, Massachusetts

CONTACT DUNCAN RANDALL TO RSVP :
516 787 1569 or duncan@impahla-holdings.com

On Friday 1 Nov, we kick off our College gatherings with drinks and dinner in Manhattan, NYC! Our gracious host is Duncan Randall (of the legendary Class of 1991). This will be followed by 6 events in various cities over the next 10 days. Invitations have been sent out but if you are planning a trip overseas or can pass this onto a OC who is based in the USA – we hope to have more OCs join us for an evening of fine College revelry!

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Campus Roundup

Welcoming our New Boarder Parents 2020

It was a privilege and pleasure to meet some of our new parents, whose sons will be joining our #redblackwhite family and our boarding establishment from January 2020.

We hope that this is just the start of a very happy five year journey at College!



Important Dates

NOVEMBER

*Exams Form 2 – 5
NSC Final Exams*

09 *Canoeing: Inter-schools
Bushman's Delight*

10 *Canoeing: Ibis to Umbjee Store*

11 *Remembrance Day Service &
Unveiling of Wall of
Remembrance plaques*

15 *1st XI vs Staff T20*

Wall of Remembrance

College's *Wall of Remembrance* is an initiative of the school's Archives Committee and was inaugurated on the school's 150th Reunion Day, 25 May 2013. The addition of the Wall to the College estate, on a piece of lawn that is atop the Terraces facing Clark House, provides a very special – dare we say it, sacred – place for so many people in the College community.

Any person who has enjoyed a link to College – whether as an Old Collegian, staff member, parent or simply loyal friend of the school – can be remembered and honoured via the addition of a plaque of remembrance on the Wall. Each plaque costs R1 150 and can be ordered through Mrs Kathy Roberts on robertsk@mcollege.co.za



Five Criteria for exceptional Work Ethic

- ✓ Give a damn
- ✓ Do what you said you're going to do
- ✓ Focus
- ✓ Don't take shortcuts
- ✓ Don't be afraid of doing the right thing

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