



Commons House News



Term 1 - 2020

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

Headlines: Commons House tops on the leaderboard after term 1.

Commons House Started the year 2020 in high gear. Motivated after a successful 2019, ending up in number one position for the second year running. The House felt that this year they could do it again. We kicked off by welcoming the new Borvers to our school and house. Our Borvers, not yet College boys, were tested by adding valuable points to Commons House at the **Borver obstacle course challenge**. They made it clear to the other Houses that they meant business by winning this event. Not long after Borver week, we welcomed our new second form brothers and celebrated their arrival during their tie ceremony in full view of the entire house. The House at this stage was feeling very proud of their great start to the 2020 year and knew that they had to maintain this winning streak. The **Virtus challenge** truly brought out the best from Commons House. Every young man had to display that which he had to offer while participating in the various events of the day. The day ended with the infamous tug of war, surrounded by every House, and made for the highlight of the day. The fierce competition in both the Junior and Senior categories sparked the need to succeed within the Commons House young men. The senior team led from the front and unfortunately fell out just before the finals. The junior team however fought to the end and competed in the final ending up second. Overall, Commons House shared the well-deserved first place spot with Strachan House. Next was the **Swimming gala**, which enticed the swimming spirit of Commons House. The House leaders jumped into action forming the necessary teams in the various age groups. Commons House put forward their best effort and swam with heart. The Head boy Chris van Heerden made every effort to impress and displayed courage and passion for this great sport. It was fantastic to witness and so encouraged individual efforts from every single Commons House young man. Commons House achieved top places in all age groups, especially in the U16 and U19 age groups where the Van Heerden brothers both walked away as their age group champions. This is what the Head boy himself mentioned: *"The support from the rest of the boys was motivating, especially while in the pool, pushing us to break a record."* The points gathered launched Commons House to the number one spot alongside Nicholson's House at the end. The anticipation toward competing in the annual **Athletics** day motivated the boys. They carefully select their teams in each age division. A long day with many events kept all the Houses glaring at the points hoping they did enough to win. Commons House hold the bragging rights to some broken records within the 100m and 200m events. A special mention of Mosebi's great 100m sprint to achieve a time of 10.82 seconds and 200m sprint with a time of 22.35 seconds, breaking the existing U16 **record** for both these events. This is truly a great effort. Well done Mosebi. Commons House eventually settled in second place overall. Commons House

OUR HOUSE



The highlights package:

Term 1:

We welcomed our new second form borvers who anxiously considered their new environment. Before long, our Commons House borvers had the privilege of owning and wearing their College 2nd form ties. The title of being a College boy brought new sense of excitement and great additions to the Commons House team. Below, the tie ceremony. James Lowe, one of the house leaders assisting our 2nd form College boy with his tie.



Athletic attendance and enthusiastic participation heaved Commons House toward more points. Our junior teams shone on the track while our seniors where leading from the front in the field events.





The Van Heerden Brothers honoured for their hard work by receiving their awards from the guest to the event, their father Mr Van Heerden.



And last but not least, we cannot go without these great men cheering on with passion in full support of their House – Commons House.

