



Commons House

News



HOUSEMASTER'S FINAL REPORT

My time as Housemaster of Commons house has finally come to an end. My new role at College forces me to change course to a more academically based role and leave the house system and the Commons family, of which I have been head of since inception. My time in this position has been a successful one, especially over the past few years where Commons has dominated the inter-house competition. This success has not taken place without the efforts of staff and boys within the house and for this I thank all who have been involved with Commons both past and present. It has been for the most part a very enjoyable eight years and this was due to true teamwork.

I wish Mr Chris Nevay an enjoyable time with Commons as he takes over my role as housemaster of Commons. I also wish the whole Commons family the best for 2022.

At this time, I would like to thank my staff of 2021 for their input and efforts over the past year, however, with year ends there are often new beginnings. I would like to wish Miss Hutton, Mrs Saib, and Mr Mabaso well for their new ventures away from College next year.

- Mr D Trodd

CHANGE OF THE GUARD

Mr Darryl Trodd served as Housemaster for Commons' House for the past 8 years. Having joined College this year, my first impression of Mr Trodd was one of fear and intimidation as he is a man of great stature. However, upon my various interactions with him, I realised that he was friendly and approachable. He rendered help when needed while allowing his mentor teachers to develop within their personal space. Mr Trodd is well-respected by the boys from Commons' House- he resonated with the learners on a personal level and offered a sympathetic ear to both boys and staff. Mr Trodd always motivated the boys- one would always hear him say, "Give it a go!"-with the intent of arousing awareness amongst the boys in hope of them realising their full potential. We are certain that this message is something the boys will remember and carry out when faced with doubt and indecision.

We welcome Mr De Lange as the new Assistant Housemaster for 2022. Mr Nevay went from joining in 2021 as the Assistant Housemaster, to taking the helm for 2022 as Mr Trodd was promoted to a HOD position. We know Mr De Lange will succeed in all he does in his new role. I hope to make Commons House the leader that it has been in the recent past, and with the group of staff for 2022, I am confident we will find our former glory.

- Mr C Nevay

The new team for 2022

Housemaster Mr C Nevay

Assistant Housemaster Mr B de Lange

Prefects:

T van Heerden (Capt)

N Mosebi

N Zwane

J Sparks

House Leaders:

M Mbambo (Academics & Tutoring)

R Barker (Behaviour & Traditions)

J Jansen van Vuuren (Sports & House Competitions)

S Nkosi (Cultural and House Competitions)

E Dhoda (Character Education)

OUR HOUSE

The Highlights Package



Above the tie ceremony. Hayden Kemp, the house leader assisting our 2nd form College boy with his tie.



Neo's efforts while representing his house, school and province at the SA championships. Neo won the U18 100m event in a phenomenal time of 10.71 seconds. The singing contest, once again well done to the Commons team. In the final after running a time of 10.67 seconds in the semi-final. He also won a bronze medal in the U18 200m event with a time of 21.83 seconds.



Again, Commons were very competitive in this second Covid year with less than half the events taking place. Commons finished in a competitive 3rd place. The challenge for the house in 2022 is to get back to the top spot to gain bragging rights again.