

FORDER HOUSE

NEWS



Term 1 - 2024

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The first term at Forder House was a whirlwind of activity, marked by academic achievements, sporting triumphs, and vibrant cultural events. Our students embraced the challenges of a frenetic term with determination and enthusiasm. Amidst the hustle, we held steadfast to the value of mindfulness, recognising the importance of balance and well-being. Let's delve into the highlights of our dynamic house.

Currently positioned sixth in the inter-house standings, Forder House is eager to embark on the next phase of our journey, with the collective goal of improving our ranking in term two. The competitive spirit and dedication exhibited by our students and house leaders serve as driving forces behind our aspiration to achieve greater success and recognition in inter-house competitions.

Forder House is privileged to have a team of exceptional house leaders who consistently lead from the front, inspiring and motivating their peers to strive for excellence. Their unwavering enthusiasm and commitment to the well-being of our house community ensure that Forder House continues to thrive and flourish. We extend our sincerest appreciation to our house leaders for their dedication and exemplary leadership.

Forder House takes immense pride in its outstanding academic achievements, with students consistently ranking within the Top 10 each term. This commendable performance is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and academic excellence

exhibited by both students and educators within our house. We remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a supportive and intellectually stimulating environment that empowers every student to reach their full potential academically.

Each of our new mentors brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and passion to our house, and we are thrilled to have them as part of our team. With our mentor's guidance and support, we look forward to fostering a nurturing environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Mr Bremner, Mr Eva, and Ms Mantle, your dedication to the well-being and success of our students is truly admirable, and we are grateful to have you on our team.

As we look ahead to the upcoming term, Forder House is filled with optimism and determination. We remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence, both academically and beyond. With the continued support of our mentors, house leaders, teachers, students, and parents, we are confident that Forder House will continue to thrive as a vibrant and dynamic community dedicated to fostering holistic development and lifelong learning.

At Forder House, we draw inspiration from the mighty Griffin—a symbol of strength, courage, and prestige. Together, we aim for excellence, recognising that each student brings unique talents to our collective journey.

Let us continue making a lasting impact as we work toward greatness.

In conclusion, the first term at Forder House has been characterized by significant achievements, spirited competition, and unwavering dedication. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members of the Forder House community for their contributions and commitment to excellence. Together, we look forward to a future filled with continued growth, success, and camaraderie within Forder House.

Mr N Croeser
Housemaster

HOUSE LEADER REPORT

Forder House as a whole has done alright so far this year, as we come to end of Term 1. We have been finishing in the middle of all events. Around fourth to seventh place, but we I believe we are capable of finishing in better positions. We may not be the most athletic house but we have team spirit that helps us finish in the positions that we do.

As the captain of Forder House I have found that the house leaders have a played a big role in assisting me, which I have really appreciated. All forms have respected and listened to us as house leaders.

I believe that we can finish in the top 5 at the end year if we continue on this path.

Pro aris et focis

Jared Marcus
House Captain

MISSION STATEMENT

At Forder House, we're inspired by the powerful Griffin. Together, we aim for strength, courage, and prestige through teamwork. Each person brings unique talents, creating unity and a strong drive for excellence. The Griffin symbolises our journey, and we want to make a lasting impact as we work together and aim for greatness.

MOTTO

Magnitudinem Evocans.

(Unleashing Greatness.)

OUR HOUSE

HOUSE COMPETITION

As we reflect on the sporting and cultural achievements of Forder House this term, I am pleased with the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our boys. While we celebrate our achievements, it's evident that there is room for improvement, as we secured sixth place on the overall points table. The level of participation in house competitions has been commendable, and with even greater engagement next term, we hold optimistic aspirations of climbing up the table.

TOP 10 AND GOOD REPORT TEA

Our Good Report Tea honors the outstanding achievements of Maritzburg College's top 10 academic students across forms 2, 3, 4, and 5 from 2023. The remarkable results achieved by these boys truly reflect their unwavering dedication and hard work, leaving us immensely proud of their accomplishments!

Congratulations to the following boys:

Form 5

J werth	First
I Jikijo	Fourth
O Haasbroek	Seventh

Form 4

M Brunkhorst	Sixth
D Brunkhorst	Tenth



MEET THE MENTORS

Welcome to our "Meet the Mentors" section, where we have the pleasure of introducing you to the inspiring individuals who play a pivotal role in shaping the experiences and growth of our students. In this edition, we are delighted to shine a spotlight on three exceptional mentors: Mr. R. Bremner, Ms. B. Mantle, and Mr. S. Eva.

B Mantel

My name is Bronwen Mantle. I returned to College at the beginning of 2024 after a sojourn of 8 years teaching at St Anne's Diocesan College. I teach Afrikaans across all the grades, and I am a mentor in Forder house. I am also involved in the academic enrichment program which is run on an Monday for Form 4 and 5 and a Thursday for Form 2 and 3. I am passionate about my subject, and I am an avid dog lover as all my classes know. I enjoy reading crime thrillers in my spare time and binge-watching series on Netflix. I am happy to be back at my old stomping ground and I look forward to my time spent at the Red, Black and White.



S Eva



Hailing from Pretoria I am excited to teach at College. In the past I have built experience from a myriad of fields, like being a BAA paramedic to a professional athletics coach in sprints and hurdles. I studied at SATS to achieve my

bachelor's in theology and continued at Cornerstone for my PGCE. As a teacher I believe that nurturing the passion within students will lead them to do their best.

R Bremner



My name is Rory Bremner and I am an OC (2003). After leaving College I studied a BA (Criminology and Linguistics) at UKZN, followed by a PGCE and BEd Honours (Educational Management) both through UNISA. I worked for 7 years at Cordwalles Preparatory School where I was Head of

Rugby among other things, before my wife, Amy, and I decided to move to the UK, which we have just returned from having spent the last 6 years there. I spent 4 of those years as the Assistant Director of Sport in an Independent London Day School. While in the UK, we were blessed with two sons, Kingsley who is 3, and Caleb, who was just two weeks old when we flew home to South Africa in early January. I return to my alma mater to take up the position of Head of PE and I am incredibly excited to move the subject forward here at College. We are very grateful to be living here on school property, and I have been doing boarding duties in Hudson House, where I lived while at College. Moving back across the world and settling into life in South Africa again has been a complete whirlwind, but both Amy and I have felt incredibly humbled by the support we have received from the College community and look forward to many happy years here at the school.

INTRODUCING HOUSE MASCOT FRIKKIE

This term we introduced a new mascot, Frikkie! With a twinkle in his eye and a bounce in his step, he's here to add some extra flair to our house spirit. And guess what? He's got a few words to share, so let's hear what Frikkie has to say!



Howzit, Forder House crew! I'm Frikkie, your brand-spanking-new, lekker mischievous mascot, drawing inspiration from the legendary Stitch, but with a proudly South African twist! With my floppy ears and cheeky grin, I'm here to add some gees to our house vibe. Whether we're running around the quad or jolling at house events, you can count on me to bring some lekker vibes and a touch of local flair. So grab your boerewors rolls and let's skinner about making memories, Forder House fam! Let's jol!



FROM THE BOYS

MERIT AWARDS

The following boys are to be congratulated for receiving certificates of recognition for merit commendations in academics, service, cultural or sporting activities. Well done to the following boys:

D Brunkhorst, M Brunkworst, Y Hansrod, A Kritzinger, L Makhathini, O Ntombela, S Wessels.

CULTURE, ACADEMIC AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the course of Term 1 a number of our boys received various different awards for their academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. A hearty congratulations to the following boys:

NAME	AWARD
L Wassink	Captain (e-Sports)
J Werth	Captain (Cross Country)
I Jikijo	Captain (Marketing Team)
S Khumalo	Captain (Interact Club)
K Jones	Large White Badge (Squash)
G Askew	Large White Badge (Hockey)
S Deane	Large White Badge (Tennis)

FORM 2 TIE CEREMONY

On the 19 January the Form 2's were officially welcomed into the Maritzburg College brotherhood when they were handed their ties by the Form 6's of the house.

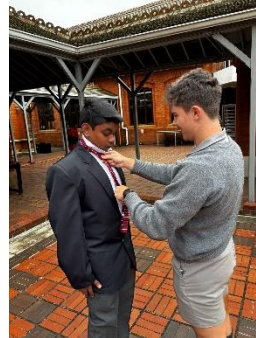


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Mr Croeser had this to say to them:

Boys of Forder House and Grade 8 class of 2024

Today is a momentous occasion as we gather to celebrate the completion of a significant rite of passage for our Grade 8 learners. I am thrilled to welcome each of them into the Maritzburg College brotherhood



To our Grade 8s, your journey here signifies dedication, commitment, and grit. Today's ceremony, where you will receive your second form ties, is more than a

tradition; it is a symbol of acceptance into a brotherhood that values integrity, honesty, courage, self-discipline, commitment and respect.

These ties represent the rich traditions and values upheld by Maritzburg College. As you wear them with pride, remember that you are now part of a legacy built by generations before you—individuals who walked these halls, faced challenges, and emerged stronger and wiser.

Embrace the responsibilities that come with this honour. You are not just students; you are now ambassadors of Maritzburg College. Strive for excellence in academics, sports, and culture.



Wearing these ties serves as a constant reminder of the expectations that come with being part of this esteemed institution. Let them motivate you to push boundaries and be leaders, not only within these walls but in the wider community.

As you embark on this new chapter, remember the supportive network around you—teachers, staff, and fellow students. The opportunities for growth and learning are vast, and the journey ahead is filled with success, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories.

Congratulations, Grade 8 class of Maritzburg College! Today marks the beginning of a remarkable chapter. Wear your ties with pride, carry the spirit of Maritzburg College in your hearts, and let your journey here be one of success and lasting friendships.

Welcome to the Maritzburg College brotherhood.

HOUSE IN ACTION



Wishing you all a wonderful holiday.
Mr N Croeser (Housemaster)