



Barns House News



Term 1 - 2024

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

As we come to the end of term 1, I'd like to thank the men of Barns house for their commitment and hard work this term. Upon reflection, term 1 is never an easy term... It is jam-packed with multiple interhouse events, heavy academic loads, and intense common test timetables. For some, it is their first time being at College, arriving bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to start the next chapter of their schooling career; and for others, the final chapter, as they work to etch their names in the history books.

This year's batch of 2nd formers have impressed me! They have shown great potential for success in their various spheres. There are some seriously talented and intelligent individuals beginning to show their faces in Barns house. I commend a group of these youngsters on their impressive win in the U14 section of the interhouse swimming, where they completely dominated in the pool... Well done, Gents. I would also like to commend the rest of 2nd form on their patience and resolve during these first few months.

I believe that another contributing factor to this earmarked potential can be attributed to this year's house leaders. We have 4 prefects, 2 shouting captains, 1 BE head-prefect, the first term rugby captain, and a number of other talented and respectable individuals leading Barns house. These

young leaders have set a high standard that the young men of Barns can model themselves on. The impressive thing about this year's leaders is that they embrace the house credo of "Acta non Verba" (Actions not words), who lead by example and practice what they preach. They are respectful, understanding, self-disciplined, and nurturing... qualities that we see less of these days. So, I would like to thank, not just the house leaders, but all of the older forms in Barns house and hope that they will continue to keep supporting and molding the next generation of respectable and respectful Collegians.

Last, but not least, to the mentors of Barns house. This year we welcomed a new mentor to the Barns family, Mr. Simeon Goddard (OC, 2017). He has joined College as an English teacher, as well as a talented Basketball and Rugby coach. He has shown great promise and has developed a strong relationship with the boys. To the rest of the team, thank you for all the patience, diligence, and guidance. The mentors are what turn the wheels and make sure that all boys are afforded the best opportunity to become the best version of themselves. Thanks for all your efforts this term.

To close off, I would like to thank everyone in Barns house for their hard work this term.

Enjoy your well-earned holiday and get some rest. But when you return, be ready to grab the bull by the horns, because next term is not only Winter sports season, but also exam season, and boys are going to have to find the balance if they wish to succeed.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Mr. Simon Brill
Housemaster of Barns



OUR HOUSE

INTERHOUSE EVENTS



Barns house started a bit shaky this year and has achieved a mixed bag of results in the interhouse events. However, it is not how you start, but how you finish, and I have faith that the boys will step up and work towards improving upon this terms results. The participation in house competitions has been good and I commend those who got stuck-in.

Virtus challenge:	3 rd
Athletics:	10 th
Swimming:	6 th
House singing:	9 th
Basketball:	6 th
House spirit (Gala):	1 st

Well done, but there is definitely some room for improvement.

“MEN OF CHARACTER. MEN OF
VIRTUE. MEN, WORTHY OF
RESPECT”

‘BLUE BLOODS’

FROM THE BOYS

5th FORM CAMP

In early February, our 5th Formers made their way to the Umkomaas valley to attend the annual 5th form camp. The camp is an opportunity for the future leaders of both Barns house and College, to express themselves and embrace the role of a leader. It is a great opportunity for staff to earmark possible leaders and begin building and training those individuals to become the future leaders of the school. Barns has shown good potential and I encourage our future leaders to keep working hard and continue improving themselves.



BARNS HOUSE AWARDS: TERM 1

Kriben Pillay: ***Large White Badge (Squash)***

Cayden Sukraj: ***Large White Badge (Soccer)***



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