



# Commons House News



TERM 2 2024

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

I am delighted to report that our house has displayed exceptional teamwork and camaraderie this term. Both students and staff have shown outstanding commitment to the winter sports, with notable achievements in various derbies.

Moreover, our house has collectively strived to raise standards in academic and pastoral aspects, showcasing a strong sense of unity and dedication. This collaborative spirit is truly commendable, and I am proud to be part of such a cohesive and driven community.

## REUNION DAY



REUNION DAY is a highlight in the term 2 calendar. For the second formers, this is their chance to participate in their first blazer display. Commons 2<sup>nd</sup> former Philip Hellberg was part of this exciting tradition.

*We had to practice a lot for the blazer display. I was not in a letter, I was in the background. I was not nervous because I knew what to do. It was awesome to see the video so we could see what it looked like.*

## ACADEMICS : top 10 placings...

Form 2: Luke Borchers: 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Form 3: Shrian Bandu: 1<sup>st</sup>.  
form 4: Dayren Pillay: 1<sup>st</sup>;  
Alondwe Dladla 4<sup>th</sup>;  
Simon Wiggill 7<sup>th</sup>  
Form 5: Jiran Moneyvalu 1<sup>st</sup>.



Jiran making waves in the debating world with his selection to the **PMB debating**

## REUNION CHALLENGE.



The first soccer team took on the challenge laid down by the old boys. This saw them facing former teammates Mateo Horstead and Grayson Mentory. 3 Commons boys took part in the match, which ended in a 4-4 draw.

Sphamandla Dzanibe (front second left) had this to say:

*It was fun, and entertaining. Mentory and Horstead made it a hard and competitive game. I scored 1 goal and the Old boys were not quiet at all.*

Thubelihle Myeni (front right) shared his thoughts:

*Facing last year's matrics on the opposite team was both exhilarating and intimidating. Their experience and skill level were evident from the start, pushing us to play at our absolute best. The intensity of the match kept my adrenaline pumping, and I felt a mix of excitement and pressure. Despite the challenges, it was rewarding to test our abilities against such seasoned players. Ultimately, the experience made me realize the importance of teamwork and perseverance.*

### Provincial selections:

Congratulations to:

Nicholas Holmes: Hockey KZN inland U18A

Rory Schirge: Hockey KZN inland U16A

Scott Schirge: Hockey KZN inland U16C

Wasi Vyambwera: Rugby Sharks U17A

Adam Cahill: Rugby Sharks U16A

Lwanzo Vyambwera: Rugby Sharks U15B





## TERM 2 REFLECTIONS

Looking back at the half year, boys have had time to adjust to their new grades. Second former Luke Borchers reflects on the progress of the year so far:

*The first week was kind of stressful having to try find all the different classrooms, but after getting used to everything, things have gotten a lot easier. Now that I know how the routine and everything works it's not that hard to find my way around. High school is very different to primary school and everything is a lot busier now.*

Luhle Dlamini's thoughts on 4<sup>th</sup> form:

*Fourth form has been a new adventure and I had not expected the level of pressure that comes with it but I am slowly adapting to being a senior and the responsibilities of being in Grade 10. I am also enjoying the freedom that has come with being in Grade 10. I was able to choose subjects I'm passionate about and have crawled out of my shell to join and start things I didn't know I would like.*

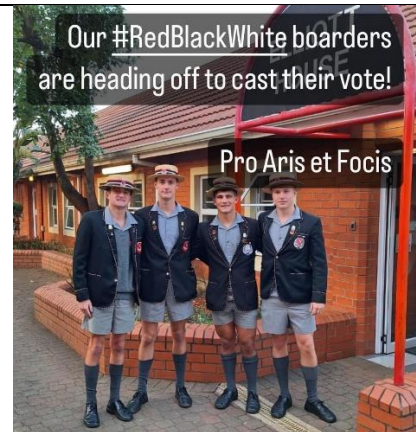


Third form's infamous hydraulics practical. Scott Schirge testing classmate, Hilton Kyle's creation.



House leader Mpendulo Mkhize (left) shared this memory of our amazing nurses:

*I tore ligaments in my ankle and Sisters Haseena and Claire took care of me. They booked me for an x-ray and got me the treatment I needed. I was worried about how I was ever going to walk again, but they really helped keep me calm.*



House captain Nick Holmes (second from left) setting an example by heading off to vote.