

2024 Snow House Report

As we bid farewell to the year 2024, we celebrate a year marked by growth, resilience and achievements. We are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the experiences that have shaped us in the process of this long journey. This year has again been a good and a formidable one for the Snow house family in many ways. The brotherhood, spirit of oneness and the camaraderie in the house is always evident.

The boys and staff always support each other. Boys will always be boys in their behaviour. However, we had very few matters of discipline and nothing so serious that it needed that much attention. We had some challenges in terms of focus and discipline during House lineups, but these were easily dealt with. A big compliment to our House Leaders who came up with the idea of realigning our lineups. We changed the order so that the 6th Formers stood in the front, followed by 5th Form, all the way down to Second Form at the end. This has meant that the Seniors are more present and focussed and have a better attitude during this time. We are proud of this change as it has really worked. I admire our House Leaders for all they did during their time which benefited our house. Nothing could have been achieved without the support and the buy in of the whole Snow's family. Thanks to our 6th Form group for accepting the change as a good start to better things.

The commitment shown by our mentors is always amazing. Their dedication and presence during lineup and events, means a lot to our boys. For the boys to see all their mentors standing with them in all weather conditions or the times spent chatting to them creates a bold and positive statement. The mentor's presence and visibility send a bold and positive message to our boys cementing and expanding the expected bond between them and their mentors. This has also helped to improve the boy's behaviour and limited the number of boys getting detentions. A special commendation to our House Leaders for their vital contribution and the positive impact they have had in our house.

The boys of Snow with Housemaster Mr J Mhlongo



The House Leaders of 2024 filled the following portfolios. Academics was handled by Moodley and Thabethe, our secretary was Marais, who also played a pivotal role in reviving a culture of prayers and readings in the mornings. Sports were led by Zungu and Tocknell. I would like to single out Masinga who oversaw Cultural Affairs. We had to say goodbye to Inathi Masinga as he had been so privileged to be awarded a basketball scholarship to attend Southeastern Preparatory Academy in Orlando Florida. We are proud of him and wish him a happy stay in Florida.

For the mentors to walk down the lines, checking boy's hair and dress showed how much they really cared about the boys' wellbeing. I believe boys do see the positive impact of this rather than negative.

Our Second Form group seem to have gelled in so easily this year. This stems from the mentor lessons where the sense of brotherhood is being practiced. We are an academic house, hence we pride ourselves on the fact that our boys are often listed in the Top 10 academic achievers in each grade. We managed to have representatives in every grade, in every term this year. We are referring to the regulars like R Mckean, E Moodley, K Moodley K, R Badenhorst, J Smith, J Luridsamy and A Madlala to mention a few and hope that they will still do the same come 2025 and be joined by many more on this wonderful path.

We will also be sad and at the same time happy for Mrs Sanders as she leaves us for her promotion as Assistant Head of Leadership. We thank her sincerely for all her contributions to the house and most importantly her mentor class. S2 were so lucky to have her as their mentor. The way she shaped them is amazing. I am hoping that the boys learnt a lot from Mrs Sanders and will be taking those lessons into their futures. We wish her a happy stay in her new role and know that she will always have the Snow House blood in her veins. We will be welcoming Miss van Heerden in her place and hope she will fit in these big shoes easily. She will be formally introduced in our first assembly next year and hope she has a long and happy stay.

The 2025 house leaders are waiting impatiently to perform their roles in their new portfolios and move the house to greater heights. Moses will be our academic adviser, Sports will be Westerdale and Trodd, Administration and House competitions will be Nkabane and for discipline and appearance will be Anderson. We wish them a happy stay in their new roles and urge a support for them from the whole house.



Ase Madlala as Fredric in this year's production of "The Pirates of Penzance"

We also pride ourselves on nurturing and producing the Head Boy of College for 2025, A. Hadebe. We wish you all the best in your new role and hope you will have the support you expect from your peers and the whole school. Remember, leadership is not bullying, and leadership is not aggression. Leadership is the expectation that you can use your voice for good and that you can make the world a better place.

I would like to thank the whole chain of our mentors in the Snow house family and Mr Orton my Assistant Housemaster who dealt with a number of issues in the running of the house including the weekly discipline. Your contributions moving the house forward has produced only miracles. I find it so easy to run the house only because of your support. Thank you.

We wish every member of the Snow House family good rest, happy holidays and a prosperous new year and safe travels to those who will be travelling.

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J. Mhlongo

Housemaster