

# Elliott House Newsletter

Term 2 - 2024



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SACRIFICE THAT WHICH YOU  
ARE TODAY, FOR WHAT YOU  
WILL BECOME TOMORROW.

Dear Elliott House parents and guardians,

I am happy to have the opportunity to place the Elliott House adventure of Term 2, in a summarised letter.

The first half of the year has been a wonderful time for the boys in Elliott House. The challenges of living in a new boarding house was short lived by a great group of boys. Adjustment to a new living environment is a daunting thought, especially when the boarding house you moving to was previously known as Alcatraz. This might be an encouraging thought for a distant parents and guardians, however, as the Housemaster leading the Elliott House team and boys, I have worked hard on removing this impression. I believe that when boys are given the benefit of the doubt, they will live up to the positive impressions and expectations we bestow upon them. Elliott House was transformed from a house to a home for every boarder living in it.

Each boarder in Elliott House is privileged to have his own room. This has enhanced their sense of independence and gave them a part of the house to be responsible for. Clean living conditions along with personal hygiene is promoted. The mental health of each boarder in Elliott House is important. The team whom themselves are the core group leaders of their own set of about ten boys each, regularly check up on them. The assistance from the remote support (parents/guardians) is vital. In the event a boy may feel that he needs to only connect with his parent or guardian about a matter, it is important to know that if the need arises, the necessary intervention of a master on site may be called upon. I would like to encourage the parents/ guardians to inform me about anything that might influence the behaviour of their young man while in our care.

The mission for the Elliott House team is to instil a sense of pride in their house. Our efforts were supported by the enhancement of the Piet Snyman common room. The second term started with a two-week period in which the common room was given a complete face lift. I commend the boys for showing patience during this time. Mrs Emerson applied her decor expertise to provide the room a modern and functional feel. A place where the boarders may feel valued while they socialise with their brothers. A new table tennis table, and pool table added to the excitement of having a more modern looking room. The tuck shop has its own storage and counter from which it operates as well. I thank Mr Emerson for making available the funds needed and Mrs Emerson for spending those funds wisely during the time and efforts applied. This has certainly assisted in the Elliott House team's efforts to allow the boys to feel valued and to live in an environment they may feel proud of.

In a talk held with the boys, one of my main focus words shared was "opportunity". The varied opportunities available ensures the holistic development of each individual. Apart from the obvious academic, sporting and cultural opportunities available, we also encourage our young men to think of themselves as being developed. Our boys must also take on the responsibility toward themselves to

continuously develop by seeking to better themselves as human beings. A growth mind set is essential and accepting life to be a never-ending learning experience.

I make mention of the freedom and extra time made available to our matric boys in their specially designed daily routines. Their freedom fits within a set structure and is reliant on the disciplined approach of each boy to succeed. Their routines allow for academic/learning time, sport and cultural expression and provides time for social interactions with their brothers. Living the College experience as a College boy is about taking part in events, bonding with brothers on the sporting fields and even sharing the stage in a production. The Classroom allows cognitive development in which the growth of our young men are evident. In every sphere our College core values are practiced. Being involved, abiding by the rules and guidelines helps shape the young minds of the College boy. They become responsible and socially just young men. The boys become a product ready to join countless other College Old Boys, in “the big world”.

I am proud of the boarders of Elliott House who have allowed themselves to be guided and who lived to the fullest by taking on opportunities presented. Memories have been made with their brothers. For the boarders who might feel that they have not harnessed their opportunities fully yet, there is still time!

Elliott House boarders bonded under their new banner and soon faced the challenges posed by the academic pressure of Term 2. I watched how each of the 7 weeks before exams passed by like a racing heartbeat. It was evident that each boarder anxiously anticipated and then ensued necessary preparations towards their very last Mid-Year examination. Paging through books broke the silence of each prep session. Our teaching staff/Core group leaders on the team assisted by giving extra lessons in the Piet Snyman common room. All hands were on deck and every effort was made to see our boarders through. The Elliott House boarder has had, and still has every opportunity to pursue and succeed in all spheres. The fundamental scaffolding in which they thrive is provided. A well-structured study routine during June examinations gave the boys the necessary guidelines to practice their responsibility towards self-study and carving a path towards achieving their academic goals. This effort will be repeated during Trial and Final examinations. The June exam period was a taste for parents/guardians, staff and boarders of that which is to come. An experience to improve upon if need be. Conversations had with me and the core group leaders, set expectations for realistic planning and building of a solid foundation. We thank those teachers who gave up their time to provide extra lessons during the evenings and provide continuity of interest in the academic program.

I am happy to report that relationships formed within the house have all the signs of becoming lifelong bonds. As every one of our boys have their own life story, their own strife and celebrations, it is really encouraging to see that they take the necessary steps toward realising their true potential. They do this not only for themselves but for one another. A sincere thank you goes out to the Elliott House Team who stood at their posts, looking after our boys and fulfilling the important role as a mentor. The team kept our boys’ efforts honest and allowed them to be accountable for their actions. The team rose to the occasion, growing in valuable experience.

I declare that the first half of the year at Elliott House has challenged, provided excitement and facilitated the opportunities for holistic development.

I am going to close off by adding the following, not of my own words:

***“Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”***



# The Elliott House Milk Men



**Nkululeko Sithole**

**Brody Ollerhead**



The milk men of Elliott House, as voted for by the boys, were kept accountable for the timely delivery of the valuable 'liquid'. The never-ending challenges faced, and the valiant efforts made, were duly appreciated. Sour milk was not once questioned, and no boarder cried over spilt milk either. The great 'trek' the milk experienced from the dining hall, surviving 'vultures', were safely delivered to each floor within Elliott House. One specific milkman made sure every milk bottle made it to the foot of every room door. Amazing service from an individual raising the bar and keeping to his own high standards.

We thank these men for their second term of commitment shown. They form a very important part within the Elliott House ecosystem. The milk delivering young men served their house with distinction once again. The responsibility they bare is great and therefore also had negotiating power over many, I would imagine. Our milk men, the prize position of the house, stand tall with their chests out, continuing to proudly deliver every week. What courageous young men they are!





## ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS IN THE HOUSE FOR TERM 1 – performing within the Top 50 in Grade 12

We congratulated our top academic achievers of Term 1. The boys excelled by actively achieving their academic goals. It is an amazing feeling to reach, and at times surpass set goals. The mentors handed over a well-deserved large pizza with a grand Elliott House certificate to the following Elliott House boarders: **Sfundo Ngcobo, Alexis Leclizio, Sive Sithembu, Gareth Egberink, Jack Foster, Ndumiso Mthiyane, Nico Meisegeier, Michael Jewaskiewitz, Zekhethelo Ndlovu, Lungelo Matshoge and Lisu Ndaba.**



Ndumiso joined by Mr Ntenezi



Alexis joined by Mr Bosch



Sive joined by Mr Kyle



Gareth joined by Mr Sparrow



Jack joined by Mr Smorfitt



Michael & Nico joined by Mr Sparrow



Zekhethelo & Lungelo joined by Mr Smorfitt

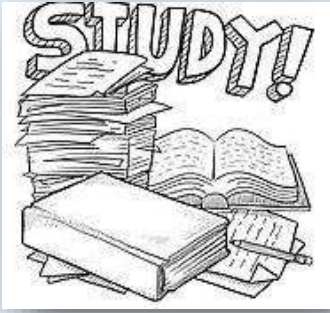


Lisu (above), absent from the occasion, received his certificate & pizza as well.



## Prep sessions paying off... "Shoulder to the wheel boys!"

A ship is always safest while docked in the harbour, however, that is not what it was made for and so performs to its full potential while at sea, exposed to the elements.



Within the Elliott House ecosystem, structure is provided through the normal daily routine. The Exam routine will be used during the Trial examination period. MS Teams, which has been a key feature in the communication of the house as an electronic platform, delivers necessary announcements or changes in daily routines, to the boarder's pocket. I would like to encourage every Elliott House boarder to continue making the best of their opportunities at College. Doors unlock as one becomes more involved with your own abilities to pursue your goals. Make use of the time spent in class. This marathon is run step by step. Let's keep moving forward!



Once confidence is built through winning over your thoughts about the looming examination period ahead, a less stressed environment unfolds. Anxiety is reduced and planning does not seem so rushed. To the Elliott House Boarder, keep chipping away at the old block. You are going to be fine.

Term 3 will allow the Elliott House boarders to apply their minds to the electronic academic goal setting form. This will be communicated to the core group leader who will be having the termly discussion around the realistic expectations each boarder has of himself. We wish the boys every success as they yet again negotiate their way through uncharted territory.



He who fails to plan is planning to fail.

— Winston Churchill —





# THE PIET SNYMAN COMMON ROOM UPGRADE – out with the old & in with the new.

## THE OLD...



## THE NEW & MORE FUNCTIONAL VERSION:





## SOME REWARDS FOR GOOD DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE HOUSE – MICROWAVES, TOASTERS, KETTLES AND MORE.



Our boarders were promised microwaves for their good behaviour and for following the guidelines within the house. They ended up being spoilt a little more than expected. The goal to unify three different houses under one Elliott House roof was achieved. Becoming Elliott House proud will and has become the foundation to an enjoyable stay. All who live in Elliott House must take care of their living quarters with the understanding that a neat and clean-living life style will bode them well. We hope this sentiment will not only be practiced while living together in the house but for where our boarders might find themselves in the future. We strive to raise

the living standard and to provide our boarders at Elliott House all they need to make their year a rewarding experience. Microwaves, toasters and kettles – rewards earned which unlocked kitchen capabilities.

For ongoing hard work during prep times and some much-needed sugar to keep boys from dosing, the housemaster's choice of treat is shared with every boarder in the house.





Our boarders had the opportunity to cast their vote in the 2024 National Elections.





## SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 3:



- **Boarders Return:** Monday 8th of July by 19:00.
- **Affies Exchange:** Friday 12th and Saturday 13th of July (compulsory attendance). We will be hosting our old rivals, Affies, from Pretoria.
- **PBHS Exchange:** Friday 19th of July we travel north, to take on the PBHS boys on Saturday 20th of July.
- **KES Exchange:** Friday 26th July and Saturday 27th July. We will be on the road again to take on the KES boys from JHB.
- **Winter Fixtures vs Glenwood:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of August (compulsory attendance).
- **FREE WEEKEND Women's day / Public Holiday:** The free weekend will commence on Thursday 8th August (after the inter-house rugby, hockey and soccer are complete), with Friday 9th of August being the public holiday. We host the Hockey U11 & U13 Primary Schools Festival. **Matric Leavers' Dinner Dance [APMH]:** 9<sup>th</sup> of August.
- **The next 2 weekends (16-18 Aug & 23-25 Aug) – normal weekend leave applies.**
- **BE Mall Visit:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August.
- **College Family Day:** Saturday 24th of August. Boarders may sign out from 16:00. We have a wonderful day planned and invite our College families to join us. We will be hosting a braai for the boarders and their parents from 12:00 and would love to have the parents enjoying a social afternoon where they can interact with other boarder parents.
- **Trial Examinations:** 26<sup>th</sup> of August – 18<sup>th</sup> of September. 6<sup>th</sup> Form boarders begin their Study Routine in Elliott House. More communication regarding Trial Exam routine and behavioural expectations will follow. 6<sup>th</sup> Form boarders will receive Study Optionals during the exam period.
- **Term 3 Ends:** Friday 20th of September. As per the Headmaster, all boarders are expected to be at school till the last day of term.





## BUILD A BURGER EVENING



Build a burger or otherwise known as food Architecture, brought a feeling of celebration and relief. Some touch rugby and soccer started the evening off, a way to build up a steady appetite. Afterwards the boys all relaxed while appreciating some well-deserved reprieve from a very busy Term. They all made it through Term 2. They are still breathing, in one piece, and about to have a well-deserved holiday. The boys had the opportunity to show off their burger building skills and eat their preferences. Some designer food produced, soon became the reason for a good night's rest. Almost like fulfilling a lifelong dream.

Some very happy/satisfied faces were observed. The Elliott House team enjoyed sharing this evening with the boys and showing off their years of experience in building of burgers.







## 6th FORM TRIALS TIMETABLE 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT
Mon	26.08.24	08:30-11:00	AFRFA/ZULFA2
		13:00-16:00	CATN1
Tues	27.08.24	08:30-11:30	INFT1 / VSLA TH
		13:00-15:00	ACCN1
Wed	28.08.24	08:30-11:30	ENGLH3
		13:00-15:30	AGRS1
Thur	29.08.24	08:30-11:00	AFRFA/ZULFA3
		13:00-15:00	ECON2/MUSC1
Fri	30.08.24	08:30-11:00	LFSC1
Mon	02.09.24	09:00-11:00	LIFE - FINALS
		13:00-16:00	DRMA1 - Theory
Tue	03.09.24	08:30-11:00	LFSC2
		13:00-16:00	GEOG1
Wed	04.09.24	8:30-11:30	INFT2/AGRS2
		08:00-14:00	VSLA PRAC
		13:00-15:00	ECON1/MUSC2
Thur	05.09.24	08:30-10:30	ENGLH1
		13:00-16:00	GEOG2
Fri	06.09.24	08:30-11:30	MATH/MLIT1

## 6TH FORM TRIALS TIMETABLE 2024 continued

DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT
Mon	09.09.24	08:30-11:30	MATH/MLIT2
Tues	10.09.24	08:30-11:00	ENGLH2
Wed	11.09.24	08:30-11:30	HIST1
		13:00-15:00	BSTD1
Thur	12.09.24	08:30-10:30	BSTD2
		13:00-16:00	HIST2/FSM
Fri	13.09.24	08:30-11:30	PHSC1/CAT2
		13:30-16:30	EGD1
Mon	16.09.24	08:30-11:30	PHSC2
Tue	17.09.24	08:30-10:30	ACCN2
		13:00-16:00	EGD2
Wed	18.09.24	08:30-10:30	AFRFA/ZULFA1
Thu	19.09.24	MARK CHECKS	
Fri	20.09.24	TERM ENDS	
<b>DRAMATICS ARTS PAPER 2</b>			
Final Internal Exam: Tuesday 20 August – 18:30 in the OCC			
Final External Exam: Friday 23 August – 08:00 in the OCC			
<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>			
Final External Exam (6 Hrs): Friday 23 August – 07:25 in the ART1 + L3			
NB: ID required for the LIFE Orientation Final Exam on Monday 2 September			