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NATHAN HOUSE TERM 4

2nd Form...Journey's end.



NATHAN HOUSE
MARITZBURG COLLEGE 2024



Where it all began. They have come so far. Well done boys!

From the Housemaster

Nathan House News : A Year of Achievement and Brotherhood

As the school year wraps up, it's a fitting time to look back on the remarkable journey of the young men at Nathan House. Their first year of College has been more than an academic milestone; it's a powerful story of unity and camaraderie.

A New Beginning

Setting foot in the unfamiliar corridors of high school, the boys of Nathan House faced a range of new challenges. Transitioning from the comfort of home, the fridge and Netflix, to the independence of high school life was often tough, sparking feelings of homesickness, especially getting up at 5:30am, and even on a Saturday..in winter. Yet in these moments, they leaned on each other for strength, offering support and creating the foundation of an unbreakable bond.

Overcoming Hardships

Their struggles were not limited to academics. From dealing with self-doubt to adjusting to communal living in dorms, other boys body odors, team testing, prefects table, and gamesroom, the boys met these tests of character, that forged the groundwork for a lasting brotherhood. In times of uncertainty, they turned to one another, proving that together, they could rise above any challenge, even learning a new war cry, the night before a derby clash.

Brotherhood in Action

With each trial came a new victory. The young men of Nathan House grew closer, forming a bond that went beyond friendship. Late-night study sessions, sprinting past Clark house, or avoiding the run altogether, and walking the long way around to sports practice, enjoying shared laughter, and mutual support, through the nerves of exams, solidified their unity, transforming their friendship into brothers forever.

A Unified Front

Their bond extended beyond dorm life, weaving into every aspect of their College experience. Together, they faced exams, leaving the house in the comfort of a large group, tackled other challenges like doing laundry successfully, and celebrated each other's successes- be it matches on Saturdays to birthdays punctuated with Mrs Lawson's beer box cakes. Standing side by side, at Gamesroom, during a fire drill, or on the quad for Friday night shouts, they uplifted one another, proving the strength of their solidarity.

Celebrating the good times

As the brass bell tolls for the last time, this year, in the house, and the echoes of 'Boys of Nathans', the beloved house anthem, being sung for the last time, the accomplishments of these young men highlight their resilience and togetherness. Whether it was receiving academic commendations, or vouchers from the tuckshop, to getting a friend through homesickness, their journey reflects the collective triumph of Nathan House's brotherhood.

Looking to the future

The lessons and friendships nurtured at Nathan House have laid a strong foundation for the years ahead, in the senior houses. This year has shaped not only their College journey but has also built a support network destined to endure beyond Old Boys induction.

An Enduring Legacy

The story of Nathan House is one of perseverance, unity, and deep-rooted friendship, where gentlemen belong. It's a testament to the strength found in togetherness, the courage to overcome challenges, and the creation of friendships that develop into a brotherhood.

As 2024 winds down the clock, Nathan House, in its red brick splendor, stands as a symbol, not only of the proud history of this wonderful school, but of resilience and friendship. Through challenges and victories mentioned above, they have forged bonds that will endure, leaving an unforgettable mark on their start of high school journey—a year of triumph, growth, and lasting connections.

The heart-beat of the house this year was , as always, our dear house mother. Ms Cilliers is an endearing soul, who both loves and instructs her charges with her nurturing warmth. It's a wonder how we ever survived without her! She has grown this year in confidence, in her capacity as a maternal influence in the house.

A word of generous thanks goes to the Mr. Fincham, Mrs Elliot and their estates team, in particular Jerry our personal handy-man, Sister Olivier and the Sanitorium staff, Mrs Lawsons team in the kitchen- who always go far beyond the call of duty, to Mrs Barbour- our scholarship mom, to Mrs Emerson, with her flair for design and interior decorating, making the house feel more like a home. Thank you Mr. Emerson for all your support, advice and friendship, you have brought the boarding establishment to the best place it has been, in my association with this school. Last, but not certainly not least, to Mr. Paul Gonlag, my assistant house master, we could not function as a house, without your skills, wit, and administrative prowess, not to mention your caring, and unassuming nature. We are, because you are.

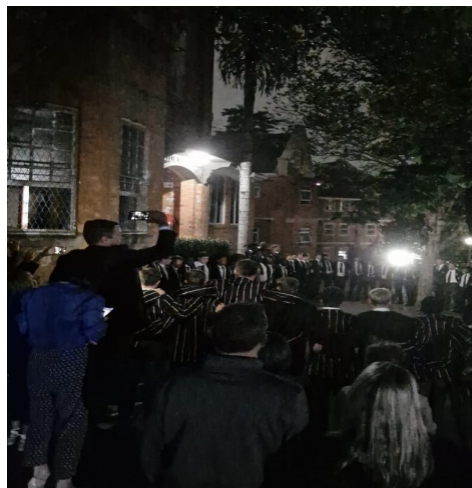
And so, a farewell salute to the Nathan House boys of 2024 and the special mark they've left on the canvas of College life, not to mention a few red bricks—a year of triumph, growth, and the forging of bonds that shall last a lifetime. God bless boys, and thank you for the memories.

Mr R Barbour

Housemaster: Nathan House



SNAP SHOTS OF TERM 4.....



TOP FRAME: Two of our stalwart prefects this year, Head of Nathans, J Konigkramer , and R Bernstein.

TOP RIGHT: Before you know it yours will be singing it for the last time, too.

MIDDLE LEFT: The engine rooms, aka study venues for November exams.

BOTTOM LEFT and RIGHT: The “before “photos, a beautiful new Nathan house foyer awaits...

FAIRWELL DINNER awards



Dux of Nathan house: Sam Wessels



The True Grit Award: Christopher Markham



**T Addison
Sportsman of the
year**

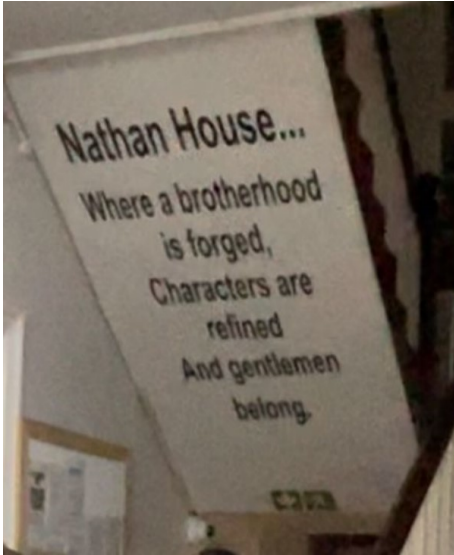


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Award**



For whom the bell tolls

On another level...



What might you be up to Zac?

Catch the Last match Smiles...



Thanks for the memories Mr. G!

An extract from a speech given by T Addison at the farewell dinner...

“In Nathan House, I have learned that whenever someone has a friend, a brother by their side, supporting one another and encouraging each other during good times or in bad times, it makes life so much easier and it allows you to always feel free to be yourself.”

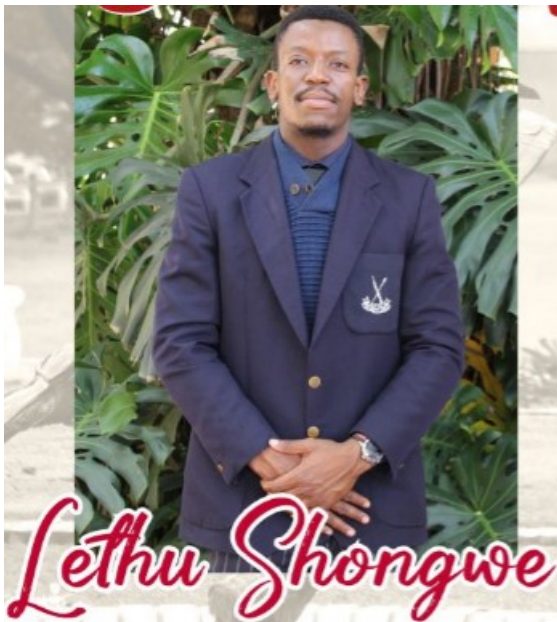
Some words from head of house J Konigkramer, to his boys

“You guys have shown some real Grit and determination this year. I beg you guys to carry on growing into a College man...I'll definitely be back for 2028 reunion day and I want to see the men you've become.”

“the memories you make in Nathan house are everlasting. I hope you cherish them, and continue making countless more in your senior houses.”

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Amongst the walls of Nathan House, the heartbeat of our 2nd form hostel, resides a unique cadre of boarder masters and prefects. Their presence embodies a harmonious blend of firmness, fairness, and consistency. These remarkable individuals have woven a tapestry of discipline, guidance, and support. They stand as pillars of strength, offering guidance with a firm hand, nurturing with fairness, and maintaining consistency in their approach. Through their dedication, the house management team have not only overseen the growth of these young men, but have also set a remarkable example of balanced leadership, shaping the character and resilience of the boys in their care. On this note a key man in this regard, was Mr Shongwe (pictured below), who leaves us at the end of the year, for the other side of town, The Wykeham Collegiate. Thank you for all your pastoral care and interventions sir. You have made an indelible impression on the lives of the boys.



We look forward to the new prefects for Nathan house 2025, lead by Matthew Borchers, a fine young gentleman. Also joining us next year, in place of Mr Shongwe's departure, will be Mr. Flash Malinga, an accomplished rugby coach, and very experienced Isizulu teacher. We look forward to welcoming him to Nathan house.

Please use the below link to access the BE House photos form this year. It is in a Google Drive folder and you can download the photo which you would like.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-oWgRGdmBHIs7Z4MtNi-FGaUFJfIHRR-?usp=sharing>

Thank you to the parents for their support this year. Have a wonderful holiday with your families! All the best for 2025. God bless.

Mr R Barbour
Housemaster: Nathan House