



# Sir Matthew Nathan

## House term 2 2025

**Sola Virtus Nobilitat** - Virtue alone ennobles

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## From the Housemaster

As we draw the curtain on a busy and eventful term, it's a good time to reflect on the journey our Nathan house boarders have taken over the past few months. It's been a term filled with its fair share of disruptions, challenges, growth, and memorable moments.

The early-weeklong school holiday certainly brought with it a pause — some might say a *disruption* — to the academic, sporting, and cultural rhythm of the house. While the break was appreciated by some, it did knock the boys off their stride somewhat, and it took a little time to rebuild momentum afterwards. Nevertheless, true to form, our boys adapted and adjusted quickly.

A major highlight of the term was the much-anticipated clash against our age-old rivals, St. Charles, during their 150th reunion weekend. The match was nothing short of epic — fiercely contested, with pride on the line and an electric atmosphere. In what will be remembered as one of the tightest finishes in recent years, our boys dug deep to snatch victory right at the end. It was a proud moment for the team and a testament to their determination.

In the lead-up to our own school's reunion weekend, blazer display practices were held a few times a week. These sessions were met with enthusiasm, as the boys enjoyed the chance to be part of such a proud, albeit relatively new tradition. That said, it came with the balancing act of maintaining academic standards — a challenge that the boys managed admirably.

By the time the much-needed free weekend rolled around, spirits were high — even if energy levels were low. After those demanding first few weeks, we hope the boys took full advantage of the opportunity to rest, sleep in, and recharge.

Reunion Day brought with it yet another sporting showdown, this time against another of our old foes from Botha's Hill, Kearsney College. It was a classic encounter filled with bone-crunching tackles and explosive runs from our backline. The boys wore the jersey with pride, and it was a match that lived up to every expectation, in front of a proud crowd.

As blazer display practices and team testing were set aside during the exam period, the boys were able to shift their full focus to academics — a much-needed change of pace for some. We're proud of the way they embraced the exam season. For the most part, they demonstrated focus, grit, and a growing maturity that bodes well for the future.

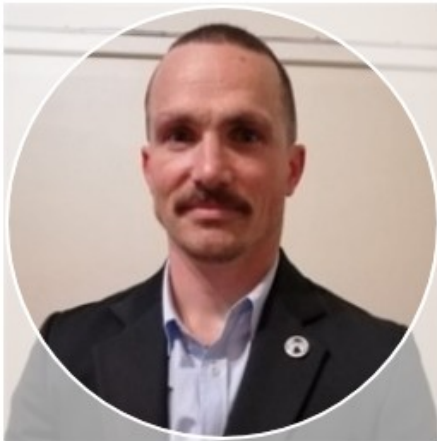
Another notable event this term was hosting Comrades Marathon runners in our boarding houses the night before the big race. Not only was it an exciting opportunity to interact with some truly inspiring individuals, but it was also a valuable fundraising initiative for the boarding houses.

As we reached the final stretch of the term, things naturally became a bit of a whirlwind — with exams, mark checks, and a host of end-of-term activities. Through it all, our Form 2s have handled themselves exceptionally well. They've worked hard, stayed grounded, and shown real growth — a credit to both them, their upbringing, and the house.

Of course, balance is key. All work and no play never makes for a fulfilling term, so we're glad to look forward to a few lighter moments before the break, and a restful holiday to follow. We're proud of the journey so far — and excited for what the next term holds.

**Well done, gentlemen.**

**Ron Barbour**  
**House master**



## From the head prefect of Nathans

This term has certainly tested us all, with exams demanding our focus and energy — but I want to start by congratulating our 2nd Formers on a solid term. You've shown great commitment both in the classroom and on the field, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. Term 2 is always intense, not just academically but also because of our winter sports season. The second term at College brings out the true spirit of our boys, and it's been fantastic to see Nathan House so well represented in rugby, hockey, soccer and various other sports. Let's keep the momentum going as we head toward the final stretch of the year.

## The assistant Housemaster...



During their first winter sports season, the boys enthusiastically participated in various sports such as rugby, hockey, and soccer. They gave their all on the fields, playing with pride and passion. The support they showed for the 1st XI hockey team on Papes and the 1st XV rugby team on Basher Ridge was incredible and uplifted the spirits of both teams. Despite having exams, the boys were provided with a structured prep routine to follow during the day and evenings. These sessions were closely supervised by the duty master and prefects, who were always available to assist with any difficulties. We are confident that this structured routine will yield positive results for our boys.

We would also like to congratulate the following boys for making the **KZN Inland Under 14 Hockey**

**Teams** and wish them all the best for their tournaments in the holidays:

**KZN Inland U14 A:**

Ben Lusso

Siposethu Mthiyane

Corban Emerson

Zipho Fakude

Bunono Zitumane

Anesu Mukono

**KZN Inland U14 B:**

Mitchell Layden

LJ Mduba

Judah Spilsbury

Ryan Watermeyer

Blaison Abraham

**KZN Inland U14 C:**

Luke Coetzee

Also a huge congratulations to the following boys who made the **Sharks U14 High Performance Squad:**

Brussouw Fourie

Hlalumi Ntongana

Wald Rossouw

Ryan Slade

Liam Bottcher

Willem Badenhorst

Joy Kanyinda

Kian Ramsamy

Jayden Van Der Westhuyzen

Kenzo Kappes

We would also like to congratulate Andrew Reitz on his **KZN U14**

**Squash Selection.**

**Mr P Gonlag**

## Thoughts from our House mother



This term has seen a significant improvement in the overall spirit, or "gees," within the house. The boys have shown remarkable progress in adjusting to the hostel environment, with fewer instances of homesickness and a notable decrease in its frequency among those who do experience it. The camaraderie among the boys has strengthened, fostering a true brotherhood bond. This positive relationship is evident in their interactions and mutual support. The boys exhibit a healthy respect towards the masters and prefects, contributing to a harmonious and disciplined environment. There have been no major trends

of bullying identified within the house this term. The respectful atmosphere and the close-knit nature of the boys have likely played a role in maintaining a safe and supportive environment. While the overall emotional well-being of the boys has improved, some still require additional attention. To address this, it would be beneficial to establish a dedicated space for private meetings. This space, equipped with camera observation, would provide a secure environment for the boys to express their feelings and receive the support they need. Our young Nathan's boys have made commendable progress this

term, both in their personal adjustment and their social interactions. Continued attention to their emotional needs will further enhance their overall well-being and the positive atmosphere within the hostel.

**Ms A Cilliers**



## Some special highlights...



A huge congratulations to Luke Coetzee and the cast of Olliver for an outstanding performance.



Thank you Mrs Lawson and Granny Macs for always spoiling our boys on their birthdays!!!!!!



Late Prep Peer Tutoring during exams, a true sign of the Brotherhood that exists in Nathan House.

## The Special Ladies in our Boys' Lives



Thank you Sister Steenkamp for visiting Akhumzi after his emergency Appendix operation.



Happy Nurses Day to our amazing San Sisters who play such a special role in our boys lives.

A very Special Happy Mothers Day to the "Moms" of Nathan House.



# NATHAN HOUSE SPORTSMEN





The BE hosted a very special farewell to Mr Marwick who played a pivotal role in the BE of Maritzburg College. Matt Borchers, presented him a Nathan House tie while the Nathan House boys sang “Oh Boys Of Nathans” with passion and pride, an amazing send off to a legend of Maritzburg College.

## Looking ahead to Term 3

**Boarders Return:** Monday 21st of July by 19:00.

**Affies Exchange:** Friday 26th of July we travel north, to take on the Affies on Saturday 27th of July.

**PBHS Exchange:** Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of August (compulsory attendance). We will be hosting our old rivals, Pretoria Boys High School. If your son hosts a PBHS boy, he will receive a ‘free Friday night’

**Closed Friday Night:** Friday 5th of September. For the purpose of having our boarders in for the College Family day the next day.

**College Family Day:** Saturday 6th of September. 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 some braais 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.

**Leadership Camps:** Monday 29th September– Friday 3rd of October. This is the week set aside for the leadership camps.

**Term 3 Ends:** Friday 3rd of October.

Have a wonderful holiday.

God bless!

**Ron Barbour**

**Housemaster: Nathan House**