

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

As the year draws to a close and the pace of school life settles, there is an opportunity to reflect on the final term. The Calder House pupils showed strong support during October's "Going Green for Mental Health Awareness" initiative. S Maharaj delivered an informative address to the school on the importance of seeking help when needed.

Green ribbons were purchased and worn by pupils and staff, and cupcakes were sold to promote awareness around emotional and mental wellbeing. Unfortunately, the planned colour run was cancelled due to unsafe wind conditions. Thank you to every pupil who bought a ribbon and to the parents who contributed cupcakes.

The Interhouse Competition was won by Lamond House for the second consecutive year. Their commitment and effort deserve recognition. Calder House remains of their efforts and looks forward to competing again in 2026 with renewed enthusiasm.

House	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	Culture House Sing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Leaders hip	Chess	Table Tennis	Bball	House plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus	Academ ics	Cricket	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Lamond	13	34	6	14	8	13	9	11	14	14	7	13	10	13	28	11	34	17	14	14	297
Strachan	11	20	14	28	14	13	11	9	9	10	17	14	14	7	34	14	12	7	8	12	278
Snow	14	22	8	16	14	17	14	17	9	11	10	12	12	8	18	7	28	9	17	14	277
Nicholson	17	24	12	12	17	9	7	11	10	8	8	17	9	14	24	10	24	11	13	17	274
Commons	12	12	13	24	10	11	13	9	17	9	17	11	13	17	10	6	20	17	7	9	257
Calder	7	10	10	34	10	8	17	6	11	17	17	7	17	10	16	9	14	8	11	11	250
Pape	8	16	17	10	12	8	13	13	6	12	11	10	12	12	14	12	16	13	10	10	235
Barns	9	18	11	18	12	6	10	12	7	13	10	8	7	11	20	17	18	10	9	7	233
Forder	6	28	9	20	8	11	6	14	13	8	12	9	6	6	12	13	22	6	12	8	229
Fuller	11	14	7	22	6	17	9	7	13	6	6	6	8	9	22	8	10	12	6	7	206



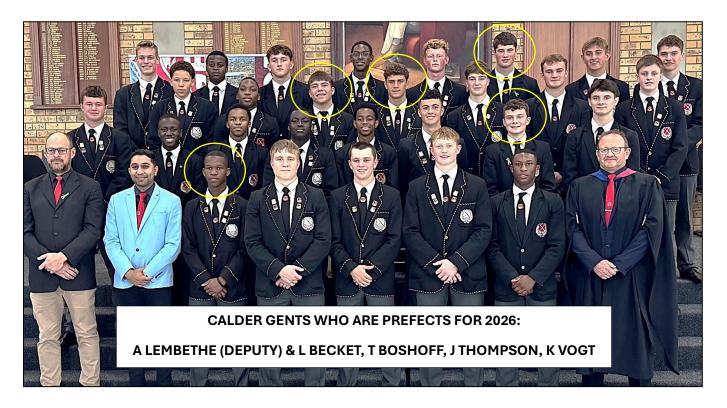
Champions are not the ones who always win races - champions are the ones who get out there and try. And try harder the next time.

And even harder the next time. 'Champion' is a state of mind. They are devoted. They compete to best themselves as much if not more than they compete to best others.

Champions are not just athletes.

— Simon Sinek —

School leadership portfolios are essential in supporting the wide range of activities at Maritzburg College and in maintaining structure and order within a large and busy school. This year's Form 6 prefects and leaders have provided strong guidance and set positive examples for the Form 5 group. The Calder House pupils who have served Maritzburg College with commitment are acknowledged for their dedication to their leadership responsibilities.



It has been rewarding to observe so many Calder House Form 5 pupils take on roles of responsibility. The selection process for these positions was thorough, and each pupil chosen is expected to contribute meaningfully to the school community through the prefect body, boarding establishments, and day houses.



A leader's job is not to do the work for others, it's to help others figure out how to do it themselves, to get things done, and to succeed beyond what they thought possible.

Wishing you a **festive season** filled with warmth, family, and friends! Your dedication to the pastoral care of Calder House has been truly commendable, and I look forward to welcoming you back in 2026.

To the Form 6 Calder House gentlemen – best of luck as you await your NSC Exam results!