

REDDAM HOUSE
UMHLANGA



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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of an extremely successful yet challenging term. Our students have fully embraced the holistic education afforded them and it is with great pride that I reflect on our students' performance in the classroom, on the sports field and on the stage this term. I am extremely grateful to our students for wanting to be the best that they can be and for dedicating their diverse range of talents to representing their school in various events, fixtures and performances this term despite the requirements of an academic programme characterised by continuous assessment.

From analysing the Grade 8 to 12 mid-year examination results I have been amazed that most of our top academic performers are also our busiest students extramurally. These top academics can also be found singing in the choir, playing in our orchestra as well as competing at the highest levels in a range of sports. It seems to be true – a busy and productive student is a successful student. In talking to these top academic achievers have also attributed their success to sound study methods, regular revision of their class and homework, listening attentively in class and attending support lessons. I commend them for their all-round dedication and diligence.

I wish to also pay tribute to our Matric students who, despite the demands of their final academic year, have led the school by example by fulfilling their extramural responsibilities as well as engaging in various leadership initiatives this term. The recent "Glitter & Glow" Social was an entirely Grade 12 led and student-centered event that successfully showcased our College for what it is: a happy, positive and embracing place in which to be.

Despite having so many reasons to be proud of the students that attend our College, I am very disappointed to have to inform you of a series of set-backs that have had serious consequences for some of our students this term.

In order to provide a structured, fair and safe place for all of our students to learn and explore their talents, there must be a balance between a strict disciplinary system and an environment that is free and encouraging of individual expression. Consequently we work hard to implement the Reddam House Disciplinary Code that aims to ensure respect for students and teachers as well as high standards of behaviour by all of our students.

When, at the beginning of the term, we had suspicions that some of our boarders may have been involved in some illicit activities, a drug test was conducted on all of our boarders in accordance with paragraph 7.10 of our Disciplinary Code which states: "in the interests of safeguarding all students against possible drug possession and/ or mind-altering substance possession and/ or use, random searching and/ or testing on suspicion of possession and/ or use may be conducted by the Head of School or his delegated authority."

Two of our boarders tested positive. Both of these students admitted to consuming cannabis on the weekend under their parents' supervision. Consequently one of the students was externally suspended for a week in accordance with the highest sanction and the other, because she is in Grade 12, had her sanction commuted to two weeks internal suspension in order not to jeopardise her Matric results. Both were given a final warning. Both students were required to attend individual counselling with a psychologist who specialises in addiction to assist them in making better choices. All of our boarders attended a group counselling session facilitated by Careline to warn them of the dangers of recreational drug and alcohol use.

Following the “Glitter and Glow” Social on Friday 7 June it was brought to our attention that some of the Grade 12 students may have been under the influence of alcohol on arrival at the event or may have consumed alcohol at school on the night of the event. We embarked on a full and comprehensive investigation on the morning of Monday 10 June whereupon every Grade 12 student was given the opportunity to write a statement admitting their involvement or divulging what knowledge they had of the events on the evening. One Grade 12 student admitted his involvement immediately.

On cross checking the statements it was found that eight Grade 12 students had not fully disclosed their involvement. Following two further opportunities to tell the truth, they finally recanted their original statements and provided new statements where they admitted their involvement. At the conclusion of the investigation standard punishments were imposed on all nine Grade 12 students. Increasing numbers of Demerits were imposed on students who had either lied in their original statements; consumed alcohol or who had supplied and consumed alcohol.

However, once these standard punishments were then applied to the Grade 12 students’ cumulative disciplinary records, the overall outcome became different. Consequently, of the nine students involved:

- Seven have had their one week external suspension commuted to two weeks internal suspension. All seven students are on a final warning.
- Six may not attend their Matric Dance on Friday 19 July.
- One of the students has been instructed to step down as Chairperson of her Grade 12 Leadership Portfolio.
- The Grade 12 student who was already on a final warning for the consumption of cannabis has been withdrawn and is no longer a Reddam House Umhlanga student.

The past week has been extremely grueling. Much hurt and disappointment is being felt by some of our Reddam House Umhlanga families and our management and staff have been left feeling quite gutted.

Teenagers make mistakes. They also deserve a second chance to right the wrong committed and make amends. As guardians of young adults we are expected to guide our charges to make the right choices. However, when this does not happen, they should always tell the truth and be prepared to face the consequences of their actions. We encourage parents to use these unfortunate examples in continuing such discussions at home.

This devastating series of events has served as a reminder that our students are constantly faced with complex choices and temptations. To further safeguard them, and to assist them in making informed choices, random drug testing will take place in our College next term, together with an intensive alcohol and drug awareness programme. Please draw this to your child’s attention this holiday and take note of the company that he/ she keeps. It is our sincere hope that other students and their families do not get to experience the same consequences as these Grade 12 students.

I am extremely grateful to the parents of the Grade 12 students involved for the grace and dignity that they have shown despite their pain. All of them have supported the outcome of the investigative process. I further wish to assure all of our Reddam House Umhlanga parents that your child’s best interests remain at the heart of all policies and decision making at Reddam House Umhlanga.

School reopens on Tuesday 16 July and College students are expected to commemorate the first academic school day by arriving in their full step-out uniforms. The first week of next term is a busy one as we commemorate Mandela Day on 18 July and we end this first week with the Matric Dance. Please consult the letter that was sent out at the end of last week, as well as the events calendar on the Reddam House Umhlanga app, for details of next term’s activities so that you can plan your term around them.

My appreciation is extended to all College students and staff who have worked so hard this term. We wish our Reddam House Umhlanga families a wonderful July holiday. May you find the time to reconnect as a family and find rewarding ways to relax collectively and individually.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

Staff News

We bid a fond farewell to two locum teachers at the end of this term. **Ms Linda Filmer** has stood in for Mrs Amy Edwards whilst she has been on maternity leave. Mrs Edwards will resume her English teaching position at the start of Term 3 whilst Ms Filmer will be undertaking another locum position at Thomas More College. We are grateful to **Mrs Margie Dwyer** for stepping in to teach Mrs Claire Sayer's Mathematics and Maths Literacy classes while Mrs Sayer has also been on maternity leave. Mrs Dwyer leaves us to resume her well-deserved retirement. Mr Christiaan Troskie has spent this term teaching History in place of Mrs Michelle Shepherdson who has also been on maternity leave.

The continued growth of the College has necessitated the opening of an additional Grade 11 Afrikaans FAL class and an additional Grade 11 English class. **Mrs Shepherdson** will be teaching this additional Grade 11 Afrikaans on her return and in so doing, we are grateful that **Mr Troskie** has agreed to stay on in a part-time capacity to teach some junior History classes. **Mrs Jackie Gibb**, part-time teacher of English, has agreed to teach the additional Grade 11 English class.

Careers Day: Thursday 20 June

Thursday 19 June proved to be a very busy but very successful end to the term. We held our Careers Day for the Grade 9 and 11 students. The first part of the day started by listening to various talks by tertiary institutions. Students then took their time to stroll around the exhibition followed by a delicious lunch supplied by the Press Club.

Their second session involved choosing to attend talks delivered by various professionals. In so doing we hope that our Grade 9s have been assisted in starting to choose their Matric subjects whilst our Grade 11s have started to embark on the process of deciding on possible tertiary studies. Thank you to Mrs Ros Lowry for her organization of this successful day.



Dr Susan Johnson (surgeon) giving a workshop



Georgia Gregory, Sajna Bidesi, Thoraya Bonnin

LO Island Day: Thursday 20 June

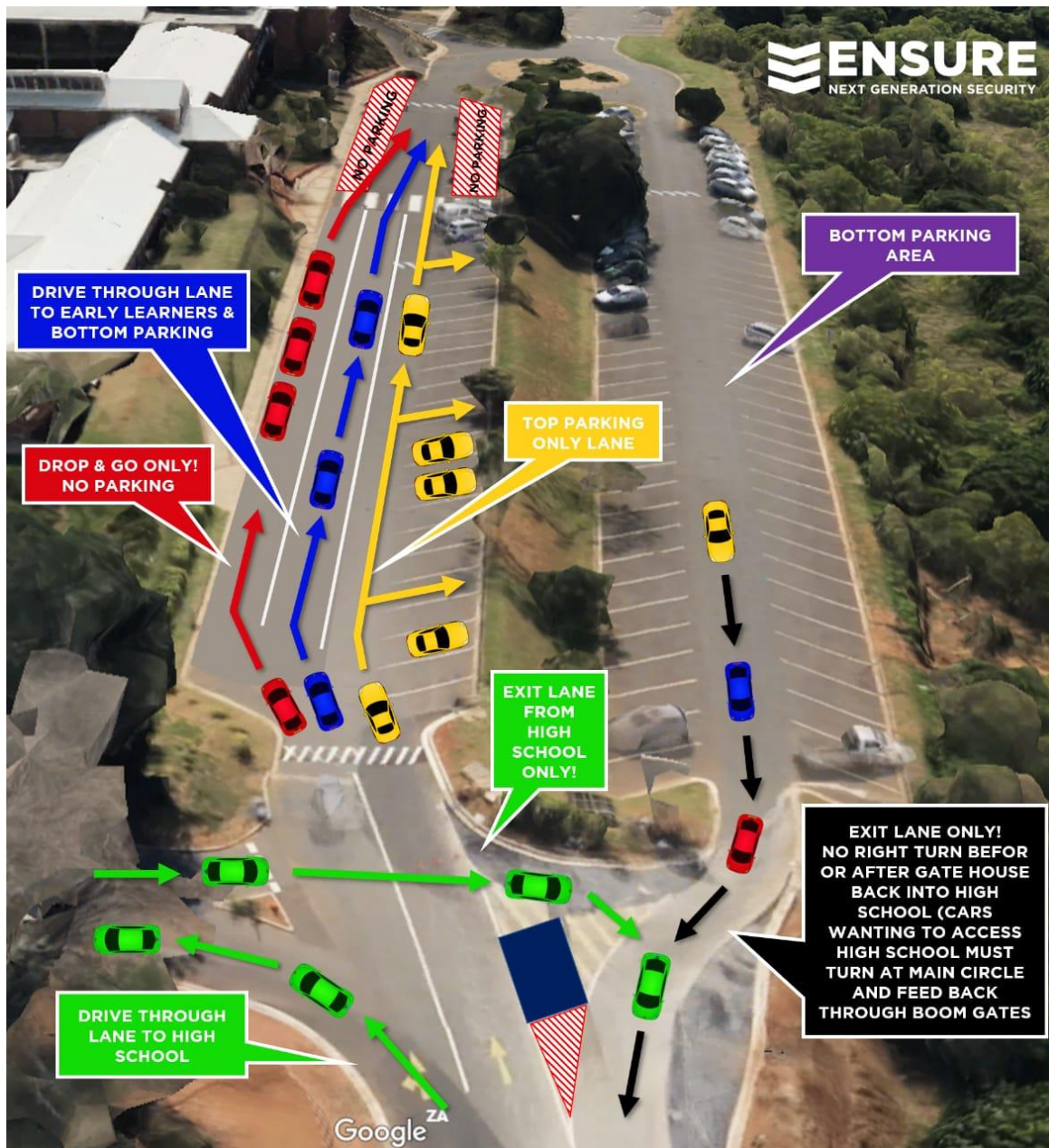
The focus of the Grade 8 and 10 students' LO Island day was values and goal setting. Learning how our unique contextual factors influence our own personal value systems and, therefore our goals that we set, is a vital life skill. Effective and realistic goal setting is pivotal for both short and long term success. The day also involved the third installment of a series of presentations by Elevate Education on practical study skills.

EdTech Conference: Friday 7 June

Reddam House Umhlanga hosted 95 delegates from various schools across KZN for the annual Durban leg of the EdTech conference on Friday 7 June. This conference aims to empower teachers to successfully integrate technology into their classrooms. It also aims to promote the development of a growth mindset in our students. 10 of our staff attended the conference and were equipped with tools and techniques that we look forward to implementing in our classrooms, as well as sharing amongst other staff.

Traffic Flow On Campus

Increased enrolments has seen more congestion on our campus – especially on a Friday when all three schools close early. Our security company, Ensure, has advised on the following traffic flow strategy:



Whilst the above strategy affects mostly the Prep and ELS parents, those College parents who have been in the habit of trying to drive up to the College from behind the guard house may no longer use this route. Instead they will have to exit the campus and travel around the exterior traffic circle before re-entering the campus and taking a left turn up the hill to the College.

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse General Knowledge Quiz

The College students were all involved in the first round of our Interhouse General Knowledge quiz on Thursday, 6 June. The quiz was done on their iPads where every correct answer earned their house a point.

Results after Round 1:

Umhloti:	1903
Thongathi:	1950
Ohlanga:	1962

Congratulations to the below students who were the top two students from each grade per house who then went on to represent their house in the second round which was held on Tuesday in front of the whole school body.

Results after Round 2:
 3rd Place: Umhloti
 2nd Place: Ohlanga
 1st Place: Thongathi



Left to right: Ohlanga House, Luke Gardiner, Dylan Kriel, Cassie Meyer, Matthew Poliah, Ratik Beekhan, Benjamin King, Grace Doxey, Gemma Coleman, Katherine Hoal, Benjamin Rodrigues



Left to Right: Thongathi, Ethan Kruger, Tian Walters, Sebastian Bonnin, Christian Elsner Mitchel Coull, Tyra Fenger, Daniel Singery, Ethan Hattingh, Heather Dixon, Erin Whittle

BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Weekend Activities

The Reddam Residents attended the Youth activities at Northplace Church on the evening of Friday 14 June. Saturday 15 June was spent at Sugar Rush Park in Ballito for the weekly park run followed by a stopover at Ballito Junction shopping centre. The evening was spent "building burgers." Sunday 16 June saw an outing to Gateway Theatre of Shopping and then attending the evening service at Grace Family Church.

Start of Term 3

Boarders are to return on Monday 15 July and can arrive between 14h00 and 18h00.

Term 3 Closed & Free Weekends

The first weekend back (19 – 21) is a closed weekend with all boarders being required to stay in for the full weekend.

Boarders' free weekend will be from Friday 9 August – Sunday 11 August. Boarders may depart at 17:00 on Thursday 8 August and must return on Sunday 11 August at 18h00 at the latest.



Marie-Louise Rose, Melba Mavimbe, Oqalile Tshetshe, Snothile Zulu, Freddie Mavimbe, Lefika Piki, Parviz Aziz, Bandile Zulu, Mr Hadyn Skinner, Harrison Warner

CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse Music Competition

On Thursday 13 June our College gathered for the annual Interhouse Music Competition in the Robert and Robin Muir Auditorium. The venue was buzzing with House spirit as the three houses took to the stage. Surprise performances by Andrew Sutton and our very own "Wrong Direction" were sure highlights. We are very proud of all of our performers and the immense depth of our musical talent. The judges for the evening were Rosa de Castro, Tory du Plessis and Jane Baillie. The winners for the evening were:

Roz Botha Trophy for Best Instrumental Ensemble:
 The Trophy for Best Set Piece:
 The De Charmoy Family Trophy for Best Original Song:
 The Höll Family Trophy for Best House Spirit:
 The Fia King Trophy for Best Overall House:

Ohlanga
 Thongathi
 Thongathi
 Ohlanga
 Thongathi



Members of the winning house: (l to r) Rebecca Holloway, Kyrán Taylor, Emma Govender, Alexander Lacher

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION



Mandela Day: 18 July 2019

Next term the College will be involved in an ambitious project that aims to pack 100 000 meals on Mandela Day. The clothes collection that has been running for the last three weeks has collected close to 120 bags of clothing. Each full bag of usable clothing will feed five children for a day, so the more clothing we collect the larger the impact we can make. Our first collection of clothing was packed into vans by some of our Grade 11 students on Tuesday 17 June.

Clothes to Good has agreed to extend the clothes collection right up to Mandela Day which will allow more of our students to contribute. If any of our parents are interested in their companies contributing to the event by collecting clothes, they are more than welcome to do so. Bags will be provided and the clothes can be collected from your premises. Alternatively donations towards meals can be made. Each meal costs R2.90 and Rise Against Hunger will provide the ingredients which our students will pack into sealed bags on the 18th July. For further information please contact the Head of Community Outreach, Mr James Taylor, on email james.taylor@reddam.house

Left to Right: Adam Ferreira, Reece Ciaglia, Matthew Temlett, Diya Lutchman, Sarah Donkin, Nangamso Maphalala.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

Astroturf Advertising Boards

We are excited to launch our Astroturf advertising board project. An exemplary advertising board has already been erected on the fence around the Astroturf. Please contact Ian Gardiner for further information on sponsorship.umhlanga@reddam.house or 0824466228

Thanks & Acknowledgements

A huge thank you to Sandra Beckerling (The Bike Mech) and Fiona Scott (FB Scott & Co) for their generous sponsorship of the hoodies for students and staff attending the Grahamstown National Arts Festival in the July holidays.



My School

We encourage parents to please remember to swipe your My School card when shopping at any of the affiliated stores. These stores include Woolworths, Walton's, Engen, Flight Centre and Loot.



WOOLWORTHS

ENGEN

LOOT.co.za

Bidvest

WALTON'S

FLIGHT

LEAVE YOUR MARK

We are offering Reddam House Umhlanga parents and friends the opportunity of purchasing a garden bench for placement on the campus. A plaque with the family name or in remembrance of a loved one will be affixed to the bench.

Sponsor a bench
and leave a
LEGACY



Contact Ian Gardiner
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KING SHAKA TRAIL RUN

"Follow in his footsteps"



18th AUGUST 2019

5KM - R90 / 10KM - R140 / 15KM - R160

START & FINISH AT REDDAM HOUSE, UMHLANGA

Entries at www.roag.co.za or www.wardevents.co.za

Pre-entries close 14th August 2019

Late entry fee: 5km - R120; 10km - R170; 15km - R190

Enquires: events@wardevents.co.za | 082 492 1995

Goodie bags to the first 200 entries



King Shaka Trail Run

Reddam House Umhlanga is proudly hosting this year's KING SHAKA TRAIL RUN on 18 August 2019. It would be wonderful to see Reddam House Umhlanga students and parents taking part. There will be a 5km, 10km and 15km run to cater for all level of athletes. Please email events@wardevents.co.za for more details.

SPORTS RESULTS

Boys' Hockey

vs Hillcrest High School
u14A won 6-0
u16A won 9-0
1st Team lost 0-2

7's Rugby

u15s

vs Curro Mt Richmore lost 7-14
vs Waterfall College lost 10 -19

2nds

vs Curro Mt Richmore 1st Team lost 0-66
vs Waterfall College lost 7-28

1st Team

vs Curro Mt Richmore lost 0-14
vs Grace College won 12-0
vs Waterfall College lost 14-7
vs Waterfall College lost 7-12 (semi final)

Netball

Congratulations to Maya de Souza who has been selected for the KZN u14A Outdoor Netball Team and will be going to the All Ages National Tournament in Boksburg from 16 - 20th June.

Show Jumping

Katherine Hoal took part in SANESA (South African National Equestrian Schools Association) competition recently. She represented Reddam House Umhlanga and achieved the following results:

1st Place: Show Jumping 60cm
1st Place: Show Jumping Speed 60cm
1st Place: Working Rider
2nd Place: Equitation
2nd Place: Dressage
3rd Place: Dressage 2

Sports Results Term 2

We are pleased to release our overall sports results from Term 2:

Outdoor Netball

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1 st	6	5	1	
2 nd	4	1	3	
u16A	5	3	2	
u15A	6	6	0	
u14A	7	7	0	



Boys' Hockey

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1 st	23	5	14	4
2 nd	5	0	5	0
u16A	8	7	0	1
u16B	5	1	3	1
u14A	9	7	2	0

7s Rugby

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1 st	10	5	5	0
2 nd	8	0	8	0
u15A	8	1	7	0

Boys' Tennis

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1 st /2 nd	8	7	1	0

Girls' Hockey

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
u14A	9	8	0	1
u16A	8	5	3	0
1st	19	11	7	1

DATES TO DIARISE

15 July

18h00 Boarders return

16 July

07h30 Term 3 Begins (College students to wear "step outs")
08h30 Grade 8 Bonango Traders Day

18 July

Mandela Day (Community Service)

19 July

07h30 Grade 9 Aptitude Tests
10h00 Half Year Academic, Sports & Grade 12 Cultural Awards Assembly
18h00 Matric Dance (Mount Edgecombe CC)

22 July

07h30 Grade 11 & 12 Business Studies Excursion

25 July

18h00 Grade 9 History Evening

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