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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

Monday 2 September was a very special day as we gathered together for the first time as the three schools (ELS, Preparatory and College) in a common celebration of our third birthday as Reddam House Umhlanga.

Some of our parents and students might not know that our school was not always known as Reddam House Umhlanga. From 2003 until August 2016 it was known as Umhlanga College - a small, caring co-educational independent school - known for always "punching above its weight" - it earned its place amongst the best independent schools in KZN. However, circumstances were such that, by 2016, it would need considerable investment for the school to be able to continue to compete against the best schools and this is why, following a sale agreement between the Board of Umhlanga College and the Inspired Group, our school changed its name officially on 1 September 2016 to Reddam House Umhlanga.

Although this is only our third birthday as Reddam House Umhlanga, this year marks 20 years since the establishment of the first Reddam House school in Constantia, Cape Town. Today we are proud to be a part of a brotherhood and sisterhood of four Reddam House schools in the Cape, three in Johannesburg, two in the United Kingdom and another, Reddam House Ballito, joined us in KZN at the start of this year. There are considerable benefits to being a part of a network of schools that share a similar educational ethos and we have only just begun to explore the exciting possibilities.

Our junior and senior girls' and boys' waterpolo teams, for example, spent last weekend competing in the first Reddam House Aquatic Games at Reddam House Helderfontein involving our brother and sister schools in Gauteng. There was much comradery and healthy rivalry as all the Reddam House schools present were able to derive benefit of being involved in coaching clinics conducted by US two-time Olympic gold medal winner, Maggie Staffens. This opportunity was only available to waterpolo players who attend a Reddam House school. Similar sporting opportunities are currently being planned in other sports and will take place from next year at Reddam House schools around the country. Likewise we are also exploring the possibility of hosting cultural festivals involving Music, Drama, Art and Dance.

Our teachers also gain additional benefits from being able to link up with like-minded teachers of the same subject at other Reddam House schools around the country. This has real benefit when it comes to sharing resources and ideas as well as moderation of assessments. Furthermore, being a part of the Inspired Global Educational group that currently consists of 53 schools around the world, means that our staff can draw on international best practice and educational trends. From next year our College students will also be able to take advantage of the international exchange opportunities that exist between schools in our international network.

By being a part of both a local and international network of schools undoubtedly goes a long way to inspiring true excellence in international education and be able to best prepare our students to be global citizens of tomorrow.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

New Uniform Shop Premises

Our Uniform Shop has relocated to the old JP Admin Block (adjacent to the pool). Entrance is from the main ELS parking lot with ample parking available.

Trading hours are Monday to Friday (07:00 - 09:00) & Monday to Thursday (12:30-14:30). Contact details can be found on our school App.



Reddam Day

A special, combined assembly with the ELS and Preparatory School was held on Monday 2 September to celebrate our third birthday as Reddam House Umhlanga. The assembly involved the singing of "Happy Birthday" and cutting a commemorative cake. Every staff member and every student from Stage 1 to Grade 11 (Matrics were writing Trial examinations) received a Reddam House cupcake to enjoy on this special day.



Left: Combined assembly



Mr Adam Rogers (College Headmaster) lights the candles on the cake

New Sports Office

Both the Preparatory School and College Sports Departments have moved into a new venue located beside the Creative & Performing Arts Centre. Having the Preparatory and College Sports Departments under one roof will ensure more efficient sharing of sports facilities as well as the development of sports programmes from Junior Preparatory through to the College.

Sports Survey

We would like to obtain opinion from our College parents on our present sporting opportunities and structures. This will be an online survey. Parents are asked to assist us by completing it when it is emailed this week. This will inform our strategic direction and planning for 2020.



Mrs Robyn Wiggott (Director of Prep Sport) and Mr Ross Veenstra (Director of College Sport – right)

Skorts, Blazers & General Appearance

The parents of the girls whose skorts were 'a little too short' have been communicated with, and we wish to thank these parents for the positive manner in which this communication was received. This serves as a reminder that the skorts of Grades 8, 10, 11 and 12 girls must be lengthened by Friday 6 September, Grade 9 girls by Friday 20 September (These girls were away at Ndlela when the initial check was carried out) and boarders by the first day of Term 4.

It has come to light that some girls opted to wear a longer pair of skorts on the day the inspection was carried out, so as to avoid "coming onto our radar". These girls have since reverted to wearing their shorter skorts.

Please be aware that monitoring of skorts lengths is on-going and that parents may be contacted at any time to remedy this. Please assist us by checking your daughter's skorts yourself. If the skorts are not visible from the back, when the blazer is worn, or are only just visible, then they are unacceptably short.

Please remember that a second hand uniform shop is operational two afternoons a week on the College campus, should you prefer not to have to purchase a brand new item. Remaining on the topic of uniforms, we are concerned that many students have buttons missing from their blazers. Please can parents assist us by checking their child's blazer and having missing buttons replaced.

We have also noticed that some of the boys have hair that is unacceptably long. The hair must be a short, "school boy" cut and must follow the natural shape of the head. Thank you for assisting us to maintain the highest standards of appearance.

Blood Donor Clinic: Tuesday 17 September

A blood donor clinic will be held in the College building on Tuesday 17 September from 09h00 to 14h00. Students who are 16 years old and older and who weigh a minimum of 52kg are encouraged to donate. Those students who would like to donate will need to sign up with Mrs Boosey prior to the day. These arrangements will be communicated with students. No student may leave class to donate without prior permission. Parents who would like to donate are also encouraged to do so. Should you elect to donate, please enter the College building at Reception and you will be directed to the venue.

Final Day of Term: Friday 20 September

As with all final days of term, all students are required to wear their "step out" uniforms. Following a final assembly, students may depart for the Michaelmas holidays from 11:00am.

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Grade 9 History Excursion to the Durban Holocaust Centre



The Grade 9s outside the Durban Holocaust Centre

The Grade 9s visited the Durban Holocaust and Genocide Centre on Tuesday, 27 August 2019.

The students were split into groups and taken around the museum on guided tours and seminar based workshops. The experience was incredibly meaningful and the students took a moment to reflect on those who lost their lives during this tragedy by placing a pebble at the children's memorial in the garden.

Term 3 Reports

Third term reports will be issued on Monday 16 September by 13:00. These reports are issued via email and then placed on the 'Parent Lounge' portal.

Parent Teacher Interviews: 17 & 18 September

Parent teacher interviews take place on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 September from 14:30 to 16:30 in the College building. These interviews are both parent and teacher directed. This means that, in some instances, teachers may request to see parents regarding the progress of their child or parents may book to see a teacher. Where parents wish to book an appointment to see a teacher, this can be done on 'Parent Lounge' under 'PTI bookings'. Bookings open on Monday 16 September from 13:00 and close on Tuesday 17 September at 10:00. Parents needing assistance in accessing their 'Parent Lounge' account are to email megan.churchill@reddam.house.

L.O Island Day: Friday 20 September

The Grade 8-11 students will be engaged in a LO Island Day focusing on Substance Abuse and Addiction on Friday 20 September. Addiction specialists from The Anthem Church will be facilitating discussions with our students. As with all LO Island Days, attendance is compulsory and only a doctor's note may excuse a student's absence. LO Island Days involved compulsory assessments that are used to inform the Life Orientation mark.

BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Grade 9s

It was wonderful to welcome our Grade 9 Reddam Residents back from their Ndlela 10 day Outdoor Adventure. They were missed by their Reddam Res brothers and sisters!

End of Term Routine

The Reddam Residence closes for the Michaelmas holidays on Friday 20 September at 16:00. All travel arrangements are to be emailed to Mr Skinner by 13 September.

The Reddam Residence reopens for Term 4 on Sunday 6 October at 16:00.

Lanz brown (Grade 8 boarder), Parvis Aziz (Grade 9 boarder) and Lefika Piki (Grade 8 boarder)



CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION



S'khona Mbhense, Katie Searle.

Jomba Contemporary Dance Festival

Our College Dance Ensemble performed in the International Jomba Contemporary Dance Festival held at UKZN on Sunday 1st September. The piece entitled "The Last Time" was a dedication to those who have lost a parent.

SP Production

The Senior Primary production "The Legends of the Seasons" takes place in the Robin and Robert Muir Auditorium from the 17th - 19th September. All College parents and students are encouraged to support this production. College students are reminded to wear "step outs" when attending the production.

Left to Right Talia Tostee & Rebecca Holloway, Esther Ephraim & Jessica Martin, Maya de Souza & Grace McIlroy Back: Lifter: Rael Keats; facing back L - R, Talia Poupard, Catherine Maroun,

Interhouse Play Competition 2019

This year's Interhouse Play Competition takes on the form of interactive (audience participation) one-act murder mysteries. Join us in the Mini-Theatre on 18 September at 18:00 for an evening of laughter and mystery. Tickets are R50 and available from the College reception. Bring along your picnic basket for supper-theatre format or choose cinema style seating. Students attending the evening are asked to please wear their House T-shirts, jeans and takkies.

National Band Competition

Reddam House Umhlanga will be proudly hosting the South African National Band & Orchestra Competition on 27 and 28 September. This event, hosted in conjunction with the South African School Band Association and the Durban Music School, will see ensembles of all forms from around the country performing in a massive two-day musical spectacular.

This is the first time in many years that the National Competition has been hosted in Durban and we cannot wait to showcase all that Reddam House Umhlanga has to offer. For more information or sponsorship opportunities please email russell.scott@reddam.house

Come along and support our College Orchestra and Reddam House Umhlanga students in the KZN Youth Orchestra and KZN Youth Wind Band. Tickets will be available at the door.



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27 Sept

Drumlines
Marching Bands

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28 Sept

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South African School Band Competition

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isiZulu Cultural Evening: Friday 20 September

The isiZulu Department is hosting an IsiZulu Cultural Evening on Friday 20 September at 17:00 for 17:30 in the Muir Auditorium. The evening will consist of song, dance, entertainment and African Cuisine and promises to be a fun-filled and enjoyable event. All College parents and students are encouraged to support this event. Tickets can be purchased from the College Reception. Dress is in keeping with the isiZulu theme.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

The Fast & Fittest CrossFit Competition.

Reddam House Umhlanga was privileged to host this event on the Senior Preparatory Field on 31 August and 1 September 2019.



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
sponsorship.umhlanga@reddam.house

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

My School Card

We encourage parents to please remember to swipe their My School card when shopping at any of the affiliated stores. These stores include Woolworths, Walton's, Engen, Flight Centre and Loot. The full list of affiliated partners can be found on the My School website. A portion of your spend is given back to the school and these funds will be utilised towards the beautification of our school grounds as well as the purchase of books for the library.



Boys' Indoor Hockey League

The 2019 boys' indoor hockey season was a big step up for all teams. The u14A boys found themselves in the A league playing against some of the top schools in KZN. They held their own with competitive results against Northwood B, Glenwood A and a tough fought draw against Clifton A. The boys ended the season in 8th place.

The u16A group had a tougher time in their pool, with some hard games against the all-boys' schools.

The 1st Team had a great season ending third in the league. They will be serious contenders for the league title next year.

Boys' Indoor Hockey First Team: Mdlankunzi Dlamini, Ruan Potgieter, Luke Gardiner, Mr Wager, Matthew Temlett, Chad Tyers, Front row: Jason Brown, James Mallon



Water Polo

Reddam House Helderfontein in Gauteng hosted the first Reddam House Aquatic Games from 30 August to 1 September. We entered four teams in total: a junior boys' and junior girls' teams as well as a senior boys' and senior girls' team. Three of our four teams made it to the finals with these players receiving silver medals at the conclusion of their matches.

The festival also saw our players having the opportunity of being coached by Maggie Steffens (two time Olympic gold medalist and USA Women's Waterpolo captain) and Talon Gay (USA Division 1 university player).



Back Row: Taina Meekers, Bridget De Sousa, Bronwyn De Sousa, Daniela Roberts, Natalia Taylor, Amber Lewis, Kayla Moodie, Gemma Coleman, Sarah Brewer, Joelle Thomson, Maggie Talon, Brynn Bartlett, Tallulah Crosby, Elliot Vermeulen, Braden Delomoney, Keagan Oakley, Josh Hook, Liam Ryan, Roarke Bartlett, Caden McEwan, Jordan Joubert, Luke Gourlay, Jamie Sindt,
Middle Row: Georgia Swart, Paige Slater, Michaela Ehrich, Leah Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise Rose, Elle Dreyer, Christy Dudas, Tyra Fenger, Josh Swart, Bronson Jobour, Ethan Haltingh, Hugo Sanchez Barrio, Luke Stern, Sebastian Bonnin, Samuel Pienaar
Front Row: Daniel Peters, Jethro Fitzpatrick, Jordan Maehler

SPORTS RESULTS

Action Netball

vs Amanzimtoti High School
Junior Team won 31-9
Senior Team won 18-13

vs Durban North College
Senior Team won 44-6

Golf

vs Northwood
1st Team won 3-1

vs Kearsney College 2nd Team
1st Team won 3-1

Boys' Indoor Hockey

u14
vs Ashton College lost 2-3

u16
vs Crawford College La Lucia lost 4-5
vs Clifton College lost 0-8

1st Team
vs Curro HCA won 8-2
vs Northwood U18C won 7-1

Boys' Soccer

vs Clifton College
U14A drew 2-2
U14B lost 0-6
U15A lost 0-1
U15B lost 0-6
2nd Team lost 0-9
1st Team lost 0-6

vs Kingsway High School
U14A won 4-0
U14B lost 0-2
U15A drew 0-0
U15B drew 1-1
2nd Team lost 5-1
1st Team lost 1-3

Girls' Soccer

vs Reddam House Ballito
U14A won 1-0

Girls' Water Polo

vs Westville Girls' High School
Junior Team won 10-8
1st Team lost 4-11

KZN Team Selections

Congratulations to Jethro Fitzpatrick for being chosen as a non-travelling reserve for the KZN u16 Boys' Soccer team.

Congratulations to Rhys Tweedy for making the final round of the KZN cricket trials.

Congratulations to Taina Meekers who will be representing KZN for 4 different equestrian disciplines at the national competition:

Open Showing Level 7

Dressage Level 2

Equitation Level 4

Showjumping Level 4

Derby Day vs Ashton College: Saturday 14 September

The last of the Term 3 Saturday Derby Days takes place on Saturday 14 September when Reddam House Umhlanga takes on Ashton College in boys' and girls' soccer. Parents and students are requested to support our players. Bring a skottel or picnic basket and make your way to our College sports field. The Press Club will also be open for refreshments. Student supporters are required to wear either their sports kit or school uniform.

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

The Reddam House Umhlanga Parents' and Friends' Association was formed "to instil and build pride amongst the Reddam House Umhlanga community by creating social events."

Save the Date: 10 October

Prosecco Evening at Old Town Italy. Details to follow with tickets being on sale nearer the time.

2nd Hand Uniform

Reddam House Umhlanga offers a cost effective alternative to purchasing new school uniform items. The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is located on the ground floor of the College building and facilitates sales of pre-owned uniforms, bags, textbooks and English reading books. The shop also sells sports equipment, musical instruments and music books. The opening times change from term to term depending on volunteers' availability. Please follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/RHUniformshop/> for current opening hours and updates. We accept payments by EFT or card. No cash is accepted.

DATES TO DIARISE

12 September

07h00 Grade 12 History Fieldtrip

13 September

08h00 Grade 10 & 11 Dramatic Arts students attend Hilton Arts Festival
18h00 Reddam House Drive In (Prep Field)

14 September

Derby Day vs Aston International College (College Field)

17 September

07h30 Blood Donor Clinic (College Building)
14h30 Parent Teacher Interviews (College Building)

18 September

14h30 Parent Teacher Interviews (College Building)
18h00 Interhouse Play Competition (Mini Theatre)

20 September

LO Island Day
11:00 Break up

**27&28
September**

SA Band & Orchestra Competition @ RHU

REDDAM ADS

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REDDAM HOUSE UMHLANGA

DRIVE-IN

Movie **NIGHT**

Annie

POP CORN

Food vendors & Press Club will be open

Gates open 17h00

Movie starts 18h00

13 SEPTEMBER

Picnic style seating
(bring blankets and camp chairs) @ **R60/person**
OR
Drive-in parking @ R200/vehicle

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PREP RECEPTION

College students attending the Drive-In may wear "civvies."