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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of another busy and productive term. Both students and teachers are looking forward to the two week Michaelmas break.

Mr Phil Edmonds (Head of Grade 8 and 9) has spent the greater part of the last two weeks in hospital undergoing various tests and an operation. We are grateful to Mrs Margie Dwyer who stepped in at short notice to assist us by looking after Mr Edmonds' classes. We wish Mr Edmonds a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back at the start of next term.

We have concluded the process of appointing additional staff members from January 2020. This is due to the continued growth of our College which will see four Grade 8 and four Grade 9 classes next year. Key to the Reddam House educational offering is our teacher selection policy because we appreciate the importance of teachers' contribution to shaping enquiring minds and developing young talent. Specialist knowledge, excellent qualifications, outstanding reputations and exceptional rapport with the students are just some of the qualities we look for in appointing new teachers. I am proud to introduce you to these valuable additions to our already existing team of dynamic and compassionate subject experts:

Mrs Kathleen Schroeder has been appointed as Senior English teacher. She holds a MA degree in English literature and is currently the Head of English at Hilton College – a position that she has held since 2003. She has extensive IEB experience which includes her present position as examiner of the IEB Advanced Programme (AP) English paper.

Mr Jaime Harris will be joining us as teacher of History. He is currently Head of the High School at Our Lady of Fatima Dominican Convent School where he has taught History since 2013. Mr Harris is an experienced IEB marker and holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Mrs Michelle Shepherdson will continue to teach both History and Afrikaans next year.

Mr Ivan Prinsloo also joins us in the English department from January 2020. He is currently Head of the English department at Curro Thatchfield in Johannesburg and prior to that, was Head of English at Pecanwood College. He is a BA(Ed) graduate of the University of Pretoria. Mr Prinsloo has experience in the teaching of AP English and has held regional and national portfolio moderator positions within the IEB. Mr Prinsloo is also a musician who took a year off teaching to provide live entertainment for various events and functions. He will be assisting with our music extramurals including the choir and band.

Mrs Kirstie Turk joins us from St Henry's Marist College where she is Head of Geography and Grade Head. She will be teaching Geography alongside Mr James Taylor as well as English from January 2020. She read for a Bachelor of Social Science degree at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is passionate about waterpolo and we

look forward to her involvement in the management of our girls' waterpolo teams. She has a two year old daughter, Demi, who will be enrolling in our ELS next year.

My appreciation is extended to all Reddam House Umhlanga students and staff who have worked so hard this term. We wish you and your child a well-deserved rest this holiday and we look forward to welcoming staff and students back, refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of the all-important final academic term.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Start of Term Arrangements: Monday 7 October

The new term starts on Monday 7 October. All students are to wear "step outs." A uniform and hair inspection will take place in the first week.

Extramural Awards Assembly: Wednesday 9 October

All Grade 8 to 12 students are to wear "step outs" for the Extramural (sport and culture) Awards Assembly that will take place in the Mini Theatre at 07:45am. Parents of award recipients will be invited to attend. Tea will be served outside the Dance Studio from 07:20am.

Hair and Uniform Appeal

In keeping with our ethos of having traditional values, we are uncompromising in our insistence that our uniform is worn correctly and with pride. Likewise, we insist on boys' hair being kept short in a traditional "schoolboy" cut and girls' hair being tied back neatly. We believe that a neat student who shows pride in his/her appearance is a student who reflects the values we hold dear. As such, we request that parents assist us in ensuring that your son/daughter is, at all times, attired correctly. A number of parents will have received private correspondence from the school, requesting that their daughter's skorts be lengthened or replaced with a bigger size. We had asked that this be done before the end of term, but understand that it is a little tricky if the item needs to be taken to a seamstress for alteration. Please use the two-week school holiday to ensure that this is attended to.

If your son's hair is not in keeping with our regulations, please ensure that it is cut appropriately before he returns for the fourth term. Some students have blazers with buttons missing – please assist us by attending to this during the holidays. (Might we remind you that our current Grade 9 to 12 students were taught how to sew buttons on at the end of last year, and so this is a "chore" that can be out-sourced to your child!)

Term 4 Activities

All extramural activities (sport and culture) take place from the first day back next term. Please consult 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.

Stationery and Textbook Orders

Reddam House Umhlanga has changed to Cruising Edu as our preferred stationery and text book supplier. Although parents are free to purchase stationery from any supplier, Cruising Edu is a Durban-based, online stationery and textbook supplier that has been supplying schools around South Africa for the past 10 years. Cruising Edu has an extremely user-friendly website, whereby they have created a customised tab for our school. On this tab, they have loaded the books and stationery for every grade and every subject, as supplied by the school. A letter detailing the stationery and hardcopy textbook requirements for next year was emailed to all parents on the last day of term. Please contact Michelle Fitzpatrick if you did not receive this email.

Level 2 Leadership Certificates

The Level 2 Leadership certificate is a prestigious certificate that is awarded exclusively to those Grade 12 students who have gone "above and beyond" the basic requirements of the servant leadership model adopted by Reddam House Umhlanga. We wish to congratulate the following Matric students who were awarded Level 2 Leadership certificates in the final assembly of Term 3:

Jason Brown Heather Dixon Dyllan Tweedy

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Grade 10/11 Drama Tour to Hilton Arts Festival

Some of our Grade 10 and 11 Drama students traveled to the Hilton Arts Festival on Friday 13 September. They saw three excellent productions: "Sainthood", "Revlon Girl" and "Cellist with Rabies."

Grade 12 History Tour





The Matric History students at the Mandela Capture Site Monument

Courtney Marshall (left) and Montana Swart at Gandhi's House.

As a fitting celebration to the conclusion of their Trial examinations, the Grade 12 History students were taken on a tour to Howick, Pietermaritzburg, Inanda and Groutville on Thursday 12 September 2019 where they had the opportunity of visiting the very sites that were lain static on the cold pages of their history notes.

The first stop of this 'magical history' tour was the Mandela Capture Site and Museum in Howick where Nelson Mandela was arrested on 5 August 1962. Thereafter the group visited the Old Prison in Pietermaritzburg. Built in 1862, it has been associated with several prominent prisoners including King Dinizulu kaCetshwayo, as well as Mahatma Gandhi, his wife Kasturba and his son Manilal who were all incarcerated at the prison.

The next stop was Gandhi's House at the Phoenix Settlement in KwaMashu where Mahatma Gandhi lived with his wife, Kasturba and published his newspaper *The Indian Opinion*. Following lunch of 'shisa nyama' at Sbu's Comfort Lounge in KwaMashu, the group then progressed on to Ohlange High School where Nelson Mandela cast his historic vote in 1994 and the ancestral home of John Langalibalele Dube, the first president of the African National Congress. The final stop was at Albert Luthuli's house in Groutville where South Africa's first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize lived until his death.

Term 4 Cycle Tests and Examinations

Both the Term 4 Cycle Test schedule and the examinations timetable for Grade 8 – 11 have been placed on the Reddam House Umhlanga app under Academic Information. The breakdown of what to learn for the examinations will be placed on the ITSI grade specific folder by Monday 14 October 2019.



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Start of Term Procedure

The Reddam Res re-opens for Term 4 on Sunday 6 October at 16:00. All residents are to arrive in full school tracksuit or P.E Kit.

Reddam Res Formal Dinner

A most elegant and dignified formal dinner took place in our Reddam Res on 11 September and was attended by members of the College management, Residence staff and resident students. A special 3 course meal was specially prepared by our Residence staff and the tables decorated appropriately. Following a toast delivered by Freddie in Grade 11, the Residents were addressed by Mr Skinner (Head of Boarding) and Ms Ann Couzens (Head of Girls' Boarding). Dallas in Grade 9 then responded on behalf of the Residents. A formal dinner takes place in the Residence at the end of every term to celebrate the Residents' achievements during the term and to teach etiquette and table manners.



CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

SA Band & Orchestra 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 at Reddam House Umhlanga in a massive two-day musical spectacular.

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.

Interhouse Play Competition

Our "crime scene" decorated Mini Theatre was abuzz with excitement and anticipation as all the hard work and hours of rehearsal culminated into one special evening on Wednesday 18 September. This year the theme of the Interhouse Play Competition was "Murder Mysteries". Our Grade 11 Dramatic Arts students created plays with fun, hilarious and unusual characters and plenty of audience participation. Congratulations to all the cast members and directors for putting on such well-polished and entertaining plays. The prize winners at the end of the evening were:

Best Lighting:
Best Screen Projection Work:
Umdloti
Best Costumes:
Umdloti
Umdloti
Ohlanga
Best Script:
Thongathi
Best Audience Participation:
Umdloti

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Best Junior Supporting Actor: Benjamin Rodrigues
Best Junior Actor: Kyran Taylor

Best Junior Supporting Actress: Best Junior Actress:

Best Supporting Actor:
Best Actor:

Best Supporting Actress:

Best Actress:

Benjamin Rodrigues Kyran Taylor Bridget de Sousa Grace McIlroy Jason Brown Oqalile Tshetshe Macayla Oakes Fiona McIlroy and

Sarah Donkin Ribbonaar Star Award: Alex Lacher and Carl Oosthuizen

Best Directing Team: Thongathi



Winning House for Best Play:

Thongathi







National Youth Orchestra

Congratulations to Brogan Rolfe who has been selected for the second year into the National Youth Orchestra. Brogan can look forward to a range of exciting opportunities through his membership of the National Youth Orchestra including an international music exchange, instrument repair courses, musician mentorship, arts administration internships as well as composition and conducting workshops.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION

Community Service Awards

The Madiba Award is awarded to the student in Grade 8 to Grade 11 who has made the most significant contribution to disadvantaged communities through Community Service in the year. Proof of students' contributions need to be submitted for students to be eligible for this award. These can be handed to Mr Taylor in the first week of the fourth term.

Forthcoming Community Service Events

Rise Against Hunger will be joining us for a food packing event on Saturday 12 October. We will be aiming to pack 40 000 meals on the day as a part of World Hunger Action Month. The first session will run from 9:00-10:30 and the second session will run from 11:00-12:30 in the Mini-Theatre. We are appealing to our students to volunteer and it would be great to see some of our parents joining in too. Spaces are limited, so if you would like to reserve a spot please email immes.taylor@reddam.house

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS RESULTS

Golf

vs Clifton College 2nd Team won 3-1 vs Westville Boys' High School 3rds won 3-1

Girls' Soccer

vs Maris Stella

U14A won 1-0 U16A won 1-0 1st Team won 3-0

Boys' Soccer

vs Ashton College

14A drew 2-2 U15A vs Ashton U16A lost 3-4 U15B vs Ashton U15A drew 2-2 2nd Team drew 1-1 1st Team lost 1-3

vs Virginia Football Club U14B lost 0-5

Girls' Soccer

vs Ashton College

U14A drew 0-0 U16B lost 0-2 U16A drew 1-1 1st Team drew 1-1

Action Netball

U15's vs Crawford North Coast won 34-6 vs Danville Girls' High won 17-11

Action Netball

U15A vs St Henry's won 25-19 to be awarded gold medals. 1st Team vs Curro HCA won 31-18 to be awarded gold medals.



Back: Tamia Reddy, Mrs van der Mere, Michaela Ehrich, Rachel Ledsham-Duvenhage, Ayanda Chiliza, Sisanda Nkala Middle: Kari Kriel, Maxine Morey Front: Nontobeko Mohuli



Back Row: Caitlyn Roden, Sharon Lui, Maya de Souza, Alexis Buck, Nontobeko Mohuli Precious Zondo, Mrs Rencken Middle: Sancia Stevens, Rebecca Philps, Asanda Zondi, Josanne Fincham Front: Senamile Khanyile

Unbeaten Teams

Congratulations to the 1st Golf team and U14A Boys' Soccer team for having an unbeaten season.

KZN Waterpolo Trials

Congratulations to Tallulah Crosby, Kiara Whiteboy, Christy Dudas, Georgia Swart (all under 14), Dallas Kok and Bridget De Sousa (under 16) for making it through to the second round of the KZN Waterpolo trials.

KZN Netball Trials

Congratulations to Sisanda Nkala, Ayanda Chiliza, Michaela Ehrich, Maya de Souza, Bridget De Sousa, Kayla Moodie and Senamile Khanyille for making it through to the final round of the KZN Action Netball trials.

KZN Soccer Team Selection

Congratulations to Jethro Fitzpatrick for being selected for the KZN U16 Boys' Soccer team.

Overall Sports Results: Term 3

Action Netball

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1st	6	6		
U15A	9	9		

Boys' Indoor Hockey

	Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
	1st	9	7	2	
ſ	U16A	9	0	9	
	U14A	9	2	6	1

Golf

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1st	4	4		

Girls' Soccer

Teams	Matches	Wins	Losses	Draws
1st	6	2	2	2
2nds	5	2	2	1
U16A	5	4	1	
U16B	5	2	3	
U14A	8	4	2	2

Boys' Soccer

Teams	Played	Won	Losses	Draws
U14A	6	4		2
U14B	6		6	
U15A	8	1	4	3
U15B	6	1	3	2
2nds	5	2	4	1
1st	9	2	7	

Water Polo

Team	Played	Won	Losses	Draws
Junior Boys	14	8	6	
Senior Boys	12	9	3	
Junior Girls	13	10	3	
Senior Girls	15	9	6	

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PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION



Save the Date: 10 October

The Prosecco Evening at Old Town Italy promises to be a fun filled evening. Tickets will be on sale on Monday 7 October 2019 and Tuesday 8 October outside the College reception. Zapper facilities will be available.

DATES TO DIARISE

7 October	07:25 Term 4 Starts	
9 October	07:45 Extramural (Sport & Culture) Awards Assembly (Mini Theatre)	
9 October	18:00 Opening of the Matric Art Exhibition (Art Studio)	
10 October	17:00 P&F Prosecco Evening (Old Town Italy)	
12 October	09:00 Rise Against Hunger Outreach Initiative	
17 October	10:30 Grade 12s Tea with the Teachers	

11:00 Valedictory Ceremony (Muir Auditorium) * compulsory for students

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