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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

What a wonderful send-off was given to our Matric Class of 2020 at the end of last week.

Our Matric Class of 2020 began their College adventure in 2016 when the school was still known as Umhlanga College but by the end of this same year, the school began to be known as Reddam House Umhlanga. In 2016, the entire College - consisting of only two classes in Grade 8 to 10 and one in Grade 11 - could be housed entirely in what is today our Creative & Performing Arts Centre. Their Grade 8 register teachers were Mrs Sayer and Mr Ledward. There was no library; no AstroTurf; no waterpolo pool and no Reddam Residence but these hopeful Grade 8 students quickly embraced the "Culture of Commitment" and learnt that at this school, you get involved in everything from the choir to cricket. Despite some significant defeats on the sports fields in their Grade 8 and 9 years, this determined group of students has learnt along their journey that - in the face of considerable challenges - you never back down but instead show up and stand up. Again and again. And as a result, over the years, this small group of students has contributed to our school's reputation of being able "to punch above our weight" on many occasions. The school magazines since 2016 have chronicled the many achievements of this committed group who, starting as just 31 students in Grade 8 but ending their College journey as 53, have individually and collectively left an indelible mark on our young College by not only their contributions in academics, sport, culture and community service but also through their courage in being able to lead in an unpredictable year in our country's and our College's history.

It was a special day in the College on Friday 9 October as our Matric class of 2020 celebrated their last, official, school day. The Grade 12s had to dress up as something that they, as a child, thought they would want to be when they grew up. They spent some time with their teachers at a beautifully set tea held in the College piazza. The morning ended with the Grade 12 students walking through the guard of honour made up of Grade 8 to 11 students encircling the College building in the designated grade zones.

The Valedictory Ceremony took place on the evening of Friday 9 October 2020. This year's ceremony was made more poignant by the fact that, due to COVID-19, we were uncertain initially, whether we would be able to host such an event. Furthermore, the lockdown regulations in place at the time of the planning of this event prohibited us from having Grade 12 parents in attendance, but thankfully, these regulations were amended just prior to the ceremony and the parents of our Class of 2020 were able to attend, physically, after all. The regulations did, however, prohibit the attendance of special guests, students in other grades and extended families of the Grade 12 students. For this reason, a decision was taken to livestream the event and the ceremony was attended virtually by families and friends across the country as well as beyond our borders in Australia, the United Kingdom, Tanzania, the United States of America, Taiwan, Mozambique, Mauritius, Oman, Singapore and Brazil. This traditionally emotional event was made all the more special – as it is always done – by the musical tribute provided by the Reddam House Umhlanga Grade 1s who will be the Matric Class of 2031.

And then on the night of Saturday 10 October, the Muir Auditorium was transformed into the most elegant and extravagant ballroom befitting the Class of 2020's Matric Dance. Held for the very first time on home soil, the entrances of our Matric students were livestreamed to the world and featured our very own Mrs Ribbonaar and Mr Robertson on the Reddam red carpet. All COVID-19 safety protocols were observed and we are grateful to Mrs Tammy Lailvaux, Mrs Claire Sayer and their team for making this event so incredibly special for our Matric students.

We wish our Matric students all the very best of luck for their final examinations which commenced this week. It was also wonderful to see the resumption of campus-based sporting activities and physical training this past week and I encourage all of our students to make the most of these opportunities provided by our dedicated staff.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

School Parking and Collection

With the reintroduction of extramural activities after school, there has been an increase in the traffic at the Creative & Performing Arts Centre parking lot. All Grade 9 students will need to be collected from their original collection area between the College and the Creative Arts Centre as the Grade 7 parents have priority in the Creative Arts Centre parking lot. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for respecting our social distancing protocols.

Revised 2021 Reddam House School Calendar

Following the publishing of the Department of Basic Education and Independent Schools' Association of South Africa's revised 2021 school calendars, the Reddam House schools' 2021 calendar has been adjusted accordingly to accommodate interprovincial sporting tournaments and Matric examination dates. The revised 2021 calendar can be found on the Reddam House Umhlanga app. Please note that we have introduced half term weekends from 2021 to allow for our boarders to return home for a meaningful weekend break with their families.

Grade 12 Dress-up Day and Farewell Tea: Friday 9 October





Grade 8 to 11 Sports & Cultural Awards Assembly: Friday 23 October

The annual Grade 8 to 11 Cultural and Sports Awards Assembly will take place on Friday 23 October in the weekly assembly timeslot. Awards will be made in those activities that were able to take place this year either in the traditional or new online formats. Awards in activities that had to be postponed this year will not be made. Award recipients will be acknowledged in the weekly virtual assembly video and the link will be emailed to their parents to watch in their own time. Trophies and certificates will be handed out physically in the individual grade zones. Any queries in this regard can be emailed to the Chair of the Colours Committee, Mr James Taylor, on james.taylor@reddam.house

Grade 6 Information Evening: 21 & 28 October

Our first online Information Evening for Grade 6 parents (Grade 8s of 2022) will take place on Wednesday 21 and 28 October. Please encourage your friends or family members who have a Grade 6 child to register for either of these Information Evenings:



GRADE 8'S OF 2022

ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER | 6PM

We'd like to invite you to join us for an online College information evening on Wednesday, 21 October at 6pm. Come and discover our unique approach to teaching and view our world class campus. You'll be able to meet the Head of our College, ask questions about the school and enquire about specific aspects of school-life.

We understand the value of an independent, internationally competitive and child-centred education. In so doing, we nurture individuality, talent and self-assurance through a broad curriculum, including a dynamic range of academic, cultural and sporting activities. As a non-traditional school we seek new ways to stay relevant and innovative in our approach to education without losing sight of the importance of the traditional values of respect, pride and self-discipline.

Reddam House Umhlanga has maintained an exceptional academic standard, and continues to equip students with a strong educational foundation. Our specialist teachers and small class sizes ensures that students are continuously acquiring skills and knowledge.

We look forward to sharing our College school environment with you through a personal live online introduction with our head.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

SECURE YOUR PLACE

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Level 2 Leadership Certificates

Level 2 Leadership certificates are awarded to those Grade 12 students who have fulfilled the following criteria:

- Shown leadership ability; whether/not a chair of a portfolio i.e. ability to rally others and gain respect
- Shown initiative in putting together projects
- Shown organisational skills in logistical arrangements on projects & follow-through
- Shown the ability to work co-operatively with other group members
- Embodied the school ethos and been good role models to other students

These students have gone beyond being dependable members of their portfolios. They initiated projects that have impacted positively on the College in 2020. The following students are awarded Level 2 Leadership certificates:

Yusuf Ally	Kyi Aung	Thoraya Bonnini	Matthew Brown	Sarah Donkin
Luke Gardiner	Carrie-Anne Govender	Sarah Harding	Taryn Jabour	Diya Lutchman
Georgia Mackay	Nangamso Maphalala	Lerato Mudau	Daniela Roberts	

COVID-19 Caution

We appeal to all parents to assist us in limiting your children's off-campus social activities, especially over weekends. Public functions/parties are known to be high risk occasions for COVID-19 contamination and we ask that you exercise caution when allowing your children to attend these events. Exposing your children to large numbers of people – particularly if not wearing a mask – puts not only your own child at risk - but can in turn put all of our students at risk to possible COVID-19 infection. A detailed letter in this regard was emailed to all College parents this week.

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Valedictory Ceremony & Grade 12 Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following Grade 12 students who were recognised with academic and other special awards at the 2020 Valedictory Ceremony held on Friday 9 October:

Achievement Award

An achievement Award was made to Hong Luen (Josephine) Chen, who showed the most significantly improved overall average from Term 1 to the final promotion mark.

Academic Full Colours

Full colours were awarded to the following Grade 12 students who obtained an overall aggregate of between 80% and 84% for the year:

Sarah Harding
Diya Lutchman
Kelly van der Vyver

Honours

This award was presented to three students who obtained an overall aggregate of above 85% for the year:

Thoraya Bonnini
Caitlyn Fincham
Georgia Mackay

Dux Scholar Awards

A bronze certificate and a bronze medal were awarded to the student who obtained the third highest overall ranking for this year in Grade 12. The bronze award winner in 2020 is Thoraya Bonnini.

A silver certificate and a silver medal were awarded to the student who obtained the second highest overall ranking for this year in Grade 12. The silver award winner in 2020 is Georgia Mackay.

A gold certificate and floating trophy were awarded to the student who obtained the highest overall ranking for the year in Grade 12. The Dux Scholar for 2020 is Caitlyn Fincham.



Mrs Fincham, Caitlyn Fincham, Mr Fincham

Thoraya Bonnin
Sarah Donkin
Amberly Gourlay
Taryn Jabour
Lerato Mudau

Matthew Brown
Rachel Emond
Carrie-Anne Govender
Diya Lutchman
Jamie Sindt

Reece Ciaglia
Caitlyn Fincham
Sarah Harding
Georgia Mackay
Matthew Temlett

Mdlankunzi Dlamini
Luke Gardiner
Josh Hook
Nangamso Maphalala
Kelly Van der Vyver

Special Awards:

Apart from academics; sport, cultural activities and service are important pillars of our College.

The Director's List

This award was presented to students who, throughout their school career, made a significant contribution to the life of the school in a wide range of fields. These students stand alongside the major award winners as having been, at all times, a credit to Reddam House. In 2020 the following names were inscribed on the Director's list:

The Sportsman of the Year Award and the Sportswoman of the Year Award

This award was presented to the male and female student who represented the school most successfully in the greatest number of sports during the year.

Jamie Sindt was a member of the 1st team Waterpolo, 2nd Soccer and Hockey teams and the Swimming Squad as well as the 7s Rugby team.

Taryn Jabour was a member of the 1st Indoor and Outdoor Hockey and Soccer teams as well as the Swimming Squad and Cross Country teams.

The Cultural Award

This award was presented to Sarah Donkin, who represented the school most successfully during the year in most or all the following subjects: Art, Music, Drama and Dance.

The Fellowship Award

This award was presented to Luke Gardiner, who was voted "friend of college students". He built positive relationships amongst the broader peer group.

The Ambassadorship Award

This award was presented to Georgia Mackay, for being an excellent ambassador for Reddam House in the broader community.

The Reddam House Award

This award was presented to Diya Lutchman, who made the most significant contribution to underprivileged communities.

The Headmaster's Award

This award was presented to Mdlankunzi Dlamini, for embodying the Olympic ideal of fair play, tolerance, empathy, sportsmanship, integrity and honesty.



Appeal for Examination Invigilators

COVID-19 protocols have placed extra pressure on our staff during examination and assessment times, as we need to have more venues operational to adhere to social distancing requirements. Further to this, we also need to have separate venues in case a student displays COVID-19 symptoms and needs to be isolated. To this end we appeal to any parents, grandparents or university students who would be willing to assist us with the invigilation of the November examinations. Invigilators will be remunerated for their time. If you are willing to assist please contact chantal.lourens@reddam.house for further details.

Grade 8 to 11 November Examination Timetable and Breakdowns

The November examinations timetable and all subject breakdowns were placed on the Google Grade classrooms on Wednesday 14 October. Although it is the student's responsibility to draw up an appropriate study plan, attend support lessons and focused groups where necessary, we do appeal to parents to ensure that they support their children with proper planning through this process, as this final set of examination results carry the most weight towards the year-end mark.

BOARDING INFORMATION

Free Weekend Arrangements: 6 to 8 November

All Reddam Res students must depart the residence by 16:00 on Friday 6 November and return to the residence between 16:00 and 18:00 on Sunday 8 November. All air travel arrangements must be sent to Mr Hadyn Skinner timeously in order to make transport arrangements.

Reddam Residence Extension Project

Due to the increased demand for places in our Reddam Res in 2021, we will be embarking on minor alterations to increase our boarding capacity by a further 12 beds. The sanatorium will be relocated to create additional capacity in the boys' residence and an additional bedroom will be built on to the girls' residence. Some of the existing girls' bedrooms will be extended.

CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse Dance: 27 October

Our first Reddam House Umhlanga Interhouse Dance Competition will see our three school houses, Thongathi, Umhloti and Ohlanga breaking the mould and setting the standard high for the future. With the restrictions placed on the arts globally, the dancers had to think 'out of the box' and draw on every bit of creativity that they possibly could. Therefore, as a result, this year the word 'competition' will be replaced with 'celebration.' So for this final online interhouse competition, the houses will not compete, but instead will celebrate by dancing together online. The event will premiere on our Reddam House Umhlanga Events YouTube channel on 27 October. Further details will be posted on social media.

2020 Interhouse Play Competition Prize Winners

Our annual Interhouse Play Competition was reinvented for 2020. Rehearsals and recording all took place at home using the Zoom platform. Written by our Grade 11 directors and producers, our three innovative house plays premiered on YouTube concluding with an online awards ceremony on 18 September. The following awards were decided upon by our panel of professional judges:

Best Use of Zoom:	Umhloti
Best Editing:	Thongathi
Best Script:	Thongathi
Best Costumes:	Ohlanga
Best Junior Supporting Actor:	Joshua Ribbonaar
Best Junior Supporting Actress:	Yussra Sacur
Best Junior Actor:	Kyran Taylor and Benjamin Rodrigues
Best Junior Actress:	Ella Matthews
Best Senior Supporting Actor:	Marco Sachse
Best Senior Supporting Actress:	Sarah Donkin
Best Senior Actor:	Noah Rogers
Best Senior Actress:	Anke Booysen
Ribbonaar Star Award:	Sriya Mungal and Aidan Bradshaw
Best Producer:	Kimera Mohangi
Directing Team Trophy:	Umhloti
Best Play:	Thongathi

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Compulsory Community Service Hours

All students are reminded of the 15 compulsory community service hours that they are expected to undertake annually. Community service hours for the year will be recorded on the Term 4 reports. All College students are expected to submit the evidence of their community service hours completed this term on the Reddam House Umhlanga app. All students will have the opportunity of checking their community service hours in the upcoming weeks.

SPORTS INFORMATION

Return to Sport Training

This term has seen a return to the campus of sports-specific physical training sessions. The Department of Basic Education has confirmed the reintroduction of non-contact sport in schools.

It is not compulsory for students to be involved in these physical training sessions but those who do undoubtedly benefit physically and socially. Students wishing to take part in the following week's sessions need to sign up every Tuesday on the Google Grade Classroom.

These sessions are limited to a certain number as per the COVID-19 safety protocols. Attendance will therefore be on a 'first come, first served' sign-up process. However, if a student signs up, they are expected to attend the session the following week.

Training will be in keeping with our safety protocols – namely the isolating of individual grades. All students are expected to wear their Reddam House PE or sports kits when training as well as the regulatory masks.

Extra Mural Programme - Term 4 2020				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Grade 8	Aquatics 15:15-16:15	Boys & Girls Soccer 15:15 – 16:00 Girls Netball 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15-16:15 Cricket 15:15 – 16:00	Boys and Girls Hockey 15:15 – 16:00
Grade 9	Aquatics 15:15-16:15	Boys & Girls Soccer 15:15 – 16:00 Girls Netball 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15-16:15 Cricket 15:15 – 16:00	Boys and Girls Hockey 15:15 – 16:00
Grade 10	Boys and Girls Hockey 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15-16:15 Cricket 15:15 – 16:00	Boys & Girls Soccer 15:15 – 16:00 Girls Netball 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15 – 16:15
Grade 11	Boys and Girls Hockey 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15-16:15 Cricket 15:15 – 16:00	Boys & Girls Soccer 15:15 – 16:00 Girls Netball 15:15 – 16:00	Aquatics 15:15 – 16:15
Dance		Dance Ensemble 15:15-16:00		Dance Ensemble 15:15-16:00
Music	Individual Sessions	Individual Sessions	Individual Sessions	Individual Sessions

PARTNERSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

Uniform Shop Hours

December 2020

Our uniform shop is located on the Reddam House Umhlanga school premises, adjacent to the pool.

For your convenience, our Uniform Shop will be open during the December / January holidays as noted below:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 – 9:00 12:30 – 15:00	(School Closes) 7:00 – 12:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	Closed (Public Holiday)	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 – 10:00	8:00 – 10:00	CLOSED FROM 23 rd DECEMBER 2020 UNTIL 1 st JANUARY 2021				
28	29	30	31			

*As an added convenience, families who are new to the school are encouraged to email: sales@unirite.co.za or call 031-1000 363 to set up an appointment **outside the above times** any day until 22 December 2020 for a personal fitting. **Regrettably, NO appointments are scheduled during January.**

JANUARY 2021

Trading hours during term are:

Monday to Thursday: 7:00 – 9:00 | 12:30 – 14:45

Friday: 7:00 – 9:00 ONLY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
			Closed (Public Holiday)		9:00 – 12:00	9:00 – 12:00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 – 14:00	9:00 – 14:00	9:00 – 14:00	9:00 – 14:00	8:00 – 10:00	9:00 – 13:00	9:00 – 13:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 – 15:00	8:00 – 15:00	(School Re-opens) 7:00 – 9:00 12:30 – 15:00	NORMAL TRADING HOURS RESUME DURING TERM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

The Gold Navy 2nd Hand Uniform Shop: Pre-loved Uniform Sales and Purchases

This shop will be physically open from the 7 to 11 December from 9am to 12pm daily for parents to drop off their pre-loved uniforms as well as for 2021 uniform purchases. The shop will also be open from 4 to 11 January 2021 from 9am to 12pm daily for uniform purchases. The shop will be situated in the College building on the ground floor with direct access from the parking area.

Pre-loved Textbooks

There will be a box outside reception from Monday 19 October 2020 for textbooks that your child is no longer using and that you wish to sell. Please include the seller's form inside the packet with your textbooks. The form is available on the Reddam House Umhlanga App or contact Karen on 076-811 6878 for assistance.

DATES TO DIARISE

21 October

18h00 Grade 6 (Grade 8s of 2022) Online Information Evening

23 October

09h00 Grade 8 to 11 Virtual Sport & Cultural Awards Assembly (in-house)

24 October

09h00 Grade 12 Visual Arts Exhibition (Grade 12 Visual Art students & parents only)

27 October

19h00 Interhouse Dance (YouTube)

28 October

18h00 Grade 6 (Grade 8s of 2022) Online Information Evening

6 – 8 November

Boarders' Free Weekend

9 – 25 November

Grade 8 – 11 Examinations

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The Information Webinar will take
place on **THURSDAY 22 October** at 17:00.

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