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## FROM THE HEAD

## **Dear Parents**

Our memorable and moving Valedictory Ceremony took place on Friday 18 October where we bade a fond and formal farewell to the Class of 2019 – our third ever group of Matric students. They began their College adventure in 2015 when the school was still known as Umhlanga College. The High School building (today our Creative & Performing Arts Centre) had just been completed. The High School had only occupied the top level of this building the previous year so there was much excitement in 2015 when the school occupied the newly completed downstairs classrooms and Science laboratories. There were two Grade 8 classes that year with Mr Edmonds and Mrs Sayer as registration teachers. The "Culture of Commitment" prevailed and the students soon learnt that at this school, small as it was, you played every sport and you were guaranteed to be selected for the 'A' team! But it also meant that everyone turned up again and again even in the face of considerable opposition.

In my Valedictory speech I paid tribute to all those Matric students who, despite the demands of their final academic year, have led the school by example by fulfilling their various sporting and cultural responsibilities. In addition I thanked each and every member of the Class of 2019 for dedicating their talents and their time to serving on the various leadership portfolios. Many have led with conviction and compassion - never seeking to exercise power or privilege. In so doing they have lived out our motto "We Shall Give Back." They have made an indelible impact on our growing College and we are grateful.

I encourage them to use the greatest freedom that they have worked so hard to attain - and the advantage that an independent education has afforded them - and that is the freedom of choice – the choice to be part of the problem or the solution; the choice to have a positive or negative impact on the world around them and the choice to make either good or bad decisions. I wish for them to make good decisions. As Dr Seuss wrote: "Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get the chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it."

As we bid farewell to the two classes of Grade 12 students, I am proud to announce that for the first time in our College's history we will boast four Grade 8 and four Grade 9 classes next year. Ongoing interest in our College has seen a large number of students applying for places in Grade 10 in particular next year whilst the few available places in Grade 9 next year are filling up fast. Our challenge, as we grow bigger and stronger, is to retain that "family feel" in which every student is known and everyone's contribution is acknowledged. We are determined to remain more like a second home than a school.

We wish the Reddam House Umhlanga Class of 2019 every success as they prepare to write the final IEB NSC examinations and we are confident that they will maintain the high academic standards set by the Matric classes of 2017 and 2018.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

# **GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION**

# **Matric Farewell Tea & Dress-Up Day**

Thursday 17 October was a special day in the College as our Matric class of 2019 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. After having a photograph with the whole school, the morning ended with a tea with their teachers.



#### **Valedictory Ceremony Award Recipients 2019**

We congratulate the following Matric students who received honourable mentions and prestigious awards at the 2019 Valedictory Ceremony:

The Sportsman Award and the Sportswoman Award: this is awarded to the male and female student who represented the school most successfully in the greatest number of sports during the year.

Sportsman of the Year: Dyllan Tweedy
Sportswoman of the Year: Mpilenhle Hadebe

**Cultural Award:** this is awarded to the student who has represented the school most successfully during the year in most or all the following subjects: Art, Music, Drama and Dance.

Cultural Award Recipient 2019: Daniel Singery

**The Fellowship Award:** this is awarded to the student in Grade 12 who is voted friend of college students - someone who builds positive relationships amongst the broader peer group. The students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 vote this award.

Fellowship Award Recipient 2019: Anesu Ndaba

**Ambassadorship Award:** this is awarded to the student in Grade 12 who is an excellent ambassador for Reddam House in the broader community.

Ambassador Award Recipient 2019: Dyllan Tweedy

**The Reddam Award:** this is awarded to the student in Grade 12 who has made the most significant contribution to the underprivileged communities.

Reddam Award Recipient 2019: Tayla-Dawn McKenzie

**Headmaster's Award:** this is awarded to the student who embodies the Olympic ideal of fair play, tolerance, empathy, sportsmanship, integrity and honesty.

Headmaster's Award Recipient 2019: Heather Dixon

## **Top 3 in Grade 12 Academic Rankings:**

Third highest overall ranking:

Second highest overall ranking:

The Dux Scholar Award for 2019:

Dyllan Tweedy

Ashleigh Berger

Ratik Beekhan



Left to Right: Dyllan Tweedy, Ratik Beekhan, Ashley Berger







Mpilenhle Hadebe, Mrs Lourens



Daniel Singery, Mrs Singery



Mrs Dixon, Heather Dixon, Mr Dixon



Miss Kelly, Tayla-Dawn McKenzie, Mr McKenzie



Mrs Tweedy, Dyllan Tweedy, Mr Tweedy

## **Grade 12 Leadership Portfolios 2020**

We have thanked our present Matrics for the manner in which they have given back to their school this year by embracing our servant leadership model and for undertaking numerous initiatives and projects. And so it is time to introduce our leaders of 2020: The Grade 11's participated in a Leadership Camp in August and then took part in a follow-up leadership day at school, where they explored their own personal values and then used this exercise to determine what portfolios would be needed to support these values. Once they had decided on the portfolios, and subscribed themselves to their chosen one, they elected their Chairpersons. Although they will be formally inducted in Term 1 next year, and will receive their badges at this induction, we would like to introduce them now:

#### Culture

Jaime Bowring
Sarah Donkin
Duranne Eaton
Carrie-Anne Govender
(Chairperson)
Kayla Lindsey
Kirsten McDonald (Absent for photo)
Lethu Mthiyane
Daniela Roberts (Vice
Chairperson)

Left to Right: Sarah Donkin, Carrie-Anne Govender, Daniela Roberts, Duranne Eaton, Lethu Mthiyane Front Row: Jaime Bowring, Kayla Lindsey



#### Green

Sarah Brewer Mdlankunzi Dlamini Adam Ferreira Josh Hook (Chairperson) Justin Keeping Freddie Mavimbe Ruan Potgieter (Vice Chairperson) Amy Whittle Erin Whittle

Left to right: Adam Ferreira, Freddie Mavimbe, Mdlankunzi Dlamini, Josh hook, Ruan Potgieter, Sarah Brewer, Justin Keeping Front Row: Amy Whittle, Erin Whittle

#### Outreach

Thoraya Bonnin (Vice Chairperson)
Rachel Emond
Caitlyn Fincham
Sarah Harding (Chairperson)
Georgia Mackay
Melba Mavimbe
Kelly van der Vyver

Left to Right: Rachel Emond, Thoraya Bonnin, Georgia Mackay, Sarah Harding, Kelly van der Vyver, Caitlyn Fincham, Melba Mavimbe

Outreach

Green

# PR/Marketing

Matthew Brown (Vice Chairperson)
Josephine Chen
Muhammad Essa
Muhammad Essop (Absent for photo)
Olivia Freeman (Absent for photo)
Dylan Kriel
Diya Lutchman (Chairperson)
Dashiell Naidoo
Blaine Pretorius
Tiaan Walters

Left to Right: Dylan Kriel, Matthew Brown, Muhammad Essa, Blaine Pretorius, Dashiell Naidoo, Tiaan Walters Front Row: Diya Lutchman, Josephine Chen



# **School Spirit**

Robert Jessop Daniel Peter Nangamso Maphalala (Vice Chairperson) Lerato Mudau (Chairperson) Jamie Sindt Ntokozo Vilakazi

Left to Right: Ntokozo Vilakazi, Robert Jessop, Nangamso Maphalala, Lerato Mudau, Jamie Sindt, Daniel Peter



#### **Sport**

Reece Ciaglia (Chairperson) Bronwyn De Sousa Taryn Jabour (Vice Chairperson)

Left to Right: Bronwyn De Sousa, Reece Ciaglia, Taryn Jabour

# **Student Support Council**

Yusuf Ally
Kyi Aung (Chairperson)
Hannah Ferreira
Luke Gardiner
Amberly Gourlay (Vice Chairperson)
Shivaan Heralall
Matthew Temlett
Macayla Oakes
Megan Parry
Ayush Sirkisson
Ayush Singh
Chad Tyers

Left to Right: Megan Parry, Macayla Oakes, Chad Tyers, Kyi Aung, Yusuf Ally, Ayush Sirkisson, Shivaan Heralall, Ayush Singh Front Row: Amberly Gourlay. Matthew Temlett, Luke Gardiner

As is Reddam custom, Matrics select representatives for various high profile functions that take place during the course of the year. For 2020, it has been decided that two students will represent the Matrics on a permanent basis.

These two students were democratically elected by the Grade 11's. The students were requested to elect the two individuals who they felt were best placed to represent them in 2020, irrespective of gender, but it so happens that it is a boy and a girl who were selected. The Matric representatives of 2020 are Georgia Mackay and Luke Gardiner.

Left to Right: Georgia Mackay, Luke Gardiner







# **ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION**

## isiZulu Cultural Evening

The Preparatory and College isiZulu Departments hosted the annual isiZulu Cultural Evening on Friday 20 September. Featuring College and Prep School students as well as invited guests and performers, it was a joyous celebration of Zulu culture, food, dance and music.



Mrs Hattingh and Mr Nkosi



Left to Right: Nontobeko Mohuli, Senamile Khanyile, Mbali Kweyama, Grace McIlroy

#### LO Island Day: Dealing with Addiction

On break-up day last term, we held an LO Island Day focussing on Addiction. Our students engaged in two sessions run by Project Exodus (Anthem Recovery) and Careline. With the expertise of Project Exodus, students were informed on the various forms of substance abuse and addiction. The residents of Careline shared their own stories of struggle, strength and courage and in so doing, provided a warning to our students of the devastating consequence of addiction.

#### **Matric Art Exhibition**

The 2019 Matric Art exhibition was opened by Ana De Vlieg, a prominent Durban artist, writer, and Art teacher. Her speech focused on the issues that the Grade 12 class had to solve in the completion of their final examination works. They were given the theme: Liminal Spaces as their examination topic. A liminal space is, in essence, the space that exists between what was and what is yet to come. The Matric Art students focused on climate change; school stress; inequality; sleep paralysis; drug abuse and many other issues that plague our contemporary society.

The following images are a few samples of the artwork on display this year:



Ashleigh Cliff, The Yin to my Yang



Sarah Hacker, Remembering



Benjamin King - Where to?



Tyler Rencken, Decoding the Human Race



Alain Panier's artwork display with our guest speaker Ana De Vlieg and Sarah Hacker



Tyler Rencken's, All Hail the King

#### **Examination Preparation Booklets and Revision Resources**

Examination breakdowns for Grade 8 – 11 were placed in the Grade specific folders on the ITSI app last week. Revision material and past examinations have also been made available to students in order to help prepare them for the upcoming examinations. Teachers have also made hard copies of past examinations available to their classes.

#### **BOARDING NEWS**

#### **Welcome to Sister Chonco**

Our Reddam residents were excited to welcome Sister Chonco as the first ever school nurse at the start of the new term. She has been warmly embraced by the Reddam residence boarders and staff and has quickly found herself part of the Reddam House Umhlanga family.

Although she provides support and advice to parents and students in the Early Learning School, Preparatory School and College, she is based in the sanatorium located within the Reddam Residence complex. For advice or medical queries please email zukiswa.chonco@reddam.house



Reddam residents with Sister Chonco

## **CULTURAL NEWS**

## **SA National Band & Orchestra Competition**

On the 27 and 28 September, Primary and High School marching bands, marimba bands, wind bands and orchestras from around South Africa descended on Reddam House Umhlanga as the school proudly hosted the South African National Band & Orchestra Competition. This event, hosted in conjunction with the South African Schools' Band Association and the Durban Music School, saw ensembles of all forms compete in front of a professional panel of adjudicators in a massive two-day musical spectacular.

The Reddam House Umhlanga College Orchestra performed admirably, placing second in the high school symphony orchestra category.

## **Culture Awards Assembly**

The College held its End of Year Sports and Cultural Awards Assembly on Wednesday 9 October in order to acknowledge the achievements of our sportsmen, sportswomen, artists, dancers, musicians and dramatists. Our Guest Speaker- radio personality Jane Linley-Thomas – provided an inspiring and entertaining address. We extend congratulations to the following Cultural award winners:

Junior Artist of the Year:

Senior Artist of the Year:

Tia Thathia
Thoraya Bonnin
Most Promising Junior Dancer:

Esther Ephraim

Best Junior Dancer: Grace McIlroy and Thomas Youens (shared)

Best Junior Choreographer:

Maya de Souza

Most Promising Senior Dancer:

Best Senior Dancer:

Jaime Bowring

Junior Dramatist of the Year:

Senior Dramatist of the Year:

Nomvelo McIlroy

Most Improved Instrumentalist: Giorgia Gregory and Tamia Reddy (shared)

Music Ensembles Commitment Trophy: Carrie-Anne Govender Best Junior Musician: Gemma Coleman

Vocalist of the Year: Sarah Donkin and Nomvelo McIlroy (shared)

Instrumentalist of the Year: Brogan Rolfe

Composer of the Year: Carrie-Anne Govender and Sarah Donkin (shared)
Pianist of the Year: Daniel Singery and Carrie-Anne Govender (shared)

Overall Contribution to Music Trophy: Daniel Singery



Left to Right: Thoraya Bonnin, Jane Linley Thomas, Tia Thathia



Left to Right: Kyran Taylor, Jane Linley Thomas, Nomvelo McIlroy



Left to Right: Daniel Singery, Nomvelo McIlroy, Sarah Donkin, Carrie-Anne Govender, Jane Linley Thomas, Tamia Reddy, Georgia Gregory, Brogan Rolfe, Gemma Coleman



Left to Right: Thomas Youens, Grace McIlroy, Esther Ephraim, Maya de Souza, Jane Linley Thomas, Jaime Bowring, Talia Tostee

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS**

#### **Rise Against Hunger Initiative**

Did you know that it takes 40 000 meals to feed 181 children 5 meals a week for a year?

On Saturday 12 October Rise Against Hunger joined forces with Reddam House Umhlanga to pack 40 000 meals in three hours. Over 185 volunteers provided their services on the day and it was fantastic to see our students, parents and visitors all working together to get the packing done. These nutritious meals will be distributed to crèches around KwaZulu Natal to ensure improved growth and wellbeing of thousands of children.



## **SPORTS NEWS**

## **Sports Awards Assembly**

The College held its End of Year Sports and Cultural Awards Assembly on Wednesday 9 October in order to acknowledge the achievements of our sportsmen, sportswomen, artists, dancers, musicians and dramatists. We extend congratulations to the following Sports award winners:

Cricket Player of the Year: Most Improved Cricket Player: Cross Country Runner of the Year:

Golf Player of the Year:

Boys' Indoor Hockey Player of the Year: Luke Gardiner Most improved Boys' Indoor Hockey Player: Ogalile Tshetshe Boys' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year: Mdlankunzi Dlamini Most Improved Boys' Outdoor Hockey Player: Luke Gardiner Girls' Indoor Hockey Player of the Year: Montana Swart Girls' Most Improved Indoor Hockey Player: Bronwyn De Sousa Girls' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year: Montana Swart Girls' Outdoor Hockey Player of the Year: Ashley Berger Most improved Girls' Outdoor Hockey Player: Georgia Mackay Tyler Rencken and Ashleigh Cliff (shared)

Action Netball Player of the Year: Most Improved Action Netball Player:

Outdoor Netball Player of the Year:

Most Improved Outdoor Netball Player: Boys' Soccer Player of the Year: Most Improved Boys' Soccer Player: Girls' Soccer Player of the Year: Most Improved Girls' Soccer Player: 7's Rugby Player of the Year:

Most Improved 7's Player of the Year:

Swimmer of the Year:

Joshua Swart and Montana Swart (shared) Most Improved Swimmer: Sebastian Bonnin Boys' Tennis Player of the Year: Alain Panier

Most Improved Boy's Tennis Player: Ben Pretorius Boys' Waterpolo Player of the Year: Jordan Maehler and Braden Delomoney (shared)

Girls' Waterpolo Player of the Year: Bridget De Sousa

Most Improved Boys' Waterpolo Player: Josh Hook

Most Improved Girls' Water Polo Player: Michaela Ehrich The Equestrian Trophy: Taina Meekers

South African Representatives Trophy: **Braden Delomoney** Junior Sportsman of the Year: Samuel Pienaar Dallas Kok Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Senior Sportsman of the Year: Dyllan Tweedy Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Mpilenhle Hadebe

#### **KZN Sports Team Selections**

Reddam House Umhlanga is very proud of these students who have been selected to various KZN girls' sporting teams this year:

Dyllan Tweedy

Luke Gardiner

Taryn Jabour

Sisanda Nkala

Sisanda Nkala

Matthew Temlett

Mpilenhle Hadebe

Georgia Mackay **Daniel Peters** 

Kian Jamieson

S'Thembiso Kweyama

Tyler Rencken and Ashleigh Cliff (shared)

Josh Collins



From the left: Nontobeko Mohuli (u13 KZN Action and Outdoor Netball), Maya de Souza (u14 KZN Outdoor Netball), Kayla Moodie (u14 KZN Outdoor hockey), Tyla Murphy (u17b Girls Touch Rugby), Tallulah Crosby (u14b KZN Outdoor Hockey, u14 Water polo), Tyra Fenger (KZN Lifesaving), Kari Kriel (u17 KZN Touch Rugby),

Front: Georgia Swart (u14 Elite Outdoor Hockey), Kate Searle (KZN Orchestra, she should not have been in the photo), Kiara Whiteboy (u14 Elite Outdoor Hockey, u14 Water Polo), Christy Dudas (u14 KZN Outdoor Hockey), Mpilenhle Hadebe (KZN u17b Action Netball), Heather Dixon (u19 KZN Action Netball)

Absent: Taina Meekers (Equestrian) Dallas Kok (KZN u15 Action and Outdoor Netball) Esther Ephraim (KZN for Rhythmic Gymnastics)

Reddam House Umhlanga is very proud of these students who have been selected to various KZN boys' sporting teams this year:



From left to right: Braden Delomoney (SA u16 Water Polo), Joshua Houston (SA Karate), Jethro Fitzpatrick (KZN u16 Soccer), Joshua Gultig (KZN Biathlon),

Front: Kyran Taylor (KZN u14c Outdoor Hockey), Samuel Pienaar (KZN u14b Outdoor Hockey) Josh De Beer (KZN Swimming) Jordan Maehler (u16 KZN Water Polo)

#### **SPORTS RESULTS**

#### **Cricket**

#### vs St Henrys

1<sup>st</sup> Team:

St Henrys: 103/10 (Luke Gardiner 4/27, Dyllan Tweedy 2/12) RHU: 104/3 (Luke Gardiner 29, Cameron le Roux 25)

RHU won by 7 wickets

U15A

RHU: 136 (Rhys Tweedy 30, Siyuran Devan 26, Kieran McAllery 26, Shivandran Govender 3/22)

St Henrys: 83/10 (Rhys Tweedy 4/13)

RHU won by 53 runs

#### vs Crawford La Lucia

U14A

RHU: 113 (Tristan Daly 50)

CCLL: 114/2 CCLL won by 8 wickets

#### **Boys' Top 10 Water Polo Tournament**

Our Boys' First Team participated and recorded the following results:

vs Kearsney College lost 8-6

vs DHS won 6-5

vs Clifton College lost 10-1

vs Michaelhouse lost 8-4

vs Northwood won 5-4

The Reddam House Umhlanga Boys' First Waterpolo Team achieved 7<sup>th</sup> place overall beating Glenwood Boys' High School, Durban Boys' High School and Northwood Boys' High School.

## **Girls' Top Schools Water Polo Tournament**

vs Thomas More won 8-2

vs DGHS won 8-1

vs St Anne' lost 2-7

vs Danville won 3-3 (2-1 win on penalties) quarter finals

vs DGC lost 6-0

vs Junior Jelly's lost 2-1

Congratulations to our u14 Water polo girls who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the top schools' tournament.

#### Girls' Touch Rugby

1<sup>st</sup> Team

- vs Durban Girls' High School won 2-0
- vs Manor Gardens Primary School lost 0-3
- vs Durban Girls' High School u16 lost 0-1
- vs Westville Girls' High School u16A lost 0-2

2<sup>nd</sup> Team

- vs Manor Gardens Primary School lost 1-4
- vs Westville Girls' High School 3rds won 2-0

3rd Team

- vs Kloof High School won 1-0
- vs Kingsway High School 2nds drew 0-0
- vs Durban Girls' High School u15A drew 0-0
- vs Kloof High School won 1-0

#### **Indoor Hockey**

Congratulations to Georgia Swart who has made the u14A team for the PSI Nationals going to Cape Town in December.

#### **Equestrian**

Taina Meekers (Grade 10) rode her horse "Heir to The Throne" at the SANESA Nationals and was placed 12<sup>th</sup> overall in South Africa and was the highest ranked KZN rider in South Africa.

#### Soccer

Congratulations to Jethro Fitzpatrick (Grade 10) who has been selected for the u19 SAFA Durban Central Football Association Team.

#### Golf

Congratulations to our 1st Golf team who won the B league and have been promoted to the A league next year.

#### **Gymnastics**

Congratulations to Esther Ephraim (Grade 9) on her selection to the KwaZulu-Natal Gymnastics Team.

#### **KZN Waterpolo Team Selections**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to the various KZN Waterpolo teams:

u14A Girls' Team: Tallulah Crosby and Kiara Whiteboy u16A Boys' Team: Jordan Maehler and Braden Delomoney

u19A Boys' Team: Jamie Sindt

## **PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION**

#### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Based on the availability of the volunteers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following days this term:

Mondays 14:30 - 15:00 and Thursdays 14:30 - 15:30. The shop also sells second hand textbooks. Parents wishing to sell second hand uniforms or books are welcome to drop them off in the shop which is located on the ground floor of the College building.

## P & F Treasurer Wanted

The Parents' and Friends' Association is looking for someone to take on the position of Treasurer. The position would suit someone with a financial background and involves maintaining simple accounting records and preparing bi-annual statements. For further information please contact Jacqueline on 0832878485.

# **Prosecco Evening**

The P&F held a year-end gathering at Old Town Italy recently involving delectable food and a prosecco pairing presentation by Rodney Hill. Many new faces were welcomed, and new friendships were formed. It was a fun evening out for our parents to get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

# **SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

#### **Astroturf Advertising Boards**

An exemplary advertising board has already been erected on the fence around the Astroturf. Please contact lan Gardiner for further information on <a href="mailto:sponsorship.umhlanga@reddam.house">sponsorship.umhlanga@reddam.house</a> or 0824466228

#### My School Card

We encourage all parents to please remember to swipe their 'My School' card when shopping at any of the affiliated stores which 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.





# **DATES TO DIARISE**

26-27 October

Diwali

30 October

18:00 9H Public Speaking Dinner (Mini Theatre)

31 October

09:00 iebT Reasoning examination (Grade 10s)
18h00 Grade 9M Public Speaking Dinner (Mini Theatre)



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