

REDDAM HOUSE
UMHLANGA



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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

As emerging adults, our teenage students are regularly faced with choices and temptations. To further safeguard all of our students, and to assist them in making informed choices, we continue to focus on issues surrounding addiction, peer pressure and healthy relationships in our LO Island Days. As with all well-managed schools which pride themselves in the highest standards of behaviour, we recently conducted random drug testing of some of our students in keeping with our firm yet fair disciplinary code. I am relieved to inform you that all 22 students tested negative for banned substances. We will, however, continue to facilitate random drug testing in order to empower our students to continue to make good decisions.

Our political leaders have, of late, been expressing concern regarding the resurgence of rising COVID-19 infection rates in our province in particular and around the country in general. Despite the move to lockdown level 1 and its associated relaxed regulations, it is important to remember that we are still living in a pandemic and we are expected to still exercise caution. We continue to maintain the strictest safety protocols at school involving the regular sanitising of furniture and venues as well as hands; morning health and temperature screenings; isolating the grades into specific venues and insisting on the wearing of masks at all times. However, all of our efforts go to naught if our cautious approach is not supported at home. As we prepare for the all-important end of year examinations, we appeal to all parents not to allow their children to attend large gatherings of people where social distancing and safety protocols (such as the wearing of masks) are not being maintained. We further ask parents not to compromise themselves or their children by hosting large gatherings at their homes as these events are notorious as “super-spreaders” of COVID-19 infection.

Our annual Administration Review will start on 2 November and will close on 13 November. Parents will need to complete a form confirming their child’s enrolment next year and update personal details. A letter detailing the process will be emailed to all College parents in due course. If you signed the agreement in 2020 there is no need to re-sign and re-submit it. The Payment Arrangement and Confidential Medical form only needs to be returned if there are changes to what has already been submitted.

Work is currently being done on the programme for our combined Prep and College outdoor music collaboration that takes place on Monday 30 November. It will be a fitting celebration of the end of a challenging year. Please look out for more details elsewhere in this newsletter. Tickets are limited so please book early.

Our end of year Grade 8 to 11 Academic Prize giving Ceremony will take place, as usual, on the last day of the academic term: Wednesday 2 December. This ceremony will be attended physically by our Grade 8 to 11 students but will be livestreamed to our parents. Regrettably, parents will not be able to attend this ceremony in person this year due to COVID-19 related restrictions.

It is now time for our Grade 8 to 11 students to buckle down and study for the all-important end of year examinations. These will take place on our campus as normal but the individual grades will continue to be isolated and detailed seating plans kept. Any absences must be supported with a doctor’s certificate and Grade Heads

will make appropriate decisions to support vulnerable or sick students writing in separate venues. As the responsibility of educating the young adults within our care does not rest with the teachers completely, we ask that all parents provide a safe studying environment at home without distractions or stress and without exposing our students to possible COVID-19 infection.

I once again wish to assure all of our parents that your child's best interests remain at the heart of all policies and decision making at Reddam House Umhlanga.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

A Masked Christmas

It is a tradition for our three schools to come together at the end of the year to celebrate our musical talent. Although 2020 has had its challenges, we are very excited to host "A Masked Christmas" on the 30th November at 17:00.

This commemorative concert sees a Prep and College pre-recorded music collaboration featuring special guests and friends in an outdoor setting. Join us on our Prep School field as our talented students appear in concert on the big screen with the KZN Youth Orchestra, the KZN Wind Band, the Drakensberg Boys' Choir and our very own Charmaine and Bruce (Lisa Bobbert and Aaron McIlroy).

Book a picnic site, bring along your picnic basket and enjoy a magical evening with us. Please note that we have limited picnic sites each of which may only seat 6 people in keeping with COVID-19 protocols. Booking is through www.quicket.co.za

The wearing of masks and social distancing are required throughout the concert. In the event of rain, the concert will be live streamed to ticket holders

Please note that no food or beverages will be sold on site.

Changing of the Guards

We have changed our security service provider to Umlindi Security from 1 November 2020. However, some of our security guards' faces may be familiar as some of the current guards have joined the staff of the new security company. Umlindi Security is headed by former Springbok rugby player Tendai "Beast" Mtawarira who is a regular visitor to our campus.



A Masked Christmas

30 NOVEMBER 2020

17:00

REDDAM HOUSE UMHLANGA PREP SCHOOL FIELD

A Prep and College pre-recorded music collaboration with special guests and friends in an outdoor picnic setting

BOOKINGS QUICKET.CO.ZA

TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 6 PEOPLE PER PICNIC SITE AS ALL COVID 19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE OBSERVED



Staff News

We are devastated to confirm that **Mrs Veronica McKechnie**, PA to the College Headmaster, has decided to take early retirement at the end of the year in order to spend more time with her daughter and grandchildren in Germany. A fitting tribute will be paid to Mrs McKechnie at the end of the year. The position of PA to the College Headmaster/ College Admissions Secretary will be advertised on the Independent Schools of South Africa (ISASA) website. Anyone wishing to apply for the position that is available from 1 January 2021 is requested to send an email to vacancies.umhlanga@reddam.house

End of Year Examination Routine & Arrangements

Grade 8 to 11 examinations begin on Monday 9 November and conclude on Wednesday 25 November. This set of year-end examinations carries the most weight towards the final year mark and as such we ask parents and students to be prepared by adhering to a thorough study plan, attending support classes and ensuring social activities are kept to a minimum.

Should your child contract COVID-19 during the examination period, they will not be able to attend school to write their examinations and this could delay their year-end results and promotion to the next grade. If your child begins to display any of the COVID-19 related symptoms or comes into contact with a COVID-19 positive case whilst not wearing a mask or undergoes a COVID-19 test please contact your child's Grade Head immediately so that an appropriate decision can be made. In addition, parents are reminded of the following:

- Students are expected to attend school in uniform and are still expected to be neatly attired and to maintain the integrity of our school uniform. The wearing of the "step out" uniform on Fridays throughout the examination period will not be required.
- The daily COVID-19 health screening questionnaire must still be completed on the Reddam House Umhlanga app prior to a student's arrival at school for an examination session. It need not be completed on days on which a student is not writing an examination.
- Students must still report to their specific grade entrance and temperature screenings will take place as per usual.
- Grade 8 and 9 students will write all examinations in their registration venues.
- Grade 10 and 11 students will write across their three registrations venues, according to a set seating plan.
- Students must be at school by 7:30 for the first session, which begins at 8:00 and by 12:30 for the second session which begins at 13:00. Screening will open from 7:00 to 7:30am and 12:00pm – 12:30pm for these two sessions.
- Students must be collected promptly from their grade pickup zones at the conclusion of each examination, unless they are attending a support lesson.
- For Grade 10 and 11 students there will be a study venue in operation between examinations when students write two examinations on one day.
- Students are reminded that no food or drink are allowed into the examination venues.
- Cellphones and smartwatches are not permitted in the examination venues

Speeding on Campus

Parents are requested not to speed whilst driving on our campus. The maximum speed is 20km/h. Consideration and caution are required at all times on our campus. Our security guards have been instructed to intervene if cars are found speeding on our campus.

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

Support Teaching Prior and During Examination Period

Academic Support lessons continue from Monday to Friday until 16:00 in the lead up to the examinations. Further to this, there will be a special support teaching timetable which will operate during the examinations for English, Afrikaans and Mathematics. This support timetable has been uploaded to the individual Grade Google classrooms.

Students are encouraged to touch base with their teachers in any other subject where they may need extra assistance and to set up time with their teacher to review content. Requests in this regard can be emailed by the student to the teacher.

AMESA Mathematics Competition



Yumika Bhoda (Grade 9) participated in the AMESA Mathematics Team Competition on Saturday, 17 October. She placed fourth in the Junior section and then advanced to the Junior Team round and was placed first.

English Olympiad

Congratulations to Lucy Hunt (Grade 11) who was placed 18th out of 6900 entries from 300 participating schools in this year's National English Olympiad.

Lucy was awarded with a R600 cash prize as well as free tuition for the first year of studies, should she attend Rhodes University.



BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Weekend Activities

Our Reddam residents were fortunate enough to be taken to "Fives Futbol" at Cornubia followed by snorkelling in the rock pool at Chaka's Rock.



This weekend sees the residents taking a break from their studies to attend a Saturday evening braai in the Boarding Boma as well as a stroll on the North Beach promenade on Sunday morning.

Boarding Expansion Project

The Reddam Residence Expansion Project will commence soon. Details of how our boarders will be supported through this process will be communicated to parents next week.

Free Weekend: 6 to 8 November

A reminder to all boarder parents to make arrangements for their children to be collected from the Reddam Residence by 16:00 on Friday 6 November.

CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Interhouse Dance

There was much excitement as the Dance department presented their inaugural Interhouse Dance Competition on Tuesday 27 October, which was our last online interhouse production for the year. In a celebration of dance our dancers thought 'out of the box' and created interesting and thought-provoking work in a very different year. The audience at home was entertained by a variety of styles such as contemporary, hip hop, musical theatre, tap and Spanish.



Grade 8 – 11 Cultural Awards Assembly

On Friday 23 October the College acknowledged the achievements of our artists, dancers, musicians and dramatists for 2020. Congratulations to the following major cultural award recipients:

Music Full Colours

Kate Searle
Gemma Coleman (re-award)
Giorgia Gregory (re-award)
Amahle Zondi (re-award)

Music Honours

Brogan Rolfe (re-award)

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Community Service Update

There are an overwhelming number of students who have been actively involved in community projects over the last few weeks. Many of our students have taken the initiative to visit organizations, undertake beach cleanups or feeding schemes in order to complete their 15 hours of compulsory community service for the year. Students have also had the opportunity to confirm their logged hours that will be included on their final report for the year.



Steven Mafuru, Hellen Mafuru, Sisanda Nkala and Unathi Nkala handing out food at the Denis Hurley Centre in town.



Jessica Pooler

Staff Hamper Collection

A letter detailing the annual Staff Hamper collection will be emailed to parents next week.

SPORTS NEWS

Grade 8 – 11 Sports Awards Assembly

On Friday 23 October the College acknowledged the achievements of our sportsmen and sportswomen for 2020. Awards were not made in those sports that did not take place this year. Congratulations to the following major sports award recipients for 2020:

Golfer of the Year:	Josh Collin
Action Netball Player of the Year:	Bridget – Leigh De Sousa and Maya de Souza (shared)
Swimmer of the Year:	Joshua Swart and Luke Stern (shared)

Waterpolo Player of the Year:
SA Representative Trophy:

Braden Delamoney
Braden Delamoney



Josh Collin



Bridget-Leigh De Sousa



Maya de Souza



Joshua Swart



Luke Stern



Brayden Delamoney

Resumption of Sport Training

It has been wonderful to see our sportsmen and sportswomen back in training on our campus. Next week sees the final week of physical training prior to the commencement of the end of year examinations.





Equestrian

Katherine Hoal and her horse Cornlands Klaradyn (Klara) took part in The Shortlands Top Hat Dressage Competition. She entered two classes and was placed second in both classes.



PARNTERSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

Gold Navy Pre Loved Uniform Store

Pre-loved uniform items and textbooks in good condition are being collected for the store to sell on your behalf. Due to COVID-19 the store has not been open, but will re-open from 7 to 11 of December and again from the 4 to 11 of January before the start of the new academic year. The store will be situated in the College building with direct access from the parking area. The sellers' form for uniform items and textbooks can be found on the Reddam House Umhlanga app under the 2nd Hand uniform tab. Please contact Karen to arrange for clothing to be dropped off, or alternatively there is a box for textbooks outside College reception for your convenience. Please ensure the sellers' form is included in the packet with the books. Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Karen on 076 811 6878.

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.



School Uniform Shop Trading 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	

DATES TO DIARISE

6 – 8 November

Boarders' Free Weekend

9 – 25 November

Grade 8 – 11 Examinations

26 November

14h30 New Grade 8 students 2021: Getting Reddam Ready (**School day ends 13h00**)

27 November

14h30 New Grade 9 - 11 students 2021: Getting Reddam Ready (**School day ends 13h00**)

30 November

07h30 Grade 8 – 10 L.O. Island Day (compulsory attendance)
07h30 Grade 11 Leadership Programme (compulsory attendance)
12h00 - 15h00 Cruising Edu Stationery & Textbook Delivery & Collection
13h00 School day ends
17h00 A Masked Christmas (College Field)

1 December

07h30 Grade 8 – 10 L.O. Island Day (compulsory attendance)
07h30 Grade 11 Leadership Programme (compulsory attendance)
13h00 School day ends
18h00 Boarders' Christmas Formal Dinner (Dining Room)

2 December

08h00 Academic Prizegiving (live streamed to parents)
11h00 Term 4 Ends

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