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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

It is that time of the year again when our management team sits down to review the year that was and to plan for the year to come. In so doing, we have celebrated many successes; learnt from many lessons and strategized many solutions to overcome a few shortcomings in order to effectively steer our ever-growing and more complex College forward in 2020.

We will be altering our timetable and structure of the day in order to provide two 30 minute breaks every day – including Friday. Breaks are important for teenagers to de-stress from the busyness of the school day and take a break from the demands of academic rigor. It allows for more meaningful socialisation and – for boys in particular – an opportunity to have a physical outlet between lessons. Although the College will start at the same time – 07:25 – it will end slightly later – 14:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 13:30 on a Friday. The first Support Teaching slot will run from 14:30 until extramurals commence at 15:15 and end at 17:00.

In order to align our curriculum with international educational trends and assessments, a number of innovations and alterations have been made to our Grade 8 and 9 curricula from 2020: Coding and Robotics as well as Engineering, Graphics & Design will become compulsory subjects; additional teaching time has been added to English Home Language and Mathematics; Visual Art will no longer be a compulsory subject but students may choose to take it as one of their two Elective subjects along with Sports Science (incorporating the practical component of Physical Education); Dance; Music or French as a Foreign Language. With such a full and active extramural programme, it has been decided that Physical Education is no longer relevant in the Grade 8 to 11 curricula.

Our College staff has spent a lot of time this year developing an inquiry-based learning unit which will be introduced into the Grade 9 curriculum in the third term next year. An inquiry unit has one topic that each and every subject feeds into for the entire term and allows for deeper and meaningful learning. It will also result in reduced formal testing for Grade 9's as the entire term mark for each subject will be generated from this unit. It will align with the Grade 9 Ndlela Outdoor Experience with research and activities that will focus on the theme of Sustainability.

Furthermore we are excited to announce our partnership with Advantage Learn to bring additional benefits to our Mathematics Support Teaching programme. By making use of 'blended learning' involving a combination of online videos as well as assistance provided from a Mathematics teacher, students will be able to work at their own pace and receive more focused support on the areas where they experience the greatest challenges. Advantage Learn is giving free access for a year to their online resources to students who attend Reddam House Umhlanga only.

In addition we will be introducing two new periods to enhance the pastoral care of our students. In addition to extending the length of registration every day to 10 minutes; we have also introduced a register teacher period every Friday allowing for the register teachers to have more meaningful engagement with their classes. Whereas

the register classes consist of students in the same grade; we will also be introducing a tutor period for small 'family groups' of roughly 12 in size and consisting of students in Grades 8 to 12 under the guidance of a staff member who acts as tutor. The tutor groups will be decided based on house affiliation to continue to foster house and school spirit. In so doing we wish for every College student to feel valued as a member of our College family and to provide opportunities for students to connect with other grades in a safe and nurturing environment where respectful, but frank communication and discussions will be encouraged. The tutor groups will remain in place for the duration of the students' high school careers, with new "family" members being added at the beginning of each new year, and older "siblings" leaving at the end of their Matric year.

In keeping with the Reddam House motto of "We Shall Give Back," we will continue to aim to improve the lives of those less fortunate while developing an understanding of civic responsibility. 2020 will see all of our College students having to complete 15 compulsory hours of community service from the beginning of January to the end of October. Many of our students will be able to complete the majority of these hours through school-initiated activities. However, our students may also be required to initiate their own community service acts to make up the 15 hours required. These hours will be recorded by the school and reflected on the school reports at the end of the second and fourth terms.

In the Cultural area, 2020 will see the musical "Footloose" being staged in a new, vibrant and exciting way in the Muir Auditorium. We will also be introducing our own Reddam Arts Department Festival - R.A.D Fest - in the Second Term for a day of music, food, craft markets, art and pop up performances in the gardens of the Creative and Performing Arts Centre. Interhouse Dance will also be added to the current offering of interhouse Music and Interhouse Plays from 2020.

In response to the recent survey completed by our parents, our Sports Department has been working very hard to improve the quantity and quality of our sports fixtures in 2020. Our place in a number of prestigious sporting festivals in waterpolo, golf, hockey and soccer has already been secured together with the provision of a number of pre-season training opportunities. Undoubtedly the sporting highlight of 2020 will be Reddam House Umhlanga's hosting of the first Reddam House Clash of Clans Hockey Tournament involving boys and girls across all Reddam House schools in all age groups in the Easter holidays. Please look out for an email from the Sports Department that will be sent out before the end of this year detailing all sporting festivals and local tours in 2020 in order to plan your own diaries accordingly. In addition, I am excited to announce that plans are already underway for two international sporting tours: Waterpolo to Eastern Europe in 2021 and Hockey to Europe in 2022. More details in this regard will be communicated next year.

2019, however, is far from over as our College students are still hard at work with their end-of-year examinations until Wednesday 27 November. We ask all parents and students to please take note of the post-examination routine and compulsory LO Island days in the final week of school. We also encourage all of our Reddam House Umhlanga families to make every attempt to attend the Sunset Proms Concert which is sure to be a fitting note on which to end a successful 2019.

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Post-Examinations Routine: Arrangements for the Last Week of School

Parents and students are reminded of the compulsory activities in the final week of the term – see below. A letter with more details regarding what to wear etc will be sent out next week.

Wednesday 27 November Grade 8 – 11 Examinations End

Thursday 28 November Examination Hand back and Check Day

Although teachers will review content in Grade 10 and 11 (as this will impact on their academic success the following year) in Grade 8 and 9 it is still important for students to receive feedback on the examinations and - more importantly - carefully check through their examinations for any errors which might have occurred.

13:00 School ends.

14:30 We look forward to welcoming our Grade 8s of 2020 to their “Getting Reddam Ready” afternoon of activities designed to make their transition from Prep School to College fun and stress free.

Friday 29 November

Examination Hand back and Check Day

All students are to wear their “step out” uniforms. The day will be spent handing back examinations and checking marks.

12pm Grade 8 – 11 Sport & Cultural Awards Assembly, at 12:00 in the mini theatre. This is a closed function for our students and staff only. Full step out uniforms must be worn.

13:00 School ends.

13:30 The College Choir and Orchestra will be rehearsing in the Muir Auditorium.

Monday 2 December

LO Island Day: Community Service and Life Skills Programme

A doctor’s certificate must be produced to support a student’s absence.

As part of the Life Orientation syllabus, students are required to complete a minimum of four certificate tasks by the start of their Matric year. This must be made up of a minimum of 10 hours community service and 3 tasks which have developed the life skills of the students. This compulsory school day will be used to expose our students to various community service activities as well as life skills courses such as basic mechanics, First Aid; Life Saving to name a few.

13:00 School ends.

14:30 We look forward to welcoming all our new Grade 9 to 11 students for their “Getting Reddam Ready” afternoon of fun and informative activities.

18:00 Sunset Proms Concert in the Muir Auditorium. Students attending must wear “step outs.”

Tuesday 3 December

LO Island Day: Community Service and Life Skills Programme.

A doctor’s certificate must be produced to support a student’s absence.

13:00 School Ends.

Wednesday 4 December

Break-up Day and Grade 8-11 Academic Prize-giving

Students are to wear “step outs” on this last day of term. Our Grade 8 to 11 Academic Prize-giving will take place at 09:00am in the Muir Auditorium located in the Prep School. Parents of prizewinners will be notified beforehand by email. Tea for parents will be served from 08:15 outside the Muir Auditorium. School will end at approximately 11am. Reports will be issued shortly thereafter.

Annual Administration Review

The Annual Administration Review for 2020 takes place from 12 – 19 November 2019 (inclusive). Parents need not come in personally to complete the Administration process, providing that all of the necessary forms received in the registration pack are completed and returned to the school before 19 November 2019. Parents are welcome to arrive at the administration block at any time between 07h30 and 15h30, Monday to Friday, where staff will be available to assist in the completion of the Administration Review process. If parents are unable to complete and return the necessary documentation during the allocated period, they should please advise the Bursar’s office via email (carol.craig@reddam.house) so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

My School Card

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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. Should you not have a card, application forms will be sent out during the Administrative Review week.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

The Uniform Shop has moved to alongside the Aquatics Centre and near to the Early Learning School. Trading hours during the term are Monday to Friday 07h00 – 09h00 and Monday to Thursday 12h30 – 14h30.

For your convenience, our Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays as follows:

Wednesday	4 December 2019	7 am – 10 am (School closes)
Thursday	5 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Friday	6 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Saturday	7 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Monday	9 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Tuesday	10 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Wednesday	11 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Thursday	12 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Friday	13 December 2019	8 am – 10 am
Saturday	14 December 2019	8 am – 10 am (final day for appointments*)

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED FROM 15 DECEMBER 2019 – 01 JANUARY 2020 (both days inclusive)

Thursday	2 January 2020	9 am – 2 pm
Friday	3 January 2020	8 am – 10 am
Saturday	4 January 2020	9 am – 12 pm
Sunday	5 January 2020	9 am – 12 pm
Monday	6 January 2020	9 am – 2 pm
Tuesday	7 January 2020	9 am – 2 pm
Wednesday	8 January 2020	9 am – 2 pm
Thursday	9 January 2020	9 am – 2 pm
Friday	10 January 2020	8 am – 10 am
Saturday	11 January 2020	9 am – 12 pm
Sunday	12 January 2020	9 am – 12 pm
Monday	13 January 2020	8 am – 3 pm
Tuesday	14 January 2020	8 am – 3 pm
Wednesday	15 January 2020	7 am – 9 am (School re-opens. Normal trading hours resume)

Notice from the Library

Mrs Robinson, our Librarian, is anxious to start stock taking in the library but there are still a large number of books outstanding. This is despite several reminders to students to return their books. Please encourage your children to return their books to the library asap. Please note that books not returned will be charged to parents' school accounts.

Stationery & Textbooks 2020

This is a reminder to all parents wishing to have their children's stationery and hardcopy textbooks delivered to the College on 13 and 14 January 2020 to have placed their orders online by 25 November 2019. Please log on to www.cruisingedu.co.za.

All College students will be expected to report for their first day of the new academic year on Wednesday 15 January 2020 with all of their required stationery and textbooks.

BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Boarders' Christmas Dinner

All Reddam Residents will be treated to a Christmas Formal Dinner at 18:00 on Tuesday 3 December.

End of Term Arrangements

The Reddam Res will be closed from 14:00 on Wednesday 4 December 2019. Lunch will be the last meal served. All students' travel arrangements must be sent to Mr Skinner via email hadyn.skinner@reddam.house by Friday 29 November.

CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Music

Congratulations to the following College students who have been selected for various Provincial ensembles for 2020:

KZN Youth Orchestra:

Gemma Coleman
Amahle Zondi
Giorgia Gregory
Kate Searle

KZN Youth Wind Band:

Damian Stephen

KZN Youth Choir

Amy Whittle
Erin Whittle

Above Left: Giorgia Gregory, Kate Searle, Gemma Coleman
Below Left: Damian Stephen

Above Right: Amahle Zondi
Below Left: Amy and Erin Whittle



Sunset Proms

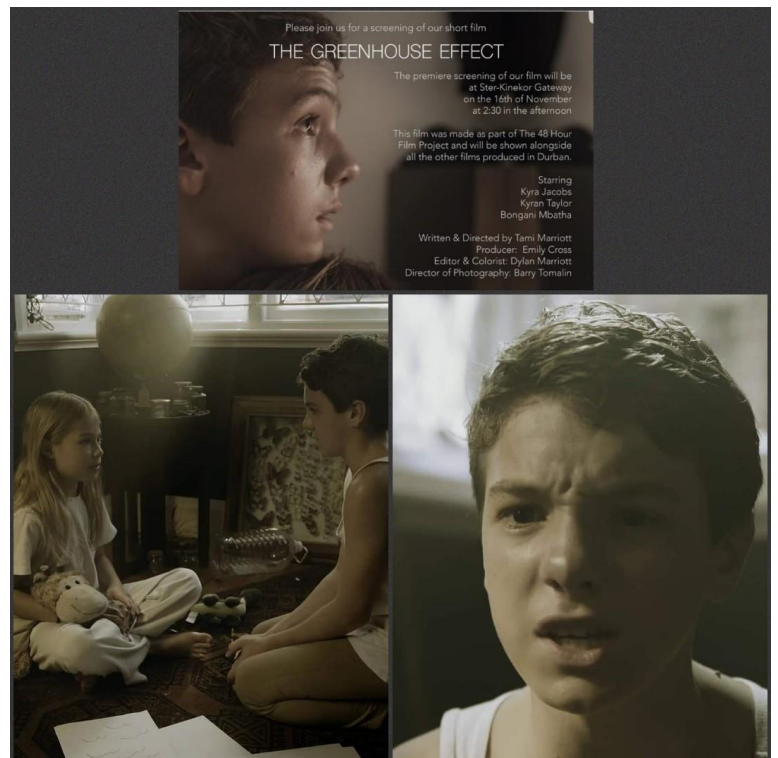
The annual Sunset Proms concert on 2 December 2019 showcases the talents of the Reddam House Umhlanga Music Department. Featuring music both old and new, this spectacular event will see performances from our youngest to most seasoned musicians.

Bands, choirs and orchestras from across the College and Prep school will all take to the stage in a feel-good celebration that only music can provide. Tickets are R50 (Barnyard style) and are available from the Preparatory School reception.

Drama

Congratulations to Kyran Taylor who was cast in one of the movies entered into the Durban 48 Hour Film Project. This worldwide competition required directors to conceptualise, shoot, and edit the film all in 48 hours.

The Greenhouse Effect is about two children who are stranded in a home following a mass extinction due to the effects of climate change. When an unlikely stranger tries to help, their sibling bond is tested.



The Greenhouse Effect, along with another 17 films from Durban that were entered premiered at Gateway SterKinekor on 16 November.

Reddam House Umhlanga Music Department
proudly presents

SUNSET PROMS

2019

2 December

17:30 FOR 18:00

ROBIN & ROBERT MUIR AUDITORIUM

R50 PER PERSON
(Barnyard seating)

For bookings contact
PREPARATORY RECEPTION



COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Staff Christmas Hamper

Each year end we put together a Christmas Hamper for the support staff, estates staff, cleaning staff and security staff who work at Reddam House Umhlanga, to show our appreciation for the wonderful work that they do throughout the year. In total we have 13 support staff, 13 estates staff, 13 cleaning staff and 13 security staff - a total of 52 staff members.

Each child is asked to bring a specific item or two at a collective cost of approximately R80 per child.

Please note that this is a voluntary project and no parents are obliged to contribute. Please drop off your item to Mrs Michelle Fitzpatrick at reception by Monday 25 November.

Grade 8R (van Reenan)	800g Peanut Butter and 2 x Marie Biscuits
Grade 8M (Miller)	2,5kg Samp and 2,5kg Flour
Grade 8H (van Wyk)	2,5kg Samp and 2,5kg Flour
Grade 8S (Edwards)	2kg Rice and 2 x 400g Tinned Pilchards

Grade 9R (Sayer)	5kg Sugar
Grade 9M (Edgar)	1 litre Custard and 900g Jam
Grade 9H (Hattingh)	2kg Rice and 2 x 400g Tinned Pilchards

Grade 10R (Erwee)	200g Bakers Biscuits and 200g Romany Creams
Grade 10M (Kriel)	2,5kg Samp and 2,5kg Flour
Grade 10H (Robertson)	250g Coffee and Tea bags (100)

Grade 11R (Beach)	5kg Maize Meal and 1kg Morvite Porridge
Grade 11M (Lailvaux)	250g Coffee and Tea bags (100)

The President's Award

Nangamso Maphalala (Grade 11) was recently awarded The President's Award (Bronze) for her commitment to community service, sport and developing a new skill. We are extremely proud of her efforts and dedication.

SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

Sport Results

Girls' Interhouse Waterpolo

Ohlanga beat Thongathi 3-2

Umdloti beat Ohlanga 2-0

Umdloti beat Thongathi 3-0

1st Umdloti

2nd Ohlanga

3rd Thongathi

Boys' Interhouse Waterpolo

Junior Boys

Ohlanga beat Umdloti 4-0

Thongathi beat Umdloti 6-1

Thongathi beat Ohlanga 7-2

1st Thongathi

2nd Ohlanga

3rd Umdloti

Senior Boys

Thongathi beat Umdloti 4-1

Thongathi beat Ohlanga 5-2

Umdloti beat Ohlanga 5-0

- 1st Thongathi
- 2nd Umdloti
- 3rd Ohlanga

Girls' Interhouse Touch Rugby

- Ohlanga beat Thongathi 7-0
- Umdloti beat Thongathi 4-0
- Umdloti beat Ohlanga 2-1
- 1st Umdloti
- 2nd Ohlanga
- 3rd Thongathi



Tours and Festivals 2020

A letter will be sent out to all parents before the end of the year detailing the sports tours and festivals involving our College students in 2020 in order for parents to plan their family holidays. Here is a taste of what is to come:

Hockey

Girls' u14:	Fairweather Hockey Festival (Pietermaritzburg)	26-29 March 2020
Girls' u16:	St Mary's Hockey Festival (Kloof)	21-23 March 2020
Girls' 1 st :	Crawford La Lucia Festival	22-24 March 2020
Girls' 1 st :	Spar Girls' Hockey Regional Tournament (Ashton College)	8 March 2020
Girls' u14, u16 & 1 st :	Reddam House Umhlanga Hockey Festival	2 – 5 April 2020
Boys' u14:	Ken Florins Hockey Festival (Northwood)	26-29 March 2020
Boys' u16	Fairweather Hockey Festival (Pietermaritzburg)	26-29 March 2020
Boys' 1 st :	Crawford La Lucia Festival	22-24 March 2020
Boys' u14, u16 & 1 st :	Reddam House Umhlanga Hockey Festival	2 - 5 April 2020

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION: INFORMATION

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Matric students are encouraged to sell their unwanted school uniform items. Please complete a sellers form which can be found on the Reddam House App. Uniform items can be dropped off with Mrs Fitzpatrick at reception with the seller form completed. Please note the shop will be open by appointment only during the examination period. In addition to second hand uniform and sports equipment, the shop also sells second hand textbooks.

Any parent wishing to take over the running of the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop as a profit-generating business opportunity is to contact either Mr Adam Rogers on email adam.rogers@reddam.house or Ms Petra Batho on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RHUniformshop/>

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.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS & INFORMATION

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

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DATES TO DIARISE

28 November

14h30 Grade 8 2020: Getting Reddam Ready (College building)

2 December

14h30 Grade 9-11 2020: Getting Reddam Ready (College building)
18h00 Sunset Proms (Muir Auditorium)

3 December

15h00 Boarders' Formal Christmas Dinner (Reddam Residence)

4 December

09h00 Grade 8 – 11 Academic Prize-giving Ceremony (Muir Auditorium)
11h00 Term 4 Ends

REDDAM ADS



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