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FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

The moving and memorable Matric Induction Ceremony took place on Tuesday 4 February in the Mini Theatre. During the ceremony, the seven leadership portfolios were formally introduced. These are as follows: Culture, Green, Outreach, Public Relations/Marketing, School Spirit, Sport and Student Support Council. The chairperson of each of the portfolios delivered the mission statement for the portfolio and the members of each were presented with their certificates, badges and Matric ties. The formal ceremony was followed by a cocktail party in the College Functions Room.

At Reddam House Umhlanga we believe that every student possesses leadership potential and deserves the opportunity to show their leadership potential. We also believe that every future Matric student can play a leadership role in steering the direction of our College and should, at the end of their Matric year, leave proud in the knowledge that the College is a little better because of the role that they have played in its leadership. I wish to thank each and every member of our Matric Class of 2020 for agreeing to dedicate their talents and their time to serving on these portfolios. I know that they have chosen these portfolios based on their passions and their sense of purpose. I have every faith that they will lead with confidence and compassion - never seeking to exercise power or privilege.

Servant leadership is a concept that was first coined by Robert Greenleaf in 1970. A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the "top of the pyramid," servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

The concept of servant-leader has been expanded upon through the recent work of Brene Brown, the research professor of social work at the University of Houston, and the author of the best-selling Dare to Lead. Brown defines a leader as being "anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes and who has the courage to develop that potential."

In her two decade long research, Brown believes that we need braver leaders and more courageous cultures for modern organisations to flourish and innovate. This is particularly true in the world today where there is a widespread lack of confidence in leadership generally - be it in business, government, sports teams – pretty much everywhere.

According to Brown, when we dare to lead, we don't pretend to be the "best" leader or believe that we have all the answers. When we dare to lead, we stay curious and ask the right questions. We don't see power as finite and hoard it. We know that power becomes infinite when we share it with others.

It takes great courage in daring to lead. But to have courage, you need to make yourself vulnerable. Vulnerability is “the universal emotion we feel when times are risky and uncertain or we are at the mercy of other people’s actions.” According to Brene Brown, the most critical aspect of courageous leadership is choosing how to respond to fear: in the face of anger, disappointment, rejection or hate: how will you respond? Will you go into autopilot and seek to protect yourself by blaming others? Or will you seek to try and exert control over others? Or will you people please and appease?

There can be no better example of a servant leader who dared to lead than Nelson Mandela who, in his autobiography Long Walk to Freedom wrote: “I learnt that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.” Sometimes the bravest and most important thing you can do is just to show up!

My hope is that at the end of this year, the Matric Class of 2020 will be able to look back and know that they contributed more than they criticised. I trust that they will lead as examples of values-based servant leadership and will live out our motto of “We Shall Give Back.”

ADAM ROGERS
HEADMASTER



Muhammad Essop, Jaime Sindt, Ntokoza Vilikazi, Kirsten McDonald, Hannah Ferreira



PR & Marketing Portfolio: Tiaan Walters, Blaine Pretorius, Dashiell Naidoo, Dylan Kriel, Muhammad Essop, Muhammad Essa, Hong Luen Chen, Matthew Brown



Left to Right: Taryn Jabour, Amberly Gourlay, Caitlyn Fincham, Duranna Eaton, Kayla Lindsey, Kirsten McDonald

GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Staff News

We were sad to bid farewell to **Sister Zukiswa Chonco** who has taken up a senior position within the KZN Department of Health. Although Sister Chonco was only with us for a short time, she quickly forged close bonds

with our staff and students from the ELS through to the College – but primarily with our boarders. A locum school nurse will be appointed until the end of this term by which time we will announce a permanent replacement.

We congratulate **Mr Atish Raghubir** who has been promoted to the position of Inspired KZN Regional IT Manager which encompasses the management of the IT infrastructure for both Reddam House Ballito and Reddam House Umhlanga. We are currently processing applications for the IT technician position based at Reddam House Umhlanga.

We wish to congratulate **Mr Sam Ngcobo**, our College Groundsman, on the birth of his son Sbongakonke Ngcobo on 5 February 2020



Chelsea Prep Expo

Thank you to Chelsea Preparatory School for hosting us at their High Schools' Expo on Wednesday 29 January. We were proudly represented by Matric students and two of our Grade 9s who are former students of Chelsea Preparatory School. The Expo gave us an opportunity to market our College Open Day (for Grade 8s of 2021) on 28 February.



Left to Right: Tristan Daly, Tallulah Crosby, Kelly van der Vyver, Luke Gardiner, Matthew Brown, Lerato Mudau

Valentine's Day & Interhouse Gala Arrangements: Friday 14 February

Due to the inclement weather, we have postponed today's Annual Interhouse Swimming Gala to next week, Friday 14 February. The gala will start at 10:15 following normal Friday morning lessons and a Valentine's Day Assembly hosted by the SSC. The Student Support Council is currently selling roses to College students who wish to purchase them for distribution to their peers on 14 February. Parents are invited to support the gala. Please be reminded to bring peak caps and sunscreen as shaded seating will be at a premium.

Students are to arrive at school on Friday 14 February in their house shirts, PE shorts and slops or takkies. In addition, the swimmers are to wear their Reddam House swimming costumes under their house shirts and PE shorts so that we can start the gala timeously. They are to also bring to school their PE shirt into which they will change at the conclusion of the gala.

Please ensure that your child has plenty of sunscreen, liquids and food. The Press Club will be running a tuckshop from within the pool enclosure which will only be selling sweets, chips, chocolates and cool drinks. No student will be allowed to go to the main Press Club coffee shop during the gala.

We will still be holding our planned waterpolo matches during the afternoon. All the details pertaining to the compulsory waterpolo support day will continue as previously communicated, with the exception that our students are required to wear their PE shirt and shorts for the afternoon. Please remind your child to pack their PE Shirt and to supply their own sunscreen.

Compulsory Waterpolo Fixture Arrangements: Friday 14 February

All Grade 8 to 12 students are required to attend the compulsory First Boys' and First Girls' Waterpolo fixtures from 13:45 until 17:00 on Friday 14 February. The Girls' First Waterpolo Team takes on Danville Park Girls' High School and the Boys' First Waterpolo Team takes on DHS. There will be a 'curtain raiser' match involving our junior waterpolo polo players.

We are intending to have a festive atmosphere with music playing and, in addition, there will be vendors available where students may purchase food and drinks. As communicated above, students must dress in their PE shorts/skorts and PE shirt. Should a student not be able to attend for any reason, an email requesting permission to be absent from this compulsory event must be sent to Mr Ross Veenstra, Director of Sport, at ross.veenstra@reddam.house by Thursday 13 February. Those students who sign out early on a Friday afternoon for religious reasons are expected to return to school to support this event at the conclusion of their religious commitment.

Random Drug Testing

All parents and students are reminded that, as per the Reddam House enrolment agreement, in the interest of the safety and well-being of the student body, the School may test for the use of drugs and/ or mind-altering substances. Tests will be conducted randomly or upon fair and reasonable suspicion, without prior notice given to parents. The cost of these tests will be for parents' accounts.

School Magazine: 2019

Every College student was handed a copy of the 2019 School Magazine on the last day of the academic year. Should your child not have received his/her copy, it may be collected from reception by Friday 14 February.

Matric Jackets

There was much excitement amongst the Matric students on Wednesday 5 February as they received their Reddam House Matric jackets. Matric students are permitted to wear these personalised jackets as part of their uniform on all days except on those where the "step out" uniform is required.



Left: Robert Jessop and above Matric Students with their jackets and nicknames chosen



Mindful of Manners

Being a non-traditional school, with traditional values, we pride ourselves on holding our students to the highest standards when it comes to manners. We encourage them to be respectful and courteous to others at all times – not just to those who are older than they, but to all. The staff at the College has been so gratified by the manner in which the students greet them and visitors when they pass each other on the corridors. What is particularly heart-warming is the fact that the greeting is not a robotic and forced one but rather we find our students to be sincere and engaging.

To reward the students who stand out in displaying the traits described above, we have begun a “Mindful of Manners” campaign. Students’ names are entered into a lucky draw and they are rewarded with a small prize in

assembly every so often. Congratulations to our first three recipients of the “Mindful of Manners” lucky draw: (l to r) Callum Whittle (Grade 8), Matt Brown (Grade 12) and Kate Searle (Grade 9).

Green Portfolio Civvies Day: Friday 21 February

The Grade 12 Green Portfolio would like to achieve two lasting imprints on our College: the first being the planting of more trees around our campus and secondly, placing recycling bins around the College building. In order to facilitate this vision, they will be holding various fundraisers throughout the year. The first fundraiser will be on Friday 21 February for the Term 1 LO Island Day. Each student is encouraged to come to school wearing the colour green in an attempt to create awareness around green issues. Students are asked to pay R5 to their register teachers in order to do this.

College Open Day: Friday 28 February

School will end at 12pm on Friday 28 February in order to accommodate the hosting of the College Open Day for the Grade 8 intake of 2021. Please inform parents of Grade 7 students to attend this informative and interactive afternoon of activities purposefully designed to showcase our College. Please forward the flyer attached to this newsletter or prospective parents or ask them to email info.umhlanga@reddam.house

ACADEMIC NEWS & INFORMATION

LO Island Day: Friday 21 February

Our first Life Orientation Island Day takes place on Friday 21 February. LO Island days allow us to focus on current issues facing our students. This day also allows us to derive the first term’s LO mark. As such, it is a compulsory school day and should a student be absent, a doctor’s certificate must be produced. Failure to do so, will result in the student being given zero for their LO mark and this would mean they fail the term. We are excited about the content that we will be covering on this day which also sees various guest speakers visiting our College in order to facilitate workshops with our students. The programme, for each grade, is as follows:

- Grade 8 and 9: Elevate education will focus on study skills after which TRULIFE will be hosting a workshop on drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.
- Grade 10 and 11: Elevate education will focus on study skills and then TRULIFE will be hosting a workshop on sexism, racism and what it means to live in a democratic South Africa.
- Grade 12 will begin their Grade 12 CAT task that focuses on “The Great Divide” in South Africa.

Advantage Learn Mathematics High Performance Academy

As you would have heard at the Parents’ Information Evenings and from the email that was sent out this week, Reddam House Umhlanga and Advantage Learn have entered into an exciting partnership to extend the level of Mathematics support for our College students. This involves free access to Maths Online as well reduced rates to attend the Advantage Learn Mathematics High Performance Academy.

All College students will be receiving 12 months’ access to Advantage Learn’s Maths Online valued at R2990. This provides access to 2000+ video lessons with accompanying downloadable lesson notes and over 700 practice questions covering various topics.

Students were 'on boarded' by the team from Advantage Learn during their Mathematic lesson on Wednesday this week and parent profiles will be set up and linked to students in the next two weeks to enable parents to follow their children's progress on the platform.

Further to this, we are excited to announce that Reddam House Umhlanga will be hosting Advantage Learn's Mathematics High Performance Academy in the College Mathematics wing every Friday during term time. The Academy, designed and facilitated by renowned Mathematics teacher, Ms Trish Pike, is a Mathematics programme for all Grade 9 to 12 students in order to take their performance to the next level. Reddam House Umhlanga students have preferential access and will receive a 15% discount on all payment options for the programme. For more details please email info@advantagelearn.com and their team will guide you through the process of registering.

BOARDING NEWS & INFORMATION

Free Weekend: 28 February – 1 March

The Reddam Res will be closed from 1pm on Friday 28 February to Sunday 1 March. School finishes early at 12pm in order to host the College Open Day. The Res students will have lunch at 12pm and must depart by 14:00. Res students may arrive back on Sunday afternoon between 16:00 and 18:00 or alternatively on Monday morning before 06:40.

Farewell to Sister Zukiswa Chonco

The Reddam Residents gave Sister Zukiswa Chonco a fitting farewell on 6 February. They are going to miss her terribly.



CULTURAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Debating

The Reddam House Umhlanga Junior Debating Team consisting of Gianna Reddy (Grade 8), Thanishtha Vaid (Grade 8) and Josh Houston (Grade 10) took part in their first debate in the junior league. They lost to Northwood but were commended for their preparation and effort.

KZN Youth Orchestra Selections

Congratulations to the following Reddam House Umhlanga musicians who have been invited to join the KZN Youth Orchestra for 2020: Gemma Coleman, Giorgia Gregory, Kate Searle and Amahle Zondi. Shadow Orchestra for 2020: Ruth Kesene.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Rise Against Hunger Initiative

Reddam House Umhlanga joined forces with Rise Against Hunger on Saturday 25 January to pack over 28 000 meals in two hours. Over 120 volunteers made up of teachers, students and parents across the Preparatory School and College, gave of their time to pack meals that will be distributed to organisations, creches and people in need across South Africa. This is in keeping with the schools' motto of "We Shall Give Back."

President's Award Recipients

The President's Award is made available to all 14 to 24 year olds and is the world's leading youth achievement programme. It pushes young people to their personal limits and recognizes their achievements.

Participants are required to complete various activities over a set period of time in order to earn the Award. Upon completion of each of the levels, they are awarded a certificate and badge. The certificates are recognised globally by employers and institutions of higher learning. Last week Mr Duzi Mkalipi, the regional manager for the President's Award, handed out awards to the following students:

Bronze:	Shivandran Govender
Silver:	Thoraya Bonin
	Georgia Mackay
Gold:	Megan Parry

Megan Parry is the first ever Gold Award recipient at Reddam House Umhlanga.



If any students or parents needing further information on the President's Award can find application forms on the College Outreach tab on the Reddam House Umhlanga app.

Community Service Hours

As mentioned in previous correspondence all students are expected to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service annually. Many students have started this process, but to ensure that proper records are kept, students are responsible for logging their hours through the Reddam House Umhlanga app. The College Outreach tab has a dedicated online form so that students can log their hours with ease.

SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

Sports Results

Girls' Indoor Hockey

U14A vs Hillcrest High School U14A won 6-4
 U14A vs Kloof High School U14A won 4-0
 U14A vs Danville Park Girls' High U14B won 13-0
 U16B vs Queensburgh Girls' High U16A won 13-0
 U16B vs Ashton College u16B won 3-2
 2nd Team vs Curro Mt Richmore 1st Team won 3-2
 2nd Team vs Ashton College 2nd Team drew 1-1
 1st Team vs St Henry's 1st Team won 5-0

Action Netball

U14A vs Kingsway High School U14A won 8-7
 U14B vs Westville Girls' High U14B won 8-5
 U15A vs Durban Girls' College U15A lost 12-18
 U15B vs Crawford College La Lucia U15B won 18-11
 U16A vs Westville Girls' High School U16A won 11-10
 1st Team vs Kingsway High School 1st Team lost 8-5

Boys' Waterpolo

Juniors A vs Clifton 5th lost 3-7
 Juniors B vs Clifton 5th lost 1-17
 Seniors A vs Clifton 4th lost 1-12
 2nds vs Clifton 4ths lost 1-7

First Boys' Team Tour to the Grey College Festival

vs Stirling High School won 10-4
 vs Grey College lost 3-5
 vs Pearson High School lost 4-5
 vs Affies lost 2-8

vs Stirling High School won 7-4



Back Row: Ethan Hattingh, Luke Stern, Jaime Sindt, Liam Cooney, Sebastian Bonnin, Josh Hook
Front Row: Jordan Joubert, Joshua Swart, Braden Delomoney, Mr Hadyn Skinner, Jordan Maehler, Roarke Bartlett, Jethro Fitzpatrick



Left to right: Cristiano Rodrigues, Kyle Mackay, Amber Lewis, Jamaica Lamb

Junior Boys' and Girls' Waterpolo Tour to Reddam House Helderfontein

Boys' U14A

vs Grey College U14B won 7-1

vs Randpark High School U14A won 10-4

vs Reddam House Bedfordview U14A won 6-4

vs St Stithians Boys' College U14B lost 2-6

vs Saheti won 6-2

vs Grey College U14B won 6-3

vs Reddam House Helderfontein U14A lost 4-6

Girls' U14A

vs St Peters Girls' College won 7-5

vs Randpark High School lost 0-8

vs Reddam House Helderfontein drew 5-5

vs St Stithians Girls' College U13 won 5-3

vs Randpark High School U15A lost 3-6

vs Reddam House Helderfontein lost 2-7

vs St Mary's Waverly won 5-0

vs St Stithians Girls' College lost 0-10

vs Roedean U13 won 6-2

vs St Peters Girls' College lost 4-5

Congratulations to the following u14 students who made the 'All Star' teams at the tournament:

Cristiano Rodrigues

Kyle Mackay

Amber Lewis

Jamaica Lamb

Girls' Waterpolo

Juniors vs Port Shepstone High School won 10-0

Seniors vs Kloof High School won 5-3

Juniors vs Scottburgh High School won 10-0

Seniors vs Kloof High School drew 3-3

Seniors vs Port Shepstone High School won 11-0

Juniors vs Scottburgh High School won 6-2

SA Waterpolo Training Squad Selections

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to the following SA national water polo training camps.

U15 Girls

Kiara Whiteboy
Tallulah Crosby

U17 Boys

Braden Delomoney

Cricket

vs Thomas More College

U14A:

Thomas More College: 158/6
RHU: 84/8 (Suvarn Devan 41)
RHU lost by 74 runs

U15A:

Thomas More College: 102/9 (Y Pillay 3/14)
RHU: 103/3 (S Pienaar 29, T Daly 46 not out)
RHU won by 7 wickets

3rd Team:

RHU: 143/8 (Luke Moretonas 39)
TMC: 79/7 (A Goordeen 3/12)
RHU won by 64 runs

2nd Team:

RHU: 86
TMC: 87/3
TMC won by 7 wickets

1st Team:

RHU: 121 (Reece Ciaglia 51)
TMC: 123/4
TMC won by 6 wickets

Vs Kloof High School

U15B

RHU: 19
Kloof High School: 20/0
Kloof High School won by 10 wickets

Vs Crawford La Lucia

U15A

RHU: 200/3 (Pienaar 103, Daly 40, Pillay 29 not out)
CCLL: 167/9 (Daly 2/23, Pillay 2/27, Pretorius 2/32, Taylor 2/35)
RHU won by 33 runs

1st Team

CCLL: 207
RHU: 182
CCLL won by 26 runs



Left to Right: Tallulah Crosby, Kiara Whiteboy, Brayden Delomoney



Left to right: Samuel Pienaar and Mr Justin Lanz (u15A coach)



Front row: Varan Naidoo, Luke Gardiner, Matthew Temlett, Mitchell Coull

Back Row: Matthew Brown, Siyuran Devan, Jonathan Hicks, Rhys Tweedy, S'Thembiso Kweyama, Reece Ciaglia, Cameron Le Roux, Matthew van Zyl

Night Cricket

On 20 February our U14A Cricket Team will be playing Ashton International College in their first night game. The game will start at 17:00 at Ashton and we will play a 20/20 game. On 21 February our 1st Team will be playing against their 1st Team with the game starting at 14:30. They will be playing a 30 over game.

Golf

1st Team vs Westville Boys' High School 3rd won.

1st Team Vs Clifton College 2nd lost.

Girls' Tennis

U16A vs Fatima lost 6-11

Equestrian

Katherine Hoal represented Reddam House Umhlanga at the first SANESA qualifier for KZN 2020. Katherine and her horse Klara did very well achieving the following results:

2nd place in Working Hunter

4th place in Equitation

5th place in Show Jumping

Action Netball

U15A vs Crawford College North Coast U15A won 25-6

2nd vs Fatima 2nd won 17-14

U16A vs Kuswag Hoer u16A won 9-5

Touch Rugby

Kari Kriel has been selected for the KZN U21 Senior Touch Rugby Team that will be representing KZN at the SATA Senior IPT's in Cape Town from the 13th – 15th March 2020. Kari has also been selected as part of the South African High Performance Junior Touch Squad.

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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.



DATES TO DIARISE

14 February

08:30 Valentine's Day Assembly (College students only)

14 February

10:15 Interhouse Swimming Gala (rescheduled)

14 February

13:45 Compulsory Support Event: Waterpolo fixtures

20 February

RHU Grade 7s College Capers (a morning in the College)

21 February

LO Island Day (wear green civvies fundraiser initiative)

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