



WELCOME BACK!

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UKnight

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new staff

Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.
- Colleen Wilcox

We are overjoyed to welcome seven new members to our Knights family.

Our dedicated writing team conducted interviews with six of them to get you the inside scoop! Look out for the seventh in our next issue!



Mr Meyrrick Petersen (Tourism)

He studied at Stellenbosch and considers himself a sporty person with interests ranging from cricket - which he plays on weekends - to his love of rugby and soccer and rap music.

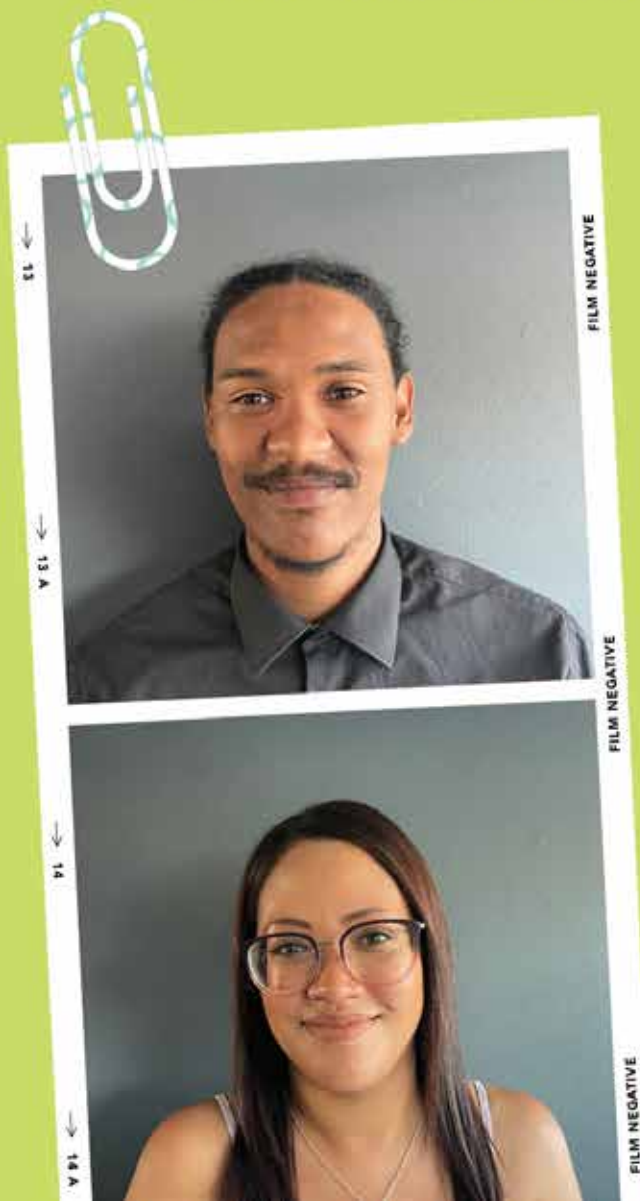
His first working experience as a teacher was at Bosmansdam and the learners made such an impression that he jumped at the chance to teach here.

The famous quote by Nelson Mandela "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world" expresses his love of teaching.

Ms Shannon Hendricks (Afrikaans)

Currently studying towards a master's degree in Afrikaans, she finds joy in teaching, solace in reading at the beach and pleasure in cooking.

She finds strength in her faith with Phil 4:13 stating "I can do all things which Christ sends me."



Ms Marelize Erasmus (Life Sciences)

A teacher with a passion for life-long learning and a challenge-seeker, Miss Erasmus is currently studying towards her PhD in Education.

Ms Erasmus is a social being, who enjoys being active and watching "The Office" series.

She is a firm believer that a person's life is only as good as their mindset.

Mr Marco Jooste (English)

An adventurous person whose hobbies lie in outdoor activities. He is inspired by a Marvel Paulos quote: "The world conspires with you. Do right with the world, and the world will do right with you."

He is currently doing his masters in English and loves his daughter, his friends and enjoys Table Mountain.



Morgan Davies (English)

Typical English teacher. Inspired by classic movies like Dead poet's society and Freedom Writer, her love for all things poetry and literature was born. She loves reading and writing and is currently completing "100 books to read before you die."

Brazilian Jujitsu gives her an outlet and makes her feel empowered.

She completed her studies at CPUT and did her practical teaching at Bosmansdam High School; she loved it so much that she came back!

Johan Fourie (Tourism, History)

He was inspired to become a teacher by his own high school teacher. While studying at Stellenbosch University and in the interim also getting a qualification as a tour guide, made life interesting, challenging and fun.

His favourite things are music and being at the ocean. The maxim he lives by is "treat people the way that you would like to be treated".



Koketso Moncho (Life Orientation)

A kind, caring and thoughtful person. She states that her motivation for becoming an educator is to inspire, motivate and to reassure the youth that they are enough.

Painting is her freedom and she loves a good autobiography.

She has an Honours degree in Education and hopes to live her passion at Bosmansdam High School.



NSC results



Pass rate: 98.1%
Bachelors pass rate: 70%
Diploma pass rate: 26.3%
113 subject distinctions

Top achievers



Ileana Christensen
7 distinctions - 88.7% average



Irvin Chirwa
3 distinctions - 80.4% average





SQUIRES BECOME KNIGHTS

On the 17th of January, the Grade 8s were confronted with a new daunting reality: high school. To see the Grade 8s enter with their parents and witness how nervous they are, reminded me of where I – and many other matriculants – were just four years ago so I knew how important it was to reassure them that high school wasn't as scary as it seems!

As prefect guides, we were responsible for giving the Grade 8s a tour of the school and assisting them at the Squires' Games day. Despite the heat, it was incredibly heart-warming to see just how much they had grown within the span of a week; the same nervous and shy group of individuals came out of their shell with confidence and made new friends and embraced a new phase in their lives.

We ended our orientation week with a juice box and chips as well as the opportunity to have fun on the slip-and-slide – it was probably the highlight of the week! The Grade 8 orientation was a great success and a lovely experience.



When did February appear?

By Audrey Mulumba

It's January:
we're back at school
in grey bottoms and white shirts,
with tied hair and small hoops.

It's still January:
so it means we write in books
with stationery that will vanish in a few weeks.
it means we rush up stairs or else bell number 2
will eat us alive!

Still January:
our backs are already breaking, guys!
there is a weight of anticipation and expectation,
there is a smell of teen desperation and axe body spray.

But tomorrow's February-
Tomorrow is February?
When did that happen?

"Teenager" by Lisa M

It's hard being a teenager.

Being a teenager means you're on a bridge suspended between your familiar childhood and the unknown gates of adulthood.

It means that you are old enough to have an opinion, but not old enough to share it.

It's hard being a teenager.

So many things fall onto our shoulders.

The expectations of success in such a stingy world,

The life-changing choices to make,

The resilience to build and the armor to weld.

We are encouraged to dream up to the stars,

To expect something from the world.

Movies promised us an amazing career and job after school.

We are promised a luxurious house;

We are promised that we will one day reap the seeds of our efforts.

They promised us so much, yet they will give us so little...

They expect us to change the world they will leave us,

To be innovative with the morsels they lay in front of us,

To carry on our backs and shoulders the problems they made.

They plan to leave us with so little resources, but also so much to work on.

Judge us for our ways of expression,

Ridicule us for pushing past the boundaries set by our forefathers.

Sneer at our plight, as we struggle through the labyrinth that is society.

...It is so hard being a teenager.



Grade 12

Afrikaans Huistaal	stiqmhz
Afrikaans First Additional Language	fnonhpb
English Home Language	yfo6q73
English Additional Language	smiqgxa
Maths	ghd7pik
Maths Lit	bdgnsqy
Life Orientation	milczft
Accounting	hc4hp2b
Life Science	xc4ouzx
Economics	uenbi6q
Physics	yvxbkri
Tourism	pnjlaaj
Consumers	hscjvm
CAT	fpvzrhg
Business Studies	a6wa3aq
History	kjknf2t

Grade 11

Afrikaans First Additional Language	tkl5h5g
English Home Language	z6uzrqp
Maths	jlzt3aa
Maths Lit	z3gdrsv
Life Orientation	y72mbvc
Accounting	ozgc5hi
Life Science	iv4rid5
Economics	lrbh63d
Physics	iwum55j
Tourism	hx2ztb5
Consumers	mfvvsxw
CAT	rluzv2i
Business Studies	z17xv2q
History	rpiyswz

Grade 10

Afrikaans First Additional Language	djhwaqc
English Home Language	4fpqxew
Maths	dsyey6w
Maths Lit	ifdqanka
Life Orientation	h3lgqff
Accounting	6klqs3d
Life Science	756fg74
Economics	vmkont2
Physics	vobvbgf
Tourism	vhxv6ds
Consumers	h7afhky
CAT	6baewsn
Business Studies	wqt5h6h
History	rjksgif

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Grade 9

Afrikaans First Additional Language	f2fvgnj
English Home Language	y5v7wqt
Mathematics	gptoq3o
Life Orientation	vtndptf
EMS	fo73aim
Natural Sciences	t2pq5m7
Geography	tpst5id
History	pv75r25
Technology	rhivap3
Creative Arts	blmu7p4

Grade 8

Afrikaans First Additional Language	r6ypmtd
English Home Language	udiuy2v
Mathematics	t2sm73z
Life Orientation	bn4bs46s
EMS	zcg5wn7
Natural Sciences	rbs6ubh
Geography	btoy22n
History	avr334o
Technology	iultsar
Creative Arts	5yn2yrg



Dear Matrics

Our time has finally come. After 12 long years of preparation, we are now here: our last year of school.

There is no way to sugar-coat it; we have a very busy year ahead of us (from sports games to cultural performances to the matric dance and prelims, from countless tests and projects to our NSC finals). It is a lot to balance, and, for many of us, it will be overwhelming.

My advice to you is to use the time you have - every minute of it - to better yourself (whether it is through rest, studying, or stepping out of your comfort zone). This is the year for you to invest in your life, and to truly work hard, so that you can reap the rewards once this short year is done.

We have watched each other grow over the past four years from naive Grade 8s into the strong and intelligent young men and women we are today. This year, we shall watch each other finally spread our wings, and achieve every goal we have set. Class of 2023, when preparation meets opportunity, success will come!

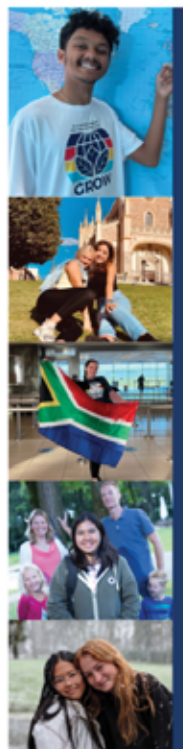
Michaela Grundman
Matric Council



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High School Abroad Program Information Session

for South African learners (14 to 18 years)
and parents

8 February at 15:00

13 February at 19:00

22 February at 15:00

27 February at 19:00

Location: Via Zoom

RSVP: highschool@growabroad.co.za

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February/March Planner



MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
6	7	8 ACADEMIC PRIZE GIVING	9	10 INTER- SCHOOLS 	11	12
13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY CIVVIES	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 GRADE 9 PARENT EVENING	23	24	25	26
27	28	1  GRADE 8 2024 OPEN EVENING	2	3 CAREER DAY (GRADE 9, 11 AND 12)	4	5