



## MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

From the  
Senior Deputy

The Michaelmas term at St John's College is always bustling with activity and energy.

As seen in this retrospective College Life, the new term kicked off with our St John's College community gathered on Burger Field for a splendid evening of light and sound, celebrating 125 years of St John's at *Light on the Night*, with *Mango Groove* headlining the event. We also hosted a series of celebratory events for our Upper V and Upper VI students in their final year of school. Meanwhile, the rest of the college saw our students continuing to grow the St John's legacy through achievements in classrooms, on sports fields, and under the spotlight, hitting the right notes. Read more about these achievements as you go through the pages of College Life.

We were humbled by the incredible support from our Old Johannians, Old Johannian parents, current parents, students, staff, and friends of St John's, who exceeded our expectations at our first-ever Giving Day. Our target of R5 million was surpassed, reaching R7 million, thanks to the generosity of our St John's Community!

As we approach the festive season, may it bring joy, warmth, and cherished moments to you and your families. May this be a time of reflection, gratitude, and connection.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Kind regards,

Peter Wright,  
Senior Deputy

***FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2023***

To our Matric Class of 2023, who completed their last exam together on Thursday, 23 November: "As you venture beyond our gates, we know you leave us as true Johannians, rightly trained in body, mind and character. Cherish the friendships and memories you've made and the lessons learned during your time with us, and may the spirit of *Lux Vita Caritas* illuminate the path ahead as you embark on the next exciting chapter in your lives. And remember, your blood is forever blue!"



## SCHOOL PREFECTS

It was a proud moment in the Memorial Chapel as the new school leadership of St John's College pledged to loyally serve the College with dignity and modesty on Thursday, 5 October 2023.

The following students have also been awarded leadership roles in 2024:

Head of First Aid:  
*Kali Selepe (LV Hill)*

Deputy Head of First Aid:  
*Adam Hanslo (UIV Hill)*

Head of Sanitorium:  
*Zachary Petersen (UIV Clayton)*

Head of PR:  
*Mpho Kekana (LV Hodgson)*

Head of Chapel:  
*Joshua House (UIV Hill) and St John Jacobs (UIV Clarke)*

Head of Choir:  
*Grant Wensley (LV Hill)*



*Ross Rovelli (Head of School), Keamogetswe Motlhamme (Second Prefect), Thomas Kruger (Head of Nash), Jethro Mazhande (Head of Hill), Zain Newman (Head of Clayton), Jacob Smith (Head of Thomson), Zac Erasmus (Head of Alston), Liam Jung (Head of Clarke), Hlobi Mthembu (Head of Hodgson), Greg Pryce (Head of Fleming), Matthew Venter-Clelland (Custos), Nathan Tswatswa (Student Affairs) and Gregory Bradley (Head of Runge).*



## Giving Day: We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

Thanks to the incredible support from our Old Johannians, Old Johannian parents, current parents, students, staff, and friends of St John's exceeded our expectations on our first-ever Giving Day. We not only met our ambitious target of R5 million but soared to a dizzying final total

of just over R7 058 747 with nine 'matching' funders, 543 donors, and 22 teams from 10 different countries! Every gift, regardless of size, contributed to our success and is greatly appreciated.

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## UPPER VS' RITE OF PASSAGE

It was a rite of passage for our Upper Vs as they were officially welcomed and inducted into the Old Johannian Association.

As these young men step out into the world and go forth from our gates, a worldwide network of fellow Old Johannians will be

there to offer support, mentorship and valuable personal and professional connections.

To celebrate this significant milestone, the boys were treated to a pizza feast at The Johannian Club.

"As you move on to study in your chosen fields, the Old

Johannian Association can connect you with fellow Old Johannians who are experts in the field," said Mr Graham Kerr-Phillips (Alston 1975/Sixth Form 1976), Chairman of the Old Johannian Association.



# School Events

## NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St John's College celebrated the Nine Lessons and Carols service at the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin in Johannesburg on Sunday, 12 November, the birthplace of St John's College. It was a magnificent performance by our Prep and College musicians under the baton of Dr

Oosthuizen and Mr Sidumo Nyamezele. This was Dr Ben Oosthuizen's final performance as he retired from his role as Director of Music after 37 years of dedication to music at St John's College, where he received a standing ovation from all in the cathedral.



## UPPER V SPEECH DAY

Students, staff and Upper V parents gathered in Pelican Quad to the enchanting sounds of the College Symphony Orchestra for Upper V Speech Day, always a highlight on the College calendar.

Guests were warmly welcomed by Mr Peter Wright, Senior Deputy, including the Guest of Honour, Dr Ben Oosthuizen, Director of Music, and Mr Paul Edey, former Headmaster, who received these young men into Remove in 2019. The event was formally

opened with a prayer by The Revd Dr Jeremy Jacobs.

Mr Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, delivered a wonderful account of the achievements of St John's College in its 125th year, followed by Mr Thulani Khanyile (Nash 1989), Chairman of Council, who shared his insights with the young men of the College before the conferring of the academic awards by Dr Colleen Henning, Deputy Head: Academics. [Read more...](#)



## SIXTH FORM PRIZE-GIVING AND VALEDICTORY SERVICE

We celebrated the achievements of our Sixth Form students and bade farewell to our Upper VIs at the St John's Sixth Form Prize-Giving and Valedictory Service in The Memorial Chapel.

This special event was followed by a wonderful cocktail reception for our students and parents against the backdrop of our 125 Heritage Exhibition in the Rene England Auditorium. "We wish our Upper VIs every

success as you take the next steps in their academic journey. We know that you leave us confident and well-equipped to navigate a changing world," said Mr Paul Emant, Head of Sixth Form.



## UPPER V VALEDICTORY MASS

Emotions ran high as the UVs took their final walk out of the Memorial Chapel with the echoes of hymns and memories of their College years etched into their hearts.



## THE BRIDGE AND PRE-PREP SURVIVORS

The young men and their parents who started their journey at St John's at The Bridge Nursery School and Pre-Prep were invited to say farewell to their former teachers at the Pre-Prep Survivors Cocktail Party.

The boys who had attended the Bridge first stopped at their old nursery school to find their little handprints on the wall from when they started at St John's and left an impression of their bigger handprints as they said goodbye.

"Our Pre-Prep Survivors are young men who have their roots in Pre-Prep and have counted St

John's as their second home during their many years with us. They are now ready to fly and discover a different version of life and themselves.

They are young men who have the heart and the skill to take on the world, and we celebrate their achievements and the friendships made and thank them for their commitment and service to St John's College. They are the leaders of tomorrow and are ready to live lives of integrity using their compassion and intelligence for good," said Mrs Jane Lane, St John's Pre-Preparatory Headmistress.



# School Events

## ACADEMY VALEDICTORY MASS

The St John's College and Prep Academy Prize-Giving and Valedictory Service, which took place in The Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, 31 October, is always a special occasion as we celebrate the achievements of our Academy students. It is also always a sad occasion as we say farewell to our Grade 7s and matrics as their time with us comes to an end.

The Academy is one of the flagship community engagement programmes at St John's, and this year was extra special as we celebrated 15 years of the College Academy, with many of our 'old boys' as well as Mrs Agnes Nugent, former Head of the Academy, in attendance.

[Read more...](#)



## ART EXHIBITION

The annual College Art Exhibition sparkled with elegance on Monday, 16 October 2023, as our community gathered in the Rene England Auditorium for a delightful evening of cocktails and canapes and to view the exceptional work of our College students.

The highlight of the evening was the magnificent display of the matric final submissions, showcasing the extraordinary talent of our students as they explored the theme of Resonance.

We are incredibly proud of our students who poured their hearts and souls into their work, and we

do not doubt that they will excel in their final examinations.

It was also a bittersweet moment marked by a touching goodbye from Ms Estelle Potgieter, Head of Visual Arts, who has nurtured these young talents throughout their journey.

[Read more...](#)



## LIGHT ON THE NIGHT

The St John's College community, family, and friends gathered on Burger Field with picnic baskets, blankets and deck chairs for a splendid evening of light and sound as we celebrated 125 years of St John's at *Light on the Night*.

More than 250 musicians from Pre-Prep, Prep, and College took to the stage at *Light on the Night* for a memorable performance as they entertained thousands of spectators and basked in the applause of the appreciative audience.

The lineup featured an array of musical talents, including the entire Pre-Prep Grade 2 class, College and Prep marimbas, Prep wind band, senior and junior strings, rock band, College wind band, SKA band, senior strings and quartet, symphony orchestra, and Big Band, all contributing

to an exhilarating two-hour musical marathon.

This was followed by a whimsical fusion of light and sound projected onto our northern facade by artist Marcus Neustetter in collaboration with OMAi and their revolutionary light drawing *Tagtool* supported by the Embassy of Austria and the College's visual art and drama students and musicians. "It was an immersive creative experience," said Mrs Estelle Potgieter, Head of Visual Art. "The students involved truly excelled in their roles, embracing the opportunity to learn new digital techniques for creating great art. It was a collaboration of the arts unlike any other, where musicians and visual artists came together to push the boundaries of creativity." [Read more...](#)



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAY

St John's hosted the College and Sixth Form Open Day on Saturday, 30 September 2023, providing a vibrant opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore our magnificent campus. Students guided our visitors on tours of the College

and Sixth Form spaces, showcasing the rich academic and extra-curricular offerings on display and providing a unique glimpse into the history, traditions and ethos of St John's.



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE & ACADEMY CYCLING GROUP

As William Mills (UV Thomson) matriculates from St John's College this year, he leaves an exceptional legacy. His vision, unwavering determination, and commitment to establishing the

St John's College & Academy Cycling Group profoundly enriched the lives of the young men who rallied alongside him. This is his remarkable story of "a sport better shared".

[Read more...](#)



# School Events

## YOUTH SPEAKING FESTIVAL

The highlight of Public Speaking during the Michaelmas term was the Sixth St John's College Youth Speaking Festival, which took place on 23 September 2023.

Ten schools – independent, state, township and inner-city - were invited to participate, making the festival a wonderful collaboration of students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet.

The festival paid homage to the Youth of South Africa and our Heritage. The Juniors spoke on the topic, *Lighten up, South Africa*, while the Seniors spoke on their personal adaptations of Nando's *South Africa, Stage Sies* campaign.

In recognition of our 125th birthday celebrations, we invited Old Johannians to adjudicate both competition categories this year. The judges in the Junior category our judges included Herman Lubega (Head of Hodgson 2016), Raymond Barrow (Head of School 2018) and Catherine Elliott (Runge 2014). Sango Mzuvukile Socikwa (Second Prefect 2016) and Tina Playne (Runge 1986) adjudicated the Senior category.

It was a wonderful day that was challenging, thought-provoking and inspiring, and the adjudicators were impressed by the courage and talents of the speakers. [Read more...](#)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The College Remembrance Day Mass took place on Thursday, 9 November 2023, where students, staff and Old Johannians gathered in The Memorial Chapel to honour the profound sacrifices made in wars past and present.

In 1918, the eleventh hour marked the end of the First World War, inspiring the creation of the Memorial Chapel at St John's College in 1926. We remembered the 158 OJs and staff who lost their lives in both World Wars, their names etched in the panels of the All Souls' Chapel during the mass, and we reflected on the devastating toll of war, which lasted over four years in WWI and six years in WWII, and acknowledged the unspeakable loss and suffering experienced globally.

In 1994, Remembrance Day took on new significance for our democratic South Africa, honouring those who fought for freedom in the World Wars and the struggle for democracy.

As a Johannian Community, we laid our beautiful St John's roses at the altar and stood united, paying the deepest respect to all who made the ultimate sacrifice for peace, freedom, and justice.



## HABITS OF THE HEART II

### The Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu Walk

was held on Saturday, 7 October 2023, on what would have been the late Arch's 92nd birthday. The young men and women of the St John's and Roedeian Academies, parents, and members of the greater Houghton, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and the greater Johannian community came together for a pilgrimage to reflect and connect with the people and spaces around them.

The 5km route took the party through Roedeian School, to Asteri Primary School, Barnato Park High School, St Aidan's Anglican Church and King Edward VII School before arriving back at St John's College for a final reflection in Tutu Quad and a picnic on D Field.

At each station, representatives from each destination welcomed and offered participants their perspectives on the city, education, and the inequality confronted along the walk. This was enhanced by guided reflections, Bible readings and prayers at each station.

Participants were left feeling disquieted by the challenges facing our neighbouring precinct but were also made hopeful by the conversations had along the way, by the potential to connect more meaningfully in future, and by the spirit of Ubuntu that was felt by all. We are proud of this annual event that has been born.

### The 2nd Archbishop Emeritus Tutu Memorial Mass & Lecture

held in The Memorial Chapel on Sunday, 8 October 2023, was a profound event presided over by College Chaplains The Revd Fr Thapelo Masemola and The Revd Dr Jeremy Jacobs, with apologies from The Visitor, The Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg, who was unfortunately not able to join us.

The morning's highlight was a compelling lecture and sermon delivered by The Revd Frank Chikane, an inspirational leader, teacher, motivator, mentor, counsellor, and struggle hero who has made significant contributions across various sectors.

In his thought-provoking address, The Revd Chikane spoke of Desmond Tutu as a special creation of God, with a larger-than-life commission during a crucial time in history. He emphasised the importance of truth-telling, drawing from the prophetic tradition exemplified by the Arch. He delved into the formative elements that shaped Archbishop Tutu and the unjust conditions that drove him to raise his voice for the oppressed, the poor, and the suffering.

The Revd Chikane quoted John Stuart Mill: "Bad [people] need nothing more to compass their ends than that good [people] should look on and do nothing." He passionately positioned these words as a challenge to the entire community, urging them to take action and never remain silent in the pursuit of justice for their country.

Watch the Tutu Memorial Mass & Lecture



# School Events

## SA MATHS OLYMPIAD

Once again, our College and Sixth Form students excelled in the SA Mathematics Olympiad, with nine qualifying for and participating in the final round, placing them in the top 100 candidates in South Africa and two students finishing in the top 10 in the country on Thursday 27 July 2023.

Xiayuan Li (Remove Alston) placed seventh in the junior section, and Noah Jacobsen (LVI Runge) placed ninth in the senior section.

Jerri Li (Remove Hill), Fayaz Moosa (LIV Fleming), Rudolph van der Merwe (LIV Clayton), Eric Han (LIV Alston), Aiden Leech (LV Alston), Lenita Jacobs (LVI Runge) and Angus Clark (UV Thomson) all received bronze medals for placing in the top 100 in South Africa.

## ISIZULU OLYMPIAD

We are exceptionally proud of our College students who participated in the annual isiZulu Olympiad on Wednesday, 17 May 2023, with our young men emerging as the top achievers in their respective Forms.

### Grade 8 Category

First place: Nevan Naidoo (Remove Fleming)  
Second place: Xolani Zuma (Remove Clayton)  
Third place: Lwazi Ncube (Remove Hodgson)

### Grade 9 Category

First place: Tyler Khumalo (LIV Clayton)  
Second place: Lwazi Mabuza (LIV Alston)  
Third place: Makwande Makhathini (LIV Hill)

### Grade 10 Category

First place: Siza Gule (UIV Nash)  
Second place: Menzi Bongwe (UIV Nash)  
Third place: Oftentse Motaugn (UIV Clayton)

### Grade 11 Category

First place: Olwethu Dwandwe (LV Clayton)  
Second Place: Mpho Kekana (LV Hodgson)  
Third Place: Sikho Siyongwana (LV Hill)

## AFRIKAANS OLYMPIAD

We are immensely proud of our young men for their outstanding performance in the Afrikaans Olympiad on Friday 12 May 2023. Krishay Patel (UV Alston); Matthew Prinsloo (UV Alston); Alexander Tafur (Head of Fleming); Matt van Binsbergen (UV Clayton); Caleb van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton) and Nicholas Meyer (UV Nash). A special mention goes to Zac Erasmus (LV Alson) who placed third overall in Gauteng.

## ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

We are exceptionally proud of our young men who entered the 2023 English Olympiad with four featuring in the Top 100 on 7 and 8 March 2023. Zac Erasmus (LV Alston) placed 18th, Udo Elleh (UV Clayton) placed 21st, Luyanda Madliwa (UV Fleming) placed 44th, and Dharshaan Gopaul (LV Clarke) placed 70th, each earning a diamond award.

Angus Clark (UV Thomson) and Liam Lynch (UV Nash) both achieved gold, with the following students earning silver: Thomas Archer (UV Fleming), Scott Blackburn (UV Thomson), Joshua Bruwer (UV Clarke), Kabir Budlender (UIV Alston), Logan Cloete (LV Clarke), Ayush Desai (UVI Runge), Siza Gule (UIV Nash), Simon Hund (UV Alston), Liam Jung (LV Clarke), Thandolwethu Kambule (UV Hill), Julian Kuni (UV Hodgson), Zuko Mabizela (UV Hodgson), Tsiamo Mabiletsa (UIV Clarke), Lwandile Phakathi (LIV Hodgson), Matthew Prinsloo (UV Alston), Shen Qiao (UV Hodgson), Thomas Roux (LV Fleming), Luke Shipway (LIV Hodgson), Ndabenhle Shozi (LV Clayton), Alexander Tafur (UV Fleming), Ronaldo Teixeira (LV Nash), Matthew van Binsbergen (UV Clayton), Caleb Van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton) and Ethan Wilcocks (UIV Hill).

## WITS MATHS COMPETITION

St John's College shone in the Wits Maths Competition, which included teams from all over South Africa and a growing cohort of international schools, with over 11 000 entries this year on 31 October 2023.

The event was back on the Wits campus this year for local schools, where the students enjoyed the impressive facilities in the Science Stadium.

The Junior Team came first in the competition, regaining their crown, having won five of the six years it has been running. Xiaoyuan Li (Remove Alston) achieved 9th overall and 3rd in Gauteng. Jason Shi (Remove Alston) placed 4th in Gauteng, while Zhirui Li (Remove Hill) also placed in the top 10 in Gauteng. A remarkably large number of 19 juniors qualified to write the second round.

The Senior Team ranked top in South Africa and second overall, with an international school placing first. The Senior Team remains undefeated in South Africa after six years, a remarkable achievement, considering the growth of the competition.

Noah Jacobsen (LVI Runge) achieved 10th overall and 3rd in Gauteng. He also won the



prize for the best proofs in Gauteng. Angus Clark (UV Thomson) finished 4th in Gauteng. They were two of the 16 St John's College students who qualified for the second round and made up the largest school team in the second round.

The winners' medals have been named after Wits alumni and retired professors who have contributed significantly to mathematics, and our very own Old Johannian Prof James Ridley (Nash 1958/Sixth Form 1959) was on that list. The history, present, and future of mathematics at St John's shines brightly.

## HERITAGE DAY

Our College and Sixth Form students attended Amphitheatre dressed in traditional attire as part of our Heritage Day celebrations, where they were led in the amaGwijo by special guests Mr Mbundu Ndlovu and Mr Sabelo Ntshingila, followed by a special tea of South African treats specially prepared by our kitchen.



## The French Department Hosted The Déjeuner Sur L'herbe

The French Department hosted a magnificent evening with a pique-nique in David Quad - *Déjeuner sur l'herbe*... and then were carried away by the breathtakingly beautiful music that our French and Music students presented for all to enjoy in a packed Clarke Auditorium.

## Inter-School Youth Forum

The Inter-School Youth Forum was hosted at St John's College on 15 June 2023, ahead of Youth Day, to increase student dialogue around social issues and challenges and to establish how much responsibility the youth of today need to take in solving societal problems. "We sought to bring students together from both public and private schools to foster safe spaces for youth to discuss, solve and reflect on their role in society. By increasing student dialogue around an

array of social issues and challenges, we could establish how much responsibility the youth of today need to take in solving societal problems. The forum worked at understanding the increase in social apathy, as well as establishing an action plan to ensure improved mental well-being," said organisers Jonathan Shiferaw (UV Hill) and Alexander Tafur (Head of Fleming). Their findings were published in the Mail & Guardian on Wednesday, 25 October 2023. [Read more...](#)



# Staff News

## AN ENGAGING EVENING WITH DR CRAIG HIGGINSON

Our St John's Community enjoyed an evening with Dr Craig Higginson, who was in conversation with fellow English teacher Ms Tracy-Lee Edwards about his new book *The Ghost of Sam Webster*. Ms

Edwards quizzed him about his writing process, inspiration and themes and opened the floor to questions about the book and characters. Copies of his book are available to purchase in The School Shop.



## FAREWELL

We bid a heartfelt farewell to our College staff, who will be embarking on a new journey beyond the gates of St John's College. We thank you for your years of service. Your contribution to our institution has been invaluable, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best as you embark on your next chapter.

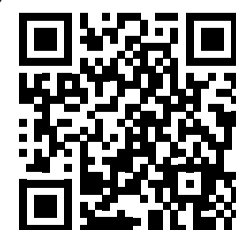
- Dr Ben Oosthuizen, Director of Music (37 years)
- Allan Magubane, Deputy Head: Transformation & Diversity (5 years)
- Mrs Katy McNeil, Physical Sciences Teacher and Thomson Housemaster (10 years)
- Mrs Jeanne Trickett, Physical Sciences Teacher (6 years)

- Mr Ryan de Reuck, English Teacher and Housemaster (6 years)
- Mrs Thandeka Kaya, Librarian (6 years)
- Mrs Leanne Edwards, Life Sciences Teacher (5 years)
- Ms Jenni Millward, Archivist (5 years)
- Mrs Ndivhu Mphephu, School Counsellor (2 years)
- Eileen Ray, Geography Locum Teacher (1 year)
- Mr Mpho Motsamai, Intern (1 year)
- Mr Thabang Molebatsi, Intern (2 years)
- Miss Aphelele Gogotya, Intern (1 year)
- Mishak Maqungo, Kitchen (17 years)



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# Michaelmas Awards

## Academic

The following students received Academic Awards:

### Honours

#### Upper V

Ayyad Gardee-Eshak (UV Clarke)  
Dharshaan Gopaul (UV Clarke)  
Vincent Miles (UV Alston)  
Sebastian Prinsloo (UV Clarke)  
Calvin Brooks (UV Nash)  
Scott Blackburn (UV Thomson)

#### Lower V

Zac Erasmus (LV Alston)  
Rahul Fakira (LV Hodgson)  
Tristan Rhodes (LV Nash)  
Liam Jung (LV Clarke)  
Greg Pryce (LV Fleming)  
Matthew Venter-Clelland (LV Clayton)  
Muhammed Moosa (LV Alston)

### Colours

#### Upper V

Simon Hund (Head of Alston)  
Andrew Galloway (UV Nash)

#### Lower V

Daniel Bruwer (LV Clarke)  
Ronaldo Teixeira (LV Nash)  
Dominic Wrigley (LV Hill)  
Kakuhle Tungata (LV Hill)  
Joe Rosmarin (UV Clarke)  
Kali Selepe (LV Hill)  
Andre Friedman (LV Thomson)  
Estian Jordaan (LV Fleming)  
Ashil Bhagwandas (LV Fleming)  
Vivek Bhana (LV Clayton)

James Burger (UIV Alston)  
Grade 3 Theory with Merit

RL Pretorius (UIV Nash)  
Grade 3 Theory and Grade 5 Electric  
Guitar with Merit

Dominic Wrigley (LV Hill)  
Grade 4 Drums with Merit and Grade  
5 Theory with Distinction

Zac Erasmus (LV Alston)  
Grade 6 Bassoon with Distinction

Gui-nam Chen (LIV Fleming)  
Grade 3 Piano

Fu-nam Chen (LIV Fleming)  
Grade 3 Piano with Distinction

Tendani Raphulu (UIV Alston)  
Grade 3 Flute

Daniel Horton (UIV Clarke)  
Grade 3 Theory

Joss Busa (UIV Clayton)  
Grade 3 Theory

Misizwe Khumalo (LIV Alston)  
Grade 5 Theory

Tumelo Bopape (UIV Alston)  
Grade 4 Violin

Bradley Wise (LV Clarke)  
Grade 4 Violin

Connor Lawrence (LV Alston)  
Grade 4 Viola

Estian Jordaan (LV Fleming)  
Grade 5 Theory with Distinction &  
Grade 7 Electric Guitar with Merit

Costa Makwaza (Remove Hodgson)  
Grade 5 Bass

Boyan Han (LIV Alston)  
Grade 5 Theory with Distinction

Justin Remba (LIV Alston)  
Grade 5 Theory & Grade 6 Euphonium  
with Merit

Ruhil Gosai (UV Alston)  
Grade 5 Piano

Grant Wensley (LV Hill)  
Grade 5 Theory & Grade 7 Piano with  
Merit

Kago Masote (LV Nash)  
Grade 5 Theory with Merit

Jason Aspoas (UIV Clarke)  
Grade 3 Theory & Grade 6 Trumpet,  
both with Merit

Jerry Li (Remove Hill)  
Grade 6 Piano with Distinction

Manqoba Ndlovu (Remove Fleming)  
Grade 6 Trombone with Merit

Daniel Teeling-Smith (UIV Nash)  
Grade 3 Theory with Merit & Grade 7  
Trombone with Distinction

Nicholas van Tonder (UIV Clarke)  
Grade 6 Clarinet with Merit

Cuba Pakdoust (LV Thomson)  
Grade 6 Clarinet with Merit

Liam Batley (UIV Clayton)  
Grade 7 Euphonium with Distinction

Olethinala Mgeyane (UIV Clayton)  
Grade 6 Piano

## Football

### Honours

Zuko Mabizela (UV Hodgson)

### Colours

Matt Mhangami (UV Hill)  
Chifunilo Chakwawa (LV Nash)  
Misha Gumede (LV Hodgson)

### Team Blazers

Samuel Nagel (LV Hill)  
Lonwabo Stevens (LV Clayton)  
Amahle Mbele (LV Clayton)  
Dominic Wrigley (LV Hill)  
Menzi Mdleko (UIV Nash)  
Philani Mgquba (UVI Runge)  
Jonathan Masher (UV Thomson)

### Matthew Bekker Captains Trophy and Matthew Bekker Captains Trophy

Congratulations to our Co-Captains Zuko Mabizela (UV Hodgson), Matt Mhangami (UV Hill) and Matthew Snell (UV Nash) on being awarded the Matthew Bekker Captains Trophy and to Matthew Snell on being awarded Matthew Bekker Captains Trophy, which is awarded to the player who exemplifies outstanding commitment, good sportsmanship and fellowship.

## Music

### Honours

Ameer Kanjee (UV Clarke)  
Kelvin Liao (UV Clayton)  
Majil'Aphiwe Nqumba (Custos)  
Oliver Xego (UV Nash)  
Sifiso Mbatha (UVI Runge)  
Nathan Pringle (LV Alston)

### Music Certificates

Ezra Mazhande (LIV Hil)  
Level 3 Drums with Merit

Logan Rosenberg (Remove Alston)  
Grade 1 Piano with Distinction

Sebastian Prozzi (LV Thomson)  
Grade 1 Acoustic Guitar with Merit

Rudolf Van Der Merwe (LIV Clayton)  
2 Acoustic Guitar with Merit

Kheyan Vallabh (UIV Clayton)  
Grade 2 Electric Guitar with Merit

Nicholas Miller (Remove Clayton)  
Grade 2 Drums

Sechaba Masithela (Remove Thomson)  
Grade 3 Piano with Distinction

Sean Li (UIV Clarke)  
Grade 3 Theory with Merit

Mila Xego (UIV Nash)  
Grade 4 Piano with Distinction

Tobi Gbadebo (LIV Alston)  
Grade 5 Theory & Grade 5 Piano with  
Merit





# Sports

For all the fixtures and results of the season, please visit [sport.sjc.co.za](http://sport.sjc.co.za)

## SUN CITY SCHOOLS' TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Our First Tennis Team made College history by winning the Sun City Schools' Tennis Tournament, which took place at Sun City from 18 August to 1 September 2023.

Captain Hein Gertenbach (UV Hodgson) and teammates Aiden Barberini (UIV Fleming), James Hart (LV Fleming), Julian Kuni (UV Hodgson), Enrique da Naia (UIV Hodgson), and Christopher Milton (LV Hodgson) triumphed in the Boys A Section of the Sun City Schools' Tennis Tournament for the first time.

Our young men represented St John's

exceptionally, with a special mention to James Hart and Aiden Barberini for their unbeaten singles and doubles performances.

Out of 45 matches, the team clinched 38 victories, outshining stiff competition from Michaelhouse, who managed 34 wins.

Taeg Mosehla, Head of School, rang the Victory Bell in their honour to celebrate this incredible achievement at the first Headmaster's Assembly of Michaelmas Term. The Victory Bell is rung at Amphi in acknowledgement of an exceptional achievement by a College team.



## 125 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

As part of our 125 celebrations, St John's College hosted the 125 Football Festival from 8 to 9 September 2023.

A great opportunity for teams to try out new combinations for the next season and saw quite a few young players making their first team debuts across the board.

Participating teams from Gauteng's prominent boys' schools in Gauteng included schools Jeppe High School for Boys, King Edward VII School, Parktown Boys' High

School, Pretoria Boys High, Springs Boys' High School, St Alban's College, St Benedict's College, St David's Marist Inanda, St John's College, St John's College Academy, St Peter's College and St Stithians Boys' College. Each school played two games per day.

It was a wonderful two days as friends, fans, and families came out supporting our budding football stars and the beautiful game.



## ST PETER'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our 3rd Team Basketball won the bronze medal at the St Peter's Basketball Tournament from 21 - 24 September. This is especially notable as they played against other 1st teams. Bronze medals were awarded to Nelson Hope

(LV Nash), Lesego Legoete (LIV Hill); Ama Ntsubane (LIV Nash), Aniel Nuttall-Mbembe (LIV Thomson), Allan Njanfang Patu (Re Nash), Daniel Catzavelos (UIV Fleming), Boris Daley (UIV Clayton), Oliver Frost (UIV

Clarke), Alexander Mendes (UIV Hodgson), Matthew Murray (LV Clarke), Jack Roseveare (LV Thomson) and Thandolwethu Ndwandwe (LV Clayton).



## INANDA HOOPS CLASSIC CHALLENGE

Our 1st, 2nd, U15A and U5B Team Basketball players had a busy half term, competing at the Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge hosted by St David's Marist Inanda from Thursday, 26 October to Monday, 30 October 2023.

The 1st Team finished in 6th place after going down in the quarter-finals against St Stithians College. The 2nd team ended their campaign in 16th spot, while the U15A and B teams placed 4th and 16th, respectively.

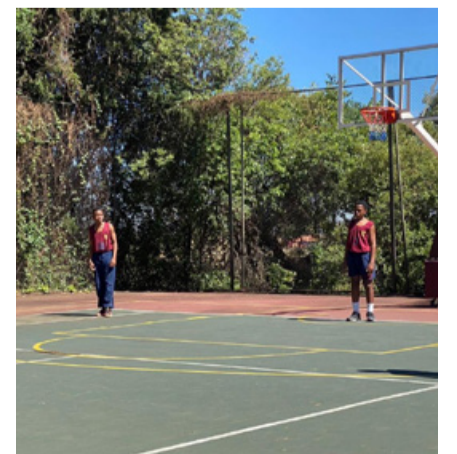
Our 2nd and U15B Teams joined the tournament at the last minute after Pretoria Boys High School pulled out. This presented a great opportunity for them to compete at a high level.

Well done to Lesego Legoete (LIV Hill) for being selected for the U15 All-Star team. He was one of the five All-Stars (4X All-Stars + 1 MVP) selected from the entire competition.

## BASKETBALL VS ST STITHIANS

Congratulations to our basketball boys, who returned incredible results against St Stithians College on

Our College boys picked up 10 wins out of the 15 games played. There was a 45-41 victory for our 1st team, while all the A teams also claimed good wins against Saints.



# Sports

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## ST JOHN'S VS AFRIKAANSE HOËR SEUNSKOOL

St John's College faced Affies in a thrilling game on Saturday 4 November 2023, where the two sides produced a fantastic spectacle

with St John's taking the win with a final score of 286/10. [Read more...](#)



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VS KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

Our 1st and 2nd XI Cricket teams picked up hard-fought wins against our neighbours, King Edward VII School on Thursday 2 November 2023, where the 1st XI claimed a narrow 6-run victory under lights at Wits

University in a 40-over game. The 2nds also powered through to defend 143 runs and clinch a 27-run win in a 20-over game at home on Mitchell Field. [Read more...](#)

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VS ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA

Our 1st XI Cricket team managed a 7-wicket victory against St David's Marist Inanda in a Johnny Waite T20 fixture on Mitchell Field.

Joe MacRobert (LV Nash) was in magnificent form with willow in hand, notching up a brilliant unbeaten 92 runs in our pursuit of St David's 153-run target.



## PRETORIA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET FESTIVAL

Our U15A cricketers put in an emphatic showing at the Pretoria Boys High School Cricket Festival from 30 September to 3 October.

Our boys picked up three wins from four games, with their only loss coming narrowly at Northwood High School by one wicket. There were some good victories for the boys against St Charles College, Glenwood High School, and Hilton College, laying the foundation for a great season ahead.



## MICHAELMAS CRICKET FESTIVAL

Our 1st XI Cricket boys were away at the Michaelmas Cricket Festival hosted by Maritzburg College in Pietermaritzburg from Saturday, 30 September, to Tuesday, 3 October.

They returned with a fantastic set of results, winning three of their four games. This included victories over Northwood School, Glenwood High School, and Durban High School, only losing one match to Kearsney College.

## DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL STAYERS FESTIVAL

Our 2nd XI Cricket team enjoyed some time out in Durban, where they participated in the Durban High School Stayers Festival hosted by Durban High School over the weekend of 30 September to 3 October.

It was a challenging trip for our boys, who played against unfamiliar opponents yet managed to pick up a hard-fought victory against Curro Durban. The other three fixtures saw the 2nd XI go down against Steyn City School, Westville Boys' High School, and Grey College.



## CRICKET

Aiden Barberini (UIV Fleming) and Rupert Pretorius (UIV Nash) on their explosive 120-run opening partnership for the 3rd XI against St Benedict's College Bedfordview 2nd XI in a T20 on Mitchell Field on 7 October 2023, leading our boys to a 4-wicket victory.



## U15A TEAM

Darshik Lutchman (LIV Alston) managed to notch up an impressive 160 runs to lead our U15A cricket team to a 1-wicket win over St David's Marist Inanda on Saturday, 21 October 2023.

This incredible batting display from Darshik saw him linking up well with the tailenders to see the team off to a hard-fought victory on Rice Field.

## FOOTBALL

Our footballers were away at Pretoria Boys High School on Saturday, 16 September, facing a traditionally tough opponent.

The 1st XI continued their good run of form, picking up a hard-fought 2-1 victory in Pretoria's scorching heat. The U16 A team went down 1-0, the U15 A picked up a hard-fought 1-0 win, and the U14 A were defeated 4-0.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS BOAT RACE

Our 1st 8 won their C final race against Jeppe High School for Boys in a tightly fought contest at the South African Schools Boat Race. There were three clashes, and the race had to be restarted three times, but the lads managed to get ahead on the third start and win by three seconds.



# Sports

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## ST STITHIANS COLLEGE REGATTA

Our Senior Rowers participated in the St Stithians College Regatta on Saturday, 21 October, where our 1st Coxless Four and Coxed Eight brought home a gold and a bronze, respectively. Our 2nd Coxed Four

won bronze, and the U16A Eight and Coxed Four came fourth and fifth in their races. We wish our teams all the best as they prepare for the upcoming Gauteng Champs.



## KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL REGATTA

Our Junior Rowers enjoyed some time out at the King Edward VII School Regatta from 27 to 29 October 2023.

The J14s certainly flew the St John's flag

high, returning with no less than three gold medals in the A Octuple and the J14 A and B Coxed Quadruple events. Our J14C pair and B Octuple achieved bronze.

## ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS REGATTA

Our Junior Rowers made impressive strides as they continued to refine their skills and hone their abilities at the St Andrew's Regatta at the Roodeplaat Dam on Saturday 14 October.

Our U15 C Scull achieved gold, U15 C

Quadruple silver and U15 B Quadruple bronze.

Our U14 A Octuple brought home silver and U14 A Quadruple bronze. This is a fantastic achievement, considering this is their second regatta ever.



## HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL REGATTA

Our senior rowers got their rowing season underway at the Holy Rosary School Regatta at Roodeplaat Dam on Saturday, 7 October.

They put in a valiant effort, seeing the J19 2nd

4+ finishing second, while the 1st 4- and 2nd 1x in the J19's recorded third-place finishes. One of the highlights in the J16 age group was the 4x+ coming in second.



## INANDA WATER POLO CUP

Our U14A Water Polo boys were crowned champions of the Inanda Water Polo Cup hosted by St David's Marist Inanda over the half-term from Thursday, 26 October to 31 October 2023.

The boys did incredibly well to defeat Affies 4 - 2 in the final after losing to the same opponents in the group stages.



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VS ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE

Our Water Polo boys hosted St Benedict's College in a set of three fixtures at our new Aquatics Centre on Saturday, 7 October 2023.

Our First Team claimed a comfortable 14-5 victory over Bennies, while there were also good wins for the Seconds and the U14As.

### Gauteng Schools Water Polo Teams

The following students have been announced as part of the Provincial Water Polo teams competing in the IPT in Gqeberha in December.

**Under 19A:** Taeg Mosehla (Head of School 2023), Nick Pearce (UV Nash), Leo Pereira (UV Clarke), Greg Pryce (LV Fleming), Ross Rovelli (Head of School 2024) and Caleb van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton), coached by Mr Jon-Marc de Carvalho.

**Under 19B:** Alessio Cimato (LV Clayton)

**Under 16A:** Sebastian Bruinders (UIV Clarke), Nicholas Searle (UIV Hill), Kamo Thobejane (UIV Nash), Michael van Heerden (UIV Fleming) and Ethan Wilcocks (UIV Hill).

**Under 16B:** Samuel Gomes (LIV Clayton), Sion Mussett (LIV Nash), Luke Towell (UIV Clayton) and Thomas van der Poel (UIV Thomson).

**Under 16 Squad Reserves:** Adam Hanslo (UIV Hill) and Andrew Langman (UIV Alston).

**Under 15B:** Fu-Nam Chen (LIV Fleming), Gui-Nam Chen (LIV Fleming), Luke Shipway (LIV Hodgson) and Peter Zigiriadis (LIV Hodgson).

**Under 15 Squad Reserves:** Justin Schoeman (LIV Alston) and Oskar Stahljans (LIV Nash)

**Under 14A:** Muhammad Bodiat (Prep), Liam Moseley (Remove Hill) and Fedor Sadovnik (Remove Hodgson).

**Under 14B:** Ethan Bennett (Remove Nash)

**Michael Meyer** (UIV Nash) is to be congratulated for his inclusion in the 1st team tennis squad for this summer season



# Individual Achievements

## PROVINCIAL CRICKET TEAMS SELECTION

Congratulations to the following cricketers on their selection for various provincial sides.

Cole Francis (LV Nash): **Captain, Lions U19A Khaya Majola Team.**

Luke Francis (UV Nash), Christopher Ford (UV Hodgson) and Joe MacRobert (LV Nash): **Gauteng U19 Regional Team.**

Kago Mosote (LV Nash): **Gauteng U17 Regional Team.**

Alec Loveland (UIV Nash) and Nkosana Sibiya (LIV Hill): **Lions U16A Provincial Team.**

Malan Du Plessis (UIV Alston): **Gauteng Regional U16 Team.**

Darshik Lutchman (LIV Alston), David Ireland (LIV Thomson) and Herman Basson (Remove Hill): **Gauteng Regional U15 Team.**



## JOHANNESBURG EAST AREA CRICKET

The following cricketers were selected for their respective Johannesburg East Area cricket sides ahead of the Central Gauteng Lions Area Trials, which took place on the weekend of 22 September 2023.

**U14:**  
Joshua Hall (Remove Nash)  
Herman Basson (Remove Hill)  
Juan De Villiers (Remove Alston)  
Joshua Nyamaropa (Remove Fleming)  
Katlheho Ramatsoso (Remove Thomson)

**U15:**  
David Ireland (LIV Thomson)  
Darshik Lutchman (LIV Alston)  
Nkosana Sibiya (LIV Hill)  
Connor Van Der Walt (LIV Hill)

**U16:**  
Aiden Barberini (UIV Fleming)  
Malan Du Plessis (UIV Alston)  
Timothy Jewell (UIV Hodgson)  
Alec Loveland (UIV Nash)

**U18:**  
Luke Francis (UV Nash)  
Christopher Ford (UV Hodgson)  
Cole Francis (LV Nash)  
Kago Masote (LV Nash)  
Joe MacRobert (LV Nash)

## KHAYA MAJOLA NATIONAL PROVINCIAL CRICKET

Brothers Luke Francis (UV Nash and First XI Captain) and Cole Francis (LV Nash) were selected for the Lions Provincial U19 Cricket team to take part in the Khaya Majola National Provincial Cricket week in Makhanda from 16 to 20 December 2023. Luke has also been named captain of the side.

## RIDE JOBURG

Three days before writing his last matric exam, William Mills (UV Thomson) managed a top-ten finish in the Junior category of Ride Joburg. He was the 66th male rider across the finish line and 10th in the Junior category, with a time of 2:19:18 with his fastest recorded at 53.64km/h. William is a passionate cyclist who has shared his love for the sport by setting up the St John's College & Academy Cycling Group during his time at the College. What a legacy, William!



## CENTRAL GAUTENG U15 A AND B TEAMS

Congratulations to our tennis stars Faizaan Ghoor (Remove Thomson) and Adam Peer (Remove Clayton), who have been selected for the Central Gauteng U15 A and B teams, respectively.



## PROVINCIAL BASS ANGLING COMPETITION

Max Merritt (LV Clayton) competed in the first Provincial Bass Angling competition of the 2023 / 2024 season at Arabie Dam in Limpopo during the August Holidays, where he finished 4th overall after two days of competing.

The second provincial competition took place in September at Witbank Dam. Despite the wind and waves, Max caught and released the required five fish each day. He placed first, also reeling in the biggest bass in the competition.

The final provincial competition of the season will take place in early January, where Max hopes to secure his position to attend the National Bass Angling competition for the third consecutive year. We are extremely proud of your achievements, Max!



## FIBA AFRICA REGIONAL YOUTH CAMP

Yanda Peter (UIV Clayton) represented South Africa at the recent FIBA Africa Regional Youth Camp for boys in Mali and chatted with the Rosebank Killarney Gazette about his incredible experience. [Read more...](#)

## JARU 7s TOURNAMENT

Shane Dalton (Remove Fleming) and Glenn Greyling (Remove Clarke) participated in the JARU 7s tournament near Rustenburg on Saturday, 21 October 2023.

Shane and Glenn were two of three U14s in the Titans Rugby U15 team that managed to win the tournament under very gruelling and scorching temperatures. It was also a special victory for the team as they won without conceding a point throughout the competition.



## TANZANIAN NATIONAL WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jonathan Shiferaw (UV Hill) and his debating team, the CIA Eagles, represented South Africa in the Tanzanian National World Schools Debate Championship from 11 to 13 August.

The team were up against 350 students from six African countries, including national teams from Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Botswana, narrowly losing to Tanzania to place third overall.

## INDO PACIFIC KARATE CUP TOURNAMENT

Ethan Beira (LIV Thomson) and Mikhail Sadovnik (UIV Hodgson) competed in the Indo-Pacific Cup held in Mauritius 12th to the 17th of September against 8 other countries. Ethan came 4th overall in the U15 Kata division. Mikhail came 5th overall in the Kata division.

## GAUTENG SCHOOLS' AQUATICS U17 TEAM

Congratulations to Aadhavan Kallan (LIV Thomson), who was selected to represent the Gauteng Schools' Aquatics U17 team at the OR Tambo Games on Saturday, 28 October 2023.

## TSA U18 JUNIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT

College tennis star James Hart (LV Fleming) played in the TSA U18 Junior Masters Tournament on Sunday, 15 October, the year-end final, where he competed against top players from around the country. James was forced to save match points but managed to grind out a heroic win in the semi-final against Connor Doig in a match that lasted four hours.

In the final, James was relentless against the Number 1 seeded, Guy Vorwerk, winning 6-2 6-3 in just over an hour. James showed no ill effects from his semi-final, with a high first serve percentage and a superb net game ensuring that he closed out the match and secured not only this title but also the top of his age group in the country.



# Individual Achievements

## PROVINCIAL OR TAMBO SOCINI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Lesego Legoete (LIV Hodgson) and Reza Creamer (Remove Clayton) on being selected for Johannesburg's U15 Basketball Team that played in the provincial OR Tambo Socini Basketball Tournament in October.

## PIRATES RUGBY CLUB

Shane Dalton (Remove Fleming) was awarded U14 Forward Player of the Year, and Glenn Greyling (Remove Clarke) U14 Overall Player of the Year at the Pirates Rugby Club Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, 24 September.



## 2023 JUNIOR AND SENIOR NATIONAL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alexander Tafur (Head of Fleming 2023) participated in the 2023 Junior and Senior National Fencing Championships from 23 to 25 September, bringing home a silver medal in the U20 Men's Foil Event and a bronze medal in the U20 Men's Epee Event and making the Top 8 in the Senior Men's Epee Event.



## WORLD CANOE MARATHON

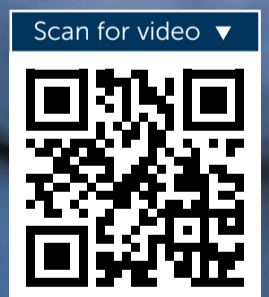
Bruno Cochrane (UIV Thomson) represented the SA Junior Team at the World Canoe Marathon in Vejen, Denmark from 31 August - 3 September 2023.

Bruno, the current SA Junior K2 champion with teammate Luke Salmon, qualified for the K2 Junior Men's event. The duo did well, keeping their heads to maintain a strong position against their competitors, running through portage sections swiftly and efficiently with no mistakes in their 21km race.

While the Argentinians managed to break

away due to an exceptional last portage, the rest of the teams fought hard for the remaining medal positions. Bruno and Luke paddled heroically to the 4th position, almost catching the 3rd-placed Spanish team in the sprint.

Bruno has achieved a ranking of 4th place in the world, which is incredible considering the fact he's only 15 years old and racing against 18-year-olds from well-funded professional teams across Europe, Australia and South America.



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# Old Johannian News

## First-Class Debuts

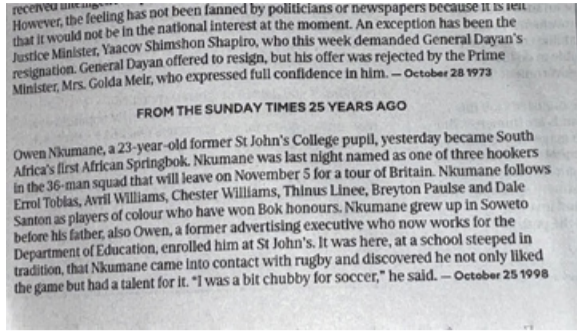
Old Johannians Connor Esterhuizen (Clayton 2019) and CJ King (Hill 2022) recently made their first-class cricket debuts in the starting XI for the Lions and North West Dragons provincial sides, respectively, in the 4-Day Domestic Series.

## Radio Awards 2023

Aubrey Masango (Clayton 1990) won Best Commercial Night-Time Show at the recent Radio Awards for his show, The Aubrey Masango Show, on 702.

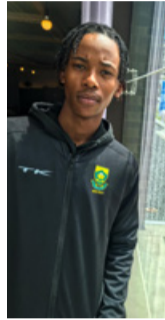
## Sunday Times 25 Years Ago

The "Sunday Times 25 Years Ago" column published in the Sunday Times on Sunday, 29 October, reminded us of when Old Johannian Owen Nkumane (Clayton 1994) made history as being the first black South African to join the Springboks.



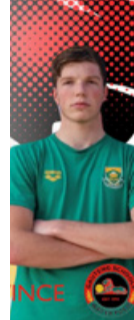
## South Africans Men's Hockey Squad

Tumi Ramphela (Hodgson 2018) was selected for the South African Men's Hockey Squad.



## Gauteng Schools Water Polo

Luka Rajak (Nash 2022) was announced as the U14 Coach taking charge of the Gauteng Schools Water Polo teams at the Inter-Provincial Tournament 2023 being held in Gqeberha from 9 to 13 December 2023.



## 2023 South African Film & Television Awards (Saftas)

Tshepo Ramaphakela (Nash 1997), co-owner of Burnt Onion Productions, was in the spotlight at the 2023 South African Film & Television Awards (SAFTAs) with their Netflix sensation "How To Ruin Christmas" which had 12 nominations and won five awards, including the prestigious title of Best TV Comedy. Their new young adult comedy-drama series, Miseducation has also been rocking the charts since it hit Netflix on 15 September 2023. It was on the Top 10 most-watched TV shows in September.



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