

TRINITY TERM 2023

From the
Senior Deputy

Trinity Term was a busy one overflowing with events, activities and achievements centred around our 125th birthday celebrations.

We enjoyed the intense friendly rivalry in the weekly derbies; the return of the College Dash, 125 celebrations and Gaudy Day, with the highlight being the permanent installation of The 125 Heritage Exhibition in the Rene England Auditorium that celebrates our 125-year-old history, opened by The Visitor, the Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg, with a special address by former Chairman of the Heritage Committee, Dr Daniel Pretorius. On the sports front, the international clash of our U17A and B sides against Eton College from the United Kingdom was another highlight of Gaudy Day.

On our 125th birthday celebrated on 1 August, students and staff were treated to a special performance by America's Got Talent finalists, the Mzansi Youth Choir, led by our Head of African Music (who is also their choirmaster), Sidumo Nyamezele. Mzansi Youth Choir set Burger Field on fire with their amazing performance and lineup of songs.

I hope this edition covering the events that happened up to the end of Trinity Term will enable you to remember and savour, once again, the best of Trinity Term 2023. Enjoy the read.

Kind regards,
Peter Wright,
Senior Deputy



Snow Day

St John's College was covered in a blanket of snow on Monday 10 July. [Click here](#) to view more photos of the magnificent St John's College buildings dusted with snow.

ST JOHN'S 125TH BIRTHDAY!

St John's College started from humble beginnings as a parish school of St Mary's Anglican Church in downtown Johannesburg, opening its doors on 1 August 1898 to just six boys. 125 years later, St John's remains a beacon of academic excellence on Houghton Ridge, on the edge of Johannesburg, with more than 1500 students enrolled.

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our Head of African Music (who is also their choirmaster), Sidumo Nyamezele. Mzansi Youth Choir set Burger Field on fire with their amazing performance and lineup of songs, including *happy birthday!*

Sifiso Mbatha (UVI Runge), Aden Solomons (UV Nash), Leah Morell (The Bridge), Daniel Wilson and Messenger Clerk, Patson Moshidi who share their birthdays with St John's cut the special 125 birthday cake, and all students from the Bridge Nursery to our Sixth Form enjoyed party cupcakes.

As he addressed our community from the stage, Lester Lalla, Headmaster of St John's Preparatory, reminded us all that life is about contributions. "If this great school is going to make another 125 years, it needs you, and it needs me, to make a contribution. We look back with thanks, and we look forward with anticipation. Long live St John's.

Happy Birthday, St John's!"



A LEAP OF FAITH

Our Custos Prefect, Majil'Aphiwe Nqumba, in the [Mail & Guardian](#) online, takes you on a captivating journey through time, reflecting on St John's College's rich history and its transformative power. From humble beginnings in 1898 to our magnificent heritage campus on the Houghton Ridge, witness our growth and resilience over the past 125 years. [Read More](#)

"Steeped in tradition, bound by brotherhood, nestled in Houghton - the hallowed campus of St John's College this month marks its 125th Anniversary." - [Sunday Times ZA](#)

St John's College celebrates 125 years of excellence as we continue to provide a world-class Christian, African education and develop young men and women rightly trained in body, mind and character.

School of saintly goals

As St John's College in Johannesburg celebrates its 125th anniversary, staff members and old boys tell Gill Gifford how this unique institution has shaped their lives

A double-edged sword has been cast at St John's College in Johannesburg. It is a school of saintly goals, a place where the path of the righteous leads to a great and noble end. The school's motto, 'Lux Vita Caritas', is not just a slogan, but a way of life. It is a school that has shaped the lives of its students, staff, and old boys in ways that are both profound and enduring.

The school's history is a testament to its commitment to excellence. From its humble beginnings in 1898, it has grown into a world-class institution. The school's motto, 'Lux Vita Caritas', is not just a slogan, but a way of life. It is a school that has shaped the lives of its students, staff, and old boys in ways that are both profound and enduring.



You feel set apart and centred in a place where you are taught to acknowledge your own self-worth while experiencing a sense of bonding and brotherhood with those around you

Aphiwe Nqumba, Custos of St John's College, speaks about the school's motto, 'Lux Vita Caritas', and its impact on students.

to write much in the college. "I grew there over the years, and I grew up with the school, with its values and its traditions. It is a school that has shaped my life in ways that are both profound and enduring. The school's motto, 'Lux Vita Caritas', is not just a slogan, but a way of life. It is a school that has shaped the lives of its students, staff, and old boys in ways that are both profound and enduring.

FIREHOUSE WON BEST PRODUCTION AT FEDA

St John's College was delighted to announce the wonderful news that Firehouse had won Best Production at [FEDA](#) this year!

The Firehouse play follows the story of courageous young cadet firefighters stationed in the inner city of Johannesburg on the night shift, offering a momentary glimpse into the close bonds formed between firefighters who run towards danger when everyone else is running away from it.

Using physical theatre, actors transform a small space and a ladder into a myriad of imagined worlds, set against an Emergency Services in crisis and a country rampant with uncertainty.

We are incredibly proud of all our drama students as both our entries, Freak and Firehouse, were recognised in multiple categories in this year's festival.

FREAK:

Nominated for Best Original Music - Luke Robinson
Nominated for Best Choreography - Cast
Nominated for Best Physical Theatre - Cast
Nominated for Most Cutting Edge - Cast

FIREHOUSE:

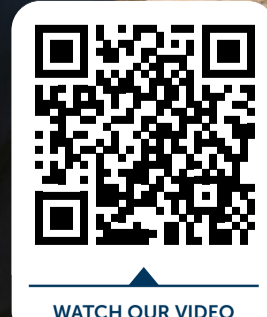
Nominated for Best Sound - Jordan Cooper
Nominated For Best Set Design - Cast
Nominated For Best Ensemble - Cast
Winner For Best Special Effects - Murray Halstead-Cleak
Winner For Best Production Design - Dominic Wrigley, Daniel Bruwer and Sangxa Mxenge
Winner Best Comic Ensemble - Cast
Winner Of Best Director - Dominic Wrigley, Sangxa Mxenge and Daniel Bruwer
Winner Of Best Production At Feda 2023!

The St John's College Backstage Team was also awarded the BEST STAGE CREW, which they shared with St Alban's College. This award was chosen by the Joburg Theatre Technical Team for professional conduct.



Considering Cambridge International A Levels or a post-matric?

St John's Sixth Form has produced young men and women with exceptional AS and A Level results since 1972. Join our Open Day to learn more about our world-class Cambridge International A Level programme.



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School Events

125 CELEBRATIONS AND GAUDY DAY

Gaudy Day is a cherished tradition that fosters a sense of camaraderie as our Old Johannians come together to reminisce and celebrate their shared love of St John's. The attendance of so many generations of Old Johannians in the various activities on offer is a testament to our school's enduring legacy and strength.

The day began with the **Old Johannian Mass** featuring the wonderful voices of the Old Johannian and College Choirs and conferring the Golden Eagle Award to Dr

Gus Mills (Alston 1963) and The Thompson Family for their service to their country and the world.

The **125 Heritage Exhibition**, a permanent exhibition in the Rene England Auditorium that celebrates our 125-year-old history, was officially opened by The Visitor, the Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg, with a special address by former Chairman of the Heritage Committee, Dr Daniel Pretorius.

[Read More](#)



Dr Gcina Mhlope Emphasised the Importance of Mandela Day

As part of our [#MandelaDay](#) celebrations, we were delighted to welcome our South African treasure and world-renowned author, playwright, performer and activist Dr Gcina Mhlope to St John's. From the Bridge Nursery to the College and Sixth Form, our students were captivated as she shared her reflections on Tata Madiba through beautiful stories.

In her address to the College students,

Gcina emphasised the importance of Mandela Day and his memory through storytelling. When we commemorate Mandela Day, we keep his memory alive and draw inspiration from his dedication to justice and social change.

"Until we see a brighter future in our children's eyes, not much of what we do today has any value," she said.



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

St John's Sixth Form is proud of Ayush Desai (UVI Runge), Elis O'Mara (UVI Runge), and Milo Shan (UVI Runge) for their recent achievements.

Ayush and Elis have been shortlisted for the Economics and Law categories at The John Locke Institute Global Essay Competition. The John Locke Institute encourages young people to cultivate the

characteristics that turn good students into great writers: independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis, and persuasive style. Their Global Essay Competition attracts more than 19000 entries per year, encouraging students to explore a wide range of challenging and interesting questions beyond the confines of the school curriculum. Ayush and Elis have

been invited to attend the prize-giving at the University of Oxford in September.

Milo has been selected as part of the official delegation for YOUNGA 2023 in October. YOUNGA is an UN-accredited event where youth from more than 100 countries across the world come together to discuss issues they care about and collaborate with world-class leaders to create solutions.



St John's Dedicated Their [#67minutes](#) To Various Charities And Initiatives

In commemoration of Mandela's birthday and his belief in the profound impact of every act of kindness on our world, the students of St John's dedicated their [#67Minutes](#) to various charities and initiatives on [#MandelaDay](#).

We hope you continue to help and inspire others each and every day.



Lower V Public Speaking Team

The Lower V Public Speaking Team comprising Tristan Rhodes (LV Nash), Daniel Bruwer (LV Clarke), Zac Erasmus (LV Alston) and Joe Rosmarin (LV Clarke) achieved a B+ in the recent Speech and Drama College's Guild Competition. The topic was 'Transformation' and the team did a fantastic job unpacking such a complex theme.

The evening was hosted by our very own Kabir Budlender (UIV Alston) who engaged the audience with insight and quirky narratives, intelligently linking the vast array of speech topics. Kabir was awarded a Certificate of Excellence for his role as Master of Ceremonies.



School Events

GRADE 11 ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ACADEMY STUDENTS

The Grade 11 St John's College Academy students were excited to head off for their Leadership Development Camp in Magaliesberg on 13 July.



THE COLLEGE DASH

After a brief hiatus, the College Dash was back this year, with a representative from each of the Houses sprinting around the Deane Yates and Alan Wilcock Vulindlela

buildings at high speed.

Taeg Mosehla, Head of School, fought his way to the finish line and proudly took the trophy back to Hill.

A historic moment since the last Head of School to win this trophy was back in 1985, clinched by our very own housemaster, Mr Dion Libera (Head of School 1985).



AFRICA DAY

In honour of Africa Day celebrated on 25 May, our isiZulu Remove students were tasked with a cuisine-focused assignment to bring food from Africa.

The St John's College Tutu Quad hosted a beautiful spread of African food.



SPECIAL SCREENING OF SARAFINA!

As part of the St John's College Youth Month celebrations, our St John's College community was invited to a special screening of Sarafina! in the Rene England Auditorium with a post-viewing discussion. Attendees were treated to popcorn and drinks during the screening. It was an evening to remember, honour and learn about the remarkable youth of 1976 who significantly shaped our nation's history!



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Pereira and Lange physiotherapy has been operating a satellite practice at St John's College since 2017, although our association with the school stretches back to 2014. We are a practice that is focused on management of acute and chronic sports injuries, general orthopaedic conditions, injury related to biomechanical dysfunction, postural dysfunctions, pre and post-operative surgical management, and field-side management of sports teams.

Our St John's practice operates daily onsite, at the school gymnasium. We work on an appointment basis. If you would like to book an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact us on our practice number below. Alternatively, you can book through Sister Nomathemba Mabaso and Sister Delia in the school sanatorium. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).



Sports

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VS ETON COLLEGE

A highlight of Gaudy Day was the international clash between our U17A and B sides against Eton College from the United Kingdom.

The U17B team took to the field first, showcasing an incredible performance as they clinched a hard-fought 29-12 win after a big second half.

The U17A game was a fantastic contest, which saw Eton win by a narrow 19-17 scoreline. It was a slow start for our boys, who trailed at the break. A massive effort

in the second half almost saw a spectacular comeback, but it wasn't to be in the end. The Peter Raney Trophy, in memory of Peter Raney (Head of Nash 2012), was conferred by his father, Steve Raney (Nash 1974) and brother Andrew Raney (Nash 2019), for the winners of the Leavers vs Stayers XV match. The Leavers vs Stayers game traditionally played on Gaudy Day, had been played in advance in a titanic and hard-fought game, with the victorious Stayers putting up a final score of 12 - 7.



GOLDEN LIONS YOUTH RUGBY AND CRAVEN WEEK RUGBY SQUADS

St John's College was proud of our young men and coaches who were selected to represent the [Golden Lions Youth Rugby](#) and [Craven Week Rugby](#) squads.

Joshua Shannon (UIV Clarke) and Gerald Van Wyk (UIV Hodgson) were selected for the Golden Lions U16 Academy squad and will be participating in the U16 Doom Gouws Week in Heidelberg. Gerald has also been named vice-captain of the side.

Kyle Watson (LV Hodgson) and Dominique Kamangu (LV Hill) will be part of the Golden Lions U17 Academy squad.

Mr Katleho Lynch, Rugby Head Coach, will be the U18 Golden Lions Assistant Coach at Craven Week.

Mr Graham Hill, Assistant Rugby Coach, will be at the U16 Doom Gouws Academy week as Assistant Coach for the Golden Lions, and Mr Sihle Ndlovu, Strength and Conditioning Coach, has once again been appointed Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Golden Lions U18 Academy squad.



115TH ANNUAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 115th Annual Athletics Championships was held on Wednesday 2 August, a fun and exciting way to wrap up Trinity Term. Traditional events like these on our school calendar promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among students. It was a cold and blustery day but that didn't deter our young men from a day of spirited competition as they chased house points and new records in long jump, high jump, discus, shot put, and various races. We congratulate the medal winners in the team races as well as the best individual athletes per age group.

The results were merged as follows:

Le Sueur Cup

1st Hill - 406 points
2nd Nash - 369 points
3rd Thomson - 365 points
4th Clayton - 365 points
5th Hodgson - 332 points

6th Clarke - 297 points
7th Fleming - 233 points
8th Alston - 215 points

Senior Allen Cup

Nash - 231 points
Clayton - 230 points
Nash - 227 points
Thomson - 214 points
Hodgson - 197 points
Clarke - 161 points
Alston - 153 points
Fleming - 131 points
Runge - 102 points

Junior Results

Hill - 175 points
Thomson - 151 points
Nash - 142 points
Clarke - 136 points
Hodgson - 135 points
Clayton - 135 points
Fleming - 102 points
Alston - 62 points

Team Races

800m Team Race U14 - Hodgson
800m Team Race U15 - Clayton
800m Team Race U16 - Clayton
800m Team Race U17 - Clayton

800m Team Race U19 - Nash
1500m Team Races U14 - Hill
1500m Team Races U15 - Nash
1500m Team Races U16 - Hill
1500m Team Races U17 - Hill
1500m Team Races U19 - Nash
3000m Open Team Race - Nash

Relay Races

U14 Relay - Hill
U15 Relay - Nash
U16 Relay - Hodgson
U17 Relay - Nash
Open Relay - Hill
Best Athletes Per Age Group
Best U14 Athlete - Glenn Greyling (Remove Clarke)
Getliffe Floating Trophy U15 - David Ireland (LIV Thomson)
Best U16 Athlete - Boris Daley (UIV Clayton)
Headmasters Trophy - Grant Barnes (LV Clarke)
Geoffrey Cherrington Cup (Open) - Liam Billett (UV Hodgson)
Walter Allen Open House Cup - Nash
Phillips House Athletics Trophy - Hill



YOUTH DAY SOCCER MATCH

On Friday 16 June, in celebration of Youth Day, our Academy, College, and Sixth Form soccer players formed a combined team that took on [Jeppe High School for Boys's](#) 1st XI in a friendly soccer match on Mitchell Field. Youth Month carries huge

significance in our country's history as it reminds us of our painful journey towards justice, equality and freedom. A moment of silence was observed before kickoff in honour of the brave young students who lost their lives in 1976.

Jeppe were the 4-2 victors on the day in what was a competitive and hugely entertaining game. The ultimate winner, however, was the spirit of camaraderie befitting the occasion and the clear love for the game demonstrated by all.



Sports

DERBY DAYS

St John's College was delighted to welcome neighbours and old friends, [King Edward VII School](#) to the 91st derby between our two schools on Saturday 27 March.

The first-ever derby day between our two schools took place in 1932, making our 125-anniversary year our 91st meeting. The games were all played in great spirit, with our Blues unfortunately going down in the main game against the KES Reds. However, the Blues managed to hold the Reds to a 14-3 lead at the break. A few squandered point opportunities by the Blues in the first half saw the Reds race into the break with an 11-point lead. The second half saw KES come out the blocks the quickest and consistently pinning our boys in their half. In the end, KES were deserved winners, with the Blues putting in a brave display. On the hockey side of things, the boys put in a strong showing in some thrilling encounters against the old enemy from across the road. The 1st XI had to settle for a 1-1 draw in their match, which saw small margins between the two teams on the day. The 2nd XI were victorious, edging past KES 2-1 in a quality fixture for the boys. The U16A played out to a 2-2 draw against KES. The U15A were winners on the day against the KES U16B team, while the U14A team lost 2-0.

This was followed by a short trip to St Benedict's College Bedfordview, where our boys returned with fantastic results. Springs Boys' High School was the other school involved in the weekend fixture, serving as a filler for some of our teams that couldn't get a game against St Benedict's. The Blues had to fight hard in the main game, clawing their way back into the game late in the second half to clinch a hard-fought 34-22 victory. At

break, our hosts enjoyed a slender 15-14 lead, but an inspired performance saw a great turnaround in the second half. The U16A team game did not take place as a bulk of the Bennies team had fallen ill in the days leading up to the encounter. However, there was a narrow 17-12 win for the U15As, while the U14A team were in good form claiming a formidable 65-0 win.

The 1st XI were involved in a game that left spectators at the edge of their seats, seeing very small margins between the two teams. In the end, both sides had to settle for a 2-2 stalemate. There were further wins for the 2nd and 3rd XIs, while the 4th and 5th teams went down by slim margins. Our A teams were successful with the U16As winning their fixture 2-0, the U15As clinched a narrow 1-0 win, while the U14As powered to a 3-1 victory. The rest of the age group teams did very well, enjoying their games against fine opposition.

The Rugby season concluded with our visitors [Pretoria Boys High School](#) making the trip over the Jukskei River to take on our boys in a number of fixtures throughout the age groups on our home turf. In the main game of the day, the visitors took the honours with a 39-5 victory.

There were some good wins for the 3rd XV, U16As, U14As and U14B teams on the day against great opponents. There were other games that went right down to the wire but unfortunately, they did not fall our way. In the end, it was a good weekend of rugby with Boys High's depth providing well-contested matchups throughout the day.



The 1st XI game was a thrilling encounter between the two schools, leaving spectators on the edge of their seats against one of the highly ranked 1st XIs in the country. The 3-2 scoreline was a true reflection of how closely contested the game was, with slim margins being the telling factor in the result.

The all-round fixture saw our boys picking up three victories, with four games seeing the spoils shared. Our junior age groups did quite well to enjoy the better of the results, which bodes well for the future of Hockey at St John's College. Well done to the U16Ds, U15Ds and U14B teams for picking up those valuable hard-fought triumphs.

For more results, please visit <http://sport.sjc.co.za/>



PINK DERBY

Our rugby boys played against our old rivals [St Stithians College](#) in the much-anticipated [#PinkDerby](#) where the players donned pink socks, and spectators sported pink in support of [PinkDrive](#).

It was a tough day out for our young men, with the Blues going down 31-19 in the main game.

The 2nd XV put on an exciting performance, drawing with a final score of 41. The U15As were also involved in a tight encounter concluding in a 5-5 draw, and the U14As managed to clinch a narrow 33-27 win.

The U16As went down 21-12 against an exciting Saints team. The rest of the age groups returned mixed results, with many hard-fought wins.

Well done to our boys and coaches, and thank you to [St Stithians College](#) for hosting us for a fantastic Pink Derby.

For more results visit <https://sport.sjc.co.za>

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Well done to our Golf boys who were busy recently taking on two tournaments and a tour between April and May.

The Sun City Golf tournament was first up between 25 and 28 April, where our team played very well coming in at 5th place out of 30 teams. The team was made up of Benjamin Jacobs (UV Thomson), Rory Crosley (UV Clarke), Calvin Brooks (UV Nash), Luke Brooks (UIV Nash), and Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill).

The boys then took up the challenge of the Lowveld tour between 5 and 9 May. On the 6th of May, the first stop was at the White River Golf Club, where our 1st and 2nd teams played against Hoërskool Nelspruit and

Curro Nelspruit's 1st and 2nd teams. Our 1st team claimed top spot with the 2nd team coming in second.

On the 7th of May, the action then shifted to the Individual Jock Open, where our 1st and 2nd teams were competing over 36 holes, playing a medal format. Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill), Rory Crosley (UV Clarke), and Benjamin Jacobs (UV Thomson) stood out with scores of 4th on +2, T9 on +6, and T20 on +9 respectively.

On the last two days, the boys once again did well to clinch 1st and 2nd spot on both the Leopard Creek par 3 course and Highlandgate. Our 2nd team did particularly well to finish above

the Curro Nelspruit 1st team. At Leopard Creek that format was a modified medal pick-up after 3 over par per hole. Rain also affected play which caused the result to be based on 9 holes. Our members who did us proud on the Lowveld tour consisted of Calvin Brooks (UV Nash), Luke Brooks (UIV Nash), Rory Crosley (UV Clarke), Benjamin Jacobs (UV Thomson), Jonathan Hall (UV Hodgson), Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill), Roscoe Krupke (UV Hodgson), and William Van der Linde (LV Nash).

The Woodlands Junior Masters was the next tournament between 14 and 16 May, where in the team competition the boys came 9th out of 20 teams.

The team that took part in the Woodlands Junior Masters was a young one that showed great courage against some tough and more experienced opposition. The team on that occasion consisted of Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill), Luke Brooks (UIV Nash), Dimitri Campbell (UIV Thomson), William Van der Linde (LV Nash), and Scott Bray (LIV Clarke).

In the individual competition, Jayden Hoskins played some great golf to come in at 6th place, with a score of +3 after three rounds of medal play.

Congratulations to all our golfers who put in a big effort in a highly demanding period of their season!



Sports

125 Tennis Tournament

St John's College hosted the 125 Tennis Tournament on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 May as part of our 125th birthday celebrations with eight schools across Gauteng competing.

James Hart (LV Fleming), Christopher Milton (LV Hodgson), Tapiwanshe Mutetwa (UIV Clayton), Enrique da Naia (UIV Hodgson), Julian Kuni (UV Hodgson) and Hein Gertenbach (UIV Hodgson) represented St John's College.

After a strong showing on the first day, St John's finished third, losing 2-1 in an extremely tense semi-final against St David's Marist Inanda.

Congratulations to St Stithians College who emerged as worthy winners of the tournament.

Well done to all the teams that came out to compete in some thrilling contests. The weekend displayed outstanding quality of tennis!



125 Wines

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Trinity Term Awards

Debating

Senior Inter-House Debating Competition

Lili Spinazze (UVI Runge) received the Best Speaker award representing Runge at the Senior Inter-House Debating Competition. The final was between Runge and Hill House with Runge emerging as the winners for 2023.

Junior Inter-House Debating Competition

Rayan Moodley (LIV Clayton) was awarded the Best Speaker award representing Clayton at the Junior Inter-House Debating Competition. It was a tightly contested competition with Clayton and Thomson competing in a gripping final.

Community Service

Colours

Kagiso Moagi (UVI Runge)

Drama

Honours

Max Gordon (UV Nash)
Tom Archer (UV Fleming)
Matthew MacKenzie (UV Thomson)
Alec Cabral (UV Clayton)
Nick Pearce (UV Nash)
Samuel Labe (UV Alston)
Jethro Mazhande (LV Hill)
Khumo Kumalo (Student Affairs)
Noa Burke (UV Fleming)
Skyla Potgieter (UVI Runge)
William van der Linde (LV Nash)

Firehouse Full Cast and Directors

Daniel Bruwer (LV Clarke)
Sangxa Mxenge (LV Thomson)
Dominic Wrigley (LV Hill)
Siya Modise (UV Hodgson)
Mduduzi Zulu (UV Hill)
Greg Bradley (LVI Runge)
Tom Roux (LV Fleming)
Kea Motlhamme (LV Clarke)
Vusumuzi Mahlasela (LV Hill)

Full Colours

Kali Selepe (LV Hill)
Joshua Bruwer (UV Clarke)

Half Colours

Litha Tuku (LIV Thomson)
Sean Li (UIV Clarke)
Unathi Ngwenya (LVI Runge)
Ndimiso Bungane (UV Fleming)
Mpho Kekana (LV Hodgson)
Thabo Mote (UIV Alston)

First Aid

Honours

Matthew Venter-Clelland (LV Clayton)

Colours

Ndalo Dlamini (UV Fleming)

Hockey

Honours

Liam Billett (UV Hodgson)
TJ Chalmers (UV Hodgson)
Bradley Smith (UV Nash)
Harry Grose (Head of Clarke)

Colours

Liam Murning (UV Clayton)
Matthew Snell (UV Nash)
Murray Halstead-Cleak (LV Hodgson)
Stephen Carstens (LV Thomson)

Team Blazer

Christopher Ford (UV Hodgson)
Sebastian Prozzi (LV Thomson)
Andrew Galloway (UV Nash)
Jonathan Masher (UV Thomson)
Liam Kilian (LV Alston)
Jordan Cooper (LV Hodgson)
Tristan Rhodes (LV Nash)
Samuel Nagel (LV Hodgson)
Christopher Milton (LV Hodgson)

Rugby

Honours

Matthew McMaster (UV Clayton)
Nkosisiphile Sibanda (UV Clayton)

Colours

Vincent Miles (UV Alston)
Reece Watson (UV Hodgson)
Kyle Watson (LV Hodgson)
Dominique Kamangu (LV Hill)
Thomas Archer (UV Fleming)

Team Blazer

Liam Brodie (UV Clarke)
Yannis Njanfang Patu (UV Nash)
Grant Barnes (LV Clarke)
Thomas Kruger (LV Nash)
Jacob Smith (LV Thomson)
Oliver Tait (LV Clayton)
Chris Venter (UV Clarke)
Finlay Holden (UV Clarke)
Joe MacRobert (LV Nash)
Bryson Walker (LV Nash)

Squash

Team Blazer

Joshua Shannon
Suryaavir Kapur

Music Awards

Honours

Angus Charlton (UV Hill)

Colours

Grant Wensley (LV Hill)

House Play Awards 2023

Well done to Runge, the overall winner of the House Plays Trophy this year, with Hill in Second Place, Clayton in Third and Clarke in Fourth.

“We saw some really interesting work and we were very proud of all the students who participated”, said Frances Slabolepszy, College Drama Teacher. We were also delighted to have Ms Maseko from the Prep Drama Department adjudicate for us. Congratulations to the following students who received their awards.

BEST DIRECTOR

Kali Selepe (LV Hodgson), Dominic Wrigley (LV Hodgson) and Nathan Tswatswa (LV Hill) were awarded *The Williamson Award Trophy in the Best Director Category*.

BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT

Hlobi Mthembu (LV Hodgson) was awarded *The Michael Cloete Trophy in the Best Original Script Category*.

BEST ENSEMBLE

Dylan Viljoen (UIV CLARKE), St John Jacobs (UIV Clarke), JayPugh (Remove Clarke) were awarded the *The Agostinetti Trophy in the Best Ensemble Category*.

BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS

Skyla Potgieter (UVI Runge) was awarded *The Theatre Masks Trophy as the Best Actor/Actress in the Performance Category*.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR/ACTRESS

Sean Li (UIV Clarke) was awarded *The Cresswell Trophy as the Best Supporting Actor/Actress in the Performance Category*.

BEST CAMEO

Ndabenhle Shozi (LV Clayton) was awarded *The Brummer Trophy as the Best Cameo in the Performance Category*.

MOST PROMISING JUNIOR ACTOR

Jayden Li (Remove Clarke) was awarded the *The Sandilands Trophy as the Most Promising Junior Actor in the Performance Category*.

BEST COMIC DUO

Tumiso Motshegoa (Remove Hill) and Tinyiko Mahu (UIV Hill) were awarded the *The Mclaughlin Trophy as the Best Comic Duo in the Performance Category*.

RANKING

9th Place - Alston
8th Place - Hodgson
7th Place - Fleming
6th Place - Nash
5th Place - Thomson
4th Place - Clarke
3rd Place - Clayton
2nd Place - Hill
1st Place And Winner Of The E K Lorimer Trophy For Best Production: Runge



Individual Achievements

Gauteng Philharmonic Orchestra

Dan Teeling-Smith (UIV Nash) and Mr Hendri Liebenberg, Head of Brass, had the pleasure of performing in an operatic gala for the SABC and

RSG with the Gauteng Philharmonic Orchestra, known for its captivating performances and promotion of classical music.



Fide World Youth Blitz Championships 2023

Well done to Edward Jones (Remove Clayton) who was awarded Protea Colours for Chess and was selected to represent South Africa at both the FIDE World Youth Rapid Championships 2023 and the FIDE World Youth Blitz Championships 2023 (Batumi, Georgia) in June 2023.

Being placed 3rd in the final of the South African Junior Online Closed Chess Championships 2023 earned him a spot to represent South Africa. He was also selected to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Chess Championships 2023 (India), having achieved 6th position (U140) at the South African Junior Closed Chess Championships 2023.



Fide World School Chess Championships 2023

Congratulations to William Jones (UIV Clayton) who was awarded Protea Colours for Chess, after representing South Africa at the FIDE World School Chess Championships 2023 in Greece in April. William was also selected to represent South Africa at the FIDE World Youth U16 Chess Olympiad 2023 in Eindhoven, Netherlands, the Africa Youth Chess Championships 2023 in Egypt and the Commonwealth Chess Championships 2023 in India. This was after he achieved 4th position finish (U160) at the South African Junior Closed Chess Championships 2023.



U16 National Hockey Tournament

Ama Ntubane (LIV Nash) participated in the Southern Gauteng Boys' Schools Hockey at the U16 National Tournament in Mangaung from 6 to 12 July 2023. Ama scored three goals and made a meaningful contribution to the Southern Gauteng U16 B Team by finishing 7th out of the 12 schools that made it into Section A.



U18 Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament

TJ Chalmers (UV Hill) and Liam Billett (UV Hodgson) represented Southern Gauteng U18A Hockey at the recent U18 Inter-Provincial Tournament.

The Southern Gauteng U18s, coached by Anthony Woodhouse, our Master In Charge of Hockey, reached the final of the Inter-Provincial Tournament, where they claimed a silver medal. TJ Chalmers has been selected to be part of the SA Schools U18B team.



Rhino Week Rugby Tournament

Well done to our rugby boys who participated in the recent Rhino Week rugby tournament that took place from 28 June to 1 July in Vanderbijlpark.

Glenn Greyling (Remove Clarke), Shane Dalton (Remove Fleming), Liam Mosely (Remove Hill), and Herman Basson (Remove Hill) represented the Titans U14 team, the winners of the U14 age group. Grant Barnes (LV Clarke) and Ethan Greyling (LV Clarke) represented the Titans U17 team, also champions of their age group



Junior World Rowing Championship

St John's College is proud of Rowing Captain, Zain Newman (LV Clayton), who was the South African flag bearer at the opening of the Junior World Rowing Championships. Zain travelled to Paris, France, where he represented South Africa in the Junior Men's Coxed Four event.

Zain and his crew competed in their first race on Thursday 3 August where they placed 4th to make it through to the repechage the next day, to qualify for the A-Final on Saturday 5 August.



World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition (Widpsc)

Congratulations to Jonathan Shiferaw (Hill UV) who was ranked 4th in South Africa and 19th in the World in the Parliamentary Debating category at the World Individual Debating and Public

Speaking Competition (WIDPSC) held on 26 March until 2 April. Jonathan also participated in the Impromptu, Persuasive Speaking and Interpretative Reading categories at WIDPSC.



2023 Basketball Inter-Provincial Finals

Congratulations to Tinyiko Makhubela (UV Hill) and Kuda Tebeila (UV Hill) who played in the U18 Gauteng team which won the 2023 Basketball Interprovincial

Tournament in Bloemfontein. Tinyiko was also named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament.



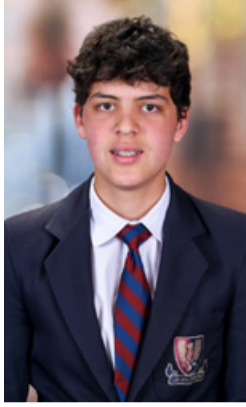
Air Pistol Nationals

Bradley Anderson (Remove Fleming) achieved Third Place (Bronze) in the Junior South African 10m Air Pistol Nationals.



Individual Achievements

KonTiki Regional Scouting Competition



on Homestead Dam in Benoni. They were part of the scout groups that constructed rafts which were checked for safety and then launched onto the dam. The raft crew of seven scouts had to live on the raft for 24 hours and were required to complete various camping competitions. Rohan represented 1st Rosebank Group as the raft Patrol Leader and they were placed Fourth for their theme. Logan (Patrol Leader) and Cade represented 1st Blairgowrie, they were placed Second for speed and Fourth Place for mobility.

Rohan Chidley (LIV Runge), Logan Cloete (LV Clarke) and Cade Cloete (LIV Clarke) took part in this year's regional Scouting Competition, KonTiki, which took place at Arrowe Park

SA Canoe Marathon Championships

Bruno Cochrane (UIV Thomson) and his teammate, Luke Salmon (St Davids Marist Inanda), who did well in the SA Canoe Marathon Championships. They dominated the 22km race from start to finish,

establishing a lead of 5 minutes at the finish line. This win guarantees them a place in the National Squad which travels to Denmark later this year to compete in the Canoe Marathon World Championships.



Chess

Five boys from St John's College were invited to participate in various age categories in the South African Junior Chess Closed Championship. The tournament is an elite event with less than 30 players invited per age group competing for the title of national champion.

- U14 Open - Edward Jones (Remove Clayton) - 6th
- U16 Open - William Jones (UIV Clayton) - 4th and Vian Ziegenhagen (LIV Clarke) - 16th
- U18 Girls - Lenita Jacobs (UVI Runge) - 12th
- U18 Open - Kelvin Liao (UV Clayton) - 17th

LPL Cricket League

Congratulations to Alec Loveland (UIV Nash) who was recently awarded the Bowler of the Tournament award at the conclusion of the LPL cricket league.

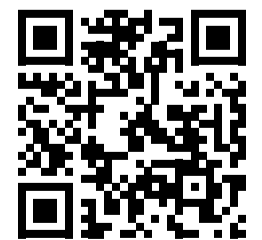
Alec produced impressive stats throughout the tournament, playing in 10 matches, which was two less than his fellow competitors. He managed to get 15 wickets with 149 runs against his name, while his best bowling figures were 3/13.



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We invite prospective parents and boys to join us at St John's College where you will be given the opportunity to tour the College, meet the teachers and students, and gain a unique insight into the values and ethos of our school. **The College caters to boys from Grade 8 to 12.*



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Old Johannian News

Pirates Tennis Club Championships

We are very proud of #OldJohannian Stephen Mark (Thomson 2013) who has won the Pirates Tennis Club

Championships for the fifth year in a row. Congratulations!

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World Student Games In China

Phume Tshabalala (Thomson 2021) and Ross Le Maitre (Thomson 2016) represented South Africa as part of the World Student Rowing Team at the World

Student Games in China on Friday 4 August. The duo competed in the Men's 4- hoping to achieve gold in their green and gold.



WITS Basketball

Congratulations to Panashe Dumbu (Clayton 2022) on being selected to represent WITS Basketball in World University Games in China in August.

[Read more](#)



Lions Cricket Awards

Old Johannian Connor Esterhuizen (Clayton 2019) has been making waves on the domestic cricket scene, walking away with 'The Most Improved Player' award at the recent Lions Cricket Awards ceremony.



11th All African Business Leadership Awards

We are incredibly proud of #OldJohannian Melvyn Lubega, Head of School 2007, who was recently awarded Young Business Leader of the Year at the 11th All African Business Leadership Awards in his capacity as Chairman of Boabab Group, South Africa. Melvyn reflects the true qualities of a Johannian, someone who has gone forth from our gates well-equipped to serve. Halala!



South African Invitational Cricket

Keagan Lion-Cachet (Fleming 2020) was selected to play in a South African invitational cricket game at TUKS recently. He represented the SA Red team playing with and against many of the top class cricketers in the country. He performed very well in a low-scoring game by scoring 36 against a

number of top bowlers in the country. We wish Keagan all the best on his dream in playing 1st class cricket. Black Cap Devon Conway (Nash 2009) scored 47 runs as the Chennai Super Kings charged to a dramatic five-wicket victory over the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League T20 final.



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH



As part of our 125 celebrations this year, we took a whole-school photograph on the Owen Nkumane Terrace featuring every student and staff member at St John's College.

There are two options of the print available for you to purchase via the eprints website:

- An A2 print of the photograph, delivered in a cardboard tube for R340
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To buy a copy of this special photograph celebrating our 125-year milestone, log on to the eprints website at orders.eprints.co.za and use the code zngff to view and select the print you would like to order. If you don't already have an eprints account, it's quick and easy to register.

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Staff News

Mr Sidumo Nyamezele and The Mzansi Youth Choir

We are incredibly proud of Mr Sidumo Nyamezele, Head of African Music at St John's College and Music Director of Mzansi Youth Choir, which has earned the first-ever group golden buzzer award on America's Got Talent!

Mzansi Youth Choir performed the cover song, "It's OK", by Nightbirde, a former contestant who died from cancer in 2022. Their performance brought Simon Cowell to

tears as he and fellow judges Howie Mandel, Heidi Klum and Sofia Vergara, with host Terry Crews in the wings and the audience representative, reached for their golden buzzer simultaneously. This beautiful tribute won the hearts of the judges and audience alike, earning them the first-ever group golden buzzer in the show's history.

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MAIL & GUARDIAN TOP 200 YOUNG SOUTH AFRICANS

Allan Magubane, our Deputy Head of Transformation and Diversity, has been named as one of this year's Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans, one of 30 winners in the education category. Congratulations, Sir!

[Read more](#)



U18 SA Schools Coach

Katleho Lynch, Rugby Head Coach at St John's, was named the U18 SA Schools Coach after a successful Craven Week in George. [Read more](#)

Coach Lynch chatted with Clinton van der Berg about his passion for rugby and finding and developing the Springboks of tomorrow! [Read more](#)



ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP

Bongani Ntini, our Cricket Head Coach and batting consultant to the USA team, with Stuart Matsikenyeri, former Prep coach and Zimbabwe Batting Coach, and Ryan Cook, Netherlands Head Coach and King Edward VII School Old Boy, at the qualifiers for the ICC Cricket World Cup.

[Read more](#)



SA SCHOOLS HOCKEY

Well done to Mr Anthony Woodhouse, Head Coach Hockey who was appointed SA Schools Performance Analyst and Mr Gilbert de Villiers, MIC Hockey, who was named the Assistant Coach, for the recent U16 High Performance Camp.



THE WEIGHT OF SHADE

St John's College hosted an evening with our very own Mike Boyd in conversation with Frank Rumboll, Headmaster at [The Ridge School](#), about his debut novel, "The Weight of Shade", published by [#KaravanPress](#). The haunting, gothic tale delves into the influence of our past on our present lives and questions whether we can ever break free from the circumstances that shape us. It was a fantastic Friday night, compered by Fiona Kampmann, Head of English at St John's, as our community gathered to celebrate with Mike, purchasing copies of his book and eagerly seeking his autograph.



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