

COLLEGE



LIFE

TRINITY TERM 2024

From the
Senior Deputy

Dear St John's College Community,

The Trinity term ended a season marked by long nights and crisp, cold mornings. It has been a busy and successful term for our students, and I invite you to join me in celebrating their achievements within these pages of College Life.

We are immensely proud of the remarkable achievements of Zacharias Onyejiaka (Runge 2023), who was recognised as the Top A Level Student in South Africa in the 2023 Cambridge International Academic Awards. Our sporting prowess shone across rugby, hockey, squash, and football. The brilliance of our public speakers and debaters, along with the talent of our musicians, further highlighted the diverse abilities of our students.

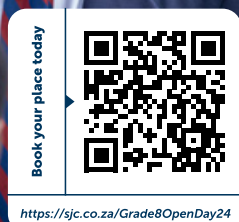
College Life inevitably poses the question, "What was your favourite moment of the term?" With so many possibilities, it's hard to choose. However, my fondest memory remains the warmth of our community, especially evident during our Pink Derby against St Stithians.

I hope you enjoy reading these pages.

Kind regards,
Peter Wright, Deputy Head



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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SAT 28 SEP | 08h00 to 12h30

FOR BOYS INTERESTED IN GRADE 8 IN 2026

We invite prospective families to join us for our Open Day to explore our College, meet our dedicated teachers and students, experience our world-class facilities, and gain a unique insight into the values and ethos of St John's.

**The College caters to boys from Grade 8 to 12.*

SPOTLIGHT ON ZACHARIAS ONYEJIKA: TOP A LEVEL STUDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Zacharias shares his academic journey, future plans, and reflects on his remarkable success.

St John's Sixth Form alum Zacharias Onyejiaka (Sixth Form 2023) was recognised as the Top A Level Student in South Africa in the 2023 Cambridge International Academic Awards. Having consistently worked hard during his college career, Zacharias anticipated good results but didn't expect to be the Top A Level Student in South Africa. "I feel honoured to be recognised for this accomplishment. It's a confirmation that I can overcome challenges when I'm focused," he said.

Zacharias is currently interning at Alchemy Capital Partners in New York as he prepares to start his Mathematics degree at the University of Edinburgh in September. "I chose Edinburgh because it is ranked as one of the best in the world overall, and for my chosen degree, mathematics. I wanted to go somewhere that encourages students to pursue more than just a degree. The sports facilities, clubs, societies, and cultural activities offered reminded me of the freedom and quality of choice I had at St John's College. I'm eager to immerse myself among more advanced peers, learning from them and building valuable networking connections," he said. [Read more](#)



An Integrated Approach To Water Security At St John's College

It was with great pleasure that Mr Cliff Midgley opened the St John's College Water Treatment Plant on 30 May 2024. The ceremony, which included a blessing by the Revd Fr Thapelo Masemola, marked the culmination of a partnership with water management company Pure Care to develop a considered, long-term strategy for the sustainability of the College's water supply. [Read more](#)





ST JOHN'S SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM OPEN DAY

SAT 28 SEP | 08h00 to 12h30

Considering Cambridge International A Levels or post-matric? Join us for our Open Day where you will meet the Head of St John's Sixth Form, learn more about our world-class A Levels programme, and gain a unique insight into the values and ethos of St John's.

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School Events

Enthusiastic Voter Turnout At Mock Elections

Ahead of South Africa's general elections on 29 May 2024, with colourful and competing election posters festooning the commute to school, St John's College hosted a lively 'Mock Election' for our College and Sixth Form students.

Mrs Fiona Kampmann and her team launched a series of events for the College

and Sixth Form students in the run up to the elections, starting with an address by broadcast journalist and Old Johannian Aubrey Masango (Clayton 1990), who joined Amphitheatre on 10 May, to chat about the importance of voting and its critical role in shaping the nation's future. [Read more](#)



Photo Credit: Joss Busa (LV Clayton)

College Musicians Excel at Roedean School Music Competition

St John's College entered 48 musicians into the prestigious Roedean School South Africa Music Competition this year. We are thrilled to announce that five of our talented young men were selected as finalists and performed at the Gala Concert.

Daniel Teeling-Smith (LV Nash) and Thomas Dewar (LV Hodgson) achieved

first and third place in the Brass Category, respectively. In the Piano Category, Jason Shi (LV Alston) and Lebeko Mosunkutu (LV Fleming) secured the top two spots of first and second place, with Jayden Li (LV Clarke) earning an impressive second place in the Strings Category.

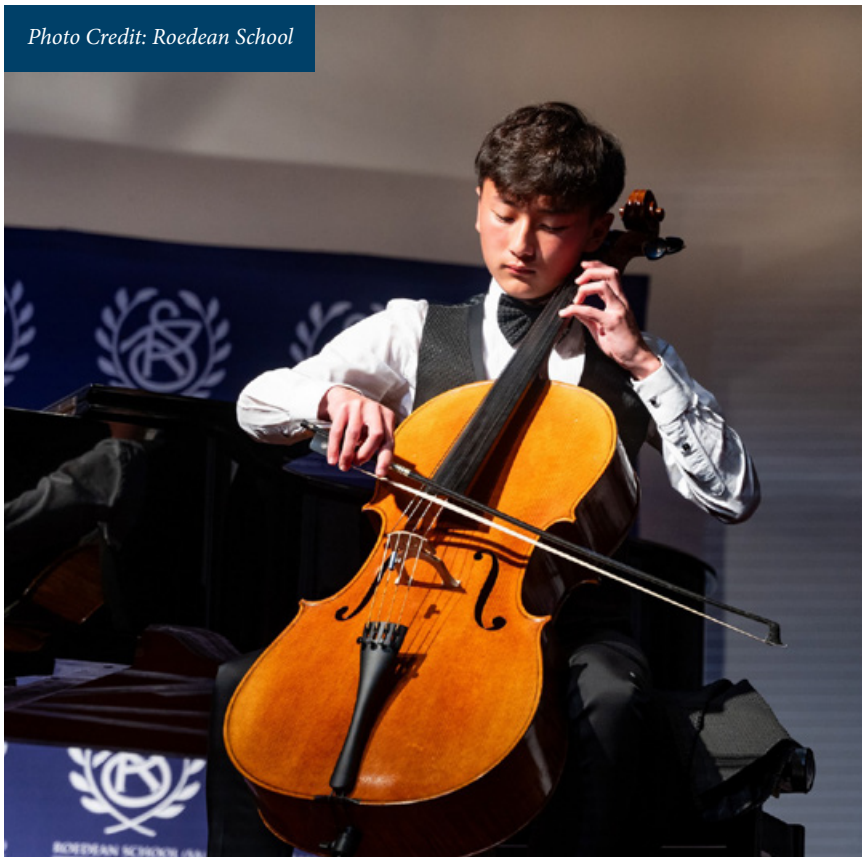


Photo Credit: Roedean School

The Thrill of the Annual College Dash

On Friday 12 July, the walkway past the "Boy with the Eagle" came alive with the thundering footsteps and spirited cheers of the annual College Dash. Traditionally held on the eve of Gaudy Day, this year's event circled the Deane Yates and Alan Wilcock Vulindlela buildings in a thrilling one-lap race. Each of the nine Houses sent forth its bravest sprinter to compete in this time-honoured event.

The atmosphere was electric as students thronged around the statue, eagerly cheering on the arrival of their House champions at the finish line. Tino Munyurwa (UV Hill) emerged victorious, ensuring the coveted trophy remains proudly displayed in the Hill House trophy cabinet for another year. Kago Masote (UV Nash) was in second place, followed by Glenn Greyling (LIV Clarke) in third.



Photo Credit: Kamo Thobejane (LV Nash)

Arts Fest 2024: A Day of Creativity and Celebration

This year's De Souza-Young Arts Fest, a day for students to pause and enthusiastically engage in something quite different, took place on 10 June. The Arts Fest, held every two years, was conceptualised by Joy de Souza and

Wendy Young, iconic former College teachers, as a day to celebrate the arts and encourage students immerse themselves in new and creative activities. This year was no different. [Read more](#)



School Events

The Golden Eagle Residential Project

Fifty-six St John's College and Sixth Form students, out of 126 volunteers, dedicated a week of their April holidays to complete the Golden Eagle Residential Project in Parys, Free State, facilitated by Sarah Welton-Blake from CommunityHours SA. Their activities included painting an ECD in Lawley, baking for the needy at Hartshuis, spending time with the elderly at Ebenezer Hannah, converting a store room into a classroom in Vredefort, hosting a 'dignity shop' for indigent adults, renovating a room at Hartshuis, coaching soccer for Tumahole children, working at the Parys NSPCA, making chairs from recycled pallets, clearing litter from the Vaal riverbanks, and washing cars to raise funds for the local Epilepsy Centre.

The week was productive and included river rafting, stargazing, a talk by child rights advocate Luke Lamprecht, and evening fun and games at their base at Hadedra Creek. This resulted in significant personal growth and learning outside their comfort zones.

[Read more](#)



St John's makes Top 15 Schools at FEDA

The casts and crew of our College and Sixth Form FEDA Productions, 'Burning Rebellion' and 'Redacted,' placed St John's College in the Top 15 schools at this year's festival.

'Burning Rebellion' addressed the critical issue of climate change and captures the frustrations and demands of the younger generation. The production received multiple awards, including:

Direction: Kay Khasake (UVI Runge), Joshua House (LV Hill), Thyilelo Mabandla (UIV Hill), Andile Nkumane (LV Clayton)
Sound: Jordan Cooper (UV Hill), Connor Cooper (UIV Hill)

Lighting: Murray Halstead-Cleak (LV Hill), Lesego Legoete (UIV Hill)
Special Effects: William van der Linde (UV Nash)

The entire cast was recognised with Ensemble certificates. It also won the Social Media Award and the new Best Vocal Work Award.

'Redacted' portrayed the harrowing story of a teenage girl forced to mature quickly due to her circumstances, received awards for:
Acting: Relebogile Wenyika (UVI Runge)
Live and Recorded Sound: Jordan Cooper (UV Hill), Connor Cooper (UIV Hill)



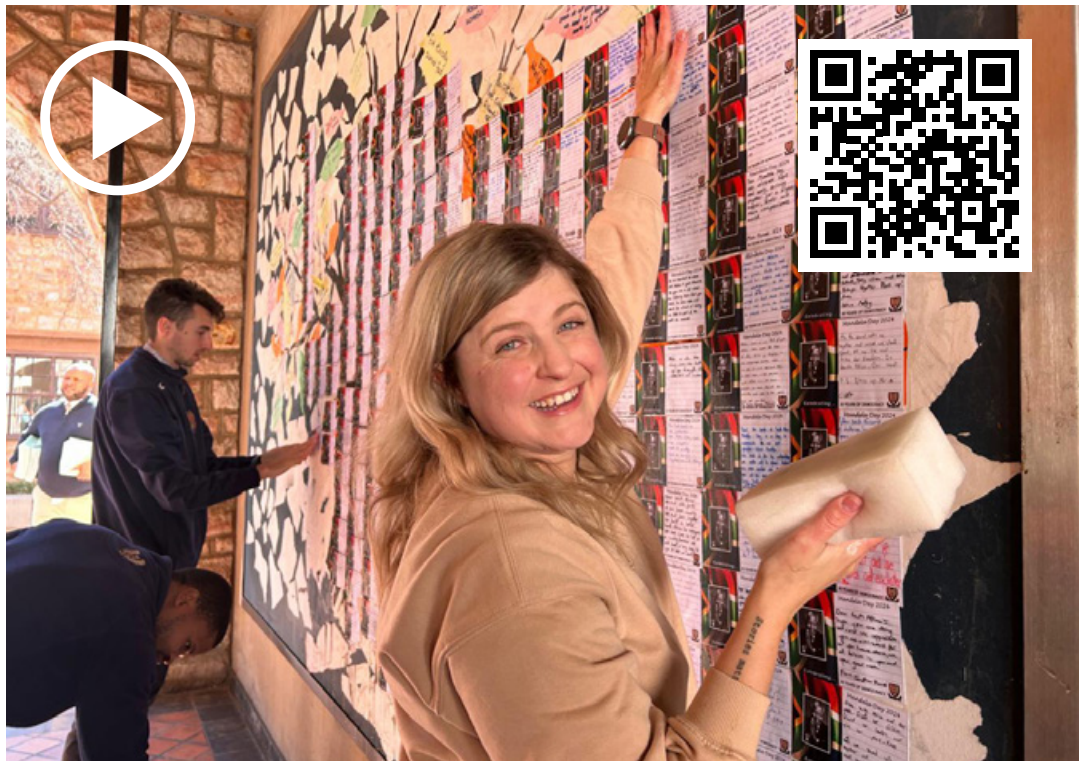
School Events

Acts of Kindness and Unity on Mandela Day

In celebration of Mandela Day and 30 Years of Democracy, St John's College embraced the theme, "Combating poverty and inequality is in our hands". This special day highlights our shared responsibility to support our community and work towards a more equitable society. Our students

and staff from across the campus came together in heartwarming acts of kindness to make a difference. There was loads of excitement during the week leading to Mandela Day as our community prepared for the festivities. Activities included collections, writing heartfelt postcards, and planning events to

honour this significant occasion. Our youngest Johannians in the Bridge Nursery and Pre-Preparatory exemplified generosity by donating soup packets and fresh vegetables, which they carried up to the College. [Read more](#)



House Plays

House Plays 2024 was a rollercoaster ride of emotions and themes, with students tackling everything from high comedy to sincere tragedy. The audience was entertained by the antics of Hodgson's Agent Jacobs and the hilarious scenario of being accidentally paired with your mom during blind speed dating in ancient Greece, thanks to Thomson's "The New Oedipus". Alston's "A Brief History of Theatre Through the Ages" took us on a whirlwind ride through theatrical history. At the same time

"Romeo and Julian" presented a contemporary twist on the classic tale of love blossoming between rival families. Runge's "Beyond Remembering" offered a more sinister and disorienting take on young love, and Hill's "John in Hollywood" cleverly mixed thriller and musical elements, delivering many twists and turns. Tackling more serious themes, Clayton's Bound by Circumstance" examined the scourge of kidnappings in South Africa, and Clarke's "College 'Til I Die" considered the lasting impact of a friend's death while

at school. Nash's "Next Guy", who went on to win the night, started with lights, music, and dance but concluded by posing urgent questions to the audience about considering one's place in family and society when showing love and care. House Plays was, as always, a night to remember. We would like to congratulate every House for the time, effort, and care that went into the plays. We couldn't have done it without our brilliant backstage team, so thank you to them and Ms Thembi Maseko, Drama Teacher in the Prep, for being our adjudicator.



JAYDEN HOSKINS JOINS THE CGGI CLASS OF 2024

College golfer Jayden Hoskins (LV Hill), currently playing off a +4.3 handicap, is on his way to North Berwick, Scotland, as the only junior golfer from South Africa to be awarded a scholarship to the Congaree Global Golf Initiative (CGGI) Golf Clinic, which took place at Archerfield Links from 4 to 6 August. [Read more](#)



CELEBRATING AFRICA DAY: A FEAST OF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN DISHES

The isiZulu department once again organised a delightful spread of traditional African dishes to celebrate Africa Day, showcasing the unifying power of food across our diverse African

cultures. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for our College and Sixth Form students and staff to come together, share stories, and savour the richness of African cuisine. Siyabonga!





Africa Day

St John's College and Sixth Form students celebrated Africa Day with a formation of the African continent on Burger Field, highlighting unity and cultural heritage.
Photo credit: Tom Dewar (LV Hodgson)

School Events

GRADE 11 ACADEMY CAMP

Our Grade 11 Academy students attended the eagerly awaited annual Leadership Camp at Konka in Magaliesburg from Thursday 4 July to Sunday 7 July. This three-night camp offers our boys the chance to explore their leadership potential, express themselves, and learn strategies for managing group dynamics. It is also a key event for identifying candidates for the roles of Head and Deputy Head of the St

John's College Academy. The boys participated in various activities designed to test their mental and physical endurance while imparting crucial leadership and teamwork principles. To succeed, they had to rely on each other's strengths and offer support during challenging moments. Highlights of the camp included wall climbing, river rafting, archery, night hikes, and numerous obstacle courses.

Despite the chilly winter mornings and fatigue from the previous day's activities, the boys embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. The weekend concluded with a workshop on personal leadership, focusing on personal development and self-mastery. By the end of the camp, notable leaders had emerged, and the boys had formed strong bonds with one another.



Youth Day Football Celebration: Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

St John's College hosted a vibrant celebration of football on Youth Day, inviting Jeppe High School for Boys and Apex Football Club from Alexandra to participate in a triangular series of friendly matches. The event went beyond football to mark a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by the class of 1976, which paved the way for inclusive education and opportunities regardless of socio-economic backgrounds. Apex Football Club was founded by a group of friends who share a passion and love for the game. Their aim is to address social challenges by providing a positive outlet for

talent and skill development. "Their selfless initiative demonstrates what is possible when young men are prepared to lead and mentor future leaders," said Mr Mickey Mashego, Head of Community Engagement. St John's College fielded a combined team of College and Academy students, a structure which has become a prominent feature of pre-season preparations over the past few years. Results included a goalless draw between Jeppe High School and St John's College, a 1-1 draw between Jeppe High School and Apex Football Club, and a closely contested 1-2 defeat for St John's College against Apex Football

Club. These entertaining encounters reflected the competitive yet collaborative spirit of the day. A significant moment during the event was the address by the Head of Community Engagement, Mr Mashego, challenging the players to reflect on their roles as future leaders and the importance of redefining masculinity in a society marred by challenges such as crime and gender-based violence. He emphasised the importance of combining bravery with vulnerability, strength with gentleness, and assertiveness with humility.



DAZZLING FOOTBALL SKILLS AT THE FAMILY FOOTBALL FUN DAY

The start of the Trinity mid-term break is a bittersweet moment, signalling the end of the winter derby season and the kickoff of the eagerly awaited football season. Continuing a tradition that began in our 125th year, the St John's College community gathered on Mitchell Field for our annual Family Football Fun Day. This event brings everyone together, from our youngest Johannians in Pre-Prep to the oldest in the Sixth Form and the Academy. It was a bright and sunny highveld winter day, perfect for showcasing some fancy footwork. Our students dazzled with their football skills while their parents and staff enjoyed getting to know each other through friendly matches.

The action started at 11h00, and by 14h30, the field was buzzing with nearly 20 teams of all ages and abilities competing in 7-a-side games. Music added to the festive vibe as our support and kitchen staff laced their boots to join the fun. A highlight of the day was when several Old Boys returned to the pitch, challenging their former coaches and the current First Team players for ultimate bragging rights. "It was such a fun-filled day for the entire St John's College community," said Mr Mickey Mashego, Head of Community Engagement. "We're already looking forward to next year's event, which we hope will be even bigger and better, perhaps including our families from the Bridge as well."



Upper Vs and Sixth Form Dance Invitations

There was an air of excitement among the Upper V and Sixth Form students as they received their invitations to the farewell dance. On Friday 31 May, the Matric Dance Committee created a memorable moment by orchestrating a surprise at the Headmaster's Assembly. With everyone's attention captured, the committee unveiled their props and speaker to set the mood, distributing the invitations amidst the buzz. This

was followed by a lively celebration in David Quad. The Sixth Form's handout, though less dramatic, was equally special. On Wednesday 5 June, they were greeted with a charming setup in the Runge House gardens, featuring sparkling juice and traditional St John's choc-chip cookies. This occasion is always bittersweet, as it marks the beginning of the end of the Upper VI students' journey with us.



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Trinity Term Awards

Academic Awards

Vivek Bhana (UV Clayton)
Jordan Cooper (UV Hill)

Christiaan Nieuwoudt (UV Thomson)
Ethan Greyling (UV Clarke)
Matt Heeger (UV Clayton)

Music

Daniel Teeling-Smith (LV Nash)
Grant Wensley (UV Hill)
Lebeko Mosunkutu (LV Fleming)
Liam Batley (LV Clayton)
Luca van Tonder (LV Clarke)

Lucinda Pretorius (LVI Runge)

Dirk Jacobs (UIV Hodgson)
 Eric Han (UIV Alston)
 Ethan Taylor-Smith (UIV Fleming)
 Joss Busa (LV Clayton)
 Lithaethu Tuku (UIV Thomson)
 Misizwe Khumalo (UIV Alston)
 William Boland (UIV Clayton)
 Matthew Johnston (UIV Thomson)
 Madimetja Tema (UIV Fleming)
 Nathan Teper (UIV Alston)
 Victor Mashile (LV Thomson)
 Vuyisile Remba (UIV Alston)
 Ulrich Fey (UIV Alston)
 Ziben Zhang (UIV Alston)

Visual Arts

Aidan Leech (UV Alston)
Connor Leech (UV Alston)
Georgia Parker (UVI Runge)
Kathleen Young (UVI Runge)
Jeanne Malan (UVI Runge)

Debating

Khumo Molefakgotla (UVI Runge)

Community Service

Zac Erasmus (Head of Alston)
Zaydaan Ghoor (LV Thomson)

Menzi Bongwe (LV Nash)
Siza Gule (LV Nash)
Tsiamo Mabiletsa (LV Clarke)
Liam Jung (UV Clarke)

Tiana Serandos (UVI Runge)
Kakuhle Tungata (UV Hill)
Christelize Van Heerden (UVI Runge)
Kali Selepe (UV Hill)
Sikho Siyongwana (UV Hill)
Jordan Cooper (UV Hill)

Golden Eagle Award

Liam Batley (LV Clayton)
Menzi Bongwe (LV Nash)
Christiaan Bonnet (UVI Runge)
Gregory Bradley (UVI Runge)
Matthew Bradley (LVI Runge)
Joss Busa (LV Clayton)
Pietro Carnelli (LV Thomson)
Chifunilo Chakwawa (UV Nash)
Leo Chen (LV Clayton)
Tawananyasha Chinoruma (LVI Runge)
Atli Chipu (LV Clayton)
Jordan Cooper (UV Hill)
Kael de Goede (LV Fleming)
Allegra Dorrestein (UVI Runge)
Malan Du Plessis (LV Alston)
Zac Erasmus (Head of Alston)
Mgcini Fuyane (UV Hodgson)
Nahum Gebermariam (LV Alston)
Siza Gule (LV Nash)
Misha Gumede (UV Hodgson)
Tim Jewell (UV Hodgson)
Nhlanhla Kheswa (LV Hodgson)
Sean Li (LVI Runge)
Jack Logan (LV Hodgson)
Raquel Madley (UVI Runge)
Vusumuzi Mahlasela (UV Hill)
Khumo Mapaya (LV Hodgson)
Amahle Mbele (UV Clayton)
Owethu Mbuyane (UV Thomson)
Michael Meyer (LV Nash)
Olethinala Mgeyane (LV Clayton)
Lethabo Mokoka (UV Hodgson)
Lehlohonolo Molwantoa (LV Hodgson)
Morongoa Monale (LVI Runge)
Luke Morris (LV Hill)
Kearabetswe Moseki (UV Clarke)
Ntsebeng Mosia (UV Hodgson)
Tapiwanashe Mutetwa (LVI Clayton)
Andile Nkumane (LV Clayton)
Alexi Papadopoulos (LV Fleming)
Tungamirai Pasipanodya (LV Nash)
Aryan Patel (LVI Runge)
Jaden Paxton (LV Fleming)
Lucy Pretorius (LVI Runge)
Ethan Ramsbotham (LV Thomson)
Cooper Rana (LV Clayton)
Tendani Raphulu (LVI Runge)
Nicholas Searle (LV Hill)
Lonwabo Stevens (UV Clayton)
Kamogelo Thobejane (LV Nash)
Matthew Thomson (LV Fleming)
Masana Tshabalala (LVI Runge)
Schalk van der Merwe (LV Hodgson)
Luca Van Tonder (LV Clarke)
Gerald Van Wyk (LV Hodgson)
James Yuill (LV Hodgson)

Media

Kamo Thobejane (LV Nash)
Joss Busa (LV Clayton)
Tom Dewar (LV Hodgson)

Travis Stewart (UIV Fleming)

First Aid

Zach Petersen (LV Clayton)
Adam Hanslo (LV Hill)
Uzayr Timol (LV Fleming)
Mila Xego (LV Nash)

Zach Petersen (LV Clayton)
Thabo Mote (LV Alston)
Uzayr Timol (LV Fleming)
Mila Xego (LV Nash)
Adam Hanslo (LV Hill)
Kali Selepe (UV Hill)

Luke Summerton (UIV Hodgson)
Travis Stuart (UIV Fleming)
Kali Selepe (UV Hill)
Tsiamo Mabiletsa (LV Clarke)
Joshua Nyakoe (LV Clarke)
Bradley Wise (UV Clarke)
Lucy Pretorius (LVI Runge)

Atli Chipu (LV Clayton)
Josh Nyakoe (LV Clarke)
Khumo Mapaya (LV Hodgson)
Bradley Wise (UV Clarke)

Squash

Michael Stubbs (UIV Alston)
Thero Motshubi (UIV Nash)
Zac Erasmus (Head of Alston)

Rugby

Dominique Kamangu (UV Hill)
Kyle Watson (UV Hodgson)

Bryson Walker (UV Nash)
Grant Barnes (UV Clarke)
Jacob Smith (Head of Thomson)
Joe MacRobert (UV Nash)
Joshua Shannon (LV Clarke)
Thomas Kruger (Head of Nash)
Tungata Kakuhle (UV Hill)

Bryson Walker (UV Nash)
John-John Bierman (LV Hill)
Malan Du Plessis (LV Alston)
Matthew Kaplan (LV Alston)
Gerald van Wyk (LV Hodgson)
Riley Elliott (UV Hodgson)
Zain Newman (Head of Clayton)

Hockey

Murray Halstead-Cleak (UV Hill)
Stephen Carstens (UV Thomson)

Owethu Sishuba (LV Hill)
Siza Gule (LV Nash)
Samuel Nagel (UV Hodgson)
Sebastian Prozzi (UV Thomson)

Alec Loveland (LV Nash)
Connor Cooper (UIV Hill)
Dylan Viljoen (LV Clarke)
Jack Roseveare (UIV Thomson)
Owethu Sishuba (LV Hill)
Siza Gule (LV Nash)
Samuel Nagel (UV Hodgson)
Sebastian Prozzi (UV Thomson)
Tapi Mutetwa (LVI Runge)

Chess

Tawana Chinorumo (LVI)

Drama

Unathi Ngwenya (VI Runge)
Elliott Cross (LV Alston)

Andile Nkumane (LV Clayton)
Relebogile Wenyika (UVI Runge)
Siyanda Zulu (VI Runge)

Lwandle Phakathi (UIV Hodgson)
Azania Taba (LV Clarke)
Lungile Mqoqi (LIV Thomson)
Luke Brooks (LV Nash)
Dirk Jacobs (UIV Hodgson)
Apostoli Apostoleris (UIV Hodgson)
Gianluca Zambelis (UIV Alston)
Tyler Khumalo (UIV Clayton)
Masana Tshabalala (LVI Runge)
Sli Mbada (LVI Runge)
Milla Maud (LVI Runge)

Kellen Petersen (LV Fleming)
Ahlumile Mbundu (UIV Fleming)
Gregory Hood (LIV Hodgson)



Pink Derby Day: United in Pink for a Good Cause!

Our winter sports season ended on Saturday with the highly anticipated 7th annual Pink Derby Day, where our young men faced St Stithians College in hockey and rugby in support of gendered cancers and the PinkDrive.

St John's took on a rosy pink glow as supporters from both schools dressed in pink to support Pink Derby Day. Trees were swathed in pink cloth, and pink goodies were sold throughout the day. There was also a raffle to raise funds for the Pink Drive, who were on-site with their

mobile screening clinic. This year, we introduced the Wall of Hope at the entrance to St John's College, where, for a donation, community members from both schools could leave messages for loved ones touched by cancer.

The main hockey game on Saturday featured the 2nd XI in pink socks, who unfortunately lost 4-2. Overall, both schools claimed six victories each, with a single draw. The 1st XI match took place on Monday evening, where they narrowly lost 3-2 after fighting back from a 3-0 deficit in an exciting fixture.

In rugby, the results tipped in favour of St John's College. The Blues clinched a nail-biting, last-gasp 24-20 win on Burger Field in their pink socks. The U16As drew 22-22, the U15As enjoyed a 12-10 victory, and the U14A side suffered a 10-12 loss. The U15B, 3rd, and 4th teams ended the season well with some good wins.

Thanks to our coaches and players for a wonderful derby season and to all involved in creating and supporting Pink Derby Day.



Photo Credit: Actionpix

Derby Days

The winter sports season kick-started with matches against our longstanding friends, Saint Andrew's School Bloemfontein, from 10 to 11 May. We hosted the boys from Mangaung for a weekend celebrating 91 years of camaraderie, filled with sporting and cultural activities. The hockey 1st XI drew 0-0, while the U16A team won 4-1 against Saint Andrew's and 2-0 against Hoërskool Waterkloof.

On Saturday, 25 May 2024, we faced Jeppe High School for Boys. The rugby 1st XV lost 67-30, and the U16A, U15A, and U14A teams also faced challenges. The 5th team lost 10-5. The hockey 1st XI drew 2-2, the U15C won, and the U15B drew 1-1 against Jeppe's U16Ds.

We then travelled to Tshwane for matches against Pretoria Boys High School on Saturday, 1 June. The 1st XV lost 36-24, the U16A lost 27-24, and the U15A and U14A teams lost. The hockey 1st XI won 1-0, and the U16C, U15C, U15D, U16D, and U14B

teams all won. The U16A, U16B, and U15B teams drew, and the U14A team lost 2-1.

A week later, on 8 June, we competed against St Benedict's College and Springs Boys' High School. The hockey 1st XI drew 1-1, the 2nd XI drew 0-0, the U16A and U14A teams won, and the U15A team drew 0-0. In rugby, the 1st XV won 54-0, the 2nd XV and 4th XV won, the U15A and U15B teams won, the U14B team won 17-10, the U16A lost 17-14, and the U14A lost 20-10.

On Saturday, 15 June, the season concluded with matches against St Alban's College in Pretoria. The hockey 1st XI and 2nd team lost 2-0 and 1-0 respectively, the U16A team lost 2-1, the U15A team won 3-2, and the U14A team lost 7-1. The rugby teams had a strong finish, with the 1st XV winning 54-24, the 2nd XV winning 47-10, the U16A and U15A teams winning, and the U14A team losing 64-0. The 3rd and 4th teams won 33-0 and 29-7.



Johnny Waite Trophy Comes Home

Alec Loveland (LV Nash) and Mr Bongani Ntini, Cricket Coach, attended the Lions Cricket Dinner last weekend where they were presented with the Johnny Waite Trophy. Alec was named Man of the Match in the Johnny Waite T20 final where St John's was crowned as this year's title winner.



Golf First Team achieves fifth place at the Dainfern Golf Championship

St John's College First team finished 5th at the Dainfern Golf Championship from 26 to 28 May. Jayden Hoskins (LV Nash) finished 7th in the Individual Gross competition, walking away with the Best Spirit award. Luke Brooks (LV Hill) finished 18th in the Individual Gross competition and 2nd in the Individual Nett competition.



Our Talented Cricketers Gear Up for Cricket South Africa Provincial Acceleration Camp

Talented First XI cricketers Alec Loveland (LV Nash), Cole Francis (UV Nash), Malan Du Plessis (LV Alston) and Nkosana Sibiyi (UIV Hill) were selected to participate in the prestigious Cricket South Africa Provincial Acceleration Programme Camp, where they honed their talents at the DP World Wanderers on 5 July.



1st XI and U16A Hockey Teams Shine at Aitken and Top 8 Tournaments

It was a busy weekend on Astros across the city on Sunday 19 May as our 1st XI and U16A hockey teams participated in the Aitken and Top 8 Tournaments.

The 1st XI finished third place in the Aitken Tournament after beating King Edward VII School in a penalty shootout 3-1. This was after going down 4-3 to Parktown Boys in the semi-final.

The U16A team played four games in the Top 8 Festival, winning two, drawing one, and losing one.



Hockey Players and Coaches Selected for Southern Gauteng Hockey

We are proud to present the following hockey players and coaches who have been selected for Southern Gauteng Hockey.

U18A: Mr Anthony Woodhouse, Head Coach and Mr Jarred Marsh, Sports Scientist
U18B: Murray Halstead-Cleak (UV Hill), Owethu Sishuba (LV Hill) and Stephen Carstens (UV Thomson)
U18C: Siza Gule (LV Nash)
U18D: Tristan Rhodes (UV Nash) and Samuel Nagel (UV Hodgson)

U16B: Hamza Kaka (LIV Alston)
U16 Blues: Alan McFerren (LIV Clayton) and Ama Ntsubane (UIV Nas)
U14A: Nicholas Roos (Remove Nash)
U14B: Thato Phatudi (Remove Nash), Jared Gilmour (Remove Thomson), Motheo Mparutsa (Remove Hodgson) and Yousha Gani (Remove Hill)
U14C: Koketso Phatudi (Remove Nash) and Bryn Gilmour (Remove Thomson)
U14 Blues: Jonathan Makaba (Remove Hodgson)



U15 Tennis Team Performs Well at Michaelhouse Invitational

The U15 tennis team participated for the first time in the Michaelhouse U15 Invitational Tennis Tournament from 16 to 20 May. The tournament provided a fantastic experience for the juniors, who secured victories against Northwood School, Hilton College, and Cornwall Hill College and faced tough competition against Helpmekeer Kollege, St Andrew's College, and Westville Boys' High School. Each fixture also included Padel and Pickleball matches, adding to the fun and competitive spirit. It was an excellent learning opportunity for our young athletes.



Tennis Star James Hart Triumphs at J30 Junior ITF Tournament in Namibia

St John's tennis star James Hart (UV Fleming) won the J30 Junior ITF Tournament, which took place in Windhoek, Namibia, from 22 to 27 April. James claimed victory over Austria's Timo Koenig in the finals 6-3 and 6-2, then narrowly lost in the final of the J60 event held from 29 to 5 May.



Rugby Players and Coaches Represent Golden Lions in the 2024 SA Rugby Youth Weeks

Mako Mandihza (UIV Hill) joined the Lions U16 Grant Khomo Team in Gqeberha from 16 to 21 June. Joshua Shannon (LV Clarke) played for the U17 Lions Academy at Welpies Week at Jeppe High School for Boys, from 23 to 28 June.

Mr Sihle Ndlovu was appointed Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Lions U18 Academy team that competed at Jeppe from 23 to 28 June. Mr Katleho Lynch, our Rugby Head Coach, was named Lions U18 Craven Week Assistant Coach at Hoërskool Monument from 23 to 29 June.



Sports

All Stars Triumph in U17 LPL Cricket with Alec Loveland and Connor van der Walt

It was a great day out at the oval as Alec Loveland (LV Nash) and Connor van der Walt (UIV Hill) represented the All Stars in the U17 LPL cricket, winning the title against the Hawks on Sunday, 28 April. Alec, an all-rounder in our 1st XI Cricket team, ranked 5th overall in the player tally after the showpiece with the bat and ball.



Squash Boys Shine at Junior Interprovincial Tournament and Joburg Squash League

Our squash boys achieved a significant milestone by representing Johannesburg at the Junior Interprovincial Tournament from 1-5 July. Thero Motshubi (UIV Nash) played as the number 1 for the Joburg U19A team, while Rohan Bray (UIV Clarke) and Sechaba Masithela (LIV Thomson) represented the U16B team. Maxwell Erwin (Remove Thomson) was the number 1 player for the U14A team.

In the Joburg Squash League, our team delivered strong results across various age groups. At the home derby against St Andrew's Bloemfontein, they showed us why they are the top team in the country, winning their matches against us. In the Joburg leg of the Top Schools Tournament, we finished in third place, having lost to a very strong KES team and a formidable St Stithians team.





ST JOHN'S PRE-PREPARATORY



Tea with Mrs Lane

We invite prospective families to join Mrs Jane Lane, the Headmistress of St John's Pre-Preparatory, for tea, meet our dedicated teachers, explore our facilities, and gain a unique insight into the school's values and ethos.

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External Achievements

Thero Motshubi shines at the U16 Squash Tournament!

Thero Motshubi (UIV Nash) has put in a tremendous effort on the courts this year, competing in several prestigious squash tournaments in the U16 age group. He secured first-place finishes in the Eastern and Northern Junior Open tournaments and

achieved third place in the Bloemfontein Junior Open. Thero also placed 7th overall in the SA Schools Closed competition and earned a commendable second place at the Joburg Junior Closed competition.

Hockey Players Impress at SASHOC

Alan McFerren (LIV Clayton) and Ama Ntsubane (UIV Nash) were part of the Southern Gauteng Blues U16 hockey team that won the SASHOC North Tournament at Michaelhouse in KwaZulu-Natal from 1 to 4 July 2024.

Nick Roos was also a member of the Southern Gauteng U14A hockey team that secured victory at the SASHOC U14 Nationals Tournament held at King Edward VII School from 14 to 18 June 2024.

Michael van Heerden Excels at SA Swimming Championships

Michael van Heerden (LV Fleming) achieved impressive results at the SA Junior and Senior National Swimming Championships. Between 15 and 19 March, at Kings Park in Durban, he set a Provincial EGA Age Group record in the 50m and 100m Backstroke, earning silver medals in

both events and achieving the World Junior Qualifying Time in the 100m. He also won a bronze medal in the 50m Butterfly. At the Senior Championships in Gqeberha, which took place between 8 and 13 April, Michael achieved personal bests in the 50m, 100m, and 200m Freestyle events.

Kenneth Acquah Wins Gold at South Africa Judo Championship

Kenneth Acquah (Remove Hodgson) won a gold medal in his age and weight category at the South Africa Judo Championship held in Bloemfontein from 3 to 5 July. He competed against Judokas from across the country, including Namibia, Angola, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. In May, Kenneth secured gold at the

Champions of Champions tournament at the University of the Witwatersrand, where he secured three victories against his opponents to claim the top prize. He also represented South Africa at the Commonwealth Judo Championships in Malta from 4 to 7 April, bringing home gold.

Jones Brothers Excel at Chess Tournament

William Jones (Lower V) played in the U18 Open section and finished 6th. He had a performance rating of 1863 and increased

his FIDE rating by 18 points. Edward Jones (Lower IV) played in the U16 Open section and finished 20th.

Tristan shines at the ATKV Public Speaking Competition!

In the recent semi-final of the prestigious ATKV Public Speaking Competition, Tristan Vos (Remove Clayton) placed first in his

category and will represent St John's College nationally in the final round, which takes place in August. Well done, Tristan, and best of luck!

Yanda Peter takes home All-Star Award!

Yanda Peter (LV Clayton) has done it again! Representing the U18 Gauteng Basketball team, he received an All-Star Award at the U18 IPT tournament held at the Mandeville Indoor

Arena from 1 to 5 July. Yanda and the U18 Gauteng team triumphed over KwaZulu-Natal in the final to be crowned champions.

Nathan Tshwatswa plays for the Zimbabwean U18 Basketball team

Nathan Tswatswa (Student Affairs) made an incredible debut playing for the Zimbabwean U18 Basketball team. The team played hosts Zambia in Lusaka between 28 and 29 June in the U18 Afrobasket qualifier. The

Zimbabwean side unfortunately lost two out of the two games they played, but Nathan was commended by his coaches for an excellent performance.

Siyajna and Pulse Master stuns the judges at the Junior Grand Champions!

Siyajna Ramnath (LVI Runge) and her dance team, Pulse Masters, triumphed at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, held from 28 June to 7 July. They

clinched a Gold medal in hip-hop, won their division, were named Best Group in the World, and secured the title of Junior Grand Champions of the World.



In The Staffroom

Welcomes and Farewells

St John's warmly welcomed the following staff members to the College at the start of Trinity term.

Busisiwe Maikeco, isiZulu Teacher
Emeka Ntone-Edjabe, Visual Arts Teacher
Hend Sroor, Physical Sciences Locum Teacher
Susan Rabie, College Librarian

We also sadly bade farewell to the following members of staff at the end of Trinity term, and thank them for their dedicated service.

Brenda Witt, School Doctor (four years)
Colleen Henning, Deputy Head of Academics (19 years)
Daisy Morwane, IT (five years)
Frances Kerr Phillips, Assistant Deputy Head Academics (10 Years)
Peter Henning, Director of ICT (17 years)
Nkateko Mkhahbele, Maths Intern (18 months)
Whitney Mashapa, Life Sciences Teacher (7 months)



Stuart West bade farewell to Colleen and Peter Henning after a collective 36 years of service.

Percussion Teacher Achieves International Compositional Success

Over the half-term break, Motshwane Pege, orchestral percussion and marimba band teacher, travelled to Germany to attend the world premiere of his double choir work, *Angele Dei* (transl.: Angel of God), winning second prize in Category A of the prestigious 20th Musica Sacra Nova Composer's Competition. The premiere took place at the historic Brauweiler Abbey in June, performed by the acclaimed Polski Chór Kameralny under the direction of Jan Łukaszewski. The event was a surreal experience for Motshwane, as his composition received resounding applause.

Music has been a central part of Motshwane's life for as long as he can remember. His journey began with singing in choir from Grade 1 and continued through to today. His passion for percussion, however, took root in Grade 7 at the Drakensberg Boys Choir School. While he was offered a range of instruments to learn at school, he broke away from the conventional choices like piano, violin, or guitar. Percussion, encompassing instruments like the timpani, bass drum, snare drum, xylophone, glockenspiel, vibraphone, and marimba, captivated him. [Read more](#)



Our Comrades runners inspire us to push through

At St John's College, part of our mission is to encourage and guide our students to set academic, sporting, and cultural goals and then support them in following through with the mental and physical resilience, grit, determination, and commitment needed to reach their goals. Having role models to look up to and watching their peers and teachers overcome hurdles and limiting beliefs is incredibly valuable as our students make their way in the world.

The Comrades Marathon—the ultimate human race—embodies the human spirit of

endurance, effort, the value of support, and taking one step at a time. Three of our staff members cemented their status as role models to our students after their inspiring runs at the 97th Comrades Marathon on Sunday, June 9. The race started at the City Hall in Durban and finished in Pietermaritzburg, covering 85.9 km.

Read the inspiring journeys of Suzie Copperthwaite, Ricardo Kutumela and Mark Pickering, who conquered this gruelling ultramarathon. Their motivation, challenges and triumphs are a guide to our own journey, wherever that may take us. [Read more](#)



World Rugby Level 3!

Our Blues Rugby Head Coach, Mr Katleho Lynch, earned his World Rugby Level 3 coaching qualification from World Rugby, the most senior accreditation in rugby coaching. This prestigious qualification represents a high

level of coaching expertise achieved by those aspiring to work with elite players and teams.

Mr Lynch exercised his mastery as the backline coach of the Golden Lions U18 Craven Week team in June.



Old Johannian News

A Timeless Tradition of Reunion

Our Old Johannian community gathered at the College on Saturday, 13 July, for our annual Gaudy Day, a cherished occasion to reminisce and celebrate our shared love for St John's.

The first Gaudy Day took place on 16 May 1912, Ascension Day. The proceedings began with choral celebrations at St Aidan's, followed by a Past vs Present football match, in which the OJs recorded a 2-1 victory over the College. The Old Boy's dinner that evening was held at the Langham Hotel in Kerk Street. [Read more](#)



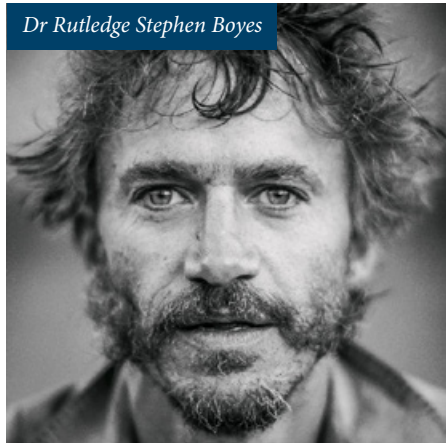
Old Johannian News

Golden Eagle Awards

St John's College was pleased to announce that *Dr Rutledge Stephen (Steve) Boyes (Hill 1996)* and *Luke Potter (Nash 1995)* as the recipients of this year's Golden Eagle Award. The Golden Eagle Award was launched in 2004 by the Old Johannian Association in partnership with the College to recognise and celebrate the extraordinary impact that Old

Johannians have made in South Africa and internationally. The award seeks to honour the valued, lasting contributions of Old Johannians who have "made a difference" in a community, industry, arena of life, or field of study. It is given to an Old Johannian who is nominated by a fellow Old Johannian for consideration. [Read more](#)

Dr Rutledge Stephen Boyes



Luke Potter



Junior Boks

Old Johannians Joel Leotlela (Nash 2022) and Joshua Boule (Clayton 2022) were capped for the Junior Springboks, showcasing their talents at the World Rugby U20 Championship in Cape Town in June. The Junior Springboks had a commendable run reaching the semi-finals where they were defeated by France.



OJ Cricketers Compete in CSA T20

Old Johannian cricketers, Connor Esterhuizen (Clayton 2019) and Jack Lees (Nash 2019), participated in the CSA T20 Challenge Cup semi-final. Connor represented the Lions, while Jack played for the Titans in the match held at the Wanderers

Cricket Stadium on 24 April. Jack delivered an impressive batting performance, scoring an unbeaten 64 off 43 deliveries. Meanwhile, Connor and the Lions went on to claim the title in the final against the Dolphins.



Old Johannian Passed

Adrian Walton (Head of School in 1984) 3 May 1967 - 3 July 2024

The community of St John's College will be saddened to hear of the passing of an exemplary Johannian, Adrian Walton, who was Head of School in 1984. Adrian succumbed to his battle with cancer at a relatively early age on 3 July 2024. He was 57 years old. Adrian was born in Nairobi on 3 May 1967. His

family moved to Johannesburg in 1971, and in 1973, Adrian joined the Pre-Prep and went on to become a Pre-Prep survivor when he left the College in 1984. As a schoolboy, Adrian was the epitome of a worthy Johannian. His impressive achievements in sports and cultural events were numerous. [Read more](#)

Hugh Henry Huggett (Nash 1958) 13 March 1939 — 25 May 2024

St John's College has suffered a grave loss of a revered Johannian with the death of Hugh Henry Huggett, an education activist and throughout his life, a man who followed the principle of *Ubuntu* in his varied and memorable career and in all that he had done.

Hugh was born into a St John's College family and was the son of the famous Jack Huggett, a successful teacher and Officer Commanding of the St John's College Cadet detachment. [Read more](#)

David Hatherly Matthews (Nash 1954) 12 February 1936 - 26 April 2024

With David Matthews's death on 26 April 2024, Southern Africa has lost a great pioneer in post-apartheid education. David was born on 12 February 1936 and entered St John's Preparatory in 1944, where he was affectionately known as 'Doggie' to his friends. David had an exceptional career in the College where he achieved mathematics

distinctions year upon year and was an allrounder on the sports fields. He played rugby for the First XV, often scoring penalties and converting tries. He also played cricket for the Second XI and excelled in athletics, coming first in the high jump, hurdles, and discus throw. [Read more](#)

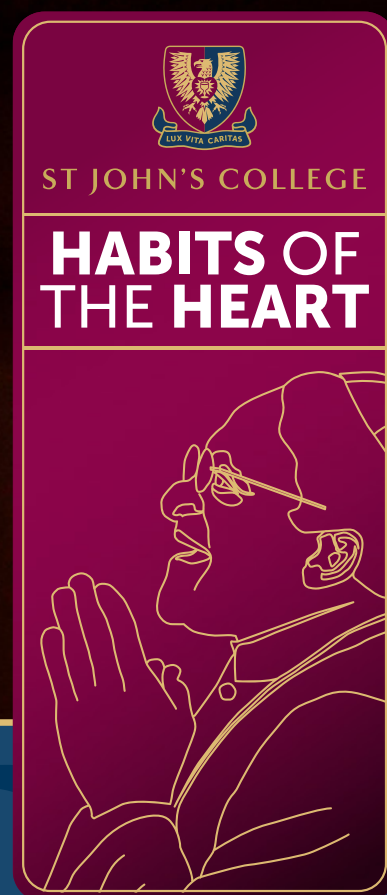




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