



TRINITY TERM 2022

From the Senior Deputy



We have made it! We have reached the end of Trinity Term – a term overflowing with events, activities, and achievements.

We can reflect back on a wonderful winter sports season, filled with intense friendly rivalry in the weekly derbies; we can reflect on excellence in academics in our achievements in the Olympiads, especially in English, Geography and Mathematics; we can reflect on the exams and the snapshot that it gives us of our boys' academic passion and hunger; we can reflect on the first half of the football season, with several great games played so far; we can reflect on a range of wonderful Inter-House events showcasing the extent of the talents of our students; we can reflect on highs and lows, successes and challenges; and mostly we can reflect on growth.

I congratulate all the boys who gave of themselves and tried their best – who tried in the mire of the arena and those who fully supported and encouraged from the stands those involved in accomplishing the deed.

Well done to all who gave of themselves, in whatever arena, in whatever area, during Trinity term.

– Mr Peter Wright

Stepping up to the national level

Two players in the SA Schools team for the first time in the school's history

Joshua Boule (UV Clayton), First XV Captain, and his outside centre partner Joel Leotlela (UV Nash), represented St John's College in the U18 Golden Lions team at the prestigious youth rugby week, Craven Week, and have been included in the South African Schools Rugby squad on the back of their performance.

Mr Katleho Lynch, Head of Rugby at St John's, was named the Head Coach of the SA Schools team.

The Craven Week, which took place from 4 to 9 July at Rondebosch Boys' High in the Western Cape, brings together the best U18 players from around the country to contest provincially, with the best of the bunch being selected for the SA Schools and SA Academy squads.

"This is a huge achievement, and I think a first in the school's history, that we have had two St John's boys selected for the SA Schools team," said MIC of Rugby, Mr Adrian Norris.

"Congratulations to our young men, and also to our staff who have played a key role in their development in the classroom and on the sports field."

The SA Schools team played against the SA Schools A team, effectively the national B team, in a match in Paarl on 16 July and won 57-27. Joel and Joshua both scored tries in the game.

They were both selected as part of the SA U18 team that played against England and France in August.



Joel Leotlela (left) and Joshua Boule (right) represented South Africa in the U18 rugby series against England and France in Cape Town in August. Standing between them is Head Rugby Coach Mr Katleho Lynch, one of the coaches of the SA U18 team.

Khelan takes top honours in the prestigious English Olympiad



Khelan Desai and Ayush Desai.

Khelan Desai (UV Hill) has won the National English Olympiad for 2022 with Ayush Desai (LVI Runge) placing 11th overall after the young men had earned themselves a place in the Top 12 out of more than 8 000 entries.

The National English Olympiad is an English language and literature competition that draws entries each year from around South Africa and our neighbouring countries.

The competition is organised jointly by the

Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education.

Khelan came first out of a total of 3 674 entries from learners in grades 9 to 12, coming from 277 schools.

Ayush Desai, a Sixth Form Cambridge AS Level student placed 11th.

Zahra Küçük from neighbouring Roedeane School came third.

The English Olympiad encourages pupils to become empowered through the rigours of academic writing

and to see the relevance of what they study, both to themselves and to the world around them.

Candidates wrote a three-hour paper in March based on the theme "A Brave New World". They had to write an essay of between 450 to 550 words, and respond to questions in 250 to 300 words.

"I enjoyed the challenges because they were very relevant questions and involved a lot of critical thinking," said Khelan.

"I expected to do well, but I

didn't expect to win."

Khelan's love for reading began when he was in Grade 1. He encouraged other pupils to develop a love for reading. "I read more for the joy of it, but I definitely have a passion for reading," he said.

Khelan intends studying engineering next year and he is aiming for a full house of distinctions in his finals

- Excerpt from *TimesLIVE*.

What does it mean to be young?

Sihle Simelane (UV Fleming) spoke at our youth-led assembly during Youth Month

What does it mean to be young? To have youth? What vague questions. So I think I'll start with many other questions and let's see if we can't find the answers together.

What does it mean to believe in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy? What does it mean to believe in the idea that our friends of today will stay by our side for as long as the sun rises and falls? To believe that our first love will be our only? What does it mean to believe? I think we've got it - Hope.

The single superpower that every child is born with that allows them to exist in a bleak world and see nothing but magic, the cynics would refer to this as the naivety or ignorance that comes with a young age.

Nonsense!

But unfortunately, as we grow these beliefs tend to wane and dwindle as the equations of math and the theories of science creep their way into our lives. Leaving us with all the less to believe in until in some cases we may even cease to hope for anything.

And we hear it frequently



Sihle Simelane's Youth Month assembly address went out live on 5fm as a part of their #schooltakeover visit.

from a myriad of sources in our lives, "get real", "grow up", "act like your age." I say nonsense. In South Africa's context especially we have only been able to come this far because millions of people, children, stood up and fought

for a cause that they believed in.

Imagine just for a second if the students of June 16 had not truly believed in what they had stood for? Imagine they had backed down when vicious dogs were tearing at

their uniforms and tear gas was clouding their airways.

Food for thought. So as I stand in front of you all I continue to recall the story of a boy younger than our removes dying in the arms of the matrics for a cause that he had nothing but hope for, Hector Pieterse. A cause that sought for a world that would allow a boy like me to stand here and talk about what it means to be young.

So what does it mean to be young? It doesn't mean hope simply but to be hope. To carry those wild dreams with you every day and not let them become a weight that adds to your mundane stresses but the wings that will make you weightless, and admittedly that takes immense bravery.

All I see as I look at you is hopeful bravery. So when next you are told to act your age, become more mature or let go of that dream, remember a little bit of what has been said today, what it means, what this month and what you mean.

Sihle Simelane's address at the youth-led assembly was broadcast live on 5fm Breakfast



In the staffroom



We congratulate **Mr Cebo Mthethwa** on his appointment as Clayton Housemaster.



Mr Vusumuzi Mathonsi, Clayton Housemaster and member of the mathematics department, left St John's at the end of May to join his wife on Emerald Isle.

In his last address to the College he spoke about his school rugby journey, how he decided to work on his size and conditioning and eventually achieved his goals.

It was all about taking his shot, he said. He then related that to his time at St John's. Here is an excerpt from his address:

"Take your shot. A lot of times we get lost in the sea of reasons why something will not work. But I say take your shot anyway. No teacher in their right mind would even think of applying to St John's College straight out of university with less than six months' work experience. This fine institution will not look your way for a moment. I think my colleagues here would attest to it but you know what with

all the odds against me, I took a shot. I've been here for five years now.

"I had a lengthy list of why my then-girlfriend in university would not even consider going on a date with me. I took my shot and now we've been together for 10 years, are married and have a beautiful little girl.

"When the opportunity to uproot the family and head over to Ireland came about. I had many valid reasons why leaving was not a clever idea, but at some point, we decided that we would take a shot."



Mr Thomas Kubayi celebrates 40 years at St John's College this year.

Thomas joined the St John's College Science Department as a laboratory technician on 30 May, 1982.

Over the 40 years, Thomas has proven himself to be a man of the highest integrity and calibre. He has been an instrumental member of the science department, ensuring that all practicals, experiments and tasks have been of the highest standard.

He is a dignified gentleman who has demonstrated great loyalty to St John's. He is a man of deep faith and wisdom and has lived the school values and ethos every day.

In March last year, his prep room was named The HT Kubayi Physics Preparation Room in honour of his enormous contribution to the science department.

The amazing story of the 1st rugby team's 'half' man

On the Monday after the Pretoria Boys' High game we received an anonymous letter from a parent recounting his experiences of the day.

Among other things, the parent spoke about the tradition of the St John's 1st rugby team mascot and kicking tee man,

who wears a jersey with the number half on its back,

The parent wrote about the role that the half plays in making the team whole.

You can read the letter by scanning the QR code at the end of this article.

The publication of the letter

on our social media platforms prompted Old Johannian Bruce Chalmers, captain of the 1986 first team, to write about his role, and that of the team in starting that tradition.

The letter can also be accessed via the QR code attached.

The extra half ▼



Half to whole ▼



The 2022 Half Man Tshiamo Modise (Remove Clarke).

News in brief

Blood Drive

St John's College and St Mary's School, Waverley, hosted the "Blood of the Saints" Blood Drive just before half-term.

This competition between our two schools relied on our naturally competitive natures to increase donations among our student bodies.

St John's donated 46 units of blood on the day, with St Mary's, who supplied 63 units emerging as the winner. The real winner was the South African National Blood Service which received 106 units from our two schools.

"I would like to thank all those who participated in the donation drive," said Liam Snyman (UV Thomson), Head of First Aid at the College. "I believe that the regular blood drives we host are hugely beneficial for our community, and it is important that this student-run initiative continues. With some luck, St John's may beat St Mary's next time."



#5schooltakeover

A big shoutout to 5FM and #5Breakfast team who arrived at St John's at the crack of dawn for a #5SchoolTakeOver as part of their #YouthMonth celebrations.

Alex de la Rey (Head of Nash) and Dan Corder kicked the Nash boys out of bed bright and early before some of the choir boys regaled listeners with an early-morning rendition of Foreigner's classic "I wanna know what love is" for the Karaoke slot.

The team joined the students in Amphitheatre for the student-led assembly introducing our Youth Month activities followed by the war cry leaders who led the boys and girls of St John's in song live on radio ahead of our #PinkDerby against St Stithians College the next day.

Rugby and hockey captains Josh Boule and Tadgh Coakley-Eager were interviewed by Xoli Zondo, Mr Stuart West chatted to Dan, Mr Craig Morris spun a yarn for the "Pants on Fire" segment and students popped on and off-air throughout the morning. Thanks again to the 5FM team for a fun-filled morning.



Polar Bear Swim

St John's Prep hosted their annual Polar Bear Swim, taking to the icy waters of Long Walk Pool to help raise funds for the completion of the new Aquatics Centre.

We ran the fundraising campaign over six days with several fundraising thresholds in place, with a target of R200 000 to get Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, into the pool.

It went down to the wire, with the last donations of R60 000 coming in just before the swim, to make this happen.

The evening kicked off with Ryan Stramrood, a world-renowned extreme swimmer, reminding us that we should constantly challenge our beliefs around our limitations by getting out of our comfort zones. Thank you to iTOO for sponsoring our guest speaker.



Stuart West and Lester Lalla with Ryan Stramrood.

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Arts Fest is a celebration of skills and talents

Students could participate in any of 49 workshops facilitated by experts in their fields

The 11th De Souza Young Arts Fest St John's College Arts Fest was held on June 10.

Named after the doyenne of the English Department who began the festival, it is customarily held every two years, although due to Covid, the last one was held in 2019. It was a day of celebration of the Arts and the skill and talent of College students.

Arts Fest commenced with a dazzling array of performances from the members of the Music Department and was followed up with stellar performances by Nic Jeffrey (2017) and Sithenkosi Mbuli, aka Rudy Chalmers (2018), who are rising stars in the South African music scene.

With an array of 49 workshops from which to choose, students could participate in workshops run by expert facilitators in their specific field. It was a joy to see students participating wholeheartedly in activities far removed from the everyday curriculum,

Whether experimenting with graffiti

styles, finding their inner dancer, engaging in Stage Combat or immersing themselves into the world of Blockbuster Sound Design, there was a sense of energy and enthusiasm as students ran past clutching their newly decorated cupcakes or proudly displaying the product of their beadwork session.

The day ended with productions in both Big School and REA. The St John's FEDA productions 'Did you Hear?' and 'CO7ID' were a highlight of the day. The actors must be acknowledged for their contribution and their selflessness in giving up the opportunity to participate in workshops so they could perform their skilled and polished productions at Arts Fest. Students were also treated to the winning FEDA play for 2022, 'RAW' by Steyn City.

Arts Fest continues to be a highlight in the College calendar, and we look forward to the net instalment in 2024.

– Mrs Fiona Kampmann, HOD English



College musicians on song at the Roedean music competition

The Roedean School Music Department hosted its 19th annual music competition finale on June 3.

COO of Roedean School SA, Shaori Ajodha, said, "This year we received 110 entries from 20 participating schools in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. The competition consisted of five categories: piano, strings, woodwind, brass, and voice.

"We also welcomed back to this year's competition, four esteemed adjudicators, Dr Hanli Stapela for the voice category; Peta Ann Holdcroft for the string category; Lesley Stansell for the brass and woodwind category, and Dr Tessa Roodi from the University of Pretoria for piano."

Ajodha said the performances were of an extremely high standard and choosing the finalist on the gala evening was no easy task. "We congratulate the winners of the 2022 Roedean Music Competition, and we wish them well with their future musical achievements."

The following St John's musicians won 1st prizes: Alex Song (LVI Runge) strings; Christian Mangena (LV Clarke) woodwind and Daniel Teeling-Smith (LIV Nash) brass. Second places went to Liam Batley (LIV Clayton) brass, and Angus Charlton (LV Hill) came third in the brass category.



Alex Song



Daniel Teeling-Smith



Christian Mangena

isiZulu speakers shine in oral competition



On April 1, 21 students represented the College in an isiZulu Oral Competition at St Mary's DSG in Pretoria.

The competition was categorised into two parts: Poetry and Prepared Speech.

Our young men were on their best behaviour and supported each other well, with Mduduzi Zulu (LV Hill) taking on the role of "big brother" and calming everyone's nerves before they went on stage.

St John's College

received an average of 87% for poetry and prepared speech. The judges were impressed with our creativity in using musical instruments in our poetry. Sixteen boys received above 80% and were awarded gold certificates.

Samekelo Mbatha (Remove Clayton) was awarded second place in the Prepared Speech category.

Ama Nstubane (Remove Nash) was awarded second place in the Poetry category. Ntsako Chauke

(Remove Nash) was awarded first place for his delivery and recitation in the Poetry category, with Sonwabile Mkaula (LIV Hodgson) coming second in the Poetry category.

Mduduzi Zulu (LV Hill) was awarded second place in the Senior Poetry category.

Kabir Budlender (LIV Alston) was awarded Best Speech of the Day.

We are proud of our young men for their dedication and outstanding results.

Geographers come out tops in Olympiad

Jessica Curtis, Lauren Henning, Elis O'Mara and Anna Yi Qi Wang in St John's Sixth Form excelled at the annual online South African National Geography Olympiad, where 2807 students from 151 different schools participated.

Anna Yi Qi Wang

was ranked 8th in the country, Jessica Curtis 10th and Elis O'Mara 12th, all earning themselves a Platinum Certificate.

Lauren Henning was awarded a Certificate of Merit, and St John's College was ranked the top independent school for

2022.

Anna Yi Qi Wang came first and was ranked Top Grade 11 student, top RGS student in Gauteng and top female student among the top 36 RGS students.

Elis O'Mara placed second, and Jessica Curtis placed third.



College hosted an Inter-School Youth Well-Being Forum

St John's College organised and hosted an Inter-School Forum on Youth Well-Being on 15 and 16 June as part of our #YouthDay celebrations.

The forum was attended by public and private schools across Johannesburg and in the spirit of Youth Day, it addressed wellbeing in the context of South Africa's education system.

"We wanted to formulate tangible and practical solutions that would promote emotional, physical and mental well-being in each of our schools," explained student organisers Lethokuhle Sikosana (UV Thomson) and Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston).

"We also felt that there was a lack of student dialogue between schools and that, by bringing students from various backgrounds together, we can create the foundation for future student-led dialogue."

A reflection on the forum and the ideas it generated was published in the Mail & Guardian.

Scan to read



Nash takes the honours at the Inter-House Athletics

A day full of fierce competition, in tremendous spirit

The 114th annual Inter-House Athletics Championships took place on Wednesday 3 August on Rice and Mitchell Fields, with our young athletes competing in a number of track and field events.

Inter-House athletics is always a memorable event for any school athlete, and the day was full of fierce competition in tremendous spirit as Nash emerged the overall winner, with Clayton and Hodgson following in second and third place.

Dustyn Holmes (UV Nash) was announced as the 2022 Athletics Captain, and his mum, Mrs Ronelle

Holmes, was our special guest who conferred the medals and trophies on the winners.

The boys who performed exceptionally in their respective age groups and race categories will be joining Dustyn and the Athletics Team at the Inter-School meetings next term.

“Being announced as the school’s athletics captain is particularly special to me, and I am privileged to lead a team that I have been a part of for the past five years,” said Dustyn.

“The upcoming season will be one to remember as we have a very strong and competitive team this year, and I am excited to see what we can achieve and how we can make this team something to be proud of.”

Scan the QR Code for all results



Rowers get on the machines to help ‘Learn-to-Row’

The St John’s College Rowing community hosted a 24-hour Ergothon in the High-Performance Gym on Friday 5 August, right through to Saturday afternoon, to raise funds to develop the sport in disadvantaged communities.

The 24-hour Ergothon was a great success, where our rowers, coaches and parents participated with some sterling performances.

All the proceeds raised from the event will go to the “Learn to Row” programme, which is an organisation managed by RowSA that takes rowing to disadvantaged communities.

In the end, everyone involved managed to complete an incredibly gruelling 329,8kms.

A massive thank you to all our rowers, coaches and parents who assisted in helping us get through our 24-hour Ergothon. A special thank you also goes out to our Captains and Opens who organised the event.

– Barry McNeice, Head Rowing Coach



St John’s Rowing Community supports the 24-hour Ergothon

Did you hear that our FEDA entry made it through to the final round?



Congratulations to the casts and crews who entered *Did You Hear?* and *CO7ID* into the FEDA competition this year, you have done St John’s proud.

Both plays were excellent and received many nominations and won many awards and *CO7ID* made it through to the final out of 40 plays.

St John’s received the following nominations:

- BEST POSTER: Alex de la Rey and Matthew Fridjhon for *CO7ID*
- BEST SOUNDSCAPE: *CO7ID*
- BEST SET DESIGN: *Did You Hear?*
- BEST LIGHTING: *CO7ID*
- BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN: *CO7ID*
- BEST CHOREOGRAPHY: *Did You Hear?*
- MOST INSPIRATIONAL: *Did You Hear?*
- BEST CUTTING EDGE: *CO7ID*
- BEST ENSEMBLE: *CO7ID* and *Did You Hear?*
- BEST CAMEO ROLE: Erin Jones in *Did You Hear?*
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: Hlanga Radebe in *CO7ID*
- BEST ACTOR: Ben Scott-King in *CO7ID*

We were the winners in the following categories:

- BEST SOUND: *CO7ID* and *Did You Hear?*
- BEST STAGE CREW: *Did You Hear?*
- BEST AV: *CO7ID*
- BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS: *CO7ID*
- BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC: *Did You Hear?*
- BEST MUSICAL THEATRE: *Did You Hear?*
- BEST SINGING: Luke Robinson and Lufefe Radebe in *Did You Hear?*
- BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT: Alex de la Rey and Matthew Fridjhon for *CO7ID*
- BEST DIRECTOR: Alex de la Rey and Matthew Fridjhon for *CO7ID*

The annual Inter-House plays showcased top-class writing, performing, directing and technical expertise

Our Inter-House Plays took place on June 22 and 23 in Big School. As always, these self-written pieces took on a wide variety of themes that are important to our students and relevant today, such as family relationships, war, prejudice, injustice and isolation.

These serious topics were balanced by some light-hearted comedy in the shape of a whodunnit set at ‘St Jimmy’s College’, a ridiculous reality-style gameshow and the story of a very existential hiking trip. It is always incredible to see the talent displayed by our students at House Plays in all spheres, from writing to performing, directing and technical.

Well done to everyone who took part. Congratulations to Alston, which took First Prize for ‘I have my father’s Voice’, a beautifully told tragedy about a father and son, Hill, which took Second Place with ‘Inkosi’, an energetic and thought-provoking look at South African history as a game of chess, and to Thomson for their lyrical *Godot-esque* piece ‘The Mountain’.



Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston) accepts the award for Best Actor in Alston’s production of ‘I Have My Father’s Voice’.

Trinity Term Awards

The busyness of the term, and the amazing achievements of our students and the number of awards that were conferred at half-term and end-of-term assemblies

Summer Sports



ATHLETICS

Honours – Dustyn Holmes (UV Nash).
Full Colours – Bryce Reid (UV Clayton)

BASKETBALL

Honours – Lathita Hlongwane (UV Nash), Panashe Dumbu (UV Clayton) and Tom Shimatu (UV Hodgson).
Full Colours – Joel Leotela (UV Nash).
Team Blazers – Matthew Garrad (LV Alston), Ben de Souza (UV Thomson), Sam McLaughlin (UV Fleming), Nathan Tswatswa (UV Hill), Tinashe Chikwava (UV Clayton), Khumo Kumalo (LV Clayton) and Ethan Murray (UVI Murray).

CRICKET

Honours – CJ King (UV Hill).
Full Colours – James Alp (UV

Clayton), Luke Francis (UV Nash) and Jack Smithyman (UV Clayton).

Team blazers – Harry Grose (LV Clarke), TJ Chalmers (LV Hill), Stuart Phipson (UV Thomson), Joe McRobert (UV Nash), Albert van der Sandt (UV Nash), Christopher Ford (LV Hodgson) and Jonathan Tait (UV Clayton).

ROWING

Colours – Mike Giltrow (UV Hodgson), Matthew Ward (UV Clarke), Duncan Spamer (LV Fleming) and Luke Dalton (LV Fleming) who have been awarded Colours for Rowing.
Team Blazers - Daniel Basson (UV Thomson), Nico du Preez (LV Fleming), Taku Mutetwa (LV Runge), Aphwe Nqumba (LV Hill), Simphiwe Tshabalala (LV Thomson) and Liam

SWIMMING

Honours – Matthew Pryce (UV Fleming) and Enzo Nogueira (LV Hill).
Colours – Christopher Gray (UV Clarke), Jared Shapiro (UV Nash) and Alexandros Zigiariadis (UV Hodgson).
Team Blazers – Noa Burke (LV Fleming), Leruro Tshepe (LV Hodgson), William Ford (UV Fleming), Taeg Mosehla (LV Hill) and Nicholas Pearce (LV Nash).

TENNIS

Colours – Ruben van Zyl (UV Clayton).
Team Blazers – Hein Gertenbach (LV Hodgson), Christopher Milton (UV Hodgson), James Hart (UV Fleming).

CHESS

Honours - Yashil Modi (LV Hill).
Colours - Panashe Dumbu (UV Clayton) and Neo Machaba (UV Nash).
Team blazers - Kelvin Lioa (LV Clayton), Leo Lund (UV Runge) and Sid Wang (UV Hodgson).

HOCKEY

Honours - Liam Billett (LV Hodgson), TJ Chalmers (LV Hill), Tadgh Coakley-Eager (UV Clarke), Mark Kwant (UV Alston), Mpho Makgamathe (UV Fleming) and Jack Smithyman (UV Clayton).
Colours - Joshua Barker (UV Alston) and Lufefe Radebe (UV Clayton), and team blazers to James Alp (UV Clarke), Luke Bernhardt (UV Hill), Harry Davidson (UV Nash), Harry Grose (LV Clarke), Oliver Innes (UV Clarke), Matthew Loizides (UV Fleming), Bradley Smith (LV Nash) and Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston).

RUGBY

Honours - Matthew Fridjhon (UV Clarke), Joss Theophanus (UV Alston), Kieran Durandt (UV Nash), Tom Davis (UV Hodgson), Joel Leotela (UV Nash) and Joshua Boule (UV Clayton).
Colours - James Hind (UV Hodgson), Ciaran Formby (UV Hodgson), Ruben van Zyl (UV Clayton) and Katlego Zwane (UV Hill).
Team blazers - Vincent Miles (LV Alston), Matthew McMaster (LV Clayton), Bryce Reid (UV Clayton), Nkosi Sibanda (LV Clayton), Tom Shimatu (UV Hodgson), Will Whittaker (UV Hodgson) and Reece Watson (LV Hodgson).

SQUASH

Colours - Tom Davis (UV Hodgson).
Team blazers - James Basslian (UV Alston), Thomas Barry (UV Clayton) and Ziyaad Patel (UV Thomson).

Winter Sports



Cultural Awards

DRAMA

Half-term awards
Honours - Alex de la Rey (Head of Nash).
Colours - Ruben van Zyl (UV Clayton), Thandolwethu Kambule (LV Hill) and Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston).
Half Colours - Xikombiso Maluleke (UV Clarke), Samuel Labe (LV Alston), Thomas Roux (UV Fleming) and Jethro Mazhande (UV Clarke).

End-of-term awards

Honours - Matthew Fridjhon (Head of Clarke), Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston), Graytin Pretorius (UV Fleming), Hlanga Radebe (UV Runge), Ben Scott-King (UV Hill), Julio Teixeira (UV Clarke) and Ruben van Zyl (UV Clayton).
Colours - James Alp (UV Clayton), Luke Robinson (LV Nash), Sihle Simelane (UV Fleming) and Joss Theophanus (UV Alston).
Half Colours - Thomas Archer (LV Fleming), Greg Bradley (UV Hodgson), Joshua Bruwer

(LV Clarke), Noa Burke (LV Fleming), Alec Cabral (LV Clayton), Max Gordon (LV Nash), Matthew Mackenzie (LV Thomson), Madison Maud (UV Runge), Taeg Mosehla (LV Hodgson), Nicholas Pearce (LV Nash), Skyla Potgieter (LV Runge), Kali Selepe (UV Hodgson), Matthew Stanley (UV Runge) and Dante Tambo (UV Alston).

DRAMA BACKSTAGE

Honours - Graytin Pretorius (UV Fleming).
Half Colours - Jordan Cooper (UV Hill), Murray Halstead-Cleak (UV Hill) and Arthur Oyet-Otim (UV Nash).

DEBATING

Half Colours - Udo Elleh (LV Clayton), Cheyenne Paxton (UV Fleming), Jonathan Shiferaw (LV Hill) and Yandisa Xaba (LV Hill).

MUSIC

Honours - Christian Mangena (LV Clarke)



Service Awards

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Half-term:
Half Colours - Bradley Olivier (LV Fleming)

FIRST AID

Half-term:
Ties - Daniel Basson (UV Thomson), Liam Snyman (UV Thomson), Mduduzi Zulu (LV Hill) and Matthew Venter-Clelland (UV Clayton).

End-of-term:

Colours - Daniel Basson (UV Thomson), Mduduzi Zulu (LV Hill) and Liam Snyman (UV Thomson).
Ties - Ndalo Dlamini (LV Fleming), David Du Plooy (UV Thomson), Neo Machaba (UV Nash), Mihir Nayee (LV Alston), Shen Qiao (LV Hodgson) and Kali Selepe (UV Hill).

PR COMMITTEE

Half-term:
Half Colours - Andisa Masianoga (UV Nash), Lintao Li (UV Hill) and Mlibo Mlonzi (UV Alston).

End-of-term:

Half Colours - Liam Snyman (UV Thomson) and Neo Machaba (UV Nash).

Mountain biking takes off in style as a sport at St John's

Lots of fun, and there were some respectable results

The St John's College Cycling Team, comprising mostly St John's College Academy students, participated in its first race at the Cycle Lab Gauteng High School Mountain Bike series at John Vorster High School earlier in the term.

The racing in the series follows the familiar Cross-Country Olympic format, where laps are determined by a rider's age and the course length and difficulty.

The St John's team started right at the back as this was the first race for many team members, so they were not yet seeded.

The team was led by William Mills (LV Thomson), who raced incredibly well to finish second in the U17 men's category. The Academy lads also did very well, considering this was their



first-ever experience of racing mountain bikes.

"The team loved it and achieved some respectable results," said Mills.

"The best performances were from Comfort Shiburi, who placed 64th in the Youth U16 category,

and Khanya Ntshalintshali, who achieved 87th in the Youth U15 category.

"Thank you to Mr James Mhlongo for joining us at the race and to St John's College for all the support in helping us get a cycling club going."

● William Mills finished 9th in the SA Junior Mountain Bike Champs in Bloemfontein over the mid-term break.

This is a fine achievement, especially as it's his first year of competing.

Golfers made it into the High Schools National

The Golf Team played in the High School National Golf tournament at Humewood on 1 and 2 August.

The top 23 school teams played, putting our boys in that category after having had a great golf season locally, winning the central Gauteng league for the first time.

The team was led by Matthew Dippenaar (UV Alston), with Calvin Brooks (LV Nash), Benjamin Jacobs (LV Thomson), and Jayden Hoskins (LIV Hodgson)

making up the team.

They came in at a respectable 20th spot.

Team captain Matthew Dippenaar (UV Alston) is grateful for the experience of contesting against some of the best high school golfers in the country and is quite excited to see St John's College golf in years to come.

"The team had a very enjoyable experience during the tournament. It was the first time we had qualified for nationals, and we hoped to make the most of the experience.



"We were privileged to play at the beautiful and challenging Humewood

Golf Club and to meet golfers from schools across the country."

Michael is rewriting the record books in the pool

Michael Van Heerden (LIV Fleming) has had a very busy year, achieving incredible honours and records in his junior swimming career.

He managed to break six records at the Inter-House Swimming Gala in the first term followed by qualifying for the South African National Junior Championships and earning himself three firsts and three seconds.

At the Inter-House he broke the following records: U15 100m Individual Medley (68:20); 50m Butterfly (27:25); 50m Backstroke (29:40); 50m Freestyle (25.98); 100m Freestyle (56:33); and 100m Backstroke (63:99).



Michael was awarded provincial colours by the EGA and was selected to represent his province at the South African National Junior Champs that took place in Port Elizabeth from April 6 to 11 2022.

At the South African National Junior championships, Michael won a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke event and is currently ranked third

in South Africa in his age group for that event.

He was also selected to swim in a Grand Prix Invitational Meet in Durban as a senior swimmer and swam personal best times in three events there.

At the Boys Schools Inter-High gala, he broke two records - 50m butterfly (27,50) and 50m backstroke (28,79).

Junior Proteas colours for water polo and rugby players



Water Polo

Congratulations to our Water Polo players - Luka Rajak (UV Nash), Matthew Pryce (UV Fleming), Tigran Sennett (UV Hill) and Taeg Mosehla (LV Hill) - who have earned their Protea colours and represented SA Men's U18 Water Polo at the Junior Men's U18 FINA World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia from 11 to 19 August.

Here they are sporting their green and gold with Mr Nicholas Rodda, who represented the SA National Water Polo team at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.



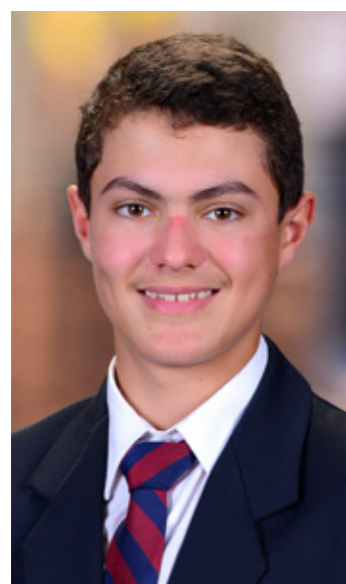
Rugby SA U18

Joshua Boule (Head of Clayton) and Joel Leotlela (UV Nash) have been announced as part of the SA U18 Rugby squad who will be taking on their age-group counterparts from France and England in a four-team International Series in Paarl later this month.

Here they are with Mr Wynand Pretorius (HOD History), who also played for the SA U18 Rugby team in 1975 and 1976.

Trinity term sporting news in brief

CANOEING



Bruno Cochrane (LIV Thomson) returned from the SA National Canoe Champs with three gold medals in the U16 K2 (2-man canoe) 1000m, 500m and 200m events.

CYCLING



Congratulations to William Mills (LV Thomson) who has been awarded his Gauteng Colours for cycling

FENCING



We wish Alexander Tafur (LV Fleming) the best of luck as he will be participating in the Commonwealth Games for Fencing.

CHESS



Neo Machaba (UV Nash), was awarded his Gauteng North Chess Colours.

KARATE



Liam Duvenage (LIV, Hodgson) won silver at the International Kato Cup in his age group.

ROWING



Duncan Spamer (LV Fleming) has been selected for the Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation team.

TENNIS



James Hart (UIV Fleming) was awarded SA Schools Colours for tennis

The Blues finished off the season in style

A very impressive 'Pink Derby' victory over old rivals St Stithians

The Winter Sports season drew to a close when we hosted crosstown rivals St Stithians College for the annual #PinkDerby.

A number of fixtures were played and our boys enjoyed many positive results across the two sporting codes. St Stithians First XI managed to come away with a 2-1 win in the main hockey game of the day, and the Blues stole the show on Burger Field, claiming an emphatic 56-9 victory.

Everyone turns up at the #PinkDerby in something pink to raise awareness for breast cancer and money for PinkDrive in support of the amazing work that they do in providing access to screening for those without reasonable access to care.

The hockey saw an all-round great display from our boys, where 8 of the 13 games played were won, with just 3 losses and 2 drawn matchups with games played on the St John's College and King Edward VII School Astros. The main game was always going to be a tough encounter, with both sides



having recorded impressive results during the season.

It was an emotional game for captain Tadgh Coakley-Eager (UV Clarke) and his fellow matrices as they ran out onto the Astro for the last time as part of the First XI. Although the result was not in our favour, the boys and staff can be proud of the effort put in, as they narrowly lost out 2-1.

The fighting spirit shown was incredible against a Saints team

that were no pushovers, also playing in the last game of their season.

The rugby teams saw a highly successful day for the majority of their games, returning an 80% win record over the weekend. This also saw the U16B team completing their season as the only unbeaten side after they picked up a well-deserved 38-0 win over Saints on Saturday.

The 4th XV must also be commended as they only lost

one game in their season.

The U14 age group weren't as successful with their results, losing out to Saints in both their age group matches. The main game was, however, where most people's focus shifted to, in the last one of the campaign.

The St John's Blues were in fine form, albeit starting the game quite slow, with the Saints First XV looking the stronger of the two in the opening exchanges.

As the game progressed, however, the Blues got well into their groove, putting in a resolute defensive display while unleashing the lethal backs led by captain Joshua Boule in the attack. The St John's backline ran the show, with the forward pack putting in a commanding showing, and the team fusing well in going on to secure a 56-9 victory.

It was an all-round great performance by the boys, with

big congratulations also going out to both captain Joshua Boule (UV Clayton) and Joel Leotlela (UV Nash), after they were selected a few weeks ago for the U18 Golden Lions Craven Week team.

Well done to all the boys, staff, parents and everyone involved in making it a great winter season, after a two year-gap. Thank you to all who joined us at the PinkDerby in support of this worthy cause.

U16 hockey team triumphed in the Top 8



The U16As participated in the Alan Monk Top 8 Hockey Tournament at Parktown Boys' High School and did exceptionally well in winning the tournament after beating St David's Marist Inanda in the final with a 1-0 result.

The St John's boys made their intentions clear from the onset, sweeping past two out of the three opponents in the group stages and picking up wins against Jeppe High School for

Boys and King Edward VII School.

The only loss recorded was against St Stithians. This set the boys up well for the rest of the tournament, where they picked up a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the hosts, Parktown, in the semi-finals.

St John's faced St David's in the final, who were no rollovers, putting the boys through their paces in a game that could've gone either way.

In the end, the Blues stood strong and managed to record a narrow 1-0 win to become the champions. Congratulations to all the boys and coaches involved.

● The Aitken Hockey Tournament, hosted by St Stithians College, saw the St John's College 1st XI doing themselves and their school proud. They played great hockey throughout, only losing in the semi-finals against Jeppe High School

for Boys with a 0-4 result.

The Jeppe game was always going to be a tough one for our boys. Going into that game, they were not short of any belief after they narrowly went down to the same opponents earlier in the season.

Jeppe was too strong this time around and put in an almost flawless performance that led to a well-deserved victory.

However, the St John's boys can hold their heads up high as they picked up four clinical wins on their way to the semi-finals, even going through the group stages without conceding a single goal.

● The U15 hockey boys played in the Boden Hockey Tournament hosted at St John's, where they were edged in the semi-finals by Jeppe High School for Boys in a highly entertaining game.

The boys were impressive in their display, recording some great results, only losing out to the highly-rated Jeppe, their only tournament loss.

St John's rowers represent South Africa in the UK

Zain Newman (UIV Clayton), Joe Rosmarin (UIV Clarke), Liam van der Westhuizen (UIV Fleming) and Nick Lewin (UIV Nash) and coach Barry McNeice travelled to the United Kingdom to represent the South African Schools Rowing Union (SASRU) in the Wallingford, Scullery and Bedford Regattas where they raced exceptionally well.

Wallingford Regatta, May 1 – The team finished 5th in the J16+. This is the best that a SASRU 8+ achieved. Zain raced in the U18 scull and also finished 5th, an excellent achievement against much older athletes.

Nick and Liam raced in the J16+ and finished second. Joe raced in the senior 4x but did not make it through to the final as it was a very fast race, and the crew was just too young to compete.

Scullery regatta, May 2 – Zain raced the J16 1x and finished second, an outstanding achievement. Joe and Liam raced in the J16 4x, finishing 8th

Bedford Regatta, May 7



– Zain raced in the J16 4+ and won the regatta. This is an absolutely incredible achievement against the UK rowers. Liam, Nick and Joe raced the J16 8+ but were knocked out in the semi-final. The crew that beat them went on to win the regatta, but our boys had a really good race.

Congratulations to these young men on their spectacular showing representing SASRU.



Congratulations to our hockey players who were selected for the Southern Gauteng Hockey Provincial teams.

U18 A – Tadgh Coakley-Eager (UV Clarke), Jack Smithyman (UV Clayton), Liam Billett (LV Hodgson), TJ Chalmers (LV Hill),

U18 C – Lufefe Radebe (UV Clayton)
U18 D – Mark Kwant (UV Alston)
U16 B – Stephen Carstens (UIV Thomson), Siza Gule (LIV Nash)
U16 C – Murray Halstead-Cleak (UIV Hill), Owethu Sishuba (LIV Hill)
U16D – Jordan Cooper (UIV Hill), Sebastian Prozzi

(UIV Thomson)
U14 A – Tobi Gbadebo (Remove Alston)
U14 B – Ama Ntsubane (Remove Nash), Connor Cooper (Remove Hill)
U14 C – Kwandiwe Ngcobo (Remove Hodgson)
U14 D – Fife Diviani (Remove Clarke)

Old Johannians in the news

College at the Commonwealths

Head Hockey Coach Garreth Ewing is the national hockey coach

There was a strong St John's presence behind the scenes in the men's hockey team that finished fourth at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

College Head Hockey Coach Garreth Ewing was the head coach of the team, while Gavin Shang (Clarke 1996) and Brett Tucker (Clayton 1997) are the team doctor and commercial manager, respectively.

The team were beaten 6-3 by England in the bronze medal game after losing narrowly to India, 3-2 in the semifinals.

The fourth position is SA's best finish at the Games, improving on their 10th place in 2018.



Old Johannians Dr Gavin Shang and Brett Tucker with our Head of Hockey Mr Garreth Ewing at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

OJs back on campus after two years of Covid

It was wonderful welcoming our Old Johannians and greater community back to St John's for Gaudy Day after the restrictions of the two Covid years prevented it in 2020 and 2021.

The Gaudy Day celebrations began with the traditional Old Johannian Mass in the Memorial Chapel, featuring the magnificent voices of the combined Old Johannian and College Choirs.

The Mass was followed by High Tea in Pelican Quad, where Old Johannians connected and reminisced to the sounds of the St John's College band.

The rest of the day was filled with the usual Old Johannian vs St John's College sports and cultural festivities, ending with lunch on Burger Field.

Gaudy Day is always a special day in the calendar as our Old Johannian community comes together to reminisce and celebrate their shared love of St John's.



Prof Jerome Loveland (Nash 1990) with Bruce Franck (Alston 1990) at Gaudy Day.



Prof Paul Fatti with Stuart West, Executive Headmaster.

Golden Eagle Awards for 2022 presented on Gaudy Day

St John's College and the Old Johannian Association are proud to announce the recipients of the 2022 Golden Eagle Award that was conferred on three deserving Old Johannians on Gaudy Day.

This annual award recognises and celebrates the valued, lasting contributions of Old Johannians who have made a difference in their community, industry, arena of life or field of study.

This year's Golden Eagle Awards go to Prof Paul Fatti (Nash 1961), the late Dr Carl Fatti (Nash 1964) and Prof William Runciman (Nash 1962).

Professor Paul Fatti is a highly

respected and experienced statistician who has dedicated his life to promoting environmental conservation.

He headed the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of the Witwatersrand for many years and is now the Emeritus Professor of Statistics in this department. He is well known for his diplomacy and problem-solving abilities.

Dr Carl Fatti was born on 11 August 1947 and died tragically in January 2020, doing one of the things he loved most – climbing the Mui-zenberg Craggs.

Dr Fatti began his working life in agriculture as a farmer and extension

officer in rural KwaZulu-Natal after obtaining a BSc (Agriculture) in 1969. In the late 1970s, he had a change of heart and enrolled at the Wits Medical School, graduating in 1984. He later completed a Higher Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery in 1999.

He chose to apply his skills in SA's rural communities throughout his career.

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We are diminished by their passing.

The Johannian Community was saddened to learn of the passing of **John Stuart Kane-Berman** (Head of Alston 1963).

John received a first-class matric in 1962 before joining Sixth Form the following year. He was a Geoffrey Cherrington Bursary winner and was heavily involved in the literary, historical and political affairs at St John's.

He was the co-editor of The Johannian magazine in 1962 and 1963, to which he contributed many poems, articles and stories. He was also the secretary of the SJC Literary Society and Chairman of the History Society during those years. He was the Treasurer of the St John's African Education Fund under then Headmaster Dean Yates.

John left St John's to study at Wits and later Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He embarked on a career in journalism, writing for the Financial Mail and publishing four books.



In 1983 he was appointed the CEO of the Institute for Race Relations, a position he held until his retirement in 2014.



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The Johannian community is saddened to hear of the passing of **Dudley Morgan** on 25 May 2022.

Dudley Morgan joined the biology department at St John's College in January 1981. He arrived in South Africa with his wife and two young daughters to take up the position of HOD in David Quad.

He was responsible for building a fantastic department with a wonderful group of teachers from the mid-80s until he left in 2004. It was a tribute to him that his staff worked for such long tenures under his leadership.

Dudley loved St John's and teaching biology. He always kept up with what was happening at St John's, attending Gaudy Days and school reunions.

He is survived by his wife Christine, daughters Cathy and Mary and two grandsons as well



as a brother, sister-in-law and their family in the UK.



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OJ becomes 1st African rector of UN university



Old Johannian Prof Tshilidzi Marwala (Nash 1990), Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UJ, will be moving to Japan to become the first-ever African rector of the UN University. Prof Marwala currently serves on the Council of St John's and was the recipient of the Golden Eagle Award in 2020.