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"So complex is the human spirit that it can itself scarce discern the deep springs which impel it to action." -**Arthur Conan Doyle**

Message from the Headmaster

In the ebb and flow of life, it's natural to find ourselves at times feeling like we're simply going through the motions, hoping for something remarkable or extraordinary to cross our paths. Yet, I am of the opinion that within the walls of Graeme College, we can discover something profound everyday (no matter how minuscule it may be). School must be more than just a place of classrooms, textbooks and extra-curricular activities. It's must be a sanctuary—a space where self-discovery and personal growth flourishes.

We all need to make a conscious decision not just going through the motions. Instead, we need to be taking steps—sometimes small, sometimes monumental—towards becoming the individuals we aspire to be. Each lesson mastered, each obstacle overcome, brings us closer to realising our fullest potential.

The most profound lessons are those of courage, resilience, and the indomitable power of the human spirit. Together, let's embrace this journey, dream, and unleash the boundless potential that resides within each and every one of us.

All the best for the weekend activities.

Mr Kevin Watson

Academic

HIGH SCHOOL DILIGENCE LIST

We are so pleased to present the Top Effort List based on the academic results at the end of Term1! These candidates have really put in the necessary work to impress their teachers and we would like to encourage them to continue in this way.

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GRADE 12 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 11 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 10 TOP EFFORT
 Jesse Koopman Neo Lesoro Anezisa Mofu Murray Tyson Nicholas Vogt 	 Aya Bill Andrew Isaacs Qiqa Nongauza Jonathan Pretorius Ali Rizvi 	 Ilyo Copteros Crispin Lackay Qhawe Mbelani Ethan Mostert Iviwe Mshubeki
GRADE 9 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 8 TOP EFFORT	
 Tristan Boy Ibenathi Kondile Salizwa Makhalima Thurston Williams Chuma Xayimpi 	 Daniel Barnard Bukho Munyadzwe Rory Robertson Intsika Tukani Iyazi Zwedala 	

Grade 8 and 9 Test Programme Term 2

Please note that other tests and assignments will be allocated by subject teachers during the term. This list merely gives an opportunity for standardised tests to be written. Grade 8s and 9s will write scheduled tests as indicated below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
17 April 2024 (Day 3)	English Transactional Writing	18 April 2024 (Day 4)	English Transactional Writing
24 April 2024 (Day 8)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing	25 April 2024 (Day 9)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing
1 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: WORKER'S DAY	2 May 2024 (Day 4)	SS: History
8 May 2024 (Day 8)	EMS	9 May 2024 (Day 9)	EMS
15 May 2024 (Day 3)	SS: History and Geography	16 May 2024 (Day 4)	NS
22 May 2024 (Day 8)	NS	23 May 2024 (Day 9)	SS: Geography
29 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: VOTING DAY	30 May 2024 (Day 4)	Mathematics Test

Thank you to the parents who came to the teacher/parent meetings this week. There was a superb turn out, which shows great support of the learners' academic progress. It is brilliant to have so many parents meeting with the teachers.

Academic

Focussed Study Sessions

Please see the schedule for the focussed study sessions below.

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	8			2:00 - 2:45	2:00 - 2:45
	9			2:45 - 3:30	2:45 - 3:30
	10			1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15
	11	2:45 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:15		
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
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Physical Science	10	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
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	12	2:00 - 3:15			1:30 - 2:45
Life Science	10		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	12		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	

Content to be covered in the study sessions is listed below:

Subject	Grade	Week 3 (15/4)
Physical Science	10	Kinetic molecular theory
	11	Electromagnetism
	12	Work, energy, power
Life Science	10	Plant tissues
	11	Photosynthesis
	12	Genetics

Junior School



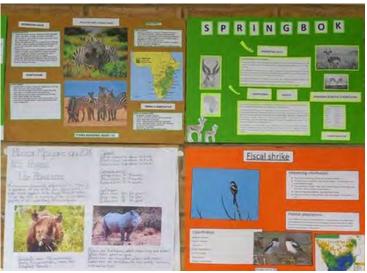
Our Graemian of the Week is Daniel Coetsee, who will be looking after Courage the Leopard this week. (Courage is thrilled, he had a very boring week at school during the holidays). Daniel was nominated for his enthusiasm and willingness to serve. Daniel volunteered to be a ball-boy during our 3-day Rugby Festival last term. He ended up doing the job every day, for the whole day! The nomination said that he did the job 'with passion and love and never complained'. What a Graemian! Well done Daniel, that's it, we are proud of you!

Grade 7s

The Grade 7s did some beautiful work for their NS projects from Term 1. They were required to research an indigenous South African species and produce a poster on it. The posters are on display outside the Grade 7 classrooms. Please feel free to come and have a look if you are at the school.









Well done to the Grade 7s who wrote Round 1 of the AstroQuiz, which is administered by the NRF and SAASTA.



Well done to the boys who will be representing Graeme College in Round 2 of the AstroQuiz. Round 2 takes place on 16 May. Good luck boys and prepare well!

We had our Grade 7 Monitor Induction today at Assembly. Congratulations boys.

Back row: Imaan Ngoqo, Lusenathi Manzana, Uyapha Madodonke, Jed van der Merwe, Mr Xonxa, Aqhama Sam, Jayden Isaacs, Someleze Mandla.

Front row: Lunathi Twaku, Keanan Fourie, Imange Peter and Iminathi Mali.



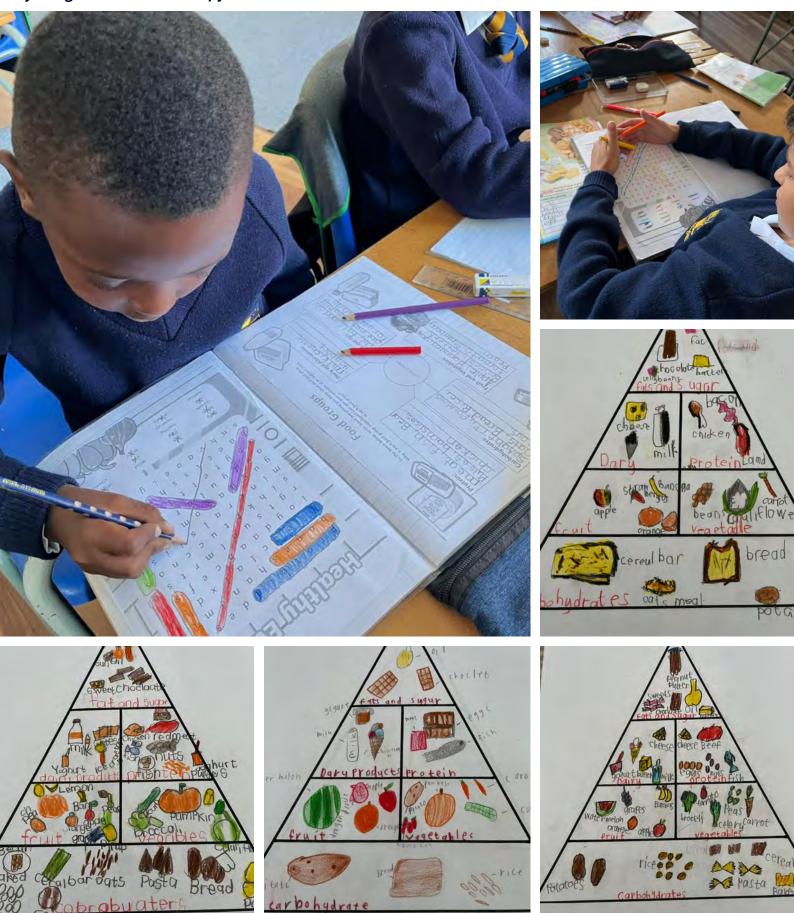
Grade 2s

The Grade 2 budding artists had a great time painting a picture of their favourite season after learning about the different seasons in their Life Skills lessons.



Grade 3s

The Grade 3 boys have been discussing the different food groups and why our bodies need foods from each group. They have also investigated and completed activities on what makes a healthy, balanced diet and each boy designed their own food pyramid.



Grade 00

One of the greatest gifts books give us is the opportunity to connect with characters that resonate with us. We form a deep attachment to characters that make us laugh and make us think, and most importantly, teach us valuable life lessons. Our preschool children dressed up as their favourite "book character" for Fun Friday this week. When it comes to children's literature, there are just so many amazing children's book characters to choose from! We are so impressed with their costumes and learning which characters inspire them the most. Below is the Grade 00 class.





















Grade R

Look at these gorgeous costumes! The Grade R class have loved their book character Fun Friday at school today.





















Old Graemians

Phila Sixaba started at Graeme College in 2003. Whilst at school, he represented the 1st Cricket and 1st Hockey sides. He was a goalkeeper for the touring 1st hockey side who traveled to Argentina in 2009.

Phila was also the school's cheerleader for rugby. He was awarded half colours for cricket and full colours for hockey.

One of the most prestigious awards to be awarded at Prize Giving is the Virtue et Opera Award: The boy who best exemplifies the school's motto. Phila was awarded this prize in 2009.

After school, Phila enrolled at Nelson Mandela Bay University. He studied Journalism. Whilst at NMU, he represented their 1st cricket side for 2 years.

After graduation, Phila began his journalism career at Eyewitness News in Johannesburg as a sports reporter.

Thereafter, he moved to the television station, Newzroom Afrika.

Phila has certainly made his mark in the television industry as he now works at SuperSport. He hosts an IsiXhosa Rugby show called Phaka on SuperSport.

Phila currently is a regular cricket commentator. He has been one of the star commentators for the Women's Inaugural ICC u19 T20 World Cup and the men's u19 Cricket World Cup, both hosted in South Africa.

Phila was also one of the top hosts for South African Cricket Awards.

Phila has interviewed and/or presented with top international cricket and rugby superstars.

Over the years, he has remained interested in Graeme College and an avid supporter of the school.

Recently, Phila was interviewed by Nounouche where they described him as "Dedicated, charismatic, dynamic, multifaceted, talented across various media platforms, Sixaba is a noteworthy voice in the industry and undoubtedly an inspiration".

Phila, we look forward to watching your career unfold as you continue to reach for the stars. You have remained a warm and personable person.

Best wishes to this Son of the Leopard.







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Events

Join us for the 21km walk from Graeme College to Mountain Drive and return to the school.

Date: Sunday 28 April

Cost: R50 for adults R30 for scholars.

Register to walk at the office by Friday 26 April 2024.

The purpose of the fundraising is to help the Observatory Museum to raise money towards the installation of a world class scientific digital display. A first of its kind in the Eastern Cape!





Community Engagement

Community Outreach Portfolio donations to Child Welfare Grahamstown.

The Community Outreach Portfolio boys handed over clothing, bedding, kitchenware, books and stationery to Child Welfare SA Grahamstown.

The items were so many that two car trips had to be made to collect them.

Thank you to the Graeme College family for opening their hearts towards Child Welfare. We know these items will make a massive difference to the lives of others.



Community Outreach Portfolio boys handed over clothing, books, jewellery and kitchen ware items to the SPCA charity shop last Friday afternoon.

The SPCA shop can now sell these items to provide for the animals under their care.

Thank you to all the Graeme College families who helped to make this possible!







MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h45 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Group Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Group

STEELBAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband

14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband

14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband



Above right: The Grade 8 Creative Arts Music boys are working hard at their ensemble music. The 6 classes are working on a medley of songs from different cultures and are having much fun in the process. At the end of the term the classes will compete and the winning ensemble will have the opportunity to perform during assembly.

Below: This week, Grit goes to the Grade 6KF class. They impressed with great team work, enthusiasm and their over-all excellent effort in the performing arts class activities. It was especially inspiring to see genuine happiness and enjoyment while they worked hard to get their work performance-ready. Well done boys and thank you for your positive attitudes and willingness to work hard!

They worked hard at practising The Lion Sleeps Tonight and delivered a confident performance at the last junior assembly of term 1.







Hockey



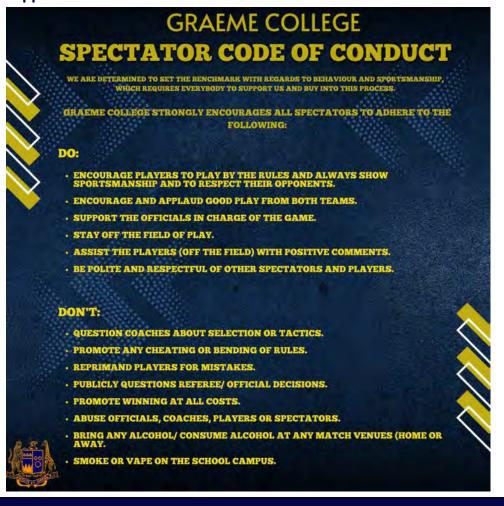
Our GC 1st hockey side pictured after their 3-2 victory vs Port Alfred High School last Friday afternoon.

A big thank you to Just Milk (Cookhouse Creamery) for the stunning new kit! What a generous sponsorship! Our boys look so smart!

The GC Sports Code of Conduct

SPORT PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and we encourage parents to read and take note of our code of conduct as a spectator and supporter.



Fixtures for tomorrow against Port Rex tomorrow- Saturday 13 April:

Graeme College vs Cambridge High School

Time	Somerset Field	Time:	Marais B	Time:	Marais A
09:00	U15A	08:45	U9A vs St Mary's	08:45	U11A vs St Mary's
10:00	U16A	09:30	4 th		
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Fixtures for the upcoming Grey High Rugby Festival:

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10:25	Westville	vs	Durbanville	10:25	Grey High U16A	vs	Parktown U16A
11:45	St Andrew's College	vs	Parktown Boys	11:45	Durbanville U16A	vs	Framesby U16A
12:55	Queen's College	vs	St Stithians	12:55	Itembilehle	vs	St Charles College
14:05	Graeme College	vs	Jeppe	14:05	Mali Foundation XV	vs	Muir College
15:25	Grey High	VS	St John's College	15:25	St Alban's College U16A	VS	Muir College U16A
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Rugby

Well done to Bathobele Hlekani who has made the Junior Bok squad for the U20 Rugby Championships. The Junior Springboks will leave for Australia on Wednesday 24 April and return home on Tuesday 14 May. All games will be staged at the Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Rugby results:

Rugby results from last weekend against Port Rex:

U14A won 52-0

U14B won 60-0

U15A won 48-0

U15B won 20-12

U16A won 53-0

U16B won 21-5

Third team won 25-0

Second team won 12-7

First team won 29-3

One of our parents sent us photos of the 2nd team playing last weekend with the following words, "I know how special photos are to me of my children, so hopefully some other parents, who could not watch their boys play, can also get some enjoyment out of these photos". Thank you! What a lovely sentiment. If you would like to share photos, parents are very welcome to email marketing@graemecollege.co.za. Below are photos of the 2nd team in action.







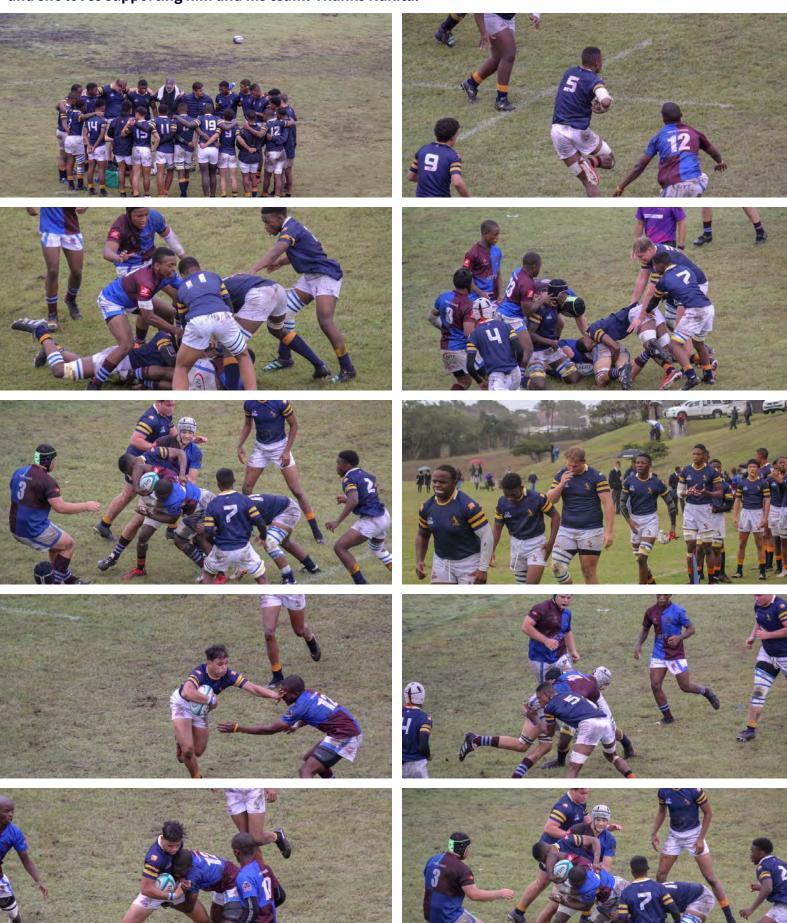






Rugby

Nakita Avis took some lovely action photos of the first team in action last weekend. Her brother was playing and she loves supporting him and his team! Thanks Nakita.



Templeton Drive, Grahamstown

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Miscellaneous

What a great initiative! The class of 1984 have decided as a group to tackle one of the tasks on the Graeme College wishlist.

If you part of the 1984 class and want to find out more please contact Jeremy Sieberhagen (074) 558 3971.



School term calendar

Please take note of our term diary which has a comprehensive calendar of events and what is happening for the term ahead.

Link: https://www.graemecollege.co.za/media/1521/gc-term-1-diary-2024.pdf

The calendar is also available on our school website.

Teen App

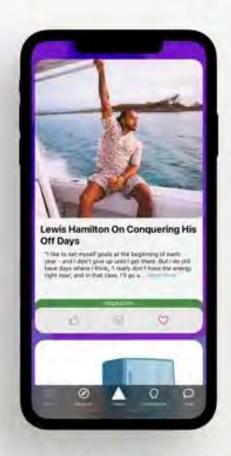
We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out. During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth

Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the globe. The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness

of our children. The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarise themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/

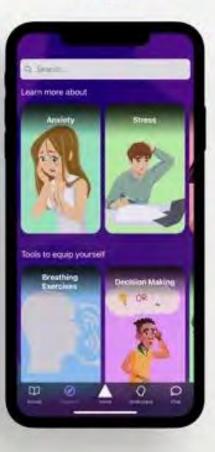


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Vive Teens Your always-there personal wellness companion



Discover content that is Al-curated for you



Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plagues allow you to celebrate and appreciate the memories of your loved ones, honour someone special or distinguish your family.

Our granite plaques are enduring and timeless. They are a fitting tribute on our beautiful new Indoor Sports Centre and a valuable contribution to our school.

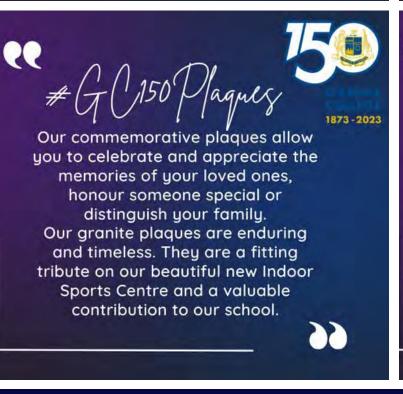
ADD YOUR NAME INTO THE HISTORY OF THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS FOREVER:

We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only.

Email your request to z.wille@graemecollege.co.za - we will send you more information re payment etc. The plagues will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey. Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.









Library

Library times

The library will be open at first break only, every day. If you would like your son to study in the library in the afternoons, you need to write a letter to the school to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Second Hand Clothing Shop is now open longer.

Time: 08:00-13:00, Monday to Friday.

Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact Jerri via e-mail (info@graemecollege.co.za).

Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the 'plus sign' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

Click here for a link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=public.calendar@graemecollege.co.za

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If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.

Thank you.



We love this photo of our rugby team's mascot - the mascot tradition dates back decades. See more photos on our Facebook page.

