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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

*"To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential."*

## **NEWSLETTER - Friday 16 March 2018**

*"Courage: We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in this world."*

With the sad passing of Professor Stephen Hawking, I thought it would be appropriate to focus on one of the world's leading academics. Professor Hawking gave a moving talk to students at the Cambridge Union - telling them to *"look up at the stars and not down at your feet"*.

The celebrated theoretical physicist and cosmologist gave a talk titled 'A Brief History of Mine'. His light-hearted and humorous speech was peppered with words of wisdom about how to lead a happy life, how to embrace scientific discovery – and how to persevere in the face of difficulty. At the beginning of his talk, Prof Hawking said: *"At Oxford you were supposed to be brilliant without effort or accept your limitations and get a fourth class degree."* But according to Hawking, the course he did at Oxford *"made it particularly easy to avoid work"*.

*"Because of my lack of work I had planned to get through the final exam by doing problems in theoretical physics and avoiding questions that require factual knowledge. But I didn't sleep the night before the exam because of nervous tension and so I didn't do very well. I was on the borderline between a first and second class degree and I had to be interviewed by the examiners to determine which grade I should get. In the interview they asked me what were my future plans. I said I wanted to do research – if they gave me a first I would go to Cambridge. If I only got a second I would stay at Oxford. They gave me a first."*

'Where there is life there is hope'

Prof Hawking told of his earth-shattering diagnosis of motor neuron disease at the young age of twenty-one after starting postgraduate study in Cambridge. He said: *"At that time it became clear that there was something wrong with me. The Christmas after arriving in Cambridge I went home. It was a very cold winter and my mother persuaded me to go skating on the lake at St Albans even though I knew I was not up to it. I fell over and had great difficulty getting up again."*

*My mother took me to the doctor. I spent weeks in hospital and had many tests. At first I became depressed. There didn't seem to be any point working on my PhD because I didn't know if I would live long enough to finish it."*

*There was also a woman called Jane, who I met at a party. Getting engaged lifted my spirits and I began to work hard on my PhD. And I enjoyed it."*

'We live in a universe governed by rational laws that we can discover and understand'

But in true Prof Hawking fashion his celebration of modern science took a grave turn when he hinted at space travel being the only way to ensure humanity's survival. He added: *"We must also continue to go into space for the future of humanity. I don't think we will survive another thousand years without escaping beyond our planet."*

'Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet'

Prof Hawking ended the talk by *"reflecting on the state of the universe"*, and delivering inspiring messages of encouragement to his audience. He said: *"It has been a glorious time to be alive and doing research in theoretical physics. Our picture of the universe has changed in the last 50 years and I am happy to have made a small contribution. I want to share my excitement and enthusiasm about this. So remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder how that makes the universe exist. Be curious."*

'Don't give up'

He concluded his hour at the union by saying: *"However difficult life may seem there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."*

Mr Gregg van Molendorff

## **ADMISSIONS FOR 2019**

Please note that the closing date for the submission of 2019 applications is **Friday 11 May 2018**.

## **GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS – 19 March 2018**

Graeme College's Governing Body Elections will be held in the Templeton Hall, Graeme College at 17h30 on Monday 19 March.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **GRADE 8 – 12 COMPULSORY EXAMINATIONS**

Compulsory Term 2 Examinations will take place in the last week of term for all boys in Grades 8 - 12. The examinations to be written are the Creative Writing Examinations written by all grades in the second term. The rationale behind this is to remove some of the pressure off the senior boys, many of whom have been writing two examinations on a given day during the June Examination timetable. This often means that they lose valuable marks. These examinations will be as follows (they have been indicated on all the grades assessment calendars that were distributed earlier in the year):

Monday 26 March 2018 English Creative Writing Examination

Tuesday 27 March 2018 Afrikaans/isiXhosa Creative Writing Examination

The marks obtained for these examinations will form an integral part of the term mark for Term 2. Language teachers will provide all senior boys with a list of what is expected for this examination by Tuesday 20 March 2018.

### **EASTERN CAPE ENGLISH FESTIVAL FOR GRADE 11s**

The Eastern Cape English Festival for Grade 11s will take place on 9 and 10 May 2018 at the Settlers' Monument. The cost of this Festival is R420 and this money must be paid to Miss Stamper by 19 April 2018. Included in this fee is a most worthwhile and life-changing opportunity. Interested Grade 11s will be exposed to different aspects of the arts: plays, music and the performing arts. They will also attend lectures and workshops on various aspects of the arts. Also included in the fee are meal packs for the two days. This is an educational opportunity that is not to be missed. Further queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon who will be accompanying the Grade 11s attending this festival.

## **CULTURAL**

### **LEVEL 1 FIRST AID COURSE**

Congratulations to the nine Graemians who completed their Level 1 First Aid course last weekend. This is a valuable life skill and will stand the school in good stead.

### **MUSIC CONCERT – Thursday 15 March**

The Graeme College Music Department thanks everyone who attended last night's concert. It was a great success.

### **STEELBAND**

The Steelband performed at the opening of Sci-Fest Africa on Friday 9 March. Their performance formed part of the welcoming of the Minister of Science and Technology. On Saturday 10 March they performed at the Sci-Fest Africa picnic in the Botanical Gardens. Well done to all the players on providing a lively atmosphere at both events.

## **SPORT**

### **SENIOR CRICKET**

Results: vs Old Graemians – Saturday 10 March

OGU 133 all out (G Dampies 3/33)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 134/3 (G Dampies 39, B Manyakanyaka 65 n.o., M Amm 23)

Graeme won the match by 7 wickets.

Fixture: Friday 16 to Sunday 18 March – Cricket South Africa T20 finals

The Graeme College team will be playing in the pool with the Lions, Titans and Warriors winners at the TUKS (University of Pretoria) cricket fields. Teams play each other in their respective pools until Saturday morning and then play cross-pool matches. The final will be between the teams with the most points after both rounds. The Graeme College 1<sup>st</sup> XI started the competition with a fixture against King Edward VII School (on Tuks Main Oval Field), then St Alban's College (Tuks D Field). On Saturday the team plays a fixture against the Warriors winners (Tuks C Field), followed by a cross-pool match. Sunday has the last cross-pool fixture, followed by the final.

### **JUNIOR CRICKET**

Results: vs St Andrew's Prep – Saturday 10 March

SAP U13A 219 all out (M Williams 4/43)

GC U13A 97 all out (S du Preez 24)

Graeme lost the match by 122 runs.

GC U13B 100 all out

SAP U13B 101/8 (A Jeggels 3/20)

Graeme lost the match by 2 wickets.

SAP U13C 213  
GC U13C 177/9

Graeme lost the match by 35 runs.

SAP U11A 107 all out (E Strydom 3/15, A Muir 2/17, R Wiblin 2/17, C Zimmerman 2/19)

GC U11A 108/7 (A Muir 42)

Graeme won the match by 3 wickets.

SAP U11B 86 all out (M Hoboshe 3/3)

GC U11B 87/8

Graeme won the match by 2 wickets.

GC U11C 199/3 (L Doyle, L McKaiser, S Lottering, T Naidoo all 25 n.o.)

SAP U11C 78 all out

Graeme won the match by 78 runs.

GC U9A 90/2 (C Holder 26 n.o., I Ngcese 19 n.o.)

SAP U9A 82

Graeme won the match by 8 runs.

## **JUNIOR RUGBY**

### Practice Times & Venues

| <i>Team</i> | <i>Time</i>   | <i>Venue</i> | <i>Team</i> | <i>Time</i>   | <i>Venue</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| U9          | 14h30 – 16h00 | Somerset     | U11         | 15h00 – 16h30 | Marais       |
| U13C & D    | 14h30 – 15h45 | Marais       | U13A & B    | 13h30 – 17h00 | Marais       |

## **JUNIOR TENNIS**

### Results: vs Kingswood College – Tuesday 13 March

In the fixture against Kingswood College, the U13A team lost by 2 games and the U13B won by 37 games.

### TTA Tournament: 15 & 16 March

Good luck to the junior tennis players participating in this tournament.

### Junior Tennis Tour

This year the tennis players travel to East London for the annual Tennis Festival hosted by Selborne Primary. Our fixture list includes Grey Primary (Port Elizabeth), Selborne Primary (East London), South African College School Junior (Cape Town), Bishop's Diocesan Prep (Cape Town) and Merrifield Primary School. Good luck to the tennis players participating: Steven du Preez, Ethan Beyleveld, Murray Tyson, Rhys Wiblin, Joel Matsoso, Oliver Ripley, Christiano Jasson and Tyenu-Josh Cannon.

### Fixture: Friday 23 March vs Kingswood Junior

14h00 GC U11A KC Courts

14h00 GC U11B GC Courts

## **WATER POLO**

### Results: Kingswood College U15 Tournament

Well done to the U15 water polo team for their perseverance during this Tournament. This was a good learning experience for the team.

## **EVENTS**

### **MUSIC CONCERTS**

#### Music Concert – Thursday 15 March

The Graeme College Music Department thanks everyone who attended last night's concert. It was a great success.

#### Masicule Performances – Sunday 25 and Monday 26 March

One of the highlights in the Grahamstown Music calendar is the annual Masicule concert. This year they are proud to have Sibongile Khumalo as the guest artist. The concerts will be held in the Guy Butler Auditorium, 1820 Settlers' Monument starting at 18h00 on Sunday 25 March and at 19h30 on Monday 26 March. Tickets are available from the Reception Office or online at [www.tickethut.co.za](http://www.tickethut.co.za) (R20 each).

## GENERAL

### **HOCKEY FUNDRAISING – Raffle Tickets**

The Graeme College first hockey team continues their fundraising efforts with a raffle. The prize is an impala, either to hunt yourself or to be hunted for you. Tickets cost R20 each and may be purchased at the Reception Office.

### **MYSCHOOL MYVILLAGE MYPLANET**

We wish to extend our thanks to the parents who have joined the Graeme College MySchool team. In the past parents have had to fetch and complete and return a form to enable them to get their blue MySchool cards, but it has just become so much easier! Parents, and grandparents, aunts and uncles may now download the MySchool app on their smartphones to join. Just remember to use your card at the local partners – Foto First, Wallace Pharmacy, Engen, Café Delizzia and, of course, Woolworths. Did you remember that Loot is a national partner, as is Flight Centre (in case you haven't finalised your Easter Weekend plans).

Yours sincerely

**G VAN MOLENDORFF  
DEPUTY HEADMASTER**

## **PAM GOLDING PROPERTIES / GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY DAY Saturday 24 March 2018**

### **Somerset Field**

|       |   |    |  |
|-------|---|----|--|
| 08h00 | Pearson High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV  | vs | Muir College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV              |
| 09h10 | Union High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV    | vs | Cambridge High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV     |
| 10h20 | Hoërskool Brandwag 1 <sup>st</sup> XV   | vs | Queen's College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV           |
| 11h30 | Hoërskool Nico Malan 1 <sup>st</sup> XV | vs | Dale College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV              |
| 12h40 | Selborne College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV     | vs | Hoër Landbouskool Marlowe 1 <sup>st</sup> XV |
| 13h50 | St Andrew's College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV  | vs | Hudson Park High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV   |
| 15h00 | Kingswood College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV    | vs | Hoërskool Framesby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV        |
| 16h10 | Graeme College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV       | vs | Grey High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV          |

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Marais A</b>   |
|-------------|---|
| 08h00       | Graeme College U16 vs Grey HS U16   |
| 09h00       | Graeme College 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV vs Grey HS 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV                   |
| 10h00       | <b>Port Alfred HS 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Nathaniel Nyaluza SS 1<sup>st</sup> XV</b> |
| 11h00       | Selborne College U16 vs HS Marlow U16   |
| 12h00       | Pearson HS U16 vs Muir U16  |
| 13h00       | Union HS U16 vs Cambridge HS U16  |
| 14h00       | HS Brandwag U16 vs Queens' College U16  |
| 15h00       | HS Nico Malan U16 vs Dale College U16   |

| <b>Marais B</b>                        |
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| Graeme College U14 vs Grey HS U14      |
| Graeme College U15 vs Grey HS U15      |
| Pearson HS U14 vs Muir College U14     |
| Selborne College U14 vs HS Marlow U14  |
| HS Brandwag U14 vs Queen's College U14 |
| Union HS U14 vs Cambridge HS U14       |
| HS Nico Malan U14 vs Dale College U14  |