



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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Message from the Headmaster

Quote:

‘Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.’ —Unknown

Mountains, like rivers, have been among our richest nature-drawn metaphors for making sense of our human lives and values. I recently came across a blogger on the internet who used the analogy of climbing a mountain to describe a good teacher. I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

“The obvious role for the teacher is that of a guide: someone who must take you out on a boat to explore some island and lead you up the mountain until you reach the peak, or wade out in the water with you that the two of you might plunge below the surface together and examine what lies below.”

Teachers are not all-powerful, but there are a lot of expectations placed upon them, and their job is truly a challenging one to do well. Teachers must be more than just a guide to show you the way. They must be skilled at predicting the weather, and be prepared to deal with whatever is thrown their way. They must be able to navigate difficult waters without churning up the silt and obscuring the view of what lies below the surface. They must do more than just show the students a path to the top, instead showing them how to climb for themselves, or how to dive and swim below the surface. They must read personalities, bridge gaps, mend wounds and show their students how to do the same. They must constantly find time to explore themselves, and spend time as students as well. They must stay current with the

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advances of technology, and find ways to use technology to help more students explore the knowledge before them. They must recognize that not everyone can easily ascend to the highest peaks, and must find ways to help all students climb as high as they are able. Finally, though not superhuman, the teachers together must do what none of them can necessarily do alone, which is to find ways to continue lowering the water level to bring more land into view and make accessible the deeper depths for future students to explore. On its own, the word guide seems inadequate to describe this complex and challenging list of

of responsibilities. In this analogy, teachers must be not only guides, but also pilots, swimming instructors, mountain climbers, weather forecasters, psychologists, engineers, navigators, medics, students and many other professions. It is a lot to ask of one person, and a lot for one person to aspire to be, but it is the most accurate way to describe the function of a teacher in this analogy, and a suitable metaphor in general for what a teacher should be.”

<https://blogs.lt.vt.edu/sequencingscott/2013/10/12/an-analogy-for-teaching/>

K.Watson

Heritage Day Public Holiday

With Thursday 24 September being Heritage Day, which is a public holiday, the school has applied to the Department of Education so that boys in Grades 00 - 11 be allowed to have a project day on Friday 25 September where they can catch up on some work over the long weekend. The Grade 12 examination scheduled for that day will go ahead as planned.

School uniform

Full summer school uniform will need to be worn every day by all boys. The only exceptions to this will be when the boys have Physical Education classes. On these days boys will be expected to be in full school tracksuit. We trust that this is a step towards a disciplined routine and work ethic, as these young men start working towards their final examinations.

Campus facilities

- A reminder that all campus facilities are off limits/ out of bounds to our community members; as per the State Regulations.
- Mr Watson has allowed affiliated coaches and staff to use various facilities, adhering to strict protocols, which are busy being established, depending on the facility.
- Sadly, this is very much out of our control, and in the meantime we are going to ask parents to be patient, as we work through the logistics.
- Slowly but surely the Graeme staff, will get our learners involved in activities that will have very strict social distancing and sanitization procedures.
- The safety of our learners and community members is always our priority.

Sports update:

Return to Extra-Curricular Activities: Cricket

Graeme will very slowly and cautiously start one-on-one practice sessions, within CSA prescribed guidelines. Only two players will be allowed in the nets at a time, with specific sanitizing precautions. Players must just chat to their specific coaches with regards to more details. At this stage, we are going to try focus on A teams only.

Senior Tennis:

Despite there being a small U/15 draw due to the current situation, we want to congratulate Ethan Beyleveld and Murray Tyson, our U/15 doubles championship winners. The U/15 singles championship matches will take place in the next two weeks. A group of senior and junior players have been playing a considerable amount of tennis recently and it is great to see our boys back on the courts. Unfortunately there will be no open group championships due to the Matrics writing exams currently, as well as the workload the students have. A very special thanks to Pieter and Jakolette Thiar for their continued dedication, support and coaching that they offer the Graeme tennis boys.



Above left: U/15 doubles players.

From left to right- Steven Du Preez, Oliver Ripley, Murray Tyson & Ethan Beyleveld.

Above right: U/15 doubles championship winners.

Left- Murray Tyson; right- Ethan Beyleveld

Bottom left: Another huge thank you to our sponsors, Mrs Tyson for the caps, and Amakhala Game Reserve for the warm-up shirts.



Pictured left: Mr Duma, Mr Berriman and Mr Diniso, our hard working ground staff, beautifying the Junior Field entrance today.

SGB Budget Meeting 2021:



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GRAEME COLLEGE

NOTICE OF GOVERNING BODY 2021 BUDGET MEETING

Dear Parents

You are cordially invited to attend the above meeting on **Tuesday 17 November 2020**.

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | - Mr K Watson |
| 2. Apologies | |
| 3. Headmaster's report | - Mr K Watson |
| 4. Annual Report | - Mrs N. Ripley |
| 5. Presentation of 2021 Budget & Resolutions | - Mrs N. Ripley |
| 6. General | |

The following details will be communicated to parents within 14 school days to the budget meeting.

1. Format and Time of Budget Meeting; - in line with Covid-19 Disaster Management Act Regulations.
2. Minutes of the 2020 budget meeting;
3. Schedule of current and proposed school fees for 2021;
4. Notification that the budget will be available for inspection;
5. An explanation that a resolution will be proposed at the meeting, to be approved by the majority of the parents *present and voting*, to approve the budget and proposed school fees and that this decision will be binding on *all* parents;
6. Draft Budget available for inspection.

Your support of the school is valued and has a direct impact on your son's approach to his schooling.

**K M WATSON
HEADMASTER**

Timetable for Grades 4-7

GRADE 4 → 7 ASSESSMENTS

- Please take note of the importance of assessment during term 3. Term 1 (already completed) and Term 3 count 80% towards the final mark. Term 4 marks (exams) count 20% towards the year mark.
- The test week (see below for schedule and dates) is when most of the term's assessments will take place. Boys must therefore approach this week with careful and thorough preparation. We recommend that they start to revise work and prepare study time-tables.

GRADE 7 TEST WEEK : Term 3 2020

		SESSION 1 8:00 – 9:00	SESSION 2 9:00 – 10:00	SESSION 3 11:00 – 12:30
Monday	5 October	Life Orientation	Geography	English
Tuesday	6 October	Life Orientation	Geography	English
Wednesday	7 October	Technology	History	Mathematics
Thursday	8 October	Technology	History	Mathematics
Friday	9 October	EMS	Natural Sciences	First Additional Language
Monday	12 October	EMS	Natural Sciences	First Additional Language

GRADE 6 TEST WEEK : Term 3 2020

		SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
Monday	5 October	English	LO	History
Tuesday	6 October	English	LO	History
Wednesday	7 October	Maths	NS	
Thursday	8 October	Maths	NS	
Friday	9 October	Afrikaans Taal	Geography	
Monday	12 October	Afrikaans Taal	Geography	

GRADE 5 TEST WEEK : Term 3 2020

		SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
Monday	5 October	Maths	History & Geography	isiXhosa
Tuesday	6 October	Maths	isiXhosa	Afrikaans Taal
Wednesday	7 October	isiXhosa	English	Afrikaans Taal
Thursday	8 October	isiXhosa	History & Geography	English

GRADE 4 TEST WEEK : Term 3 2020

		SESSION 1	SESSION 2
Monday	5 October	English Language	
Tuesday	6 October	English Language	
Wednesday	7 October	Afrikaans Taal	
Thursday	8 October	Afrikaans Taal	
Monday	12 October	Maths	English Comprehension
Tuesday	13 October	Maths	English Comprehension
Wednesday	14 October	isiXhosa	Afrikaans Begripstoets
Thursday	15 October	isiXhosa	Afrikaans Begripstoets

Grade 12 Timetable

Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations:

The Grade 12s commenced with their written examinations this week. We wish them well in their preparations and urge them to really try and make the best of this examination period. There is opportunity for them to consult with their teachers, but ultimately it is up to them to revise. These exams can often be used as a predictor of final results and are therefore very important and will be closely monitored. Normal school will resume at the conclusion of these examinations so that boys have time to go through any problematic areas and so that necessary remediation can be done. Please see the timetable below which includes the relevant venues for each examination.

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2020

DATE	09H00	14H00
Monday 21 September	Mathematics Paper 2/ Maths Lit Paper 2 3 hours (30+31) Venue: Hall	IsiXhosa FAL Paper 1 2 hours (26) Venue: Centre
Tuesday 22 September	Business Studies Paper 2 2 hours (17) Venue: Centre	
Wednesday 23 September	History Paper 2 3 hours (27) Venue: Centre	Afrikaans FAL Paper 1 2 hours (35) Venue: Centre
Friday 25 September	Music Paper 1 3 hours (Theory) (15) Venue: Centre	Music Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Comprehension) (15) Venue: Music Centre
Monday 28 September	Geography Paper 1 3 hours (Theory) (33) Venue: Hall	Geography Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Mapwork) (33) Venue: Hall
Tuesday 29 September	IsiXhosa FAL Paper 2 2 hours (26) Venue: Centre	
Wednesday 30 September	Afrikaans FAL Paper 2 2 hours (35) Venue: Centre	
Thursday 1 October	Life Sciences Paper 1 2 ½ hours (44) Venue: Hall	
Friday 2 October	Physical Sciences Paper 1 3 hours (Physics) (23) Venue: Centre	
Monday 5 October	Physical Sciences Paper 2 3 hours (Chemistry) (23) Venue: Centre	
Tuesday 6 October	English Home Language Paper 2 2 ½ hours (61) Venue: Hall	
Wednesday 7 October	Life Sciences Paper 2 2 ½ hours (44) Venue: Hall	CAT Paper 2 Theory 3 hours (1) Venue: Lab
Thursday 8 October	Visual Art/Design Paper 1 3 hours (11+4=15) Venue: Centre	
Friday 9 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Monday 12 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Friday 16 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Monday 19 October	Final Life Orientation Exam 2 hours	

** These four days are compulsory for all Visual Art and Design Students. Please make sure that you take a packed lunch with you for those days. In addition, you need to arrange two additional mornings with your practical teacher on a day where you have no exam scheduled.

Art Notice:

In the last week of term, your final exhibition needs to be put up at the art school. The external markers will come in the first week of the next term, so it HAS to be up and ready for the final mark. This needs to be done in your lessons on Monday 19 October and Wednesday 21 October. You need to finish putting it up on Wednesday afternoon. It counts a quarter of your final mark, so make it count!

Grade 11 Timetable

Grade 11 Timetable:

The Grade 11 timetable is below. This includes venue changes and what will happen on the days where the Grade 12s need to write in the hall. We trust that the Grade 11s will enjoy getting back into a school routine that allows them to participate in some of the extra murals that will slowly start to become available.

Friday 18 September

History: Graemian Centre

isiXhosa: Graemian Centre

Time	11FS	11CK
11h25 – 12h15	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room	English Graemian Centre
12h15 – 13h05	English Graemian Centre	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room

Monday 21 September

History: Graemian Centre

isiXhosa: Graemian Centre

Time	11CK	11FS
11h25 – 12h15	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room	English Graemian Centre
12h15 – 13h05	English Graemian Centre	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room

Monday 28 September

History: Graemian Centre

isiXhosa: Graemian Centre

Time	11FS	11CK
11h25 – 12h15	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room	English Graemian Centre
12h15 – 13h05	English Graemian Centre	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room

Thursday 1 October

History: Graemian Centre

isiXhosa: Graemian Centre

Time	11CK	11FS
09h25 – 10h15	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room	English Graemian Centre
10h35 – 11h25	English Graemian Centre	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room

Wednesday 7 October

History: Graemian Centre

isiXhosa: Graemian Centre

Time	11FS	11CK
09h25 – 10h15	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room	English Graemian Centre
10h35 – 11h25	English Graemian Centre	Maths/Maths Lit Room 41/Music Room

* Hall to be sprayed at 11h30. Life Orientation will take place in the school hall.

Staff news



It is with so much sadness that we heard of the passing of Siyamthanda Ntshona. Siya had been battling cancer.

He was an exceptional cricketer who had coached with incredible passion at Graeme over the last three years. He was invited to work with the 1st XI three years ago, after developing strong bonds with our staff at provincial u19 level. Siya went on to play SA u19 cricket and was regarded as arguably the fastest bowler in the country that year.

Our young cricketers thrived under his guidance, where he had spent two years coaching the u14A and u15A squads. His passion for cricket and for helping our young men reach their potential, will never be forgotten at Graeme College. He became an integral part of our coaching staff, and far more importantly, became a much loved and respected friend and role model. We are hurting today, along with his friends and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Always remembered and never forgotten. RIP Siya Ntshona 1990 - 2020.

Grade 00s

The gold group did some practicing today for the Jerusalem dance for Tuesday. Here are a few pictures below.



Grade 6s

The grade sixes made good use of the lovely Spring weather to present their Afrikaans orals outside.



Grade 7s

Being Arbor Month in the nation, the Grade 7s further consolidated their Legacy Project for 2020 by planting another 10 trees on the Junor fields. The boys have faithfully been watering their original trees twice a week and they are all doing well.



School Magazine

The school magazine is a historical document of the growth of the school. It informs the future generation of students about the traditions built up of their school and is the window to the activities of the school.

The 2019 Graeme College school magazine is available to buy for R150.00

Finance

Internet payments- please note

Please use your sons name and surname as the reference. Unfortunately, we are unable to credit your account if there is no reference to your son. We receive far too many references as "Graeme College, GJG, School Fees, etc".

Kindly remember, there are 650 learners in the school and without the correct reference, it's impossible to allocate the fees to the correct account!

A big thank you to those who understand the financial implications of the current lockdown restrictions and who continue to pay their school fees monthly.

Eco Brick Project

The Grant House boys are working on an eco brick project which was inspired by Dr Trevor Davies who started this idea in Grahamstown. We will be working with the Grahamstown Project. Mrs Liz Manning is overseeing the making of the eco bricks at Grant House. Plastic 2 litre bottles with lids are required and plastic packets etc to "stuff" into the bottles. Boxes will be placed in the corridors in the junior school.

Please send your cleaned/sanitized plastic to school with your son and he can simply place it into the box in the corridor. Ms White can be contacted at school for further information.

So far the boys this week have made 53 eco bricks and counting! The boys are desperate for plastic to fill them so we are eagerly awaiting donations of plastic. The appeal is for plastic chip packets etc.

Thanks to Mr Bodenstien and family and Mrs Lane for their contribution of eco bricks! Full eco bricks are also welcome if families find it easier to make them at home.



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Jerusalem challenge and fundraiser

Monday 21 September 14:20-15:00 (Somerset Field)

The school will have a formal practice in preparation for Tuesday on the Somerset field. Come and join a fun afternoon of practice in order to make this event as successful as possible. We look forward to seeing our Graeme family rising up to the challenge!

Tuesday 22 September 13:10-14:00 (Somerset Field)

Graeme College boys will be partaking in the Jerusalem dance challenge and the video will be displayed on the Graeme College website. We ask for a R5 or more donation which will be going towards the Mc Kaiser old age home. We urge all the boys, staff and parents to join the Graeme Family and unite in order to support this great initiative.

Dress code: Please wear grey school trousers or shorts, black school shoes, white shirts and school ties.



JERUSALEMA DANCE CHALLENGE GRAHAMSTOWN - 27 September 2020:

Grahamstown has taken on the Jerusalem dance challenge! We need to get more than 700 people to break the Guinness World record. Please try to support the initiative. This is also run as a fundraising initiative for Mc Kaiser old age home and Makana revive and we will be asking a donation of R5 per entry.

Sunday 27 September 15:00-16:00 (Cathedral)

Grahamstown/ Makhanda will take part in the Jerusalem dance challenge at the cathedral aiming to beat the 700 participants in Plettenberg Bay.

Come be a part of this great innovation to break the Guinness world record for flash mobs.

Dress code: Colours of Africa

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