



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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Message from the Headmaster

Quote:

"Great leaders harness personal courage, capture the hearts and minds of others and empower new leaders to make the world a better place." – Maxine Driscoll, Founder Think Strategic.

The 2021 Leadership Body/Portfolio Heads of Graeme College were announced this week and we congratulate this fine group of young men as they assume their new leadership roles and responsibilities.

Graeme College is committed to a system that encourages leadership through service, based on mutual respect. The new system will hopefully provide an opportunity for more boys to develop their leadership potential.

The latest research suggests that shared leadership is the most effective way of governing a school. It expands the number of people involved in making important decisions related to the school's organization, operation, and academics. In general, shared leadership entails the creation of leadership roles or decision-making opportunities for teachers, staff members, students, parents, and community members. Shared leadership is widely seen as the better alternative to more traditional forms of school governance in which the principal or administrative team exercises executive authority and makes most governance decisions without necessarily soliciting advice, feedback, or participation from others in the school or community.

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There is an increasing demand in both from the business sector and from tertiary education institutions for schools to cover the aspects of leadership through service and empowerment in their testimonials. This does not necessarily mean the type of duty performed by those termed “prefects” in the past has to be abandoned – it merely suggests it is no longer the central purpose of a developmental leadership model.

The new service leadership model creates a need for a wide range of personalities and skills. Everyone from the sport “jock” to the more culturally or academically inclined can find a viable leadership role in such a system. The real strength of the system lies in the idea that service leadership supports the notion that “strength comes from diversity” – an ideal central to our Constitution.

K.Watson

Congratulations to Mzubanzi Mnandi who was elected as Head of Learner Leadership (Head Boy) and to Wothando Funani who was elected as Deputy. The induction service for the new leaders will be on 8 October. The Learner Leadership group will be organized by Mr Peter De Lacy.

The rest of the leadership group is as follows:

- Academic - Nqobile Bala
- Arts - Bayanda Mthetho
- Diversity/School Culture - Lukho Gayi
- Events Management - Athi Matomela
- RCL - Wothando Funani
- Service - Tito Hermans
- School Sport/Spirit - Lubabalo Tshongweni
- Hutton House - Buhle Planga
- Neilson House - Damian Petersen
- Vernal House - David Tyson
- Wiles House - Lelona Xhaso
- Discipline - Kamva Mancoko
- Marketing - Jordan Share
- Campus & Environmental - Asive Mpako
- Community Outreach - Ano Mawire
- Grant House - Mzubanzi Mnandi





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	Weekends
	Days for administration
	School days
	Public holidays
	Special school holidays
	School holidays

Public and School Holidays 2021	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public holiday
02 April	Good Friday
05 April	Family Day
26 April	School holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(25) 27 January-31 March	10	46 (48)	1	45 (47)
13 April – 25 June	11	54	2+1	51
13 July – 23 September	11	53	1	52
05 October – 08 (10) December	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
Total	42	200 (204)	4+1	195 (199)

English Olympiad 2021: Call for entries

Any boy currently in Grades 8 - 11 is eligible to write next year's English Olympiad examination. This is scheduled to be written on Tuesday 2 March 2021. While that sounds far away, candidates need to register by mid-October. It costs R90 to enter the Olympiad. This includes the cost of the anthology which is entitled "This is my story". It is a mixed genre anthology which explores the themes of people and personas. Boys who are interested in this experience need to pay their money to Ms Stamper by Monday 19 October 2020. Queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon.

Grade 12 Valedictory/Prize Giving

On Wednesday 21 October, we will have a combined Valedictory Service and Prize Giving for the Grade 12 learners and their parents. Further details will be confirmed and conveyed asap. This is a fitting farewell after what has been a very frustrating year for the current matric class.

Learner Dress and Neatness

Obviously the school has been very lenient with regards to uniform and neatness in the chaos of the pandemic. As the normality slowly but surely returns and school can start to function as before, we ask parents to please support us with regards to uniform and neatness. With learners wearing masks, a number of them have neglected shaving, which is something we are hoping will be addressed at home.

Likewise, Graeme has strict and proud regulations around hair and uniform. We ask parents to please assist and send out the same message to our learners. We are incredibly proud of our uniform and of how smart our learners look at all times. 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 step towards a disciplined routine and work ethic as these young men start working towards their final examinations.

Dress Code pertaining to sport

All boys who are attending any sports practice on the Graeme College campus need to be dressed in the Graeme College sports kit. No other kit will be allowed. This pertains to tennis (both private and school), cricket and attendance at the gym. Pupils will be asked to leave practices, if they do not adhere to the dress code.

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.

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.

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!

Staff news



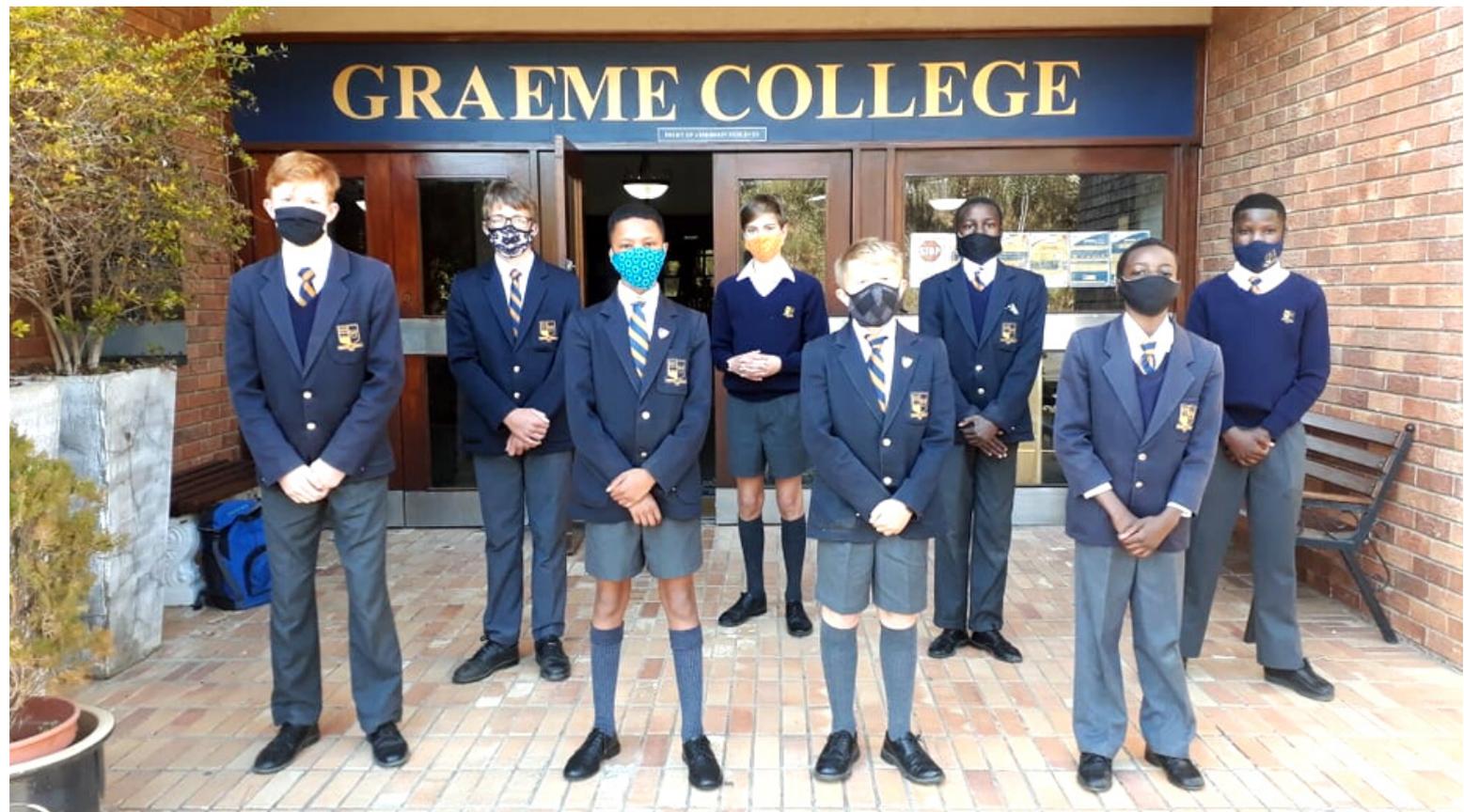
Congratulations to Ms White who has written Grade 8 & 9 Maths textbooks. The textbooks are CAPS compliant. We are very proud of you!

Grade 7s

Below are our latest winners in the Grade 7 Champions League Challenge. From left to right: Dylan Long, Mikhulu Hoboshe, Ithani Shoba (best effort), Andrew Isaacs (Top 10).



Below are our top 10 in the most recent Maths test. From left to right: Reuben Dollery, Chris McLean, Cullen Goliath, Nic McKeown, Noah Tabensky, Bene Msindo, Joy Mukenge, Aya Bill.



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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. Below is the Grade 7 boys hard at work at Grant House. 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 71 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 everyone for bringing in their contributions so far. We challenge all boys to make their very own bricks and bring them in. They must weigh between 400-600 grams.



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Jerusalema challenge and fundraiser

The Jerusalema dance challenge on Tuesday the 22nd September was a massive success with close to 200 staff, students and parents taking part in the initiative.

A massive thank you to Kate Webber and Cameron Amos for the drone footage, Clint Bradfield for the photography and Eddie Wille for the sound production.



Thank you to the Graeme College boys who attended the Grahamstown Jerusalema challenge. Most of our boys (around 50) were dressed in their uniform and looked so smart. One of our Graeme boys, Aphiwe, took two little Graemians under his wing and helped them the entire time. This was so wonderful to see. Graeme College supported the cause with the highest school attendance, of which we are very proud. Mrs Glynis Suttie was also there which made it even more special.



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