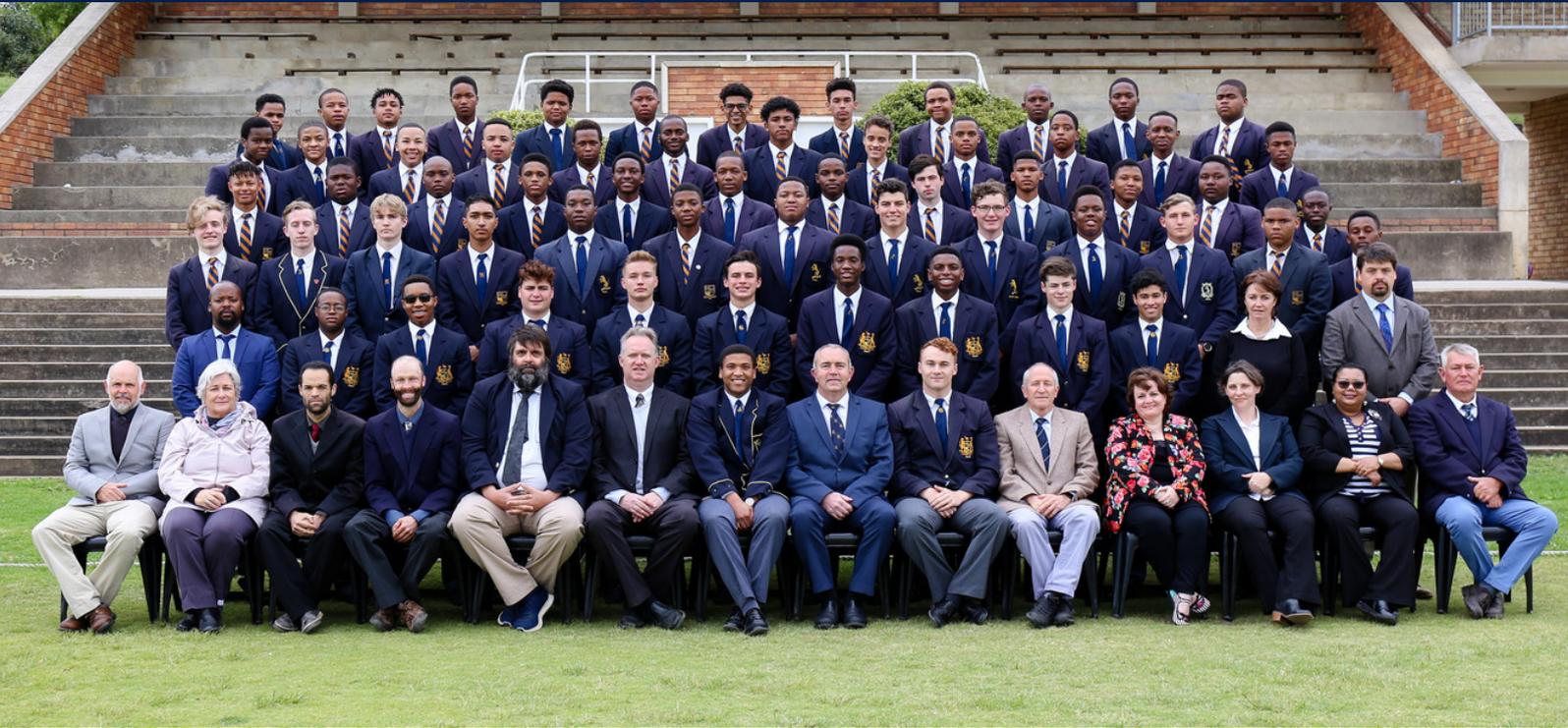




# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 23 October 2020

Quote:

“What’s the best thing you’ve learned about storms? That they end said the horse.” - Charlie Mackesy (A boy, a mole, a fox and a horse).

Picture above: 2020 MATRICS AND SUBJECT TEACHERS

### 2020 MATRICS AND SUBJECT TEACHERS

**Back Row:** Keanu Hassim, Nzululwazi Nzwana, Jordan Doyle, Vuyolwethu Mfecane, Junavian Hughes, Zusakhe Kepe, Devon Kivitts, Conway Burgess, Mihle Tembani, Okuhle Pangwa, Axolile Fani, Chumani Tshuni

**Fourth Row:** Maphelo Kameni, Nicane September, Ryan Bush, Raven Bush, Ufulu Sibutha, Sango Mcuba, Seth Barends, Leo February, Aswyn Classen, Theo Shelle, Lufezo Bodla, Buntu Mlonyeni

**Third Row:** Bradley Mapaling, Xhobani Zenani, Lithemba Goduka, Sive Tapi, Tatenda Chinganga, Sonqoba Makalima, Zintle Ntlokwana, Samuel Fincham, Sonwabile Tshona, Sokhana Maqoko, Onesimo Mabala, Lukhanyo Dybishe

**Second Row:** Cole Gailey, Joshua Pamphilon, Manusizwe Jourdan, Carlin du Plessis, Hlomla Marenene, Liyema Tonjeni, Thando Nogaya, Johan Swart, Grayson Darlow, Miracle Mgwashu, Liam Taljaard, Duran Jass, Khaya Nqubuka

**First Row:** Mr V. Tshekela, Aphiwe Sandi, Somila Ntsunguzi, Brandon Gardner, Declan de la Mare, Cody Schmidt, Tinashe Gomo, Lathi-Tha Jodwana, James Gush, Dale Pote, Mrs H. van der Meulen, Mr M. Pretorius

**Seated:** Mr A. Swift, Mrs F. Strutt, Mr S. Appollis, Dr C. Kelly, Mr B. Mackenzie, Mr G van Molendorff (*Deputy Headmaster*), Garwin Dampies (*Deputy Head Prefect*), Mr K. Watson (*Headmaster*), Andrew McCallum (*Head Prefect*), Mr L. Ferreira, Miss T. Kenyon, Ms M. White, Ms S. Randall, Mr N. van der Meulen

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## Message from the Deputy Headmaster

We had a very moving Grade 12 Prize Giving and Valedictory Service on Wednesday. It was so amazing for the Grade 12 class to still have this event, even though we had to limit the number of people in attendance. Interestingly, the same theme ran across all the speaker's messages. That being in this difficult time, we simply cannot focus on what we have lost and haven't had, but rather on what we can be grateful for. We can acknowledge that the year has been difficult, but we always need to look and find the positives. Only then will we be able to really move forward in a positive and constructive way. It was amazing to see that come through time and again, which meant the service was such an incredible event for all involved. Head Boy, Andrew McCallum quoted one of his close friends in his speech - he spoke about the greatest lesson of the year being, everything and anything can change quickly. We can't take things for granted and just need to live in the moment. It's a lesson that we always speak about, but maybe 2020 has taught us that lesson in a harsher and more decisive manner.

It was fantastic to have the Grade 12s perform the musical items. Any passionate performer or artist, loves being able to share their talents with an audience. Their incredible talent was befitting the service. Mr Watson also referred to the analogy of a farmer 'planting' a seed, versus 'burying' it. Again, suggesting that it is how we look at situations and deal with them, and it is imperative that we focus on the positive spin to the same scenario where others would only focus on the negative. We had the absolute pleasure of having Mrs Jennifer Gush address the audience on behalf of the 'leaving parent body' and Mr Bern Mackenzie was equally inspiring with his message of goodwill, from the perspective of a staff member who is leaving at the end of the year. Both speeches were incredibly insightful and emotional.

We also had the opportunity to award various prizes that would have been awarded during Speech Night. I have listed the prize winners below. It was just such a fitting celebration of achievement and a long journey for the families at Graeme College. Andrew McCallum summed it up perfectly, as he listed incredible achievements and events that have indeed happened this year.

Virtute et Opera.

G van Molendorff



Yesterday reports were handed out. Left: Mr Tshekela and Ms White handing out reports from the Graemian Centre.

# 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.

## A.G.M. & SGB 2021 BUDGET MEETING

Parents are cordially invited to attend the above meeting in the Templeton Hall at 17h30 on Tuesday 17 November 2020. Please note that the audited Annual Financial Statements for 2019 and summaries of the School budget for 2021 will be available for inspection 14 days prior to the budget meeting. Please make an appointment with the finance office in this regard.

## Sports

Cricket is back!

We have started the Graeme Premier League, but new national guidelines have meant that school sport can resume within limitations. We have confirmed Junior and Senior School matches against our local schools.

7 November - Jnr & Snr School vs Kingswood

14 November - Jnr & Snr School vs St Andrews

20/ 21 November - 1st XI Shaw/ Brown T20 Trophy

We will also keep you updated re the internal GPL fixtures.

## Exam/Test Series for Term 4

The Grade 4s - 11s will have some sort of test or exams series next term, in order that they might be promoted at the end of the year. The proposed dates for these are from 16 November - 4 December for the Grades 8 - 11s and from 23 November - 4 December for the Grades 4 - 7s. The exact details of these will be confirmed in the first week of next term.

## Grade 6 Leadership model



Grade 6 parents and guardians met on Thursday to hear about the new leadership model for Grade 7 2021. The meeting also discussed the Grade 7 Legacy Project for 2021. This includes the 20km Big Walk on Friday 19th February. Boys will raise funds to upgrade the Junior Fields precinct through a per kilometre sponsorship. The RBPS exchange programme, which will take place in Term 3 2021, was also raised.

# 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 126 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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# Grade 5s

The Grade 5s tried their hand at tie dying their own shirts and brightening up their shirts this week with some bold colours during their art classes.



Above: Well done to the following boys for receiving a Leopard certificate (Behaviour, Manners, Academics):  
Kits McConnachie, Nicholas Cock, Ruben Bodenstein, Kutenda Chinomona, Blake De La Mare, C-Jay Jeggels, Mbulelo Gama, Giles Griffin, Keyaan Goliath, Keathan Edwards, Cartial Magala, Sizo Klaas, Kyle Pearson.

# Grade 6s



Chris Zimmerman and Inika Pantsi from Grade 6 donate the first packets of warm clothing for distribution by The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset. Please assist by following their kind example.

# Grade 7s

The Grade 7 Social Science class ended off the term by visiting the historic site of Egazini in Fingo Village. This year marks the 201st year of the battle of Grahamstown/Makhandha. This is in relation to next terms work where we will be working through Frontier wars. This town has been recently renamed after the Xhosa Chief Makhandha Nxele. Using the plaques on the walls, the grade 7 class were required to draw and explain one of the plaques significance to the battle.



# Campus pictures

Nowhere in South Africa is spring more spectacular than in the Cape provinces, especially in the Eastern Cape. Right now Graeme College campus looks beautiful with the coral trees in full bloom. Thank you to Ellouise Muir for the photos.



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# VALEDICTORY

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# 2020

Grade 12 Prize Winners:

### SPORTING TROPHIES

Cricket - 1st

- Xlan Lloyd Cup (for the best all-rounder): Sonwabile Tshona
- Charlton Richardson Cup (for the best batting average): Garwin Dampies

Water Polo

- The Pepper Grove Spar Trophy (for the best senior player): Liam Taljaard

Swimming

- The Reynolds Cup (for the most outstanding performance): Joshua Pamphilon

Tennis

- The Trevor Cowie Cup (for outstanding temperament and sportsmanship): Tinashe Gomo

### ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Achievement prizes, are awarded to the following learners:

- With the Business Studies Prize & Mathematical Literacy Prize: Declan de la Mare, Conway Burgess, Carlin du Plessis, Samuel Fincham, Brandon Gardner, Tinashe Gomo, James Gush, Lathi-Tha Jodwana, Zusakhe Kepe, Andrew McCallum, Buntu Mlonyeni, Aphiwe Sandi, Cody Schmidt, Johan Swart, Chumani Tshuni
- The Vernal isiXhosa Prize - Okuhle Pangwa
- The music prize - Nzululwazi Nzwana
- Visual Arts Prize - Joshua Pamphilon
- Certificates of Academic Diligence - Sango Mcuba and Dale Pote
- A Certificate of Academic Excellence, the Vernal English Prize; the Geography Prize and the History Prize - Manusizwe Jourdan
- A Certificate of Academic Excellence, the Accounting Prize and the Life Orientation Prize - Somila Ntsunguzi
- A Certificate of Academic Excellence, the Vernal Afrikaans Prize; the Life Sciences Prize; the Mathematics Prize and the Physical Sciences Prize- Nicane September

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Music Prizes:

- For steelband - Conway Burgess
- For steelband - Duran Jass
- For choir - Lufezo Bodla
- For choir - Junavian Hughes

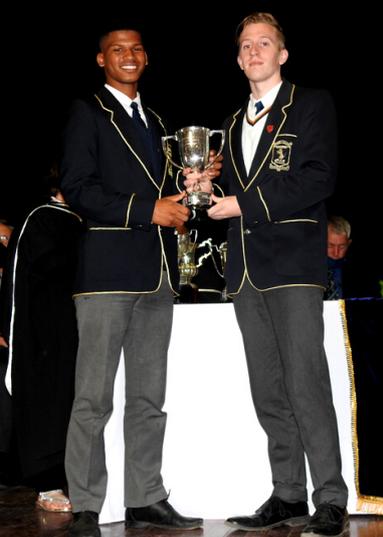
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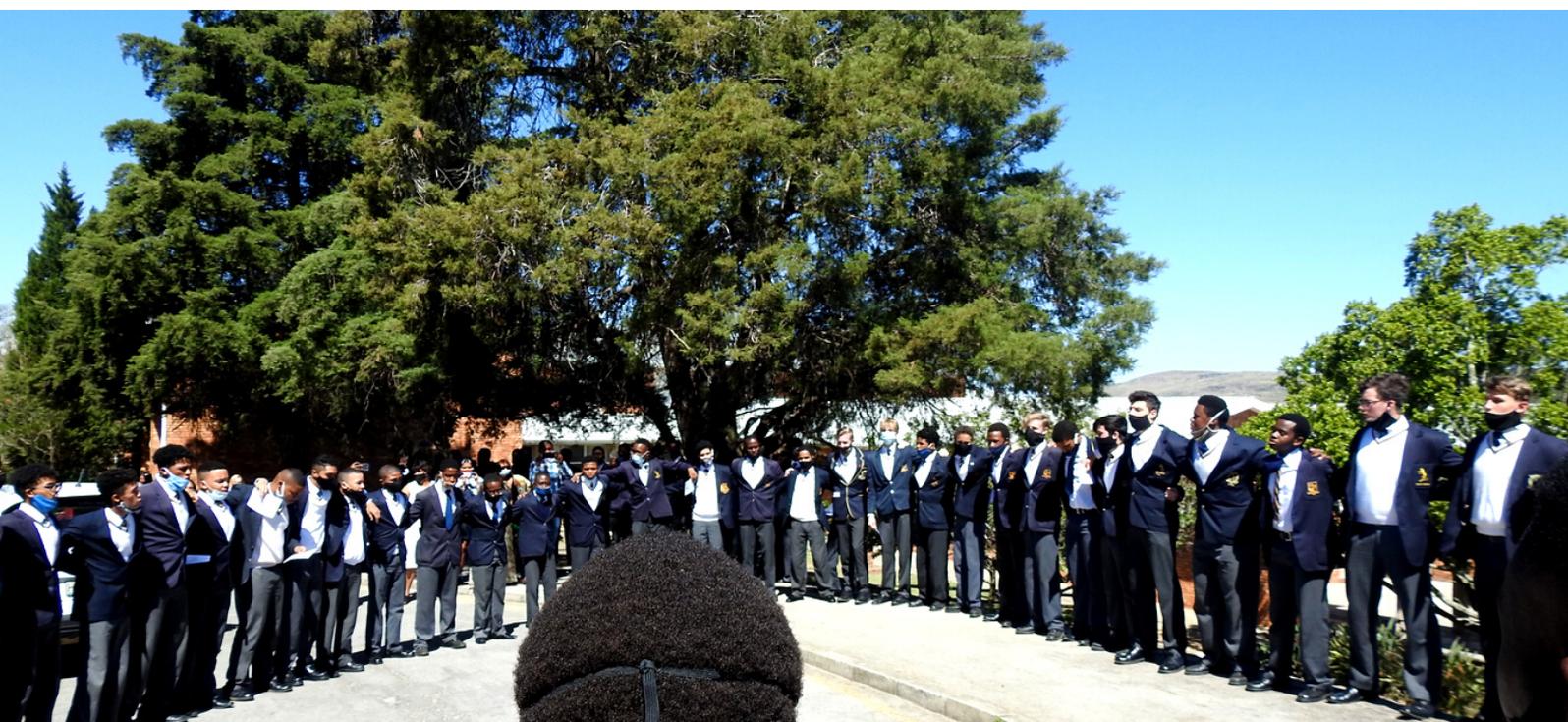
# 2020

- The Rapportryers' Prize (for the best 2nd language speaker of Afrikaans in Grade 12): Tinashe Gomo
- The Graeme College Certificate (for the best speaker of isiXhosa)-Sango Mcuba
- The Tony Swift Trophy (for the best original artist)- Joshua Pamphilon
- The Belinda Haggard Trophy (for excellence in research and painting)-Carlin du Plessis
- The Graeme Willows Trophy (for Endeavour)- Declan de la Mare
- The Bruce Biggs Trophy (for contribution to Hostel Life)- James Gush
- Ingwe Award (for valued contribution to school life)- Lathi-Tha Jodwana
- Isithwalandwe Award (for the best All-Round Sportsman of the year)-Garwin Dampies
- The Sean Mills and Steven Bartlett Trophy (for the most outstanding sportsman of the year) - Shared between Sonwabile Tshona & Joshua Pamphilon
- The Charlton Richardson Cup (for Sportsmanship)- Chumani Tshuni
- The Kingsley Trophy (for rising above adversity)- Junavian Hughes
- The D.B. Kloot Cup (for participating and excelling in a number of sports and maintaining a high academic standard): Cody Schmidt
- The Lawrie Shuttleworth Prize (for excellence and leadership in Music performance in the senior school): Miracle Mgwashu
- The Maggie van der Spuy Prize (for the School Dux): Nicane September
- The Graemian Cup (J. C. Rae) awarded to the boy who most exemplifies the Graemian motto, "Virtute et Opera": James Gush
- The Thomas St John Pattle Prize (for outstanding leadership and the boy who contributed most to Graeme College): Andrew McCallum











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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)
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