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"I don't want to be thought of as the "girl who was shot by the Taliban" but the "girl who fought for education."
This is the cause to which I want to devote my life." - Malala Yousafzai

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

It can feel more than a little frustrating to see some Women's Month messages, that are merely superficial words without much tangible action. Initially those frustrations seem to be manifested in the daily activities within our developing nation, but then just a couple of global examples in the last few weeks, has shown that it is not just within our own context. I don't want to harp on the negative, but I also don't want to portray a view where we think that we have achieved much change yet. In many cases, things are very much on the right track; studies have shown significant improvements in education levels amongst girls in developing nations, and in most cases elite athletes are receiving equal financial remuneration. I know the US ladies football team lost their claim of equal pay in court, during May 2020. In July this year they were still working on the appeal process but had made some ground with regards to equal working conditions already. This all seems quite bizarre considering that the US women's players are the current world champions. Maybe not so 'bizarre' if you consider the chaos during the current Olympic Games and other international events. This is just a few stories that I have seen in headlines recently:

The Olympic Games' creative director, Hiroshi Sasaki, resigned after making demeaning comments about a well-known female celebrity in Japan.

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The head of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic organising committee, Yoshiro Mori, also resigned, a week after his derogatory comments about women triggered an international backlash.

Canadian boxer Mandy Bujold, who missed the Olympic qualifiers because she was pregnant and on maternity leave, had to win her case within the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), and was only then allowed to fight at the Tokyo Olympic Games. This is an athlete who won gold medals in the women's flyweight category at the 2011 and 2015 Pan American Games, and won a bronze medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

I think that is more than enough examples in a short space of time to realise that there is so much to do with regards to reaching gender equality in sport, the work-place and within our communities in general. Most importantly, there is so much more to do within our education systems within South Africa. During the month of August, we simply try to highlight how much more there is to do, and continue to create more awareness with regards to an issue which simply shows a lack of education and understanding. As always, we talk about Graeme College as being a fantastic microcosm of South Africa; so I would like to ask everybody within our community to take cognisance of our roles as adults, and to make sure that we educate our youth effectively, but also be bold enough to look within our own friendship circles and try break down any misogynistic stereotypes within our society and continue to work towards more respect and understanding of social issues within our communities.

I loved the German Football advert that was launched in 2019 - I am sure you will too.

- [Click here to watch the German Women's Football Video](#)

I hope you have a relaxing long weekend with your families, but at some stage spend a little more time reflecting on the awareness around the message during Women's Month. To end on a positive note, with regards to the power and inspiration of women; please read the story of Nadia Nadim. Her presence as a role model and sporting icon is incredibly powerful.

- [Click here to watch the video: Nadia Nadim: Refugee to Football Star](#)

Lastly, we all felt a collective moment of sadness when we heard Jane Marczewski withdrew from America's Got Talent this week. Not many people have managed to inspire others as she did, with her intensely emotional performance. Her story makes you so thankful for the small things, but she has also inspired so many to find internal motivation. I am going to share that link here as well; as we celebrate these dynamic women - let's continue to teach our youth to celebrate all women.

- [Click here to watch the video: Nightbirde \(Jane Marczewski\) - AGT 2021](#)

G.van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR GRADE 12s

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic that the country finds itself in, the school year has been changed by the Department of Education. What this means is that the Grade 12s have effectively lost three weeks of school. While this does not sound a lot, all syllabi need to be completed before the Grade 12s start their Preliminary Examinations on 30 August. Because of this and because of the disrupted year that the Grade 12s had last year it has become apparent that there will need to be a number of extra classes held on Saturday mornings to make sure that not only are syllabi adequately completed but also that the Grade 12s have the chance to do some revision before they write their examinations. We are very aware that these young men need to do well in their Preliminary Examinations in order to qualify for tertiary education. We need to make this possible for them and the only way for the completion of all work to be a reality is to introduce compulsory Saturday school. Essential year work will be covered in these slots. This is examinable work and so attendance at these sessions is vital. The programme is as follows:

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME	CLASS (WHERE APPLICABLE)	VENUE
31 July 2021	Mathematical Literacy	08h30 – 09h45	12LF	Room 37
	English		12MW	Room 34
	English	10h00 – 11h15	12LF	Room 34
	Mathematical Literacy/ Mathematics		12MW	Room 37 Room 6
7 August 2021	Geography	08h30 – 10h30		Room 11
	Computer Applications Technology (CAT)			Computer Lab
	Music			Music Room
14 August 2021	Physical Science	08h30 – 10h30		Room 7
	Business Studies	08h30 – 10h30		Room 32
21 August 2021	Life Sciences	08h30 – 10h30		Hall

Grade 8 and 9 Test Schedule:

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 tests every Tuesday (Days 2 and 7). These test results will comprise part of the SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	GRADE 9 TEST
10 August 2021 (Day 2)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing
17 August 2021 (Day 7)	EMS Test	EMS Test
24 August 2021 (Day 2)	Geography Test	History Test
31 August 2021 (Day 7)	History Test	Geography Test
7 September 2021 (Day 2)	Mathematics Test	Mathematics Test
14 September 2021 (Day 7)	Natural Science Test	Natural Science Test
21 September 2021 (Day 2)	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing
28 September 2021 (Day 7)	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

The Grade 12s are due to start writing their preliminary examinations at the end of August. The draft timetable is as follows:

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2021 (Draft)

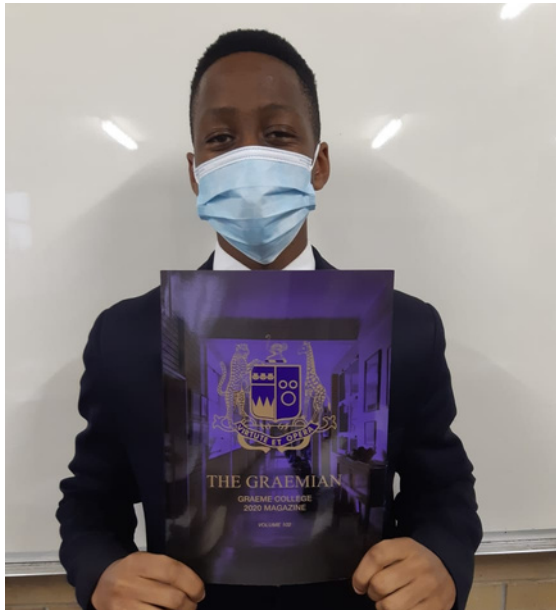
DATE	09H00	14H00
Thursday 26 August	CAT Paper 1 Practical 3 hours	
Monday 30 August	Accounting Paper 1 2 hours	
Tuesday 31 August	Geography Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	isiXhosa FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Wednesday 1 September	History Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 3 3 hours
Thursday 2 September	Geography Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Friday 3 September	Life Sciences Paper 1 2 ½ hours	
Monday 6 September	<u>Final</u> Life Orientation Exam 2 hours	
Tuesday 7 September	Life Sciences Paper 2 2 ½ hours	Visual Art/Design Paper 1 3 hours (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 8 September	Afrikaans FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Thursday 9 September	Accounting Paper 2 2 hours	isiXhosa FAL Paper 1 2 ½ hours
Friday 10 September	Mathematics Paper 1/ Maths Lit Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 1 2 hours
Monday 13 September	Mathematics Paper 2/ Maths Lit Paper 2 3 hours	CAT Paper 2 Theory 3 hours
Tuesday 14 September	History Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 1 2 hours
Wednesday 15 September	Business Studies Paper 1 2 hours	
Thursday 16 September	isiXhosa FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 17 September	Physical Sciences Paper 1 3 hours (Physics)	
Monday 20 September	Physical Sciences Paper 2 3 hours (Chemistry)	
Tuesday 21 September	Music Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	Music Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Comprehension)
Wednesday 22 September	English Home Language Paper 2 2 ½ hours	
Thursday 23 September	Business Studies Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 24 September		
Monday 27 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Tuesday 28 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Wednesday 29 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Saturday 16 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 17h00)	

** 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.

Campus

The Foundation Phase boys are really enjoying their new area at break time!
This new area is a result of a generous donation, in fond memory of Albert and Ernest Whitfield (matriculated 1946).





The 2020 Graeme College School magazine is now available at Reception at R150 a copy. It is the reflection of the year Covid-19 became part of the world, the GC community and your son's school life. We would like to encourage you to buy it and keep it as a reminder of quite an exceptional year.

Grade 4s

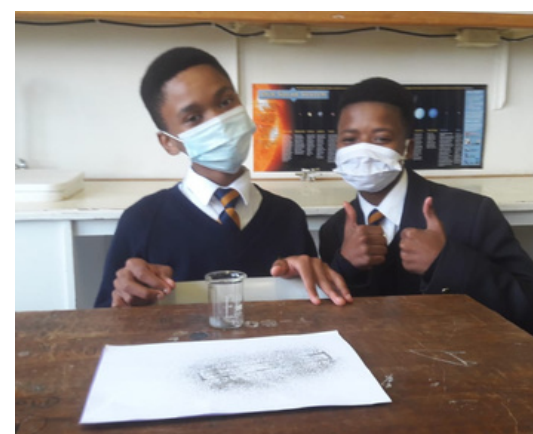
The Grade 4 learners are learning about the Olympic Games and what better way to learn about it then having their own Olympic challenges. This week we have team “Canada” in the lead as they completed and dominated most of the team challenges. We can't wait to see what next week has in store for us!





Left: Congratulations to Shadz Siaw of 9SA who won the first ever "Maths Jedi Master" award, in Ms Morgan's class. The award is for showing exceptional problem solving skills in class and making a meaningful contribution to the maths class.

Below: The Grade 9 boys had the opportunity of seeing evidence of the field forces they have been learning about in Natural Science in Mrs Gush's class. Experiments relating to gravity and Newton's First Law; making compasses to demonstrate magnetic field and using balloons to create electrostatic forces, were thoroughly enjoyed.



Community Projects & Fundraising

The Community Outreach Portfolio have decided to make "Jars of Hope" and to host a Soup Kitchen for one day this term.

The committee are in need of:

- 200gram glass coffee bottles with lids (please wash!)
- Rice
- Lentils
- Split Peas
- Soup Mix
- Stock (chicken/beef/mutton)
- Cup of Soup packets of soup.



Health Heart and Home



Fill a coffee jar with the following ingredients... It can feed 4 people.



Share a Jar of Hope 🌈

1/2 cup rice

1/2 cup soup mix

1/2 cup lentils

1 unwrapped stock cube

1 pkt soup powder

Instructions. Boil 2 and 1/2 litres of water and add the jar contents. Keep stirring and enjoy.



All are dry ingredients that will be placed in the glass bottle to make one meal.

As per usual, the class that donates the most will be rewarded for their efforts and generosity. Let's make a big effort to fill hungry tummies!

Please make all contributions for the attention of Miss White.

Thank you for the kind and generous donations received thus far. This project is our most popular project this year.

Thank you for helping us to feed the many hungry people in our community.

Below are the soup kitchen points tally for Friday, 6 August:

Grade 00: 95 points	7AS: 2 points
Grade R: 125 points	8MP: 0 points
Grade 1: 63 points	8JVM: 70 points
Grade 2: 56 points	9SA: 65 points
Grade 3: 103 points	9NH: 0 points
4MG: 138 points	10LN: 0 points
4VDM: 21 points	10VT: 22 points
5JB: 22 points	11FS: 0 points
5LM: 98 points	11PDL: 3 points
6AR: 15 points	12MW: 30 points
6DS: 50 points	12LF: 0 points xt
7OX: 31 points	

- School Golf Plan

The Belmont Golf Club School plan is available for all boys at Graeme College that are interested in becoming scholar members. Please contact Mr Kilian if you would like further information on s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za.

- Senior School Cross Country

Below are the photos of the Sports house leaders.

Left to right:

David Tyson - Vernal

Buhle planga - Hutton

Lelona Xhaso - Wiles

Damian Peterson - Nielson

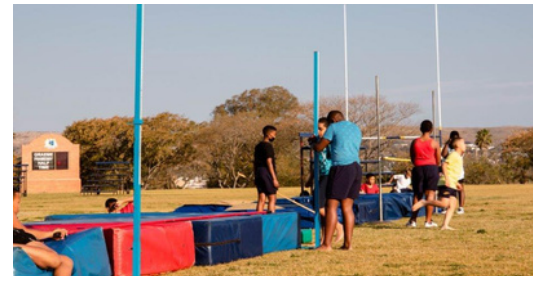


It is 'Top season' at school! Although not a sport as such, the boys are loving playing this game during their break times. Such toys have been used since antiquity in solitary or competitive children games, where each player tries to keep one's top spinning for as long as possible, or achieve some other goal.

Sports

- Athletics

The school's athletics season has started during the third term and with warm temperatures in the day, the boys have been enjoying it so far. This week's athletics started for the first time since 2019! The Junior School in particular, are especially looking forward to their inter-house athletics next week Wednesday. The boys really enjoyed competing in the various events for their spot to run and compete for their house on Wednesday. Below are some pictures that have been captured during this last week.



Sports



Pre-Primary - Grade 00 & Grade R

Today the Pre-Primary children thoroughly enjoyed their baking day! Baking with kids can be lots of fun and rather messy but among all the mess, there are so many benefits that children gain from baking. But of course, one cannot bake without a proper chef's hat and so today this was the craft activity of the day too.

Did you know that a child's school skills benefit from the whole baking experience? Children learn bilateral co-ordination (use both hands together in a coordinated waysuch as rolling dough), hand strengthening (opportunities to strengthen their hand and finger muscles- rolling dough and sprinkling) as well as spatial perception and planning skills.

Pouring ingredients into bowls and jugs, and spooning batter into tins are all good ways for kids to practice their eye-hand coordination. We love everything this experience brings! In addition, it creates some very special memories with their classmates and teacher too.



School Events



Stay Connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

- Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

- Facebook:

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- Link to online Covid Questionnaire - must be completed by all visitors and sports teams visiting Graeme College. It must be completed on the day that you visit. Click on this link: <http://bit.ly/GCccovidQ>
- Awsum App:

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

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 (Mrs Strutt) to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Graeme College second-hand clothing shop will be open between 13h00 and 14h00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (excluding public holidays and school holidays). Please contact Mrs Mary Siebritz should you have any queries.

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