



# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Thursday 22 September 2021

“There is no glory in outstripping donkeys” - Marcus Valerius Martialis

### Message from the Headmaster

The new group of senior 2022 portfolio heads were inducted on Wednesday. We congratulate this group of young leaders, wish them all the best and wish them success in their new leadership roles. It is important for our boys to experience leadership opportunities as this will assist with the art of building relationships within committees and providing opportunities to learn to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills.

The author Robin Sharma reminds us that leadership is not about a title, but rather about a behaviour. Leadership is even more difficult when you are trying to lead your peer group. “It takes great courage to stand up and be counted. Being one of the sheep in the flock is far easier than being the herdsman”. Young adults find this leadership role the toughest of all challenges, because often what the crowd wants, is actually not the correct way forward.

Aristotle said: “To lead an orchestra, you must turn your back on the crowd.”

Character and a leadership culture are fundamental to effective leadership. Good character builds trust and, without trust, people will not follow you. Leadership culture is the way people interact, make decisions and influence others.

If we understand that our school character and leadership culture is a set of values, beliefs and assumptions shared by learners, staff and parents, we can then deduce that we as a school have a significant influence on attitude and behaviour. Management can influence this culture, but cannot control it.

Together, parents and educators at Graeme College must strive to enable our learners to reach their full potential by developing a strong character and leadership culture that will make a positive and meaningful influence in our community and society. That is the importance of a real South African school like Graeme College.

Kevin Watson  
Headmaster

<u>Portfolio Head</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
<b>Sivuyisiwe Sixaba</b>	<b>HEADBOY (Academic)</b>
<b>Liselihle Maphekula</b>	<b>DEPUTY HEADBOY (Discipline)</b>
<b>Mihlali Xalabile</b>	<b>Culture/ Diversity</b>
<b>Kuhle Mlengana</b>	<b>Marketing Portfolio</b>
<b>Lagon Oerson</b>	<b>Spirit/ Sport</b>
<b>Siya Nongubo</b>	<b>Arts</b>
<b>Sesethu Matyolo</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Ndima Shoba</b>	<b>Events</b>
<b>Anathi Bawushana</b>	<b>Community Outreach</b>
<b>Stephen Pittaway</b>	<b>Campus/ Environmental</b>
<b>Sibuvile Dambuza</b>	<b>RCL</b>
<b>Lisakhaya Maziyana</b>	<b>Neilson House</b>
<b>Emihle Mgedezi</b>	<b>Wiles House</b>
<b>Abongile Ngandi</b>	<b>Vernal House</b>
<b>Viwe Gana</b>	<b>Hutton House</b>





## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL - COVID 3RD WAVE

With the rise in COVID-19 cases around the country, we ask that parents be vigilant and monitor their children for the real COVID symptoms. Should they present symptoms, please take them to the doctor and have them avoid attending school. Please can you continue to report when your son will be absent from school, as it makes monitoring easier.

## ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2022

The call for entries for the 2022 English Olympiad is now open. Any boy currently in Grades 8 - 11 may enter. The theme for next year is "A brave new world" and the anthology comprises different genres of writing. The cost of the competition is R100 which needs to be to Ms Stamper by 28 September 2021. Included in this cost is the anthology. Any other queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK STARTING 27 SEPTEMBER (GRADES 10 AND 11)

Please be advised that next week is a normal teaching week and the content taught will count towards the final examinations which will comprise up to 75% of the year mark for each subject. In addition, in order to allow the necessary time for revision for the upcoming examinations and bearing in mind that many days have been lost this year owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following end of year examinations will be written next week.

Tuesday 28 September 2021

Afrikaans/isiXhosa First Additional Language Paper 3 (Creative Writing)

Time allowed: 2 ½ hours

Marks: 100

Section A: Candidates to choose ONE essay question (50 marks)

Section B: Candidates to choose ONE long transactional text (30 marks)

Section C: Candidates to choose ONE short transactional text (20 marks)

Wednesday 29 September 2021

English Home Language Paper 3 (Creative Writing)

Time allowed: 2 ½ hours

Marks: 100

Section A: Candidates to choose ONE essay question (50 marks)

Section B: Candidates to choose TWO transactional texts (2 x 25 marks)

All grades are to report to their relevant screening points at 07h30 each day next week.

## GRADE 12 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK STARTING 27 SEPTEMBER

The Grade 12s have finished their preliminary examinations and will resume normal classes on Monday 27 September (unless they do Visual Art or Design). The examination papers will be reviewed during this week and vital revision will be done. Where Grade 12s have under performed, there is still ample time for revision, but only if they attend school.

## COLLECTION OF REPORTS

Third Term reports will be made available to boys in Grade 4 - 12 at the end of the school day on Thursday 30 September.

## COLLECTION OF REPORTS- Pre-Primary

Third Term reports will be made available to boys in the Pre-primary at the end of the school day on Thursday 30 September, when they are collected at 12:30.

## ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO INITIATIVE

The Grade 12s in the academic portfolio launched a new initiative this term. This followed on the back of their “buddy” learning system which has been in place since the first term. Their new initiative involves peer teaching and learning. They have been meeting on Friday afternoons to study and learn from each other. This is a skill we would very much like to encourage. Should any other grade wish to start a similar system, they will be accommodated. It is an initiative that we would like to see spread and grow.

## Campus news

Thanks to a valuable contribution from Makana Brick, the Marais Field complex received an apron of paving and a dedicated First Aid parking area.



## Old Graemians & Staff

Pictured right: What a great combo for EP Rugby! Two Old Graemians leading the young men.

Dmitri Strydom (OG 2003) and Elandre Sias (OG 2011) - EP Rugby u/15 Head Coach and Assistant Coach.

Good luck for the weekend.

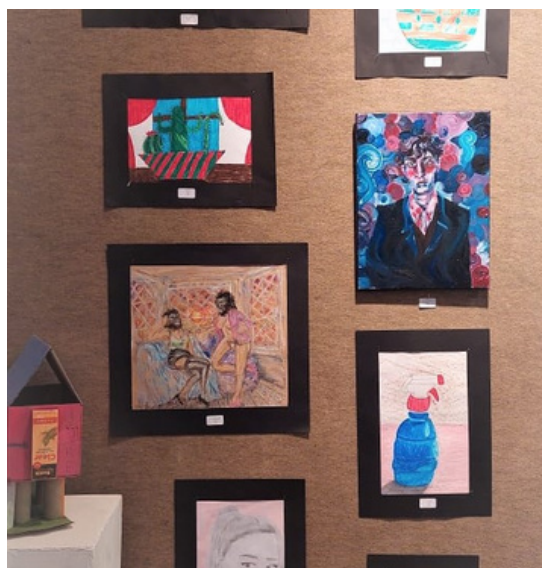
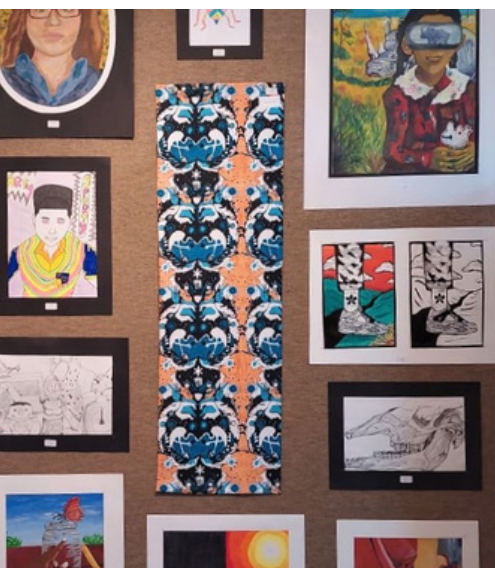
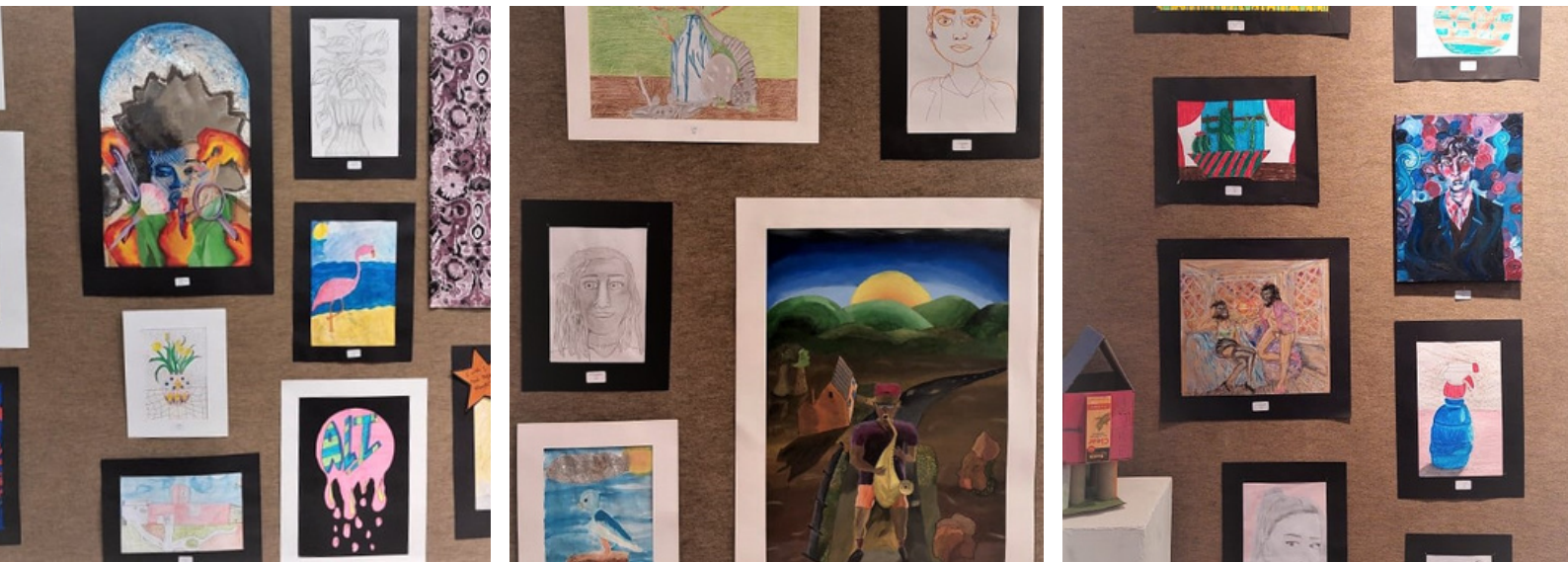


Pictured left: Well done to Mr Nico van der Meulen, who got his first hole in one playing golf recently!

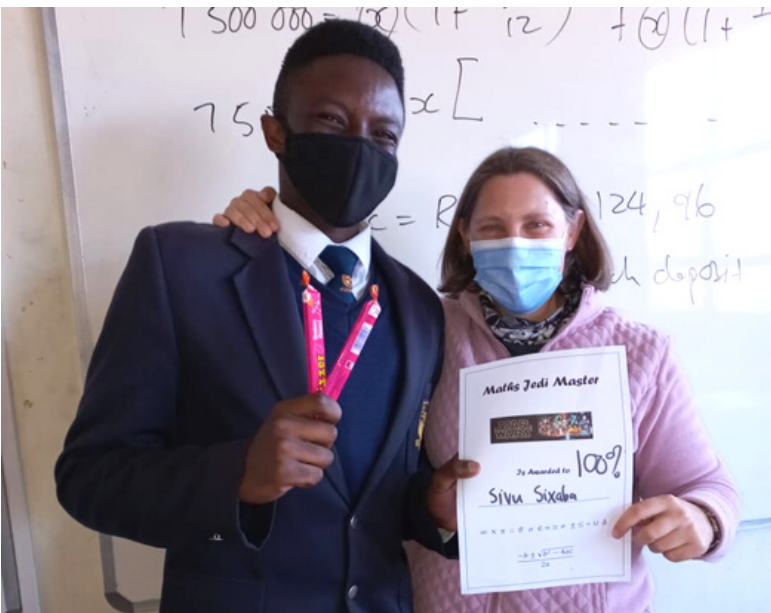


# Art

Johan Carinus Art Centre is having their annual art exhibition celebrating the best works from Graeme College, Victoria Girls, Victoria Primary, PJ Olivier, Ntsika Secondary School and Nombulelo High School. The exhibition can be viewed by appointment only and is open 08h00 to 15h00 week days from the 22-30 September at 84 Beaufort Street. Well done to all the Graeme boys on their excellent works produced this year. Keep an eye out for the up close photos of the artworks that will be posted daily on our Facebook page.



# Grade 10s



Maths Jedi Master was awarded to Sivu Sixaba of 11FS for scoring full marks for his Mathematics test. Well done Sivu!

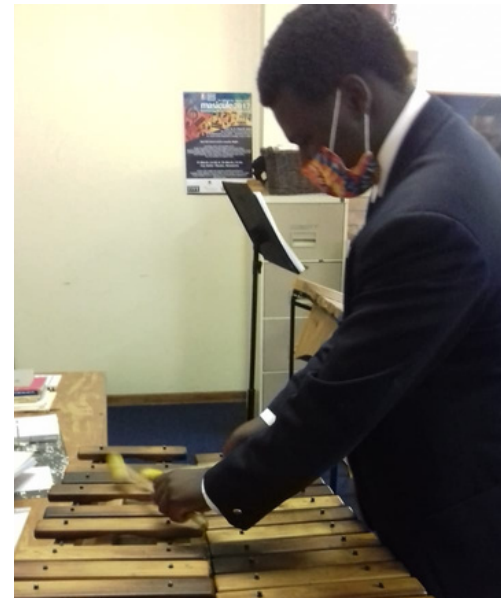


## Music

Personality of the Week:

Kwanele Nene:

Kwanele is a Grade 11 music student, focusing on marimba as his practical instrument. He has made a significant improvement in his written assessments during the term. His marks have increased by over 20%, showing that consistent and diligent work will produce good results. Kwanele Nene is pictured right.



Practice Points:

Practice points are awarded each week to those music students who work hard and practise diligently. Because diligence has a direct correlation to progress, we decided to reward the boys' deserving efforts. The top three practice point scores will receive delicious prizes at the end of the year!

Top scores currently:

Practice Points: points earned this week

- Ben Shaw 3
- Yolani Jimmy 2
- Junaid Douglas 2
- Lihlomile Mdenka 1

It is not enough  
to just play the notes,  
Or sing the words,  
Or hear the song.  
For it to Mean Something.  
You have to feel the Music.  
Because if you don't feel it...  
How can anyone else??

Quote of the week

Chosen by Ms Niesling

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# Music



Graeme College Eisteddfod 2021

The music department is very excited to invite our learners to participate in a virtual eisteddfod this year. Learners are urged to get their creativity flowing and to entertain us with their talents! Categories for entries are music, art, prepared speech, poetry and dance. Learners can enter by completing the entry form as per the links below. Registration to enter close on 1 October - the last day of term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL: <https://forms.gle/cvTmAn7Sph2g77ub6>

SENIOR SCHOOL: <https://forms.gle/C8nT8UawHqknxLBQ6>

These links are for registration only. Please don't send videos or final entries yet: instructions on how and where to upload or hand in your entries will be posted in the newsletter next week.

All entries will be adjudicated by objective adjudicators from the broader Makhanda community who are experts in the respective entry categories. The adjudicators will provide each participant with comments and achievement certificates in bronze, silver, gold and double gold categories.

By entering, boys will be supporting their houses and the music department! They will support their houses in that each entry will earn 1 house point, while certificate awards will earn house points as follows: bronze - 2 points; silver - 5 points; gold - 7 points; double gold - 10 points. Which house will win the GC 2021 Eisteddfod? Boys will also support the music department's fundraising goals. An entry fee of R5 is payable at the school bursar and will serve as a fundraising event towards upgrades in the music department. We are saving up to increase the number of instruments so that instrumental musicianship can be included in the class music curriculum. We are also saving up towards sound-proofing our teaching and practise rooms, as well as for the general beautifying of our spaces.

We are so excited to receive your entries!

The Music Department Team

Below left: The Grade 10 pianists practicing before their Grade concert on Monday this week.

Below right: The Grade 1 class watching and learning about percussion instruments of China in their "world musical tour".





# Grant House

The Grade 5 hostel boys enjoyed a trip out last weekend and did some beautiful walks around the 1820's Settlers National Monument, which overlooks Makhanda. It is fitting with Heritage Day that they visited the 1820 Settlers' National Monument, which is a part of the cultural heritage of all South Africans and is a living monument to commemorate the 1820 historical period. The boys thoroughly enjoyed hiking nearby and enjoying the fresh spring air.



# Junior School

Today was the chance to live inside the exciting world of a favourite grade-school book or experience life from the lens of a favourite storybook character or movie character, for the Junior school Character Dress Up Day today. There were so many creative costumes and we were very proud of the efforts made by children and teachers alike! The entry was R5 and the monies raised will be helping to improve the school grounds. There were also exciting prizes awarded for best dressed.

Below: Photo (left to right) Best dressed teacher, Mrs Greyling; First place: Daniel Barnard.

Photo 2: From right to left the Grade 1-7 winners. Winners were as follows: Grade 1: Thomas Mann, Grade 2: Dewald van Eyssen, Grade 3: Cruden van Eyssen; Grade 4: Jed van Der Merve; Grade 5: Daniel Barnard; Grade 6: Corbien Hassim; Grade 7: Blayden Connolly.





# Sports

- 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  
s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za

- Cricket

PLEASE SHARE AND SUPPORT OUR LATEST CRICKET FUNDRAISING PROJECT.

This is a link to Jumpstarter - where we have created a page to raise funds through donations.

<https://bit.ly/GC-Cricket>

## JOKER POKER IS BACK!

1st XI Cricket Fundraiser - THE COVID (REMOTELY ORGANISED) VERSION...

All funds received go towards the 1st XI cricket tour costs in 2021.

To summarise, 52 playing cards plus a joker are shuffled and pinned face down on a board. Each week or fortnight, a raffle is held where supporters pay for the opportunity to possibly be the lucky winner who selects a single card from the board. The objective is to select the joker from the playing cards that are pinned faced down, and thereby win the grand prize. Part of the excitement and fun of Joker Poker is that after each unsuccessful card selection the prize jackpots and technically the odds improve with each draw as well. The prize will be carried over to the next draw if the Joker is not turned. Tickets are R10 per draw entry and you are allowed as many entries as you like in each draw. Your ticket will get you into the draws which will be organised by the parent group. The prize is a percentage of all ticket sales and a 5000 litre Eco water tank donated by Eco Tanks and Bucu, which is valued at R7000. That is an incredible prize which will generate a lot of interest in Grahamstown.

Tickets can be bought at the Graemian Centre, School Reception and via the Karri App. Draws for the Joker will be made on the following dates:

- Wed 29 September (16h30)
- Fri 15 October (16h30)
- Fri 29 October (16h30)

\*All draws will be held at the Graemian Centre. This gives you several opportunities to win the grand prize. Social Media videos of draws will be held - you dont need to be present; you will be contacted telephonically.



# Sports

- Cricket



We wished Aphiwe Mnyanda good luck this week as he leaves to represent the SA u19 cricket team in the CSA T20 Knock Out competition. The T20 Knock Out Competition is one of two T20 tournaments that will feature as part the 2021/22 domestic season, with a premium T20 competition scheduled for later in the season.

Cricket games are also starting to get going again. Our junior school played Queens Junior on Wednesday this week (pictured first below), and on Tuesday night we had an u17 invitation XI practice game with St Andrew's under their new lights (pictured bottom of page).



# Sports

- Cricket

U13a vs Queens

Queens 124/9 in 40 overs

Andrew Muir 2/6

Chris Zimmerman 3/13

Erin Stevens 2/3

Graeme 125/0

Rhys Wiblin 59 not out

Enrique Strydom 47 not out

Graeme winning by 10 wickets



The U13A cricket tour to Knysna is next week and for that the boys have been putting in a lot of practice time and effort into ensuring they are preparing for their matches. Below are some photos of the boys practicing this week.



# Sports

- Cricket

On Tuesday night the XI boys had an u17 invitation XI practice game with St Andrew's under their new lights to start getting back into the swing of things and hone in some of their batting, bowling and fielding skills again.



Today the Graeme College 1st XI travelled to Gqeberha for the Pearson High Festival. They will play 5 matches over 4 days, and will no doubt gain valuable experience from the trip.



- Soccer:

Below the start of the Inter-house soccer begins!



# Sports

- Rugby

The popular game of 7's rugby was played this week and thoroughly enjoyed by the boys!

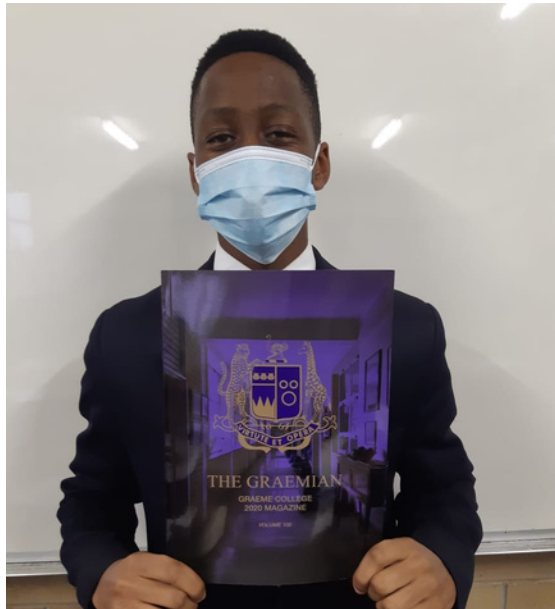




# Pre-Primary

Every week the Pre-Primary children have their culinary activity of Baker's Day, where every week one child gets the chance to be the Star Baker and bring treats to 'sell' to the other children. The boys prepare cupcakes or treats with their parents and are so incredibly proud of their creations. Baker's Day is the highlight of the week and we thought this week we would include some photos of their cute process. Spending time in the kitchen with your children can foster an interest in food and cooking/baking that will last for life!





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.

## My School Card

Did you know that your MySchool card gives you a super discount to Worksheet Cloud? Signing up to WorksheetCloud will give you instant access to hundreds of printable school worksheets, but if you're a MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet supporter, a percentage of your subscription fee will be given back to Graeme College at absolutely no cost to you. Plus you'll also receive a 50% discount on your WorksheetCloud sign up fee! Cardholders also receive a R100 discount on the WorksheetCloud subscription fee when entering your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card number during sign up. Head on over to WorksheetCloud and help your child with the Term 3 tests. They'll get access to thousands of study notes, practice questions and practice exams.

Click here to learn more:

<https://www.worksheetcloud.com/myschool/>



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You might also find these other posts helpful: (click on the theme)

- My English / Xhosa / Zulu child is failing Afrikaans. What can I do to help?
- Introducing WorksheetCloud Study Notes
- Why is Reading Important?



# 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.