

GRAEME COLLEGE

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Graeme College's Vision Statement

"To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential."

NEWSLETTER – Friday 9 June 2017

"If Plan A fails, remember that you have 24 letters left."

It is apt to mention next week's Youth day, and the long weekend, in this week's Newsletter. The link between schools, education and Youth Day is obvious, and therefore so important for us to make special mention of each year.

"Youth Day is, without doubt, one of the most significant in South Africa's history. On that day the government and police were caught off guard when the simmering anger of schoolchildren finally burst. In 1976 the government introduced the compulsory use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction from Grade 7 – then Standard 5. Pupils, teachers and principals opposed the ruling on Afrikaans, for more or less the same reasons - teachers were ill-equipped to teach in the language, which was for most, a third language.

When schools reopened in January 1976, parents and principals were unhappy and, at a meeting called by pupils, they agreed that on 16 June pupils throughout Soweto would gather in a mass demonstration against Afrikaans. By 10.30am that morning over 5 000 pupils had gathered in Vilakazi Street, with many more streaming in – a total of 15 000 uniformed pupils were there. The plan, to move to the Orlando Stadium, did not happen as police, who had been called in, formed a wall facing the pupils, warning them to disperse. Tear gas was fired into the crowd, inciting a response from the children, who threw stones and bricks at the police. Sadly, this escalated and eventually the police opened fire, killing many youths. In the hours thereafter, pupils targeted administrative offices, government buses and vehicles; first looted and then set them alight. By the end of the day thick clouds of black smoke hung over the township, and the streets were littered with upturned vehicles, stones and rocks.

By 18 June, all schools in Soweto and Alexandra had been closed by the authorities. International solidarity movements were roused and gave their support to the pupils, putting pressure on the government to temper its repressive rule. This pressure was maintained throughout the 1980s, until resistance movements were finally unbanned in 1990. Principals were almost immediately allowed to choose their own medium of instruction, a major victory for the pupils."

This is a very brief outline of why 16 June, which was first known as Soweto Day, thereafter changed to Youth Day, is commemorated in South Africa each year in June, which is also Youth Month. It often reminds us about the power of both education and of the youth. They are indeed the future of South Africa. Our role then, is to guide them to make the right decisions. Never to tell them what to think, but rather enable them with enough information, in order for them to make their own decisions.

~ extract taken from News24.com – Lynn Hitchcock

Gregg van Molendorff

PAYMENTS FROM CAPITEC BANK

Parents banking at Capitec Bank, and who made payments to Graeme College on or just before 19 May 2017, are requested to confirm payments with the Finance Office. A number of payments are reflected on the Graeme College bank statement with only a reference of "Capitec". Unfortunately we are unable to assign these payments to any learner's account without proof of payment from parents. Please contact Chante Norton on 046-622 7227, ext 2 or c.norton@graemecollege.co.za.

ACADEMIC

JUNE EXAMINATIONS

Senior Academics

Good luck to all the senior learners who have started writing their June examinations. Parents are reminded that Monday 26 June will be a normal school day and ALL learners are expected to attend school on this day.

Please remember the following rules with regards to the examination period:

Arrival at School: Grade 10 – 12 learners will report to school only on the days they write. They must be at the exam venue thirty minutes before the start of each exam. Grade 8 & 9 learners will report to school each day by 08h00. They will be released at 12h10.

Venues: Grades 11 & 12 – Templeton Hall Gr 10AS – Room 6 Gr 10VT – Room 40
Gr 9MBR – Room 36 Gr 9LP – Room 35 Gr 8JvM – Room 32 Gr 8MP – Room 33

Dress: Learners must ensure that they are neatly dressed in normal school uniform. The normal school uniform rules apply regarding shaving, hair, etc.

Stationery: Learners must ensure that they are in possession of the necessary stationery for each exam (pens, calculators and geographical equipment) as no borrowing is allowed.

Absences: Only a doctor's note may excuse a learner from an examination.

Junior Academics (Grades 4 – 7)

Commencement: The examinations will start on Monday 12 June and end on Thursday 22 June.

Arrival at School: All learners must arrive at school by 07h30, while the academic day will end at 12h45 during this period. On Friday 23 June, the academic day will end at 12h00. Parents are reminded that Monday 26 June will be a normal school day and all learners are expected to attend school on this day.

Absences: Only a doctor's note may excuse a learner from an examination.

SPORT

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parents who kindly provided eats for the recent rugby fixtures. We truly appreciate your assistance as well as the assistance of all the other mothers who helped in the kitchen on these days!

SENIOR HOCKEY

Results: vs Hoërskool Nico Malan – Friday 2 June

GC 1 st vs HNM 1 st	won	2 – 2	GC 2 nd vs KC	lost	0 – 2
GC U14A/Beginner vs HNM	won	4 – 0			

SENIOR RUGBY

Results: vs Hoërskool Nico Malan – Saturday 3 June

GC 1 st XV vs HNM 1 st XV	won	46 – 10	GC 2 nd XV vs HNM 2 nd XV	won	34 – 12
GC 3 rd XV vs HNM 3 rd XV	won	60 – 12			
GC U16A vs HNM U16A	lost	0 – 34	GC U16B vs HNM U16B	won	31 – 7
GC U15A vs HNM U15A	lost	24 – 33	GC U15B vs HNM U15B	lost	12 – 34
GC U14A vs HNM U14A	lost	19 – 29	GC U14B vs HNM U14B	lost	5 – 40

Fixtures: Saturday 10 June 2017 vs Queen's College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Somerset</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais A</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais B</i>
09h00	GC U14A vs QC U14A				
10h00	GC U15A vs QC U15A				
11h00	GC U16A vs QC U16A			11h00	GC 4 th XV vs QC 4 th XV
12h15	GC 3 rd XV vs QC 3 rd XV	12h15	GC U15B vs QC U15B	12h15	GC U14B vs QC U14B
13h30	GC 2 nd XV vs QC 2 nd XV	13h15	GC U16B vs QC U16B		
14h45	GC 1 st XV vs QC 1 st XV				

JUNIOR RUGBY

Results: vs Grey Junior – Saturday 3 June

GC U13A vs Grey U13A	lost	5 – 54	GC U13B vs Grey U13C	won	24 – 5
GC U13C vs Grey U13D	lost	19 – 28	GC U13D vs Grey U12D	lost	5 – 34
GC U11A vs Grey U11B	lost	5 – 17	GC U11B vs Grey U11D	lost	0 – 5
GC U11C vs Grey U10C	lost	0 – 7	GC U11D vs Grey U10D	lost	10 – 27
GC U9A vs Grey U9A	lost	14 – 38			

Results: vs Kingswood Junior – Tuesday 6 June

GC U13A vs KC	won	50 – 0	GC U13B vs KC	won	12 – 10
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Results: vs Port Alfred High – Wednesday 7 June

GC U13A vs PAHS	won	46 – 0			
GC U11A vs PAHS	won	24 – 0	GC U11C vs PAHS U11B	won	50 – 0

GC U9A vs PAHS won 55 – 0

Fixtures: Saturday 10 June 2017 vs Westering Primary

<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais A</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais B</i>
08h30	GC U11B vs WP U11B	08h30	GC U9A vs WP U9A
09h15	GC U11A vs WP U11A	09h15	GC U11C vs WP U11C
10h00	GC U13B vs WP U13B	10h00	GC U13C vs WP U13C
11h00	GC U13A vs WP U13A		

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC1 vs KC1 won 9 – 3 GCJ vs KCJ won 9 – 6 GC3 vs FB1 won 14 – 5

JUNIOR TENNIS

Results: vs Kingswood Junior - Friday 2 June

GC U11A vs KC U11A won 68 – 36 GC U11B vs KC U11B won 69 - 33

Practices: June examination period

There will be no Graeme tennis practices for U10 – U13 teams during the examination period, BUT private coaching for all groups, as well as the Grades 1 to 3 practices will continue as normal.

EVENTS

GRAEME COLLEGE STEAK EVENING – Friday 9 June 2017

Graeme College will be hosting a steak evening from 18h00 at the Graemian Centre tonight. Tickets costs R80 and include a 250g steak, baby potatoes and salad, while boerewors rolls will be on sale for children at R15 each. Tickets are available at the Reception Office or at the Graemian Centre on the evening.

GENERAL

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

Donations Needed

The Graeme College Second-hand Clothing Shop is in need of the following items (in good condition and irrespective of size): blazers, rain-o-macs, tracksuit tops and bottoms, pullovers and long sleeve jerseys.

Opening Times

The Second-hand Clothing Shop is open on the following days and times (excluding Public and School Holidays):

Monday: 13h00 – 13h30 Wednesday: 13h00 – 14h00

All enquiries with regards to the Shop will be dealt with by Mrs Siebritz (046-622 7227).

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON
HEADMASTER**

Senior Exam Timetable (Gr 8 - 11): 12 June - 15 June

	Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 15 June
Grade 12	Mathematics P2 09h00 – 12h00 Maths Lit P2 09h00 – 11h30	History P1 09h00 – 11h00	Afrikaans / isiXhosa P1 (Lang) 08h00 – 10h00 Afrikaans / isiXhosa P3 (Writing) 10h30 – 13h00	Design P1 08h00 – 11h00 Design P2 Prac 12h00 – 17h00 Music P1 (Theory) 08h00 – 11h00	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Grade 11	English P1 (Lang) 09h00 – 11h00 English P3 (Writ) 12h30 – 15h00	Life Sciences 09h00 – 11h30	Afrikaans P2 (Lit) 08h00 – 10h00 isiXhosa P2 (Lit) 08h00 – 10h00	Design P1 08h00 – 11h00 Design P2 Prac 12h00 – 17h00 Music P1 (Theory) 08h00 – 11h00	
Grade 10	Mathematics 08h00 – 10h00 Maths Lit 08h00 – 10h10	History 09h00 – 11h00	English P2 (Literature) 08h00 – 10h00	Design P1 08h00 – 10h00 Music P1 (Theory) 08h00 – 10h30	
Grade 9	Natural Sciences 10h00 – 12h00	Geography 08h00 – 09h30 History 10h30 – 12h00	English P1 08h00 – 09h45 English P2 10h30 – 12h00	Life Orientation 10h30 – 12h00	
Grade 8	EMS 10h30 – 12h00	Life Orientation 10h30 – 12h00	Creative Arts 09h45 – 12h00	Afrikaans P1 /isiXhosa P1 10h30 – 12h00	

Junior Exam Timetable (Gr 4 - 7): 12 June - 15 June

	Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 15 June
Grade 7	Maths 1 English W.C.	N.S. Xhosa	Tech L.O.	E.M.S. Afr Opstel & Stelwerk	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Grade 6	English W.C. History	Maths Life Skills	Xhosa	English Language & Comprehension	
Grade 5	Maths 1 Xhosa	Maths 2 Art	English Written Work History	Natural Sciences Afrikaans Begrip	
Grade 4	Maths 1 English Language	Afrikaans Taal	Maths 2 Geography	History Xhosa	