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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

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

## **NEWSLETTER – Friday 8 September 2017**

*"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." ~ Amelia Earhart*

At our recent First Team Sports' Dinner our guest speaker, Baxter Mabinya (Old Graemian), gave a brilliant speech that earned him a standing ovation. In his speech he raised six incredible moments in his life that shaped him and taught him some of the greatest lessons in life. Hereunder is a summary of Mr Mabinya's speech for the rest of the Graeme community to read:

### **1. Sticking your hand up**

You need to back yourself, even when you are not sure of what you are getting yourself into. It does not matter where you come from. Just believe! We are all created for a purpose, which means that our dreams and visions are mere confirmation that your rightful future already exists. The trick is that it is never handed to you on a silver platter. You have to go and get it. Everything that is important, and that you deserve, you will have to get up and fight for.

**Lesson: *Uzoyithola kanjani uhlel'ekoneni* (How will you get it, if you are sitting in the corner)**

### **2. Guts and determination**

It's easy to be courageous when things are going well. It is when the chips are down where courage matters the most. For me, courage is our ability to be truthfully connected to our better future selves. It is futuristic because it is purpose driven. A show of commitment without purpose is just foolish

**Lesson: True success comes from emptying all of your ability into the task at hand**

### **3. Failure**

Failure is inevitable. The only way to avoid failure is if you live so cautiously, in which case you would have failed already. As we strive towards our best selves we need to be reminded of who we truly are. Failure does not pass judgement, it is an incredible teacher because it makes you look at your real self and see the faults of your ways. Do not avoid failure but rather embrace it.

**Lesson: Failure is a necessary ingredient to building character**

### **4. Being part of something greater than yourself**

No wo(man) is an island. We have to rely on other people to help us go further. The most effective way of achieving this is through institutions. Institutions are important because their existence persists long after we are gone. They are important because each woman or man is too small a part of what is required for us to progress as society. They are important because they connect all of us here tonight with those that have come before us and those that will come after. Learn to depend and trust others to help you achieve objectives.

**Lesson: If you want to be successful, you have to learn to depend on others**

### **5. Discipline with the small things**

Big things are made up of many small things, just like a year is made up of 8 760 hours. Your greatest point of impact is in the smallest actionable unit. Be disciplined with the small things and people will entrust you with much bigger things.

**Lesson: If you cannot do the little things right, you will never get the big things right.**

### **6. Keep going**

Mike Tyson once said; *"Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth"*. Sometimes things do not go according to plan. Strip away all the unnecessary things and just put one foot in front of the other.

**Lesson: It does not matter how tough it gets, just keep going.**

Kevin Watson

## ACADEMIC

### GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAM TIMETABLE

The Grade 12s are in the middle of their Trial Examinations. We wish them well during this stressful time. Learners are to arrive at their venues thirty minutes prior to the commencement of the exam. Normal school rules apply regarding dress, shaving, etc.

### PREFECTS' INDUCTION ASSEMBLY – Monday 11 September

Congratulations to the following learners who have been selected as the 2018 School Leadership team:

Liam Agnew	Mark Amm	Uminathi Anthony	Jeremy Beyleveld
Japhet du Plessis	Kieran Emmanuel	Christopher Gleaves	Hlumelo Kulati
Tadiwa Mafuma	Bavuyise Manyakanyaka	David McCallum	Sihle Mginywa
Tashin Patrick			

The Senior School's Prefect Induction Assembly will take place at 13h00 in the Templeton Hall on Monday 11 September. The newly-elected Prefect Body will take over from the present representatives at that time.

## CULTURAL

### MUSIC CONCERT

Well done to all the junior musicians who performed at the concert on Wednesday 6 September. The audience was impressed with the breadth and depth of talent on display, which bodes well for the future of music at Graeme College.

## SPORT

### ATHLETICS' DAY – Tuesday 12 September

The Inter-House Athletics' Day will take place on Somerset Field on **Tuesday 12 September**.

This is a **COMPULSORY** event for all learners and will take place during the normal school day.

Dress for this event is: a plain house vest, white or GC shorts and running shoes. **T-shirts with logos, or turned inside out, ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Graeme College tracksuits may be worn between races, as well as for the prize giving.

*PLEASE REMEMBER SUNSCREEN FOR THE BOYS!*

### ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

#### Upcoming events

The following athletics and cross country events will be held during Term 3:

23 September Hirsch Shield Athletics' Meeting                      28 September                      Quadrangular Athletics' Meeting

### JUNIOR CRICKET TRIALS – 16 & 17 September

Graeme boys that are involved in the Eastern Province cricket trials next weekend (U11 and U13) will be given information as soon as it becomes available. This will serve as a final trial for selection.

### SQUASH

#### Results: Winter League

GC3 vs PAH1    won    10 – 6    GC1 vs HIGH1    lost            4 – 9

#### Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
12 Sept	GC3 vs WYV3	14 Sept	GC1 vs KC1 / GC2 vs WILL
19 Sept	GC3 vs FB1	21 Sept	GC1 vs RH Staff
26 Sept	GC1 vs SAC1	28 Sept	GC1 vs WYV1 / GC2 vs SAC2

## EVENTS

### U13A CRICKET CAKE SALE – Wednesday 13 September

The U13A cricket team will have a cake sale in the junior quad at first break on Tuesday 12 September.

### SUNFLOWER DAY - Friday 15 September

The Sunflower Fund is a South African organisation that creates Cancer awareness. They are actively involved in creating a platform for support structures to assist patients, their families and communities. Graeme College feels that this is a very worthy cause and fund. We are supporting Sunflower Day, and in doing so, creating awareness amongst the boys at our College. We have planned a walk, involving all learners from Grade 00-12, departing via the Grant House gate, proceeding up Templeton Drive

