Graeme College



2023- In celebration of 150 years of excellence



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'The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new.'

Message from the Junior School HOD

A few weeks ago we celebrated the role of our gutsy Graeme Dads in our school community. On Sunday I trust that all Graeme Moms will be able to put their feet up and enjoy the adoration of their families.

Ideas for the day boys - foot massages, breakfast in bed, hand over the TV remote for the day, cups of tea/coffee on demand, make lunch, make a home-made card where you tell your Mom what she means to you. From our side - Graeme Moms, we really appreciate what you do for your boys and the school. Here's a list of 'Mom Contributions' that could potentially be added to significantly: lifts to school, signing homework book, being the nurse/doctor, shoulder to cry on, encourager and motivator, chef, lunch-box artist, organiser of clothes, chief side-line supporter, number one fan....the list goes on. Graeme Moms - you rock!

Here's one of our 'Moms that Rock!' in action. I spotted Ms Nomathemba Ralo, 1st team hooker Lebo Mahasele's Mom, in action on Saturday at the Grey Festival. Imagine how it made Lebo feel having his Mom by his side at Grey. Imagine all the tasks done on this day alone - woke Lebo up and fed him breakfast (tick), helped get his kit ready for game day (tick), drove him to Graeme to get on the bus (tick), present in Gqeberha after a long drive from Makhanda (tick), helped fill in important forms before the game (tick), got Graeme College supporters' kit ready (tick), let Lebo know that win or lose he would alwiays be a champion in her eyes (tick), might have been a shoulder to cry on in the evening for a warrior who had given everything for the Leopard on his chest that day (tick). Ms Ralo we salute you and the place that you have in Lebo's life. Ningadinwa bazali, iinzame zenu ziyabonakala!

We know that Lebo's story can be told hundreds of times in the Graeme College community as it relates to the lives of our Leopards. Moms, aunts, grannies, sisters - we appreciate everything that you do for your boys. Please keep going, keep loving, keep disciplining, keep encouraging and keep motivating.

May God bless you on Sunday and every day.

Virtute et Opera

Mr Swift Junior School HOD



Academic



Liyema Merile of 10LN was recently inducted into the Mathematics 100 Club for achieving 100% for his Trigonometry test. **Congratulations!**

Academic

Grade 8 and 9 Test Programme Term 2

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 scheduled tests as indicated below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
17 April 2024 (Day 3)	English Transactional Writing	18 April 2024 (Day 4)	English Transactional Writing
24 April 2024 (Day 8)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing	25 April 2024 (Day 9)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing
1 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: WORKER'S DAY	2 May 2024 (Day 4)	SS: History
8 May 2024 (Day 8)	EMS	9 May 2024 (Day 9)	EMS
15 May 2024 (Day 3)			NS
22 May 2024 (Day 8)	NS	23 May 2024 (Day 9)	SS: Geography
29 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: VOTING DAY	30 May 2024 (Day 4)	Mathematics Test

Focussed Study Sessions

Please see the schedule for the focussed study sessions below.

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	8			2:00 - 2:45	2:00 - 2:45
	9			2:45 - 3:30	2:45 - 3:30
	10			1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15
	11	2:45 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:15		
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
isiXhosa	8	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	9	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	10	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	_
	11	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
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	9		2:00 - 2:45		
	10		2:00 - 2:45		
	11		2:00 - 2:45		
	12		2:00 - 2:45		
Physical Science	10	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	11	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	12	2:00 - 3:15			1:30 - 2:45
Life Science	10		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	12		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	

Content to be covered in the study sessions is listed below:

Subject	Grade	Week 7 (13/5)
Physical Science	10	Chemical bonding
	11	Chemistry
	12	Equilibrium
Life Science	10	Animal Tissues
	11	Exam Revision
	12	Endocrine & Homeostasis

Junior School



How are great schools built? By community members (boys, teachers and parents) going beyond the call of duty - doing more than was asked of them. Onothando Mbanzi in Grade 6 is one such individual and is our Graemian of the Week. As a Grade 6 Leopard, Ono was asked to assist the Grade 7s by raising funds for their Legacy Project. Ono outshone and outperformed all of the Grade 7s by raising over R1000 on his own. Well done Ono! For his commitment, dedication and willingness to sacrifice his time and energy for the College; Ono is a very worthy Graemian of the Week. Keep it up you champion!

Below: Notch Kings for last week.





Below: This week the Grade 5 boys are out and about learning about understanding the process of measurement and learning how to use measuring instruments.







Grade 00 & Grade R

Happy Mother's Day to all the mommies out there! Our smallest leopards honoured their mothers by inviting them to a very special Mother's Day Tea Party called "Moms & Muffins". It was simply beautiful; from the decorated tables to the delicious food, it was the perfect way for the boys to let their moms know how meaningful they are to them. The boys sang songs and made their moms cards. It was incredibly special and sentimental for the moms. Moms- please remember you are such a treasure to your children!





















Grade 5s

Great work boys! The Grade 5LM boys presented their technology projects this week and they have done so very well.





















Grade 9s

The Grade 9 learners are doing an incredible job with their tonal pen drawings. They learnt how to tone and use a variety of pen drawing techniques. They chose their favourite technique and an image of an animal or bird and



Grade 12s

Grade 12 Practical

The topic in the Grade 12 Life Science lessons at the moment is human response to the environment. This involves discovering how the Nervous System works. The Grade 12s have tested one another's reaction times to different stimuli. There was much debate as to which stimulus -visual, auditory or tactile would result in the fastest reaction times and also who would show the fastest reaction times. Such fun!

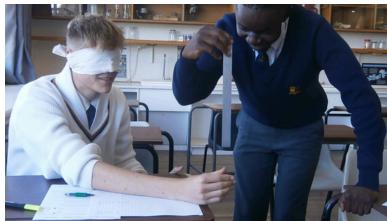


















Old Graemians

Jarryd Mardon matriculated from Graeme College in 2008.

Jarryd attended Graeme College from Grade 3 to Grade 12. He made the most of his time at Graeme, maintaining a high academic standard. Jarryd consistently made the top ten academic achievers throughout his schooling. This culminated in Academic Honours in Grade 11. Jarryd was re-awarded Academic Honours in Grade 12 where he completed his matric year as the Dux Scholar. He was awarded the Judge CT Smith Scholarship in recognition of his outstanding academic track record whilst at Graeme College.

Jarryd balanced his academic endeavours with age group cricket and rugby. He was also a keen squash player. Jarryd also participated in debating at school and received Half Colours.

Jarryd's obvious leadership qualities were recognised by his peers and the staff, culminating in him being a school prefect. After school, Jarryd studied a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Rhodes University majoring in Economics and Law in 2012. Thereafter he completed his Bachelor of Law (Cum Laude) at Rhodes University in 2013. During his final year of LLB, Jarryd was awarded the top in Moot Court and went on to represent Rhodes University at the African Human Rights Moot Court competition. Jarryd and his team were awarded the best memorials (heads of argument).

After graduating, Jarryd completed his articles in Cape Town at Werkmans Attorneys. Werkmens Attorneys is recognised as one of the leading corporate law firms, as well as one of the top five law firms in South Africa. Jarryd was admitted as an attorney of the High Court in South Africa in 2016 and continued his professional career at Werkmans as an Associate. Jarryd worked hard to climb the ranks at Werkmans where he was promoted to Senior Associate in 2019 and then Director in 2021. Jarryd's practice is based in Stellenbosch and is focused on Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity. Jarryd is obviously regarded highly in his field as he provides sound advice to various South African listed companies and international companies. Jarryd works for companies all over the world including Nigeria, Madagascar, Mauritius, Uganda etc. Jarryd has written various articles on legal trends within his field of expertise. He has also been interviewed on radio to discuss merger and acquisition trends in South Africa. Currently, Jarryd lives in Somerset West with his wife, Kelly-Jane, and their 8 month old daughter. Kelly-Jane is a Grahamstown local too having schooled at Kingswood College. Jarryd plays golf in his spare time. He says he enjoys the odd game of Paddle and keeps fit by participating in road running. To quote Jarryd, "I can confidently say that Graeme College and it's brilliant staff gave me many opportunities, skills and knowledge which helped me navigate life, studies and my career.".

Jarryd has many fond memories of his time at school and the friendships that he formed at school remain strong to this day. Jarryd, you have certainly excelled in all areas of your life. We look forward to seeing what next you will achieve! Congratulations! We are so proud of you, a special Son of the Leopard.







Community Outreach Portfolio Term 1 Winners are Grade 8JVM.

They were able to amass a staggering 20 000 points for donations received for the various projects we were running in term 1! They were rewarded with Debonairs Pizza to say thank you to them.





Community Engagement

Community Outreach Portfolio Mountain Drive Challenge:

We thank the many people who sponsored our boys to walk the Mountain Drive Half Marathon on Sunday, 28 April!

It was a wonderful morning walking in aid of the Observatory Museum. The Observatory Museum is raising funds to install a digital, interactive science display.

How wonderful for the entire community!

Stefan Barnard	Melissa Heath	Hilton Haakonsen
Ben-Francois Du Toit	Jennifer Gush	Qhama Ngomo
Vuyokazi Selonyana	Zonwabile Merile	Liz Manning
Lukho Meleni	Hanlie van der Meulen	Veronique Potts
Eddie Wille	Nicolas Vogt	Mike Roberts
Nomfundo Somandi	Anovuyo Somandi	Vuyokazi Pona
Lukhanyiso Nokhele	Lesedi Ronyane	Tshepo Muithuti
Kgalulelo Seome	Nomsa Mnyomona	Buntu Zathu
Khanya Mbenyana	Jovan Ocks	Evan Du Preez
Lizanne Du Preez	Leigan Du Preez	Christo Speckman
Veronique Speckman	Queenie Haarhof	Crystal Rooi
Gail Jeggels	Charmaini	Mrs Pretorius
Ahumlie Maqunu	Nolitha Lento Andii	le Maziko
Dingelihle Lento	Lithemba Lento	Hlumelo Fetsha
Thandiswa Mancam	Makazole Mancam	Lindeka Mancam
Siphokazi Ngantweni	Inganathi Ngantweni	Siphokuhle Coko
Lungisa Coko	Likhanyile Ngantw	reni Tebogo Mabotja
Tevin Ambraal	Sinalo Mjuza	Travis Fourie
Torres Fourie	Lesley-Ann Fourie	Saul Fourie
Tyla Fourie	Misile Mahlahla	Xadrian Wright
Nandile Mawisa	Nozuko Mawisa	Asemahle Mawisa
Quincy Mawisa	Hlomla Ntlumbini	Nikki Green
Kim Green	Neaver Adriaan	Susan Murray
Scott Wood	Belinda Wood	Eli Wood
Karen Porter	Eileen Chadd	Kevin Chad
Danny Brits	Jackie Brits	Carol Zimmerman
Rochelle Sias Zenande Jelu Marthinus		Dalmain
Precious Heber	Likamva Nikelo	Yamkela Nikelo
Zuzile	Svuyile	Nomawethu
Zodwa	Malakiwe	Nelson

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Lithabo Flack	Koleka Flack	Esihle Flack
Gcobisa Flack	Africa Qukubana	Joyce Flack
Neo Flack	Thamie Flack	Chumani Flack
Wendy Flack	Mivuyo Somnoko	Sibongile Sitsila
Nomalizo Sitsila	Thenjiwe Sitsila-Cawe	Siyolisa Sandi
Andrew Swift	Dylan Schneigansz	Odwa Xonxa
S Ralo	L Du Preez	Nicole Hobson
Peter De Lacy	S Mshubeki	Olga McKaiser
Ciske McKaiser	Eden Matroos	Melanie Matroos
Helen Scharneck	Saskia McKaiser	Jayce McKaiser
Jaqui de Jong	Zimyoli Ndylolashe	Kholeka Ndyolashe
Sbongile Koliti	Zolutho Ndyolashe	Curn Jonas
Mihlali Nqinzi	Zemfef Ndyolashe Phalo	Nxozi
Monelo Nxozi	Devon Keys	Georgia Duncan
Liphumile Apleni	Solam Apleni	Oyama Mancam
Zimi Hapu	Limeka Apleni	Mkhuseli Apleni
Sylvester Appollis	Christeice Appollis	Gwen Fourie
Sheree Fourie	Rudy Fourie	Jayden Isaacs
Keanan Fourie	Lee-Ann Jacobs	Lesley-Ann Prince
Cassidi Booysen	Giano-Reece Fourie	Lebohang N
Sibongile K	Lauren Shaw	Corne L
Laura Du Preez	Shavonne Randall	Achumile
Alakhe	Alwande	Amanda
Indiphile Ntsinde	Xabiso Gedze	Ivile Qotoyie
Minentle Gxakuma	Lisa Nodlabi	Thedros Adano
Khululekile Tsili	Premier	Xabiso
Bra Stein	Thabisa Fete	Chuma Ngxiki
Sivuyisiwe Siaw	Richard Siaw	Khanya Pieters

Beula Daniels	Petsi Daniels	Nomawethu Manyont
Vathiswa Bentele	Nontle Deliwe	Nomahlubi Mdilitwana
Thabisa Ngwentsheni	Ababalwe Ngwentsheni	Mawande Liwani
Okuhle Mbana	Nomakhula Nontyi	Life Nontyi
Songezo Lombo	Amila Lombo	Indiphile Lombo
Onwaba Lombo	Aphiwe	Phumeza Sgani
Phindile Langa	Zwelethu	Lathitha
Nico van der Meulen	Ruben Bodenstein	Rhed Youthed
Faye Youthed	Pixie Youthed	Cole Youthed
Andrew Youthed	Tammy Youthed	Michelle Verdoukas
Johnny Verdoukas	Bronwen Goliath	Chris Houston
Margaret Cock	Cheryl Waters	Andrew Cock
Wendy Cock	Melissa Bodenstein	Dale Waters
Bronwyn Tweedie	Daniella McLean	Greg McLean
Christopher McLean	Leon Mwepu	Francine Mwepu
Esperance Mwepu	Kimlee Thomas	Wash-a-lot Laundrymat
Cell-u-INN	Sweet & Cell Shop	Sharon Kruger
Keanu-Josh Rooi	Zinta King	Gregg Van Molendorff
Ntombekhaya Adam	Sinoxolo Nombewu	Shallen Flannigan
Mildred Flannegan	Justin Nell	Sino Ralo
Cwenga Ramakolo	Anezisa Mofu	Reylene Flannigan
Joshua Scheepers	Percy Sledge	Lihle Nogxabela
Wandile Manyasha	Sizeka Nogxabela	Luyolo Nogxabela
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Zoe Butters	Chamilla	Amber-Jayde
Justine	Wimpie	Tylo
Inika Pantsi	Hassan Hayat	Olothando Jaca
Lubabalo Yaudeu-Youmbi	Mariska Bouwer	Hennie Bouwer
Nande Mashiqana	Chulu Mashiqana	Kerry-Leigh Haakonsen
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Nonkenke	Taygen Tarentaal	Dorette
Jackie Davies	Mandy Evans	Adele Lobb
Jennifer Williams	Luc Marechal	Tanya Dyson
Lesley Frost	Fiona Williamson	Glenn Frost

Below: Community Outreach Portfolio, in conjunction with Pick 'n Pay Grahamstown, handed over clothing, baby items, shoes, kitchen and cleaning items to Child Welfare **Grahamstown this** week. In total 2 vehicle loads were donated!



Samantha Barnard

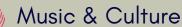
Debating

Graeme College junior debaters participated in the first six rounds of the RDL tournament this past weekend. The two teams performed admirably - junior firsts (Jedd Youthed, Rory Robertson, Morgan Prevec) ranked second after winning five of the six rounds and junior seconds (Tshepo Molefe, Connor Richardson, Michael Pretorius) ranked fourth with four wins. They will now go on to participate in the semi-finals this weekend. This league consists of seven schools from Makhanda and Port Alfred, and is the tournament that determines which speakers will attend the provincial tournament.











MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h45 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Group Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Group

STEELBAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband 14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband

14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Junior Choir Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir Thursday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir



Above right: Adrian Schenk, a grade 9 learner, will be participating in the Dare 2 Dance Latin and Ballroom dance competition on Saturday 11 May. This will be held at the Feather Market Centre in Ggebhera. We wish him all the best.

Rugby fixtures for the weekend



Hoër Volkskool **Graaff-Reinet**

Saterdag, 11 Mei 2024

RUGBY vs GRAEME COLLEGE

09:00 HVS o.14A vs Graeme College o.14A 10:00 HVS o.15A vs Graeme College o.15A 11:00 HVS 3de vs Graeme College 3de 12:05 HVS o.16A vs Graeme College o.16A 13:10 HVS 2de vs Graeme College 2de 14:20 **HVS 1ste** Graeme College 1ste

HOKKIE vs FRAMESBY

08:30 HVS o.16B vs Framesby o.14A HVS o.16A vs Framesby o.16A 09:40 10:50 HVS 1ste vs Framesby 1ste

It is brilliant for us to play rugby against much bigger schools, who are ranked much higher than us. It's a great test for our players and for our coaches. We are so proud of these performances and for how our players represent the school on and off the field.

We have come so far and are now challenging these types of opposition in every contest and pushing them to their limits. Tough day in the office results wise, but happy to keep testing ourselves.

Results versus Grey High School:

u14A lost 22-0

u14B lost 62-0

u15A lost 22-15

u15B lost 15-5

u16A lost 29-17

u16B lost 42-14

3rds lost 52-12

2nds lost 28-7

1st team lost 29-7

Pictured below the u15A team against Grey.

Junior Rugby Results vs Queens College Boys' Primary School

u9B vs U9C lost 5-51

U9A vs U9A won 12-7

U11C vs U10B lost 10-15

U11B vs U11B lost 7-12

U11A vs U11A lost 5-47

U13D vs U13/U12D lost 10-37

U13C vs U12B lost 0-31

U13B vs U13C won 10-5

U13A vs U12A won 29-10













The u13A boys played against Port Alfred on Wednesday afternoon and won 34-5.













Well done to the U9A team who won 42 - 0 vs Port Alfred on Wednesday afternoon.













Below: The u9B team gave it their all against Queens last weekend! A big thank you to one of our old Graemians, Mr Royden Horne for helping to coach the side.



Below: Well done to our Little Leopards who also played rugby this past weekend!











Templeton Drive, Grahamstown

U14A coach Mr Ciko Ngodwane had a lovely chance meeting with Mr Nigel Fox of PE Fuels at the Grey Festival. PE Fuels were one of the sponsors of the U14A side for their tour to the Parktown Festival in Johannesburg!

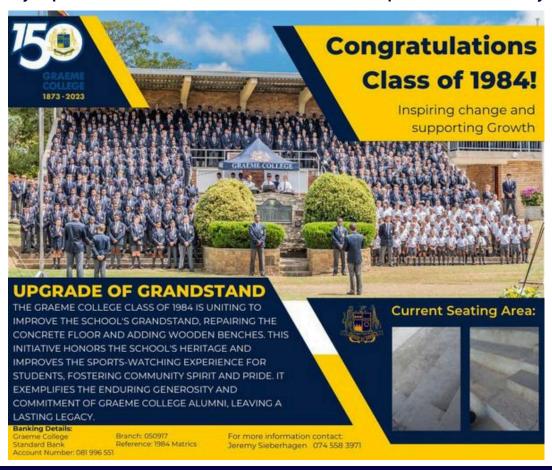




Class of '94 Project

What a great initiative! The class of 1984 have decided as a group to tackle one of the tasks on the Graeme College wish list.

If you part of the 1984 class and want to find out more please contact Jeremy Sieberhagen 074 558 3971.



Teen App

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We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out. During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the

The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness of our children.

The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarise themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/



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Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plagues allow you to celebrate and appreciate the memories of your loved ones, honour someone special or distinguish your family.

Our granite plaques are enduring and timeless. They are a fitting tribute on our beautiful new Indoor Sports Centre and a valuable contribution to our school.

ADD YOUR NAME INTO THE HISTORY OF THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS FOREVER:

We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only.

Email your request to z.wille@graemecollege.co.za - we will send you more information re payment etc. The plagues will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey. Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.



special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plagues? Our plagues at the new Indoor Sports Centre will be the mainstay for putting the finishing touch on a beautiful and historical great buildings at our school, thereby adding your name to the history of Graeme forever. Our commemorative plaques are a dignified and formal means of honouring someone truly special/or your family.





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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 to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Second Hand Clothing Shop is now open longer.

Time: 08:00-13:00, Monday to Friday.

Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact Jerri via e-mail (info@graemecollege.co.za).

Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the 'plus sign' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

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If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.

Thank you.

