



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7 February 2025

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." - Zig Ziglar

Message from the Headmaster

The Foundation of Every Decision at Graeme College.

At Graeme College, every decision we make—whether in evaluating our current standing, planning for the future, or implementing new initiatives—must always align with the principles set out in our Vision and Mission Statement. These statements are more than just words; they serve as a compass that ensures we remain true to our core values and purpose.

Education is constantly evolving, and schools must adapt to new challenges, advancements, and societal shifts. However, no matter how much change we face, our guiding principles remain steadfast. The vision and mission of Graeme College remind us of our ultimate goal: to develop young men of integrity, character, and excellence. When we reflect on policies, teaching methods, discipline strategies, extracurricular offerings, and community engagement, we must continually ask ourselves: Do these align with our mission? Do they support our vision of excellence?

A Commitment to Holistic Development

Graeme College is committed to the holistic development of every pupil and teacher. This means that education extends beyond the classroom, shaping individuals who will not only excel academically but who will also carry strong moral values, leadership qualities, and a sense of service into the world.

1. Excellence in Academics

Academic achievement remains a key pillar of our institution. We encourage learning through rigorous academic endeavour, inspiring a love for learning, and nurturing critical thinking. Excellence in education is not just about results but also about developing inquisitive minds that seek knowledge and understanding beyond textbooks.

2. Character and Personal Growth

Education is incomplete without character development. We aim to instil in our learners:

- Integrity, respect, and responsibility as the foundations of their personal and professional lives.
- Confidence and resilience, equipping them to face challenges with perseverance and courage.
- Independent thought and creativity, fostering individuals who are not afraid to think differently and stand by their convictions.

3. Excellence Beyond the Classroom

- Education is most effective when it extends into real-world experiences. At Graeme College, we place great value on co-curricular involvement, ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to grow through sports, cultural activities and community service. These areas teach discipline, teamwork, leadership, and a commitment to something greater than oneself.

A Strong, United School Community

- No school functions in isolation, and Graeme College thrives because of the strong relationships between its pupils, teachers, parents, and Old Graemians. We believe that the involvement of all stakeholders strengthens the school's culture, reinforces its traditions, and ensures its continued success. By working together, we create an environment where every learner can flourish.

Our motto, *Virtute et Opera – Through Courage and Hard Work*, is more than just a phrase; it is a way of life at Graeme College. It reminds us that excellence is achieved through dedication and resilience, and it is this principle that we seek to embed in every aspect of our school.

As we evaluate our school and plan for its future, we must always return to our vision and mission. They are the foundation upon which all decisions must rest, ensuring that Graeme College remains a place of learning, growth and excellence for generations to come.

Kevin Watson

First Aid



A small act of kindness can go a long way. Learn first aid, be prepared, and be that helping hand when someone needs it most. Is your son interested in pursuing a career in the medical field or learning this valuable life skill? How about encouraging him to join our amazing First Aid team at Graeme?

A small act of kindness can go a long way. Learn first aid, be prepared, and be that helping hand when someone needs it most. Is your son interested in pursuing a career in the medical field or learning this valuable life skill? How about encouraging him to join our amazing First Aid team at Graeme?

If you would like your son (Grade 8-12 only) to join our team, he can sign up to do the level one First Aid course taking place on the first two Sundays in March. The cost of the course is R600 per learner.

Please contact Mrs Lana Pretorius on 0834401033 before Friday 07 February to sign up.

In preparation for the rugby season, the First Aid team will be doing training every Friday in February from 2-4pm on Somerset field.

Term 1 Test Programme: Grade 8 and 9

Please find below the test programme for the term. 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
10 February 2025 (Day 1)	NS	12 February 2025 (Day 3)	SS: History
18 February 2025 (Day 7)	EMS	18 February 2025 (Day 7)	EMS
24 February 2025 (Day 1)	SS: History	26 February 2025 (Day 3)	NS
4 March 2025 (Day 7)	SS: Geography	4 March 2025 (Day 7)	SS: Geography
10 March 2025 (Day 1)	Mathematics Test	12 March 2025 (Day 3)	Mathematics Test
18 March 2025 (Day 7)	Creative Arts	18 March 2025 (Day 7)	Life Orientation

Focused study sessions schedule:

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		1:30 - 2:15	
	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	
	12	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
Afrikaans	8		2:00 - 2:45		
	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		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:15 - 3:00	2:15 - 3:00	
	12		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	

Planned content for the coming week:

Physical Science	Week 5 (10/2)
10	Waves
11	Newton's laws
12	Organic chem

Academic Assembly

On Monday, 3 February an Academic Assembly was held to celebrate the results of 2024. After discussing “connections” and the importance of being able to make the mental links between different subjects and things that are happening in the world, an array of awards were handed out. It was pleasing to see the number of awards handed out to learners who were achieving them for the first time. This was not only exciting, it also bodes well for the academic futures of some of our young men. With perseverance and hard work, dreams can indeed be achieved. We wish this entire group good luck and hope to see them improve these results as the year progresses.

In addition colours were awarded to:

Likhona Bill, Lutwesiwe Kobese, Jesse McConnachie and Ali Rizvi all received a re-award of their Academic Half Colours. Joining these young men with awards from their Grade 10 results are Leroy Adraan, Liam Bodill and Mhlahli Ngqinzi.

Nicholas McKeown, Imiso Mpalala and Leon Mwepu were re-awarded their Academic Colours. They were excited to welcome four new recipients of Academic Colours to their group: Jayden Brits, Likhona Cakata, Liyema Merile and Andrew Muir.

The highest award the school can make is that of Academic Honours. Cullen Goliath and Noah Tabensky received their Honours’ Awards last year. It was necessary to re-award these young men with Honours’ Awards, as they continue to excel and make the community proud of their achievements. May they continue to inspire others, as these are enormous shoes to fill.



Recipients of Academic Ties are as follows:

GRADE 7	GRADE 8	GRADE 9
Alan King'oo Matthew Lamont Liyema Madiza Lusenathi Manzana Tseliso Matsoso Leo Murray Kenzo Prince (Repapis) Lorien Yazbek	Sinenhlanhla Cisse Jayden Conroy Ben-Francois Du Toit Okuhle Gongqa Avuyisiwe Mrandi Anesipho Mraji Likhanye Ndevu Gino O'Brien Kungawo Tali	Ruben Bodenstein Tristan Boy Ibenam Butana Nicholas Cock Joshua Danilatos Tyler De Jongh Callum De Vos Ethan De Wet Mbulelo Gama Ibenathi Kondile Luphawulwethu Madolo Salizwa Makhali Kits McConnachie Anganathi Ngala Michael Pretorius Morgan Prevec Ahlumile Sideba Jedd Youthed
GRADE 10	GRADE 11	
Leroy Adriaan Cairis Appollis Liam Bodill Lilo Boo Jayden Brits Likhona Cakata Giano Fourie Hamish Haakonsen Avuyonke Katshwa Crispin Lackay Linamandla Lento Athenkosi Manyati Thurston Marthinus Larson Mckaiser Liyema Merile Iviwe Mshubeki Andrew Muir Lelamixabiso Ndamndum Mhlahli Ngqinzi Jovan Radovic Eli Wood Lubabalo Yamdeu	Likhona Bill Herman De Bruin Lungako George Cullen Goliath (Oerson) Ajay Jeggels Lutwesiwe Kobese Jesse Mc Connachie Nicholas Mckeown Imiso Mpalala Ngoie Mukenge Leon Mwepu Jaycie Pieterse Jonathan Pretorius Roman Prevec Ali Rizvi Noah Tabensky	

Thank you

What a group of INCREDIBLE Graeme moms! With the Junior Relay Gala coming up this week, and the pool getting back to into operation - these moms have spent so much time and effort making it look stunning again. Thank you! Simply unbelievable.





We were absolutely thrilled to welcome Ms Cherié Wille to Graeme College, as an incredible cog in our admin department. We are so lucky to gain somebody of her enormous talent and experience.

Chess

Graeme College's chess match against Kingswood this week was an exciting and well-fought contest. In the first round, Graeme took a slight lead with a score of 3.5 to 1. However, Kingswood came back strong in the second round, leading with 4 points to Graeme's 1. An enjoyable and competitive afternoon!



School campus

Over the weekend, some maintenance work was completed at the pool area. The stands were painted by our team, which included:

Clint Berriman (Estate Manager)

Zola Ngqisha

Patrick Makina

Phumzile Mnyamana

Lukhona Mzizi

The team did a great job ensuring the area is looking refreshed and well-maintained.



Pre-Primary & Foundation Phase

This week, in celebration of World Read Aloud Day, visiting author Lyndsay Lennox joined us to read her book to both the Pre-primary and Foundation Phase boys. The boys absolutely loved the interactive session, enjoying every moment of the story. Lyndsay's engaging reading style captured their attention and sparked their imaginations. It was a wonderful opportunity for the boys to experience the magic of storytelling firsthand and to be inspired by an author's creative process. A big thank you to Lyndsay for sharing her story with us and making World Read Aloud Day a memorable event!



Nicholas Cock shared his experiences of spending 6 weeks in Germany through the FSA Exchange Program during his December holidays. While there, he attended school daily, traveled to Portugal and Austria, and immersed himself in the culture. He discussed the highs, lows, and challenges of the trip, offering insight into his overseas adventure.

His talk captivated many of his peers, especially those who are interested in pursuing similar exchange programs. Despite feeling nervous, Nicholas persevered and delivered an engaging presentation, impressing everyone with his reflections and experiences. The boys' strong support for one another was evident, fostering a positive and encouraging environment for growth and learning. Well done to all involved!



Focused Study Sessions for Mathematics

Jayden Brits offered to teach Maths revision to the Grade 11 Mathematics boys on Thursday afternoon in preparation for their test this week. Jayden is a member of the Academic Portfolio. One of the many activities of this portfolio is peer assisted learning. The class was jam-packed with learners eager to prepare for their test. Ms White was very impressed with the manner in which he taught questions to revise. The learners were genuinely appreciative. Perhaps the best aspect of the day's maths lesson was that it encouraged other learners to want to help their peers in other subjects! Congratulations to the Grade 11 learners. We are proud of your efforts.



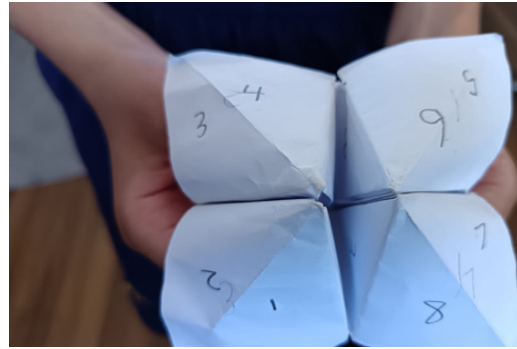
Grade 8 and 12 Braai

On Friday 31 January the Grade 8s and Grade 12s had their long anticipated braai together on Marais Field. Organised by the portfolio heads, the afternoon aimed at welcoming the Grade 8s to the high school. Games like soccer had been organised for some fun and a pleasant sense of camaraderie prevailed. The Grade 8 and 12 mentor teachers were on hand and we thank them for sacrificing their Friday afternoon. Mrs McConnachie and Mrs van der Merwe also need to be thanked for their support and their help with the cooking. The afternoon was a success and left the Grade 8s feeling like they were a part of the high school. This is a lovely tradition and we trust it will forge good ties as the Grade 8s forge their way through senior school.



Grade 4s

The Grade 4 Afrikaans class had a blast making origami fortune tellers today! We kicked off by practicing our counting in Afrikaans, then used our knowledge of "werkwoorde" (verbs) to do the actions on the fortune tellers. It was such a fun, hands-on way to learn, and we had the perfect setting in the shade to enjoy it all. The learners were so engaged, and there was lots of laughter and excitement as we practiced! Definitely a memorable lesson!



Marimba Band Rehearsals:

- **Monday: 14:00 - 14:45 — Grade 6 & Grade 7 Group**
- **Wednesday: 13:45 - 14:30 — Grade 4 & Grade 5 Group**

Choir Rehearsals

- **Tuesday: 13:30 - 14:15 — Junior Choir**

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



Above right: The Leopard Grit was presented to Maphelo Matyholweni, Grade 7 (AS), for being the first student to perform a piano piece in the 2025 assembly. It took a great deal of courage, and he truly excelled in his performance. Well done, Maphelo!

Community Engagement

This term, we are collecting various items for community outreach—an immediate and tangible way to make a difference.

- Dog and cat food will be donated to the SPCA.
- Non-perishable food and winter blankets will support Food for Futures.
- Clothing and school shoes will be given to Child Welfare, Hospice, and the Curry Street Soup Kitchen.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful impact. We encourage our Graeme family to join us in supporting these worthy causes. Your generosity will go a long way in helping those in need.

Please hand donations in for the attention of Ms White.

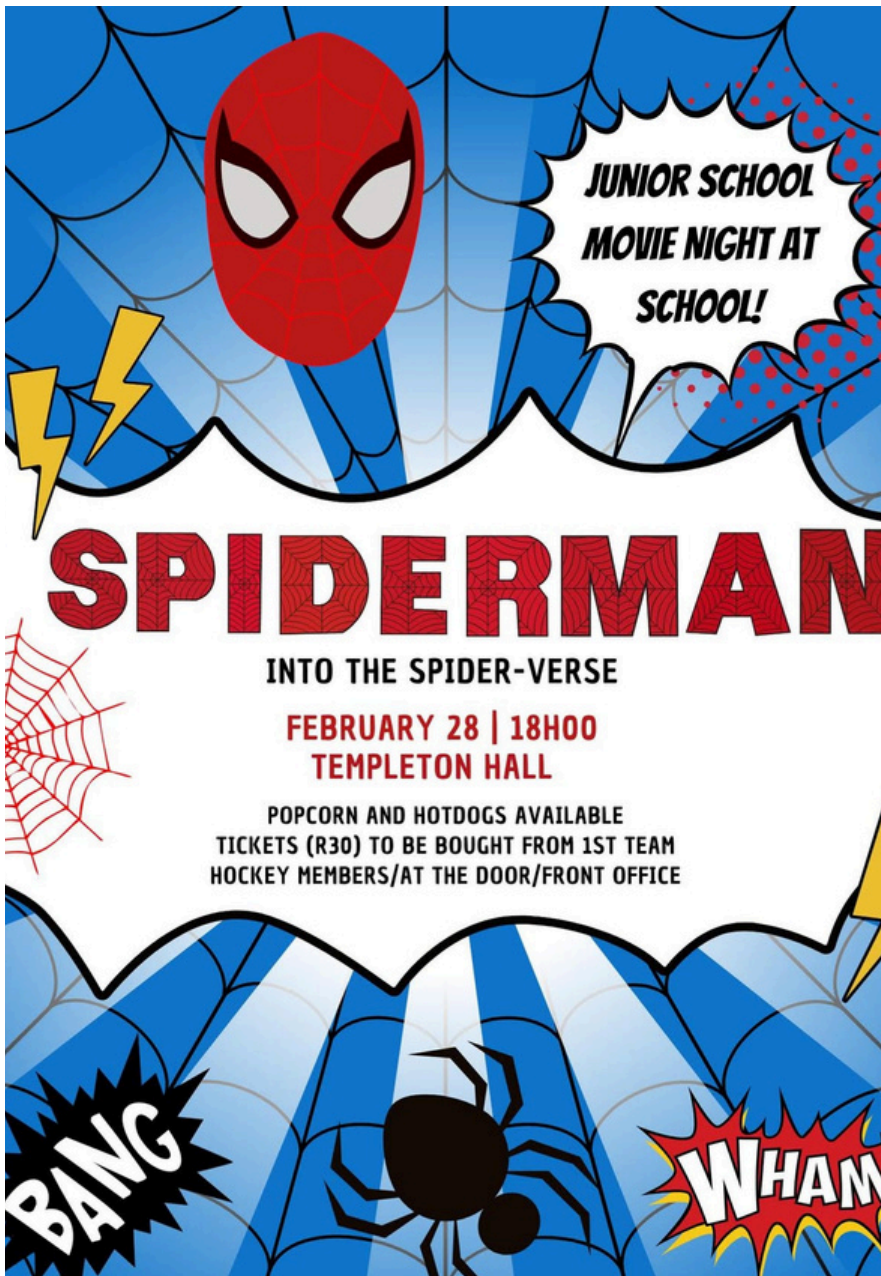
DONATION DRIVE

This term, we are collecting various items for community outreach—an immediate and tangible way to make a difference.

- Dog and cat food will be donated to the SPCA.
- Non-perishable food and winter blankets will support Food for Futures.
- Clothing and school shoes will be given to Child Welfare, Hospice, and the Curry Street Soup Kitchen.



Join us for an exciting movie night in the school hall, exclusively for our GC Junior School learners! We've got an exceptionally fun movie lined up, plus popcorn and hotdogs available to snack on. All proceeds from the night will go toward supporting the 1st XI Team hockey.



**JUNIOR SCHOOL
MOVIE NIGHT AT
SCHOOL!**

SPIDERMAN

INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

**FEBRUARY 28 | 18H00
TEMPLETON HALL**

POPCORN AND HOTDOGS AVAILABLE
TICKETS (R30) TO BE BOUGHT FROM 1ST TEAM
HOCKEY MEMBERS/AT THE DOOR/FRONT OFFICE

BANG **WHAM**

Save the Date! Graeme College Golf Day 2025
Mark your calendars! The next Graeme College Golf Day is happening on Saturday, 1 March 2025. Join us for a fantastic day of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit at one of the most anticipated events of the year!
Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a great time with friends and family, this is the perfect way to show your support for Graeme College.
For more details please email: s.killian@graemecollege.co.za.
Let's make this event unforgettable!

Graeme College Golf Day

1 March 2025 **FIRST 24 FOURBALLS
WILL BE ENTERED!**

Format: Betterball Stableford
11h00 Shotgun Start

**R500 per Player or R2000 per Fourball
Includes Halfway House**

Book your own cart through the Club. **Great Prizes!**

0761404204 or s.killian@graemecollege.co.za
0818762882 or j.vandermeulen@graemecollege.co.za

SETTLER CITY



**TOYOTA
GRAHAMSTOWN**

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE ENTERING
Payment to Graeme College
Standard Bank - code: 050917 Acc. No.: 081996551
Reference: Golf and Surname

School events

Graeme College Presents the Makhanda Nite Race!

Join us for an exciting evening of fitness, fun, and fundraising at the Makhanda Nite Race, in support of our 1st XI Hockey Team! Book on <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/300660-makhanda-nite-race/>

Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Venue: Somerset Field, Graeme College

Proudly Sponsored by Makana Brick

Tickets:

R20 for Scholars

R30 for Adults

Event Highlights:

8km Race – A thrilling challenge under the night sky

Delicious Food & Refreshments – Available before and after the race

Exciting Prizes – Stand a chance to win big!

Registration starts at 16:30

Race begins at 17:30

Don't miss out on this fantastic community event! Come run, support, and enjoy a great evening with us.

For more information, contact Mr Devon Keyes: 083 708 9968.

GRAEME COLLEGE

PRESENTS OUR 1ST XI
HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

THE MAKHANDA NITE RACE

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

SOMERSET FIELD, GRAEME COLLEGE

SPONSORED BY MAKANA BRICK

**TICKETS: R20
SCHOLARS
R30 ADULTS**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QUICKET

REGISTRATION STARTS 16:30

RACE BEGINS AT 17:30

RACE LENGTH: 8KM

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE POST RACE

DRINKS | DELICIOUS FOOD | PRIZES

School events

Makana Meander Wine Tasting

Cheers for Charity!

Indulge in a selection of exquisite fine wines while making a meaningful difference! Makana Meander Wine Tasting in partnership with Graeme College Community Outreach, proudly supports Sibanye Special Day Care Centre.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with wine, generosity, and community spirit. Every sip brings us closer to creating a positive impact!

Delicious array of cheese from Just Milk

Wines from Meridian Wine Merchants, Iona Wines Elgin and The Taste Room. Please note there will also be non-alcoholic wines available to taste too!

- Date: 14 March 2025
- Time: 17h30
- Venue: Graemian Centre, Graeme College
- Live Music by Access Music Project
- Special Guest: A captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer
- Tickets: R150 per person (includes a cheese platter and finger snacks)

Available on Quicket. Link: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../299593-makana-meander-wine.../>

Come raise a glass for a great cause!



The poster features a large, elegant 'Wine Tasting' title in a mix of serif and script fonts. To the left, there's an illustration of a cheese platter with various cheeses and a small wine glass. To the right, a dynamic image shows red wine being poured from a bottle into a glass. The background is a light, textured surface. Logos for 'Makana Meander', 'Iona Monopole', 'Meridian Wine Merchants', 'The Taste Room', and 'Just Milk' are arranged at the bottom. A red banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Tickets available from Quicket'.

Wine Tasting

Makana Meander

Cheers for Charity! Indulge in a selection of exquisite fine wines while making a meaningful difference! The Makana Meander, in partnership with Graeme College Community Outreach, is proud to support Sibanye Special Day Care Centre. Join us for an unforgettable evening of wine, generosity and community spirit. Every sip brings us closer to creating a positive impact!

14 March 2025, 17h30

Graemian Centre, Graeme College

Live music by Access Music Project.
Also featuring a captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer.
R150 pp includes cheese platter finger snacks.

Iona — MONOPOLE —

MERIDIAN WINE MERCHANTS

the TASTE ROOM

Just MILK

Tickets available from Quicket

We are beyond excited to host the Pick n Pay CANSA Walk! It's always such a meaningful event, bringing together our community for a truly important cause. This walk not only raises awareness but also helps fund vital cancer research and support services. We can't wait to be a part of this incredible journey with all of you!

Pick n Pay
Pink Walk FOR CANSA 2025
 3.7K STARTING POINT: GRAEME COLLEGE
Wednesday
 26th February, 2025
 All proceeds go to Cansa
 Entry Fee: **R20** / Participant
 Registration: At the field from 4:30pm or during the week at **PnP**
 Walk Starts At: **5PM for 5:30 PM**
 PANCAKES SALE R5 | BOEREWORS ROLLS SALE R20
Register Now!
 Company teams welcome!
STEAK EVENING AFTER THE EVENT:
 WEIGH & PAY: R99 P/KG

Advertisement for the week

FOR SALE
 IN WALKING DISTANCE TO
 GRAEME COLLEGE

SPENCER CHAPMAN STREET R1 830 000 	VILLA D'EST R990 000
KINGS HEIGHTS R1 950 000 	WINSFORD ROAD R2 195 000

LEANNE VAN DER MERWE
 Candidate Property Practitioner
 Registered with the PPRA.
 083 844 3234
 leannevdm@just.property

JUST PROPERTY

EARN EXTRA CASH

Do you know someone looking to buy or sell property?
REFER THEM TO US and we'll make sure to thank you with a cash reward!
 Contact us today to find out how you can earn with just a simple referral!

LEANNE VAN DER MERWE
 083 844 3234
CINDY GRAVANTE
 078 786 9659

Just Property Group Grahamstown (Pty) Ltd, trading as Just Property Prime, is a franchise of Just Property, Registered with the PPRA.

JUSTPROPERTY

Leopards Cricket

Our Little Leopards had an amazing morning of cricket last Saturday, filled with energy, teamwork and plenty of fun! A huge thank you, as always, to Mr Lensley for organising these matches and creating such special opportunities for our young players. The smiles say it all!



RESULTS:

GC U11A vs Prep

Prep 173

Matthew Weber 3/16

Liam Brooks 3/31

Graeme 153/9

Matthew Weber 63

Daniel Burger 13

Graeme lost by 19 runs.

Graeme U11B vs St Andrew's Prep

Graeme 139-5 (30 overs)

Neo Flack 34 not out

St Andrew's Prep 144-7 (28.2 overs)

Lubambo Matshaya 2-29

Graeme lost by 3 wickets.

Graeme u13a vs St Andrew's Prep u13a

Graeme 99 all out

Qhama Picane 29 not out

St Andrews Prep 100/7

Morné Bodenstein 2-6

Bukho Yolani 2-27

Graeme lost by 3 wickets.

Graeme u13B vs St Andrew's Prep

St Andrews Prep 132 all out

Ongi Nongauza 3/25

Callum Cox 3/30

Graeme 75 all out

Daniel Loust 14

Graeme lost by 57 runs.

Graeme u14A vs St Andrew's College

St Andrews 260 all out

Zimfefe Pokile 3-22

Jordan du Plessis 3-53

Graeme 70 all out

Jordan du Plessis 22

Graeme 14B vs St Andrew's College

GRAEME 55-9

Maka Klaas 18

SAC 56-0

Graeme lost by 10 wickets

GC U15A vs St Andrew's College u15A

GC 129 all out 34 overs

Corbin Tidbury 49

St. Andrews 270 all out 57 overs

Corbin Tidbury 8- 47 (15)

Ashton Burger 2- 65(15)

St. Andrews lead by 140

GC 2nd innings 112-3 33 overs

Corbin Tidbury 28*

James Muir 22*

GC lost on first innings.

u15B vs St Andrew's College u15B

GC 92/6 (20 overs)

SAC 94/4

GC lost by 6 wickets.

GC 3rds 285 all out.

Lebo Mahasele 80, Miyolo Qabaka 48 and Larson McKeiser 31.

St Andrew's College 6ths 140 all out.

Kukhanya Pakade 4-28, Callum de Vos 3-24.

GC won by 145 runs.

GC 2s vs St Andrew's College 2s

GC 2s 59 all out 19 overs

St Andrew's College 2s 126 all out 45 overs

Ethan Bokbaard 3/19 (12 overs)

Sibabalwe Deliwe 5/35 (15 overs)

GC 2s 91/5 (second innings)

Iviwe Mshubeki 27

St Andrew's College 25/1 (second innings)

Graeme lost by 4 wickets.

Graeme College 1st XI vs St Andrew's College 1st XI

Friday Night T20

St Andrew's College 130 All out

Erin Nelson 3/27

Kits McConnachie 2/15

Jordan Damons 2/23

Andrew Muir 2/22

Graeme College 119 all out (19.3)

Ryan Stobbs 29 off 20

Graeme College lost by 11 runs

Cricket

Graeme College 1st XI vs St Andrew's College 1st XI
Saturday, Declaration cricket
Graeme College 188(52 overs)
Zuko Pontshi 68
Enrique Strydom 33
St Andrews College 189/3 (59 overs)
Graeme College Lost by 7 wickets.



What a great match against the Stanley Cricket Club on Somerset Field this week.

Stanley CC showed their experience as they held on to win a great contest. Brandon Handley gave the perfect masterclass lesson (as usual), and scored 70 not out, getting the Stanley XI out of all sorts of trouble. Richard Beyleveld (35) provided some explosive power hitting towards the end of the innings, to get to 205 all out. Erin Nelson, Andrew Muir and Ajay Jeggels shared most of the wickets.

In reply Graeme looked equally dead and buried, until Kits McConnachie scored a superb 63. Richard Beyleveld was fantastic, claiming 4 for 32, as Stanley held on to a 7 run win.

McConnachie was awarded the Cuan King award for his performance, which was presented by James Stirk, the Stanley captain. Cuan King's legend continues with the award, and the boys were reminded about the character he was on and off the field. Cuan's name is up on the Honours boards in the change room 17 times re 5-fors and centuries. Simply unbelievable!

What an epic day for our 1st XI - so incredible for them to share the field with the Stanley XI yet again.



Tennis

The U15 (Top tennis boys) played against Kingswood College this week and it was a competitive match! We secured 2 singles wins and 2 doubles wins, but overall, Kingswood came out on top with a final score of 75:61. In singles, Kingswood College led with a 52:39 score. The doubles matches were incredibly close, with Kingswood College winning by just one point, 23:22. Here are some of the photos from the match.



Tennis

On Monday the 1st team tennis played against Kingswood.

Number 1 and 2 seed played singles matches while 3-8 played doubles. Results as follows:

Kits McConnachie won both sets 6-2 & 6-1

Jesse McConnachie, in an exciting challenge won the first set 7-5, went down in the second set 4-6 and the match ended in a tie breaker with Jesse winning that 12-10 points securing him the overall win.

Doubles matches:

Andrew Muir & Ryan Stobbs put on a great performance winning both sets 6-2 & 7-6.

Larson McKaiser and Noah Tabensky had a tough encounter but played very well overall losing both sets 3-6 & 4-6.

Bishop Nyoni and Eli wood also faced a tough encounter and narrowly lost their set 5-6.

Overall Graeme won 3-2 in matches.

A great set of results all round for the 1st team.



Squash

The Graeme 1st Squash side took part in the Dave Hodgson Squash Festival on Thursday and Friday. They had some outstanding results, beating St Andrew's College 5-1, Queen's College 4-2 and Kingswood College 4-2. The team lost to Grey High School 6-0. Well done to all the boys who took part, and to St Andrew's College for a wonderful festival.

We now look forward to this coming weekend as the team heads off to Bloemfontein for the 31st edition of the St Andrew's College Squash Festival.



And they're off! The first squash team are off to Bloemfontein to take part in the St Andrew's School Squash Festival. Good luck boys!



Waterpolo

The senior and junior water polo boys enjoyed a great day in the St Andrew's College pool on a perfect summer's day in Makhanda last week. Both sides played 3 matches against teams from St Andrew's College and Kingswood College. The juniors lost 3, with the seniors losing 2 and winning 1. Well done to all the boys for the improvement they are showing in terms of performance. Thanks to Mr Watson and the SGB for getting our beautiful pool back in the mix - much appreciated!



GRAEME COLLEGE

CRICKET

1ST XI CRICKET FIXTURES

TERM 1

25 JANUARY - PEARSON (A WAY)
1 FEBRUARY - ST ANDREW'S (HOME)
8 FEBRUARY - SELBORNE (HOME)
15 FEBRUARY - KINGSWOOD (HOME)
21-22 FEBRUARY - UNION (HOME)
1 MARCH HUDSON (HOME)
12-15 MARCH SA20 SCHOOLS IN PRETORIA

MUIR TRANS

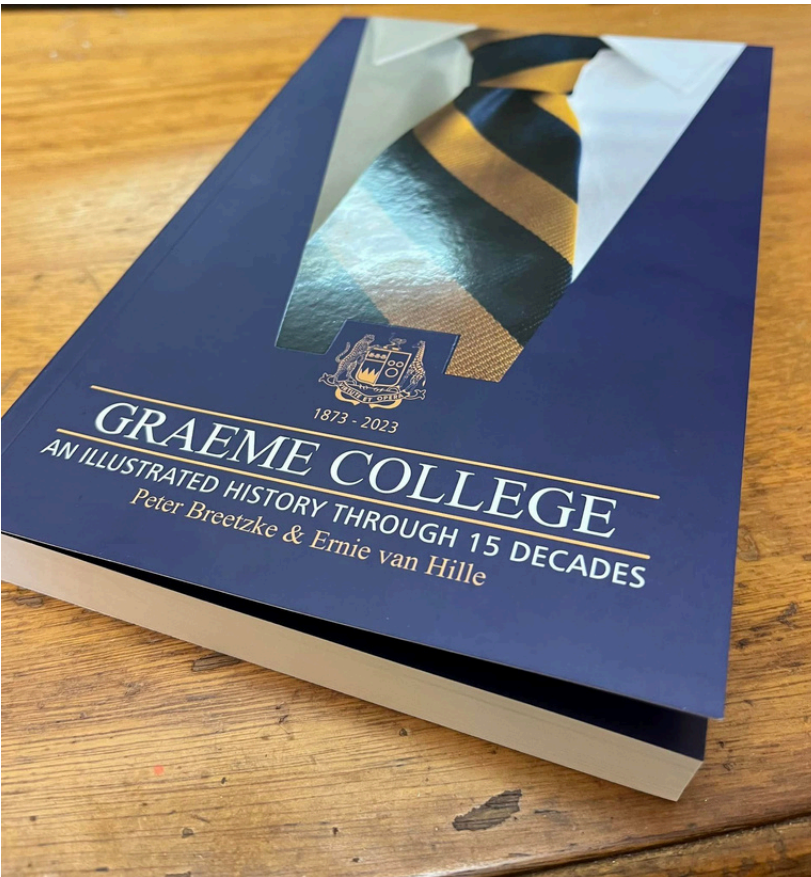
PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR BOYS!

Here are the 1st XI cricket fixtures for the term. Come support our boys as they take on tough competition. Most of the games will be played at home on Somerset Field, so we encourage our school community to come out in full force and cheer them on. Let's rally behind the team and make this a season to remember!

MUIR TRANS

FUEL STOP & SHOP

Welcome, enjoy a refreshing and relaxing stop!



If you're new to Graeme College and eager to explore its rich history, our book is a must-have! Take a journey through over 150 years of Graeme College's legacy, capturing the moments, milestones, and memories that have shaped our school.

This special edition, crafted through years of dedication by Peter Breetzke and Ernie van Hille, is still available for purchase. A treasured keepsake for alumni and history enthusiasts alike, it promises to be a valued addition to your collection.

To order, contact Ms Busi Stamper at b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za.

SAVE
THE DATE

GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY FESTIVAL
20-22 MARCH
2025



FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT
MARKETING@GRAEMECOLLEGE.CO.ZA

One of the highlights of the school's rugby calendar is Rugby Day. Traditionally this one-day festival is held on the final Saturday of the first term. From humble beginnings in 1998 when 4 schools participated, it has grown into the most prestigious day of rugby in the Eastern Cape featuring no less than 16 schools and over 1200 players. Rugby Day is an opportunity for the whole Graeme family and community to come together and a chance for players to enjoy the special camaraderie and fellowship that is evident in a sporting contest when played in the right spirit. Save the Date!

Are you interested in advertising at the 2025 Rugby Festival? We offer exclusive VIP packages with a range of fantastic benefits for those looking to promote their brand. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

R5000
PACKAGE

GBS GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY FESTIVAL

March 2025

FOOT TRAFFIC

...more than ten thousand people passing through our gates

LIVE COVERAGE

The event is live-streamed which has tens of thousands of spectators!

MOST VIEWED

...most viewed rugby festival event in South Africa with 68 372 views

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ Festival Programme Advertising
- ✓ Banner advertising on field for 3 days
- ✓ Free entry, VIP seating & VIP parking
- ✓ Lunch for two (for 3 days)
- ✓ Social media advertising

For reservations of the sponsorship package & information call email marketing@graemecollege.co.za or call 071 687 4531

Graeme College will celebrate its 152nd anniversary this year. More significantly, 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the relocation to its current campus, which began in 1975—a truly special milestone. To add to the excitement, the 1975 matric class, the first cohort to graduate from the new campus, will also be celebrating their 50th reunion. It's shaping up to be a year full of incredible celebrations and milestones!

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Founders' Weekend 2025 Programme

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 28 Feb	09h00	Assembly (Old Boys)	School Hall
	10h30	Tea	Graemian Centre
	11h00	Founders' Day Memorial Service	Somerset Field
	12h15	Old Graemian Union AGM	Graemian Centre
	12h30	Refreshments for Sale	Graemian Centre
	13h00	1st Team Tennis vs Old Boys	Tennis Courts
	13h00	Squash vs Old Boys	Squash Courts
	14h30	T20 Cricket vs Old Boys	Somerset Field
	18h00	Old Graemian Welcoming function	Graemian Centre
	Sat 01 Mar	09h30	1st XI Cricket vs Hudson Park High School
09h30		U15A Cricket vs Hudson Park High School	Marais Field
11h00		Old Graemian Union Golf Day	Belmont Golf Club
11h00		Tour of the Old School (on arrangement)	
11h15		Tea	Graemian Centre
12h00		Tour of New School	
12h30		Lunch for Old Boys, Cricket Supporters & Friends	Graemian Centre
15h30		Tea	Graemian Centre
18h00	Old Graemian Evening (with Old VG Girls)	Somerset Field (Marquee)	
Sun 02 Mar	09h00	Old Graemian Church Service	School Hall

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Friday, 28 February 2025
13h00

1st Team Tennis
vs Old Boys
Tennis Courts

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Saturday, 1 March 2025
11h00 Tee-Off

Belmont Golf Club

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Friday, 28 February 2025
13h00

Squash vs Old Boys
Squash Courts

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Friday, 28 February 2025
14h30

T20 Cricket
vs Old Boys
Somerset Field

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Saturday, 1 March 2025
09h30

1st XI Cricket vs
Hudson Park High School
Somerset Field



CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Old Graemian Bowls
Saturday, 1 March 2025
13h30 for 14h00

Grahamstown
Bowling Club

Book your spot!
Kenny May: 083 260 3513 or Mike Ryan: 072 278 2079

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union



Old Graemian Union

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice & Invitation

Friday, 28 February 2025
12h15, Graemian Centre

Join us for the Old Graemian Union Annual General Meeting as part of our Founders Day Weekend celebrations. This is your chance to connect with fellow Old Graemians and honour 100 years unbroken of the OGU.

- **When:** Friday, 28 February 2025
- **Time:** 12h15
- **Where:** Graemian Centre

Be part of the conversations shaping the future of our Union and strengthening our legacy.

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Founders 2025
28 February - 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years
as an Old Boys Union

Commemorative 100 YEARS OGU Neck Ties



**PRE-ORDER
NOW!**

Sean Wiblin | R200
sean@capepointtrading.co.za | 083 300 2110

100 Years Unbroken - Commemorative OGU Neck Ties For a century, the Old Graemian Union has stood strong, unbroken, and united.

To celebrate this milestone, we're making exclusive commemorative neckties available for pre-order! They are R200 each.

Wear it with pride at Founders 2025. Pre-order now: Sean Wiblin - sean@capepointtrading.co.za WhatsApp: +27 83 300 2110 Be part of history. Be Founders ready.

CALLING THE CLASSES OF

2015 - 2010 - 2005 - 2000 - 1995 - 1990 - 1985 - 1980 - 1975 - 1970 - 1965 - 1960 - 1955
Your reunion awaits!

Virtute Et Opera

Teen App

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 globe.

The platform launched early in 2024 internationally. Graeme College subscribed to the app in 2023 and we encourage our learners to continue using the app or sign up to find out more.

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

Vive Teens
Your always-there personal wellness companion

Discover content that is AI-curated for you

Browse uplifting stories

Winner of Youth Mental Health Challenge
WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plaques 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 TO 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 to the history of the building. The idea is to sell only 150 plaques.

Email your request to marketing@graemecollege.co.za - we will send you more information re payment etc.

The plaques 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.

150
GRAEME COLLEGE
1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

Would you like to honour someone special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plaques? Our plaques 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.



150
GRAEME COLLEGE
1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

Our first few plaques are up!



150
GRAEME COLLEGE
1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

Our commemorative plaques 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.

150
GRAEME COLLEGE
1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

Email your request to z.wille@graemecollege.co.za . We will send you more information re: payment etc. The plaques 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.

Promote Your Business in Our School Newsletter!

If you would like to promote your business or service in our school newsletter, please contact us for more details. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach our school community!

Contact: marketing@graemecollege.co.za or 071 687 4531.

Pricing is as follows:

- A6 - R1000 per month
- A5 - R1500 per month
- A4 - R2000 per month
- Page Footer - R400 per month

ADVERTISE IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!

If you would like to promote your business or service in our school newsletter, please contact us for more details. This is a great opportunity to reach our school community! Contact: marketing@graemecollege.co.za

A6

SIZE

R1000

Or a page footer at

R400

PER MONTH

A5

SIZE

R1500

PER MONTH

A4

SIZE

R2000

PER MONTH

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: PLEASE NOTE DAYS HAVE CHANGED.

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, between 13h00 and 14h00.

Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact 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.

Click here for a link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=public.calendar@graemecollege.co.za>

Stay connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

Awsum App

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

Facebook:

Graeme College

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.

