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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With another year under our belts, it is time again to pause and reflect on the year that was.

I hope that for you, thoughts of 2024 bring mostly positive feelings. For Alex, it was yet another incredible year. The Alex Culture has fostered many beautiful Alex moments.

We started recognising behaviour that demonstrates our culture during 2024, and it was surprising just how many Headmaster's Commendation certificates we issued. I had anticipated perhaps two or three per month. We managed to exceed that rate by a factor of 10 in some months, and 20 in others! The type of certificate we typically issue is for things such as honesty in finding money or a cell phone and handing it in, dedication to the task, and conscientious focus on academics over a long period.

We have other, collective, Alex moments at times like our show, *Cabaret Fantasia*. It was a wonderful display of talent and commitment. The year was packed with Athletics day, award assemblies and derby days. When you take a moment to appreciate the school, Alex is a very rewarding place to be.

Conventional wisdom tells us that you are not supposed to have fun at school. We all think of it as place to just 'survive'. We expect to be embarrassed often and, while we are finding ourselves in our teens, we expect to face challenges along the way. I am so proud of the Alex Culture that allows people to be who they want to be. This spirit can be seen at any Beat performance in the year. No matter what their talent or level of skill, they perform to a roaring ovation from the crowd, often returning for a second and third time. The positive reinforcement given by Alexans, is a clear demonstration of the supportive and accepting Alex Culture.

I am only allowed a certain amount of space in this fine publication to say my bit so I can't use it all up gushing about our community.



Please enjoy the efforts of our editorial team, who spent many hours sweating over a steamy keyboard, getting together a record of our year. I think they have done a fabulous job again.

Thank you all for your personal contribution to the successes of 2024. Please take great care if you are travelling over the December break. Remember that your holiday starts the moment you get into your car. That means driving slowly, enjoying the trip, and stopping often to take in the interesting roadside offerings and arriving at your destination, already on your way to being relaxed and ready for some quality family time. We need you to take extra care of yourself and your family because we want to see you all back in one piece in January, ready and rearing to take on the challenge of 2025, our 70th year, jammed with birthday related celebrations from the very start. Brace yourself, it is going to be a doozy!

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY REPORT

On behalf of the SGB of 2024; I wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff, pupils, and everyone committed to the ALEX family.

The board as a whole forms a tight family, with various levels of expertise, who all share the same objective; to promote our school, our pupils, our teachers and our staff. In all our endeavours, it is always about putting Alexans first. Their best interests reign supreme. We give our support freely and with great admiration for who we are as a school. Although we've seen tough days, I believe that we experience all we do in preparation for what is to come. So, we are all ready to serve – this is preparing us for what is to come.

Our dedicated staff always bring their best to whatever activities they have committed to; and it's evident in the children they help raise. I am inspired by these individuals, and all their efforts, which are applied wholeheartedly for all of our children.

Personally, it's been an absolute pleasure to serve and guide this amazing school and its community during this year. I attended both the Celebration of Excellence events, and the words repeatedly used were: committed, hardworking, amazing, empathetic, humanity, ALtogether EXperience, and 'it takes a village'.



There are no truer words when thinking of Alexander Road High School.

I can attest that all of this is fitting; our family is six years in and I can confirm that we were not sold a falsehood. WE are ALL that we say we are.

I am a proud ALEXAN Dad; and my children are well-balanced, good people, and much of this is the result of the values and principles learnt here. I am forever grateful for the school's contribution.

We should always do our best to support our children and try to be better; they are meant for greatness. We are laying the foundation for all they will be. Andy Stanley said, "Your greatest accomplishment may not be something you do but someone you raise."

As I tell my kids every morning before school, "Be good and be kind".

Nil sine labore
Grant Meyer

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Mr B Mitchell

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Rylan Johns

Zeenat Lee

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N Dip Local Gov (WSU), BTech Pub
Man (NMU)

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Mr L Fourie

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Mr D Goldman

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Ms C Jacobs

Mr C Manie

Ms I Matomela

Mr G Mgaleka

Mr R Nqweniso

Mr N Quvana

Mr S Smit

Mr N Snyman

Mr S Uithaler

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STAFF NOTES

As the starting pistol fired, signalling the beginning of a new year, the Alex staff returned refreshed and ready to take on the great race of 2024.

Spending the first day back at school in the hall together, we were introduced to ideas about a strength-based approach to education through the excellent presentation called “Living the Alex Culture” by Kathy Balshaw, who was herself a former teacher and counsellor at Alex. The reflections on each other’s strengths was an affirming way to start the year.

Also on that day, we welcomed to the staff Ms Lorenda Fezile as part of the Afrikaans Department and Ms Robyne Povey as the new school counsellor. The addition to the staff of Ms Colette Ridgway as Music Secretary and Library co-ordinator was also warmly met.

The year saw several of our staff welcoming new additions to their families: Ms Tracy Galloway, Ms Jocy Moodley, Mr Siya Malgas, Ms Lamone Mostert, Ms Janine Stapelfeldt and Ms Nasira Phiri. Ms Aniza Miller became a double ‘ouma’ in one go, with twins! Congratulations and best wishes to them and their families.

Our thoughts are with staff members who lost loved ones this year: Ms Deidre Allie, Ms Caryn Pretorius, Ms Jenny Sainsbury, Ms Rialette Scheltema and Mr Colin Wells. Our deepest condolences go to them.

Ms Burnhams, with her amazing team, staged the spectacular *Cabaret Fantasia: An Immersive Theatrical Experience*, with the biggest cast ever seen in Alex productions and which included a wonderful diversity of musical, dance and cultural groups. Well done to our colleagues Ms Khmera Lalla Koooverjee and Ms Rachel Lategan, who performed as guests in the cabaret show. Congratulations also go to Ms Rachel Lategan, who played a Pink Lady, Marty, in the local production of *Grease* at the Savoy Theatre and Mr Stephen Hurter, who was part of the Centrestage production, ABBA. Well done to you all.

On the court, Ms Kelleigh Dodd was selected to coach the u16B EP Boys squash team which won gold at the IPT in Pretoria this year. We are very proud of her.

There were a few sad farewells in the course of the year. Ms Elzahn van Aswegen departed from the CAT department and a familiar face in Mr Pambili Ntsinde returned to Alex to adopt her classes. Ms Thanthaswa Botile left Alex to pursue opportunities in the educational publishing industry. Her position in the isiXhosa department was filled by Ms Lungelwa Dlula. Mr JP Botha adventured off to a teaching post in the Middle East and Ms Alicia Burmeister has taken up his classes in the Afrikaans department. Mr Matthew Gracie moved to the Netherlands and we welcomed Ms Samantha Gelderblom to the Tourism department in his place. Ms Monique Paulse and Mr Izak Marais also obeyed the call of adventure, leaving for the Middle East and the Congo respectively. Mr Webson Pfidze has taken over the Maths classes. Thanks to Ms Mishaye Khan who came in place of Ms Galloway during her maternity leave. Ms Tracy Galloway has subsequently decided to stay home with her new bundle of joy and will not return to our staff. We wish her all the best in her new role. Thank you also to Mr Ken Mackenzie and Ms Jackie Kruger who filled in during the year when staff were away. Your readiness to step in was much appreciated.

It has been a busy but abundant year. Our staff, teachers, admin staff and ground staff, must all be commended for everything that they do both in and out of the classroom to the benefit and development of Alexans. After a restful holiday season, we trust we will all be fit and firing at all cylinders as the race of another year sets off.





English



Afrikaans



isiXhosa



Junior Life Orientation



Senior Life Orientation



Absent: Mr T Kleyn, Ms R Lategan and Mr Whitlock

Music



Visual Art



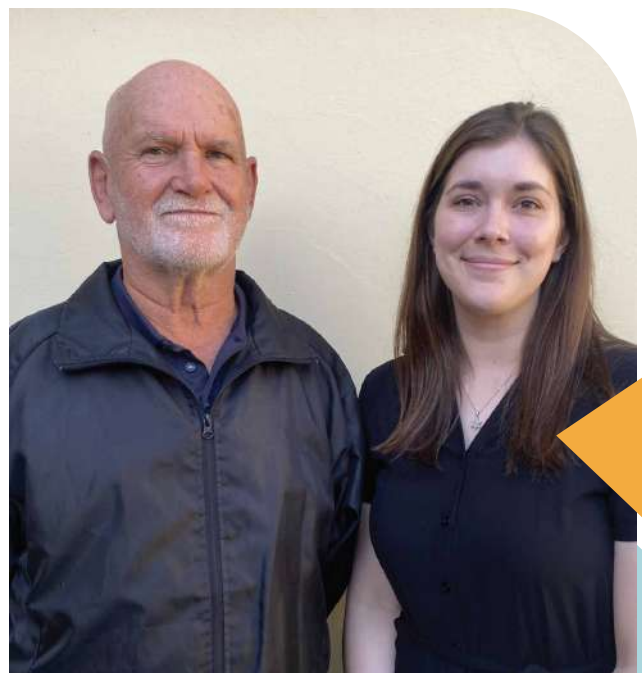
Drama



Computer Department



Guidance



Mathematics



Accounting



Mathematical Literacy



Business Studies



Economic Management Sciences



Tourism



Physical Science



Natural Science



Life Science



Social Science



Geography



History



Further Studies Mathematics



Further Studies English





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Front Row: Ms L Breetzke, Ms T Kenene, Ms L Evans, Ms M Rudman

Absent: Ms C Golightly

Ground Staff

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MATRIC RESULTS 2023



A-Aggregates *(With Distinctions Received)*

Banks, Skye (5)
Pienaar, Brooklynn (5)

Lindoor, Jordan (5)
Van Zyl, James (4)

Situnda, Singa (5)
Williams, Razzaaq (4)

Moodley, Rania (4)
Paulsen, Khaalid (4)

Froehlich, Jenna (4)
Oosthuizen, Elsje (4)

B-Aggregates

Adams, Ciara
Bululu, Hlumokuhle
Forbes, Caitlynn
Geswint, Cohen
Le Roux, Donae-Aidan
Magingxa, Lilitha
Marais, Keala
Muniz, Talissa
Petshwa, Thandolwethu
Sene, Ndeye
White, Kieran

Assam, Kiara
Collett, Maxwell
Fortune, Jordyn
Govender, Nikara
Liebenberg, Amy
Majola, Mlibo
McEwan, Grace
Mzamo, Makhosazane
Prince, Nicole
Stamper, Sibahle
Yoyo, Samkelisiwe

Beukes, Swaiden
du Plessis, Kalyn
Foster, Rhiannen
Gqezengele, Anda
Liu, Joseph
Malgas, Cameron
Meyer, Riley
Ngwalangwala, Sibabalwe
Reid, Matthew
Van Niekerk, Hannah

Booi, Liyema
Esbach, Jesse
Geldenhuys, Tylah
Heynsen, Cadence
Lötter, Jasmine
Maliza, Mutulu
Mgijima, Ayabulela
Ngwane, Lilitha
Schnetler, Ruth
Van Rooyen, Zeyana

Brown, Tanisha
Fick, Schyla
Gerber, Lisa
Komanisi, Culumanco
Loxton, Simonique
Malumbezo, Lisa
Mpondo, Lathitha
Nieuwenhuis, Tyler
Schultz, Reith
Vandayar, Mira

C-Aggregates

Adams, Leigh-Jean
Blouw, Caitlyn
Daniels, Rogan
Dolley, Carah
Gabriel, Hope
Hutton, Ciara
Klue, Georgia
Linda, Kwezi
Mac Gear, Kaylin
Meyer, Caédin
Morris, Sarah
Nagan, Zara
Ntshokoma, Liyema
Rula, Siviwe
Sobekwa, Luvo
Uli, Victorius
Von Buchenroder, Taytum
Zokufa, Milisa

Aspeling, Leah
Brown, Lebreetha
De Kock, Taylor
Draai, Cassidy
Gqibitole, Olwethu
Jacobs, Terry-Lee
Lamerton, Michéla
Loots, Kayleigh
Mack, Chalsey
Meyerhoff, Kalaheine
Mothabeng, Lethabo
Ncula, Liyema
Olivier, Beyoncé
Sam, Siyavuya
Sokutu, Sibahle
Van Rensburg, Lance
White, Ashton
Zuma, Athethile

Attwell, Ashley
Cornelius, Caitlin
De Villiers, Bradley
Emmanuel, Kailah
Griffith, Kiera
Kendall, Erin
Lee, Germaine
Loxton, Timothy
Mancoba, Somila
Mgongotha, Linothando
Mpofu, Buncwane
Ngcelwana, Owethu
Pienaar, Katelyn
Sauls, Dilyn-Mae
Speelman, Siyolise
Van Rooyen, Lenay
Williams, Ethan

Beaton, Ethan
Cunningham, Ganél
Deliwe, Mhlali
Faro, Yoané
Hahn, Stephanie
Kennedy, Nicholas
Lemini, Keira
Lucas, Cherith
Mbinyashe, Onika
Mkohl, Lufikile
Murphy, Kelly
Nombewu, Buhle
Pieterse, Micyle
Schwagele, Noah
Syce, Layla
Van Zyl, Gabriëlle
Windvogel, Micaela

Billett, Addison
Cunningham, Jason
Dingwayo, Lisakhanya
Felix, Caitlin
Hector, Mikyle
Kisten, Cullen
Lento, Asakhe
Ludick, Caleb
Mdyogolo, Sibulele
Mkosi, Tendai
Mzaidume, Emihle
Nqwayiza, Inam
Potgieter, Kiesha
Slater, Ayclin
Tungela, Tobela
Vena, Liyanda
Yamani, Elam

Passes

Agulhas, Demi
Bartlett, Liané
Brown, Dylan
Cripps, Layla
de Kock, Mieke
Eagle, Noah
Fillis, Caém
Fraser, Josh
Gemmell, Tanelle
Hafkie, Linkin
Jacobs, Linathi
Khayi, Khanyisile
Long, Garion
Marr, Kyle
Mbande, Lelam
Mmodana, Asanele
Moodaley, Peshanta
Plaatjies, Tyler
Rosenberg, Emma
Sati, Xhanti
Smouse, Zaylin
Tom, Kuthaba
Van Niekerk, Keanu
Vissie, Dianay
Xali, Peace

Ajam, Umar
Bell, Qhawekazi
Chukwunyere, Faith
Cronje, Mica
De Vine, Nicola
Essex, Caleb
Fillis, Nirvana
Fredericks, Carys
Goldman, Courtney
Hendricks, Kristin
James, Tazneem
Kiewiets, Tenielle
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Matana, Yolanda
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Vos, Shanice
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Damons, Jasmin
Dlepu, Siviwe
Felix, Devander
Flowers, Tristan
Gamiet, Michaela
Goldman, Gabrielle
Heradien, Judith
Johnson, Inam
Kruger, Nathan
Mabusela, Linoyolo
Matthews, Kevin
Mbanzi, Owama
Meyer, Wayvin
Nel, Matthew
Rathbone, Duncan
Ruiters, Jasantha
Schroeder, Daniel
Stofflynn, Tashlynn
Tsotsobe, Anothando
Van Zyl, André
Whitebooi, Abby

Arries, Shaheem
Botha, Calvin
Clark, Reece
Daweti, Prince
Dowling, Marc
Ferreira, Hayley
Fortuin, Linique
Gasa, Mbaliyamathabela
Gontshi, Owethu
Hufkie, Caleb
Johnson, Jamal
Kuhn, Brendan
Makunga, Khanya
Matyipu, Lutho
Mc Namee, Hannah
Meyers, Jody
Oortman, Jaydd
Reid, Alyssa
Ryan, Raheem
Shiceka, Lithemba
Sulelo, Inam
Van Aswegen, Ethan
Van Zyl, Phoebe
Williams, Teagan

Bambrough, Connor
Boyce, Siyasanga
Coombs, Ciara
Dayile, Asisipho
Dube, Isaac
Fikizolo, Azile
Fourie, Ian
Gedze, Hlumisa
Gunn, Trent
Jackson, Othandiweyo
Jones, Astrid
Levey, Julianne
Maneli, Asitha
Mayiji, Kamv'elihle
McCabe, Isabella
Mgobozi, Ntsusulelo
Ownhouse, Jared
Robile, Wamkelo
Salsone, Lara
Smith, Ya'eesh
Toba, Khanya
Van den Berg, Ethan
Vencencie, Luke
Wilson, Caryn

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Grade 8

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS

Arianna Brink, Le-Mar Daniels, Mía Ferreira, Cayden Human, Gianna Sauls, Bohlale Tom, Hannah Van Eyk

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Lubabalo Gunguluza, Iviwe Jack, Lingomso Jaxa, Pholisa Ntebe

CERTIFICATES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Nathan Brown, Babalwa Dlula, Katoka Milemba

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Cayron George, Kaylee Koeberg, MJ Labercensie, Gabrielle Muller, Keane Pienaar

SUBJECT PRIZES

English Home Language:

Afrikaans First Additional Language:

isiXhosa First Additional Language:

Mathematics:

Natural Science:

Social Sciences:

Creative Arts:

Economic Management Sciences:

Digital Technology:

Life Orientation:

Nathan Brown

MJ Labercensie

Entle Kenene

Nathan Brown

Nathan Brown

Cayron George

Cayron George,

Kaylee Koeberg

Gabrielle Muller

Cayron George

Tanatswa Chiza

TOP 5



Grade 9

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS

Sibabalwe Bani, Chulumanco Beki, Kayla Bonnesse, Daniel Bower, Tegan Fourie, Tameka Frolick, Leilha Jordaan, Leah Meyer, Keena Minnaar, Peyton Moses, Kaycee Ownhouse, Faatimah-Zahra Pillay, Allison Prince, Calsché Roberts, Emily Rose, Leana Swartbooï, Skye Tiervlei, Dylan Van Loggerenberg, Rayhanah Walters

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Milani Maneli, Iyamangalisa Mrubata, Amlindile Mthathi

CERTIFICATES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Nathi Funde, Norman Msaka, Kungawo Ntanjana

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Vaishivi Athimoolam, Muhammad Baboo, Erin Beling, Wade Beling, Nakisha Cunningham, Annabelle Heynes, Linomtha Jamda, Dayna Koopman, Jody Marcus, Amelia Welgemoed

SUBJECT PRIZES

English Home Language:

Afrikaans First Additional Language:

isiXhosa First Additional Language:

Mathematics:

Bridging Maths Course:

Further Studies Mathematics:

Natural Sciences:

Social Sciences:

Creative Arts:

Economic Management Sciences:

Digital Technology:

Life Orientation:

Erin Beling

Heinrich Botha

Iyamangalisa

Mrubata

Erin Beling

Meagan Dick

Norman Msaka

Dayna Koopman

Dayna Koopman

Erin Beling

Wade Beling,

Linomtha Jamda

Erin Beling

Erin Beling

TOP 5



Junior Co-Curricular Awards

Jean Scott Memorial Award for Excellence in extra-mural activities:

Lees Award: Most Improved Junior Instrumentalist:

CJ Pretorius Award: Most Promising Instrumentalist:

McRobert-Berndt Award - Best Junior Brass Instrumentalist:

van der Vyver Award - Best Junior Strings Player:

English Best Junior Speaker:

Trevor Hahn: Best Junior Debater:

Nelia Geel Award: Afrikaans Best Junior Speaker:

IsiXhosa Best Junior Speaker:

Optima Trust Award: Best Junior Mathlete:

Dr R P Benson Award: Junior Chess Champion:

Roberts Family Trophy for the Best Junior Dancer:

Top Junior Female Athlete:

Top Junior Male Athlete:

Robin Peterson Award: Best Junior Cricketer:

Derrick Young Memorial Award: Best Junior Male Hockey Player:

Major Dunn Award: Best Junior Female Hockey Player:

Tracy Manser Award: Best Junior Female Water Polo Player:

Jenny Sharp Award: Best Junior Netball Player:

Kevin Golightly Award: Best Junior Soccer Player:

Louis Prinsloo Award: Best Junior Rugby Player:

Junior Male Tennis Champion:

Junior Female Tennis Champion:

Catherine Bok Award: Best Junior Male Water Polo Player:

Bianca Graham

Jody Marcus

Akhanya Mti

Ukhonaye Gaula

Jenna Goss

Blaine Pillay

Imange Goba

Nakisha Cunningham

Mangalisa Mrubata

Muhammad Baboo

Usemhle Mtshekex

Allison Prince

Nazley Bhabha

Roderick Dayce

Kwakhanya Mkalipi

Tristan Botha

Tatum Dace

Tatum Dace

Anganathi Manentsa

Cairo Plaatjies

Graydon Niekerk

Wembir Plaatjies

Mnqweno Mbonda

Khanyisa Lugongolo

Special awards

The Madeline Hurd Memorial Awards for significant all-round progress during the course of the year:

Grade 8: Liqhame Camagu

Grade 9: Sandisiwe Mqina

Grade 10

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS

Zaara Baron, Demi Domingo, Kristen Joubert, Aletheia Kock, Grace Mapolisa, Taariq Markom, Coby Plaatjies, Gabryela Prinsloo, Jordan Prinsloo, Cassidy Thomas

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Mihle Gaxamba, Okuhle Gwangxa, Anathi Gqozo, Chulu Mfenyana, Avethandwa Mkhunqwana, Eshile Paul

CERTIFICATES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Dylan Booker, Emily Daniel, Caylee De Klerk, Nina Li, Ayabulela Masango, Usemhle Mtshekex

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Lara Aspelg, Keesha Blignaut, Leehana Hoffman, Unga Mapapa, Lunati Ntwanambi, Nerisha Ramsamy, Oliver Starbuck

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Eshile Gxoyiya, Olona Utom, Amyoli Vellem

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting:

Afrikaans First Additional Language:

Business Studies:

Computer Applications Technology:

Dramatic Arts Theory:

Dramatic Arts Practical:

English Home Language:

Further Studies English:

Geography:

History:

Information Technology:

Life Orientation:

Life Sciences:

Mathematics:

Further Studies Mathematics:

Mathematical Literacy:

Music Theory:

Music Practical:

Physical Sciences:

Tourism:

Visual Arts Theory:

Visual Arts Practical:

isiXhosa First Additional Language:

Lara Aspelg

Oliver Starbuck

Lara Aspelg

Keesha Blignaut

Kyle Ansley

Odwa Tungela

Onwaba Mahola

Nerisha Ramsamy

Anathi Gqozo

Aletheia Kock

Aayaan Moodaley

Oliver Starbuck

Oliver Starbuck

Nerisha Ramsamy

Lara Aspelg

Oliver Starbuck

Gabrielle Remy

Ayabulela Masango

Nina Li

Oliver Starbuck

Demi Domingo

Kacy Rogers

Kacy Rogers

Chulumanco Gobodo

TOP 5



OLIVER
STARBUCK

NERISHA
RAMSAMY

LARA
ASPELG

CAYLEE
DE KLERK

KEESHA
BLIGNAUT

Grade 11

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS

Caylm Connolly, Riccarda De Souza, Aa'ishah Jansen, Cyra Mc Cabe, Zenith Messiahs, Sadè Nelson, Cadyn Rautenbach, Zoë Van As, Anesto Williams

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Lisakhanya Bornvana, Anda Boo, Likhwezi Gcasamba, Khanya Mpondo, Chuma Ntshingana, Qhayiya Rafu, Viwe Skosana, Mayizukiswe Vayise

CERTIFICATES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Joshua Barth, Mvisi Daniso, Bohlokwa Letsoha, Alizwa Nyaniso

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Urshrudene Klaasen, Ona Moloto, Ashlyn Morrison, Ranngu Mudau, Kedibone Pienaar, Ishaam Sandan, Abbigaile Tait, Isabella Wait

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mwelase Lugogwana, Sibulele Gedezana, Bonga Maposa, Alihle Mtywaru, Siggibo Rasimeni, Talitha Siziba

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting:
Afrikaans First Additional Language:
Business Studies:
Computer Applications Technology:
Dramatic Arts Theory:
Dramatic Arts Practical:

Siggibo Rasimeni
Abbigaile Tait
Talitha Siziba
Abbigaile Tait
Mwelase Lugogwana
Mwelase Lugogwana
Mvisi Daniso
Isabella Wait
Abbigaile Tait
Likhwezi Gcasamba
Alizwa Nyaniso
Ona Moloto
Abbigaile Tait
Ona Moloto
Ona Moloto
Ona Moloto
Aislin Chance
Joshua Barth
Dean De Necker
Ona Moloto
Talitha Siziba
Bonga Maposa
Bonga Maposa
Alihle Mtywaru
Siggibo Rasimeni

English Home Language:
Further Studies English:
Geography:
History:
Information Technology:
Life Orientation:
Life Sciences:
Mathematics:
Further Studies Mathematics:
Mathematical Literacy:
Music Theory:
Music Practical:
Physical Sciences:
Tourism:
Visual Arts Theory:
Visual Arts Practical:
isiXhosa First Additional Language:

TOP 5



Grade 12

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS

Jadin Appolis, Cay-Lee Botha, Olivia Broccardo, Danté Bruinders, Kacey Campher, Zeenat Lee, Tamicka Luck, Robyn-Lee Ludick, Cayleb Naidoo, Meghan Najoe, Lathitha Ngqulana, Norwella Petersen, Jude Rooi, Rebecca Wilkinson, Ciarah Williams

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA

Zinzisa Gaxamba, Lisakhanya Masala, Lathitha Soxa

CERTIFICATES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Jade Adams, Lindsay-O'Neill Campher, John Emery, Rylan Johns, Akhanya Mbande, Thandiswa Mbeleni

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Alaska Chapman, Adri Beukes, Amber Booyesen, Roux-Anne Bristow, Kaleigh Campher, André Emery, Sophie Glibbery, Larissa Jubber, Courtney Perils, Poshika Ramsamy, Amy Saunders, Siyaam Shaw, Emihle Shiyani, Keenan Smith, Dané Viljoen

CERTIFICATES FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND ISIXHOSA AND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Libhongo Gxamza, Likhona Hombana, Zenive Ndwanya, Esona Nqwayiza, Thulile Samente

SUBJECT PRIZES

Accounting:
Afrikaans First Additional Language:
Business Studies:
Computer Applications Technology:

Dramatic Arts Theory:
Dramatic Arts Practical:
English Home Language:
Further Studies English:
Geography:
History:
Information Technology:
Life Orientation:
Life Sciences:
Mathematics:
Further Studies Mathematics:

Mathematical Literacy:
Music Theory:
Music Practical:
Physical Sciences:
Tourism:
Visual Arts Practical:
Visual Arts Theory:
isiXhosa First Additional Language:

Esona Nqwayiza
Siyaam Shaw
Amy Saunders
Thandiswa Mbeleni
Amy Saunders
Alaska Chapman
Sisipho Neku
Amy Saunders
Libhongo Gxamza
Emihle Shiyani
Zenive Ndwanya
Keenan Smith
Sophie Glibbery
Keenan Smith
Keenan Smith
Michelle Chininga
Keenan Smith
Sophie Glibbery
Marcus De Beer
Marcus De Beer
Rylan Johns
Meghan Najoe
Courtney Perils
Courtney Perils
Thulile Samente

The Jenny Fletcher Memorial Award For Oral Communication In English: Amy Saunders

The Kendall Trust Award for Contribution to English: Poshika Ramsamy

The Dominy Award For Creativity And Linguistic Excellence In English: Alaska Chapman

The Peter Kraus Award for Achievement in Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences: Akhanya Mbande

The Peter Kraus Award for Achievement in Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Information Technology: Thandiswa Mbeleni



Senior Co-Curricular Awards

Jean Scott Memorial Award for Excellence in extra-mural activities:

Music Department Award:

Van den Berg Award: Musical Excellence in Orchestral Instrument:

Coleman Cup for Top Practical Achievement in Music:

Elmarie Van Der Vyver Award: Best Senior Strings Player:

Du Plessis Award: Most Promising Instrumentalist:

Janina Pladek Neale Trophy: Most Versatile Performer:

James Gerber Award for Contribution to the Choir:

Amber Burnhams Award for the Most Versatile Singer:

Allen Award: English Best Senior Speaker:

Struwig Award: Afrikaans Best Senior Speaker:

IsiXhosa Best Senior Speaker:

Bridge Award: Contribution to Drama:

Award for Best Senior Debater:

Neville Dugmore Award for the Most Improved Toastmaster:

Thomas Horne Interschools Toastmaster Trophy:

Toastmaster of the Year:

St John Ambulance Award: Contribution to First Aid: Senior:

Nqabisa Faku Trophy for Outstanding service to Events:

Siggi Green Award: Library Service:

Melissa Maree Interact Award:

White Award: Contribution to Backstage:

AFDA Creativity Award:

Goossen's Family Award: Chess Champion:

Brenda Sanderson-Smith Memorial Award for the Dancing Personality of the Year:

Smith Family Trophy for the Best Senior Dancer:

Benson Trophy for Service to Tenrec:

Optima Trust Trophy for the Top Senior Mathlete:

Top Senior Female Athlete:

Top Senior Male Athlete:

Top Senior Female Swimmer:

Top Senior Male Swimmer:

Kelli-Ann Moulton Award: Best Senior Female Water Polo Player:

David Nezar Award: Best Senior Male Water Polo Player:

Loubser Award: Best Senior Male Cricketer:

Reg Sharp Award: Best Senior Netball Player:

Piet Snyman Award: Senior Male Tennis Champion:

Summerton Award: Senior Female Tennis Champion:

Pat Ferraris Award: Hockey Umpiring:

Peter Hollely Award: Best Senior Male Hockey Player:

Marlene Kleinhans Award: Best Senior Female Hockey Player:

Syd Lottering Award: Best Senior Male Soccer Player:

Old Alexan Award: Best Senior Rugby Player:

Roberts Award: Male Squash Champion:

Best Female Soccer Player:

Best Female Cricket Player:

Miguel Miller, Kezia Abersalie

Zaid Niemand, Adri Beukes

Dean De Necker

Marcus De Beer

Marcus De Beer

Annique Witbooi

Joshua Barth

Thawekhazi Mtshali

Kacey Campher

Lisakhanya Bomvana

Amy Saunders

Abbigaile Tait

Lilitha Hoko and Viwe Skosana

Ranngu Mudau

Sigqibo Rasimeni

Colé Martin

Khanya Mpondo

Khanya Mpondo

Chelsey Mathews

Norwella Petersen

Amber Booysen

Rebecca Wilkinson

Thato Kula

Sisipho Neku

Cayleb Naidoo

Joshua Mac Conrad

Inga Barnado

Erin De La Peyre

Rylan Johns and John Emery

Alyssa Oormeyer

Lufefe Nombewu

Poshika Ramsamy

Daniel Nash

Sage Walton

Caleb Kirsten

Akhanani Willem

Phelo Mgongotha

Asakhanya Jantjie

Sibulele Gedezana

Ethan Roach

Sylvan Dolley

Kacey Campher

Damien Freeks

Zukisa Xoshombe

Kai Whittaker

Caiden Adams

Bianca Graham



Kelly Noppé, Mixed media, Grade 12



Kristen Hattingh, Mixed media, Grade 12



Olivia Broccardo, Pencil crayon, Grade 12

Special Awards

The Madeline Hurd Memorial Awards for significant all-round progress during the course of the year:

Grade 10: Liyakhanya Xata

The Grade 11: Pondolwendlovu Mbambaza

Michèle Bishop Memorial Awards – intended to perpetuate the qualities of liveliness and all-round involvement and contribution and awarded to two Grade 11 pupils:

Bethany Hufkie and Anda Booï

Snyman Awards for excellence at sport:

Kacey Campher and Gabriel Gemmill

Awards recognition of outstanding cultural involvement:

Bruce Vervliet Award for girls: Sisipho Neku

Muller Brothers' Award for boys: Marcus De Beer

Principal's Award to a Grade 12 pupil for personal growth and tenacity:

Ethan Roach

Principal's Award to a pupil who has worked with persistent determination to develop to their full potential:

Emihle Shiyani

The Daniel Gerber Altogether Experience Award for consistent contribution:

Roux-Anne Bristow

Dickason Family Trophy for a girl who is a Senior and who has shown leadership in a variety of areas of school life:

Anelitha Jindela

Richardson Trophy for a boy who is a Senior and who has shown leadership in a variety of areas of school life:

Deron Williams

Seniors who have been loyal and dependable and have been involved in school life:

Ross Trophy for girls: Chelsey Mathews

Rusty Wilmot Trophy for boys: Thato Kula

Nil Sine Labore Award to a pupil who has exemplified disciplined commitment:

Reece Hiles

Nil Sine Labore Award to a pupil who displays diligence and commitment to excellence:

Amy Saunders

Nil Sine Labore Award to a pupil who has shown excellence in every endeavour:

Kaleigh Campher

Sushil-Isha Ranchod Award to a student who exemplifies respectfulness, virtue and integrity:

Adri Beukes

Alma Mater Award to a Grade 12 pupil who through service to the school and its members has displayed qualities of excellence:

Norwella Petersen

Owen Family Award to a student leader who has demonstrated committed leadership:

Caleb Kriel

Dickason Brothers Award presented to a pupil who has displayed admirable initiative:

Siyaam Shaw

Kathy Sutton Award is based on the principles of fairness, truthfulness and goodwill and recognises an approach which benefits all concerned:

Lathitha Soxa

Ou Family Award is for altruism. In recognition of the caring atmosphere that prevails in the school, it is awarded to a pupil who is imbued with a spirit of selflessness:

Alaska Chapman

Hancocks' Family Golden Jubilee Award for strength of character:

Jude Rooi

Walker Cup for girls for good fellowship:

Norwella Petersen

Markman Cup for boys for good fellowship:

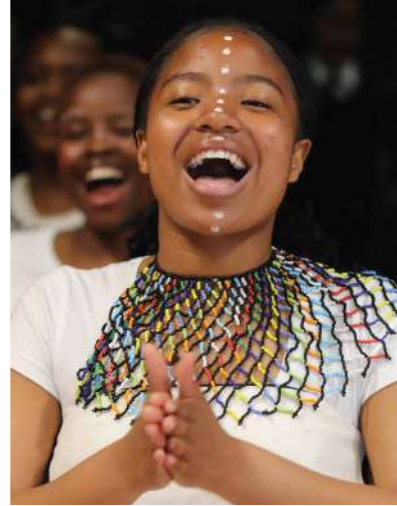
John Emery

Cheryl Karg Trophy for a girl in grade 12 who has made the greatest all-round contribution to school life:

Kacey Campher

Stephen Morgan Trophy for a boy in grade 12 who has made the greatest all round contribution to school life:

John Emery



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

We are indebted to our staff for their loyalty and for their dedication to the school and to the teaching profession.

We are honoured to acknowledge our staff for having served our school for 10 years or longer. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the service and devotion of Mr Dario Broccado, for 10 years' service, Ms Buyiswa Scout, for 10 years' service, and Ms Dianne Labuschagne, for 15 years' service. Furthermore, with grateful acknowledgement, we thank Ms Lizette Felix, for 20 years' service, Ms Jenny Lopes, for 20 years' service, and Ms Jen Sainsbury, for 25 years' service. We honour you for your years of devotion to our school.



Mr Dario Broccado



Ms Buyiswa Scout



Ms Dianne Labuschagne



Ms Lizette Felix



Ms Jenny Lopes



Ms Jen Sainsbury

In addition, we would like to honour Mr Kevin Golightly, who has served the school for 38 years and who will be retiring this year. Mr Golightly started teaching at Alex in 1984 and since then he has been a departmental head, a subject head for Accounting, Business Studies and EMS, and a grade head. He has also organised the reunions at Alex and was head of sport.

Mr Golightly was awarded an Honorius Causa in 2000 when he first left Alex to teach in England for three years. This is the highest honour that the school can bestow for long and meritorious service. Mr Golightly then returned to Alex in 2004 and has been a faithful servant of the community ever since.

Mr Golightly is well known for his sense of humour. If there is an opportunity for a pun or play on words or terrible dad joke, you can trust Mr Golightly not to let the moment pass. Mr Golightly will also be a living legend here at Alex for years to come for his numerous renditions of "Lucky Lips" at our staff Rock 'n Roll evenings.

Working with Mr Golightly has been a delight. He takes his work very seriously; he makes working with him a lot of fun. It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge his years of service and devotion.



Mr Kevin Golightly

HONORIS CAUSA

Dr Linda Emery has taught and profoundly touched the lives of over 4000 Maths students in her time at Alex. Maths is her forte but by no means her only contribution to Alex. She has also taught Guidance, Life Orientation, Maths Literacy and violin. Anyone who has spent a year with Dr Emery as a teacher will be able to testify to the fact that she does so much more than get you ready for your final exam. Her inquisitive mind and willingness to think far outside the parameters that the rest of us consider normal gives her students insight into so many aspects of life. Her status as a seasoned traveller has exposed her mind to a large variety of cultures and perspectives. Asking questions in her class often gets you far more than you bargained for. With an infectious zest for life and learning, Dr Emery cannot help but infuse her lessons with mind-opening, soul-enriching conversations that leave her classes altered for life.



Dr Linda Emery

Since 1982, Dr Emery has, at various times, been subject head for Maths, head of department for all Maths-related subjects, in charge of the orientation of new teachers and has run a programme supported by the Epoch and Optima Trust, where she trains aspiring Maths teachers to be excellent by putting them through their paces as interns for a year or two. Over 75 teachers have been through this programme and are making a huge difference. Seven of them are still employed as teachers here at Alex. She has also been an occasional lecturer to first-year students in Mathematics for Summer School at the University of Port Elizabeth (now Nelson Mandela University), a violinist in the East Cape Philharmonic Orchestra for nearly 30 years and was a part-time teacher at the music school of NMU for 10 years. She was teacher-in-charge of the school newspaper and has been a student leader mentor at Alex for 32 years.

Before 1994, Dr Emery joined IDASA and started holding inter-schools debates and variety shows with schools from as many different cultures as possible to build understanding and knowledge amongst our pupils. These included Chinese High, Gelvan, Itembelihle, Newell, Theodor Herzl, Andrew Rabie and Framesby. She also hosted an annual cross-cultural leadership and conflict management seminar with prefects from similar schools.

Travel has been a very important part of what Dr Emery sees as contributing to a comprehensive education. She sees great value in engaging with people who are not like you. She accompanied 28 Alexans on a trip to Europe, which was preceded by nine French exchanges with schools near Paris. Under Dr Emery's leadership, Alex also attended five international conferences hosted by City Montessori School in Lucknow, India. In 2022, teams of Alexans competed on the international stage at the virtual conference, getting the opportunity to learn so much about themselves in the process.

Dr Emery initiated the Maths Relay programme in 1988. The league hosts six events per year with up to 90 people per event and a scorer for each team, which adds up to thousands and thousands of teenagers from this city participating over the years. The mind boggles. Everyone who participates in a Maths Relay, engages in some critical thinking, does better in Olympiads, if they enter, and does better at Maths and at life.

In 1992, Dr Emery saw the opportunity to build a Maths practice programme into our afternoons. This provides the opportunity for anyone who has the time to build their capacity in the subject, four days a week, in every grade, and the results have shown that Alexans who engage in these sessions routinely perform better than they did before taking up the challenge.

Dr Emery hosts up to 20 different Maths competitions every year, not only for Alexans, but at times for the whole town. We have had hundreds of teenagers writing Maths competitions at Alex every year. These are opportunities they would never have had, if not for the tenacity of Dr Emery.

In 2002, when some Grade 11 Alexans in Dr Emery's class wished that there was somewhere that catered for under 18s to get together socially, she thought that a club (originally called Coffee Club, now called Beat) would be a great place to meet this goal.

Along with many presentations and papers at various conferences both nationally and internationally, Dr Emery was named the best Maths teacher in the province in the National Teachers award. Her PhD was based on finding out how working at Mathematical problem solving in groups improved motivation, confidence, enjoyment and accomplishment in learners.

It is clear that Dr Emery has been a deeply impactful educator at Alex since she started here in 1982. She has spent a lifetime of devotion to Alex, to teaching and learning, to thinking and to being compassionate. There are few educators who can retire from such an illustrious career and still be keen to come back the following year and keep on going.

Dr Emery, you are a most deserving recipient of this, the highest award that we can bestow, the Honoris Causa.

This highest Award of the Alexander Road High School is conferred upon Linda Emery in recognition of long and meritorious service to the school and to symbolise the high esteem and affection in which she is held by all.

HEAD STUDENTS



John Emery
Head Boy

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away." - Maya Angelou

As I stand before you today, my breath is truly taken away. Who would have thought that five years could fly by so quickly? Today is the day we have all anticipated for as long as we can remember. As kids, we often dreamed of growing up, but being here with all of you today makes me want to slow things down a bit.

I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and mentors. You didn't just teach us; you inspired us. You challenged us to think differently, to question and to dream. You showed us resilience and dedication, ensuring our learning never stopped – even when the world did. Your commitment went far beyond textbooks, and, for that, we are eternally grateful.

I also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the ground staff and the administrative team. Your tireless efforts often go unnoticed, but you are the backbone of our school. From keeping our facilities welcoming and safe to ensuring that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes, your dedication makes a world of difference in our lives. Thank you for creating an environment where we can learn, grow and thrive. Your support has been invaluable to us all, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

Many people say that today marks the beginning of our journey. I disagree. Our journey began long ago. Today is simply the day where the path we've been traveling on splits into 232 unique roads. Until now, we have walked as a team, united in our experiences and accomplishments.

We've been together since Grade 8, navigating this journey side by side. Let's take a moment to reflect on those early days. Five years ago, we were dropped off at the gates of Alex for the very first time. We did not know what a journey we were in for as our parents took pictures of us in our new oversized uniforms. Those first few months truly flew by before we were plunged into the Covid 19 pandemic. Who can forget the challenges of remote learning during the pandemic, receiving Math homework, which we all definitely did, while trying to adjust to a new reality? Those moments tested our resilience and brought us closer together. It's hard to believe that those same children who were dropped off five years ago, with overflowing potential, are now the young adults who sit in front of me today on the verge of greatness.

Looking back over these past five years, I realise how easy it is to overlook our blessings. Yet we have been incredibly fortunate to be part of such an amazing school and community, where we've created memories that will last a lifetime. The laughter we shared, the challenges we overcame, and the friendships we have built, are treasures we will carry with us. As we say goodbye to our beloved school one last time, let's hold onto those memories and let them guide us as we move forward.

As we step into the world beyond these walls, I'm reminded of a powerful quote by Marianne Williamson: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." Each of you has the potential to shine brightly, not just for yourselves but to inspire those around you. Embrace your greatness and don't hold back; show the world what a true Alexan is capable of.

In closing, I urge each of you to embrace the adventures that await. Remember to take a moment to appreciate the breath-taking experiences life has to offer. Thank you, and congratulations, Class of 2024! Let's make these next chapters just as unforgettable as the ones we've already written.

Nil Sine Labore.



Zeenat Lee
Head Girl

"You can choose either to be a victim of the world or an adventurer in search of treasure. It's all a question of how you view your life." - Paulo Coelho

Today, we stand at the end of our high school journey, a journey much like a treasure hunt. For years, we've searched for hidden treasures—sometimes without a map.

1,738 days ago, we began Grade 8, setting out on this treasure hunt. The school felt like a place brimming with hidden gems waiting to be uncovered. Like novice treasure hunters, we navigated the school, often getting lost in its many hallways. It felt like Hogwarts' shifting staircases. And then, just as we began to settle in, the pandemic hit. Our treasure hunt changed course - we went from freely exploring the passages to a one-way system and lockdown homework pakkies.

1,341 days ago, we entered Grade 9. We made important decisions, like choosing subjects. Just to later change them. And change them again. And again. Desperately trying to figure out what we wanted to do for the rest of our lives at the ripe age of 15.

1,003 days ago, Grade 10 began, and we were finally free from the restrictions of the pandemic. The Alex spirit roared back to life as we finally got to experience everything we missed during COVID, like derby days and non-virtual assemblies. It felt as if we were uncovering new treasures every day - all our "firsts" flew by too quickly, making our lasts feel even more precious.

646 days ago, we started Grade 11. I think we all can agree that that's when things took a turn. So much so that by the end, some of us considered dropping out and starting YouTube channels or learning to Forex trade. But the good times outweighed the bad, as Décor Week brought us closer together as a grade and parenthood gave us one last good set of LO marks.

275 days ago, we embarked on the final stage of this treasure hunt: Grade 12.

Looking back, it's clear how much we've grown, not just individually but together. Along the way, we discovered the true treasures that Alex had to offer - punctuality and diligence from our principal, Mr. Ridgway; respect and kindness from the ground staff; dedication and enthusiasm from our administrative team. To our teachers, the real treasures of our school, thank you for your tireless dedication, for guiding us through countless meltdowns, and for teaching us things we still don't fully understand. You've paved the way for our futures, and we are forever grateful.

And now, here we are, with just one day left of our high school journey. One final day to savour the moments and celebrate the incredible adventure we've shared. But let me remind you - the treasure we've been seeking isn't something you hold in your hands. It's something you carry within you. It's the knowledge, the memories, and the experiences that have shaped us. It's the relationships we've built along the way.

Alex has been our treasure. It has given us a place to grow, to belong, and to discover who we are. It's a treasure chest filled with the richness of diversity, inclusion, and pride. As we leave, we carry pieces of Alex with us, not in the form of gold or jewels, but in the form of lessons and values that will guide us in the world beyond.

Now, as we prepare to leave, we have the chance to embark on a new adventure. This is our moment to take on the world, to find new treasures, and to pursue our passions. As Channing Tatum or some guy named Shakespeare once said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." But greatness isn't about fortune or fame. It's about how we leave the people we meet better than we found them.

If there's one thing I hope you remember from today, it's that your legacy isn't measured by recognition or wealth. It's measured by the joy, kindness, and hope you give to others. Because what is a legacy if not planting seeds in a garden you never get to see? Our time at Alex won't be remembered by our grades or popularity, but by the impact we had on others and our school - that is the real treasure.

As we grew into our blazers and out of our variform, we grew into the treasure hunters Alex has trained us to be. The final bell has rung, and I am proud to leave as a shoeless ex-Alexan. As we leave, let us carry the treasures we've found here - the lessons, the values, and the memories. Let us be treasure hunters in the world beyond, always seeking to make it better, just as Alex made us better, and never losing sight of the treasures still waiting to be found. And let us never forget that nothing is achieved without hard work.

Nil Sine Labore.



Rylan Johns
Deputy-Head Boy

Oh, wow what a journey it has been, class of 2024.

I'd like to begin by thanking the people who shaped us into who we are today. To the Alex staff, teachers and ground staff, we thank you for your hard work and dedication in providing us with an exceptional learning experience. Through your efforts, you have helped mould us into the young men and women we are today. We sincerely appreciate everything you do.

Our chapter began in 2020 when we entered the school gates in our oversized uniforms as new Grade 8s. We witnessed our first high school athletics day then had our outing to Willows, where we had the chance to meet new faces, while others played 'braai-master' in the background. Term 1 was great; until the last week of school, when our exciting two-week extended holiday turned into a tragic five-month lockdown. Oh, how difficult it was to stay at home and do nothing!

Then came Grade 9, when we were privileged enough to experience the perfect school schedule, the one-day-on, one-day-off system. This was a period in which we practised social distancing and used the one-way corridor system as an excuse to come late to class. This made it a very memorable year.

As we became seniors, things started to become a little more serious – from choosing subjects to university applications – but it wasn't too bad. We had the opportunity to experience some interesting things from Décor Week, to becoming dedicated and overly-attached parents for a whole two weeks. And let's not forget our matric dance. It was an extraordinary night filled with love, laughter and memories which we will cherish for years to come.

It really has been quite the journey from entering the gates as strangers to being seated with one another as an Alex family. It has truly been an honour learning and growing with you all. I know it hasn't always been easy. There were ups and downs, but we persevered and pulled through. We conquered challenges and came out stronger at the end. As we near the end of this chapter, don't close the book just yet, because there's still so much more that others can learn from it.

So, to you, Alexans, do not give up. Yes, there will be times of hardship and you will face obstacles that seem insurmountable, but there are more than 230 reasons standing before you today to remind you that you can get through whatever comes your way. Each and every one of you is filled with the endless capacity to achieve and reach success, to surpass your own limits and grow as an individual. So, make the most of your time here. Don't waste it trying to be someone you're not, because, before you know it, you too will be sitting where we are today.

And to you, Matrics, we probably all feel a wave of mixed emotions, but it will be okay. We may not know what the future holds, but if high school has taught us anything, it's that we're capable of more than we think. We've overcome obstacles, pushed ourselves beyond what we thought possible, and, through it all, we've found our strengths. But, before you start to smile, remember that finals are around the corner ... but promise me you won't forget to smile along the way.

Oh, wow what a journey it has been class of 2024; it has truly been an experience that I will never forget.



Libhongo Gxamza
Deputy-Head Girl

The quote "We cannot control the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails" by Thomas S Monson is the best way that I can describe the past five years for the class of 2024. We came into high school in 2020, bright-eyed, excited, scared and thinking that we were about to live the High School Musical experience.

However, life is anything but predictable, and our excitement was cut short by Covid-19. We got only a lick of the high school experience for just three months before lockdown started. Our first two years of high school were spent separated from the other half of our grade, without ever experiencing derbies, game nights, Founder's day or Family Day.

Yet despite the wind trying to blow us every which way, despite being thrown into unforeseen circumstances, we adjusted our sails, we adapted. That is exactly why so many of us are wearing green or are adorned in badges. Because the class of 2024 does not go down without a fight. We have pushed ourselves in every sphere of the school. Sitting here are academic weapons, soon to be pro athletes, absolutely amazing musicians, actors and actresses worthy of Oscars, and dedicated, talented people who have thrown themselves into the societies and different areas of culture within the school. We did not let our beginning define our end.

It goes without saying that we did not achieve all that we have on our own. It is only through the dedication, care and belief of our teachers, coaches, mentors and families that we have reached this point. A big thank you and a lot of love goes out to them. One thing my parents always go on and on about is the affect that an unclean space can have on you and the importance of keeping your environment tidy. Luckily we have never had to worry about that here at school, due to the diligent efforts of our ground staff. They too deserve a thank you from all of us.

I would also like to show immense gratitude to my fellow Matrics for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to lead and serve, not only them, but the entire Alex family. I have been asked whether I saw it coming or if I always dreamed of being a head student and honestly I was just as surprised as the rest of you when the announcement was made. When you come from where I come from and a lot of people have more or better resources than you, it's easy to think that you are not deserving or worthy of things, like being in this position. However, something that I have learnt is that it's really not about what you have and how popular you are; it's actually about what you do with what you have, and how people know you and see you. So again, thank you Matrics for seeing my potential, it's been a pleasure serving you.

One last thing I'd like to leave with all of you is to be conscious throughout life of the fact that you not only represent yourself but everyone who came before you and who will come after you. Some of you know that my middle name is Sithaba, which directly translates to "This is us." My middle name is a testament to the fact that I stand before you not only as the Deputy Head Girl of 2024 but also as Nompumelelo, my mom, Humphrey, my dad, as uMazikhali, uMamQocwa, uJojo, uTiyeka, uButsolo beentonga. I am standing here with generations beside me. Whenever I lose motivation to keep going, whenever I get tired or lazy, I remember that this isn't just about me, it's about all those who believe in me. The same thing applies to everyone in this room, especially you, Matrics. Trust me, I know you are tired, I am tired too, but there are people that believe in you and are counting on you. We are reaching the end of the journey; we are reaching our destination. The winds have tried to blow us every which way, they have tried to flip our boat upside down, but we adjusted our sails and stayed steadfast in reaching the end. Come on, Matrics, we did not come this far to come this far. So let's finish strong.

Student Leaders



Back Row: J Rooi, L Campher, G Gemmel, B Mlinganiso, A Emery, K Smith, H Twala

Fourth Row: Mr M Stander, M Mangana, M Kivido, M Chininga, S Dolley, R Hiles, C Kriel, S Walton, T Samente

Third Row: A Saunders, S Glibbery, C Govind, L Appolis, T Jappie, V Soxa, R Bristow, S Shaw, S Uli

Second Row: Ms U Makawu, K Campher, Z Ndwanya, K Campher, J Adams, A Oormeyer, N Petersen, T Sodien, L Hombana, Mr B Mitchell

Front Row: L Gxamza, Dr D McGregor, J Emery, Mr M Ridgway, Z Lee, Dr L Emery, R Johns

House Captains



Back Row: B Mlinganiso, A Willem, S Dolley, B Gallant, T Jappie, E Roach

Front Row: Mr M Stander, A Oormeyer, V Soxa, J Mac Conrad, S Walton, R Theys, A Abersalie, Mr T Kleyn



RCL Senior

Back Row: R Welcome, L Scholtz, K Ansley, L Daba, L Duma, J Emery, P Chimwendo, R Clarke, Z Thomas, M Campos, C Roman

Third Row: Z Lee, K Athimoolam, M Delpont, D Viljoen, E Roach, A Mtywarhu, M Maramba, M Geswind, U Mtshekexi, R Johns, M Deysel

Second Row: R Pullen, G Remy, A Masango, O Mgengo, R Wilkinson, C La Reservee, A Boo, L Choene, S Dlula, I Van Wyk

Front Row: Ms D Strydom, I Baliso, V Skosana, L Fobe, C De Klerk, C Mpofu, T Njibana, Q Rafu, D Jacobs, M Muller

Absent: S Loli, D van Wyk, B Gabron, A Malusi, K Billet, E Daniel, J Prinsloo, M Gaxamba

RCL Junior

Back Row: A Heynes, W Beling, R Olwage, B Kama, A Welgemoed, P Moses

Second Row: R Niekerk, L Gunguluza, C Saunders, K Bonnesse, M Kemoetie

Front Row: D Koopman, E Beling, I Jack, K Koeberg, F Pillay, L Badenhorst, Ms D Strydom

Absent: M Baboo, Z Njisane, O Qupe, C Ugue, L Daniels, B Pillay, B Lengoase, M Labercensie, C Van Wyk, C Siwisa, A Campher



RCL Executive

Back Row: M Deysel, Z Lee, R Johns, J Emery, A Mtywaru, D Viljoen

Front Row: K Koeberg, G Remy, A Heynes, R Pullen, L Choene, L Badenhorst, Ms D Strydom

Absent: M Baboo

SA Representatives



Back Row: M Miller, Z Niemand, A Jantjie

Front Row: K Constable, A Oormeyer, K Abersalie, B Graham, Mr L Meyer

Eastern Province Representatives



Back Row: M Miller, M Vickery, B Maposa, E Roach, Z Niemand, B Mlinganiso, A Willem, S Dolley, I Jindela, C De Buys, S Rasimeni

Third Row: T Dace, T Frolick, A Jantjie, U Mtshekexi, A Beukes, Z Lee, T Zosela, J Van Wyk, J Jeffries, T Frolick, C Brugh

Second Row: A Brink, Z Jerling, Q Nkenke, T Botha, A Crowie, K Francis, C Brown, M Gaseba, L Christian

Front Row: K Constable, B Graham, M Getyese, A Oormeyer, Z Brown, M Kliment, K Abersalie, L Tose, K Francis, K Campher, Mr L Meyer



MUSIC

The music department has, as usual, been extraordinarily busy, the calendar being filled with this, that and more, making 2024 the busiest year since ... wait ... since LAST YEAR!

Welcome to the Alex MUSIC DEPARTMENT, the department that never sleeps (as mentioned in the 2023 Alexan).

Early in Term 1, we hosted a primary schools' visit where Grade 6 and 7 pupils from neighbouring schools played alongside some of their old friends from primary school and some friends they'll have next year when they join our team. What an amazing success!

The annual Woodwind Studio Concert followed in April. It featured both solo and ensemble performances from our flute, clarinet and saxophone players of various levels. It was a great opportunity for the Woodwind players to experience performing their pieces in front of family and friends. It was a great success: congratulations go to everyone involved.

Our super-team Concert Band entertained with VP at something of a "reunion-since-Covid" concert, which led to the reigniting of the traditional VP, Alex, Grey and Pearson Concert Band Bash. More on that later.

The newly formed Contemporary Band held its first-ever show in the auditorium. The BLUES GIG was well received by all. Watch this space for the next performance!

With the major focus for 2024 being *Cabaret Fantasia*, much of our regular rehearsal time was taken up with those preparations. The unique feature of the band for the show was that it comprised all our ensembles. Concert Band, Wind Band, Orchestra, Big Band, Contemporary Band and Choir where all involved in a mammoth undertaking that was much applauded by our audiences. We are very proud of the efforts and commitment of our youngsters who gave of their time, even during the well-earned holidays, to make it happen!

Despite the preparation for the show, our Strings still played in concerts both away and at home, and our pupils found the energy to take part in both the Contemporary Music and Serious Music installations of the SASMT competitions (well done to Marcus De Beer for doing so well and to Ukhonaye Gaula for winning her category).

A big thanks to our Brass Department for being involved in all manner of events amid the myriad activities of 2024, ranging from master classes to concerts with visitors from as far off as East London and Cape Town. Gqeberha could easily be referred to as the "Centre of Excellence" for brass playing and Alex certainly plays a vital role in ensuring it remains thus.

The Big Band were exemplary in representing Alex at the annual Jazz Festival held at Clarendon Primary School. We thank them and encourage them to keep it up.

As mentioned, the Concert Band played at the revival of the Big Bands' Bash. Held at VP, featuring Concert Bands from VP, Alex, Grey and Pearson, this concert was a testament to the amazing work and dedication of the teachers and pupils at each of these schools. Although we normally boast of being the best in town, this Band Director cannot pretend that anyone played better than anyone else. The concert was an incredible success and has led to much renewed faith and hope for the future. Kudos to the school head masters who see the value in our work!

In October, the Music Department held what turned out to be the only "Music Department Concert" of 2024. A mixed bag of performances from every major group in the department, this concert was held as a fundraiser for the SANParks Honorary Rangers and was also our farewell concert for our Matrics, whom we salute as they venture into the great unknown for which they have long, longed! We hope to see your names in lights soon!

Our music is not limited to the many public performances mentioned above. Our Creative Arts, Extra Subject and Subject Music has also seen growth and improvement in 2024. A special thanks to all the teachers who have given so much of themselves and their time, especially those late afternoons and nights, to ensure that your children have the best possible experience of music. A special thanks to the pupils too, who put up with US!

Onward to 2025, for what will, without a doubt, be another spectacular year... and will hopefully have much more sleep (but probably not).



Concert Band



Back Row: K Oliver, M Harker, V Athimoolam, A Heynes, L Jaxa, E Paul, A Gabriel, U Gaula, N Mdingi, C Stubbs, L Waalstra, L Hani, N Vayise

Fourth Row: K Milemba, S Kula, H Da Silva, I Mrubata, K Athimoolam, C Awuzie, K Grisillo, N Putzier, D De Necker, K Ansley, M De Beer, N Li, E Nombiba, T Zosela, A Mti

Third Row: A Welgemoed, P Campher, T Mtshali, M Jennings, L Mva, C Adams, A Govender, M Campher, R Ludick, H Van Eyk, G Naidoo, L Hermans

Second Row: B Sitshongaye, M Harker, Z Manzini, B Dyanty, L Ntwanambi, K Vayise, A Masango, K Joubert, V Skosana, C Mfenyana, R Schevell

Front Row: Mr D Broccardo, K Mokaba, K Campher, L Meyer, D Koopman, S Poyo, A Mthathi, R Theys, L Gatywa, E Gxoyiya, H Johnson

Absent: J Jafta, B Quntana

Big Band



Back Row: K Ansley, J Marcus, D De Necker, J Barth, N Li

Second Row: K Milemba, L Waalstra, U Gaula, M Campher, T Mtshali

Front Row: L Ntwanambi, K Vayise, N Vayise, A Masango, C Mefenyana, Ms G Njocu



Contemporary Band

Back Row: N Jonas, D De Necker, P Ramsamy
Front Row: Mr S Hurter, G Naidoo, H Botha, J Barth



Clarinet Choir

Back Row: E Nombiba, K Grisillo, T Zosela
Front Row: N Vayise, S Poyo, Ms G Njogu
Absent: K Milemba, K Joubert

Flute Ensemble

Back Row: L Hani, M de Beer
Front Row: H Johnson, R Theys, Ms M Roberson



Symphonic String Ensemble

Back Row: L Mva, B Silwana, B Maposa, J Emery, Z van As, J Goss, K Oosthuizen

Second Row: Ms E van der Vyver, N Bhabha, A Witbooi, R Ludick, S Dlula, A Johannes, F Shahid, Z Messiahs

Front Row: L Sigabi, C Mfenyana, Z Baron, L Classen, M Pretorius, E Magango, J Jeffreys



Brass Ensemble

Back Row: A Mti, C Awuzie, D De Necker, K Ansley, A Gabriel, U Gaula

Second Row: N Vayise, M Campher, L Waalstra, T Mtshali, P Campher, Mr Q Kakora

Front Row: L Ntwanambi, D Koopman, A Masango, K Vayise, E Gxoyiya, K Campher

Saxophone Quartet

Back Row: K Athimoolam, N Li
Front Row: M Campher, T Mtshali, Ms G Njogu



Choir



Back Row: A Xakaxa, M Mcopele, T Frolick, M Mangana, S Ndika, S Singeni, L Yona, A Makolota, G Mapolisa, A Gabriel, I Kaka, J Ruiters, T Frolick, A Ntwanambi, V Soxa, A Boo

Fourth Row: Y Moyikwa, S Sonjica, A Booysen, G Headbush, L Mabuza, L Nombewu, A Mkiva, R Mudau, J Marcus, M Maramba, C Mathews, R Zvirime, S Nogambula, T Samente, I Mrubata

Third Row: L Gxamza, I Barnardo, H Edwards, L Faltein, O Tungela, N Tsaka, J Goss, I Dyanti, Z Gaxamba, M Najoe, U Mapapa, A Campher, K Mapapa, I Dunga, J Jafta

Second Row: L Tose, N Mabhula, K Campher, M Harker, J Christian, P Gcaza, D Domingo, E Nqwayisa, L Stwayi, A Witbooi, L Jontana, K Mitiyo, M Xata

Front Row: Ms S Heunis, S Shabongu, J Jacobs, A Jindela, S Mtiya, M Getyese, P Sokolo, C Felkers, L Hombana, L Mbeki, R Theys, K Caesar, K Campher, Ms C Barth

Absent: L Sifuba

Glee Club



Back Row: L Noketshe, M Lugogwana, R Mudau, L Thwathwa

Third Row: I Lugongolo, P Matiwane, S Neku, A Makolota, R Bristow

Second Row: T Mtshali, J Du Plessis, C Fihla, S Rasimeni, O Tungela, Q Ndungane

Front Row: Ms R Lategan, I Baliso, L Bomvana, J Mafuya, Z Messiahs, O Mahola, Ms C Stronach

Absent: Ms A Burnhams





DRAMA MATTERS

What a spectacular year it has been for the Alex Drama department!

Alex is known for putting on a blockbuster musical every second year. After the anticipation and excitement generated by the announcement that 2024 would see Alex staging *The Wiz*, it was decided to keep *The Wiz* for the school's big 70th birthday celebration in 2025.

It was time to shake things up a little! Enter a crazy, chaotic, creative and magical cabaret that was created to showcase ALL of the cultural groups at Alex!

The final product, *Cabaret Fantasia: An Immersive Theatrical Experience* was a never-before-seen collaborative event, set as a musical revue that explored the themes of discovery, love, finding purpose, the joy of community, and loving yourself! The story was unraveled by our narrator, a jaded author (Ranngu Mudau), and his Genie (Odwa Tungela), who brought everything Ranngu wrote to life (yes, that was all Ranngu's original poetry!). The characters were created around five soloists – Sipho Neku, Azuke Makolota, Mwelase Lugogwana, Lisakhanya Peta and Roux-Anne Bristow – who each embark on their own journey, told through poetry, song, and dance. The cast was the largest group of Alexans to ever perform together on stage, with over 250 students taking to the stage for Try Everything and This is Me, to roaring applause at every show. A big thanks to all parents, teachers and students involved who sacrificed a week of the June holidays to put the puzzle pieces together in what became known as 'Theatre Week' – a grueling week of costumes, make-up, dancing until dizzy and singing that could be heard in all of Newton Park! Finally the heavily guarded secret could be revealed: the show would take place in the same hall beautifully decorated, according to the theme of Arabian nights, by the Art department and Grade 11s for the Matric Dance!

The show itself featured songs from *Moulin Rouge*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Zootopia*, *Aladdin the musical*, Louis Prima, *La La Land*, *Anastasia the musical*, *The Lion King*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Black Sabbath*, just to name a few! The songs were selected to showcase the strengths of the Choir, Masibuyel' eMbo, Glee, MOVE!, Show Band (Concert and Wind Bands combined), Strings Ensemble, Big Band, Contemporary Band, DanceSport and the soloists. A special mention must be made of the African Medley, a six-minute piece arranged by Strings teacher Elmarie van der Vyver, especially for Masibuyel' eMbo and the Strings Ensemble that brought the house down every night.

The Costume Room society had the unique challenge of the numerous quick changes required for the show, but, thanks to the efficient teamwork and readiness of our learners (especially Dane' Viljoen, Tamicka Luck, Leah Meyers, Siya Nguqu, Carin La Reservee, and Ronique Theys), the actors were able to change costumes in under a minute, ensuring the smooth flow of the production. This would have been impossible without their dedication and quick thinking.

This level of collaboration would not have been possible if not for the tireless efforts of the teachers involved, and special thanks must go to the following teachers for believing in the vision and the change that this show presented; Ms van der Vyver (Strings Ensemble and original arrangements), Ms Makuwu (Masibuyel' eMbo), Ms Heunis (Choir), Mr Hurter (Backstage and Contemporary Band), Ms Pretorius (Show Band and original arrangements), Ms Ngoju (Big Band),

Mr Kley (Costumes), Ms Dalton (Make-Up), Mr Kakora (original arrangements), Ms Lalla Kooverjee (Costumes and special guest solo), Ms Olander-van Aardt and Ms Hague (Hall design) and Ms Horsley for her constant support and trusting of this new process.

This was the first show under the direction of the new Head of Drama, Ms Burnhams, and she was supported by her core team of choreographers, Ms Stronach and Ms Lategan, and with musical direction by Mr Broccardo. The show followed a 'workshop theatre' process, where change was the only constant, and without such a willing and strong team of teachers who supported highlighting Alexans to be their very best on stage, this major feat would never have been possible. Thank you also to the audiences made of the public, parents, families and friends, and even some high schools.

Almost directly after we closed *Cabaret Fantasia*, it was time to start prepping for the House Plays! This year, we were treated to three hilarious comedies, namely; 'The Play That Goes Wrong' by Heath, 'Bobby's Brain' by Protea, and 'Ruby of Elsinore' by Aloe. Finally the night arrived and the play that was meant to go wrong had audiences in stitches, Bobby was shown to have a very interesting brain with his hilarious encounters with the opposite sex, and Ruby was quite the gossip of Elsinore in her interactions with Hamlet's family! Ultimately there can be only one winner, which was thoughtfully chosen by our special guest judge, Ms Scheepers of Victoria Park High School, with the assistance of our two school judges, Ms Pretorius and Ms Burmeister. It was decided that going wrong was going strong! Heath took home the Best Play accolade to much cheering from the audience.

Keeping up with change being the only constant, Mr McEwan started up the Alex FilmFest once more, and four original short films were shown at the House Plays, written, performed and directed by our very own students! The talent on screen and off was palpable, and the future looks bright for what our students can accomplish!

It has also been a busy year for our Drama students outside of being involved in the school show and House Plays, as the students also attended the outstanding South African production of *Curl Up & Dye* at the Isithatha Theatre. Directed by Robin Williams, a PE theatre stalwart, and featuring a powerful cast of incredible actresses, including Old Alexan Georgia Palmer, the play, staged on a thrust stage, blew the students away. They were also treated to a highly valuable Q&A session after the play with Ms Williams and some of the cast.

But the fun did not stop there! The Drama students and next year's cast of *The Wiz* were awe-inspired by UK actor Guy van Onselen who generously offered an afternoon workshop on Shakespeare, monologue techniques and all things industry related! The students were actively engaged, put on the spot to perform a piece, and exposed to many new acting techniques. We are so grateful that Guy offered up some of his valuable time in SA to inspire our students.

As we enter the year of the school's 70th birthday celebrations, it is evident that Alex is a school of nurturing potential, with it being the first experience 'treading the boards' for many who took to the stage this year. Preparations for *The Wiz* are in full swing. 2025 will be another wonderful year of exploring 'what makes us SPECTACULAR!'





Production Crew



Back Row: S Mabena, L Gwatyuza, A Chance, T Kula, L Booï
Front Row: Mr S Hurter, M Koutsouvelis, C Rautenbach,
 K Robertson, Ms C Stronach
Absent: L Sola

Staff



Back Row: Ms E van der Vyver, Mr S Hurter, Mr D Broccardo,
 Mr T Kleyn, Ms B Dalton, Ms U Makawu
Front Row: Ms C Barth, Ms G Njogu, Ms K Lalla Kooverjee, Ms S Heunis,
 Ms R Lategan, Ms C Stronach, Ms K Reynolds
Absent: Ms A Burnhams, Ms C Pretorius

Show Band



Back Row: C Stubbs, L Hani, U Gaula, N Mdingi, L Jaxa, A Gabriel, T Zosela, B Silwana, Z Van As, I Mrubata, A Welgemoed, E Paul, A Mti,
 A Heynes, V Athimoolam, L Waalstra
Fourth Row: Mr D Broccardo, M De Beer, E Nombiba, H Da Silva, B Maposa, C Awuzie, K Ansley, J Marcus, N Putzier, J Emery, D De Necker,
 K Grisillo, P Ramsamy, J Barth, H Botha, K Athimoolam, N Li
Third Row: Ms G Njogu, M Jennings, B Sitshongaye, C Adams, T Mtshali, A Govender, K Oosthuizen, J Jeffreys, K Oliver, M Harker, N Vayise,
 J Goss, L Mva, M Campher, P Campher, A Johannes, K Milemba, Ms C Barth
Second Row: K Joubert, A Witbooi, J Jafta, G Naidoo, C Mfenyana, H Johnson, A Masango, S Dlula, R Ludick, K Vayise, L Ntwanambi,
 V Skosana, Z Manzini, R Schovell, M Harker, Z Messiahs
Front Row: Ms S Heunis, E Gxoyiya, L Gatywa, L Meyer, H Pretorius, L Sigabi, S Poyo, B Dyantyi, H Van Eyk, Z Baron, A Mthathi, L Classen,
 D Koopman, E Magango, R Theys, K Campher, K Mokaba, Ms E Van Der Vyver
Absent: H Botha, J Barth, P Ramsamy, C Mfenyana, G Naidoo



Dancesport

Back Row: F Petrus, M Pieterse, A Esbach, K Whittaker, K Billett,
 M Frank
Front Row: Ms K Reynolds, L Bloem, F Starbuck, D Domingo, F Fillis,
 L Plaatjies, K Booysen
Absent: J Jacobs

House Play Cast



Back Row: L Noketshe, B Maposa, A Mtywaru, I Sandan, L Thwathwa, C McCabe
Third Row: S Rasimeni, A Gabriel, J Benson, M Miller, A Welgemoed, I Lugongolo
Second Row: Q Rafu, C De Klerk, M Daniso, E Qhwazi, K Ntanjana, L Mnyaka, T Mtshali
Front Row: O Mahola, N Funde, V Skosana, Ms C Stronach, L Bomvana, H Makwetu
Absent: Ms A Burnhams, A Gqozo, O Tungela

House Play Directors & Producers



Back Row: M Lugogwana, R Mudau, J Du Plessis
Front Row: Z Messiahs, L Choene, I Baliso, Ms C Stronach
Absent: Ms A Burnhams





Costume Room

Back Row: L Losi, J Benson, I Sandan, C Ntshingana, T Abrahams

Second Row: U Windvoel, N Makhunzi, L Xasholo, L Njibana, Mr Kley

Front Row: M Godola, S Sixaba, K Manqina, T Njibana, P Nkonki

Makeup Crew

Back Row: L Meyer, D Viljoen, L Mabuza, T Luck, A Connelly

Front Row: K Jaftha, S Nguqu, C La Reservee, R Theys, S Sixaba, Ms B Dalton

Absent: I Mvetye



Popcorn Club

Front Row: J Van Huyssteen, Ms C Stronach, A Chapman

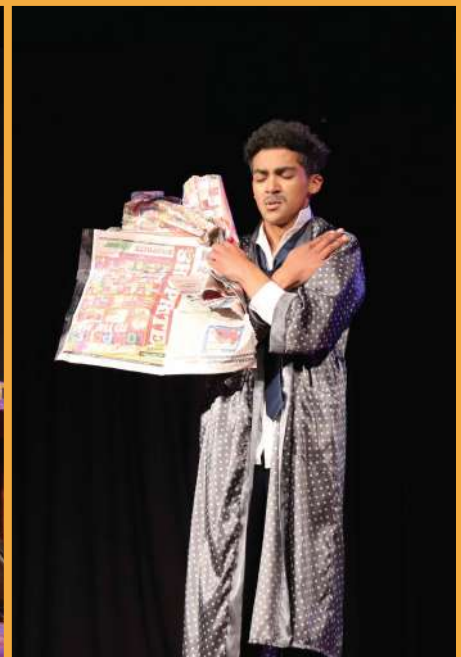
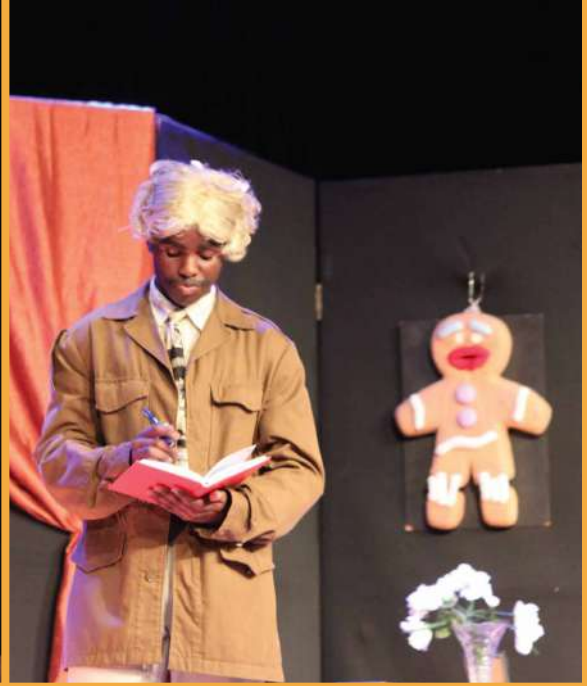
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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Year after year, our Alexans prove their mettle in matters of the mind.

With everything else happening at Alex, you would not be blamed for doubting whether we have time to dedicate to an academic programme, but, of course, it is at the core of everything we do!

Olympiads are an excellent way to stretch our intellect beyond the curriculum and this year was no exception. All the Matrics who entered the English Olympiad did themselves and Alex proud by getting Silver awards or higher. We are particularly proud of Amber Booysen, a first-time entrant, who obtained a Gold certificate. This year's Olympiad texts were centered around the theme of 'Resilience', something our entrants definitely channeled in their approach. Fifteen seniors took part in the Afrikaans Senior Olimpiade and had very good results. A big congratulations to Ashley Morrison and Abbigaile Tait who were among the top 20 achievers in the Eastern Cape.

A lesser-known language used by Alexans is the programming language, Delphi. Many of our Information Technology pupils entered the Programming Olympiad, where they solve an increasingly complex set of problems. We had several top achievers who performed well in the second round. Keenan Smith was ranked second in the province and is Alex's top achieving Matric. Brodie Collett was our top Grade 11 performer and Lara Aspeling was top in Grade 10. Alex also had the second largest number of entrants in the Eastern Cape – proof that programming is alive and well in the school!

Luckily, Alexans do not need to wait until the senior grades to start programming – and they do not even need to be on a computer. Tanks was created by past Alexan Byron Batterson (class of 2013) and it has recently gone international. It is an engaging game where puzzles pieces are assembled giving a flow chart of commands to a tank that must move through a maze. This is then scanned onto a phone where, if correctly assembled, the tank will move around. On Mandela's birthday, Tanks tournaments took place all over the country. A newer version, called Rangers, does a similar thing, but with the environmental theme of catching rhino poachers. Our junior teams achieved the top four positions in the local tournament at NMU and the winners were invited to the national champs.

Alexan mathematicians take the subject so seriously that it is practically a sport! This year there were 16 'Mathletics' events. Apart from the first and second round of the Maths Olympiad, we also entered (and hosted over 600 people for) the UCT Mathematics Competition. Of course, we could not celebrate our Founder's Day without the annual Maths Fair, where the whole school had the opportunity to win sweet treats by solving problems presented by colourfully dressed teams. In the Wits University Maths Competition, Henrich Botha, Ona Moloto and John Emery came in the top 100 in the country and further afield. In the South African Team Competition, we had five pupils in the provincial teams (Juniors: Muhammad Baboo and Nathan Brown; Seniors: Ona Moloto, John Emery and Rylan Johns).

Our learners' view of Mathematics has changed over the years, largely due to working in groups. Working in groups or pairs makes it far less daunting and much more fun. Discussing problems in groups helps to develop the type of critical thinking required. This year's Inter-schools Relay League included 91 teams (450 learners) from 12 schools at each event, where learners could compete in teams of up to four in a team. In a landmark achievement, Alex won both the Overall Junior and Senior Leagues for the first time ever. Congratulations to the juniors: Erin Beling, Vaishivi Athimoolam, Wade Beling and Dayna Koopman; and the seniors: Ona Moloto, Siliziwe Sixaba, Cebisa Fihla and Bongiwe Mngomezulu.

Moving from specific knowledge about Mathematics and Science, to more general information, our Quiz team had another successful year. In The Herald Schools' Quiz, we reached the quarter finals where we lost by only one point. In the NMB Quiz league, our teams came third and fifth. The quiz season ended with the finals of the interhouse quiz where Aloe were the clear winners.

Public speaking in, in all its forms, continues to thrive at Alex. Our annual Best Speakers competition once again yielded a massive field of talented orators. After the initial rounds, five pupils in each language and age group were chosen to compete in the finals night. Congratulations to the winners: Nakisha Cunningham (Afrikaans junior), Abbigaile Tait (Afrikaans senior), Blaine Pillay (English junior), Amy Saunders (English senior), Iyamangalisa Mrubata (isiXhosa junior) and Viwe Skosana and Lilitha Hoko (isiXhosa senior).

Toastmasters is a Youth Leadership programme that is open to our Grade 11 learners. This course was established in 1924 and is internationally recognised. Our Grade 11s learn to host meetings, improve their public speaking skills in both prepared and unprepared environments, give constructive criticism to their peers and organise their thoughts in a logical manner. This course takes place over eight weeks and is topped off with a graduation ceremony that is both planned and hosted by the learners themselves.

Debating is a rigorous activity, requiring a broad general knowledge, critical thinking and argumentation skills and an ability to persuade. Our debaters have spent hours honing their skills and have achieved excellent results this year. We successfully hosted our first Debating and Public Speaking Festival in March, attracting 56 teams from around the Eastern Cape. We entered two teams into each of the junior and senior leagues. Our senior team won the NMB league and qualified for the provincial trials tournament. Congratulations to Siggibo Rasimeni and James Jeffries, who were chosen for the Eastern Cape Debating team, to debate at the National Trials Tournament in December.

With such a wide array of academic activities from which to choose, Alex truly is a place where intellect and critical thinking are allowed to soar to prepare our pupils' minds today, for the challenges of tomorrow.



Afrikaans Olympiad



Seniors

Back Row: A Morrison, L Campher, I Sandan, P Ramsamy, A Tait
Second Row: K Oliver, Z Lee, N Ramsamy, A Beukes, J Appollis
Front Row: A Williams, C Bustin, E Mitchell, T Adams, M Verhoog, Mr S Marais



Juniors

Back Row: A Gabriel, R Parish, N Jonas, A Welgemoed, E Beling
Front Row: N Cunningham, G Koeberg, T Thomas, C De Monk, F Pillay, L Swartbooi, Ms. L Fezile
Absent: T Chiza, I Jacobs, E Kettlelas, C Loxton, M Baboo, T Frolick, B Mangcu, J Marcus, E Nkomombini, M Gelderblom, A Prince, C Van Rensburg

Afrikaans Beste Spreker



Seniors

Back Row: Z Messiahs, A Tait, L Rodgers
Front Row: Mr M Stander, G Van Wyk, M Verhoog



Juniors

Back Row: E Beling, R Niekerk
Front Row: Mr M Stander, M Labercensie, E Rondganger, N Cunningham



Annibrand Juniors & Seniors

Back Row: J Marcus, T Luck, D Viljoen, J Emery, C Connolly, R Sauls, K Oliver
Second Row: R Ludick, C Mpofu, D Bruinders, M Matthews, S Van Heerden, K Minto
Front Row: Mr M Stander, S Nelson, Z Messiahs, D Jacobs, C Botha, L Hartnick, A Witbooi, G Van Wyk, Ms S Gelderblom
Absent: C Meyer, C Perring





English Olympiad

Back Row: A Booysen, J van Huyssteen, Z Lee
Front Row: Ms J Long, E Shiyani, A Saunders

English Best Speaker



Seniors

Back Row: J Jacobs, K Mpondo

Front Row: Ms K Reynolds, A Williams, A Saunders,
Ms K Lalla Kooverjee

Absent: O Starbuck



Juniors

Back Row: A Gabriel, N Msaka

Front Row: Ms M Simpson, B Pillay, L Cezula, Ms J Stapelfeldt

Absent: K Ntanjana

isiXhosa Best Speaker



Seniors

Back Row: C Monki, Q Nkenke, A Tshem

Front Row: L Hoko, V Skosana, Ms X Hempe



Juniors

C Jantjies, E Kenene, I Mrubata, Ms N Ntsinde



The Alexan 2024

Debating League

Seniors

Back Row: J Jeffries, C McCabe, A Zaka, S Rasimeni, A Saunders

Front Row: A Mkhankwana, Z Manzini, L Gxamza, L Bomvana, A Gqozo, Ms J McVitty Brown



Juniors

Back Row: E Beling, C Hendricks, S Segirinya, N Brown, A Fortuin, I Goba, A Gabriel

Front Row: G Muller, C Mamfenguza, G Koeberg, P Ntebe, I Jack, A Lubelwana, Ms J McVitty Brown



Toastmasters

Group 1

Back Row: K Whittaker, I Korsten, A Morrison, M Lugogwana, A Tait, C McCabe

Third Row: K Titus, L Hani, T Oliver, Z Van As, X Swarts, S Rasimeni

Second Row: S Rance, S Skakha, L Njibana, T McLachlan, A Tyes, I Wait

Front Row: Ms J McVitty-Brown, N Mgengo, D October, S Gedezana, Q Rafu, S Sixaba, Ms K Lalla Kooverjee



Group 2

Back Row: A Mtywaru, L August, L Daba, A Zaka, C Martins

Third Row: M Maramba, K Mpondo, C Connelly, B Maposa, K Athimoolam

Second Row: J du Plessis, M Miller, Z Caderbegg, A Boo, T Stuurman

Front Row: Ms J McVitty Brown, T Charles, I van Wyk, T Njibana, S Mgedisi, S Naidoo, L Ramaele, Ms K Lalla Kooverjee

Absent: K Mentoer



Herald School Quiz Team



Front Row: Q Nyarana, B Gabron, J Paulsen, Q Rafu, Ms I Conradie
Absent: E Leander

Quiz Club



Back Row: P Ntebe, D Baron, S Dambuza, J Paulson
Front Row: Ms I Conradie, S Sixaba, Q Rafu, E Leander

Science Club



Back Row: Mr McEwan, C Hendricks, E Swartz, N Jonas, P Osei, C Monki, M Foli
Second Row: B Nkayi, L Goliath, B Mngomezulu, A Solani, O Ndlovu, D Fortune, A Beukes, S Dambuza
Front Row: J Benson, I Sandan, L Badenhorst, T Msaka, S Silizwe, A Mnikina, C Perils, N Jonas
Absent: N Petersen, L Jacobs



Computer Club

Back Row: U Mtshekexxe, E Swartz, O Starbuck, A Thomas, W Beling, N Msaka
Third Row: K Koeberg, D Booker, C Hendricks, S Johansson, R Walters, L Maldaki
Second Row: M Klimment, C De Monk, L Goliath, O Ndlovu, E Beling, K Pienaar, Mr P Ntsinde
Front Row: S Green, D Fortune, C De Klerk, C Siwisa, A Mbekisa, T Msaka



Mathematics Olympiad

Olympiad Round 1 Senior

Back Row: A Mtywaru, K Smith, R Mudau, J Emery, O Moloto, L Campher

Third Row: Mr K Zulu, Z Lee, M Chininga, C Kriel, K Mpondo, N Ramsamy, U Mtshekexi, Ms K Nel

Second Row: Mr N van As, J Adams, K Blignaut, M Gaxamba, R Johns, G Mapolisa, K Syce, C de Klerk, Mr L Gazi

Front Row: Ms Y Pondo, E Gxoyiya, L Rodgers, A Kock, V Skosana, K Pienaar, L Aspeling, Dr L Emery

Absent: O Starbuck, A Emery



Olympiad Round 1 Junior

Back Row: V Athimoolam, N Msaka, H Botha, N Brown, W Beling, M Baboo

Second Row: K Ntanjana, E Beling, K Koeberg, L Mva, O Qupe

Front Row: D Koopman, C Mamfenguza, I Jacobs, O Ndlovu, N Funde, L Jamda, Dr E Emery

Olympiad Round 2

Back Row: L Campher, O Moloto, N Brown, J Emery, R Mudau, K Smith, A Mtywaru

Third Row: Z Lee, M Chininga, C Kriel, H Botha, U Mtshekexi

Second Row: O Qupe, K Blignaut, R Johns, M Baboo, V Athimoolam, L Mva, J Adams

Front Row: E Gxoyiya, V Skosana, K Syce, C de Klerk, D Koopman, L Aspeling, Dr L Emery

Absent: O Starbuck, A Emery, M Dick, D Booker



Mathematics UCT Competition



Merit & Gold Awards

Back Row: H Botha, B Mlinganiso, N Brown, L Campher, N Msaka
Third Row: R Johns, M Baboo, W Beling, U Mtshekexxe, V Athimoolam
Second Row: C de Klerk, K Blignaut, K Ntanjana, K Koeberg, I Jacobs, K Pienaar
Front Row: E Gxoyiya, A Kock, F Pillay, D Koopman, L Aspeling, Dr L Emery
Absent: O Starbuck



Individuals

Back Row: N Msaka, P Ramsamy, L Campher, W Beling
Front Row: L Booï, K Syce, R Wilkinson, C de Klerk, Dr L Emery



Pairs

Back Row: K Blignaut, K Koeberg, A Booï, Y Mbana, G Mapolisa, R Johns, M Baboo, Y Moyikwa, M Gaxamba, L Wiese, S Rasimeni, V Athimoolam, K Ntanjana
Fourth Row: Mr K Zulu, Z Lee, N Ramsamy, C Kriel, K Mpondo, L Daba, A Chance, B Mlinganiso, N Brown, R Mudau, K Smith, A Mtywaru, H Botha, M Chininga, U Mtshekexxe, Mr N van As
Third Row: L Gcasamba, V Skosana, U Mapapa, L Dyani, A Mbande, K Rogers, C Rautenbach, K Mapapa, J Adams, K Campher, I Jacobs, L Gudla, B Mngomezulu, Ms K Nel
Second Row: E Mazibuko, S Sixaba, J Jafta, D Koopman, A Kock, T Sithole, P Mama, F Pillay, K Pienaar, O Mbie, N Funde, Mr L Gazi
Front Row: Ms Y Pondo, K Mokaba, L Aspeling, L Hoffman, L Hombana, L Daniels, A Velle, L Jamda, Z Ndwanya, E Gxoyiya, K Shunmugam, L Naidoo, Dr L Emery
Absent: O Starbuck

Mathematics Wits Competition



Back Row: H Botha, L Campher, O Moloto, N Brown, J Emery, R Mudau, K Smith, L Daba, C Kriel
Third Row: M Gaxamba, M Baboo, U Mtshekexxe, N Msaka, W Beling, M Chininga, Z Lee, R Johns, G Mapolisa
Second Row: V Skosana, C de Klerk, R Wilkinson, B Mngomezulu, K Blignaut, E Beling, K Ntanjana, K Syce
Front Row: L Hoffman, D Koopman, A Kock, E Mazibuko, A Beja, S Sixaba, N Funde, L Jamda, L Aspeling, Dr L Emery
Absent: O Starbuck, A Gqozo, P Ntebe



Final Round

H Botha, O Moloto, J Emery, Dr L Emery



Mathematics Relay



Seniors

Back Row: C Kriel, P Ramsamy, L Daba, O Moloto, R Mudau, J Emery, I Sandan, L Campher, T Dlula, O Kamteni

Third Row: Mr N van As, Y Mbana, M Gaxamba, U Mtshekexi, M Kganare, K Toloane, M Chininga, J Nqweniso, R Johns, T Luck, N Ramsamy, Mr K Zulu

Second Row: Mr L Gazi, K Mapapa, L Ntwanambi, K Blignaut, A Boo, R Wilkinson, C Fihla, A Mbande, U Mapapa, K Oliver, Ms K Nel

Front Row: Ms Y Pondo, L Gudla, L Aspelung, L Hoffman, A Vellem, A Grootboom, L Dyani, A Kock, E Mazibuko, S Sixaba, E Gxoyiya, C de Klerk, Dr L Emery

Absent: O Starbuck

Juniors

Back Row: Mr N van As, W Beling, A Thomas, J Marcus, N Brown, C Matthews, H Botha, Mr K Zulu

Third Row: J Ova, A Langesa, M Baboo, N Msaka, L Cezula, L Jaxa, P Osei

Second Row: Mr L Gazi, K Koeberg, Z Adam, E Beling, S Lusiti, V Athimoolam, K Ntanjana, O Ndlovu, Ms K Nel

Front Row: Ms Y Pondo, N Funde, I Jacobs, O Qupe, L Boo, D Koopman, K Mpongoshwe, Dr L Emery



Scorers Group 1



Scorers Group 2





SOCIETIES

With the wide array of places to get involved at Alex, there really is no excuse for sitting at home. Our societies cover a staggering range of activities and interests and provide a place for Alexans to have heaps of fun throughout the year.

Fan People events this year included many movie days with a particular interest in anime movies. At our comic book day events, students were encouraged to read a variety of comic books and, on other days, we held drawing sessions where each person tried to imitate the artwork of their favourite comic book artists. Gaming is always popular at Fan People and our members learned how to play a variety of card and board games which include Magic the Gathering, Exploding Kittens and Kings of Tokyo. Three major console gaming competitions were held this year. Well done to Ihsaan Korsten for winning our Injustice tournament, Yibanathi Kumalo for winning the FIFA tournament and Daniel Nel for winning the Call of Duty tournament.

In yet another successful year for Dancesport, at the Interschool Dance Competition, we scooped up all the trophies – the Spirit Cup, Ballroom Cup, Latin Cup, and the overall Interschool Cup – for the seventh year in a row! Many of our learners also completed their dance tests, all achieving excellent results. We are very proud of our dancers and look forward to the continued growth of the club.

TENREC, a society that explores the beautiful outdoors by hiking the various trails in the NMB area, kicked the year off with a sunny hike along the shores of the bay. Learners got their leg workout for the week by hiking in the dunes before enjoying a refreshing swim in the sea. Later in the year, TENREC scaled the heights of the Ladyslipper Mountain. The climb was tough but the breath-taking view was worth the effort.

At Voice, the society where students gather to be part of a Christian community at Alex, we held meetings twice a week, where we had Bible study, worshipped together, discussed Scripture and had a lot of fun getting to know each other. In Term 1, the Voice hosted the Grade 8 Welcome, where new Grade 8s came together to play games, sing and get to know new people. Cuan Geere, youth pastor at Lighthouse Family Church, encouraged the Grade 8s at this pivotal moment at the beginning of their high school journey. In Term 2, we welcomed people working aboard the Logos Hope, who shared their mission and explained what it is like to live onboard a ship. Thank you to Micaela Chetty and Candice Ferreira of Word of Faith for visiting us several times in Term 3 and leaving a lasting impact on learners. After a great year, we look forward to see how God will work and use His body of believers here at Alex.

Meeting every Friday, both the Creative Writing and Poetry Clubs are made up of a group of self-directed and motivated young people with a love for writing. The Creative Writing Club focuses on prose and learners work on different pieces throughout the year, sharing their writing with each other and giving each other valuable feedback. The Poetry Club shares a love of poetry with each other. It is a safe space for budding poets to share their work and find inspiration from each other. The writing challenges stretch their abilities and promote growth. The highlight of the year was the collaboration with the Music Department with the poetic piano concert on the theme of love, to celebrate Valentine's Day. Members of the club recited poems between stunning piano and string pieces.

Speaking of expressing yourself, we also have a French Club where learners take fun-filled lessons on conversational French, and French culture and travel. Our aspiring Francophones met weekly to speak conversational French as well as to learn what Paris has to offer and how to travel around Paris using the metro.

The purpose of BEAT is to provide a platform for Alexans to perform. This year we had more dance groups than ever before, covering a wide variety of genres. We also heard from several poets who wrote their own material about topics that resonated with our hearts and minds. The singing also varied in style and genre and was performed by soloists, duos and more. The highlight of the year was the Founder's Day BEAT when the whole school was entertained by both new and experienced artists and we saw not only amazing performers but also the most amazing Alex audience who supported by cheering the performers on.

News Desk was initiated by a group of Grade 11s in 2022. Since they graduated in 2023, News Desk has blossomed even more with Londolozza Peter, Cay-Lee Botha and Joley Benson stepping in to fill the roles of last year's Matrics. Filming, editing and presenting are the focus of News Desk, as they aim to capture and share real-life moments and spread news and awareness of Alex, or simply to make us smile. Some of their videos are even used on our school's official platforms! This year, News Desk also hosted their own film festival with the best short films being shown at the Inter-house Play Festival. While adjudicators deliberated over the plays, the audience watched short films and voted online for their favourites. News Desk is for everyone with a thirst to share their creativity.

At the Speedcubing Club, the goal this year was to learn new methods to get faster solves. They have been doing 'cube-offs' every Wednesday to complete with each other and see who can solve the fastest. Plans are afoot to host our first ever official speedcubing competition.

These societies, with their wide and varied offerings, provide a place for Alexans to learn skills, develop their characters and present their talents. Although the gains made through their participation won't be found in their academic records, their efforts in this sphere are as valuable as the activities in the classroom and contribute significantly to the well-rounded individuals we aim to send out into South Africa and the world after their years at Alex. Well done to all who took on the challenge to get involved!



Alexpress



Front Row: L Ramaele, J Jeffries, A Booysen, A Saunders
Absent: Mr M Gracie

The Alliance



Back Row: L Gunguluza, L Mabuza, L Peter, S Neku, M Headbush
Front Row: F Pillay, S Williams, J du Plessis, M Mayane, B Mangcu, Mr T Kleyn
Absent: C Fihla

Beat



Back Row: K Syce, K Titus, M de Beer, L Peter, L Mabuza, J van Wyk, S Sonjica
Second Row: L Ramaele, A Jilingisi, C de Klerk, R Ludick, M Geyers, L Ngqulana, J Mac Conrad, A Makolota
Front Row: Mr Q Kakora, K Murphy, L Mankahla, L Bomvana, S Gedezana, T Jacobs, R Theys, K Campher, Dr L Emery, Mr B Barry

Masibuyel'eMbo



Back Row: T Mcoiteli, L Gunguluza, R Zvirime, P Johnson, B Kama, A Zaka, T Mahasha, I Mrubata, E Duze
Third Row: B Mangcu, A Langesa, O Mququ, A Manentsa, P Gcaza, L Ngqulana, L Choene, L Mnyaka, S Rasimeni
Second Row: L Qangule, I Ngoyi, P Mgongotha, Q Rafu, L Mani, M Mbonda, K Bangani, L Yamani
Front Row: O Mama, L Hoko, I Ndywili, K Mitiyo, P Mama, T Petros, T Sithole, H Makwetu, S Shabangu, Ms U Makawu



Creative Writing Club

Back Row: M Fourie, D Baron, L Felkers, A Tait, E Kenene

Second Row: L Faltein, J Ntutu, J Du Plessis, J Jeffries, P Ntebe

Front Row: Ms K Reynolds, T Msaka, D October, D Koopman, Z Baron, L Ramaele, Ms J Stapelfeldt



Poetry Club

Back Row: H Pretorius, Z Danster, A Jingilisi, K Syce

Front Row: F Pillay, V Skosana, K Mpondo, B Maposa, Ms M Simpson

Absent: A Gqozo, E Magongo

Fan People Committee

Back Row: A Nadeem, J Daniel, D Nel, J van Wyk

Front Row: Mr B Long, Z Lakhi, R Wilkinson, S Glibbery, Ms B Dalton

Absent: T Pillay, L Mankahla



Voice

Back Row: V Soxa, G Mapolisa, H Hodgkinson

Front Row: Ms M Simpson, L Mankahle, J Mac Conrad, L Hombana, Ms L Felix, Ms J Moodley

Absent: T Adams



Speedcubers

Back Row: N J Jonas, N M Jonas, L Daba, A Jamil

Third Row: R De Vroom, C Walas, N Masoka, U Mtshekexa, E Swartz

Second Row: M Kemoetie, A Govender, J Jefferies, S Harris, L Goliath, O Ndlovu

Front Row: Ms N Phiri, S Grootboom, D Fortune, K De Klerk, N Matshikiza, N Whitebooi, Mr T Ntuli





K-Pop

Back Row: K Blignaut, A Skade, B Lengoasa, A Mkiva, L Jaxa, A Plaatjies

Front Row: Ms M Kilian, L Hart, K Rogers, G Sauls, K Syce, T Mphande, G Muller

Knitting Club

Back Row: C Jantjies, C Awuzie, A Tait, M Harker, N Vayise

Front Row: L Hoffman, G Mzamo, L Manentsa, L Jamda, Ms K Joubert

Absent: F Goeda



Tenrec

Back Row: M Kganare, O Kamteni, L August, L Hewana

Front Row: Mr J Austin, L Sifuba, L Meyers, E de la Peyre, L Monyela

Absent: L Bailey, B Nyezwa



Dancesport

Back Row: J Jacobs, C Williams, B Gallant, B Mlinganiso, C Kriel, M Matthews

Front Row: Ms K Reynolds, K Caesar, I Barnado, T Njibana, S Naidoo, T Charles



Move!

Back Row: A Booij, M Lugogwana, A Mkiva, L Noketshe, T Mtshali

Front Row: Ms R Lategan, Z Messiahs, T Siziba, Q Ndungane, I Baliso, M Isaacs, Ms C Stronach





SERVICE SOCIETIES

Some of the busiest groups at Alex are the societies dedicated to the service of others, whether within the school or for the benefit of the wider community.

The Junior City Council is a non-profit organisation in which emerging young leaders convene to take action on critical issues affecting both the youth and the broader community.

This year, the JCC has held numerous initiatives, fulfilling its mission to uplift and serve others. One notable endeavor was a sanitary pad drive, where Alex garnered the highest number of donations, thanks to the generous contributions from our dedicated Alexans. Additionally, the community service department arranged for the councilors to spend a day at a local retirement home, an effort co-ordinated by the newly instated senior councilor, Isabella Wait. The year also featured various clean-up events and a karaoke fundraiser. As the JCC bids farewell to former senior councilor, Libhongo Gxamza, whose exemplary leadership has set a high standard for future councilors, we acknowledge the impact and dedication that she has brought to the role.

Another organisation that makes a massive impact on our community is the Interact club with their focus on assisting those who are less fortunate or going through a difficult time. At the end of last year, the Interact volunteers joined Rotaract's Uncle Jumbo's Christmas Party where they dressed up as clowns and entertained the younger children who attended the parties throughout November and December. In the first term of 2024, they sold Valentine's cake pops and donated the proceeds to Reach for a Dream. They also spearheaded the Crocs and Flops day to support CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation).

In Term 2, the annual interclass bottle top competition was a hotly contested race. The top three classes collected 97.5 kilograms of bottle tops! Congratulations to 9i for being the top collector. They enjoyed their prize of donuts. All collected bottle tops and bread tags are donated to Love Story who exchanges the items for a wheelchair that is donated to someone in need. Also in Term 2, in collaboration with Collegiate, VP, DF Malherbe and Pearson, we participated in the Interschool Collection Drive. Each school collected different items. Alex collected sanitary products, which were handed over to the Walmer Angel Project Organisation which assists individuals residing in Walmer Township. In July, Bethany Hufkie attended the Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth West President's Handover and Induction Function as the representative from Alex.

In the third term, Interact made and donated over 200 sandwiches to Love Story, who distributes food to those in need in Nelson Mandela Bay. This term also saw the annual 'purple ribbon' sales in support of survivors of Gender Based Violence. The proceeds were then donated to Yokhuselo Haven. In September, the school supported Casual Day by buying stickers in aid of the National Council for People with Disabilities.

Another outreach-focused group is ATKV Annibrand, a vibrant youth group that has won numerous ATKV national awards for hard work in our community, especially for our "Handevat" project. This year Annibrand members donated paper, files, 100 calculators, and a new printer to St James Secondary High School in Schauderville and also gave the teachers a spoil. They donated non-perishable food, stationery and files to Hillside Technical High School.

The Knitting Club falls under Annibrand. Most of the ten dedicated members, who met every Wednesday afternoon, had only started knitting this year, but they proved themselves fast learners and finished their project for this year, scarves. The next project will be fingerless gloves and beanies. Because of the club's affiliation with Annibrand, the ATKV donated a large sum of money for wool, and beanies and scarves were donated to a school in Gqeberha with a need for warm clothes. Plans for next year include entering a community project.

Al Ihsaan joins the ranks of outreach societies but are also well-known for their annual tea to show appreciation to Alex ground staff. Al Ihsaan has held various cake sales to generate funding. The final event for the year will be a big party to celebrate the birthdays of foster children by entertaining them and providing yummy treats.

YAP (Young Animal People) is an incredibly active society whose focus is animal shelters and the environment. The YAP volunteers kept Alexan tummies full with their regular sales of popcorn, ice creams, cake and hot chocolate. This was especially successful at the u14 festival where we kept everybody cool with ice-creams between their games. They also kept our city's beaches looking pristine with several beach clean-ups. There was much excitement when we hosted speakers from the K9 police unit to give a demonstration with their dog unit. This year has seen YAP grow and next year they hope to introduce even more new and exciting events.

Member of the MSS (Muslim Students' Society), a religious and service society have weekly meet-ups, host community events and get involved in school fundraisers.

The groups that volunteer their time and skills to the school have been just as busy. This year, the backstage crew, bolstered by several new members, provided support to numerous school events, from assemblies and sports festivals to Family Day and the matric dance. Their dedication was especially evident in this year's school production, *Cabaret Fantasia*. The new additions quickly integrated into the team, making significant contributions to each event. Among the standout moments was the remarkable commitment shown by senior members as they spent countless hours at school, including after hours and during holidays, ensuring every event ran as smoothly as possible. As we bid farewell to our Matric members, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions and for training the next generation of backstageers. Their guidance has shaped the team's success and ensured a smooth transition for the newcomers. While we will miss them, we are excited to see the legacy they leave behind continue to thrive.

Another group of behind-the-scenes busy-bees are the Events members who are in high demand and always keen to help. At our prizegivings, Celebrations of Excellence, school shows and house plays, weekend derby days and numerous other functions at our bustling school, Events made sure everything, from catering to set up, ran smoothly behind the scenes. Their contributions are invaluable to making the events such a success.

While the backstage and events members were ensuring everything went smoothly, the faithful ShutterSpeed photographers were there capturing the magical Alex moments, many of which are reflected in this magazine. We applaud their dedication to making sure moments become treasured memories.

Of course, no sports event at Alex would go forward without the commitment and expertise of the first aiders who are ready to jump to aid at a moment's notice. We thank them for always being there to ensure the health and safety of our sportspeople.

Speaking of safety, a place where this is essential is in the science laboratories where the laboratory prefects set up equipment for science practicals and get to practice themselves. Occasionally, they even help film the science instructional videos that are shown in classes. These videos are extremely useful revision tools for pupils. There are always things to fix and test and then, of course, the necessary cleaning up afterwards. Our lab prefects are extremely dedicated and diligent workers, who are always willing to help.

There are so many areas where our selfless Alexans devote their time to ensure the smooth running of our school – we thank the Library Assistants, the Computer Laboratory Monitors, the Finance Club, the Matric Yearbook committee, the Matric Dance committee, the Costume Room and the Peer Promoters. You are what makes Alex great!



First Aid Level 2

Back Row: T Oliver, C Martin, A Peterson, A Esbach,
A Zaka, L Thwathwa, M Chininga
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A Connelly, R Ludick, M Jennings
Second Row: L Fobe, I Dunga, L Gcasamba, V Skosana,
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Absent: Ms L Sutherland



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Front Row: I Baliso, A Williams, T Sithole, T Petros, T Wentzel, B Hufkie, J Adams, Ms S Couzyn



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Second Row: Mr S Hurter, A Cronje, E Kenene, G Labans, K Koeberg, J Manual, M Koutsouvelis, C Rautenbach
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Absent: E Potgieter, L Sola, O Tungela, K Van Staden, J Kusamila, L Mankahla

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Front Row: Ms R Povey, B Hufkie, L Fobe, A Memani, Ms I Kruger

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Third Row: A Welgemoed, L Gxamza, R Wilkinson, M Mkontwana, L Gunguluza, L Choene, M Mangana, Z Gxamba, Z Lakhi, O Mququ, B Mngonmezulu

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Second Row: A Saunders, R Wilkinson, E Nqayisa, L Mkhuzangwe
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Front Row: Mr S Malgas, I Ndywili, A Kawa, L Fobe, R Ludick, L Mapipa, Z Ndwanya, Ms D Morrison

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Front Row: Ms K Joubert, Ms D Strydom, Q Rafu, S Glibbery, S Manona, Ms J Stapelfeldt



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Front Row: Ms N Phiri, L Mannie, L Mapipa, Ms D Morrison

Absent: A Keys, M Miller, S Uli



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Back Row: M Brown, A Frost, A Cerfonteyn, R de Souza, Z Caderbegg, A Thomas
Third Row: Y Abrahams, T Jappie, Z Lee, Z Lakhi, A Abrahams, M Ryneveld
Second Row: L Yon, S Naidoo, M Geyers, R Wilkinson, A Prince, C Brown
Front Row: A Jindela, F Pillay, R Whitebooi, H Pretorius, N Whitebooi, Mr R Baartzes



Library Assistants

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Second Row: T Njibana, T Sodien, M Miller, L Hani

Front Row: K Shunmugam, C Mathews, M Lugogwana, N Petersen, R Johns, Ms K Glover

Lab Prefects



Back Row: M Mkontwana, M Debe, O Starbuck, I Sandan, J Benson, C Mpofu

Second Row: C Perring, D Jacobs, C Botha, A Memani, L Goliath

Front Row: S Dambuza, D Fortune, L Hoffman, O Ndlovu, C Monki, N Msaka, Mr P McEwan



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SUMMER SPORTS

Our summer sports had another successful year, with extensive participation by keen Alexans who enjoyed the competition and camaraderie.

In the pool, girls' waterpolo continued to grow, with five teams fielded this year, after the lean post-Covid years.

The first team participated in major tournaments around the country, and continue to show real dedication and fighting spirit. We also have many promising juniors. Girls' waterpolo proved to be a fun and enjoyable activity for many girls, and there was real improvement in those who dedicated themselves to working hard at practice.

In boys' waterpolo, there has also been a lot of growth, starting with the 'stayers' tournament in 2023, which exposed the youngsters to a first-team level tournament. The first term got off to a hectic start with two tournaments on consecutive weekends, one in Knysna and one in Grahamstown. Each game was competitive from start to end, with the team narrowly missing out on the quarters at Kingswood with promising results against Pearson (7-4) and Kingswood (4-5). In the third term, the team competed at the National Co-Ed Tournament, this year hosted by Glenwood House, of George. The number of youngsters in the team this year shows a positive growth in the sport. Congratulations goes to our captain and vice-captain, John Emery and Caleb Kirsten, on being awarded honours for the commitment, dedication and ability that they always bring to the team.

Junior boys' waterpolo enjoyed a solid, foundational start to 2024. While no tournaments were attended by the u14 or u15 boys in the first term, a number of league matches were played against other local schools, as well as a touring team from Oakhill in Knysna. The boys showed joy and commitment to the game, training hard and having fun while doing it. With a strong group of u14 and u15 boys coming through the ranks, a few have already had the honour of being selected to attend tournaments with the first team. At the end of the third term, the u15s contested the Sterrenberg Shield at Selborne and, in the fourth term, the u14s played in the Peter Cuff u14 Tournament at Hudson Park.

Also in the pool, our team swimmers took part in various B age group galas, obtaining some personal bests and podium finishes. Two of our swimmers, Daniel Nash and Poshika Ramsamy, were selected for the SA Schools Trials that were held in East London this year. Our learn-to-swim and advanced beginners program was in full force with many learners gaining confidence in the water, learning water safety and a new stroke. The social swimmers kept up their fitness and improved their techniques as well as learning new strokes. In the interhouse swim-a-thon, learners pushed their endurance to the max trying to swim as many laps as possible in an hour under the watchful eye of our learn-to-swim officials.

On to the field events. The athletics season was a resounding success, marked by positivity and achievement. Students participated in a wide array of events, showcasing their talents and dedication. Two Alexans took part in the Eastern Cape Athletics Championships and trials for the SA Champs in Queenstown. Both learners received gold for their respective events: Alyssa Oormeyer came first in the 100m u19 and Oswin October came first in the u14 high jump event. Congratulations to both athletes on their sterling performances. Additional congratulations go to Mitchell Chininga, who placed in the top three for shotput, discus and hammer throw in her age category at the Metro Championships. The season was characterised by triumphs and memorable performances, highlighting the school's strong athletic program and the commitment of its students and staff.

Also on the field, the boys' first team cricket season was filled with many ups and downs and thus many results not going our way. We hosted a very successful Cape Youth cricket festival in October 2023, which involved eight cricket teams from both the Eastern and Western Cape. With many new players in the team, we always knew it was going to be a challenging season. The highlight of the season has definitely been some outstanding individual performances, such as Akanani Willem's sparkling 112 against Pinelands High School as well as his 97 runs against Victoria Park High. The future looks bright for Alex cricket if our younger players can utilise their valuable experience gained over this past season.

In girls' cricket, the aim was not just to compete, but also to build a foundation for future success, by fostering individual growth, improving the team dynamics and improving the overall skill level of each player with a special focus on our younger players, many of whom were playing for the first time. The emphasis on coaching fundamentals – batting techniques, bowling consistency and improving fielding – has yielded noticeable results in all our teams, with remarkable growth and, as a result, more confidence in match situations. Several players stood out with some fine performances this year. Kacey Campher and Bianca Graham both scored their maiden fifties for the Alex first team. Bianca emerged as a consistent performer with both bat and ball: she took 32 wickets for the season, including a fiver. Other notable performers include Kaleigh Campher, Megan Harker, Alicia Keys and Caiden Adams, who all excelled this season. The future looks bright for Alex van Heerden, Cassandra Paling and Leigh-Ora Groenewald, to name just a few. After a positive season, we will look to build on this season's progress and to challenge for top honours.

Thanks must go to the cricket scorers, learners with a love for the game of cricket, but who do not necessarily want to play themselves, who assist the boys' and girls' cricket teams to accurately record their scores. Without their service, competitive cricket would not be possible.

Alex entered four tennis teams in the midweek fixtures for the summer and winter terms this year, with fixtures for all the schools in the region arranged by our own Mr Golightly. Ms Nepo Ntsono was the outside coach for practice sessions and was of great assistance in selecting teams as well and arranging internal matches to create the rankings of the team players. The smiles on the faces of the beginners when they developed their tennis skills was rewarding to witness. Founders weekend saw the staff play the students and afterwards many students enthusiastically joined in practice drills. We thank the following Matrics for committing themselves to attending all practices and being available to play matches for the full year: Joshua Robinson, Londolozo Peter and Mhlali Mangana. The boys' and girls' first teams had a successful derby at Victoria Park in the third term winning 7-0. Asakhanya Jantjie excelled in the midweek fixtures for the boys' firsts and also participated in regional tournaments where he performed most admirably. A big thank you to the staff managers who supported the teams this year.

As the halcyon days of summer evoke the smell of grass in the outfield, the feel of the racquet in hand, the thwack of the ball or the blue of the water, there is excitement in the air for the start of the new year's season. Well done to all our young sportsmen and women for outstanding efforts this year and our best wishes for the coming year.





Athletics Junior

Back Row: A Gabriel, S Luti, N Jonas, O October
Second Row: Mr P Johnson, K Ntanjana, Z Adams, O Matroos, J Goss, K Oosthuizen, Mr R Baartzes
Front Row: Ms L Mostert, S Bouh, N Bhabha, K Bangani, B Graham, Ms D Morrison

Athletics Senior



Back Row: A Adams, D Nel, R Sauls, L Nombewu, I Magaba, A Mkiva, D Dowie, K Smith, D Van Dyk, S Msutwana, Z Niemand
Third Row: M Prinsloo, S Kwange, R Zvirime, C Martin, L Poro, J Underwood, M Chininga, K Vantyi, T Zosela
Second Row: Mr P Johnson, K Twalo, D Baliso, L Tenny, A Crozier, M Deysel, L Nguta, I Dyantyi, A Oormeyer, U Klaasen, Mr R Baartzes
Front Row: Ms L Mostert, G Van Wyk, L Hoffman, L Mankahla, L Rodgers, T Petros, A Kock, K Booyesen, K Campher, Ms D Morrison

Cricket Girls 1st



Back Row: L Groenewald, K Titus, T McLachlan, A Crozier, A van Rooyen, S Uli
Second Row: K Campher, C Paling, C Adams, M Harker, J vd Berg
Front Row: Mr L De Klerk, A Keys, K Campher, K Constable, B Graham, Ms C Oerson

Cricket Girls 2nd



Back Row: Z Lakhi, A van Rooyen, A Zaka, P Osei
Second Row: R Whitebooi, L Bailey, D Donson, F Pillay, V Vinjiwe
Front Row: Mr D Bergins, C Mathews, K Constable, A Jindela, A Jansen, S Dyakala, E Mitchell, Ms C Oerson



Cricket Boys 1st



Back Row: S Pedersen, A Graham, I Magaba, G Gemmill

Second Row: Z Thomas, D Williams, I Korsten, T Griffith

Front Row: A Willem, S Msutwana, T Botha, T Jappie, D Rensburg, E Roach, Mr L Meyer

Cricket Boys 2nd



Back Row: M Geswind, C Wightman, E Young, I Magaba, E Mzamo-Mdlalo, I Eagle

Front Row: T Griffith, E Debe, T Thomas, M Delpont, J Anderson, P Chimwendo, Mr L Meyer

Absent: S Dambuzza



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Cricket Boys u15A



Back Row: K Mcetwywa, J Paling, R Dayce, B Bekwa, A Mabusela

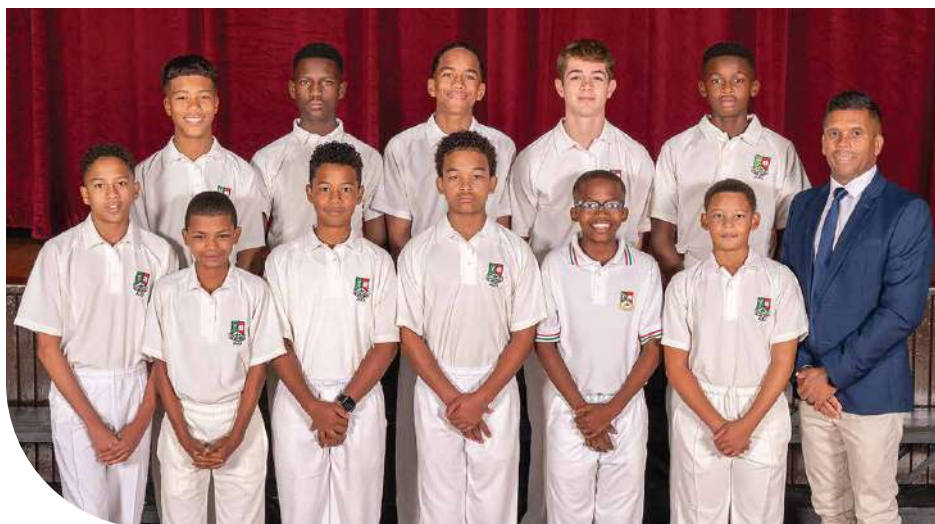
Second Row: R Niekerk, J Ova, A Cronje, L Goliath

Front Row: Mr B Barry, K Mkalipi, D Fortune, C Oosthuizen, S Bani, B Graham, Mr D Bergins

Cricket Boys u14A

Back Row: T De Klerk, C Ugue, K Ludwick, C Vorsatz, I Jindela

Front Row: J Manuel, E Kettledas, K Pienaar, Z Abrahams, A Dyasi, C Muller, Mr L De Klerk



Cricket Boys u14B

Back Row: D Denano, K Ludwick, C Vorsatz, Z Njisane, T Philander

Second Row: K Pienaar, Z Abrahams, T De Klerk, J Manuel

Front Row: I Jindela, C Pillisani, I Gedze, A Dyasi, E Kettledas, C Muller, Mr L De Klerk

Absent: Mr S Pillay



Cricket Scorers

Back Row: M Geyers, H Mc Bean,
H Da Silva, C Connolley, Z Lee,
G Remy

Second Row: Y Abrahams, C Paling,
B Mngomezulu, A Keys,
J Van den Berg

Front Row: K Murphy, L Bloem,
K Capoto, L Hombana, E Shiyani,
Ms M Paulse

Absent: Ms R Weber



Waterpolo Girls 1st A

Back Row: L Gray, H Pienaar,
E Pienaar, D Pienaar

Front Row: R Bristow, R Theys,
Z Brown, S Walton, Dr D McGregor

Waterpolo Girls 1st B

Back Row: H Hodgkinson, A Finnis,
B Howard, K Bonnesse

Front Row: S Terblanche,
H Edwards, L Gray, T Dace





Waterpolo Girls 2nd

Back Row: A Heynes, T Luck, A Kyriakides, B Howard, C du Toit, L Walas

Front Row: A Jindela, H Edwards, K September, K Bonnesse, J Charles, J Seafield, Ms I Kruger

Waterpolo Girls u15

Back Row: A Heynes, B Howard, K Bonnesse

Front Row: S Terblanche, J Charles, K September, T Dace



Waterpolo Girls u14

Back Row: E Oliphant, Z Jerling, R de Vroom, C Lottering

Front Row: K Francis, T Knight, K Koeberg, W Beling, L Naidoo



Waterpolo Boys 1st



Back Row: A Emery, A Jonck, E Smith

Second Row: C Roman, K Ansley, J Shwagele, R Jonas

Front Row: Mr L Fourie, C Kirsten, M Baboo, D Nash, K Lugongolo, J Emery, Mr K Whitlock

Waterpolo Boys 2nd



Back Row: D Van Dyk, A Thomas, K van der Merwe, R Sauls

Front Row: K Whittaker, M Noppe, Z Qupe, M Baboo, Mr L Fourie



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Waterpolo Boys u15a



Back Row: C Mathews, S Luck, A Thomas, R Parish

Front Row: Mr B Mitchell, M Baboo, W Beling, G Malgas, K Lugongolo, Mr J Nell



Waterpolo Boys u14

Back Row: E Faxi, C Williams, N Brown, C Vorsatz, K Tlhatlogi

Second Row: T De Klerk, C Wallace, I Jindela, O Qupe

Front Row: Mr B Mitchell, L Meyer, N Matshikiza, Z Abrahams, Z Zandi, C Muller, Mr J Nell

Waterpolo Officials

Back Row: B Maposa, C Roman, J Emery, E Smith, M Lugogwana, K Whittaker

Second Row: M Mkhontwana, M Miller, S Walton, R Jonas, C Ntshingana, G Remy

Front Row: C Kirsten, Z Ndwanya, C Perring, T Njibana, S Dyakala, R Theys, N Petersen



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Swimming Team



Back Row: K van der Merwe, N Brown, J Emery, C Kirsten, A Thomas

Second Row: J Mac Conrad, D Nash, P Ramsamy, C Mathews, K Whittaker

Front Row: Ms D Strydom, S Dyakala, H Hodgkinson, K Tlhatlogi, G Remy, A Jindela, M Lugogwana

Swimming Social



Back Row: S Rasimani, E Smith, A Jonck, J Rooi, L Waalstra, C Rautenbach

Front Row: Mr T Ntuli, C Joseph, T Charles, N Ingram, K Robertson, S Van Heerden



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Swimming Advanced Beginners



Back Row: T Asia, L Daba, L Gwatyuza, M Hochung, L Jafta

Third Row: E Mitchell, A Langesa, J Vögts, L Mcoteli, M Harker, K Ntanjana

Second Row: R Schovell, N Mabhula, S Mbonda, L Warney, T Njibana, V Skosana, P van Heerden

Front Row: I Baliso, H Pretorius, O Mbie, R Whitebooi, J Jafta, N Funde, Mr S Marais

Learn To Swim



Back Row: I Dyantyi, S Sonjica, A Zaka, L Sola, B Mashiya, O Ncefane

Front Row: Mr T Kleyn, E Mazibuko, L Booï, C Mpofu, Z Adam, D Jacobs, A Vellem, P Osei

Absent: I Mvetye, N Msaka, H Booysen, I Ngoyi, L Thwathwa, K Milemba, E Dazana, S Green, C Siwisa, E Swartz



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Tennis Girls 1st



Back Row: Z Lee, M Mangana

Front Row: S Gedezana, Z Njikelana, S Naidoo, Mr K Golightly

Tennis Girls 2nd



Back Row: K Ownhouse, T Stuurman

Front Row: S Tievlei, Ms N Fuoh, S Mbondo, Mr K Golightly



Tennis Boys 1st



Back Row: J Robinson, O Moloto, R Johns

Front Row: Ms M Kilian, T Jappie, A Jantjies, D Booker, Mr K Golightly

Tennis Boys 2nd



Back Row: W Plaatjies, A Pearson, L Peter

Front Row: Ms K Lalla Kooverjee, K Briessies, N Nkonki, C Jason, Mr K Golightly



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Chess



Back Row: A Nkayi, R Murphy, W Plaatjies, N Brown, A Chance, Z Kivido
Third Row: L Wiese, Q Nkenke, I Goba, N Peter, R de Vroom, U Mtshekexa
Second Row: O Mbile, C Rautenbach, A Govender, K Pienaar, L Booie, Ms I Conradie
Front Row: N Funde, D Koopman, L Ramaele, S Green, L Sonjica, D Fortuin
Absent: C Naidoo

Boardriders



Back Row: D Diedericks, L Peter, G Carelson, Z Qupe
Front Row: Mr J Nell, A Mzwali, L Sigabi, K Francis
Absent: A Hodgkinson, E de la Peyre







WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sportspeople braved some extremely wet and frozen days to stay dedicated this season. But, in true Alex spirit, they persevered and did the school proud.

The girls' first hockey team had an incredible season, which started all the way back last October when they commenced training – that is certainly next-level commitment!

This hard work paid off. They scored a total of 107 goals and were undefeated in the second half of the season. The first team finished 29th in the country, which is the highest we have ever ranked since the log system started! The top goal scorer was Kiyara Constable, with 40 goals. Kacey Campher and Clireez Brugh were selected for the u18A Eastern Province side, and Caiden Adams made the u18B team. Kiyara Constable was selected for the u16A provincial side and also made the South African u16 team. Mija Kliment was selected to represent the Eastern Province senior ladies' team. With such a strong contingent of talent, no wonder it was a memorable season.

In this year's hockey season, the first team boys delivered a laudable performance. With a blend of seasoned players and promising newcomers, the team finished with a balanced season. This year, we produced another remarkable round of 13 Eastern Province representatives. One of the highlights of the season was the tour to East London for the Greg Beiling Festival. The boys showed good sportsmanship and commitment to the game. Taking all the derby days into account, the steady discipline of the boys resulted in two wins, one loss and one draw. This season has been a result of consistency and we commend them for their efforts.

The u16 boys' hockey team is a talented and hardworking group known for their skill and teamwork. They faced off against strong opponents like Woodridge, where the matches were challenging and showcased their competitive spirit. Games against these schools tested their skills and teamwork, as each team brought different strategies to the turf. The u14 boys' hockey team is a dynamic group of young athletes brimming with energy, skill, and a passion for the game. Each player brings a unique blend of speed, agility, and determination to the turf. They faced off against local rivals such as Grey High School, where the matches were intense and showcased their defensive tenacity and strategic offense. Encounters with these schools highlighted their adaptability and skill, as they navigated different playing styles and strategies.

As we draw a close on the 2024 soccer season, we are proud to look back on a phenomenal season in which the girls' soccer team truly met all expectations and left their mark on the field. This year's squad had experienced players, while a group of fresh, young talent created a balanced, dynamic team. The girls' first team completed an impressive league season, playing 15 matches and recording 13 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. One of the most memorable moments was against a formidable Linkside in a league fixture. The girls showed tremendous determination, coming back from behind (2-1), to eventually win the match 4-2. A standout moment was reaching the final of the VP Soccer tournament for the third year in a row. Although they lost in a penalty shootout (0-0 in regular time), the players' courage and determination earned them a well-deserved runners-up medal. The aim is to win that trophy next year! The team went on a tour to Cape Town in August and were unbeaten. This is an indication of the team's strength and depth. Congratulations to our players and thank you to our faithful supporters.

It is with great pride that we highlight the achievements of our boys' soccer teams. This season, the players showed significant growth in technical skills, game intelligence and teamwork, which contributed to their success in reaching the semi-finals in two prestigious competitions. The commitment shown at practices and matches paid off as the boys consistently performed at a high level throughout the season. The team's journey through the VP Soccer Tournament was nothing short of impressive. Competing in the highly competitive Gold Division semi-final stage, the boys displayed excellent skill, dedication and resilience. Although we narrowly missed out on a spot in the finals, the experience solidified our position as one of the top teams in the tournament. The Selborne Soccer Tournament provided another opportunity for the team to shine. Once again, the team put up a brave challenge in the Gold Division semi-finals, but were knocked out in a penalty shootout.

The u15 boys had an impressive run in the DSRAC/DOE Junior Soccer Tournament in July. After a series of dominant performances, they reached the final, where they narrowly lost against Ndzondelelo High School. This group has shown great promise so far and will undoubtedly be the key contributors to the senior teams in the near future. As we look forward to the next season, we are confident that the experiences gained earlier this year will propel the team to even greater heights. With the continued development and the strong foundation that has been built, the future of Alex's boys' soccer teams looks incredibly bright. We extend our gratitude to the coaching staff for their tireless efforts, to the parents for their support and to the players for their commitment and passion.

Netball is a rapidly growing sport and we had 16 netball teams for 2024! All the teams did much better than the previous season. They played extra midweek matches as well. With the experienced coaches, we can only see stronger and happier players and teams for the future.

Squash is lucky to be one of the sports that can avoid the winter chill by playing indoors. This year, there was a small but very enthusiastic group of squash players. The year began with social squash where learners played and challenged one another for fun. When the winter sports programme began, things got more serious with training and matches. For the first time, Alex took a squash team to the York Derby in George and also played a touring team from Knysna besides the usual fixtures. There were a few new players who joined the team and they were able to make steady improvements as the year progressed. Congratulations go to Cuan Wightman and Kai Whittaker, who participated in the Eastern Province Trials with Kai making it all the way to the third round. Almost all of the players will be back next year and we are confident that they will continue to improve and enjoy this great game that can be played for life.

Alex entered four tennis teams in the midweek fixtures for the summer and winter terms this year. Ms Nepo Ntsono was the outside coach for practice sessions and was of great assistance in selecting teams as well and arranging internal matches to create the rankings of the team players. The smiles on the faces of the beginners when they developed their tennis skills was rewarding to witness. Founders weekend saw the staff play the students and afterwards many students enthusiastically joined in practice drills. We thank the following Matrics for committing themselves to attending all practices and being available to play matches for the full year: Joshua Robinson, Londolozo Peter and Mhlali Mangana. The boys' and girls' first teams had a successful derby at Victoria Park in the third term winning 7-0. Asakhanya Jantjie excelled in the midweek fixtures for the boys' firsts and also participated in regional tournaments where he performed most admirably. A big thank you to the staff managers who supported the teams this year.

The rugby teams had a busy season. The junior teams played regular matches and focused on honing their skills in preparation for joining the senior teams in the years to come. They are to be commended for their commitment to the game. For the first time in years, we were able to field a third team which augurs well for the future. The first team participated in three festivals: the Patriots festival in Cape Town, the Andrew Rabie festival and the Despatch festival. It was a season of mixed results for the senior rugby teams but the inconsistencies in play were an opportunity to highlight the areas needing most attention. Congratulations go to the u16s on their highly successful season. This has positive implications for the future. Thanks to all our loyal supporters and sponsors – especially our chief sponsor: EPS Bathroom and Kitchen.

The winter sports teams would like to make special mention of the dedicated first aiders, whose presence is an essential part of sport at Alex.





Netball u18A

Back Row: M Vellem, L Mpofana, S Badela, S Luti, A Manentsa, S Van Heerden

Front Row: Ms S Jordaan, P Mgongotha, L Mannie, B Mngomezulu, L Fobe, G Headbush



Netball u18B

Back Row: A Solani, V Soxa, B Davids, A Xakaxa

Front Row: Ms S Jordaan, T Sithole, E Nqwayiza, L Williams

Absent: L Mosita



Netball u18C

Back Row: U Windvoel, P Johnson

Front Row: Ms S Jordaan, M Harker, P Mama, K Manqina

Absent: R Zvirime, A Zaka



Netball u16A



Back Row: Y Zaka, C Beki
Front Row: A Nombana, Z Oliphant, S Luti, Mr S Thomas
Absent: C Mhambi, K Maliehe, U Teyise

Netball u16B



Back Row: T Zosela, I Camagu, O Ndlovu
Front Row: Z Adam, M Mbonda, U Magazi, S Matikinca, Mr S Thomas

Netball u16C



Back Row: O Mququ, B Howard, L Vellem
Front Row: K Ntanyana, K Booysen, K September, Mr S Thomas
Absent: S Dlula

Netball u16D



Back Row: J Goss, E Paul, U Mpamu, K Marokoane
Front Row: Ms A Kwatsha, I Mrubata, Z Dyani, L Motaung
Absent: T Bradley

Netball u16E



Back Row: J Jafta, S Ndiko, K Herman, P Renze
Front Row: Ms A Kwatsha, L Mva, I Dingwayo, S Sakwe
Absent: E Paul



Netball u15A



Back Row: K Plaatjies, T Chiza, E Stride, T Frolick
Front Row: Z Tinise, A Kock, B Tom, K Twalo, Mr S Thomas

Netball u14A



Back Row: L Nyamakazi, E Nocanda, A Dike
Front Row: S Shabangu, I Mvetye, L Hart, K Seseng, Mr A Nyenyiso
Absent: B Dlula

Netball u14B



Back Row: L Morakie, M Niemand, H Ogunswayo, C van Wyk
Front Row: L Booï, J Jacobs, N Stofile, T Mcetywa, Mr A Nyenyiso

Netball u14C



Back Row: P Peter, T Sammy, N Ingram
Front Row: A Ngeleza, B Stuurman, C Mack, K Koeberg, Mr A Nyenyiso

Netball u14D&E



Back Row: S Williams, P Gcaza, L Dukwe, L Wiese, C Van Rensburg
Front Row: A Mbekisa, A Vabaza, L Tabalaza, O Vanda, A Makaluza, Ms L Fezile
Absent: U Nhando, R Sobekwa, B Ngobo, L Jacobs, P Peter

Netball u14F&G



Back Row: A Kenene, I Goba, B Sitshongaye
Front Row: Ms L Fezile, B Nkayi, T Msaka, A Africa, T Knight
Absent: B Lengoasa, L Headbush, A Lubelwana, E Dazana, H Abiyar, P Ntebe, A Kubalo, I Mfina, H Rafu



Squash 1st

Back Row: C Wightman, A Jonck,
J Schwagele
Front Row: Mr J Austin, K Whittaker, T Pugh,
Dr D McGregor



Squash 3rd

Back Row: R Johns, Z Kivido, G Labans
Front Row: Mr J Austin, W Beling, M Frank,
Dr D McGregor



Squash Social

Back Row: Z Kivido, D Bower, C Wightman,
A Jonck, J Schwagele, K Whittaker
Front Row: Mr J Austin, W Beling, M Frank,
G Labans, R Johns, T Pugh, E Leander



Soccer Girls 1st



Back Row: S Kayser, Z Lee, A Kivedo, A Jama

Third Row: A Phikisani, A Crozier, C Lottering, K Meyers, K Bangani

Second Row: A Jansen, L Bailey, O Matroos, A Tyesi, B Letsoha, B Dlula, Mr L De Klerk

Front Row: Ms M Joseph, C Adams, M Spandiel, Z Paulsen, J Prince, A Keys, Ms C Oerson

Absent: T Bailey

Soccer Girls 2nd



Back Row: M Nkenke, I Dwe, A Van Rooyen, P Osei, A Nel, L Ncamazana, A Tyesi

Front Row: B Stuurman, L Booï, H Booysen, R Whitebooï, Z Sikwe, E Rondganger, S Grootboom, Mr T Ntuli,

Absent: A Jansen, B Letsoha, M Spandiel, C Lottering, I Baliso, P Nkonki, F Fillis, K Salters, L Mani, C Smith, Mr L De Klerk, Ms M Joseph



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Soccer Boys 1st



Back Row: L Sola, R Jonas, E Higgins, R Lindoor, T Safedien

Second Row: Mr L De Klerk, K Vantyi, O Mki, L De Jager, H Ncapayi, U Barford

Front Row: Mr B Prince, E Lucas, L Seti, S Loli, S Mkalipi, C Oosthuizen, K Heilbron, Mr T Ntuli

Absent: D Freeks, K Mintoor, C Plaatjies, B Gabron, L Gcakasi

Soccer Boys 2nd



Back Row: M Kganare, J Williams, W Stevens, A Mkiva, E Young, E Prinsloo, Z Magaba

Front Row: Mr E Van Heerden, J Badela, S Mabena, D Booysen, J Nqweniso, K Francis, D Olivier, A Whitebooi, Mr T Ntuli

Absent: A Kanana, L Luvuno, S Ntsini, B Quntana





Soccer Boys u16A

Back Row: T Kivido, R Welcome, T Siyoko, K Mali, L Rula, E Duze, A Qalinge

Second Row: C Silva, T Thomas, A Lukwe, K Van Niekerk, C Goliath, J Wagner, E Goliath

Front Row: C Plaatjies, C Booysen, S Mabie, J Prinsloo, J Anderson, L Masoka, Mr G Dickinson

Absent: I Ntshona, S Van Heerden, H Ncapayi, N Maxazana

Soccer Boys u15A

Back Row: X Van Heerden, U Gawula, J Paling, I Besengile, R Murphy, K Ludwick, I Mjekula

Front Row: L Daniels, T Africa, O Nqweniso, J Meyer, D Denano, L Nducushe, Mr M Safedien

Absent: X Zita, C Oosthuizen, C Murphy, M Jackson, B Kama, C Davis, Y Lupondo, A Ndamase, R Searle, A Searle, M Kemoetie



Soccer Boys u14A

Back Row: Y Pinda, S Boya, L Moss, Y Kumalo, I Jindela, S Gubayo, L Petersen

Front Row: Z Makwetu, R Matthews, A Nqwayiza, K Salters, L Camagu, C Plaatjies, Mr L Le Roux

Soccer Boys u14B & u15B

Back Row: K Salters, I Dlova, Z Wagner, Z Njisane, T Prinsloo, G Zandi, C Pilisani

Front Row: E Kettledas, I Gedze, A Dyasi, M Letsoha, E Ruiters, S Mkonto, L Mdoana, Mr Y Le Roux





Winter Tennis Girls 1st

Back Row: Ms N Ntsinde, M Mangana, M Mbonda,
Mr P Ntsinde

Front Row: Ms N Ntsono, S Gedezana, S Tiervlei,
Mr K Golightly

Absent: Z Njikelana

Winter Tennis Girls 2nd

Back Row: Ms N Ntsinde, T Stuurman, S Ntoto, Mr P Ntsinde

Front Row: Ms N Ntsono, K Ownhouse, M Vayise,
Mr K Golightly



Winter Tennis Boys 1st

Back Row: Mr I Marais, J Robinson, O Moloto,
Ms K Lalla Kooverjee

Front Row: Ms N Ntsono, D Booker, A Jantjie, Mr K Golightly

Winter Tennis Boys 2nd

Back Row: Mr I Marais, W Plaatjies, A Pearson,
Ms K Lalla Kooverjee

Front Row: Ms N Ntsono, L Peter, N Nkonki, A Mzwali,
Mr K Golightly

Absent: K Briessies, C Jason



Hockey Girls 1st

Back Row: L Salie, C Brugh, Z Searle,
T Dace, C Paling
Second Row: H Johnson, M Kliment,
S Uli, Z Brown, K Campher
Front Row: Ms K Dodd, A Abersalie,
K Campher, B Graham, K Constable,
A Oormeyer, Mr K Schimper
Absent: C Adams



Hockey Girls 2nd

Back Row: S Shaw, T Mclachlan, I Wait,
S Chanetsa, L Schultz
Second Row: L Werney, J Van den Berg,
K Abersalie, L Gcasamba, C Josphe
Front Row: Ms I Kruger, T Jacobs,
A Jindela, L Tose, H Makwetu, A Mbande

Hockey Girls 3rd

Back Row: I Jawa, R de Souza, L Gudla,
L Pondo
Second Row: K Miciyo, L Sikweyiya,
O Dwobayo, I Ngoyi
Front Row: P Johnson, O Mahola,
A Gedze, A Ngcongolwana, T Mcteli,
Ms D Strydom
Absent: A Daniels, O Utom



Hockey Girls u16A



Back Row: A Welgemoed, A Van Rooyen, G Prinsloo, L Gray
Second Row: S Terblanche, A Campodonico, M Smith, C Fortuin, J Ruiters
Front Row: Mr C Saunders, C Erasmus, S Denson, K Scholtz, C De Klerk, N Cunningham, A Connelly, Ms M Khan

Hockey Girls u16B



Back Row: C Thomas, K Bonnesse, Q Siyone, K Salters, L Fortuin
Second Row: A Prince, C Adams, Z Le Roux, A Nel, Q Hlulani
Front Row: Ms N Phiri, F Shahid, K Ntombana, C Kerspay, T Thomas, W Headbush, Mr S Leeson

Hockey Girls u16C



Back Row: E James, O Matroos, A Gabriel, M Julies, B Dyantyi
Front Row: M Mayane, K Myathaza, L Manensta, A Booï, S Bouah, Ms M Khan
Absent: S Mbovane, E Nkomombini, A Peter, E Tshantsheni

Hockey Girls u14A



Back Row: R Schovell, T Cross, C George, W Beling, C Davis
Second Row: P Van Heerden, L Classen, S Solomons, E Jappie, S Van Rooyen
Front Row: Ms SN Gelderblom, Z Jerling, M Silva, K Francis, C Felkers, A Brink, Mr M Lindoor

Hockey Girls u14B



Back Row: U Williams, T Knight, J Mafuya, T Ajam, P Peter, E Dazana
Second Row: A Nobatana, A Jantjies, K Joseph, Z Danster, C Mamfenguza, C Siwisa, K Booysen
Front Row: K Deyssel, C Gamiet, A Magaqa, A Lubelwana, MJ Labercensie, M Regal, Ms M Kahn
Absent: L Zokufa





Hockey Boys 1st

Back Row: P Chimwendo, M Vickery, G Gemmill, B Mlinganiso, A Graham, S Dolley

Second Row: D Nash, A Crowie, C De Buys, T Jappie, C Brown

Front Row: D Williams, M Gaseba, T Botha, L Christian, K Francis, E Roach, Mr L Meyer

Hockey Boys u16A



Back Row: N Crouse, R Murphy, N Jonas, R Parish, C Mathews

Third Row: J Wagner, Z Kivido, L Scholtz, N Jonas, T Jappie

Second Row: M Ferguson, M Gaseba, K Francis, L Christian, T Botha, I Jindela

Front Row: Mr S Malgas, A Crowie, A Kungwayo, S Lucas, C Jonas, L Goliath, T Griffith, Mr C Muller

Hockey Boys u14A



Back Row: K Pienaar, D Denano, Z Njisane, N Brown, I Jindela, M Vickery

Front Row: Mr S Leeson, K Dolley, N Matshikiza, K Salters, A Dyasi, L Christian, Mr S Malgas



Hockey Officials

Back Row: B Maposa, E Roach, D Williams, B Mlinganiso, P Chimwendo, S Dolley, K Whittaker

Second Row: K Bonnesse, Z Brown, C Brugh, Z Lakhi, M Miller, M Geyers, J Adams

Front Row: K Constable, R Theys, J Van den Berg, A Abersalie, C Joseph, A Jindela, E Shiyani, Mr L Meyer



Rugby 1st



Back Row: D Kettledas, D Jonas, A Britz, I Magaba, N Putzier

Second Row: A Sonti, E Smith, A Emery, L Nombewu, J Underwood, S Nase

Front Row: Z Xoshombe, L Makinana, J Loubser, J Carolus, M Moodien, L Ntengo, R Hiles, Mr K Whitlock

Absent: Mr L Fourie

Rugby 2nd



Back Row: P Mbambaza, A Willem, S Muller, Z Niemand, L Nkayi, C Kirsten

Third Row: D Jonas, A Adams, U Daniels, J Carolus, S Nase, Z Qupe

Second Row: R Nyagweta, I Eagle, D Diedericks, O Sitonga, S Msutwana, M Prinsloo

Front Row: Mr R Baartzes, J Mac Conrad, D Baliso, L Nguta, L Appolis, S Sonwabo, K Smith, Mr B Mitchell



Rugby 3rd



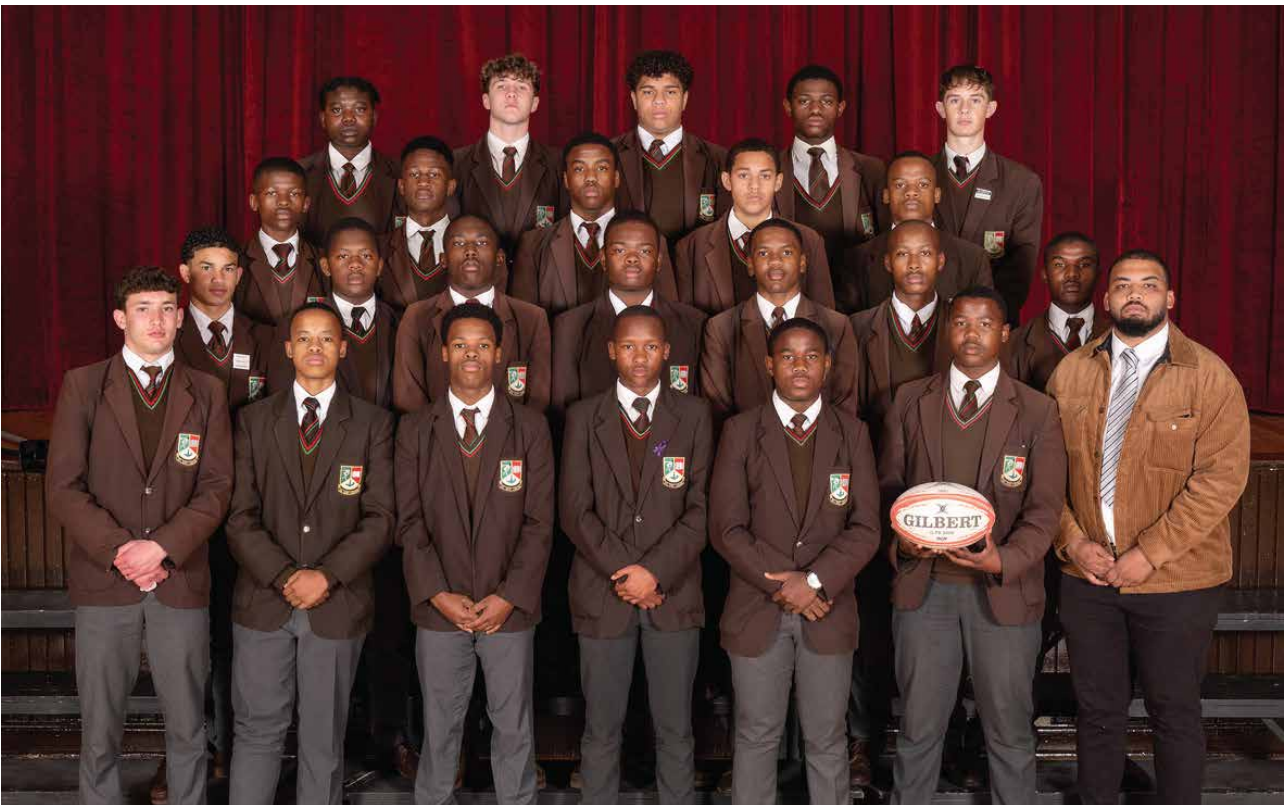
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Third Row: D Diedericks, S Nogambula, G Carlson, A Mtywaru, I Eagles, J Mackay

Second Row: J Vogts, S Sonjica, U Maka, M Booï, L Nguta, M Prinsloo

Front Row: Mr R Baartzes, D Baliso, L Xata, A Mzamo, L Genge, A Mgadi, O Ncefane, L Jele, Mr B Mitchell

Rugby u16A



Back Row: I Magaba, R Olwage, K Dreyden, E Mzamo-Mdlalo, K Ansley

Third Row: N Bless, S Rafa, K Matanzima, R Welcome, U Mzinzi

Second Row: D Rensburg, L Mcoteli, S Kwange, S Mabhoza, S Pepetta, O Mki, S Mzamo

Front Row: M Campos, L Xata, G Staat, H Ntonbana, L Mbilini, K Dayile, Mr C Rademeyer

Absent: Mr D Bergins



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Rugby u15A



Back Row: R Dayce, S Luck, C Renze, A Jijana, A Thomas, B Bekwa, K Lungongolo

Second Row: A Mabusela, L Mnyanda, G Malgas, L Kapa, U Mjekula, L Maldaki

Front Row: I Gxothiwe, B Nkomombini, S Kula, O Langesa, S Lebala, K Mpunzi, N Korkie, Mr E Konzana

Absent: N Peter

Rugby u14A



Back Row: J Theron, A Elebute, C Williams, K Lawack, E Faxi

Second Row: L Nqwenisa, K Rens, T De Kock, K Tlhatlogi, M Dyani, Z Abrahams

Front Row: Mr J Nell, O Pandle, I Matole, Q Arkeldien, O Qupe, K Du Plessis, K Pinda, M Gelderblom

Absent: M Mbekisa, M Mzamo, L Coltman, C Vorsatz,

C Ugue, O Mbi



Rugby Officials

Back Row: J Appolis, A Beukes, L August, A Zaka, L Mabuza, C Nyamutambo, M Mangana

Third Row: A Memani, L Yamani, M Gaxamba,

A Boo, I Lugongolo, M Mkontwana, B Mngomezulu

Second Row: Q Rafu, L Mbilini, O Tungela, C Botha, C Monki, T Sithole

Front Row: R Ludick, L Schultz, S Sixaba, I Ndywili, P Mama, H Makwetu, C Perring, Mr R Baartzes

Absent: P Johnson



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English

THERE IS NO VICTORY IN WAR

"Victory? There is no victory in war!" the lieutenant spat at me as he struggled beneath my hands clutched firmly around his neck. "You wouldn't know anything about victory!" Or honour for that matter!" I shouted back. The lieutenant slipped out from my grip, the sweat on our skin allowing for his easy escape. He swooped behind me and wrapped his arm around my neck to squeeze the air out of my lungs.

"Yes," he panted, "I do. And this ... what we're doing, is not for honour!"

I kicked him off of me, panting as I slowly rose.

"It is for the honour of our country!"

"It is for the honour of a mad man!"

The room went silent. The muffled sound of pure chaos raged from outside the tattered brick walls.

"These camps ... all of those innocent people ... is that really honourable?"

"They are not innocent! If they were, we would not be ordered to kill them!"

The lieutenant scoffed, the reflection of his badges blinding me temporarily.

"What would you know? You are merely a puppet dancing at the strings of a master. For you to speak of honour ... it is pathetic." The popping of guns drew closer and the angered yelling of German soldier grew louder.

"You know, don't you ... that they'll kill you when they see you've failed to kill me." I stood frozen in fear. Of course I knew. That was why my grip kept slipping. Before I could think of anything else, a fist came flying towards my face.

When I woke up again, my head was pounding. I took a second to gather my surroundings. I was on a bed made of straw. Sunlight streamed in through a dusty window and the sound of arguing was coming from outside the small hut. I reached for my pistol, only to notice it was missing. I took a deep breath and walked out of the open door. Three men stood around a fire. They went quiet and the lieutenant looked up at me.

"Look who finally woke up!" he smiled at me. I'd come to hate that smile.

"Where have you taken me?"

"That doesn't matter!"

"Just wait until my people get here! You'll all be dead!" I turned on my heels and stormed back inside the hut. The lieutenant sighed. "I'll talk to him."

I heard his heavy footsteps enter, but I refused to look at him.

"Giorgio, I know you are angry at me!"

"That doesn't even begin to describe it!"

"Yes, alright. Just give me a chance to explain myself, would you?"

I yelled at him that there was nothing to explain, that he had kidnapped me, deprived me of my honour and turned me into one of them – a traitor.

"Giorgio!"

"I don't want to hear it, Dominic!" I pushed him away from me. I was so caught up in my emotions that I hadn't even noticed how close he'd gotten.

He stayed quiet for a moment and then took my hand in his and squeezed it lightly.

"All I ask is that you listen to what we have to say."

Dominic lingered for a moment longer and I looked down at his hand, noticing something black sticking out from his sleeve. A bracelet. He walked out again, leaving me on my own. Slowly, I raised the sleeve of my uniform, revealing a bracelet matching Dominic's.

"Alright..." I whisper to myself.

OLIVIA BROCCARDO, Grade 12

HER MIND

The sound of children's laughter bellowed down the school passage, its vibration running down the hairs of my neck. The sound of wooden floors protested under my weight as I continued to explore aimlessly. Sunbeams of vibrant yellow and golden hues danced on my honey-brown strands of hair and enveloped my body like a blanket.

My fingertips caressed the icy brass handle of a classroom and cautiously opened the door. Immediately, the scent of sharpened pencils and markers flooded my senses with a wave of familiarity. Papers were stacked like pancakes, teetering over the edge of a sturdy desk. The wind whistled tunes to me through the partially opened window and I admired the innocent artwork of children displayed proudly on the classroom walls. Mirth and nostalgia took my hand and guided me towards the paintings to appreciate the more intricate details. It was all my grandmother's joyful memories.

The linoleum floors of the classroom felt unsteady and slippery under my feet and I walked towards the desk. This classroom had a tranquil feeling which permeated through the room. At the desk, there was a lit candle which crackled as the flame travelled down the wick. It smelled like my grandmother – a combination of fruit and floral scents. I closed my eyes to inhale the scent deeply, when suddenly a change occurred in the classroom.

The paintings were tattered and misplaced. The light above me flickered as if it were warning me about something and the sunbeam that had once danced with glee on me was smothered by a dark, ominous cloud. My grandmother's mind had become shrouded with confusion. The room felt grim and unwelcoming. The paint peeled like angry sunburn on the walls and the papers that were once piled neatly on the desk were in a disordered spread across the dilapidated desk.

The corridors that were once filled with pure joy became an empty chasm representing what was lost. All the memories were long forgotten and corridors presented themselves as a confusing maze. This place was an unsolved puzzle, missing a crucial piece. The school was a mere carcass of the innocence and youth greedily ravaged by her dementia.

REBECCA WILKINSON, Grade 12



Afrikaans

DIE VREEMDE TANNIE OP DIE DORP

Ek het gedink dat ek al die vreemdste mense wat 'n mens kan ontmoet, ontmoet het, maar ek was verkeerd. Daar is niemand vreemder as tannie Moerbei nie ...

Sy is die tipe vrou wat haar huis pienk vir die lente en dan blou vir die winter sal verf. Daardie vrou is van haar trollie af. Natuurlik sal my ma my stuur om vir haar haar koekblik terug te gee.

Die binnekant van die huis verskil soos kat en hond van die buitekant. Daar is mure vol van opgestopte dierkoppe en banke wat met daardie outydse geelbruin materiaal oorgetrek is.

Ek sit ongemaklik. Sy skink vir my tee. Jy kan duidelik sien dat haar een oog 'n glasoog is en sy dra 'n rok wat direk uit Stephen King se "The Shining" kom.

Daar is troufoto's wat rondstaan, maar haar man is nie tuis nie. "Is Tannie se man agter?"

"Nee, my kind. Hy loop rond soos 'n spook in die nag." Sy lag. Sy haal 'n foto-album uit en laat my na al die foto's kyk. Daar is 'n sakkie met hare en haar oorlede man se naels wat hy donkiesjare gelede afgeknip het. My kaak het op die vloer geval terwyl sy die album gebêre het.

Tik-tik-tik. Ek voel hoe die diere na my kyk met hulle dooie oë. Ek dink daar was iets in die tee, want skielik het ek gesien hoe die leeu se een oog blink. My voete was op daar oomblik vinniger as die res van my liggaam. Weg was ek.

Ek weet hoe ek voel, maar my hart reik uit na al die diere teen haar mure. Al is hulle dood, moet hulle nog steeds in daardie huis woon saam met die vreemdste tannie op die dorp.

ABBIGAIL TAIT, *Grade 11*

BENJI

Daar was 'n gesin met 'n hond, Benji. Hulle het altyd lekker met hom gespeel.

Eendag het sy familie net verdwyn. Hy kon hulle nêrens vind nie, maar na 'n paar uur het hy hulle pikswart kar gesien en hy het van vreugde begin blaf. Toe hulle uit die kar geklim het, het hy iets gesien wat nes hy lyk. Dit was nog 'n hond! Hy het so vining soos blits na die splinternuwe hond toe gehardloop, maar hy wou niks met Benji te doen gehad het nie.

Benji het oor en oor probeer om met die nuwe hond maats te wees, maar die hond het hom geignoreer. Toe Benji wou eet, het die nuwe hond ook sy kos geëet. Benji was hartseer en honger.

Benji kon dit nie meer beheer nie. Hy sou daardie aand die nuwe hond wegjaag. Daardie aand het gekom en Benji het hom aangeval. Hy het so stil soos 'n muis na die nuwe hond toe gekruip. Toe hy by die nuwe hond gekom het, het hy hom terug gebyt. Benji het hard getjank.

Die geraas het sy eienaars wakker gemaak. Hulle het nie die reuse bytmerk aan Benji se nek gesien nie en het aangeneem dat hy die probleem was. Hulle het hom aan 'n ketting vasgemaak en weer gaan slaap. Min het hulle geweet die ketting was geroes.

Hy het losgebreek and weggehardloop. Hy is deur mense gevang en hulle het hom ingeneem. Só het hy lekker verder gelewe.

HEINRICH BOTHA, *Grade 9*

VAN DIE HAND TOT DIE MOND VAL DIE PAP OP DIE GROND

Ek en my drie vriende, Skye, Josh en Melissa, was op reis na die Groeneveldwoud. Ons kombi was vol gelaai met klere, vleis, slaai, padkos, 'n massiewe tent, koelbokse vol alkohol en alles wat ons benodig vir 'n kamp.

Dit was al donker toe ons gearriveer het en ons het besluit om onmiddellik 'n vuur te maak. Die vuur het 'n rustige atmosfeer geskep en hitte aan ons verskaf.

Toe ons in die middel van die bottel vodka gekom het, het ons begin sing en stories vertel. Ek het so baie gelag; ek kon sweer dat ek maagspiere gebou het.

Die vuur was besig om dood te gaan en Melissa het daarop aangedring dat Josh meer hout moes kry. Ek het die hout een na die ander begin kap. Skye het haar hand ingestee om die hout te gryp, maar toe kap ek weer en hierdie geluid was anders. Alles het gelyk asof dit in stadige aksie gebeur het. Dit het ons lank gevat om te besef wat gebeur het nadat ons Skye se wysvinger tussen die bos blare sien vlieg het. Skye het 'n nare kreun gelos. Toe het ons paniekerig begin raak.

Die plan was om die vinger te kry, dit in een van die koelbokse te druk, die ambulanshelikopter te bel en dan te wag. Terwyl ek en Melissa na die vinger gesoek het, het Josh 'n sein probeer kry. Ons het die koelboks vol ys gepak en die vinger daarin gedruk. Ons het weer om die vuur gaan sit en wag vir die ambulanshelikopter terwyl Skye met afgryse vervul was.

Ons het vaak begin raak, maar het gelukkig die geluid van die helikopter gehoor. Die helder lig het oor ons kampplek geskyn. Haastig en vinnig het ons die koelboks aan Skye vasgemaak en haar op die touleer gehelp wat van die helikopter gehang het. Skye sal nou haar vinger terugkry. Maar het sy?

Ek, Josh en Melissa kon uiteindelik ontspan. Ek wou 'n bier hê en het na die koelboks gestap. Ek het my boeglam geskrik. Ons het die verkeerde koelboks saam met die helikopter gestuur! Die vinger was klaar potblou en daar was geen manier dat dit gebruik kon word nie.

Nou het ons 'n vriendin met vier vingers aan haar linkerhand. 'n Vinger vir elke letter van haar naam.

TAMZIN JACOBS, *Grade 12*

Isixhosa

NDINGATSHO NGENENE UKUBA NDIYA EMPUMELELWENI

Ilizwe esiphila kuyo namhlanje alifuni bhetyebhetye elingakwazi ukuzimela nokuvuka lizenzele. Abantu abaninzi baneminqweno abafuna ukuyifezekisa, kodwa indlela abaziphethe ngayo ayibonakalisi ukuba bazimisele ukuphumelela. Ndithi ndakujonga ubomi bam nezinto endidlule kuzo ndibone ukuba ngenene ndisendleleni eya empumelelweni.

Okokuqala, ndisebanza nzima kwaye ndisebenza ngokuzinikela. Kubalulekile ke ukuba umntu oleqa impumelelo alazi ixesha lokudlala kunye nexesha lokuzimisela. Ekukhuleni kwam ndibonile ukuba ukusebenza nzima kumthatha kumse phi umntu. Kwisikolo sam samabanga aphantsi izifundo zam ndandigazixabisanga ngokwaneleyo, ndifunda nje ukuba ndifikelele kwibanga elilandelayo. Ndathi ndakufika eAlex ndabona ukuba ixesha liyakhawuleza, kwaye ndiza kube ndikhangela umsebenzi kungekudala. Ndiye ndaqala ke ukusebenza nzima. Tyhini! Ndazibona sendifumana iimbasa ndibizwa nakwinani labantu abalishumi abaphumelela emagqabini kwizifundo zabo.

Okwesibini, abahlobo bam ndibakhetha ngobuchule. Umntu osingise empumelelweni akaluvumeli uxinzelelo loontangandini ukuba lumkhuphe endleleni efanelekileyo. Abantu abaninzi abangaphumeleliyo balityaziswa ngabahlobo abangakhiyo nabanomona ngezinto abanazo. Ndithi ndakubona ukuba ubuhlobo obuthile abundakhi nganto ndihambe kude kulowo mntu. Ndiyazi ukuba inkqayi iqala ngentlontlo, ngoko ke ndiyaqiniseka ukuba andizimanyi nento engafanelekanga eyenziwa ngumhlobo wam, kuba ndakuphela ndizisola. Ukungaphazamiseki lula ngabahlobo kundisondeza kanye kule mpumelelo ndiyifunayo.

Okwesithathu, iimfundiso zasekhaya ndizixabisile, kwaye andizilibali. Abanye abantu abafuna ukuphumelela baphela belibala de bohluwane neemfundiso nezithethe zakumawabo. Indlela abayifuna ngayo impumelelo ibenza balibale ukuba umntu ngumntu ngabantu. Bajongana neziqu zabo kuphela abanaxesha lokuba izenzo zabo zibachaphazela njani na abanye abantu. Yiyo loo nto urhwaphilizo nolwaphulo mthetho zithathe unyawo nje namhlanje. Njengamntu ofuna ukuphumelela, ndihlala ndikhumbule ukuba ubomi ngumzamo. Ndiye ndiqiniseke ke ngoko ukuba imizamo yam ayichaphazeli omnye umntu kakubi. Umntu ocela uncendo kum ndiye ndimncede kangangoko ndinako, ngoba ubuntu yileli yam eya empumelelweni. Ndafundiswa njalo nasekhaya.

Ekuqukumbeni kwam, ndingatsho ngenene ukuba ndiya empumelelweni kuba ndisebenza nzima, abahlobo ndibakhetha ngobuchule, ndinobuntu, kwaye andohlukani neemfundiso zekhaya lam.

THULILE SAMENTE, Grade 12

IITHOYI ZIYABATSHINTSHA ABANTWANA

Ndiqaphela into yokuba iithoyi ziyakwazi ukubatshintsha abantwana ngeendlela ezininzi. Ziyakwazi ukubatshintsha ngendlela embi okanye ngendlela efanelekileyo. Zikhona izinto ezintle esizifumanayo ebantwaneni ngenxa yeethoyi.

Ezinye iithoyi ziyabanceda abantwana ukuze bakwazi ukusebenzisa ezinye izinto ebomini, umzekelo, iithoyi zasekhitshini zokupheka ziyabafundisa ukuba sisetyenziswa njani isitovu okanye ipani njalo-njalo. Ezinye iithoyi ezinjengoonopopi zibabonisa okanye zibafundisa ukuba umntu uphathwa njani. Nendlela yokuphatha abanye abantwana xa bedibene behleli nabanye abantwana.

Ukanti, ziyakwazi nokubaphazamisa kwezinye izinto ongazifuniyo ukuba bazihoye, mhlawumbi baphatha-phashe izinto zendlu badlale ngazo. Ziyakwazi ukuphazamisa ingqondo yabo iithoyizi balibale nokuba bebhethethe into ethile. Xa ubathengela iithoyi ezifundisayo ziyabanceda abantwana kwaye zitshintsha indlela abazibona ngayo izinto ebomini kwaye nendlela abacinga ngayo. Loo nto ke ibachaphazela kakhulu abantwana abancinci ngendlela entle nefanelekileyo. Bamana bechitha ixesha ngeethoyi ezibancedisa kwizibalo okanye ekufundeni amagama.

Abantwana xa ubathengela izinto zobuntwana ezinjengethoyi ziyaphazamisa ekubeni xa befuna ukubukela umabonakude okanye ukudlala ngezinto zeteknoloji. Ayithi kodwa mabangabukeliswa umabonakude kodwa sukubaqhelisa kuba bayakuphela bengakwazi ukuyeka bahlale bethe nca kumabonakude, ungakwazi nokuba ubathini.

Ukuqukumabela, yonke le nto ndizama ukubonisa ukuba iithoyi ziyakwazi ukubatshintsha abantwana ngeendlela ezininzi kwaye sukubavimba abantwana, bathengele iithoyi kuba ziyakwazi ukunceda wena kunye nomntwana.

IMINATHI DOLOPI, Grade 10

IINDLELA ZOKUSEBENZISA ITEKNOLOJI IKUZISELE IMALI

Zininzi kakhulu iindlela zokusebenzisa iTeknoloji ukuze ikuzisele imali. Ungayisebenzisela ukufundisa abantu izifundo zabo zesikolo okanye ubancedise ngazo wakugqiba ubhatalwe. Ukuze iphumelele loo nto kufuneka ube ngumntu othembekileyo kwaye oyaziyo into oyenzayo.

Ukuba ufuna ukwenza imali ngeteknoloji kufuneka ube ngumntu othembekileyo ngoba ukuba awuthembakali akukho mntu ozaku funa ukunika imali yakhe, umzekelo, uyakwazi ukuvula neshishini kwiselula yakho, "online", kodwa ke awuzothi usando kuyivula kubekho abantu abazakuthenga. Kufuneka uqale ubonise le nto uyithengisayo, ubonise abantu ukuba banganako ukuyithemba ukuze babenako ukuyithenga ikwenzele imali. Kufuneka kungabikho zikhalazo ngalo nto uzakube uyithengisa ngoba loo nto izaku hlisela isidima kunye nemali ngoba uzakube ungathembakali.

Ungakwazi nokwenza imali ngokusuke uzifote okanye uthathe iividiyo ngonomyayi wakho wakugqiba uzifake kumakhasi onxibelelwano afana noo"TikTok", "Instagram" kunye no"YouTube" nezinye ke endingazixelanga wakugqiba ubhatalwe imali zezo ndawo ezikubonileyo. Kufuneka ke kodwa ube nabalandeli abaninzi kuloo makhasi onxibelelwano, abantu bokuxhasa, bathande iifoto zakho. Ukuba awunabalandeli, awuzobhatalwa ngoko ke kufuneka izinto zakho zinikise umdla ebantwini ukuze ubhatalwe.

Ikhona ke nenye into ekuthiwa yi"Trading" kula maxesha angoku. Le ke into, yinto eyenziwa kunomyayi qha kwaye iyayenza imali, ibhatalisa kakhulu futhi. Yona ke yinto engathi ngumdlalo kodwa inexabiso futhi iyafundelwa kuqala. Kufuneka uyazi ukuba idlalwa njani ngoba ukuba awuyazi ungalahlekelwa yimali eninzi kakhulu ngexesha elincinci.

Zininzi iindlela zokwenza imali ngeteknoloji. Ayizizo zodwa ezi ndizibhalileyo zikhona nezinye kodwa ke kubalulekile ukuba ulumke xa usenza zonke ezi zinto ngoba bakhona abantu phand'apha abakwaziyo ukubela abantu iimali zabo ngeteknoloji. Ngoko ke kufuneka uqaphele!

ANDISIWE DANIELS, Grade 10





VISUAL ARTS



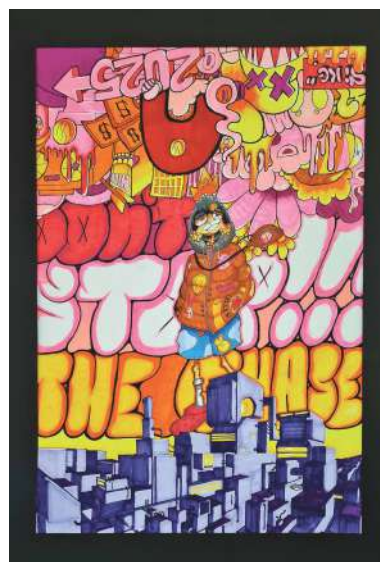
Olivia Broccardo, Pencil crayon, Grade 12



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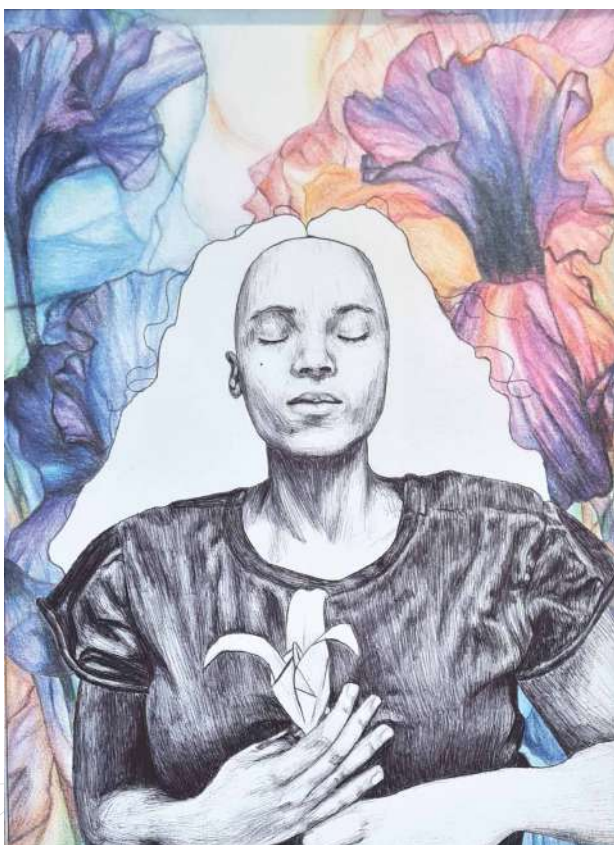
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OLD ALEXANS MAKING WAVES

MASASA MBANGENI was Head Girl of Alex in 2004. After graduating from Wits University, she launched a successful career in the entertainment industry. She starred in *Scandal!*, *The River* and has also graced many stages in the SA theatre scene. She is currently starring in *Heart of the Hunter* and *Blood & Water* on Netflix. Masasa has won two South African Film and Television (SAFTA) awards.



CANDICE JOHANNES matriculated from Alex in 2004. After school, she pursued a qualification in Film and Television production at CityVarsity in Cape Town where, in her second year, she was recognised as Student of the Year. She is now raking in awards for her scriptwriting prowess including a Golden Horn at the SAFTAs for excellence on the DSTV Kyknet channel's TV Soapie, *Suidooster*.



CLAIRE TERBLANCHE matriculated from Alex in 2002. A star cricketer, Claire was playing for the Eastern Province u19 team when she was only 14. She played for the South African squad from 2003 to 2009. She is now using her expertise in the game as the head coach for World Sports Betting Western Province Women. Claire was named as the 2024 Women's Division 1 Coach of the Year at the Cricket South Africa Awards.



DAVID BROWN matriculated from Alex in 1997. He then went on to study Computer Science and Information Systems at Nelson Mandela University (then UPE). David is now a player on the world stage of computing science as the Vice-President of Amazon Web Services. He regularly feeds back into the school by identifying promising computer pupils and sponsoring their fees. Last year he pledged to sponsor Kieran White (class of 2023) for his BSc Computer Science studies at Nelson Mandela University.





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Piet Snyman

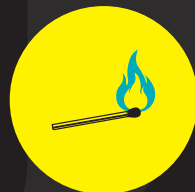
Oom Piet, as he was often fondly called, spent his entire teaching career, from January 1970 to December 2008, at Alex. Thank you for sharing a life of blessing with Alexans for 38 years, Meneer Snyman.

Stil, broers,
daar gaan 'n man verby,
hy groet,
en dis verlaas.
Daar's nog maar één soos hy;
bekyk hom goed.

- Extract from a poem by Jan FE Cilliers



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