



## Matters of Principal

After a few days of rather uninspiring presentations from the Director General of the DOE and the Minister of Basic Education, I am committed to not mentioning any National issues directly arising from the current Covid-19 crisis in this edition of Snapshot.

***"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed." – Napoleon Hill***

Effective teamwork is an incredibly powerful tool. We so often speak about leadership and the importance of having good leaders and over the past few months we have seen examples of excellent leadership in Cyril Ramaphosa and appalling leadership in Donald Trump. No leader can succeed without a good team and without people who display positive fellowship. Over the past months, I have witnessed good team work in abundance. What has been achieved by the staff stands as one such example. So too is what our pupil body has achieved in adjusting to on-line learning. What is happening in so many homes and, more importantly, what so many of our essential services are doing, is down to good teamwork.

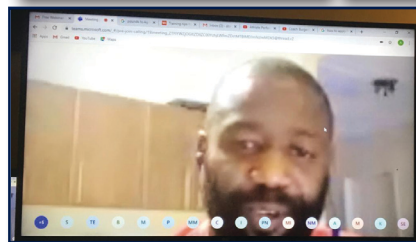
Running a campus without an Estates Manager or any support staff is no mean feat! I must commend Mr Pretorius and the resident academic staff for the way they have pulled together to ensure that the campus continues to function during this lockdown. We have had three pipes bursting and, as a team we have broken concrete, dug trenches and opened up the burst pipes for the professionals to come in and fix. Yesterday, we found another burst pipe that required six hours of digging to expose! The staff also pulled together to cut the lawns, sweep the cuttings and generally tidy the areas surrounding the school buildings. Reflecting on the work done and the manner in which it was done, I asked myself why did the staff do this so willingly? The only answer I could come up with was that they have a deep pride in the place in which they live and work. We are blessed to have such committed people to guide our children. I also think that we all have an even greater respect for the men and women who dedicate their working lives to keeping our school clean and tidy.

One thing I am certain about when it comes to teamwork is that I can't wait to see the first ball kicked, hit or thrown. I don't mind what team it is - I need my team sports back on TV and the Badgers back on the fields!

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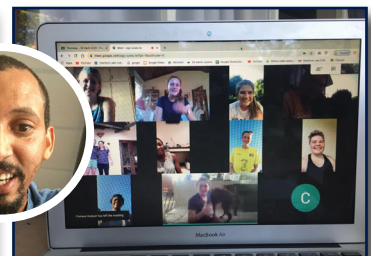
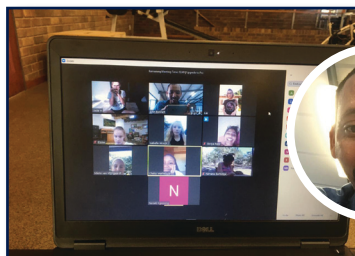


## MAKING THE MOST OF ZOOM!



### Tshanduko - I learn for life

True to the Stanfordian value of Tshanduko, learning for life, a number of staff have been broadening their horizons by tuning into free webinars on Zoom. This week, staff have been learning about leadership lessons through cricket as well as HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) - what HIIT is and how to use it in your training.



### Commitment - What I start, I will finish: I am accountable

Stanfordians believe in commitment. Although our sports teams cannot compete at the moment, it is important that all our students stay fit and healthy. The sports department have put together weekly fitness programmes for all our students. A few of our coaches have decided to go that extra mile and join their teams for the afternoon workout sessions via Zoom. It's safe to say, they are indeed true workouts, as you can see from Mr Bennett's face!

### I value Quality: I will ignite a passion for excellence



Committed to delivering a quality teaching experience and to ensure all staff are kept up to date, the staff body at Stanford have been having regular meetings online. We also quite like our colleagues and miss their faces!