

SNAP SHOT

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From the Academic Desk

*"Integrity is the essence of everything successful." –
R. Buckminster Fuller*

As a school-wide topic, we have agreed to embrace conversations around integrity this term. These conversations have been ongoing in the various tutor groups and in other areas of the school.

On an academic note, integrity is an undeniable necessity with it being imperative that all stakeholders embrace advancement without compromising standards. Tertiary institutions have done away with the various tools that alert them to AI use, but they have replaced this with clear instruction on the ethical implementation of the various AI tools available.

At a school level we are still working on instilling a sense of personal pride in students, one where they would rather submit work that is not perfect, but instead represents their best effort at all times. The issue of dishonesty remains an ongoing battle in education as students feel the pressure to excel in all areas of involvement and often paint themselves into a corner. Research suggests that in past decades, it was the struggling student who was more likely to cheat. Today, more above-average students are cheating as pressure mounts to be accepted to competitive tertiary education. As education develops we are, with the correct focus on age-appropriate implementation, looking to engage more with AI and other tools that enhance the learning of students.

Academic integrity is a vital part of the foundational principles that all productive citizens display. This means that we cannot allow plagiarism to become commonplace, that hard work results in rewards that can be claimed with pride, and when a Stanfordian enters the world outside of the educational system they contribute fresh and original ideas.

Maintaining academic integrity shows that you value your education and are committed to personal growth. It builds trust with teachers and peers, and it gives you a real sense of achievement when you succeed - knowing it is truly your own work.

I leave you with this final thought: "We foster honesty, respect, and responsibility in children so when they face moral dilemmas and tough choices, they possess the courage to stand up for their values and beliefs" Marilyn Price-Mitchell - The Power of Integrity".

God Bless,
Theresa Nel

Reminder of Photo Day
Monday 18th August
Please ensure you wear formal uniform
and bring sport clothing



TERM 2 AWARDS

Culture Awards

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our students in the field of culture. The following awards were presented:

Half Colours: Oration
Natali Chitagu

Full Colours: Performing Arts
Masana Shiwundlana
Mulaifa Mabuda

Junior Achievers: Performing Arts
Siwe Myeni

Ben Voster Festival - Drama Results

Kayla Makhomisané

Monologue - 85%

Ester van Staden

Prose - 79%

Monologue - 80%

Mashela Boshomane

Poetry - 79% and 78%



Academic Awards



GRADE 8

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| 1. Yoshka MacMillan | 6. Mogau Tladi |
| 2. Zoe Trusler | 7. Zoe Ngwarai |
| 3. Ester Van Staden | 8. Madison Miller |
| 4. Inbar Cohen | 9. Aurora Makhomisané |
| 5. Rothle Ngwako | 10. Alastair Wiltshire |



GRADE 11

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| 1. Alisha Calokechi | 6. Lefa Mashego |
| 2. Angel Maponya | 7. Jemima Burger |
| 3. Paityn Landsman | 8. Kayla Makhomisané |
| 4. Mukundi Ralubuvhi | 9. Olivia Turner |
| 5. Matthew Scriven | 10. Ilne Kotze |



GRADE 9

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| 1. Thakgi Ndlovu | 6. Zwivhuya Raulinga |
| 2. Kutlwano Mokaila | 7. Andani Rembuluwani |
| 3. Juliette Leher | 8. Phuluso Musetsho |
| 4. Lindeni Tswale | 9. Sewela Mahowa |
| 5. Tadhg Egan | 10. Siwe Myeni |



GRADE 10

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| 1. Teya Zanetic | 6. Ru Ngwarai |
| 2. Hana MacMillan | 7. Jan-Carel Els |
| 3. Ruby Fair | 8. Miano Tshivhula |
| 4. Carmen Van der Merwe | 9. Dimpho Mangena |
| 5. Sasha Boyum | 10. Lehlabile Tswaane |

GRADE 12

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| 1. Isabella Dando | 6. Maropeng Kekana |
| 2. Nicholas Boyum | 7. Krish Pandya |
| 3. Alistair van Hilten | 8. Craig Freestone |
| 4. Jana Prinsloo | 9. Lwandile Nkuna |
| 5. Wihan van Eeden | 10. Abigail Fair |





Honours Awards

A very special award was presented to Carmen Veldsman, Pelo Molepo and Basani Msimeki in recognition of their outstanding achievements in sport over the years.

To achieve Honours is no easy feat – it reflects years of commitment, discipline, and excellence at the highest level. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional students on this remarkable accomplishment.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Recently I was fortunate enough to be sponsored to attend the Oxford Royale International Summer School program at the University of Oxford in England.

I chose to study Economics and Finance where we had our classes at the Pitt Rivers Natural History Museum. Where I mainly learned about how to create my own tech start-up and how to manage and source financing for my own business one day. We had two workshops that included more practical learning, that was hands on and had real life case studies about Game Theory in business. We also had a headline address from Rory Sutherland and he spoke about business chance and opportunity. These lessons, workshops and headline address have majorly influenced my decision on what I would want to possibly pursue in the future and what to study at university, which is also the main reason why I went.

This was a wonderful academic journey but the highlight of this experience was networking and connecting with people from over 30+ different countries, experiencing being truly independent for the first time and traveling. This program is so international that almost everyone was from a different country, I found it so comforting to know that even though we think we are so different from the person sitting next to us, you can actually realise how much you have in common with them and how easy it is to connect and make friends.

The friendships I have formed on this program will forever stay in my heart. Alongside having great friends, together we go to explore the city of Oxford and see the beautiful historic colleges of the University of Oxford. We attended numerous activities and extracurriculars like punting, capture the flag, football and yoga.

They took us on an excursion day to London, where they gave us a city tour of Buckingham Palace, St James's Park, numerous parliament buildings and the Big Ben. The summer I spent in Oxford truly shaped my future and who I am as a person and this experience not only taught me so many things about Economics and Finance but also about myself. I cannot express how truly thankful I am for this experience and cannot wait to visit Oxford again.

I highly recommend to other Stanfordians to attend a program like this if you are unsure of what to study in the future or if you want to network and connect with many different people around the world and to have a life changing summer.

- Ruby Fair



CHESS

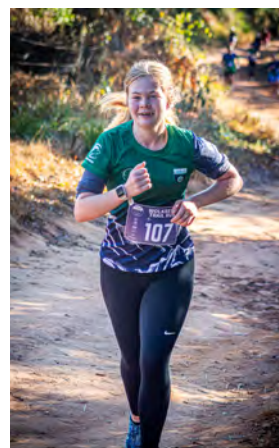
Congratulations to our Junior Chess Team, who secured an impressive 2nd place at the Mopani District High School League. Their focus, skill, and determination throughout the tournament made us incredibly proud. Well done to all our young players for representing the school with such excellence!





Wolkberg Trail Run

We had a record turnout of runners over the two days at the Wolkberg Trail Run! Our Badger Trail Runners competed with great enthusiasm, smashing personal bests across longer distances. The event was a fantastic day of sport, camaraderie, and fun, with teachers joining in the excitement alongside our students. Congratulations to everyone who took part—your energy and determination made this a truly memorable weekend!



SOCCKER VS MITCHELL HOUSE

Our soccer teams enjoyed an exciting series of matches against Mitchell House, showcasing skill, determination, and true team spirit.

1st Team: Dominated the game with a 5-0 victory, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sharp attacking play.

U15 A: Faced a tough contest, narrowly missing out with a 1-2 result, but showed great resilience throughout.

U15 B: Claimed a well-deserved 2-0 win, with strong defensive work and clinical finishing.

We are incredibly proud of all our players for their commitment, sportsmanship, and effort on the field. Moments like these reflect the heart and spirit of our school teams, and we look forward to many more thrilling matches ahead.



NATIONAL CULINARY SKILLS Showcase 2025



Diane Griffiths secures 2nd Place at National Culinary Showcase

At the prestigious Feedem National Culinary Skills Showcase Event, Diane impressed the judges with her creativity, flavour, and skill. Competing against over 120 national teams, she advanced to Round 2 and delivered a stunning multi-sensory menu that earned her 2nd place in the country.

We are extremely proud of Diane's remarkable achievement and the dedication she has shown in perfecting her craft. Congratulations, Diane – what an inspiring accomplishment!



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

Badger of the Week
Congratulations to Robert Noel, our Badger of the Week! Robert successfully completed his first 25km trail run and made us incredibly proud by being the first Stanfordian to finish, securing an impressive 4th place overall on the day. Well done, Robert—your determination and achievement are an inspiration to us all!

