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From The Sports Desk

"Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory." — William Barclay

2026 In Retrospect

In the rush of a busy sporting calendar, it is easy to lose sight of what we have achieved. Between early-morning practices, weekend fixtures, travel, selections and the constant planning that keeps a programme like ours running, one season blends into the next and we rarely pause to celebrate how far we have come. So, as 2026 draws to a close, I would like to take on a short journey look back at the year in retrospect.

The year began on the athletics track, and it could hardly have started better. Our athletes claimed the Independent Schools Trophy for the 11th year in a row, extending a remarkable run built on a proud tradition. That success carried beyond our own region, as Mika Jones, Olivier Turner and Tiger Peniston went on to represent Limpopo at the South African Championships, competing against the very best in the country.

The winter codes picked up where athletics left off. Our rugby teams had an exceptional season, with both the U/15 and U/16 teams battling their way through to their finals, a well-deserved reward for two hard working groups. On the hockey fields the story was just as impressive. Across both boys and girls, 48 of our players earned Limpopo colours, a figure that speaks volumes about the strength of hockey at the College, our U/16 Boys Finished third in the Limpopo league and the U/14 boys finished fourth and through this both teams qualified for their respective Noordvaal tournaments where they went on to face the best schools around Gauteng, Northwest and Mpumalanga.

The third term kept the momentum going across an even wider range of sports. Our tennis teams finished third in their pools, and the boys carried that form into the St Peter's Festival, where they finished third overall. Our footballers were equally competitive, with the boys' team finishing third in the league and both the U/15 side and the first girls' team finishing second. Our cricketers, too, can be proud of their season; both teams finished third in the league after narrowly losing their semi-finals, and those tight contests will only fuel their hunger for next year. In the pool, our swim team rounded off the term with a commendable fourth-place finish at the Inter-High Gala.

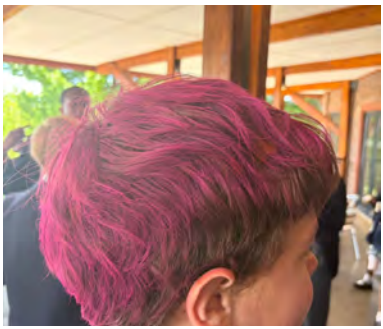
Alongside these team performances, several pupils earned individual recognition. Christian Jacobs was selected for the U/17 Limpopo Rural Week cricket team, Robert Noel represented Limpopo at the South African National Championships. Away from the traditional fields, Ludwick Esterhuizen and Kabelo Ledwaba went on and added an international flavour to the year as they represented South Africa in fly fishing and Motorcross respectively.

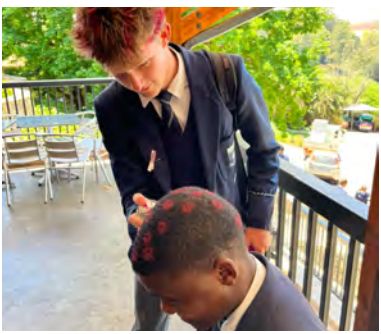
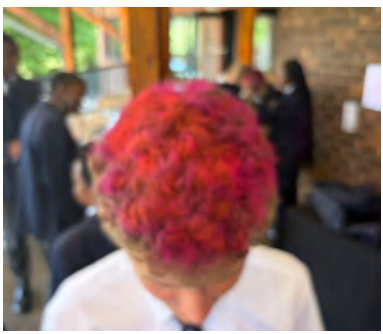
Looking back, it is evident that 2026 has been a year worth celebrating. Behind every result lies a pupil who chose to show up, train hard, support their teammates and handle both victory and defeat with grace. None of it would be possible without our dedicated coaches, staff and parents, and to each of you we say a heartfelt thank you.

Mr Tatenda Mabayah
Head of Sport

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Our Pastoral Care team hosted a pink-filled Sprayathon in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Learners joined in by spraying their hair pink and showing their support for the cause. A fun way to spread awareness and stand together! 💗


GIVING BACK

Community service is an important part of being a Stanfordian, because our values matter. Our students raised funds and collected food for the Tzaneen SPCA, then visited to deliver their generous donation and spend time with the dogs and cats.

We are proud of our students for showing compassion and making a difference in the lives of animals in need.



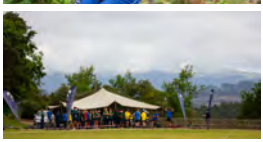


MOUNTAIN BIKE RIVALRY

Experienced and novice riders alike took to the course, earning valuable points for their Sport Houses. It was a pleasure to see our students rise to the challenge and keep pedalling through steep climbs, drops, winding single track and thick grass.

We applaud every rider who took part and showed that an adventurous spirit runs through our school. Well done to Team Orvis on the win!














STAFF ROOM FUN



Monday morning brought a little surprise for Mr Jacobs! Staff were invited to bring their morning coffee in anything but a mug and see how long it would take him to spot the joke. A fun start to the week, with plenty of laughs !

ENDURO KOM

Nathan Berrie – Snow & Rock 2026

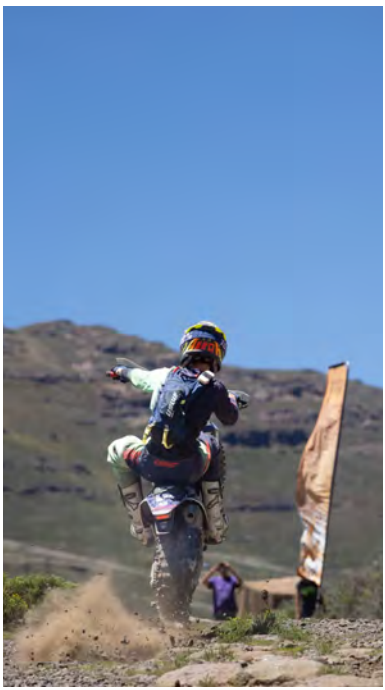
Congratulations to Nathan Berrie on an outstanding performance at the Snow & Rock Enduro Event, held in the mountains of Lesotho.

The event featured extremely challenging technical terrain, with only two riders managing to complete the entire route. Nathan was one of them!

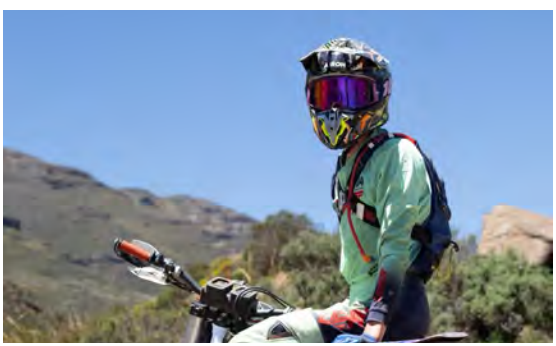
He also claimed victory in the King of the Hill Challenge and was awarded the Mountain Goat Award for his impressive riding ability on the demanding mountain terrain.

An incredible achievement that reflects Nathan's determination, skill and perseverance.









BADGER OF THE WEEK

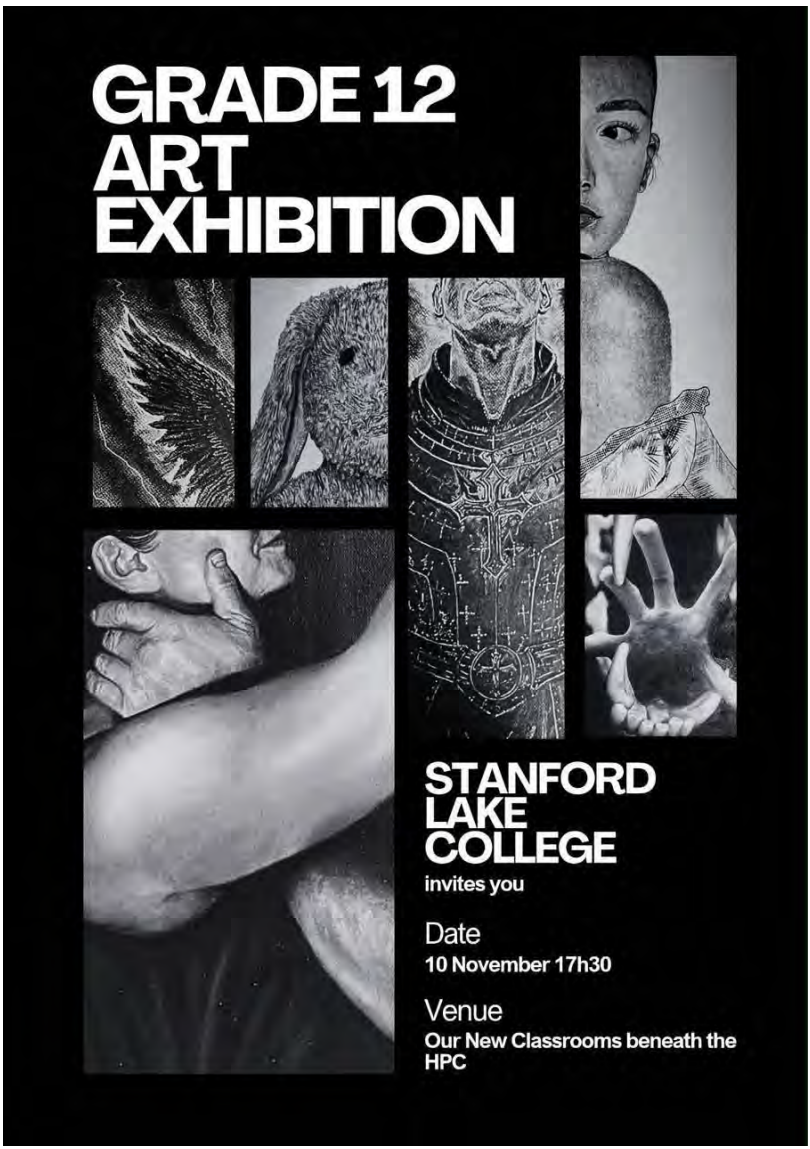
Badger of the Week: Nathan Berrie
Nathan was one of only two riders to complete the challenging Snow & Rock Enduro route in Lesotho. He also won the King of the Hill Challenge and received the Mountain Goat Award. Congratulations, Nathan!

ART EXHIBITION

Matric Art Exhibition

After years of inspiration and creativity, our Matric Art students are ready to share their work with you. Parents are warmly invited to visit the exhibition, enjoy a glass of wine and cheese, and celebrate the students' artistic journey.

Guests will also have the opportunity to view our new classrooms and the Boy Day Scholar House—spaces we are very proud of. We look forward to welcoming you to campus!



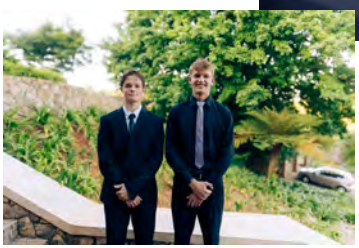
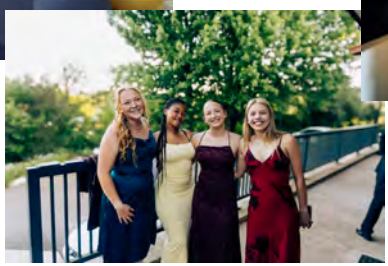
FINAL DINNER

As the year draws to a close, the students dressed up for a special dinner together. They shared pizza, mocktails, laughter and conversation, celebrating a successful year and enjoying time together before exams begin.

Living and learning in a house creates friendships and bonds that last for years. The evening was a lovely chance to relax, reconnect and celebrate the community they have built.









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Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

09 – 13 November

Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 09 Nov	Choir	14:00 - 15:30	LO Class	Renee
	Junior Girls Netball	14:00 - 16:00	Netball Court	LM, EVA, RB
	Senior Girls Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	KH, CR
	Senior Boys Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	TM, IC
	Junior Boys Rugby	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	OH, JJN, NH
	Grade 8 English Extra Lessons	14:30 - 16:00	KO Class	KO
	Grade 8 Mathematics Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:15	JH Class	JH
	Grade 11 Mathematics	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 Mathematical Literacy/ Physical Sciences P1 Examinations	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Tshivenda P3 Examination	14:00 - 16:00	DAD	SJW
	Grade 11 CAT / Visual Art Theory Examinations	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 8 Art Examination	11:10 - 13:00	SS/JN Class	GVS
	Grade 9 English P1	07:30 - 10:40	KO/CR Class	GVS
Tuesday 10 Nov	Gr 12 Art Exhibition	17:30	New Class Room HPC	ET
	Senior Girls Netball	14:00 - 16:00	Netball Courts	TP, AJ, KF
	Junior Boys Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	XJH
	Junior Girls Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	JH, AG, CR
	Senior Boys Rugby 3	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	SJW, PJB
	Grade 9 English Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	KO Class	KO
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Senior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:30	CR Class	CR
	Grade 11 Life Sciences P1 Examination	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 11 Further Studies English	14:00 - 16:00	DAD	SJW
	Grade 12 Mathematics P2	08:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 8 Afrikaans / Sepedi Examination	07:30 - 10:40	SS/JN Class	GVS
	Grade 9 LS Prac examination	11:10 - 13:00	NCN class	XJH/KSH/NCN

Wednesday 11 Nov	**Top Field**			
	Grade 8 & 9 Boys - Conditioning	14:00 - 15:00	Top Field	XJH, OH, JJN, IC, NH
	Grade 8 & 9 Girls - Conditioning	14:00 - 15:00	Top Field	JH, AG, LM
	Grade 10 & 11 Girls - Agility & Speed	14:00 - 14:45	Top Field	KH, CR, TP
	Grade 10 & 11 Boys - Agility & Speed	14:45 - 16:00	Top Field	TJM, PJB, SJW
	GYM			
	Grade 10 & 11 Boys - Strength & Conditioning	14:00 14:45	HPC	TJM, PJB, SJW
	Grade 10 & 11 Girls - Strength & Conditioning	14:45 - 16:00	HPC	KH, CR, TP
	Selected Athletes - Hurdles	15:00 -16:00	HPC	Cornel
	Swimming	14:00 -16:00	HPC	KO
	PS lesson by appointment	14:00 - 15:00	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 Maths	14:00 - 15:00	NNM and MCE Class	NNM, MCE
	Grade 9 Maths	14:00 - 15:00	JH Class	JH
	Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45	TN Class	Academic Com
	Junior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	CR Class	CR
	Grade 10 CAT / IT / Visual Art Theory Examinations	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 12 History P2	08:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 8 Study day in venues	All Day	SS/JN Class	GVS
	Grade 9 History / Geography examination	07:30 - 10:40	KO/CR Class	GVS
Thursday 12 Nov	Cricket	14:00 - 16:00	DAD Centre	CM, SJW, TJM
	Jnr boys & Girls and Snr Athletics Team	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	KH,TP, SJW, JH, TJM, KN, KO,PJB, CR, JJN,NM, GVS, CR, AG, NN, BA, NH, XJH, MM
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 11 History / Accounting P1 Examination	07:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Afrikaans / Tshivenda P2 Examinations	07:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 12 English HL P1	08:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 11 Accounting P2 Examination	14:00 - 16:00	DAD	SJW
	Grade 8 Maths P1	07:30 - 10:40	SS/JN Class	GVS
	Grade 9 study day in venues	All Day	KO/CR Class	GVS
Friday 13 Nov	Grade 8 Study day	All Day	SS/JN Class	GVS
	Grade 11 Afrikaans/ Sepedi P2 Examination	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Life Sciences P2 Examination	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 9 Maths P1	07:30 - 10:41	KO/CR Class	GVS
