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Round Square

Greetings from the Round Square representatives!

At Stanford, Round Square is about learning beyond the classroom, connecting with the world and developing the skills and values to make a positive difference. Guided by the six IDEALS of International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service, we offer students opportunities to grow, challenge themselves and learn from others.

Conferences
Round Square conferences bring together students from across the globe through discussions, debates, guest speakers and service activities. Over the past three years, our students have attended conferences in Cape Town, Kenya, Dubai and Bogotá. In 2027, the international conference will take place in England, offering another exciting opportunity to connect with the global Round Square community.

Postcards
Round Square Postcards connect our students virtually with peers from schools around the world. Through student-led discussions on topics such as environmental sustainability, mental health and local cultures, our Stanfordians share ideas, discover different perspectives and build international friendships without leaving the classroom.

The Exchange Programme
Exchanges allow students to live and study at another Round Square school, experiencing a different culture while developing independence and adaptability. Hosting international students also brings new perspectives to our own campus. In 2025, we sent 14 students on exchange to countries including Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany and England.

Service Projects
The Round Square service projects give students the opportunity to work alongside others and contribute to communities in need. We have previously sent students to Thailand and Vietnam, and in July 2027, our next project will take place in Rwanda. Over two weeks, our students can join approximately 50 young people from Round Square schools worldwide, putting their phones aside to focus on teamwork, community engagement and meaningful service.

For some students, these projects are just as valuable as an exchange, offering a chance to step outside their comfort zones, gain new perspectives and make a practical difference.

If any of these Round Square opportunities are of interest to your family, please contact the Round Square representatives at rsrep@slc.co.za for more information.

Mrs K. Forrest and Ms. C. Reddy

EXCHANGE NEWS Juliette Leher

I've been on exchange for just over 6 weeks now; but it feels like no time at all. Schule Schloss Salem (the school that I'm in) has welcomed me with open arms, and has hosted me in their community as if I was one of their own students. Mrs. Peters, the head of Round Square, has been incredibly kind and has been supportive of my every need. She really has gone above and beyond to make me feel welcomed into Salem's community. And for her, I am incredibly grateful.

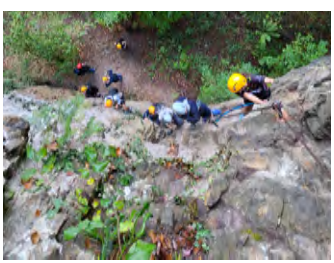
At first I was worried about whether or not I would get along with people, and whether our culture differences would separate me from everyone else. But I soon found out that the more I was interested in other people's perceptions, the more they are open to sharing them. As long as you are curious and truly care about their opinions, they are more than happy to have you around.
Salem is an international school located in southern Germany, with kids from all over the world. It has a student body spanning from Australia through Africa, all over Europe and in South America.
I've made some wonderful friends who live all over the world.
Including the other exchanges who were there when I arrived, Megan, Hamish, Charlie and Henry, who are all Australian. I got very close with Megan very quickly, and Charlie feels more like a brother to me.

Hamish, deciding he loved Salem, enrolled at the school within his first two weeks of exchange.
Since I have arrived, I've participated in the outdoor club, the art club, the fire brigade and swimming. In the outdoor club, we went to Austria to hike in the via Ferrata mountains, which was a beautiful day trip, and only slightly slippery. We plan on doing another hike in November in the Alps. I have gotten to know a few of the teachers really well, and I love my mentor (house mistress); an American lady with bright pink hair and a fiery personality.

My host family lives in Switzerland, but I've only been able to spend one weekend with them, and because Emilia (my exchange) is in the German syllabus system, I haven't had much time with her, and we've had no classes together, but in the bits of time I've had with her, she has been very sweet. Although, I tend to see my exchange's brother, Moritz, quite a lot. He is a young boy, full of attitude and spark and is very witty. I am grateful for my host family's hospitality.

I've cherished every minute I've spent at Salem. I'm very grateful for this opportunity. And I look forward to being able to spend the rest of my exchange at Salem.









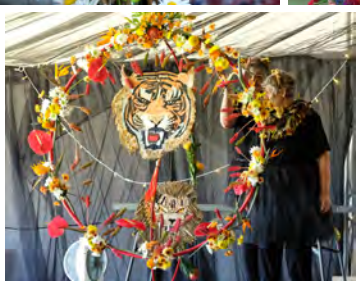
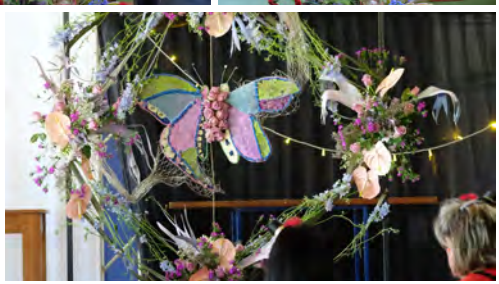
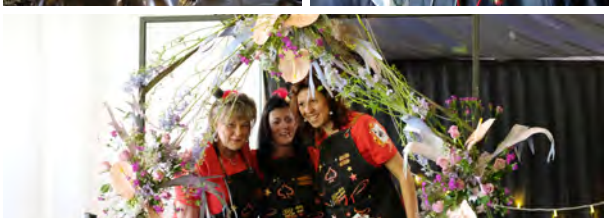
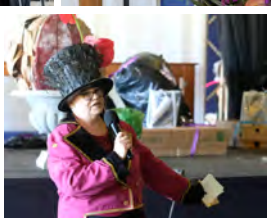
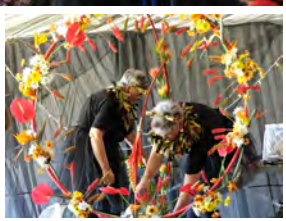
LA CHANSON DE FLEURS

Our Annual Charity Flower Show was a Circus of Blooms! Thank you to everyone who joined us for a lovely morning of tea and cakes, beautiful floral displays and a show-stopping flower arrangement.

Together, we raised R36,000 for Tzaneen SPCA, Haenertsburg Garden Cottages and Goue Jare. Thank you for your generous support!





WELCOME

Ms Sanel Botha – Junior Art Teacher



We are delighted to welcome Sanel Botha to our school community as our new Junior Art Teacher. Sanel holds a Diploma in Musical Theatre and Dance and is currently completing her Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) specializing in Creative and Dramatic Arts. With practical teaching experience across Grades 6 through 12, a rich background in the performing arts, and strong organizational skills.

She brings a dynamic blend of creativity, structure, and enthusiasm to the classroom. Sanel is passionate about nurturing each learner's artistic confidence and self-expression, and she looks forward to contributing to our Arts department and the broader co-curricular life of the school.

DUTCH HOCKEY

During the recent holidays, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to the Netherlands for hockey.
Going to the Netherlands was a dream come true because hockey is not just a sport there - it is a way of life. In South Africa we are used to playing on school fields, but in Holland, every small town has its own massive hockey club with hundreds of players, from 6-year-olds to grandparents. I trained with [Pinoke hockey club as well as SCHC], and the level of skill, speed and discipline was on another level.

What struck me the most was the intensity and the detail. Training was twice a day, and every drill had a purpose. We worked a lot on basics ,first touch, 3D skills, and decision making under pressure. The girls were so technically good but also so humble and welcoming.

Off the field, it was just as special. I got to experience Dutch culture, try stroopwafels, and see how independent and active people are.
This tour taught me more than just hockey. It taught me resilience, independence, and that if you want to compete with the best in the world, you have to think like the best. I came back more confident and motivated for the season ahead.

Written by Phathu Tshivhula















BADGER OF THE WEEK

Badger of the Week—or should we say Cricketer of the Season!
Christian Jacobs led the SLC T20 team to a fantastic victory over Bochum Hub this weekend, scoring an impressive 78 not out. A brilliant innings and a standout performance—well played, Christian!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our recent blood drive on campus brought together students, staff and members of the community in support of saving lives. Although our Matrics were unable to donate, we had a wonderful turnout from across the school community. Thank you to everyone who took part and gave the gift of life.







RAFTING ADVENTURE






HOCKEY CLINIC



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Stanford Lake College
Weekly Notice

02 – 06 November

Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 02 Nov	Day 7			
	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
	Mathematical Literacy Grade 12	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Physical Sciences Grade 12	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 10 History / Accounting examination	7:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 11 Swot Leave	All day		
Tuesday 03 Nov	Day 1			
	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 Mathematics P1 Examination	7:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Life Orientation Examination	7:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
Wednesday 04 Nov	Day 2			
	Voting Day (Normal School Day)			
	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 Life Sciences P1 Examination	7:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 11 Business Studies Examination	7:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
Thursday 05 Nov	Day 3			
	Boarding House Formal	17:30 - 18:30	Dining Hall	
	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 English P1 Examination	7:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Afrikaans / Sepedi / Tshivenda P1 Examinations	7:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW

Friday 06 Nov	Day 4			
	Life Sciences Grade 12 P2	8:30 - 11:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 11 Afrikaans/ Sepedi P1 Examination	7:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 Mathematics P1 Examinations	7:30 -10:40	DAD	SJW