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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ DHS Becomes Matric Marking Centre with Limited Access: 29 November to 18 December
- ◆ Reports Issued for Grades 8-11 : 7 & 8 December
- ◆ Holiday Activities
- ◆ Matric Results Released
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Tour to Grey Festival
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Pre-Season Camp
- ◆ Grade 8 Leadership Camp
- ◆ Grade 8 Orientation

## Leadership Camp

With their final examinations for the year behind them, the prefects and RCL boys gathered on Sandford Field in a relaxed mood, ready to set off for Spirit of Adventure under the supervision of Ms Steytler and Mr Liddell.

Upon arrival at Shongweni Dam, the young men were immediately split into teams and set to task, scaling a 20 metre vertical rock-face blindfolded, with only their partners' instructions to guide them. This exercise helped them all to appreciate how important it is to communicate clearly with team members.

After their campfire dinner they enjoyed an activity called Nightline, in which they completed an arduous obstacle course, blindfolded again, listening only to the cajoling voices of the leaders of each group. The physical activity (and hot chocolate) ensured sound sleep that night.

The following morning, after an intensive task management session, the boys took to the

water, rafting, climbing and rock jumping. They then spent the afternoon exercising their brains trying to solve some challenging problems. The camp culminated in the objective-setting session that evening, with a Leo Buscaglia video setting the tone, and discussion deep into the night.

The final day dawned on a review of the objectives set the night before, and a last burst of physical activity in the form of a rap jump down the dam wall. The trip back to school was a blast of 80s hits, thanks to our ebullient driver, Leon. This really set the mood for the holidays, a time to relax and reflect on what was learnt.

This combination of team-building and leadership theory is just what the Durban High School student leaders needed for a constructive and exciting 2018, ably led by Zak, Mpilo and Ethan.

Many thanks go to Ms Steytler for her assistance on this adventure.

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## Weeks Ahead

Wednesday 29 November

DHS Becomes Matric Marking  
Centre: 29 November to 18  
December

Thursday 7 December

Reports Issued for Grades 8-11 :  
09h00 - 12h00

Friday 8 December

Reports Issued for Grades 8-11 :  
08h00 to 09h30

Tuesday 5 January

Matric Results to be Released by  
Department of Education

### Holiday Activities

1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket to attend Grey  
Festival : 10 - 14 January 2018

1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Pre-Season Camp :  
11 to 14 January

12-14 January 2018

Grade 8 Leadership Camp : Spirit of  
Adventure

Sunday 14 January 2018

Grade 8 Bell Ringing Ceremony :  
10h30 @ DHS

15-16 January 2018

Grade 8 Orientation @ DHS

Wednesday 17 January 2018

School Starts for 2018

### 2018 School Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Term: 17 January to 28 March

2<sup>nd</sup> Term: 10 April to 22 June

3<sup>rd</sup> Term: 17 July to 28 September

4<sup>th</sup> Term: 9 October to 12 December

### Long Weekends in 2018

27 April to 2 May

9 to 12 August

22 to 24 September

## Leadership Camp cont'd







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