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From the Acting Head Master's Desk

Compliments of the season to the Durban High School Community!

Durban High School looks ahead to another successful year. The Management, Administrative and Estate teams returned to work on 5 January. The National Senior Certificate results were released on 5 January. We are happy with the results which reflected a 87,15% Bachelors Pass rate. Our learners achieved 20 A aggregates, 45 B aggregates and 59 C aggregates. Our subject symbols were as follows: A - 242, B - 293, C - 333.

On Friday 6 January we learnt of the unexpected passing of Mr Roy Cowgill a highly respected and loved teacher and member of our staff. We were also notified of the sudden death of Mr Colin Pay, a retired staff member while on a family visit to the UK. Our thoughts and prayers are with their loved ones and friends. Deo Fretus, Roy and Colin. *(Tributes on page 3.)*

The 2017 Grade 8s arrived two days early on Monday 9 January for their orientation which ran very smoothly and was well conducted by Mr S Cele and Mr R Smyth and the Prefect Body, under the guidance of Mr Mathie and Ms Smith. To our new Grade 8s, gentlemen, I wish you well and I encourage you to make full use of every opportunity you will be presented with during your time at School.

Wednesday saw the formal start of the School year and I would like to thank the entire Durban High School team for ensuring that the school was ready for all

our young gentlemen. Teaching commenced in earnest one day one.

Our Vision is: Developing Gentlemen of Character. I received a very pleasing email from a parent from Woodridge about our 1st XI cricketers during their recent tour to Grey High. This email affirms what we strive to achieve in our young men. Well done to the 1st XI and their coaches. *(Read email on page 4.)*

While I am writing this article Hashim Amla, one of our prominent Old Boys, is still batting at the Wanderers and is 125 not out in his 100th Test for the Proteas. He thus becomes the eighth batsman to score a century in his 100th Test. We are extremely proud of all of Hashim's records and achievements but most proud of the gentlemanly manner in which he conducts himself on and off the field. He is a credit to our School.

2017 is a very exciting year for Durban High School as we opened the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre in November 2016 and will officially open the Victor Daitz Maths and Science Centre on the 22 February.

I would like to wish the DHS community a successful and happy year.

Alan Norton
Acting Head Master





Congratulations to Hassen Moorad (left) and Joshua Spooner who both achieved a 92% average for their NSC, with Joshua 2 marks ahead of Hassen. Hassen received an award from the Department of Education for placing in the Top 5 in KZN for Maths



The Class of 2016 were delighted to receive their excellent final NSC results!

Class of 2016 Matric Results

Congratulations must go to the Matric Class of 2016 on their excellent Matric results!

In 2016, we registered 187 boys for the National Senior Certificate examinations, with 185 of our boys being resultted - two learners results are incomplete due to illness. 179 DHS boys passed their matriculation examinations, with four failures, which is a 98% pass rate; and 156 received Bachelor passes which is 87%.

We are particularly pleased with the 87% Bachelor pass rate, which is up from 75% last year.

Our top 2 learners, Joshua Spooner and Hassen Moorad did exceptionally well, both receiving 92% averages.

Hassen was invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the ICC where he was presented with an award for being in the Top 5 in KZN for Mathematics.

Joshua remains Dux as he received 2 more points than Hassen.

Their final marks were as follows:

Joshua Spooner:

ENGL 92%, AFRFA 92%, MATH 97%, LIFE 92%, GEOG 94%, PHSC 90%, VSLA 91%

Hassen Moorad:

ENGL 83%, AFRFA 90%, MATH 99%, LIFE 92%, ACCN 96%, ECON 95%, PHSC 93%

Of the 1280 subject symbols that were awarded:

242 were A symbols (19%),
293 were B symbols (23%),
333 were C symbols (26%)
196 were D symbols (15%)
139 were E symbols (11%)
51 were F symbols (4%)

Subjects in which 30% and over of the boys received As are as follows:

isiZulu	57%
Drama	68%
Accounting	31%
IT	33%

Most pleasing were the averages in many of the subjects, with Drama, IT, isiZulu, LO all having averages of over 70%.

The following boys excelled:

- 7 As Hassen Moorad (92%), Langelihle Mthembu (86%), Amaan Ramanand (88%), Sahil Ramsaran (87%), Muhammad Randeree (88%), Joshua Spooner (92%), Muhammad Vorajee (86%), Steven Waites (86%)
- 6 As Dillon Moodley (85%), Mohammed Moolla (87%), Akash Reedoy (84%), Dylan Young (83%)
- 5 As Andrew Elliott (84%), Hamza Essop (87%), Odwa Phakathi (81%), Yusuf Rasad (86%)
- 4 As Muhammad Elias (81%), Nabeel Kadwa (80%), Yashil Soni (79%), Ryan Thaver (81%)
- 3 As Ali Ahmed Mahomed (74%), Joshua Arnold (78%), Ethan Hulett (75%), Akshay Issoor (76%), Jarred Kellerman (73%), Roshenlin Naidu (73%), Nikhil Nathoo (78%), Muhamed Patel (80%), Michael Paul (76%), Nicholas Vine (78%),

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 on your achievements!

Deo Fretus

Tribute to Roy Cowgill

It is with great sadness and deep shock that we learnt today of the unexpected passing of Mr Roy Cowgill after a short illness.

Mr Cowgill was a highly respected and loved teacher and member of staff. He was promoted to Durban High School as Senior Assistant in the Biology Department, teaching Biology and General Science in 1978.

In 1994, he was promoted to Head of Department in Biology and retired in 1997. He then returned to Durban High School in 2011 to teach Life Sciences and Natural Sciences. Not only was he a wonderful teacher but he was also involved in many co-curricular activities, especially

the Outdoor Society. He took many boys to various areas of KZN on numerous educational tours.

Mr Cowgill had a deep love of the environment and is a published author of three books on the Birds of KZN. He was an Honorary Officer with the KZN Wildlife and a member of the Mitchell Park Trust. He was involved in many other activities, including Scouting, Life Line, and other projects.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. His passing is a huge loss to our School and he will be greatly missed by the Durban High School family.

Deo Fretus, Roy!



Tribute to Colin Pay

The sudden death of Colin Pay while on a visit to family in Leeds, UK was most unexpected. When one talks of DHS, its ethos and traditions, one name that immediately springs to mind- is Colin Pay. Colin's father was an OB, and Colin was an OB of the 1960' and spent his whole teaching life, from 1970 to 1997 at DHS. Colin was an enthusiast and had his own views on education, sport, bridge and rugby referees - and was never shy to express them! Not for nothing was he often referred to by his Zulu name *Ubhejane* - the rhinoceros.

Colin was a keen rugby and cricket coach and coached 1st XV rugby and accompanied the 1983 1st XV on the School's first overseas sports tour to England and Wales. However, cricket was his passion and he was the respected coach of the 1st XI from 1985 to 1992. During this time he coached two Springboks in Richard Snell and Lance Klusener, and was never happier than when able to spend time on the Theobald Oval. In 1995 he accompanied the 1st XI as tour manager to England.

After arriving at DHS Colin completed his BSc degree and became an admired Physical Science teacher, eventually becoming HOD of a respected department which saw many DHS boys achieving the top positions in the Matric exam. He was also an innovator and was the first person to realise the benefits of the computer and ushered DHS into the computer age.

Colin became part of the Management team at DHS and as an administrator he showed great insight and a keen eye for detail which enabled the smooth running of the School in his role as HOD and Acting Deputy Principal.

Perhaps the words 'school teacher' best describe Colin. He put his heart and soul into DHS and the School was made immeasurably richer for his contribution in the classroom and on the sports field.

Outside of "School" Colin's great interest was playing bridge at which he excelled. As a devoted family man and father, Colin showed his love, humanity and generous nature. Our heartfelt

sympathy goes to Carol, and his daughters and their families.

Colin retired from DHS and education at the end of 1997.

Another of the Old Guard has passed on.

Deo Fretus, Colin!

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The Weeks Ahead

Friday 15 January

Grade 8 Campout
Staff Team Building Evening
BE Orientation : Closed Weekend

Tuesday 17 January

Inter-House Gala : 08h30-10h00
Grade 11 Information Evening
:17h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Wednesday 18 January

Grade 10 Information Evening :
17h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Thursday 19 January

Grade 9 HPM Test #1
Grade 9 Information Evening :
17h30 : DC Thompson Hall
Cricket vs Krugersdorp : 1st XI, 2nd
XI, U16A

Friday 20 January

Class Captains Workshop
Gala @ Clifton 8x50m Time Trial

Saturday 21 January

Cricket vs Sunfoil
BE Closed Weekend

Sunday 22 January

BE Family Braai : 14h00

Monday 23 January

Blood Drive : 08h30-14h00 : DC
Thompson Hall
Golf vs Kearsney @ Cotswold Down

Tuesday 24 January

Inter-House Athletics - Track Events
: 11h00
Grade 12 Information Evening :
17h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Wednesday 25 January

Grade 12 Class and Individual
Photographs
Prefect & RCL Photographs
Gala : DHS & Hilton Programme #1

Thursday 26 January

Senior Debating #1

Friday 27 January

Poetry : Open Mic : Seabrooke's
Grade 12 Coca Cola Excursion

Saturday 30 January

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs
Hilton (h)

Email from Woodridge Parents

I and many parents of Woodridge College in Port Elizabeth who were at the cricket game between our 2 schools on Saturday the 7th of January, would like to commend you and your school on the boys and coaches you sent down to our neck of the woods. Wow what gentlemen in every aspect. You can be so proud of these boys, not only the way they play the

game, but their manners and actions off the field as well.

We had a very humorous conversation with a fine young man on the third man boundary, who made sure he kept us entertained. Every time any of us walked passed your dugout, every boy without fail jumped up and greeted us, so seldom seen these days. Over the duration of

the festival we played 4 top schools from around the country and Durban High School in the parents' opinion was by far what stood out for us.

WELL DONE SIR on creating fine gentlemen at your school
HATS OFF TO YOU.

Best Regards
Woodridge Parents

Congratulations Hash!

Congratulations to DHS Old Boy, Hashim Amla, who has once again done us proud!

Hash not only played his 100th game for the Proteas, but also scored a century during his innings!

He became the eighth South African to play 100 Tests, and also became the eighth player to score a century in that landmark match when he reached three

figures in the final Test against Sri Lanka on Thursday. He ended the day undefeated on 125.

As humble as ever, Hash said "I'm really grateful to reach 100 Tests. But to be very honest, in the last couple of Tests, I've not scored runs, (so coming into the game) my focus was on scoring runs," said Amla.

Well done, Hash!



<http://www.iol.co.za/sport/cricket/proteas/mighty-hashes-100-in-100th-7397208>

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