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Latest from the Acting Head Master

On Wednesday 22 February at 10h30 the official opening ceremony for The Victor Daitz Maths and Science Centre was held in the new Science Lecture Room. It was a very special occasion and a significant day in our School's history. We hosted many Trustees and members of The Victor Daitz Foundation, Mr BH Ntuli, our District Director, members of the Durban High School Governing Body, members of The DHS Foundation, prominent Old Boys, Principals and staff from various schools in Durban, members of the press, contractors involved in the project and the staff of Durban High School.

Mr Mike Fennell welcomed everyone to the function and then introduced Mr Louis Arde. Mr Arde recalled several stories of staff and boys from the past and what they got up to in the Science Block. Our Head Boy, Phendulani Buthelezi, then outlined the life and career of Mr Victor Daitz and his tremendous contribution to society but especially in the fields of Maths and Science. Mr Winston Owen, Chairman of the SGB then thanked The Victor Daitz Foundation for their generous contribution to Durban High School.

Mr Sam Abrahams, the Chairman of The Victor Daitz Foundation then gave an emotional address about his days at Durban High School and thanked all of his Trustees.

Mr Alan Norton then thanked Mr Abrahams and his fellow Trustees on behalf of the staff and learners of Durban High School for the fantastic facility. Mr Norton also thanked the various contractors, professionals and his staff who had been involved in the project from its planning stages, especially Mr Len Girodo. Ms Jeanette du Preez and her committee were thanked for organizing the function.

Mr Abrahams and his fellow Trustees then moved to the double doors at the main entrance of the Centre and cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the building.

All guests were then invited to walk through the facility before heading to The Seabrooke's Theatre Foyer where music, tea and eats were served.

On the evening of Thursday, 23 February the school participated in the D&D Gala and we came 6th out of six schools. All our swimmers gave their best in the pool and our supporters on the stands supported their team with great passion. I was very proud of our young gentlemen that night!

Alan Norton
Acting Head Master

Opening of The Victor Daitz Mathematics & Science Centre

The exciting transformation of the existing Science Block into The Victor Daitz Mathematics & Science Centre concluded on Wednesday, 22 March 2017 with the official opening ceremony taking place. This magnificent upgrade cost R6.6m and has been sponsored by very generous donations of R5.1m from The Victor Daitz Foundation and R1.5m from The DHS Foundation Trust.

The order of proceedings included an address by Mr Louis Ardé (CEO of The DHS Foundation Trust), Mr Winston Owen (Chairman of the DHS Governing Body), Phendulani Buthelezi (Head Prefect of DHS), as well as one by the special guest, Mr Sam Abrahams, Chairman of The Victor Daitz Foundation.

As the guest speaker and Chairman of the Daitz Foundation, Mr Abrahams was responsible for the cutting of the ribbon to mark the official opening of the centre. He was accompanied by his fellow trustee members, David Levin, David Simpson, Arnold Zulman and Brian Moshal, all of whom are DHS Old Boys.

Mr Abrahams is a very experienced professional. He

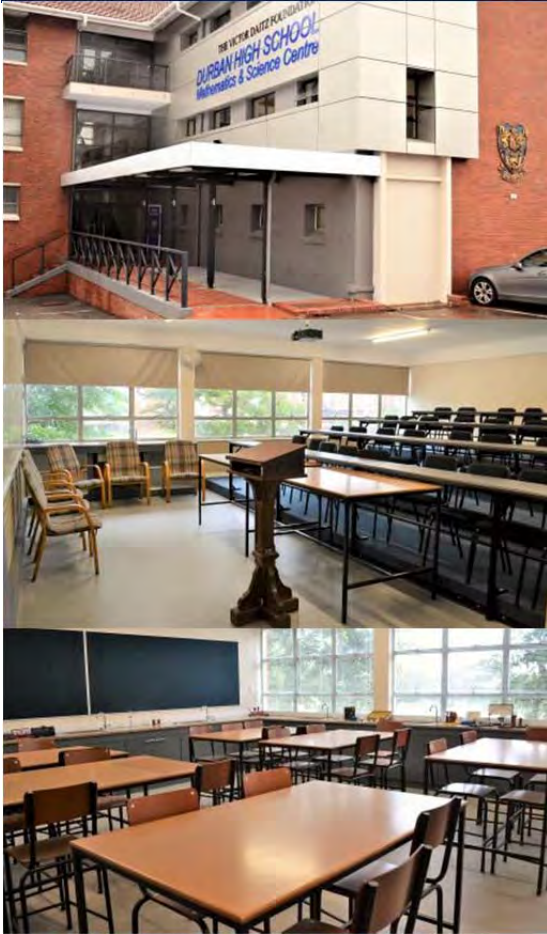
was formerly an international partner and South African managing partner of Arthur Andersen, current Chairman of Investec Securities (Pty) Ltd and holds a number of other prestigious titles. As a Durban High School Old Boy he was delighted to be able to assist in providing a facility that will allow for Mathematics and Science to flourish and thereby make another contribution towards fulfilling the wish of Mr Victor Daitz himself.

Mr Alan Norton (Acting Head Master of Durban High School) and Mr Mike Fennell (outgoing CEO of The DHS Foundation Trust) thanked all those that attended and said they looked forward to maintaining Durban High School as one of the leading schools in the country.

The Staff and Boys of Durban High School are delighted with this magnificent facility and are excited to start making full use of it. Our very grateful thanks to The Victor Daitz Foundation and to The DHS Foundation Trust.

Please refer to the DHS website or Facebook page to see more photographs.

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The Victor Daitz Mathematics & Science Centre



The Trustees of The Victor Daitz Foundation cut the ribbon at the entrance to the Mathematics & Science Centre



DHS Old Boys and Trustees of The Victor Daitz Foundation (from left) David Simpson, Brian Moshal, Sam Abrahams, David Levin and Arnold Zulman



Extra-Mural Results

RUGBY : 1st XV vs PIONIER

DHS 35 Pionier 7

The Horseflies started their pre-season fixtures with the 3.5 hour journey to Glencoe to take part in the Sarel Cilliers 45th Rugby Day. Their preparation saw them pitted against the area's strongest team, Pionier Hoerskool, notoriously known for their physicality.

However, it was to be a day where the DHS pack really stood up and dominated from start to finish. This was most evident in the scrum where props Mthokozisi Gumede and Sandile Nduzi showed their superiority. This translated into ruck time too where DHS were able to gain momentum through their interplay between the forwards. Grant Khomo player Celimpilo Gumede scored the opening try as he bounced off two defenders to start the points tally.

However, DHS had to rally hard after 10 minutes when lock Chris Coleman was sent off for a dump tackle. The team not only had to deal with the red card but also drew two yellow cards for dubious infringements. The numerical advantage for the opposition did not deter the Horseflies as they worked harder to ensure they covered for their team mates. Captain Phendulani Buthelezi led from the front and he was assisted admirably by SA Schools scrumhalf, Sanele Nohamba.

With DHS looking to move the ball, they conjured up another try from Craven Week wing Tonderai Ndudzo who coasted over after the forwards chipped away at the advantage line. Another try came the way of prop Sandile Nduzi after his fellow prop Gumede set him up with a lovely timed short pass.

The 2nd half saw Ndudzo score the try of the game running from his own 22m, fending off one player, stepping another and shirking the

tackle of a 3rd to score a fantastic solo effort.

The game was wrapped up by a break from Craven Week Centre, Onke Jiba, who found Nohamba with an inside pass before he stepped through to score. The DHS kickers Nohamba and Trent Askew converted all their opportunities on the day.

The game proved to be a great test of character for "School" and the trip back home was a happy one!

S Mathie

Head of Rugby/1st XV Rugby Coach

WATER POLO vs ST CHARLES

	DHS	St Charles
1 st	2	26
2 nd	3	15
U15A	2	12
U14A	4	10

After being on the receiving end for three consecutive weeks it was a refreshing change to dish it out to our opponents. We started at a furious rate and were on the scoreboard after only nineteen seconds, having won the swim off. At the end of the first quarter we were 0-6 up and playing good controlled polo.

We slackened off somewhat in the middle of the game as Coach Lawson used the opportunity to give everybody as much water time as possible. In the second chukka we scored a further three goals to which St Charles gained a single goal in reply. The third quarter was a much closer affair and in our eagerness to score we allowed them to score three goals on counter attacks although we managed five of our own to lead 14-4 going into the final chukka.

Although our opponents scored three goals in this final quarter we hammered home no less than ten of our own! The final whistle saw us run out deserved winners 24-7.

Scorers for us were:

Naicker (3), Whitfield (4), Robertson (Bedderson) (4), Kyprou A (4), Diedericks (3), Khan (3), Green (1), Whitehurst (1)

A Burt

M-i-C : Water Polo

CRICKET vs ST CHARLES

1st XI DHS 146
St Charles 148/8
DHS lost by 2 wickets

Saturday 18 February the DHS 1st XI took on St Charles. The format being declaration cricket, we won the toss and elected to bat first.

We set off well, reaching 50 runs in the 10th over with 1 wicket down. A steady run rate was maintained, we were set very well at 115 for 4 after 24 overs.

We then went through a period of madness where we lost 6 wickets for 31 runs, which meant that we didn't bat out our 60 overs as we were bowled out for 146 in 52 overs.

The target was always 200 runs, but it was also mentioned to the boys that a score of 180-190 would be very defendable. Not only did we not bat our 60 overs but we did not reach our targeted total.

We then had to go out and bowl 6 overs before lunch, and the message was to be aggressive with the field placing and bowlers had to attack a certain line. By lunch we had them 12 for 1 after the 6 overs. After lunch we grabbed another quick 2 wickets. At this stage the match was very much in the balance - they had a 45 run partnership which gave them the upper hand. The breakthrough came at the perfect time as we really needed a wicket. A bit more pressure was applied and with that came two more wickets. St Charles were 120 for 8, needing a
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further 27 runs to win; in this situation we had control of the game. There were three chances that were created, one fell in between 3 fielders as they all went for the catch then they realized that only one of them can go, so they all stopped and the ball fell in between all of them; the second one, a bit tough but should've been taken, was a dropped catch by the keeper standing up to the stumps; and the third one was a simple catch to point which was also put down.

We lost the match by 2 wickets. The fight showed by the DHS 1st XI was immense but they were made to understand the importance of closing off a game when the chances are there.

The word throughout the day was **intensity**, last week we worked with **character** and against St Charles I asked for character and a lot of intensity in everything that we do.

Well done to St Charles on the win, and for my team the hard work carries on.

2 nd XI	St Charles	532/6
	DHS	88
	DHS lost by 444 Wickets	
U16A	St Charles	
	DHS	
	DHS lost by Runs	
U16B	DHS	
	St Charles	
	DHS lost by Wickets	
U15A	St Charles	69
	DHS	72/5
	DHS lost by 5 wickets	
U15B	DHS	80
	St Charles	83/0
	DHS lost by 10 wickets	
U14A	DHS	36
	St Charles	37/1
	DHS lost by 9 Wickets	
U14B	DHS	54
	St Charles	55/1
	DHS lost by 9 wickets	
U14D	St Charles	270/7
	DHS	27
	DHS lost by 243 Runs	

BASKETBALL vs ST CHARLES

The most anticipated game of the season took place over the weekend, with DHS hosting the Saints from Pietermaritzburg. Fifteen years back these schools would play each other in big arenas such as DUT Durban or Pietermaritzburg and YMC Indoor Sports Center on Friday nights.

The Tip off match was at 12h20; the tip off was won by DHS who started attacking the defense of the visitors. St Charles were playing their 2-3 zone defenses and DHS managed to break it after a couple of seconds as they were struggling to read the weakness. Meanwhile the Saints lead by their point guard and former SA U16 player Philip managed to keep their heads up on the tempo that DHS were playing. At half time DHS were trailing by 5 points. The 2nd half DHS started like a house on fire, pushing the ball on breaks and playing proper defense. The last quarter of the game was on another level, with both teams attacking the bucket; DHS were up by 5 points with 3 minutes of the game left. Their decision to rush the game cost them the game as they their rushing led to turnovers. The opposition managed to capitalize on their mistakes and converting those turn overs into bucket after bucket. DHS started losing focus, their 3 key players were fouled out and coach ended up using the bench. This was a huge learning curve for this team. They will regroup and become better in all departments.

	DHS	St Charles
1 st	37	43
2 nd	9	45
U16A	14	15
U16B	16	28
U15A	19	27
U15B	31	08
U14A	4	31

U14B	28	13
U14C	19	20
U14D	9	4

GOLF vs CLIFTON

DHS	0	Clifton	8
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DYC Awards

Thomas Kempen and Samkelo Ntetha, DHS learners and members of The Durban Youth Council, were recently acknowledged for their receipt of awards at the DYC awards ceremony.

The Durban Youth Council is a non-profit and a-political organisation that aims at uplifting the lifestyle of Durban and the youth in particular.

Both young men received the Alderman Award for Honorary Lifetime Membership of the Durban Youth Council, with Thomas Kempen receiving the Perseverance Certificate and Samkelo Ntetha receiving the Steering Committee Award, respectively.



Thomas Kempen and Samkelo Ntetha received award at the DYC Awards Ceremony

The Weeks Ahead

Friday 24 February

Music Under the Stars : 18h30 in the Memorial Courtyard

Saturday 25 February

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs Westville (h)

Monday 27 February

Grade 9 A B D U to Spirit of Adventure : 27 to 1 March
Golf : KZN Nomads Tournament @ Royal Durban @ 15h00
Toastmasters : Drama 2 @ 17h30

Tuesday 28 February

GB Parents By-Election Meeting : 18h00 in the AJ Human Room

Wednesday 1 March

Grade 9 H N R to Spirit of Adventure : 1 to 3 March

Thursday 2 March

Bouldering League Round 3 @ DHS
Senior Debating : @ Northlands : 15h00

Friday 3 March

Water Polo : 1st Team Tour to KES : 3 to 5 March
Rugby : Voortrekker Nite Series : 1st XV, 2nd XV, U16A

Saturday 4 March

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs Northwood (h) - BASKETBALL
COMPULSORY : Gr 10 & Boarders

Monday 6 March

Golf vs Kearsney @ Royal Durban : 15h00
Toastmasters : Drama 2 @ 17h30

Tuesday 7 March

Test Period : Afrik/Zulu : Grade 8-12 : 08h00-09h00
Bouldering League #4 @ Kloof

Thursday 9 March

Test Period : Gr 8-9 CA, Gr 10 PHSC, Gr 11 ECON, Gr 12 LFSC
Junior Debating @ Danville

Saturday 10 March

Rugby/Hockey vs Northwood (h)

This Weekend's Fixtures

CRICKET vs WESTVILLE (h) : Friday 24 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
U14D vs U14F	09h30	Pitlochry Top	T20	Wilson

CRICKET vs WESTVILLE (h) : Saturday 25 February

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
1 st XI	09h30	Theobold Oval	Declaration	Gcilitshana
2 nd XI	09h30	Bowdens	50 Overs	Dube
U16A	09h30	DHS Old Boys	Declaration	Simelane
U16B	09h30	Collegians	30 Overs	Moodley
U15A	09h30	Commons 1	Declaration	Nyathikazi
U15B	13h00	Collegians	30 Overs	Shozi
U14A	09h30	Sandfords	50 Overs	Bryan

WATER POLO vs WESTVILLE (h) : Saturday 25 February

Team	Time	Venue	DHS Official	Coach
1 st	10h30	Col AC Martin Pool	Burt	Lawson
2 nd	09h45	Col AC Martin Pool	Nixon-James	Goodwin
U15A	09h00	Col AC Martin Pool	Goodwin	Everitt
U14A	08h00	Col AC Martin Pool	Burt	James-Nixon

BASKETBALL vs WESTVILLE (h) : Saturday 25 February

Team	Time	Venue	Coach	Team	Time	Venue	Coach
1 st	12:20	DHS 1	Zulu	2nd	11:00	DHS 2	Amisi
3 rd	09:00	DHS 3	Sibulawa	U16A	11:00	DHS 1	H Beukes
U16B	10:00	DHS 2	Sibulawa	U15A	09:00	DHS 1	H Beukes
U15B	10:00	DHS 1	Sibulawa	U14A	09:00	DHS 2	Zulu
U14B	10:00	DHS 3	Lufungula	U14C	10:00	DHS 2	Daniels
U14D	12:00	DHS 3	Kalonji	U14E	12h00	DHS 2	Crasso

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