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Upcoming Events

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- ◆ BE Family Braai
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- ◆ Inter House Gala
- ◆ Junior Academic Prize Giving
- ◆ Cricket / Basketball vs Michaelhose
- ◆ Music Lunch Hour Concert

Elective Programme

Durban High School is excited to announce the rolling out of an Elective Programme in March 2018.

The Programme will give Durban High School Learners the opportunity to select various electives. These electives will allow our learners to develop vital skills that are not necessarily addressed in the normal school curriculum. These include aspects of Critical Thinking; Problem Solving; Creativity; and Entrepreneurial Thinking. Electives have also been chosen to support the normal school curriculum.

Below is a list of the Electives on offer:

Languages (Zulu; Portuguese; French)

Entrepreneurship

Practical Courses (First Aid; Sailing Course, Rocket Building)

Tertiary readiness course through Varsity College

Online Learning Programmes

Information Technology Literacy

Community Engagement

Public Speaking and Toastmasters

Videography & Photography

Academic Support Classes

We will also be offering various Academies that will run in conjunction with the Elective Programme.

Sports Academies - The sports offered are Aquatics; Basketball; Cricket; Football; Hockey; and Rugby.

Performing Arts Academy - This Academy will focus on a full scale production throughout the course of the year.

Music Academy - Professional lessons will be offered for Wind Instruments and Keyboard. Theory and reading of Music will also be covered.

An Elective Open Day will be held on Monday 29 January 2018. All interested parties will be able to find out more about the Electives being offered, as well as how the electives will be incorporated into the school day.

An Open Evening will be held from 17h30 in the DC Thompson Hall. Parents and Boys are invited to attend

The Electives will commence on Monday 5 March 2018.

If you would like any more information regarding the electives, please email: bryan.adam@durbanhighschool.co.za.

B E Adam
Head of Electives

Electives
Open Evening
29 January
@ 17h30



First things first at the Grade 8 Leadership Camp ... put up those tents!



Building and Racing the Go-Karts!



Giving the Climbing Wall a try!

Grade 8 Leadership Camp

The DHS Leadership Team and prefects hosted our annual Grade 8 Leadership and Orientation Course from Friday, 12 January 2018 to Sunday, 14 January 2018. The purpose of the three day course was to provide the Grade 8s with an opportunity to participate in an outdoor experience.

The well-structured course presented by trained facilitators from The Venture Group (Eduventures) placed an emphasis on group dynamics, personal growth, leadership theory, and an introduction to all aspects of life as a Durban High School learner.

The boys arrived at school on the morning of 12 January, and it was apparent from the start that many moms had done the packing. Big suitcases and oversized tents were the order of the day and it was very clear that many hadn't grasped the minimalism required as outlined in the kit lit. This aside, there were many boys who arrived very well prepared, even though they were sharing resources. This bodes well for the future outdoor leadership activities that they will be embarking on in the future. One difference from previous years was the fact that the camp was to be held at a secret location. The aim of this was to add to the surprise and excitement factor.

Once registration had been completed and all documentation checked the boys were put onto buses and taken to DLI. I would like to thank those parents who completed all the necessary documentation before departure as this made my job so much easier.

On arrival the boys had to hike around the race course with their kit. This activity proved

challenging for the boys with excessive kit but got the group working as a team with boys helping each other even though they had only just met.

On arrival at the base the boys were welcomed again by their facilitators and prefects and split up into random groups and they had to complete a few ice-breaker challenges. This forced the boys to make new friends very quickly. I was impressed by the competitiveness of the groups and new that the weekend's activities were going to be a success.

After the ice-breakers the boys set up camp and again some realised the need to check their packing and equipment. A number of the tents were missing essential components and again the boys were forced to make a plan as a team and learn to check their own equipment before leaving home. For many this was the first time that they had erected a tent without the help of a parent or older sibling and the facilitators and prefects had their work cut out guiding the young campers.

After this the groups worked through rotations that included the following:

Climbing wall, Group Dynamics, Archery, Go Kart Building, Compass based Orienteering and Treasure Hunt, and a Courageous Challenge (this allowed the boys to walk around the entire racecourse with various activities along the way). All activities really got the boys working as a team with some proving more challenging than others. These tasks were spread over the two and a half days and were interspersed with group sessions focussing on life as a DHS learner.

On Friday night we had our traditional bring and braai and



Enjoying the Leadership Camp!



It's hard work feeding hungry boys!



Blackmore House Plays



The Blackmore Boys enjoyed a great day at uShaka!

Grade 8 Leadership Camp cont'd

we were once again amazed by the quantity of food the boys brought and cooked. For many this was the first time they had braaied on their own. So, as always, some meat was overcooked to the extreme. All in all the boys really enjoy this activity and it really promotes brotherhood and sharing.

On Saturday night the teams were required to cook their own potjies and these were then judged by Mrs Nagiah, Mr Cele, and myself. The potjie was judged on appearance in the pot, taste, and presentation when plated. This process took quite a while and by the end of it the staff were really full. Our boys must be congratulated on their cooking skills as all pots were of a good edible standard.

Sunday morning seemed to arrive too soon and by 9 o'clock we were packing up camp and preparing to return to School. On arrival the boys were addressed by Mr Pinheiro and were then given the opportunity to sing their newly learned school song to the staff and the waiting parents.

I would like to thank Mrs Nagiah, Mr Cele, and Mrs Joshua for their input into the weekend, and also look forward to the next four years of leadership based activities with pour new boys.

*Ian Lewis
Head of Outdoor Leadership*

Blackmore House Closed Weekend

This weekend was a closed weekend for Blackmore House, which meant that all the boys spent the weekend in.

Saturday night saw the annual dorm plays once again. The Grade 8 boys did some reenactments of their first week and their interactions with the prefects. The Grade 9's, 10's and 11's all put on very humorous plays, with banter being thrown at the masters as well. The Matrics finished off with their plays. The dorm plays were won by dorm 15 and 16 and they have won a pizza night as their prize.

On a hot, sunny Durban Sunday, the Blackmore boys geared up with their baggies and vests and headed down to uShaka Marine World. Smiles galore and endless energy, the gazebos were put up and the boys scattered off to enjoy the rushing water of the various slides. After many, many rides the boys had their lunch on the Durban promenade overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Many sun burnt and tired boys returned to Blackmore House after a great day was had by all.



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Water Polo Fixtures vs College

WATER POLO vs
GLENWOOD (a) : Saturday
27 January 2018

Team	Time	Venue
1 st	14h15	College Long
U16A	13h30	College Long
U15A	12h45	College Short
U14A	12h00	College Short
U14B	12h45	College Short

MySchool

MySchool now has an app, which means you don't have to use your card ... download it from App Store and Google Play ...



The Weeks Ahead

Friday 26 January

Water Polo vs Kloof (h)
U16 Rowing Quad : Victoria Lake
Rowing Club : 26-28 January

Saturday 27 January

Cricket, Basketball, Water Polo vs
Maritzburg College (h)
Swimming Gala @ Michaelhouse
BE Closed Weekend for Grade 8s

Sunday 28 January

BE Family Picnic : 14h00 :
Bradshaw Pavilion

Monday 29 January

Blood Bank : 08h30 - 14h00 @ DHS
Golf vs Kearsney @ Cotswold
Electives Open Evening : 17h30 in
the DC Thompson Hall -

Wednesday 31 January

Swimming : Interhouse Gala :
09h10 - 11h10
KZN Philharmonic Orchestra Visit :
Grade 8s & 9s : 11h00
1st XI Cricket vs Northwood :
School League T20 (a)

Thursday 1 February January

Water Polo vs Clifton (h)
Senior Debating @ Eden College

Friday 2 February

Poetry Open Mic : Seabrooke's
Theatre : 15h00-16h30
Staff Meeting

Saturday 3 February

Cricket / Basketball vs Clifton (h)
Basketball : U16 Tournament @
Michaelhouse
Swimming Gala @ Kearsney

Sunday 4 February

Golf KZN S/Coastal Qualifying
(Kloof)

Monday 5 February

Golf vs Northwood @ Durban CC

Wednesday 7 February

JUNIOR ACADEMIC PRIZE GIVING :
09h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Thursday 8 February

Cricket 1st XV vs Thomas More :
School T20
Debating Jnr @ PBHS
Music Lunch Hour Concert :
Seabrooke's Music Centre : 12h50

This Weekend's Fixtures

CRICKET vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE : Saturday 27 January 2018

Team	Time	Venue	Format
1 st	09h30	Goldstones Oval (a)	50
2 nd	09h30	Theobald Oval (h)	50
3 rd vs 4 th	08h30	Lamonds (a)	20
4 th vs 6 th XI	13h30	Leaches (a)	20
U16A	09h30	Barns (a)	50
U16B	09h30	PMB Collegians (a)	40
U16C vs U16E	08h30	Alex High (a)	20
U15A	09h30	Durban Collegians (h)	50
U15B	09h30	Dalry Main (a)	40
U15C vs U15F	13h30	Tech (a)	20
U15D vs U15G	13h30	Alex High (a)	20
U14A	09h30	Snows (a)	50
U14B	09h30	Nicholson (a)	40
U14C	13h30	Lindup Road (a)	30
U14D vs U14E	08h30	Tech 2	20
U14E vs U14G	08h30	Tech 3	20

BASKETBALL vs GLENWOOD (a) : Saturday 27 January 2018

Team	Time	Venue	Team	Time	Venue
1 st	13h00	Indoor 1	2 nd	12h00	Indoor 1
U16A	11h00	Indoor 1	U16B	10h30	Indoor 2
U15A	09h00	Indoor 1	U15B	09h00	Indoor 2
U15C	12h00	Outdoor 2	U15D	09h45	Outdoor 2
U14A	09h00	Indoor 1	U14B	09h45	Indoor 2
U14C	09h00	Outdoor 1	U14D	09h00	Outdoor 2



28 JANUARY BE FAMILIES' PICNIC

Meeting all the Blackmore House Families

Bring your own picnic or use the fires we provide to braai. Bring grandma and grandpa along as well and spend a relaxing afternoon getting to know the other boarder families better, as well as meeting the staff of Blackmore House.

And please bring a gazebo with you if you have one as we run out of shade. We look forward seeing you all on Sunday!

14H00

BRADSHAW'S
PAVILION

PICNIC OR BRAAI

BRING THE FAMILY

COMPULSORY FOR
BOARDERS

(WE WILL CATER FOR YOUR SON
UNLESS YOU INDICATE THAT YOU
WOULD PREFER HIM TO EAT
WITH THE FAMILY)

RSVP TO RENE
HELLENBERG

Attending: YES NO

Number attending: _____

Please provide supplies for my
son: YES NO

We thank you for your

kindness and