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From the Head Master's Desk

This is the last Herald of 2019, in what has been an excellent year for Durban High School.

The highlights have been shared in previous editions of The Herald and reflects on how busy the school is and how many opportunities there are for our boys to develop their talents and potential.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our staff for their incredible commitment in developing our sons. Sadly, we do at this time say farewell to some staff as well as some Governing Body members.

Special mention must go to Audrey Glossop who has taught Mathematics at DHS for 18 years, as well as Treasure Neave who taught Accounting for 22 years.

A special parting thanks as well to Noel Stalefeldt, Debbie Green and Winston Owen for their selfless contribution through the governing Body to the school. Your commitment is inspiring.

While I wish all members of the DHS family a safe and festive holiday, I am also acutely aware of the huge responsibility that lies ahead for our school.

We need to embrace this responsibility. As we come to the end of a decade, we pause to reflect on what is happening in the world around us and consider its implications for the next decade. We all understand that technology is disrupting business, education and the way we lead our lives and futurist gurus like Clem Sunter can predict through certain algorithms what the world will look like at the end of the next decade within these areas.

Yet, we continuously talk about how uncertain the future is; an uncertainty not fuelled from the tangibles but from humanities relational fragility. Not only between us as human beings but also between us and our environment.

Billions of years of evolution have shown us that the health of an organic environment is dependent on the diversity of life forms in that environment and the cohesion within that diversity. Simply put, when diversity is respected - positive growth will take place. As we continue to deplete our natural resources and as we become more insular as a species, so we find our environment becoming more uncertain. Climate change is not a natural phenomenon. This one is man-made. Yet how can we respect the diverse life of our planet when we cannot respect the diversity between us as human beings?

We recognise that throughout our evolution that we have developed geographical, ideological, religious, social, economic and cultural differences amongst others, and it is our adaption to these differences that have accelerated our development. Is it not sad then presently, that our diversity is becoming individually polarized by the rhetoric of opportunists? And through it the more conflicting the relationship between us as humans.

Conflict leads to uncertainty. We live in a time where we have the greatest educated understanding of moral and ethical leadership and the importance thereof. Yet, never in the history of mankind, have we had so many leaders, around the world, so bereft of this understanding. Instead they prey on our emotional fears by acutely magnifying our differences as

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threats, thereby engendering an intolerance to diversity. In a world where there are far more Donald Trumps than Greta Thunbergs dictating our future, uncertainty will abound.

Technology has provided globalised communication platforms that have allowed individuals not only to disrupt business, education and the world, but also our moral conscience. That is where the uncertainty lies. Not in the disruption of technology but in how it is abused and in how we are or aren't mature enough in absorbing it. We are already living the Fourth Revolution. Technology is here to help

mankind. Not to replace our humanity.

When a storm blows through a field, the plants with the longest taproots will remain standing strong. So it is with us as humans too. Our value system is our taproot and the deeper and stronger our value system, the better our ability to ride the storms. Our next generation of leaders need to be deeply rooted in values imbued from our diversity. We all have the responsibility of developing these leaders. As individuals, as families, as a community and as a nation. There is no nation in the world as diverse as ours. Let us all embrace and respect

this diversity and positive growth is sure to follow.

Durban High School has for generations produced leaders in different spheres of life, rooted in our core values. Now more than ever we are called upon as a school to not only produce Gentlemen but also Leaders of Character. When the Donald Trumps of this world are an exception and the Greta Thunbergs, are the norm; so our future will be far less uncertain. And the world will be a better place.

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A D Pinheiro
15th Head Master

Farewell!



Sadly, we had to bid farewell to a few of our staff members at the end of this year.

Treasure Neave, Head of Department, and Audrey Glossop, Maths, are both retiring. Mrs Neave has taught accounting at Durban High School for 22 years and Mrs Glossop taught Maths for 18 years. They have both served our school well and will be missed.

TREASURE NEAVE

By Mr Norton:

Treasure started at School in March 1998, coming from the Open Air School. Treasure was married to Bill and they were a common sight at rugby games at School as Bill was a proud Old Boy.

Treasure is an excellent Accounting teacher and the results her boys have achieved is testimony to this. Over the years, it has been interesting watching new members of the Business Department get taken in under her wing, shown the ropes, guided and then set free to excel!

It is no surprise that Treasure is highly respected by her colleagues and boys. She is intelligent, committed, dedicated and compassionate. Treasure is a social butterfly and loves a good story, and believe me, I have hear many over the years!

I have always referred to Treasure as "Gran", but in many ways she has been a backup Mom for me at work. Treasure leaves a massive hole at School and one which cannot be filled.

I will miss having to fix her hairdryer, fit the odd plug, helping and giving advice on her car and obviously giving her a hard time!

Treasure - on behalf of all the staff that have taught with you and all the boys you have taught over the last 22 years, we wish you well as you enter a new phase in your life, but know our deep gratitude for your life time of giving and guiding.

God Bless!

From Mrs Neave:

I joined the DHS family in April 1998 as an Accounting teacher. I immediately felt the concept of "family"- staff, boys and Old Boys - a diverse group bound together by their passion and loyalty to "School".

The boys often asked me why I did not become a Chartered Accountant. My answer was "because I love you". They, in true boy style, were uncomfortable with my answer! However, that is the reality. I have loved teaching and I have loved teaching at DHS.

We tend to think that the behaviour of our youth has deteriorated. However, I rate the class called Grade 9S (Mr Shore) of 2001 as the

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naughtiest group I taught! Are you out there 9S? You are probably just as (or more) successful than the "Uppers".

My most unusual memory is being hijacked in 2005 on the DHS/Northwood train to Johannesburg to participate in the KES/Jeppe weekend. At the time I was the MIC of tennis (Master in Charge??).

To the Staff: Many of you have become dear friends and I will miss the fun, the caring environment and robust discussions.

To the boys: Gentlemen embrace your time at DHS. Socialise and participate! Never forget the values that have been taught for the last 153 years.

My blood will remain BLUE!

*Treasure Neave
HOD & Accounting Teacher*

AUDREY GLOSSOP

By Mr R Smyth:

It is my privilege this morning to honour Mrs Audrey Glossop and her superb contribution to the Mathematics Department at DHS.

Audrey joined School in May 2001. This qualifies her as the longest serving member of staff in this Department.

In true mathematician style this leads us to have to solve the following problem:

If Teacher A served a school for 18 years, taught 5 classes per year filled with an average of 25 pupils, how many pupils did she teach?

Answer - ± 2250

That statistic is by any standard an outstanding contribution to the education of young men right here in Durban. Audrey is a gentle, yet firm, educator, she does not experience the negative attitudes and associated rebellious behaviour of disillusioned young teenagers because she is so

talented at her job. Her secret is she cares for the boys, she convinces them that they can succeed. She motivates, encourages and inspires the boys to keep working.

Audrey is first and foremost a good Mathematician. It is this knowledge and extensive experience that Audrey employs to support her colleagues. Her willingness to assist and her passion to support everyone is no better demonstrated than by the Maths WhatsApp group - she is almost always the instigator of a query or first to reply or respond to a question.

Audrey has experience very serious medical challenges, including cancer, she has been as grave and determined as anyone I know. You are strong, resilient and tough, you have fought hard and now deserve good health!

On the lighter side - I must take this opportunity share with you that Audrey, however, cannot throw anything away - after all, it may be important someday. On this score we may understand why she had such an extensive collection of portfolios and books, etc, in her classroom!

Whilst I am aware you have been clearing out your classroom, Audrey, just know that you have made a notable impact on you colleagues and pupils' memories which can't and won't be cleaned away. You will be missed.

Let me finish by wishing you all the best for your retirement. It is time to slow down and spend more time with your husband, John.

From Mrs Glossop:

It is my privilege to write an article on a school which I am very proud of and which I have loved being a part of and teaching Mathematics at, for 18 years, and from which I am now retiring. It has also been my privilege to watch DHS pupils develop over their years into well-educated, responsible and mature young adults well prepared to

follow their chosen careers.

I have been associated with DPHS and DHS for 31 years. My eldest son Greg is a founder pupil of the Junior Primary Division of DPHS. He matriculated at DHS in 1999. My younger son Darren completed his Matric at DHS in 2004.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the pupils of DHS and will miss them very much. I will also miss the Department of Education Matric marking which I have been appointed to for the past 16 years.

The staff of all of the departments of DHS have been truly wonderful for all of my time at DHS; my own Maths Department headed by Rob Smyth for whom I have a great deal of respect, our very efficient administration department, our Media Centre, marketing, maintenance and ground staff, security and Management of DHS headed by Mr Pinheiro who is leading the school so very well.

For the future I will be doing some private Mathematics tutoring but mainly I am looking forward to spending a lot more time with my husband John, who is doing well with bed and breakfast accommodation in our cottages, and my wonderful family, Lauren and Jason, Sue and Greg, Sian and Darren and especially a lot of time with my two (and one-on-the-way) beautiful granddaughters, Rachel, Katherine and "baby".

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*Audrey Glossop
Mathematics Educator*

Two further staff members who have left after a number of years of service are Mike Balkissoon, who is also retiring after teaching English at our school for 8 years, and Kirsten Smith, who has taught Drama here also for 8 years.

Jason Flannagan, has left after teaching Natural Sciences for 2 years.



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following young men of DHS who were selected for KZN Water Polo:

Back Row (from left):

Sam Spooner (U16), Nqobile Phiri (U16)

Middle Row:

Ntando Mpuqa (U19), Mahle Makhanya (U16), Yasheer Maharaj (U15)

Front:

Sabelo Mlaba (U15)



Weeks Ahead

Monday 6 January

Reception / Admissions / Admin / Kit & Coffee Shop **Open**

Wednesday 8 January

NSC Statements of Results Released (Tea for Matrics in Memorial Quad)
Waltons : Collection of Stationery Orders

Thursday 9 January

Senior Management Return

Friday 10 January

New Staff Orientation

Saturday 11 January

Boarder Masters and Blackmore Prefects Return

Sunday 12 January

Blackmore House Grade 8 Boarders Arrive
Sports High Performance Camp @ DHS : 12 to 14 January :

Monday 13

Educators Return
Grade 8 Orientation
Waltons Stationery Collection : 09h30-11h00

Tuesday 14 January

Grade 8 Orientation & Sport Trials
Blackmore House Grade 8-12 Boarders Return

Wednesday 15 January

School Starts for 2020
Assembly @ 07h30
Grade 8 Orientation & Sport Trials
Grade Assemblies @ 08h00
Grade 8 Parents Information Evening @ 17h30 : School Hall - Parents Only

Thursday 16 January

Electives Orientation : Grades 8-11 @ 07h30 : School Hall
Grade 8 HPM Maths Assessment
Grade 12 Parents Information Evening @ 17h30 : School Hall (Parents Only)

Friday 17 January

Grade 8 Leadership Camp : 17-18 January
Compulsory In Weekend for All Boarders

Saturday 18 January

Grade 8 Bell Ringing Ceremony @ 10h00 : School Hall

Sunday 19 January

Blackmore House Outing : Grade 8-12 to uShaka
Cricket - KZN Development (h)

Monday 20 January

Electives programme Begins.
Grade 10 Parents Information Evening @ 17h30 : School Hall (Parents Only)

Tuesday 21 January

Moms Com Meeting : 13h00 : Bill Payn Boardroom
Grade 11 Parents Information Evening @ 17h30 : School Hall (Parents Only)

Wednesday 22 January

Grade 9 Parents Information Evening @ 17h30 : School Hall (Parents Only)
Grade 8 RCL Elections

Thursday 23 January

Grade 9 HPM Testing

Saturday 25 January

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs St Charles (h)
Rowing - VCL Sprints : 25-26 January

Sunday 26 January

Blackmore House Family Day : Grade 8-12 : 10h00-15h00

Wednesday 29 January

Blood Bank Clinic @ DHS : 08h30-14h00

Thursday 30 January

Chess Tour to Grey Bloem
Tournament : 30 January to 2 February

Friday 31 January

Menlo Park Athletics Meeting

Saturday 1 February

Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo vs Michaelhouse (h)

Sunday 2 February

KZN Athletics League