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Foreword

The year began with an ill-informed and somewhat naïvely hopeful expectation that the pandemic that gripped the world in 2020 would be a thing of the past in 2021. Sadly, this was not the case for the first part of the year in particular.

Stories of continued restrictions on movement and on participation in a number of sporting codes, choir rehearsals, and numbers in venues, all contributed to a year filled with some frustration and pandemic-induced fatigue. Nevertheless, the world has been through worse episodes of upheaval and the boys at Hilton had to learn to adapt and to grab the few opportunities they were afforded in 2021.

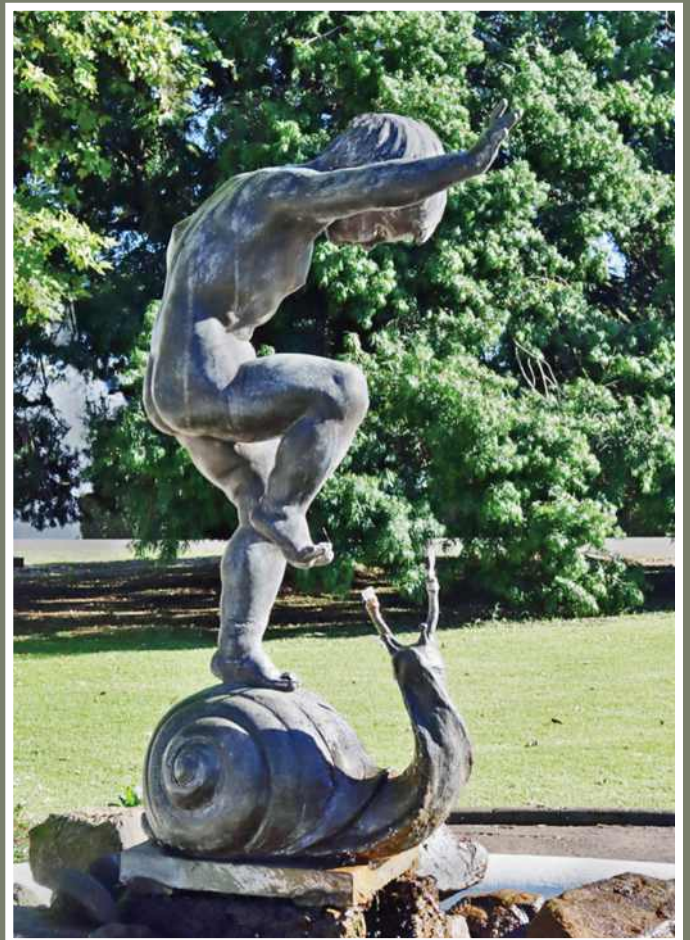
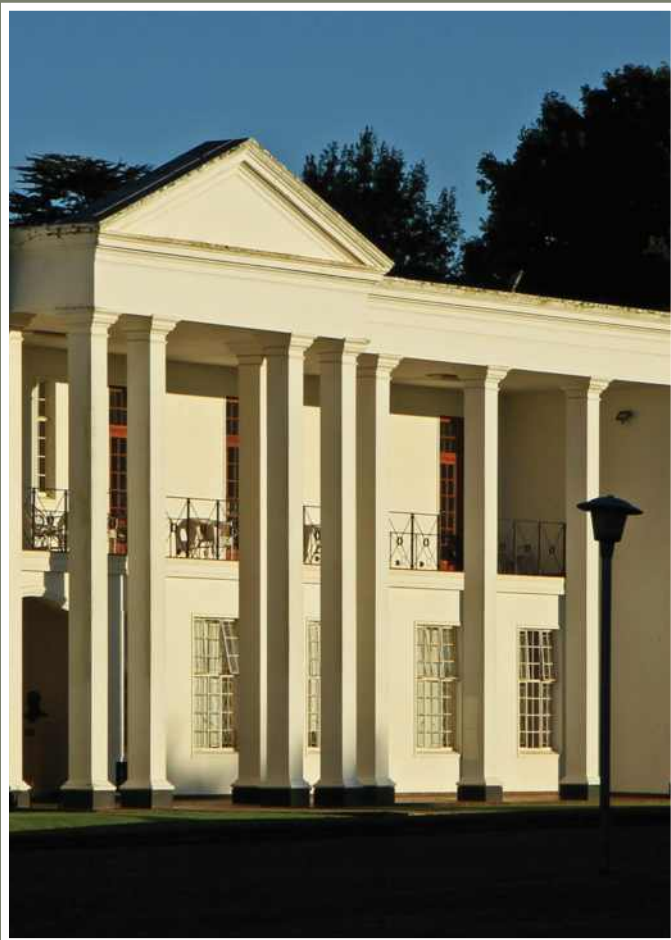
As detailed in The Hiltonian of 2020, the passing of Mr Tony Richter and his daughter Alice was a tragic and painful start to our year. Then, in August of 2021, the passing of Mr Karabo Ché Mokoape, a board member and Hilton College's first black Head of School, as a result of Covid, affected a great number of our community. Much energy was directed at ensuring our boys navigated the disappointments of a year that had multiple setbacks.

However, we are a resilient nation, and our boys, parents and staff rode the waves of disappointment whilst looking out for the positives that inevitably followed – and our fourth term began to look more like the Hilton experience of old.

Enjoy the stories and reports captured in this edition of The Hiltonian.

We live in a fast-changing world with a significant number of new experiences thrust upon us. Boys growing up at this time in history will be ready for this type of world, in a large part due to the excellent tuition and guidance they receive from a dedicated and competent staff.

My thanks to all,
George



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Contributions to The Hiltonian Society

The following is a composite list of people and organisations not previously mentioned who made contributions to The Hiltonian Society in the period between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021. These contributions were for varying amounts and directed to a variety of activities and projects undertaken by The Society.

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Contributions to The Hilton College Endowment Foundation

The Hilton College Endowment Foundation was established in 1959 and exists to support Hilton College in a variety of ways but particularly in providing funding for bursaries for deserving boys.

Hiltonians are encouraged to make regular contributions by either once-off donations or through debit orders. All contributions made in South Africa receive section 18A certificates.

The following is a list of those who have contributed to The Hilton College Endowment Foundation in 2021, and their support is very much appreciated.

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The Vula Programme uses up-to-date technologies, innovative teaching methods and experienced facilitators to concentrate on the upgrading of the teaching and learning of high school Mathematics and Physical Science.

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Advancement

The Evolution of the Hilton College Endowment Fund

For almost 150 years, generations of Hiltonians have selflessly contributed to building a legacy. Without this legacy of benefaction, our school would not be what it is today.

As custodians of this legacy, it's our responsibility to continue building our great school for current and future generations. The need to preserve and enhance centres of excellence such as Hilton College is perhaps more important than ever.

Like leading schools the world over, Hilton relies on endowment funding to thrive. We're also a not-for-profit organisation, which does not generate any significant financial surplus.

Furthermore, education inflation is typically higher than normal inflation and providing a high quality education is costly.

Endowment funding helps to subsidise the school's expenses and fund the fees of learners who can't afford a Hilton College education. This is especially important given our imperative to be a school that is truly representative. Endowment funding also helps to pay for the improvement of facilities as well as community outreach projects.

For 62 years, from its inception in 1958, the Hilton College

Endowment Foundation, the custodian of the school's endowments, acted as a general-purpose fund. In 2020, we launched four separate funds to cater for stakeholders with differing interests.

Some people prefer to support a human-capital-focused endowment, others a building-infrastructure endowment, while others may choose to support environmental or social causes. However, it goes without saying that Hilton will gratefully accept endowments that don't specifically fit any of these categories.

Any financial contribution to the Hilton College Endowment Foundation qualifies for a section 18A tax certificate.

We also established the 1872 Society – with exclusive membership for benefactors who have contributed substantially to Hilton College. Admission to the prestigious group is by invitation of the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hiltonian Society NPC.

There are a number of ways you can contribute to Hilton's endowment, from regular or once-off donations to bequests in your will. Supporting the highly successful Cattle Project is another way of giving.

All contributions to the four funds are managed by the Hilton College Endowment Foundation – a trust managed by seven trustees, four of whom are independent of the Hilton College Board of Governors. The portfolio is conservatively invested in terms of its equity exposure and has about 67% of total funds invested in offshore assets including Rand-hedge shares.

Any financial contribution to the Hilton College Endowment Foundation qualifies for a section 18A tax certificate under the South African Income Tax Act, subject to certain legislative conditions.

If you require more information or would like to make a donation, please contact the Advancement Office by emailing advancement@hiltoncollege.com.



Maralyn Atkins, staff

The four funds in need of endowment are:



The Lift Up Your Hearts Fund – a Human Capital/ Bursary/Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to boys from families who don't have the means to send their sons to Hilton.



The Pinnacles Fund – an Infrastructure Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for the ongoing maintenance of the Hilton campus and to fund new infrastructure projects.



The uMngeni Fund – an Environmental/Estate Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for environmental and conservation projects linked to the Hilton Estate.



The Vula Fund – a Community Outreach Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for community outreach projects that are linked to the school, such as the highly acclaimed Vula Programme.

Cattle Project

Given the wonderful stand of foggage kikuyu we had going into winter and the early rains we experienced in spring, our herd of over 700 oxen thrived on the estate in 2021. As the season progressed, we timed the selling of our long yearlings in various batches such that they coincided with some key auction dates on the cattle calendar. Buyers were prepped with appropriate pictures and videos, and some healthy bidding ensured we got the highest prices we ever have.

Overall, a wonderful cattle season and sincere congratulations to Rowan [Welsford] and his team on the Hilton Estate.

We have a new champion ox! Mark Hawthorn's ox, Daniel, affectionately named after one of his sons, finished the season with a formidable ADG [average daily gain] of 1.23kg. His other ox, Alex, was just behind. Thank you to everyone involved in this project and for helping us make it the success that it is.

For the uninitiated: To be a part of the project requires a donation of R8000 to the Hiltonian Society. The donation is used to buy an ox. As a donor, you receive a section 18A tax certificate. At the end of the season, the animal is sold,

and a portion of the profit is paid to the school's bursary fund.

The capital amount is retained, and you are automatically allocated an ox every year.

As a participant, you "own" an ox and get to name it. A competition is held annually to award the owner of the animal that gains the most weight – the "best-performing ox". The winner receives the Pat Eustace floating trophy at the Old Hiltonian AGM as well as the grand prize of 1kg of biltong.

This novel project supports an excellent cause, while providing you with the opportunity to be a farmer and compete with your desk-bound friends.

To get involved, make your deposit of R8000 and send the name of your ox to cattle@hiltoncollege.com.

Keep eating beef!

Tim Gibson
(On behalf of the cattle team)

The following is a list of current cattle project owners:

Adesanya, A	Dent, JAG	Howes, D	Pope-Ellis, L
Aitken, S	Dent, JGR	Hulley, C	Porter, CJ
Armstrong, GA	Dickson, A	Immelman, A	Purdon, L
Armstrong, GM	Don-Wauchope, R	Joyner, MK	Rayner, PH
Armstrong, MR	Drewett, I	Labuschagne, K	Richardson, B
Asher, A	Durban Syndicate	Larsen, N	Ross, PB
Asher, PJ	Essat, AI	Lanzendorf, MN	Rowlands family
Bailey, D	Eustace, PC	LeClezio, O	Roy, A
Barnes, M	Fitzsimons, RM	LeClezio, MAPY	Rugby 10's
Bastard, GB	Flamand, P	Lovemore, R	Shorten, JM
Bastard, B	Flamand, R	Mackenzie, P	Skeen, GI
Basson, L	Forder, MD	Macleod-Henderson, S	Sonnenfeld, ED
Batchelor, D	Frankish, S	Macnab, C	Stewart, M
Batchelor, S	Frankish, T	Mann, W	Stobart, R
Beauclerk, M	Franklin, AE	Marshall, P	Stott V & K
Beaumont, S	Fyvie, K	Mattison, R	Stubbs, RJV
Bennett, A	Fyvie, GH	McDonald, B	Symons family
Bisschop, M	Fyvie, W	McKenzie, GM	Tack, P
Bryant, WGH	Gibson family	Mercer, M	Taylor, G
Burman, C	Godrich, AC	Meyer, AM	Taylor, N
Burnill, CR	Grant, G	Morford, M	Taylor, P
Burnill, JR	Greene, PL	Mullins, T	Taylor, V
Campbell, B	Groom family	Murphy, P	Teichmann, D
Campbell, D	Gwilt, R	Nicol, J	Te Riele, J
Campbell-Gillies, C	Hamlin, GR	Noyce, R	Thorburn, AG
Christensen, J	Harding, J	OB Golf	Tod, CJ
Clark, JA	Harris, GJ	OB X17	Tonkin, O
Clarke, P	Hatfield, D	O'Connor, R	Turner, R
Clark, TA	Hathorn, MC	OHC - Durban	Tweedie, M
Class of '78	Hatton, D	OHC - PMB, Midlands	Tweedie, R
Class of '79	Haynes, C	OHC - Underberg	Van Rij, B
Class of '91	Haynes, D	OHC - Western, Province	Verbaan, S
Class of '93	Hayward, MR	O'Neill, J	Walley, A
Cloete, MB	Hilton Ballies NPC	Parvin, L	Walters, P
Coetzer, D	Hodgson, R	Pilcher, RW	Wanless, B
Crookes, A	Holdsworth, D	Pitt, RG	Watts, M
Dandridge, T	Hollis, JP	Platt, PJ	Welsford, R
Dare, D	Hoole, D	Platt, G	Winship, R
Davies, RM	Hoppe, M	Platt, N	Young, SG
de Villiers, J	Horne family	Platt, A	

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All contributions, whether made directly to The Hiltonian Society or the Hilton College Endowment Foundation, or to related entities by members of the Hiltonian community are equally appreciated. We thank, most sincerely, everyone who has contributed.



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Row 6: Taurin Craze, Liam Zocchi-Dommann, Ryan Jenkins, Matthew Armstrong, James Weinberg, Konke Nzimande, Luke Hitchings, Jonty Alexander, Joe Hill, Dillon van der Merwe, Josh Mansour, Tyrone Anderson, Jack Peattie, Mathew Allwood, Omolemo Sehole

Row 5: Thuthuka Kamanga, Kelvin Robertson, Matt Willis, Michael Mackenzie, Richard Muir, Duncan Hawksworth, Jack Osborne, Brett Jarvie, Oliver Levell, Jack Mackenzie, Matthew Wilson, Chae van den Berg, Andile Khumalo, Taddeo Sithole

Row 4: Jack Gillham, Josh Neill, Letu Dandala, James Sweeney, Vuyo Malinga, Chungu Katayi, Matthew Dalrymple, Zenzo Cele, Myles Driman, Tebogo Mvelase, Muhammad Girdhursarsadh, Dylan Thomson, Joshua Ribeiro, Tebalo Lephoto, Christopher de Scally, Gus Herridge

Row 3: Jake Cavalieri, Sam Black, Mikael Arab, Kgwanti Bilankulu, Yenziwa Nzuza, Joshua Matambo, Matt Liao, Craig Yammin, Unako Nowele, Okuhle Mjiyako, Leevan Vather, Sithelo Mini, Travis Holdsworth, Rhys Barnes, Matt Bray

Row 2: Mvelo Mageba, Amile Gumede, Wilan Joubert, Slade van Staden, Thoriso Taukobong, Gary Goldring, Andrew Meyer, Howard Dzulisa, Josh Goodwin, Christopher Pistorius, Avuyile Zondi, More Akinola, Kutullo Senamela, Josh Wingfield, Bongzi Khoza, Jack Gerrard

Row 1: Obotegile Makakase, David Kitshoff, Matthew Boast, Tapiwa Mushonga, Jannes Potgieter, Liteboho Lethole, Nicholas Hatton, George Harris, Nhlaka Mntambo, Greg Armstrong, James te Riele, Craig Davidson, Nkosi Dlamini, Aedan Dicks, Motheo Molefe

Salvete 2021



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Griffin Barnes
Michael Bird
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Merlin Brown
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Shaka Buthelezi
Luke Campbell
Dan Carver
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Linathi Dabula
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Robby de Beer
James Dent
James Dingley
Langa Dlamini
Siba Dlamini
Jamie Dunn
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Morné Engelbrecht
Xavier Enslin
Ben Erasmus
Tochi Ezenwugo
Stewart Falconer
Charles Fawcett
Daniel Fitzsimons
Noah Ford
Joshua Fouché
Caleb Frost
Lwandle Gabuza
Mitchel Garreau
Aahil Girdharparsadh
Gcina Gqwaaru
Josh Grant

Neil Grobbelaar
Nic Harcourt
Alex Hathorn
Robbie Hayward
Luke Herman
David Hill
Ben Hockly
Jake Hockly
Jack Holtzhauzen
Ethan Hornby
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Khanya Jekwa
Bryce Johnson
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Erin Kihara
Joshua Kok
William Leathern
Bakueni Lekitla
Kyle Lewis
Riley Lindsay
Nqubeko Majozi
Khazimla Makali
Tumelo Makgeru
Mpho Makulana
Tumisho Manaka
Lesedi Mangwale
Kego Maseko
Tshiamo Mashishi
Omohau Mbileni
Mbuyelo Mbokota
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Senzo Mngomezulu
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Mukuma Mwangi
Mpande Myeza
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Sizwe Pwele
Oliver Rezek
Richard Roxburgh
Benjamin Scorgie
Amo Seleke
Boleng Seoe
Daniel Shuter
Lee Singh
Ndabenhle Sithole
Tele Sitoyo
Chase Smith
David Sutton
Thomas Taylor
Matthew Thomas
Jake van Zuydam
Reinard Wagner
Jason Webster
Alex Wesselink
Adam Wingfield
Rupert Wright
Keita Xala
James Youens
Ungweru Ziba

Grade 9

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Sean Kamau
Olufemi Oyeka
Amahle Seima
Kamogelo Seopa
Yu Lie Wang

Grade 10

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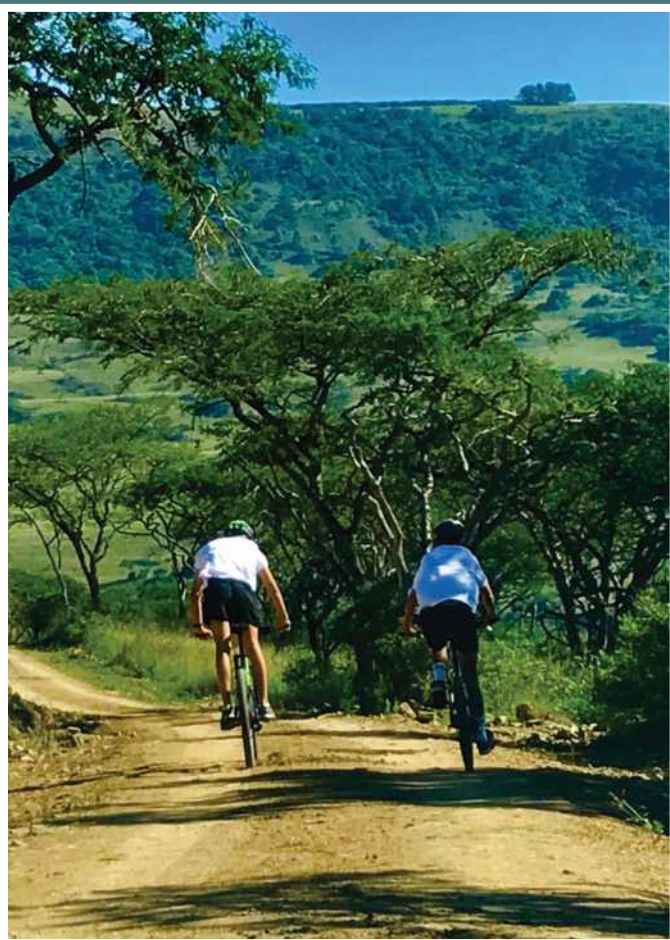
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Speech Day

Chairman's Address

By the Chairman of the Board, Mr Alistair Franklin

Welcome to the Hilton College Speech Day. We are grateful that Level 1 allows us to return to this venue and to host not only the matric boys and their parents, as was the case last year, but also our full complement of staff and nearly all of our boys and a large number of our parents. It is a sea of 750 faces which represents the Hilton community, and it is wonderful to have you all here at the school once again. May I also say what a pleasure it is to be addressing you so shortly after Siya Kolisi's Springboks beat the All Blacks. When that happens, all seems well with the world once more.

Ladies and gentlemen, whatever the hardships and privations of the past year, they are resoundingly eclipsed by the magnificence of this place and the privilege of being able to live and work and be educated in the incomparable splendour of the Hilton Estate. Let's celebrate just being here.

Each year, the headmaster and I deliberate on who we might invite to be our guest of honour on Speech Day. We aim always to invite a successful person of stature who has lived their life in such a way as to inspire respect and who will deliver a meaningful message to our boys. This year we certainly have a man who fits the bill. Justice Moseneke, thank you for honouring us by being here. We welcome you to Hilton and hope this will be a memorable visit for you.

You will all know that Justice Moseneke recently retired from the Constitutional Court holding the high office of Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa. He has left a legacy of fierce judicial independence and a series of landmark judgments. As a member of the legal profession myself, let me tell you boys just how terrifying it is to stand up and address a bench of 11 judges in the Constitutional Court with Justice Moseneke leading the charge. It is a bit like running onto the field against College. It reminds me of the frightened witness who, when asked to take the oath to speak the truth by raising his right hand and saying, "So help me God," said instead, "God, help me".

Justice Moseneke spent time on Robben Island. He was the youngest prisoner there, at the age of 15. Imagine that, you Grade 9s. And instead of going to UCT or Wits or Stellenbosch, the judge studied on Robben Island, where he rubbed shoulders with many great men, including Prisoner No. 46664.

You probably do not know that in addition to his judicial prowess, Justice Moseneke is a formidable golfer. I am told that in his first ever game played at Sun City many years ago, he was part of an all novice four-ball of now very famous men, one of whom is none other than our President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, who began his round in dramatic fashion with four successive fresh airs! History

Siya Kolisi's Springboks beat the All Blacks. When that happens, all seems well with the world once more.



does not record what Justice Moseneke shot that day but perhaps he will reveal this in his address, which we look forward to hearing very much indeed.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are nearing the end of another Hilton year. The staff and boys have coped superbly in the face of the pandemic. As always, I thank the teachers for rising to the challenge. Running a boarding school presents considerable obstacles without the addition of Covid protocols, but you have continued not only to educate the boys but also to instil in them the values which Hilton holds so dear.

Teachers are at the centre of this school and so it was with great sadness that in February of this year, we mourned the loss of our beloved Tony Richter, and his daughter Alice. The headmaster will pay tribute to Tony in his address, but I want to personally welcome his widow, Caro,

to Speech Day, and thank her for the Richter family's valued contribution to this school. A former parent recently told me that when Tony died, he received a call from his son, now at UCT, weeping at the loss of his housemaster who had made such an impact upon his life at Hilton, and that his son and all of his Ellis house friends at UCT had immediately gathered together to pay tribute to Tony's memory. This is the esteem earned by a committed schoolmaster.

Our thanks go to our headmaster for his exemplary leadership of the school. Mr George Harris is now in his fifth year as head of Hilton. As I have reported ever since he began, the board is delighted with the ongoing success which Mr Harris is enjoying at Hilton. His continued inspiration of staff and boys has taken the school to new heights. He is a constant font of innovative ideas, putting Hilton at the forefront of education in South Africa. In recognition of his standing in the academic community, the headmaster has been appointed to the executive committee of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa, and in recognition of what he has done for Hilton, the board decided in July 2020 to extend Mr Harris' term of office for a further period until 2028. To you, Mr Harris, to your deputies, and to the whole staff, congratulations and thank you on another excellent year which saw Hilton achieving a 100% pass rate for the matric

class of 2020 and an average of 2.7 A symbols per boy, up from 2.13 from the previous year.

To the boys: there is no truth in the rumour that Covid is just an elaborate conspiracy to force you to socially distance from St Anne's girls. Well done for cheerfully carrying on with your new lives here in the face of annoying and, at times, very stringent restrictions. We know how hard it is that you have largely been robbed of the joy of playing competitive sport against other schools and I fervently hope that the Grade 8s and 9s and your parents who have never ever experienced the magnificence of a Hilton/Michaelhouse day will be able to do so next year when we will resume our encounters with our traditional sporting rivals.

This is the last Speech Day before Hilton turns 150 years old. I trust you all have 27 April – 2 May 2022 firmly etched in your diaries. Over that week we will celebrate one-and-a-half centuries of Hilton's existence. Already there is no accommodation available in the greater Hilton area as Old Hiltonians from all over the world make arrangements to travel back to their school in large numbers. Such is the impact that Hilton has on anyone who attends this institution.

Finally, I thank my fellow board members for their invaluable service to the school. This year, Hilton suffered another great tragedy with the passing of Karabo Mokoape, exceptional board member and former head boy of Hilton in the year that President Nelson Mandela

was our guest speaker. Today we warmly welcome Karabo's widow, Mrs Thuli Mokoape, and his mother, Mrs Gwen Mokoape, and his sister, Ms Mangaliso Mokoape. I am happy to announce that we have decided to institute an annual prize in remembrance of Karabo. It will be awarded to the matric boy who has demonstrated, throughout his time at Hilton College, a strong

understanding of matters pertaining to transformation and diversity and who has demonstrated thoughtful action and service in this sphere. We are honoured that Karabo's family members are present to witness the first recipient of this prestigious award.

Karabo was a determined optimist, and like him, it is with great optimism that we look to Hilton's future. In *Lift Up Your Hearts*, that wonderful anthology which catalogues Hilton's first 100 years, we are reminded that "the life of a great school is measured in centuries, not decades".

Boys, you have but five short years here to contribute to the collective agglomeration of memories and relationships that make Hilton College unique and preeminent. Ensure that you seize every opportunity to leave your individual mark on this place, like the many who have gone before you have done, so that you too will return here in future years and marvel at the gift your parents gave you.

As always, it has been a privilege serving Hilton for another year.

Headmaster's Address

By George Harris on Speech Day

Please observe a moment's silence for loved ones and others who have succumbed to the Covid-19 pandemic. This virus has caused havoc in our world, and we hold in our prayers at this time those whose families have known the pain of loss and trauma. Thank you.

Good evening Mr Alistair Franklin, Honourable Mr Justice Moseneke, Mme Thuli Mokoape, Aus Gwen Mokoape, Mme Mangaliso Mokoape, Mrs Caro Richter, the Board of Governors, Parents of the Class of 2021, Grade 11 Parents, the Class of 2021, Staff, Old Hiltonians, current boys of Hilton and all those who are connected virtually.

This evening we gather to celebrate another year in the auspicious history of this great school. With the passing of time, schools of this ilk have many stories to tell; some are stories of elation and euphoria, others are stories of sadness and tragedy. The circle of life is an organic, ever-changing phenomena and we are intrinsically part of this circle.

To the boys: there is no truth in the rumour that Covid is just an elaborate conspiracy to force you to socially distance from St Anne's girls.

Mr Tony Richer, who lived his dream, was a one-of-a-kind character...



Mr Tony Richter, who lived his dream, was a one-of-a-kind character who gave many of his best years to Hilton College. As our way of honouring Mr Richter, we have instituted a prize to be awarded at our annual final assembly. This will be the Tony Richter "Living the Dream" prize to be awarded to an U16 rugby player who was the most valuable player and who showed the greatest promise during the season. We will find a suitable trophy to commemorate this, perhaps a model Harley Davidson?

Mrs Caro Richter, we hope that you will always hold Hilton College dear to your heart as this was home for many a

year. Caro, your ever-vibrant person will always be a reminder to us of the life you lived here and the lives you touched here. May you find comfort as you inch forward into your new life. Your loss is our loss, and the memories of Tony and Alice are etched into the valleys and fields of Hilton College. May you and Nathan find a growing peace with each passing day. Our prayers and thoughts remain with you. Thank you for being with us today.

Mr Karabo Ché Mokoape

It is difficult to find suitable words to honour the larger-than-life character that was Karabo. Mr Franklin's tribute reflects our collective great loss. My only addition is to say thank you to Thuli and Aus Gwen for sharing your husband and your son with us. We are the richer for our interaction with Karabo and more human in our understanding of the human spirit which he dared wear upon his sleeve, so effortlessly and so magnanimously. Realeboga tata.

This year we bid farewell to a few staff members: Ms Lindo Ndaba, our Pearce house manager, is leaving us to take up a position at Maritzburg Girls, which will propel her into a teaching role, which is her ultimate goal. I'd like to thank Ms Ndaba for her contribution to making Pearce house a welcoming place; her ability to ensure boys toed the line with haircuts is also legendary. I wish you everything of the best in your new adventure.

Mrs Kim du Plessis, who has been our library assistant for the past 10 years, has decided to retire to the Drakensberg mountains. Kim has given much and has always been a welcoming presence in the library. An avid runner and an explorer at heart, she is set to visit her children who live in various places around the world. I applaud Kim for her warmth of personality and for her dedication to her role at Hilton. Thank you for your service to Hilton College.

Mr AC Blume leaves us at the end of this year to take on the role of Deputy Principal at Paul Roos Gymnasium. This is a significant step for Mr Blume who is returning to the Cape whence he came, although his bearings are a little adrift because home is more to the East...Mr Blume has given his all to every role he has been asked to fulfil at Hilton. He is a man of significance, tremendous dedication, and great determination. AC and Kirsty are embarking upon a new adventure at a great time in their lives. AC's passion for educating young men is his singular focus and his significant ability to come alongside one of his charges and get them excited about their future and their innate capacity, is a gift.

We wish AC and Kirsty Godspeed as they relocate to the land of wind and wine and hope that we will continue to be friends for many years to come.

Mr Andrew Douglas has served Hilton College for the past 15 years. Mr Douglas is a man of great resource, a wicked sense of humour, a dazzling intellect and the uncanny ability to coach those boys who have not quite grasped the intricacies of the game of rugby. Furthermore, Mr Douglas is a superb listener. He and Nicky are parents to wonderful daughters who are resolute in their faith and who are

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determined to live these values at significant personal cost – a truly remarkable reward for parenting and for teaching principles and a life of faith. Mr Douglas is a superbly respected teacher of history in the IEB circles and, I am told, is quick to moderate scripts in such a way that the marking panel understands that there is no wriggle room

when it comes to the interpretation of facts in the source-based essay. Thank you for serving Hilton selflessly and with great aplomb in the classroom, in the boarding house and on the playing fields, Andrew. You have been superb.

Mr Mark Perrett has served Hilton College for 33 years. If you look at the honours board in the Memorial Hall, you will see Mark Perrett's name on

the list of Heads of School. Mr Perrett has held many roles at Hilton over the years as a teacher, but perhaps the best way to capture his contribution is to reflect upon the many connections he has made with many a young person. Every school staffroom has a wise old sage who quietly inhabits the nooks and crannies, and Mark has been this for the past few years at Hilton College. A geography and Afrikaans teacher, hey boetie, by trade, Mark has given his life to the advancement of this place. If these walls could talk... I think Mr Perrett would be able to regale us of the many exploits of so many Hiltonians who have walked these corridors for the past three decades. It must be a rich collection of stories.

Lee has stood alongside Mark during this time, and I am led to believe the task of keeping Mark on the straight and narrow has not always been straightforward. Lee, herself a teacher, has polished her gift of patience that all great nursery schoolteachers develop, and was able to employ this gift at home when helping Mark master and manage his diverse career milestones. As a team, they have been a part of Hilton for more than a fifth of its existence – a remarkable achievement.

Mark speaks passionately about ensuring that a Ferrari is fitted with a Ferrari gearbox, as this is what makes the brand authentic and proper. This he likens to boys learning correct manners and then living them. If one is made of the right stuff, then one should exhibit the right behaviours. It is unthinkable to fit a Toyota with an Isuzu gearbox...after all, one does want to get to one's destination. This illustration has been useful as I have heard boys discussing the Ferrari gearbox analogy on more than one occasion. However, I am not sure that Mark has ever dismantled a gearbox and understood the analogy correctly. So, as a parting gift and in acknowledgment of Mark's long service, herewith a real gearbox to tinker with, in your retirement, Mark.

May you and Lee enjoy your next chapter and may your gearbox never seize nor grind dry. Thank you for your extraordinary service to Hilton College.

The Class of 2021

You chaps have had an eventful few years: From Craig James's accident in Grade 9, to More Akinola's creation of his Ballito bod in Grade 12.

From Matt Wilson's rockstar crypto website to Slade-Lee van Staden's venture into baseball;
 From Chungu Katayi's birdies to Liam Zocchi-Dommann's mom's loud encouragement on the side of the field;
 From Khalil Sacranie's Parktown prawns to James Weinberg's next accident;
 From Josh Goodwin's saves to Yenzi Nzuza's new world order;
 From Konke Nzimande's smooth style to Oliver Fraser's Miami Vice impersonations.

You have been a terrific group of boys. Well done and may the forces be with you as you navigate the final seven weeks.

Do hard things

Do difficult things, young men. It is quite plausible to go through life in a fashion that demands just a little bit of oneself, a small stretch, a little discomfort, nothing too dramatic – just playing it safe.

However, all the great stories of inspiring people are predicated on the achievements which surpassed the “common” expected trajectory.

By doing great things, I do not necessarily mean one must be the best at the thing. I think we may have lost our balance in this particular measure of success by always needing to be the best. Indeed, aspire to be the best version of yourself, but be careful of always trying to be the best in the world. I think this aim is vain, self-serving and potentially destructive.

Here are a few examples of doing hard things:

If you had the opportunity to own a house, or a plot of land and the wherewithal to build a house, my advice would be to pursue the more difficult option of building the house. Sure, it will take longer, it will be more challenging but – most importantly – it will be more rewarding and fulfilling when it is done.

The world is beset with social challenges: doing a hard thing would be to stand up to injustice when one encounters it, to add your voice when voices need to be heard, to make certain choices in your day-to-day life: e.g. not to use single-use plastic; not to upgrade your phone whenever there is a new model due to you; to pay someone a living wage when you become an employer; to choose not to add to the carbon footprint by choosing to meet virtually when travel is not essential.

Throughout your schooling there have been moments created to afford you the opportunity to grow by being confronted with difficult things to do. Sometimes these have been on the playing fields, sometimes out on the estate or on the journey, sometimes when your housemaster has directed you to do something you were not particularly motivated to do. Once you completed these things, you may not have received a prize or an accolade, but intrinsically you crafted your own prize, your own achievement. You are the better for completing the task.

History is replete with stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Our country, and the world, is beset with some endemic issues. Poverty and inequality are two of the most pressing challenges. These, confounded by the levels of corruption we deal with in many sectors of our civic life, make the task ahead seem insurmountable. Importantly, however, a large part of the solution is not in the hands of the politicians: Politicians come and go. Foremost we must make the realisation that our trajectory as a country and as the world depends more upon our resolve to do hard things...the right things, in this case. If we reject all forms of corruption, beginning at home, if we make the necessary decisions to buy and use products responsibly, if we conserve energy, switch to renewables, boycott brands that are irresponsible etc. We begin to make a difference in this, our world.

I recently listened to an acquaintance of mine interview Rwanda's president, His Excellency Mr Paul Kgame, and he was asked about how the president thought about crafting the change that was required in his country after the devastating genocide in 1994. To the outside world, the turn-around in Rwanda in a relatively short time has been remarkable. He had a few interesting thoughts to share. I am not going to comment on dictatorships and desired political states at this time.

His Excellency, Mr Kgame, began with dispelling the notion that all change requires significant investment and dramatic intervention, and he used the example of litter along the side of the road. He reflected on the times that

he ordered his convoy to stop along the side of the road when he saw litter, whilst he got out to pick it up. The president of the country collecting litter! The cynics among you may claim any number of things here: a publicity stunt, a point-scoring opportunity, etc.

etc. His take, however, was to say that this small act cost nothing. The country did not require international aid to assist in this small act. What the act did achieve was a few things: raise awareness that the president and community are serious about litter; that no one is too important to do their part; that living in a clean environment is a goal worth pursuing...etc. etc. A small thing which helped set the tone for the bigger things.

I have seen some boys walk past litter on this campus, but equally, I have seen many boys stop and pick up litter that is not theirs. This act of cleanliness requires nothing more than a simple act of doing.

What small acts can you do to usher in change in your world?

In about a week's time the Class of 2021 will have their final day of school. Over the past few years this final day has become somewhat of a blight on our determination to live the values of gentlemanly behaviour to which we all aspire. Here's a difficult thing to do. Change the trajectory of this day and behaviour that is unbecoming. It's a small thing, but you put down a marker, you establish a standard, you determine your sense of right and wrong. To Nhlaka and Nick, thank you for serving your school so well in 2021.

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Nhlaka, you are a man of great dedication and resolve. You have always represented Hilton with such poise and charm. Your friendliness and measured responses to issues are a gift to this school and to your peers. May all your dreams come true.

Nick, your presence and down-to-earth nature are gifts. You appear unflappable and in control, and this is always a good skill to have when leading. You listen well and you have been inclusive in your leadership style this year. Your humility continues to be one of your strongest attributes. Enjoy your next chapter and continue to be the change you want to see.

To our leadership group for 2022: This has been one of the most difficult years to allocate boys to roles, given the number of boys who have great leadership potential in this year group and the inevitable result of some boys missing out at this time. Sadly, this is a really good problem to have – cold comfort to those who may think they have been overlooked.

Without wanting to diminish the occasion and the honour, it is important for the boys who may feel they have missed out on a role to remember that this omission should not define you. Your true colours lie in how you deal with this disappointment and in how you continue to put your hand up to serve, even without a title. To the boys who have been allocated a leadership role, you know, as we have discussed, that you are to lead inclusively and with humility in the understanding that you are here to serve others before self.

Heads of Houses

Churchill – Sfiso Sithole
Ellis – Siya Buthelezi
Falcon – Ryan Basson
Lucas – Keitshupile Makola
McKenzie – Chris Bagnall
Newnham – Declan Sawyer
Pearce – Jack Waterhouse

Portfolio leaders

Academic – Tanner Bailey
Pastoral – Ross Taylor
Cultural – Marumo Selane
Sport – Andile Matsa



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Sustainability – Matt Sara
Conservation – Jono Ferguson
Transformation – Spencer Wright
Community – Matt Rout
Spirituality – Thomas Dyer

Deputy Head of School
Olwethu Kweyama

Head of School for 2022
Thomas Roy

Finally, parents: Thank you for your significant sacrifice throughout this challenge of Covid. Your understanding – as we have navigated the various regulations we have had to adhere to and the inconvenience of fetching your son even when he is but a “contact” – has been remarkable. We have all had to learn how to pivot and manage the change, and although hugely frustrating, your patience

continues to be valued. The Spanish Flu lasted more than four years. Let's hope this pandemic can be conquered in less time.

Excitingly, Our Music Centre construction is well under way, and we are hugely indebted to Mr David Chamberlain, Mr David Letschert and

Mr Stephen Crookes for their generous benefaction in this regard. Many students will thank you in years to come and our greater society will continue to be the richer for your assistance.

Can I appeal, deliberately and strategically at this time, to all our parents and Old Hiltonians to assist us in arriving at our goal of growing our endowment and assisting us financially to achieve the lofty goals we have set ourselves. To be in a position to assist more boys will secure the longevity of this great school and your assistance, however big or small, will ensure the ongoing contribution this school makes in our South African and African society.

My thanks to Bruce MacLachlan, his team and our service providers Spectrum and Broll for your heroics in producing this Speech Day, at such short notice and to your usual high standard. My appeal, Mr MacLachlan, is that you begin to train an up-and-coming “Bruce” to take hold of the baton when you pass it on in the next few years. It is greatly appreciated.

To my deputies, Mr Tony Shuttleworth and Mr Kgomotso Motlogeloa, my humble thanks for managing so many aspects of this great school. To the team of great people in the various committees and circles of influence: Thank you for continuing to make this an even greater school.

To the boys, staff and parents, here's to a tremendous 2022, off the back of a difficult but solid 2021. Let's do some hard things!

Address by Guest of Honour Justice Moseneke

It is an honour and privilege to be a guest of Hilton College and indeed of the Hiltonian Society. I bring compliments to you, your esteemed academic and administrative staff, who continue to look after and favour our students, and their parents at an institution of this history, pedigree, and excellence.

Let me at the outset thank Adv Alistair Franklin SC who deployed a little more than gentle persuasion to get me to visit Hilton College. He was supported by my daughter-in-law, Ulime, and son, Sedise, who persisted in reminding me that my own well-loved grandson, Sedise Moseneke Junior, is a junior at this college.

Above all else, I am honoured to be on the hallowed grounds of Hilton College to celebrate the matric class of 2021 and to congratulate their parents and guardians who have journeyed this far with these wonderful young charges who now are ripe and ready to leave college to embark on fresh challenges of their own adult lives.

Before I share a few thoughts, let me thank Ms Louise Jackson, the PA to Adv Alistair Franklin SC, and Ms Sally Moon, in the office of the headmaster, Mr George Harris. Both ladies were gracious and furnished quiet support to get me here.

It is indeed so that an annual speech day of this kind lends itself to an opportunity to celebrate the matric class of that year and I hastily add to laud their parents and guardians. Very well done thus far, and I wish the class of 2021 abundant goodwill, good luck and industry as you confront your final examinations. Happily, you will pass matric with flying colours because you are bright and industrious and products of a highly reputable institution. There will be a rightful sense of achievement but then also an incipient apprehension or fear about what the future might hold.

This brings me to what I hope to explore with you. Trite as it comes across, the future is truly uncertain. The only certainty is uncertainty itself. Older people cynically add that the only inescapable certainties are taxes and death, things you need not bother about as yet.

The human condition, whether individual or collective, is never on a straight path. It is never linear. Our lives, so too our collective histories, display astonishing twists and turns. What appears regular and normal from time to time gets disrupted in astonishing ways. Think about recent environmental disasters – we are spoilt for choice of examples. The tsunami in Japan, the hurricanes in the Americas, the volcano and earth tremor in Haiti. What about the torrential rains and mudslides in India, floods in Germany, the wildfires in Spain and Turkey? Think of the lakes of north Africa which are turning into desserts, whilst the Arctics are melting away. And nearer home, the global pandemic of Covid-19 continues to spawn illness and death. Nearly five million people worldwide have succumbed.

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In fact, most of the human knowledge systems, including the most sophisticated sciences, seek to predict and hopefully control the future. The sciences and education in general hope to smooth out the uncertainty in our individual and collective human experiences and improve the quality of our lives singularly and together.

You might wonder what all this has to do with a matric valedictory speech and the class of 2021. Well, like you, I had parents who sent me to a top-end quality educational institution: Kilnerton College in Pretoria, now Tshwane. It had a pedigree of nearly 100 years when I became a secondary school pupil. My grandfather and my father had been at Kilnerton. We had a remarkable campus on the foot of a kopje and near the Apies River. Our

teachers were gifted instructors except when, on occasion, they regressed into a colonial mindset. Like you, we had a stunning uniform and a motto that ran: *Per ardua ad astra* – *Through hard work you reach the stars*. I was set to attend a matric valedictory speech in 1965 and thereafter to earn great matric grades and go to university to study medicine.

No, that was not to be and did not happen. Then came the thunderous twist in my juvenile life. The apartheid government arrested me at the age of 15 in grade 10, together with other young activist students and cast us in jail on Robben Island for saying that apartheid and racial and economic inequality were unjust and should be stopped. My jail term was 10 years, which I served fully on Robben Island with Robert Sobukwe, Nelson Mandela, Ahmed Kathrada, Zephania Mothopeng, and many other freedom fighter leaders, whilst many other women activists like Winifred Nomzamo Mandela, Bongi Mkhabela and Helen Joseph also served jail terms in women prisons.

This is not meant to be a history lesson on our struggle to overthrow apartheid. I am simply inviting you to embrace the inherent uncertainty likely to challenge your burgeoning career beyond matric. Your twist, your hurdle, your challenge, will not be the same as mine. It will be peculiar to your personal and objective setting. You are not likely to be a student turned prisoner. Your test will be your own. But more importantly is your response to a major turn, newness, or threat in your career or life path, particularly without the support or presence of your parents. As you already know, what matters is how you rise rather than how you fall.

I decided and demanded to study in prison. I got down to study matric by distance learning whilst on Robben Island. I sat for matric examinations in three languages, science, mathematics, and history. I earned a bachelor's pass and went on to register with Unisa, earned a BA majoring in political science and English. I moved on to study law and obtained my B Juris degree and a post graduate law degree LLB. Once out of jail, I apprenticed and became an attorney. After a while I became an advocate, senior counsel, judge of the High Court, of the Constitutional Court, and Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic in a career spanning more than 45 years.

I hope that did not pass for a bedtime story. It was a lived experience serving as a platform to say: our lives are almost never linear. Our careers and future may run into significant twists and turns. We need an enormous supply of inner resources to overcome life or career-threatening episodes. You will need to develop reasonable goals and

nurture them with a deliberate habit of hard work and tenacity. In all these efforts, one needs to cultivate an abiding sense of honesty. When faced with options of right and wrong, choose right – do right.

Our land and indeed the world is being devoured by unending greed. Inequality and social injustice are increasing by leaps and bounds. Powerful people here and elsewhere don't blink to lie, cheat, steal and never to work, but are well and ready to be predators sometimes on the public purse and other times on the private purse.

You have been privileged by a quality education. You are destined to do well. You are going to be good. You will rise if you were to fall, and you are going to be mightily successful. Care for family, friends and those who love you, and always remember that the world could be your playground, your oyster. And above all, live fully. God bless you.

Nick Hatton, Head of School

In my opening address this year I quoted Jim Elliot, who said, "Wherever you are, be all there." It was while we were in online school, and we had little certainty of how our year would unfold. So, I thought it fitting to use in the sense of whatever chances we may get this year, let's be ready so we can make the most of them. And here we are. And here Covid is, too. And while Covid stopped us from chanting our favourite war cries and performing at concerts, it did not stop our Matric Dance; it did not stop us running out on to the sports field, and we were finally altogether as a school, united once again. During this time, we have stood tall as people of Hilton. We have been courageous, we have leaned on one another, and we have grown and deepened our bonds with one another. It has not been perfect nor always gone to plan, but not only did we survive, but we thrived. We have found strength and resilience in one another. We did not give in. We must be proud of this!

For the matrics, our time as Hilton boys is drawing to an end, and while it's a sad thought, our journey over the past five years is full of great memories.

It's hard to believe how much has changed since we entered these gates five years ago, wide-eyed and looking up in awe at what seemed like absolute giants in George Putter and Tim Densham. Now we have our own set of monsters in Jannes Potgieter and Liam Zocchi-Dommann, who are equally terrifying. Since arriving as complete strangers, we have built a bond so strong. A bond built with the bricks of adversity, friendship, fun, sadness, anger, passion and laughter. And what binds us together is a pride for Hilton. This pride has been created through living and growing together, through every high and every low. This is a pride that is unique to Hilton, a pride that cannot be destroyed.

I am very grateful to you, the matrics, for the support you've given me this year, and I strongly feel that because

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our grade has been so tight and strong, it has helped Hilton manage another year of Covid. Thank you for the best five years a schoolboy could ask for.

It is always said that "People make Hilton" and I see this every day. A quick story: Travis Holdsworth had been searching and searching for the perfect tie for the Matric Dance. When, during the Parent Teacher interview this year, he saw Mr [Kgomotso] Motlogeloa wearing the exact tie he wanted, Trav shouted, "Hey, Mom, that's the tie I

want!" Sir immediately took off his tie and gave it to Travis. Trav ended up wearing the tie to the dance and looked beautiful. Stories like this are revealing of our culture and people. Just before the year started, I was invited to a round of golf with Mr [George] Harris on the day of my 18th birthday. I'm not sure how many headmasters would do that.

Unfortunately, Sir beat me. To you, Sir, and to Mr Motlogeloa and Mr [Tony] Shuttleworth, thank you for giving us the freedom to express ourselves and for always guiding and assisting us. Thank you for putting up with our sometimes-ridiculous ideas, and never killing our dreams.

To the staff, thank you for your tireless efforts over the past five years to ensure that we become the best young men we can be. We are very sorry for all the lesson time wasted in your needing to control the classroom.

Thank you to all the ground staff, cleaning staff, kitchen staff and security guards. Your constant smiles and friendliness brightened up our days and I am so grateful for the relationships we were able to form. I will cherish these.

To the leadership team: thank you, boys, for having my back, for believing in me and supporting me this year. Your passion and commitment were a credit to Hilton. I am so proud of the team we formed and the way in which we led the school. A special mention to my guy, Nhlaka [Mntambo]. Thank you for your calm head and composed advice which allowed us to avoid many tricky situations. Thank you too for the selfless dedication with which you served the school.

Finally, thank you to my family. To my mom and dad, thank you for all your advice but for always allowing me to be me. I am so grateful to have you two by my side and for the relationship we have. Thank you also to my two sisters, for always putting up with my nonsense and for

never shying away from a comment or two. I love you guys.

As I have already mentioned, this year has been challenging, but nothing hurt more than the passing of Mr Richter. He was a man so close to all our hearts. Thank you, Sir, for teaching me the importance of always being in the present. Thank you for always believing in me, and for showing me what true leadership was. I will always be grateful for the impact you had on my life, and on everyone else's in this venue. Rest in Peace, Meneer. To the rest of the school, we are incredibly blessed to be at this place. Hilton is in a great space, and it is not by accident. Please continue to hold the school's name close to your hearts and always give it your all. I cannot wait to see it go from strength to strength under you boys, the future leaders.

All the best to our successors. Being Head of School has been the greatest honour, and I will cherish it forever. This school will always be close to my heart. Thank you.

Prize List

Grade 12

John Lewis Prize for Accounting Jonathan le Roux	Prav Iyer Award for Advanced Programme Mathematics Jonathan le Roux	Advanced Programme Mathematics Justin Green
Paul Bestel Memorial Prize for French Jonathan le Roux	Afrikaans Joubert Smit	Dramatic Arts Ross Taylor
Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French James te Riele	Dramatic Arts Yenziwa Nzuza	Economics Tanner Bailey
R F J Hayward VC Memorial Prize for Geography Michael Mackenzie	Economics Richard Karlson	Engineering Graphics and Design Nicholas Youens
J E Nisbet Prize for History Andrew Meyer	Engineering Graphics and Design Sebastian Guimaraens	English Thomas Roy
The Evan Brown Prize for isiZulu Taddeo Sithole	English Richard Karlson	Extended Essay Tanner Bailey
Mervyn Lloyd Prize for Life Sciences David Kitshoff	Information Technology Richard Karlson	French Tanner Bailey
Nicholas Arthur Memorial Prize for Mathematics Richard Karlson	Life Orientation Sebastian Guimaraens	Geography Tristan Paton
D V Ducasse Prize for Physical Science Richard Karlson	Music Alec Gibson	History Thomas Roy
Kenneth Beghin Memorial Prize for Visual Arts Theory David Kitshoff	<u>Grade 11</u>	Information Technology Connor Paton
Kenneth Beghin Memorial Prize for Visual Arts Practical James te Riele	IsiZulu Buhle Gqwaaru	Life Sciences Callum Lupton-Smith
Advanced Programme English Joubert Smit	Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French Tanner Bailey and Charlie Foster	Mathematics Justin Green
	Afrikaans Zack van Niekerk	Music Charlie Foster
	Accounting Tristan Paton	

Physical Sciences
Tanner Bailey

Visual Arts Theory
Flynn Newell

Visual Arts Practical
Flynn Newell

Grade 11 CIE AS Level

Accounting
Declan Sawyer

Art and Design
Campbell Ivins

Biology
Jack Herman

Economics
Felix Jenkins

English Literature
Felix Jenkins

French
Spencer Wright

Further Mathematics
Felix Jenkins

Geography
Angus Loughor-Clarke

History
Declan Sawyer

Mathematics
Declan Sawyer

Physics
Ayaan Jakhura and Spencer Wright

IGCSE

IGCSE Afrikaans
Christo van Loggerenberg

IGCSE English
Ayaan Jakhura

IGCSE isiZulu
Sfiso Sithole

IGCSE Mathematics
Angus Loughor-Clarke

Grade 10

Rahmani Prize for Commitment to
French
Zimele Khumalo
Afrikaans
Ben Kok
Accounting
Zimele Khumalo
Dramatic Arts
Raheel Mottiar
Economics
Matthew Stewart
Engineering Graphics and Design
Benjamin Guimaraens
English
Khanya Mhlongo
French
Gabriel Njonjo
Geography
Matthew Stewart
History
Nicholas Thorburn

Information Technology
Jon Braithwaite
IsiZulu
Nkosi Shoji
Life Sciences
Luke Hancock
Mathematics
Zimele Khumalo
Music
Kieran Griffin
Physical Sciences
Ben Kok
Visual Arts Theory
Connor Woods

Visual Arts Practical
Daniel Holtzhauzen

Grade 9

Griffin Memorial Prize
William Kitching

Top pupils in Grade 9:

Kigen Chepkonga
Ben le Roux
Christopher Wagner
Jarred Kitto

Grade 8

A J Cook Prize
André Boshoff

Top Pupils in Grade 8:

Neil Grobbelaar
Ben Erasmus
Jake Hockly
Erin Kihara

Commendation Prizes

Grade 10

Zimele Khumalo, Khanya Mhlongo, Similo Mkhungo, Nkululeko Ngcobo

Grade 9

Kigen Chepkonga, Richard Eyres, Jarred Maltby, Luc Schraivesande

Grade 8

André Boshoff, Ben Erasmus, Reinard Wagner

Commendation Certificates

Grade 11

Michàl de Beer, Jonathan Ferguson, Kwame Huyberegts, Olwethu Kweyama, Oliver Lello, Callum Lupton-Smith, Flynn Newell, Matt Rout, Ross Taylor, Jack Waterhouse

Grade 10

Michael Capes, Benjamin Guimaraens, Tristan Hockly, Tawanda Kugotsi, Lebo Legodi, Ruben Marx, Raheel Mottiar, Gabriel Njonjo, James Ogilvie, Matthew Stewart, Mathubamahle Xaba

Grade 9

Grant Bridgeford, William Kitching, Jarred Kitto, James McGregor, Reabetswe Motlhaloga, Shailen Naidoo, Dylan Neill, Trey Padayachee, Miguel Teixeira, Christopher Wagner, Jack Weavind

Grade 8

Daniel Askew, Kenyu Chiang, James Dent, Morné Engelbrecht, Xavier Enslin, Neil Grobbelaar, Jake Hockly, Erin Kihara, Alex Pitman, Matthew Thomas

Special Prizes

L A B Sharpe Memorial Prize for English
Richard Karlson (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Senior Verse Prize
Sebastian Guimaraens (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)
Vera Burke Memorial Prize for Dramatic Arts
Alec Gibson (*Drakensberg Boys Choir School*)

Richard Haines Memorial Prize
Avuyile Zondi (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Frederic Tatham Memorial Essay Prize for History
Nicholas Hatton (*Durban Preparatory High School*)

Bassett-Smith Memorial Prize for Science
David Kitshoff (*Cowan House*)

Normand Dunn Prize for Visual Arts
Kelvin Robertson (*King Edward VII Prep*)

Band Prize
Nkosi Dlamini (*Reddam House, Bedfordview*) and
Nhlakanipho Mntambo (*Penryn Prep*)

Choral Prize
Alec Gibson (*Drakensberg Boys Choir School*)

Chaplain's Prize
Jannes Potgieter (*Jan Celliers Primary*)

D'Urban Armstrong Memorial Prize (best 2020 IEB results)
Hlumelo Notshe (*Crawford Prep, Sandton*)

Doris Essery Memorial Prize (traditionally to the Head of School)
Nicholas Hatton (*Durban Preparatory High School*)

Richard Johnston Memorial Prize
Robert Ross (*Winterton Primary School*)

Philia Prize in recognition of integrity and moral courage
Unako Nowele (*St Charles College*)

The Karabo Ché Mokoape Prize
Yenziwa Nzuzi (*Clifton, Durban*)

1942 Matric Class Award
Matthew Boast (*St Charles College*)

Carl Klingenberg Memorial Prize (best all-rounder in Grade 12)
David Kitshoff (*Cowan House*)

Chairman's Prize (to a top academic who has contributed significantly)
Richard Karlson (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Dick Graham Memorial Prize (best Trials Results)
Richard Karlson (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Paul Harrison Scholar
Olwethu Kweyama

Ross Osborn Scholar
Thomas Roy
E P Chapman Memorial Prize for Debating
Spencer Wright (*Wellington International School*)

The Drimie Scholarship
Siya Buthelezi (*St Martin's School*)

Noel Freebody Memorial Prize for Fellowship
Matt Rout (*Highbury*)

The Derek Veenstra Prize for Creative Writing
Benjamin Guimaraens and Ben Kok

The Derek Veenstra Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Stewart (*Westville Boys' High School*)

The Sir Henry Strakosch Scholarship for excellence in mathematics and science
Zimele Khumalo (*Summit College*)

Junior Writer's Prize
André Boshoff (*Cordwalles*)



Pete Storror, staff

Admin & Finance Department

2021 began with a delayed start, just as we were praying for a return to normality. Although we knew Covid was still very much in the picture, it was a cruel reminder not to be able to welcome our boys back at the scheduled time.

Our partnership with parents grew this year as we enhanced our interaction with them and improved our accounting system. We have worked respectfully and sensitively with families where finances were strained and have achieved mutually beneficial outcomes, in most cases.

As some weeks were lost due to delayed commencement or early end to the term, it was inevitable that some savings were made. We are conscious of the cost of a private school education and have managed to pass these savings back to parents in 2022 in the form of a lower-than-inflation annual increase to school fees. As the parents of matric boys would not necessarily benefit from this, a small rebate was processed to their accounts in December.

Staff movement is stable, and we have a happy and cohesive finance team. At the end of the year, Thandeka Liphenyana resigned from her half-day position in the finance department to focus more on her functions in our Estate office. She is replaced by Priscilla Tenga, in a full-time capacity. Priscilla has significant experience in collections, and we look forward to welcoming her in January 2022.

Kim Martin
Finance Director

Advancement

Enrolment, marketing, alumni relations, the 150th celebrations and fundraising are all functions that have been introduced to the school incrementally over the past few decades and have traditionally been housed across a variety of school departments with several different reporting lines.

To put fresh impetus behind the school's priorities of "friendraising" and fundraising, and to create synergies between functions, the decision was made in 2021 to create one team responsible for all these purposes. The Chairman of the Old Hiltonian Club, Anton Jooste (1991, Falcon), has put a huge amount of energy and time into

giving guidance and assistance to make this vision a reality, and the school is greatly indebted to him. The Enrolment Partner (Kirsty Foster), Enrolment Administrator (Trish Davidson), Marketing Manager (Maralyn Atkins), and 150th Celebrations Coordinator (Brett Armstrong) have come together under the leadership of the Director of Advancement (Pete Storrar). Two new positions have been created: an Alumni Relations Manager, to implement strategic initiatives that will help galvanise our Old Hiltonian network (Amanda Pistorius was promoted to this role), and a Communications Manager (Angelique Ardé) to identify, document and distribute inspiring stories from within the Hiltonian community. Vuyi Gwala provides a wonderful front-of-house presence in reception, and Carolyn van Zuydam from the English department works with us part time to provide invaluable creative input in the design of our events. We are extremely grateful to Don Bailey (1989, Ellis) for arranging for his business, the Buro, to provide pro bono agency work for us. We are also delighted by the appointment of Bruce MacLachlan to the position of Heritage Curator. The new Advancement team has already started working closely with him to tell the story of Hilton. It has oft been said that enrolling at Hilton is not a five-year decision, but one for 80 years given the lifelong influence and relationships that are developed. The new team is well set up to choreograph the Hilton experience from when a young boy is first registered with the school, right through the admissions process, his time as a high school scholar, and then onwards for the rest of his life. One of the first exercises we conducted as a team was to look at all the touchpoints through this journey to improve them and identify new opportunities to connect with our community. Some exciting work has been done already!

A Plan for Every Hilton Boy

The Advancement team took the lead in packaging the Plan for Every Hilton Boy strategy and partnering with the various departments to ensure that the framework of lived Hilton College experiences is integrated and connected with enrolment and Old Hiltonian activities. Several workshops and meetings were arranged in 2021 to assist with the messaging of this strategy and promote consistency and connection.

Advancement of electronic platforms

A new school website was launched in early 2021 to give the school a better platform to tell the story of Hilton College. The website is set up in a way to allow for staff to make frequent and continuous improvements – it is no longer a static site. As part of this development work, the enrolment and contracting documentation process for new parents has been digitised and made more user-friendly.

Enrolment

An anonymous survey of all parents of boys offered places to start at Hilton in 2021 was undertaken to understand the key drivers in their decision-making process. Both those who took up the offer and those who declined it were included in the survey. While the beautiful campus and spectacular estate are key reasons for choosing Hilton, the survey highlighted that it is our people (who prospective families meet during the enrolment process) that is the deciding factor. For the most part, our boys and staff are clearly exceptional people because they received



Maralyn Atkins, staff

wonderful compliments. Special mention here must be made of all the work Kirsty Foster, Trish Davidson and Maralyn Atkins have done to connect applicants to inspired and personable Hiltonians. We are more convinced than ever that the enrolment process needs to be relational and experiential. In other words, applicants must meet our boys and staff and observe them in action on campus.

While the Covid-19 pandemic restricted some of our enrolment endeavours, the team was still able to implement several successful activities for 2022 and 2023 applicants:

- Four live online information evenings took place, giving prospective parents an opportunity to listen to and question our staff and boys;
- Five Welcome Days were held, and applicant families were each taken on a personal tour of the campus by our boys;
- Parents of current Hilton boys hosted the headmaster at their homes (five different events across the country), with prospective parents given the opportunity to get to know the headmaster in person.
- Five sleepover weekends were held, including our MasterClass experience (in partnership with the school's academic and music departments) and the now-famous Sports Camp (managed by the sports department);
- Almost 300 personal interviews were arranged between the headmaster (or other senior staff members) and applicant families;
- A range of preparatory school heads, our current Hilton boys and Old Hiltonians and parents were consulted about applicants, in an endeavour to gain a broad perspective on how they may fare as Hilton boys.

Almost all year groups from 1960 onwards have functioning WhatsApp groups that keep Old Hiltonians connected.

Old Hiltonian and parent activities

The addition of Brett Armstrong from the 150th committee to the Advancement team has paid massive dividends in the development of relationships within our community. As an Old Hiltonian, staff member and parent of a Hilton boy, he has been able to break down some silos that had developed over time and unite Hiltonians across constituencies behind one exciting vision for the school. Brett's gregarious nature, his approachability and his commitment and love for Hilton have been critical ingredients in his success.

Despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic, several successful events were held in 2021 to reconnect with members of our community – with the assistance of Old Hiltonians and parents across the world.

- Informal get-togethers with Old Hiltonians and parents were held in Johannesburg, Durban (two events) and London. For the London event, staff members were unable to travel because South Africa was “red-listed” but video messages were shared from the school.
- Several online year-group reunions were held to keep people connected while they were unable to travel to meet in person.

The “In Black & White” publication, targeting predominantly Old Hiltonians, has been successfully revived and reinvigorated with four editions being published in 2021.

Almost all year groups from 1960 onwards have functioning WhatsApp groups that keep Old Hiltonians connected. Brett maintains contact with ambassadors from each year group to ensure that messaging is frequent and up to date. None of these alumni activities would have been possible without the energy, expertise and good humour of alumni relations manager Amanda Pistorius, who has kept a close eye on things day in and day out.

150th Celebrations

At the time of going to print with this year's edition of The Hiltonian, it seems that the world is at last starting to open up again for travel and leisure after two years of limitations imposed by the pandemic.

A wonderful calendar of events has been planned, centred on the celebratory week at the end of April. This includes the Joseph stage production, a winter sports fixture against Michaelhouse, a celebration of the Vula Programme, a Benefactors' Breakfast and various year-group reunions.

There is also an exciting range of merchandise that has been developed to mark this special occasion. The Legacy tables (made from an oak tree older than 150 years old that fell down in 2019) gives donors an opportunity to “own” a piece of the school. There is an online store which sells a range of memorabilia, including a rugby jersey modelled on one of the early jerseys played in by Hilton boys. Peter Clark (1968, Ellis) has helped the school launch a limited edition 150th range of award-winning wines.

Enterprise development

The team has identified several opportunities for the school's assets to be used to generate more revenue for the Society – especially during periods that the school boys are on holiday. We are hoping, with the relaxation of Covid-19 regulations, that we will be able to pilot some of these projects in 2022 and launch them fully in 2023. Watch this space!

Fundraising

Hilton College is built on generosity. Most of the land and almost all of the buildings have been donated over time, and in the process, it has been transformed from a struggling farm school in the nineteenth century into the magnificent institution it is today. With the priority of the Hiltonian Society to “enlarge in (Hilton) a wider usefulness” and education inflation running several points ahead of CPI in the past few decades, we are as dependent on donations today as ever.

Anton Jooste spent a great deal of time in 2020 repackaging options for donors into four funds. They are the uMngeni Fund (to maintain the Hilton Estate and fund conservation and educational environment-related community projects), the Vula Fund (supports modern technologies, innovative teaching methods and experienced facilitators to bring about powerful social outcomes in under-resourced schools), The Lift Up Your Hearts Fund (grants financial aid in the form of bursaries and scholarships to boys of families for whom our school fees are out of reach) and the Pinnacles Fund (supports the upkeep of our school campus and funds new infrastructure projects).

Messaging about these four funds is becoming integral to our communications at events for Old Hiltonians and parents.

The entire team feels enormously privileged to be working with, as the school prayer refers to them, "the great company of those who in the past years have served and built up our school".

Peter Storrar
Director of Advancement

Gwens Stream Estates

Gwens Stream Estates (Pty) Ltd was established in 2008 to manage the residential developments planned for areas on the Hilton College Estate. A comprehensive Integrated Development Plan, commissioned by the Board of Governors, had identified limited areas of the estate which could be appropriately and profitably applied to residential development, with the funds generated to be lodged with the Hilton College Endowment Foundation. The foundation is the sole shareholder in Gwens Stream Estates. The directors of the company are Mick Hyatt, Iain McMillan and Chris Tod, and we look forward to welcoming Carl Jankowitz as a director in 2022.

The first development to be undertaken was The Gates at Hilton, situated on 44 hectares along the western boundary between Hilton College Road and the Gwens stream, above the first waterfall. The prestigious and popular estate which has emerged is the flagship of our developments, setting the standards to be pursued in future projects.

From the outset, three areas within the estate were identified as suitable for development. Although the bureaucratic processes to be followed in gaining environmental and development approval are protracted and sometimes frustrating, 2021 saw meaningful progress with both the remaining projects.

The Dairy at Hilton, to be developed on the north-facing slopes above the school supply dams, with access off the D494, received confirmation of environmental authorisation in 2020. The development approval from uMngeni municipality is expected shortly. In the meanwhile, detailed planning for the infrastructure is complete which will allow work to commence very soon after its receipt. The Dairy is keenly anticipated, with more than 60% of the 78 properties reserved by prospective buyers.

The Gates is a prestigious and popular estate which has emerged as the flagship of our developments.

The Dairy, situated along the southern boundary of the Hilton estate, offers a magnificent rural setting with views of the Drakensberg and the Karkloof. It will consist of three secure residential villages surrounded by carefully preserved, indigenous grasslands. To ensure the conservation of this environmentally precious landscape, all the grasslands in the two valleys to the south of the school campus are to be incorporated into an extended Hilton College Nature Reserve.

The last of the three developments is to be The Oaks at Hilton, a smaller estate which will be situated across Hilton College Road from The Gates. The environmental authorisation for this project was received in mid-2021, and the application for development has also been lodged with uMngeni municipality.

Mid-way through 2021 the Gwens Stream Estates' office moved to newly renovated premises alongside the Dave White Conservation Centre. Conveniently situated off the circular drive, and with a lovely view over the estate, we are happily settled and enjoy visits from people interested in our activities in support of Hilton College and the Endowment Foundation.

Iain McMillan
Executive Director

Vula

As with 2020, 2021 was another year in which our lives continued to be turned upside down by Covid, affecting all the activities and interventions which would have taken place during a normal Vula year.

Nationally, the pandemic had a devastating impact on schooling, particularly in the poor and marginalised communities in which Vula schools are located.

This quote, from a United Nations Children's Fund report of July 2021, accurately captures the extent to which schooling was affected: "The impact of disrupted education since the Covid-19 outbreak has been devastating, with learners between 75% and a full school year behind where they should be, according to latest statistics. Rotational attendance, sporadic school closures and days off for specific grades, have resulted in school children losing 54% of learning time. Some 400,000 to 500,000 learners have reportedly also dropped out of school altogether over the past 16 months. This is most likely for children living in informal urban and rural settings, with household poverty also playing a critical role. The total number of out-of-school children is now up to 750,000."

It is against this background, and in these difficult circumstances, that the Vula programme continues to do

the best it can to support Vula maths and science teachers.

I know that the teachers and learners whose lives we touch are extremely grateful for the ongoing support and encouragement. For many of them, this is the only academic and professional support they regularly receive.

Vula mathematics project

Following the later-than-usual opening of schools at the beginning of the year, the Level 5 restrictions imposed nationally, and the further closure of schools during June and July, it was pleasing that in the second half of the year there was a return to some degree of normality.

We were able to welcome five groups of maths teachers after on-campus training was resumed during August – while always still observing the required Covid protocols and precautions (including Covid testing on arrival of teachers, by a local doctor).

Throughout the year, the project continued to support its teachers from previous years by providing encouragement and teaching resources through its zero-rated website and by distributing hard copies of materials and donations of calculators and projectors. Meetings also continued with small groups of teachers, away from schools in the afternoons, to provide ongoing support and back up.

I am most grateful to Mrs Sue Southwood and Mrs Elaine Smallbones for their dedication and resolute commitment to the work and mission of the Vula mathematics project and for their perseverance during these trying times.

The loaning of scientific equipment for teaching purposes continued - a total of 23 schools in five clusters use Vula equipment...

Vula science project

A major priority during 2021 for the science project was the updating of the digital teaching resources used by the teachers. A total of 41 teachers were assisted in this regard – 24 who use laptops supplied by Vula and 17 who use their own laptops. Most of the teachers thus supported are from schools in the rural Wembezi, Loskop, Sweetwaters, Mpindle and Wartburg districts.



The loaning of scientific equipment for teaching purposes continued – there are now a total of 23 schools in five clusters which use Vula equipment on a rotational basis, benefiting some 2000 learners. One thousand Grade 12 learners at 26 schools were also provided with Grade 12 TurboPhysics study guides for their science classes.

Six schools were visited regularly, when this was allowed by the provincial education department, and of these three were assisted with Saturday-morning hands-on laboratory sessions at Hilton College. Thanks are due to Mr Michael Bennett and Mr Noel Robert who continued with this important work, despite the many obstacles and challenges which had to be faced.

Other Vula activities

Unfortunately, the annual Vula careers day for 500 Grade 12s, usually held during February each year, had to be cancelled owing to the Level 5 lockdown during which time Hilton College was closed to all visiting groups. Also put on hold was the planned forum for principals from Vula schools which we had hoped to initiate during the year.

The eight Hilton College interns who were due to spend five weeks during the year working at Vula schools were also affected, as schools were not permitted to allow visitors onto their premises. It is a great pity that this important component of the interns' year could not take place. The interns, nonetheless, were kept more than busy and they benefitted immensely from their year at the college.

Long-term financial planning for sustainability

It is common knowledge that there is a squeeze on donor funds. Not only do many donors have less to give than previously, but Covid-related needs have also placed huge additional demands on all donors.

The Vula programme has also felt these pressures with several long-standing donors redefining their areas of focus and other donors providing less than they had hoped.

Against these uncertainties, the programme has put in place plans which will hopefully cover any shortfalls in funding in the short term, and more importantly, lay the foundations for the long-term sustainability and guaranteed future of the programme.

Despite the many challenges faced during the year, the programme was still able to assist many teachers and learners.

Vula members of staff and beneficiaries learned to live with Covid and its consequences – disruptive and unsettling as they are for all.

We thank everyone for standing by and encouraging us in these uncertain times. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated.

Lloyd Smuts
Director, Vula



Farm and Estate

The magnificent estate and farm that cocoons the Hilton College campus reminds us daily to reflect on our connection and partnership with nature. Years pass, staff and pupils come and go, and the estate remains steadfast in its amazing beauty.

Farm dams

The larger of the two farm dams below Pearce house has had an abundance of bird life, and during the December school holidays, with no boys fishing or swimming in the dam, the numbers increase. A number of crested cranes made their roosting spot in a dead tree above the smaller, top dam. The cranes' bird song heralded nightfall and daybreak.

Egyptian geese were plentiful, and a pair raised nine goslings successfully. We kept expecting their numbers to drop as in previous years, but this gaggle were resilient, and all flew away soon after Christmas.

Spurwing goslings on the top dam were kept well hidden from predators by their mother and one very seldom got a glimpse of them.

When it rains it pours

From as early as June, weather experts were predicting above-normal rains for spring and early summer, but when it began raining in November, it didn't stop. The kikuyu pastures were continually saturated, the harvested timber brush piles wouldn't burn, and then, on 22 December, there was a flash storm of 70mm of rain in 20 minutes. Both the farm dam spillways could not cope with the sudden increased volume of water from the flooded sports fields, and the entire dam wall was covered in water. Two days later, the same thing happened when another storm deposited 80mm in about 40 minutes.



Cattle project

Seven hundred and fifty weaners were purchased in autumn at a higher price than was anticipated. The early spring rains had greened up the kikuyu, however, the prolonged cool night temperatures slowed the rate of growth and the amount of grazing allocated to the cattle daily had to be managed carefully.

In mid-December, 215 of the weaners were sold to a feedlot at a good price. Prices are expected to hold through to February 2022, when the remaining weaners will be sold.

Timber

The early spring rains enabled wattle harvesting to commence in October, with the price of pulpwood and bark remaining constant.

The continual rain in November and December delayed the planting of wattle seedlings as residue from the harvested timber was too wet to burn and weed control by manual knapsack spraying was rather tricky as it often rained at odd times during the day.

Rowan Welsford
Estate Manager

Conservation

The conservation department team remained unchanged in 2021.

Estate Activities Programme

We were able to offer the Grade 8 Estate Activity Programme this year, although on a slightly different basis to previous years. Instead of boys having to complete a set number of compulsory activities, they were given more of a choice. This was to encourage more juniors to familiarise themselves with the estate. I would like to thank Richard Karlson for the work he did in setting up an electronic checking system to record boys' involvement on the estate. Hopefully, we will soon have a fully operational estate passport system.

*We continue to partner
with ImagineIf, a non-profit
company that helps
remove recyclables.*

Photo competition

The competition was held in the fourth term and was coordinated by Jonathan Ferguson, the 2022 Head of Estate. The theme was Boys on the Estate. A number of boys submitted excellent photographs taken with their cell phones. The winner was Riley Lindsay for his photograph of boys mountain biking in the plantations. Josh Aitken's photograph of boys assisting with maintenance at the supply dams earned him second place.

Adventure Series

This year we managed to stage mountain bike and trail

running events. Pearce house, the current holders of the trophy, won the mountain bike race and Lucas won the trail run. The trophy was shared by these two houses.

Awards and Prizes

- Estate Ties – There were no nominations for this award in 2021, but hopefully next year we will once again be able to make an award.
- Prizes – The Crookes Prize for the boy who has shown the most interest in the estate and contributed the most to the estate was awarded to Tochi Ezemvuyo.

Recycling

We continue to partner with Imaginelf, a non-profit company that helps remove recyclables. We also make use of commercial recyclers when volumes are high. Recycling in the boarding houses has improved, but we have yet to get all houses fully on board. Not having had as many functions and Saturday sports fixtures, the volumes of recycling have declined. When life returns to normal, it would be good to be able to keep the volume of recycling low, not because we are inefficient in our operation, but rather because of reduced use of single-use plastic and other single-use recyclables.

Aviary

The birds in the aviary have done well this year. We did, however, struggle a little during the one or two very cold mornings, when we lost a few finches and doves to the cold.

We have taken over caring for a young spotted eagle-owl, which had its wing badly damaged in a fence. The bird was attended to by a veterinarian but is will unfortunately never fly again.

Aquariums

The smaller of the two tanks continues to be looked after by the boys and the larger tank will hopefully be used as part of a tilapia breeding programme next year.

Gwens Stream

During the July holidays, the Conservation Department office previously used by the conservation officer was renovated and is now serving as the Gwens Stream office.

Estate Drives

I would like to thank Hilton's neighbour Mr Fred Wörner for being so generous about allowing us to take boys and staff across the Umgeni River to his nature reserve. It is a magnificent reserve and we appreciate his willingness to allow us use of it.

Mike Mill

Conservation Centre Manager



Noah Coffey

One of the many spotted eagle owls on our estate.

Museum and Archives

A second year under the Covid pandemic made for another quiet year in the museum – technically all museums were closed for a major portion of the year under the emergency regulations.

A major focus was assisting with research for the 150th year in 2022 which took a number of forms. What this did highlight is the lack of almost any reliable historical records prior to 1900. The record of pupil admissions begins in 1905, and formal school lists from 1935. What few documents which do exist from before 1900 have decayed quite dramatically.

Two 16mm films from the centenary were converted to DVD format and hopefully these will be of interest during the 150th year. I hope that we will be able to add a commentary, if only in subtitle format, to the footage which was filmed during the 1972 celebrations.

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Environmental concerns within the museum and archives remain a concern. The air-conditioning units are under-specified for the area they need to operate in, and the one in the main museum area is close to the end of its life and cannot be repaired should it fail. This will need to be an area of attention very soon, as the humidity levels, in particular, are too high for the safe preservation of delicate items. Essentially, any item on display will deteriorate.

The book collection received a boost in the form of a number of books which had been disposed of from the school library. Included were a number of histories of schools and other institutions, as well as books written by Old Hiltonians. Other additions came from purchases at local book stores.

The archives benefitted from collections submitted from the Company Secretary's office, the Headmaster's office as well as from Gwens Stream Estates and from former members of staff. These additions are always welcomed as it is important to keep records which will be of use to future generations; too much appears to have been lost over time!

Towards the end of the year, we were blessed with a spectacular acquisition in the form of a number of documents relating to Gould Arthur Lucas, including the original indenture signed between Lucas and Ellis in 1881. The value of these documents in the history of the school cannot be estimated, along with the contribution which they will make to the education of many Hiltonians in years to come. The generosity of the Old Hiltonian Club, the assistance of Mr Anton Jooste as well as sincere thanks to the original owner of the document pack must be noted.

The year 2022 will be one of change with a small set of renovations to the museum having been approved. The intention is to make the museum more accessible to and comfortable for visitors and to increase the foot count through the door. Further to this, a series of renovations to display cabinets and displays is planned as well as a classroom education programme designed to run in tandem with displays in the museum.

Besides the 150th celebrations for the school as a whole, three important events to be marked in 2022 are:

- 170th anniversary of the sinking of The Birkenhead;
- 100th anniversary of the unfortunate death of Guy Falcon; and
- 100th anniversary of the laying of the chapel foundation stone.

Bruce MacLachlan
Heritage Curator

Library

We were very pleased to be able to operate the library under more normal conditions this year. While Covid protocols were adhered to, it was a real pleasure to welcome boys back into the library for most of the year. However, the sanitizing of books took on a life of its own and Mrs Kim du Plessis spent many hours religiously ensuring that this was done correctly.

The library continued to try to provide Hilton College boys with a comprehensive service, both in the selection of books, the encouragement of reading and the fostering of research skills. We decided to discontinue the Grade 8 Shared Reading initiative. This involved parents and boys reading the same book, to maintain a link between home and school and to emphasize to both the importance of reading. Unfortunately, the project had to be abandoned because it relied heavily on the exchange of emails between boys and parents, which proved problematic.

It was on the staffing and renovation front that the library experienced significant changes in 2021. Mrs Amanda Kruger started work as a part-time librarian at the

The library was redesigned to support more flexible study options. The bookshelves were moved to the perimeter walls, creating space for break-away rooms, pod seating and group teaching areas.



Liesl Couperthwaite, MCC

beginning of the year but, sadly, had to leave us due to sudden illness. We were very grateful that Mrs Norma Prince, who had worked for us before, could step in. Mrs Du Plessis was the backbone of the library since 2011, when she assumed the position of assistant librarian. Efficient, friendly and capable, Mrs Du Plessis was a pleasure to work with and will be hugely missed by the boys and staff. We wish her great happiness in her retirement.

Largely due to the introduction of the A-Level pathway at Hilton College, the library was redesigned to support more flexible study options. As the bookshelves took up a large area of floor space, they were moved to the perimeter walls, creating space for break-away rooms, pod seating, group teaching areas, and casual seating. The redesign started in the July holidays with the combining of the small IT classroom (which was originally designed as the school archives) and the reading room, making for a larger reading room which could accommodate the junior class sizes. The old board room was then converted into a classroom. Renovations to the rest of the library started in earnest at the end of the year, and the entire library had to be packed into boxes and stored in the Normand Dunn Gallery. The library, particularly the non-fiction [section], was heavily weeded before this process started as shelving space in the new design would be much more limited. We used this as an opportunity to support Mr Kwanda Sibiya's foundation with a donation of R7 620 from the sale of weeded books, some bookcases and books. The foundation aims to upgrade Mr Sibiya's alma mater, Hambisnani High School in Manguzi. Although far from ideal, we enjoyed operating our "tiny library" until school closed to ensure that boys, staff and their children always had access to books.

Our library would not operate without the support of library monitors, and we are thankful to them for their service. We bid farewell to our matric monitors Josh Ribeiro, Sebastian Guimaraens and Letu Dandala and wish them every success in their futures.

Mandy Durnford
Head of Department

Sanatorium

Our first term looked promising with no cases of Covid despite testing 24 boys presenting with symptoms. We had 10 boys qualify in Level Two First Aid this year, which gave us 21 qualified first aiders. Two boys did a refresher this year extending their practice for one year. We managed to do field-side first aid for two matches before the increase in Covid cases resulted in the sport being disallowed. Our first aiders were not able to get enough service hours or practice and so we opted not to award a first aider of the year trophy.

The following boys received their service ties for going the extra mile, meeting the requirements, and offering first-aid service where possible over two years: Myles Driman, Darren Liu, Nhla Mntambo, Flynn Newell and Kutullo Senamela.

First aid is a valuable life skill, which helps boys grow in

Kath Anderson, parent



responsibility and confidence. First-aiders who put in the requisite number of hours of service can earn a service tie in Grades 11 or 12. This service counts 10% toward university entrance and community service. Letters of reference are issued on request for inclusion in the boys' portfolios.

Three boys participated in the strapping course in the first term. They also did not manage to put their skills to use and we elected not to award the strapping trophy either. We ran blood donation clinics in the first and second terms. Boys donated 45 units at the first clinic and 38 units at the second. Pearce house won the award for providing the most donations at both clinics. Their housemaster Mr James Bullough must be commended for driving this initiative in his house.

During the April holidays, Broll (our school contractors) gave our ablutions a much-needed upgrade, installing new tap mixers and replacing old, corroded pipes. Modern saloon doors were fitted, the baths were resurfaced, and the ablutions and wards repainted. In the December holidays, the revamp included a much-needed sluice room. We are very grateful for these upgrades.

Term two brought with it some surprises with the third wave of the pandemic starting after half term. By the end of the term, 155 boys had been tested using the rapid antigen test, of which 17 tested positive. These boys and their immediate contacts were sent home to isolate for 10 days as prescribed by the Department of Health and the Department of Education. We also tested 21 boys before they flew home and out of the country for the holidays.

Term three was very busy: we did 213 rapid antigen tests and 31 PCR tests on symptomatic boys. We also did 26 tests ahead of boys flying, attending cricket and water polo festivals and other schools' dances. We started school on 13 July and our first positive test was on 17 July. We had 28 positive cases, including close contacts who went from quarantine to home, where they tested positive. All cases were traced back to eight primary cases.

We placed 194 boys, who were contacts of positive cases, in quarantine for 10 days at a time in the term. Each

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positive case had between six and 20 contacts. Towards the end of the third term, as the numbers of cases decreased, some sport started up again.

In the fourth term, which is exam term with some sport, we saw the third wave coming to an end. We tested 91 symptomatic boys and had five positive cases. Only 32 contacts were sent home for 10 days. We scrutinise positive cases to establish their direct contacts and to avoid extracting boys unnecessarily.

St Michaels Ambulance Service, headed up by Ryan King, helped at sports fixtures at home and away and provided invaluable service during the Outdoor Leadership Experience (OLE). We had one boy become unwell on OLE. He was returned to school with his tent mate. The ill boy tested positive, his mate tested negative, but since the latter was a close contact, he needed to quarantine for 10 days. The remaining boys at the OLE site were tested. Only one out of 16 tested positive, and he and his close contact were removed from the group. The rest of the boys continued with the camp and no other cases were recorded.

When 18-year-olds became eligible for vaccines, we had 51 matric boys vaccinated (with parental consent) by Thrive pharmacy sisters on site, administering the Pfizer vaccine. We did not see any cases of mumps or measles and had only one case of chicken pox. We strongly recommend you have your son vaccinated with the MMR vaccine to prevent them getting mumps. Mumps can result in a complication called orchitis (swollen testes) and this can cause sterility in a teenage boy. Two injections are required: one at once and the second a month later, to confer enough immunity to prevent the disease. If your son has not had chicken pox or been vaccinated against the disease, the varicella vaccine is recommended. It can prevent chicken pox in your boys as children and shingles as an adult. There is a cross association between the diseases. New Grade 8s should also be vaccinated with the menactra (meningococcal) vaccine to prevent meningitis, which is prevalent in boarding establishments.

Dr Dale Thomas is our school GP, and we are in regular consultation with him regarding San matters. Dr Thomas began coming to the San on Mondays and Thursdays in the 4th term, running two clinics a week. This has made him more accessible to the boys, who can see him on site without the cost of travelling to his rooms. Dr Ruvyn Frank, our local orthopaedic surgeon, helped us again in the Gilfillan First-Aid Room during the home match and trials camp this year. We appreciated his expertise at initial assessment following injury.

Mr Nick Pereira has continued to offer physio at Hilton. Mrs Mel Carey manages our biokinetic appointments in the afternoons on site. Together this system has worked very well. We carried out baseline testing using the SWAY test downloaded onto each boy's cell phone. Baseline testing and follow-up tests do not take as long with this new method of testing.

Thanks to our wonderful team in the San, your sons are in safe hands. We look forward to a great 2022.

Sr Yvette McDonald
Sanatorium Senior Sister

Chaplain's Report

My family and I arrived at Hilton College in April 2021, in time for the second term. Although I was appointed late in 2020, the Methodist Church's careful discernment process, which precedes the secondment of ministers, had to run its course. I am grateful to my District Bishop, Rev Yvette Moses, and my Presiding Bishop, Rev Purity Malinga, for running this process so efficiently and for their prayerful support and willingness to second me to this ministry.

And yes, the rumours are true! I am, indeed, a Michaelhouse old boy, which is why our headmaster, Mr George Harris, often introduces me by saying that the chaplain has "seen the light". The ministry of my own chaplain at Michaelhouse, Rev Fred Pitout (later Dean at the Cathedral of the Holy Nativity), sowed seeds in my life that bore fruit years later. The longing to serve in a similar role was one I handed to God many years ago and I am profoundly grateful to serve the boys and staff of Hilton College.

Much of 2021, since my arrival in April, involved adapting, as best we could, to changing Covid regulations. Mr Luke Holder and Mr David Orr, in addition to their busy schedules, often found themselves in chapel on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and twice on Sundays as we sought to keep numbers within limits. Our Head of Spirituality, Unako Nowele, together with the Spirituality Committee, served cheerfully and faithfully throughout the year. I am grateful to God for them and the many others who served so willingly.

God is, of course, at work in all things, and we enjoyed some unexpected highlights:

- Covid regulations at times meant that worship in the chapel was impossible, so we occasionally gathered at Gilfillan on Sunday mornings. The sound of "Lift Up Your Hearts", "pealing in our ears" and across the fields truly was uplifting.
- The Grade 10s were able to embark on their journey ("Isivivane") of 15 days in the Karkloof. Mr Graeme Roberts and Mrs Teresa Whitfield, with customary efficiency, gave me the opportunity to assist as river guide and to join groups at different stages. Most importantly, the chaplain was able to visit with each Grade 10 boy, in each house (bar Ellis), during their time of solitude. (I managed to catch up with the Ellis Grade 10s on their return). This is a precious opportunity to share heart-to-heart and to pray, in an environment

conducive to deep reflection.

- Visiting in the houses in the evenings usually opens opportunities for pastoral care or sparks a lively discussion about life and theology.
- We made a good start to our confirmation programme in October with a group of both Grade 11s (who had missed out on confirmation during 2020) and Grade 10s. We have been learning about the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7), focusing on what Prof James Bryan Smith calls "the good and beautiful life". The group's committed engagement, regardless of whether the chaplain remembered to order in doughnuts and hot chocolate, has been outstanding.

As we look to 2022, preparations are well under way for our 150th service of thanksgiving. Divinity will be reintroduced for Grade 8s and Grade 9s and we trust that pandemic-related restrictions will ease. I invite you to join me in praying that God's name will be glorified in all that we do. I particularly offer two prayer points: one inward focused, and the other outward focused.

- 1) As mentioned in reports by former chaplains, the chapel needs to be expanded. Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain (Psalm 127), so let us pray for a balance of resources, creativity, wisdom and timing such that future generations will be filled with gratitude.
- 2) Post-pandemic society will offer opportunities for Hilton boys to engage with communities who do not enjoy our privileges. Without such engagement their spiritual and character development will be stunted. Let us pray for courage and compassion to follow God to those places we might otherwise avoid.

Reverend Sean McGuigan
Chaplain

Catholic Society

There were a fair number of boys who regularly attended catechism classes at St Joseph's Cedara on Wednesday evenings. This was a blessing after the Covid pandemic laid waste to classes in 2020. This culminated in seven of our Grade 10 and 11 boys being confirmed in a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Sunday the 19th of September 2021. The celebrant was Reverend Father Elias Zondi who urged the boys to stay involved in the life of the church.

The Catholic Society is thankful to our Parish Priest Fr Chris Richards, the seminarian students, and the catechism coordinators, particularly Mr Greg Beyrooti, for the selfless way they gave of their time to guide the boys of Hilton College along their spiritual journey. St Joseph's Seminary, which is an Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) institution, is to be congratulated on the Holy See appointing Fr Neil Frank OMI as the Bishop of Mariannhill.

Paul Venter
Master-in-charge



Kath Anderson, parent

Maralyn Atkins, staff



Arts and Culture

Whilst the Covid pandemic once again put paid to a number of cultural events, the arts continued to thrive at Hilton College.

In the first half of the year a South African One-Act Play Festival was staged. Mr Luke Holder directed a number of boys in *The Ugly Noo Noo*, *The Loser*, *Sainthood*, *The Island* and *Woza Albert*. The festival was a heady mixture of humour, commentary on issues facing monastic boys' schools and struggle theatre. The audience were enthusiastic in their response and the festival engendered much discussion in the classroom.

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At the end of the year the school bade farewell to Mrs Cal Bray, who had been the head of drama since 2011. Hilton College is incredibly grateful for the many productions that Mrs Bray staged during her tenure, with obvious highlights being *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, *West Side Story* and *Les Miserables*. We wish Mrs Jenine Warren, who has written and produced works such as *Making Mandela*, and who is a previous recipient of the Standard Bank Young Artist Award, the very best of luck as she takes up the reins of the Drama Department. Mr Sipho Moniwa also joined the department from Westville Boys High School.

In 2021 the school collaborated with St Anne's, and under the choreography of Ms Joslyn Anderson, recorded a piece for FUNK, which was presented in digital format.

Mr David Orr joined the Music Department as co-leader with Mr Brett Udal. Mr Orr's expertise lies in the organ and conducting choirs. The department managed to perform at Artisan Café during the year and also recorded an outstanding concert that was aired in the second half of the year. There was much excitement when the soil was turned and the construction of the new Music Centre began.

The Competition Marimba Band once again won a number of medals at the International Marimba Competition and their recitals at St Anne's College and our Parents Days were very well received.

The Visual Arts Department had a number of pupils be invited to display their work at the Tatham Art Gallery which is a high honour indeed. This was on top of the two exhibitions staged by the department during the year and the Hilton/St Anne's Matric Art Exhibition, which was wonderfully hosted by St Anne's in 2021. We were delighted when Ms Joy Preiss opened the Hilton College Matric Art Exhibition with a speech which was a passionate defense of the arts.

The Debating Club achieved kudos by winning the Grade 8 Pietermaritzburg and District League. Mr Graham Roberts and his fellow coaches have done much to resurrect the strength of Hilton College's debating teams. A special thanks to Ms Heather Peel, who worked hard to grow debating in the school. This year, Khanya Mhlongo was awarded his national blazer for debating, which is an exceptional achievement.

Whilst the pandemic saw another cancelling of the Hilton Arts Festival, the boys were able to watch a wonderful outdoor production of *The Horn Of Sorrow*. Things are looking good for the festival going ahead in 2022.

Thus as hard as it was, the blue light in the theatre did not go out and the school stands resolute in its belief that the arts shall return in all its colorful, dramatic and musical glory in 2022.

Paul Venter
Head of Arts and Culture

Maralyn Atkins, staff



Theatre

The pandemic was again the defining factor in how the theatre space functioned this year, with a number of planned events being cancelled because of the limitations on venue capacity, including the annual Hilton Arts Festival, KickStart's critically acclaimed farce *Sylvia*, a touring production of the renowned ballet *The Nutcracker*, ThinkTheatre's annual schools' productions of *Othello* and *Hamlet*, various local dance schools, and the Cecchetti Society Ballet Symposium. Sadly, the venue is not a viable financial entity if producers are unable to sell more than 50% of the house.

An essential component of theatre usage in 2021 has been integrating streaming technology into the delivery of presentations to a wider audience than the in-person capacity has allowed. To this end, successful collaborations with various organisations, and in particular Routes to Resilience, an NGO focusing on education for leadership of a sustainable global future, allowed us to share the fascinating experiences of guest speakers, and ultimately the graduation of our Academic Extension Programme candidates, broadcast to countries all over the world.

Due to a special exemption granted by the Department of Education, we were able to host the Drakensberg Boys' Choir.

A highlight of the year was the South African One-Act Play Festival, staged in the theatre in the 2nd term. Directed by Mr Luke Holder, the festival saw the staging of five uniquely South African texts, performed to closed audiences of boys and staff, and filmed and packaged during the process. Many thanks are extended to the Dramatic, Artistic and Literary Rights Organisation for their assistance in obtaining the rights to these productions during a fraught Covid period. Brief descriptions of each of the works follows:

- *The Ugly Noo Noo*, written by Andrew Buckland, and performed by Khalil Sacranie, is a comic satire about

the Parktown prawn as a metaphor for humanity's fear and how that same fear compounds itself by robbing us of our ability to communicate.

- *The Loser*, written by Aaron McIlroy, and performed by Myles Driman, casts a disparaging eye on the nature of success. Anyone who has worked in the corporate world for any number of years and has had to suffer many motivational speakers will immediately recognize Truscott Price, performer and Durban funny-man Aaron McIlroy's madcap character and star of the show.
- *The Island*, written by John Kani, Winston Ntshona and Athol Fugard, and performed by Howard Dlubisa and Avuyile Zondi, is an apartheid-era drama, inspired by a true story, set in an unnamed prison clearly based on South Africa's notorious Robben Island prison. It focuses on two cellmates, one whose successful appeal means that his release draws near and one who must remain in prison for many years to come. They spend their days performing futile physical labour and nights rehearsing in their cell for a performance of Sophocles' *Antigone* in front of the other prisoners.
- *Sainthood*, written by Tiisetso Mashifane wa Noni, and performed by Gary Lubisi, Alec Gibson, Andile Matsa, Oyisa Pupuma and Caleb Venter, is a story about young people trying to come to terms with their identities in a post-apartheid South Africa. Set in St Gabriel's School for Boys, a fictional private all-boys school, the play aims to confront the culture around the "saints experience" of money, privilege and influence.
- *Woza Albert!* written by Mbongeni Ngema, Percy Mtwa and Barney Simon, and performed by Yenziwe Nzuza and Obotegile Makakase, shows two actors playing roles of various black South Africans – a vendor, barber, servant, manual labourer, soldier – receiving the news that Christ (Morena) has arrived in South Africa, where a Calvinist white elite imposes apartheid. Christ's arrival precipitates a crisis, and the government launches a nuclear bomb against the peacemaker.

Due to a special exemption granted by the Department of Education, we were able to host the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School for their *Noel* tour. This glorious Christmas concert played to a regulated half-capacity house of



Kath Anderson, parent

appreciative patrons and provided a glimmer of hope for us as a blueprint for trying to reopen in 2022.

After successfully rehomeing the Pietermaritzburg City Orchestra in the theatre, and developing a network of professional musicians in the Midlands region, the theatre ended the year with an ambitious professional recording of the entire musical score of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, featuring 45 professional musicians under the baton of Mr Holder, and engineered by Andrew and Zara Gaffney of AMG Audio in Gauteng, in preparation for the flagship production of the theatre in 2022, as part of the 150th celebrations.

It is our hope that as our country embraces vaccinations and learns to live with the pandemic, the legislation that has all but decimated the entertainment industry will be lifted and our beautiful theatre will once again become the hub of the Midlands cultural experience.

Luke Holder
Theatre Manager

Hilton Arts Festival

For the second consecutive year the festival was forced to box clever in order to produce those parts of a big event that were Covid compliant. The pandemic has decimated the theatre and eventing industries and this made us even more determined to provide something worthwhile and to keep the arts alive.

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industries...*

Thanks to the generosity of Absa, Anew Hilton Hotel and Business and Arts South Africa, we developed a touring Jongosi production. This involved choosing a piece of theatre that was stylistically able to tour to venues that were not technically equipped, that could be performed

outdoors and which was suitable in content and messaging for Grades 7 to 12.

We obtained the rights to Nicholas Ellenbogen's multi-award winning script *Horn of Sorrow*, which deals with the plight of the rhino and the scourge of poaching. Although, being physical theatre and transcending all language barriers (especially important for educational / informative theatre in rural communities), it includes dialogue in English and isiZulu. It is a superb example of Jerzy Grotowski's "poor theatre", a genre taught within the matric syllabus.

The services of Brendan Grealy, as director, were secured and auditions were held. We aimed specifically to give work to performers based in KwaZulu-Natal. Rehearsals took place in Durban over four weeks, working a five-day week. Performers were paid for rehearsals, which, tragically, is no longer the norm. But this was made possible by Absa. The production features Menzi Mkhwane, Mpilo "Straw" Nzimande, TQ Zondi, Mthokozisi Zulu, Nkosikhona Dube and Kaylee McIlroy.

A total of 45 performances took place from 8 September to 30 November. A weekend was dedicated to filming the production. This took place on location in Shongweni. A professional film crew was hired for a three-camera shoot. The purpose of this was to avoid being yet another badly recorded, on-the-cheap Covid offering to a world desperate for live theatre. The teaser / trailer can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/AYhIUvIm_LA

On a single day, which would have been the first day of the 29th annual festival, all Hilton boys saw the production on the lawns below the Bell Tower. The rest of their 2021 Jongosi experience will take place in March 2022! They will all see two productions, aimed at making everyone laugh and escape our traumatised world for a while. These productions are *Sylvia*, a ridiculously funny rom-com, and *Impossible*, a one hander by internationally acclaimed magician Brendan Peel, winner of Britain's Got Talent. All things being equal, the 30th Hilton Arts Festival will run from 22 to 25 September 2022.

Sue Clarence
Festival director



Members of the cast of
Nicholas Ellenbogen's
multi-award-winning
Horn of Sorrow.



Matric Dance

The Café du Paris-themed Matric Dance was relished by the 2021 matric scholars and their partners. On arrival at the venue, one may have been tricked into believing that they had magically arrived at a flower market on a street in Paris looking onto the Eiffel Tower. Once inside the transformed Sports Centre, their senses were enlivened by sights and sounds of France.



The matrics loved being able to dance and socialize and had an incredible evening. The night was one that will not easily be forgotten.

Carolyn van Zuydam
Events Manager



Remembrance Day

Armistice Day Address

By Andrew Douglas

At 11 o'clock on 11 November 1918 the guns fell silent. The guns that had been firing almost non-stop for four years. Tired soldiers lifted their heads and listened for the first time to a bird singing in the distance. It was far away. There were no trees near the front lines anymore. They had all been blasted away by the millions of shells that had exploded over many years. Everything was muddy as the rain had fallen and settled in the trenches and in the craters in no man's land. Once where there had been farms and animals, there was mud and desolation. Where there had been life and activity, there was the stench of death.

None of the soldiers could believe that the fighting was over. They were numbed by the suddenness of it all. The record of South Africa's role in the war has large gaping holes in it. Much has been made of Delville Wood, but other areas of conflict have tended to be overlooked. The South West African Campaign or our exploits in East Africa or the sinking of the SS Mendi have received scant attention.

Today is remembered all over the world as a time when people remember and pay homage to the young men and women who gave their lives for their country in various wars. For us at Hilton, these include The Bambatha Rebellion, The South African War, World War 1, World War 2, the Korean War and the Border War. Red poppies are traditionally worn on 11 November. These poppies grew in the fields at Flanders in Northern France where some of the fighting in World War 1 took place. The Memorial Hall is so named since it has in its foyer all the names of the Hilton boys and masters who died during these wars. The first Old Hiltonian on the roll of honour is James Whitelaw who was killed in the Zulu victory at Isandlwana in 1879. Since then, nearly 150 boys have died in the various wars. The last Hiltonian to die in a war was probably Lt. Christopher Robin who died in a landmine explosion in the Caprivi strip in 1975. How various Old Hiltonians responded to compulsory military service of the apartheid years reflects the stark choices facing school leavers.

Some became conscientious objectors. Charles Yeats was imprisoned, and activist Bill Anderson was in exile,



Tracey Rhodes, MCC



Maxi Holder, MCC

mobilizing with the ANC to end white minority rule. Pete Milligan, who was dux of the school in 1977, became a doctor and then chose to practice in the Ciskei which was regarded as an independent country by the apartheid government and so avoided national service. Many others did the same.

During World War 1, South Africa made significant contributions to the Allied war effort. Some 135,000 White South Africans fought in the East and North African and Italian campaigns, and 70,000 Black and Coloured South Africans served as labourers and transport drivers. This is a blight on South African history, which is another issue completely. From April 1916 until the war in Europe ended on 11 November 1918, South Africa fought alongside other Allied nations at battles of the Somme in 1916; Arras, Ypres, and Menin in 1917; and Passchendaele, Messines, Mont Kemmel, and Cambrai in 1918.

The point is that many of these South Africans were hardly professional soldiers. They were people like you and me with a few weeks of hurried and probably insufficient training and little, if any, battlefield experience. They were thrown into one of the most vicious and deadly battles mankind has ever known. In four months in the Battle of the Somme, there were, on both sides, over one million casualties.

The memorial at Delville Wood is a national memorial dedicated to all South Africans who served in all theatres of war.

It is the only memorial dedicated to the participation of the South African Forces on the 1914-1918 Western Front. About 230,000 officers and men served with the South African Forces in the Great War. Their casualties – those who died in action or who died of wounds – numbered approximately 10,000. All those who died in the service of the Union of South Africa are named in a book held at the Delville Wood Museum next to the memorial.

It is where the battalions of the South African Brigade came under withering German artillery fire in their attempt to capture and then defend the wood in mid-July

of 1916. Both the wood and the South African battalions were almost destroyed. The South African Brigade had gone into battle here on 15 July 1915 with 121 officers and 3,032 other ranks. At roll call on 21 July they numbered only 29 officers and 751 other ranks. That is a huge number of men who died.

The Official History of the Great War 1914-1918 records the courage of the South Africans holding the wood: "The South Africans had covered themselves with glory at Delville Wood, which is now laid out as a memorial to their dead. In spite of terrible losses, they had steadfastly endured the ordeal of the German bombardment, which seldom slackened and never ceased, and had faced with great courage and resolution repeated counter-attacks delivered by fresh troops. Since their first advance into the wood on the morning of 15 July they had defied all attempts to drive them completely from it."

Two-thirds of those 5,493 soldiers buried at Delville Wood are unknown – a testimony to the incredible destruction that characterised this particular battle. Countless families remained bereft at having nothing more than the phrase "missing in action" hanging over them.

We cannot change history, and we cannot stop it from being repeated, but we can acknowledge what we think these people went through.

In honouring these soldiers, we honour life, what we have now, and pay some tribute to the society in which we would like to live. And in which they never would.

Remembrance Day is the day that South Africans remember the brave men and women who have served

and continue to serve our country during times of war and peace.

I have not sacrificed anything for my freedom. It was given to me by those who came before me and sacrificed so much. So now, it is my responsibility to never forget the service and the sacrifices of more than one and a half million South Africans who have served in various wars. They died so that I could have the freedom to give this speech, to live a free life. I am forever in their debt. However, I will remember the sacrifices of everyone, not only the soldiers.

The doctors and nurses who tended to the wounded. The parents who watched their children fight things they couldn't protect them from.

The children who were too young to understand why their moms and dads wouldn't be home for Christmas. The teenage boys who were shipped off to fight before they got a chance at adulthood.

The children who had to grow up too soon so that they could take care of their families during a war. For what they lost, I will thank them and always remember.

As we stand here in peace and safety, we pay our respects to all of the fallen, all of the wounded and all who served in conflicts over the past 140 years. Today, as we should every day, we remember those who volunteered, sacrificed, served, fought and died for our freedom. We thank you and we salute you, as we salute those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We will never forget. We will remember you.



Luke Schraivesande

Leavers' Tie Service

Having attended many leavers' services and heard many remarkable people of God speak on such an occasion, it fills me with some awe and trepidation to find myself delivering this message.

As we look back on our time here, there can be no doubt that the past 20 months will, unfortunately, feature significantly in our reflections.

At the end of 2019, who would have thought what lay ahead in 2020 and 2021. What remarkable times awaited us. Remarkable, but also stressful and distressing. It wouldn't be helpful, or honest, to pretend otherwise. These have been difficult times, frustrating times, times that have quite possibly made one angry and resentful, finding it difficult to see the positive. We have all, no doubt, on many occasions wished that the pandemic would simply dissipate...in a hurry!

For you guys especially, the Leavers of 2021, you have had almost two years of living through a pandemic – your last two years, and most senior years, at Hilton. One can't play down all that has been different, nor overestimate how this has impacted your experience here. We need to acknowledge this in all its complexity and sadness, whilst at the same time having to live with it.

When thinking about a message for this evening, I was struck by these thoughts and by the fact that the experience of Jesus in the desert holds pearls of wisdom for us. The past 20 months of the pandemic have felt like a desert: dry, barren, vast, empty, life-threatening. And so, it would be helpful to reflect on Jesus's time of being tempted in the desert and His response to Satan.

It remains to be seen when this desert experience of the pandemic will come to an end. But, as our president said during an address to the nation on the Covid-19 pandemic, "We also need to confront another pandemic... that of gender-based violence." Unfortunately, these are not the only pandemics which threaten us and lead us into a desert-like experience. The pandemics of racism, discrimination (gender and other), bigotry, poverty, narcissism, greed, permissiveness, indifference. If this all sounds a bit depressing, there is good news awaiting us, thankfully! As you can see this certainly sounds like a "desert" similar in all respects to the one in which Jesus found himself.

The first of the temptations, to turn stones into bread, is so typical of the temptation which we all experience. It is the temptation to satisfy our material needs and wants. In our context, that is often at the expense of others. We see this all around us, nationally and internationally. And, from time to time, it is our approach, too. Me first...the rest can follow...if there is anything left for them.

Jesus's response to Satan is instructive, reflecting the fact that there are far more important things to be concerned about than simply satisfying one's material needs. His response, quoted directly from Scripture, reveals that man should live based "on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God". This is powerful stuff, and it is exciting that as you leave this place, you are receiving a very special copy of "the word which proceeds from the mouth of God". There is enormous wisdom in this Word, and you would do well to reflect upon it, digest it, and pray for the strength to incorporate it in your life.

As one example, from a practical perspective, consider these remarkable words found in the book of Philippians, Chapter 4, verse 8:



Jake Allerton, MCC

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Popular psychology is littered with the “We are what we think” mantra. But it is true. We can probably all attest to the power of the mind. So, Jesus’s command that man should live a life based on “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”, and the sorts of words which do proceed therefrom, is obviously a significant blueprint if we are going to be able to avoid contributing to the pandemics referred to earlier, and the associated desert experience. We are what we think... So, as God’s Word says, “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable ...think about such things.”

Having fended off Satan in round one, Jesus is then subjected to another common temptation to which we are subjected. Remember, while “fully God”, he was also “fully man” in order to completely connect with our humanity. We are often tempted to make ourselves appear special. We connect with prominent people so that we may be regarded as special by association. Think of the name dropping and the photographs on Instagram with the CEO of this or that company, the member of parliament, the president. Or comments like, “She has been a personal friend for some time ...”

So, Satan comes to Jesus playing on this. You are special, you are God’s Son, the Angels will protect you...even if you throw yourself down from this position on the top of the temple. This is the all-too-familiar temptation to use your connection or power for your own benefit.

Once again, living by “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”, Jesus reprimands Satan by quoting from the Scriptures. “You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test,” he says, indicating how we are to conduct ourselves. We are not to take advantage of our relationships, by abusing a special connection, for our own benefit. It becomes clear that doing so is likely to contribute to furthering the rampant growth of pandemics such as those already mentioned.

While this message applies to us all, it is particularly pertinent to those on the cusp of the rest of their lives. For those who are young, the issue of “thinking on” that which is excellent and praiseworthy, so that you become what you think, becomes ever more significant.

So, by roundly rebutting Satan’s temptation on this second occasion, Jesus had laid the groundwork for Satan’s final assault...an assault drenched in the temptations which are so difficult for human beings to ignore. In His “being in human likeness”, as we are told about Jesus, these were like experiences for Him too.

Satan’s offer to Jesus of “all the kingdoms of the world and their glory” in return for His adoration reflects humankind’s worshipping of the “kingdoms of the world” in the sense of the power, prestige, status, money, success to which we are so easily tempted. When we worship these things, we contribute to the pandemics that afflict the world.

The blueprint for our lives – “Be gone, Satan. For it is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve’” – is particularly powerful. If, as humankind, or as individuals, we are to make any progress in beating the encroaching pandemics we need to ensure that we are not worshipping and serving the “kingdoms of the world” – the lust for power, prestige, status, money, and success. We need to be living our lives based on “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”, thinking on the right things, as “we are what we think”. God’s Word implies that and, centuries later, popular psychology has come to rest on that too.

One other thread which runs through this account is that of Satan picking up on that other great human weakness: self-obsession. Our tendency to be overly focused on ourselves! In all of Satan’s approaches to Jesus his focus was on this weakness. And what does Jesus do? He turns the focus away from himself, not capitulating to that tendency toward self-interest. What a great blueprint for our lives. We know, as we see it all around us, that obsession with self and self-interest is one of the most powerful forces perpetuating the pandemics mentioned. May we not be a part of this. May we, indeed, actively fight against it.

So, Leavers of 2021 (boys in particularly), it would seem that there is little doubt that the Covid-19 pandemic of the past 20 months has had you in the desert, so to speak. You have managed a set of very difficult circumstances, having helped lead the school during 2021. That has been no mean task, most certainly not without significant frustrations and disappointments. You can be proud of how you have come through this time, and Hilton certainly is. Taking what you have learned and experienced at Hilton, together with this account of Jesus as one of the most powerful of blueprints for managing the temptations we all face, hopefully you will now go out into this country and the world and help make these better places for your having been there. As we see with Jesus himself in this account, a personal relationship with God, seen in Jesus finding answers to Satan through his Father’s words, is necessary to help us live as God would have us live. May God himself go with you and with the others of us leaving, as we endeavour to do this.

Mark Perrett





Boarding

At the end of 2020, the housemasters brainstormed what we wanted to achieve during 2021. Reflecting on the year, the team can be proud of all they accomplished, in what proved to be another very difficult year.

Boarding remains at the core of Hilton College and the housemasters' committee strives to build positive relationships with the families associated with each house. This is where each housemaster brings his own unique leadership style to create a functional and homely space for all boarders. The houses strive to be values-driven, impacting on every member's life.

The team of housemasters has given boarding at Hilton College the competitive advantage. They continue to develop and implement their core values and systems for their houses, ensuring that their vision for their house becomes a reality.

It was yet again a very difficult year owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Having said that, the school and houses made the most of the situation and managed to continue to function well. A lot of sacrifices were made. Campus lockdowns, no visitors and no leaves were but some of the strategies employed to create a safer environment for all and limit disruption to the school's academic calendar. The boarding team is to be commended for managing all the challenges that arose because of new strategies and regulations.

There were also a number of highlights during the year, which helped create a welcome sense of normality again.



Mike Werth

A boarding school relies heavily on extra-mural activities to keep the boys engaged and a notable change was felt when some of these extra-mural activities were allowed again. One could sense a renewed energy in the houses.

Mr AC Blume

Chairman of the Housemasters' Committee



Matt Armstrong

Churchill

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." These words by Stephen Hawking accurately reflect the character of Churchill house in 2021. This is evident in the development and successes of many of our boys.

As in 2020, "uncertainty" and "unprecedented" were used in many a conversation. But rather than viewing them in a negative light, we embraced them, thereby showing our "intelligence".

What makes Churchill so special is our relationships in the house, and these relationships resemble that of a brotherhood. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed 16 boys into our family. These boys demonstrated immense resilience. Not only did they adapt to boarding school, which was a first for many, but they also had to cope with Covid-19 shaping their first year in high school.

The matric boys, along with our housemasters, made it our responsibility to promote and model to all in the house a culture of embracing and adapting to change. This yielded positive results in all spheres of life, from academics and sport to arts and culture.

Academically, our boys delivered solid results, as in the past few years, and in the sporting sphere the boys outdid themselves, reaching the senior inter-house final.

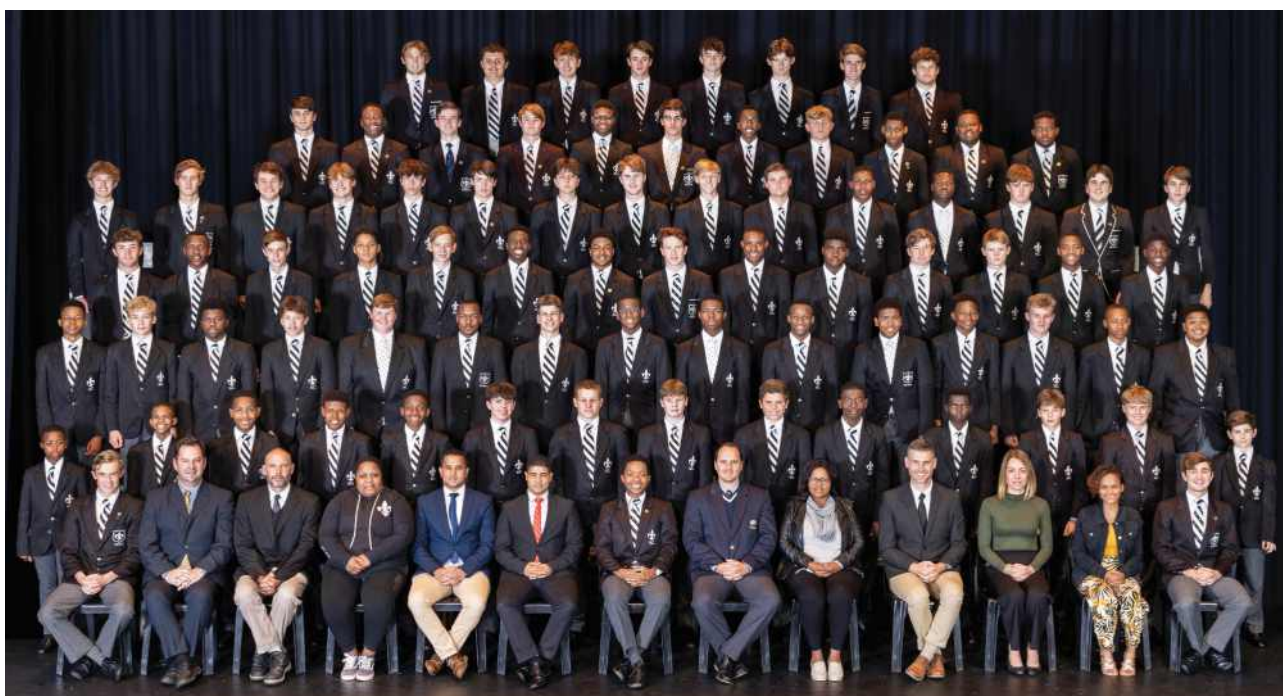
Culturally, Mbuyelo Mbokota (Grade 8) was part of the cast of a stage production of *A Raisin in the Sun*, which showed at the Soweto Theatre. And Michael Fox, William Ellis and Andile Matsa featured in local productions with The Wykeham Collegiate.

We are proud of our senior portfolio heads for 2022: Andile Matsa, Head of Sport, and Jonathan Ferguson, Head of Conservation.

Churchill held itself to high standards in 2021 and I have no doubt that the matrics of 2022 will produce nothing less than excellence, taking Churchill to new heights.

I wish Sfiso Sithole and his team of matrics all the best for 2022.

Liteboho Lethole
Head of House



Churchill House

Row 7: Joe Hill, Etienne Smith, Oscar Bredenkamp, Cole McLaggan, Casey Nicholson, Michael Fox, Callum Lupton-Smith, Nicolas Snyman

Row 6: Ruben Marx, Thuthuka Kamanga, Duncan Haworth, Brett Jarvie, Sixolile Nyangiwe, Oliver Fraser, Chisha Mulenga, Merlin Brown, Tebalo Lephoto, Omolemo Sehole, Sagwadhi Malongete

Row 5: Oliver Mattison, Jack Gillham, Campbell Ivins, Nicholas Vickers, William Ellis, Daniel Sweeney, Efe Ozcan, Ronan Keogh, Andre Boschoff, Jake Van Zuydam, Bataung Ramolefe, Andile Matsa, Gregory Braithwaite, Angus Herridge, Xavier Rey

Row 4: Hylton Lotter, Olwakhe Shezi, Adam Cole, Noah Ford, Joshua Black, Tawanda Kugotsi, Taddeo Sithole, Samuel Black, Reabetswe Motlhaloga, Kego Maseko, Luke Hancock, Victor Compton, Kwanele Gumbi, Tino Nyabonda,

Row 3: Molebogeng Legodi, Harry Jarvie, Nghwazi Mkansi, Matt Watts, Jonathan Ferguson, Newo Munyai, Luke Schraevesande, Lesedi Mogashoa, Khanya Mhlongo, Mihle Gazi, Vumi Mbokota, Junior Nkoma, Daniel Lyon, Ndalo Ngewu, Mbulelo Mbokota

Row 2: Ziyanda Mnyandu, Tsebo Mokhathi, Hlonie Lethole, Seko Maseko, Sizwe Pwele, Daniel Sweeney, Grant Bridgeford, Ben Ferguson, James Dent, Akani Nxumalo, Sean Kamau, Didier Rey, David Hill, Chase Smith

Row 1: Mathew Allwood, Mr David Orr, Mr Nick Holtzhauzen, Ms Mbali Shelembe, Mr Damian Kimfley, Mr Devon Van Der Merwe, Liteboho Lethole, Mr Tienie Van Wyk, Ms Nomfundo Nzimande, Mr Darryn Gallagher, Mrs Leana Steenkamp, Ms Simone Van Niekerk, Craig Yammin



Luc Schraevesande



Matt Armstrong

Ellis

Despite the angst and uncertainty around Covid-19 at the beginning of the year, the boys came through the gates full of energy and determination to make 2021 special. In Ellis, we strive to give our all, in everything we do, and the boys were committed to doing so this year.

We started off the year on a very sad note with the passing of Mr Tony Richter and his daughter Alice. The boys, along with the rest of the Ellis community, came together to be there for each other. It was an extremely tough time, but with the care and compassion showed by all on campus, everyone slowly started to deal with their emotions and to push through. I was so proud of everybody and will forever be grateful for all the kindness.

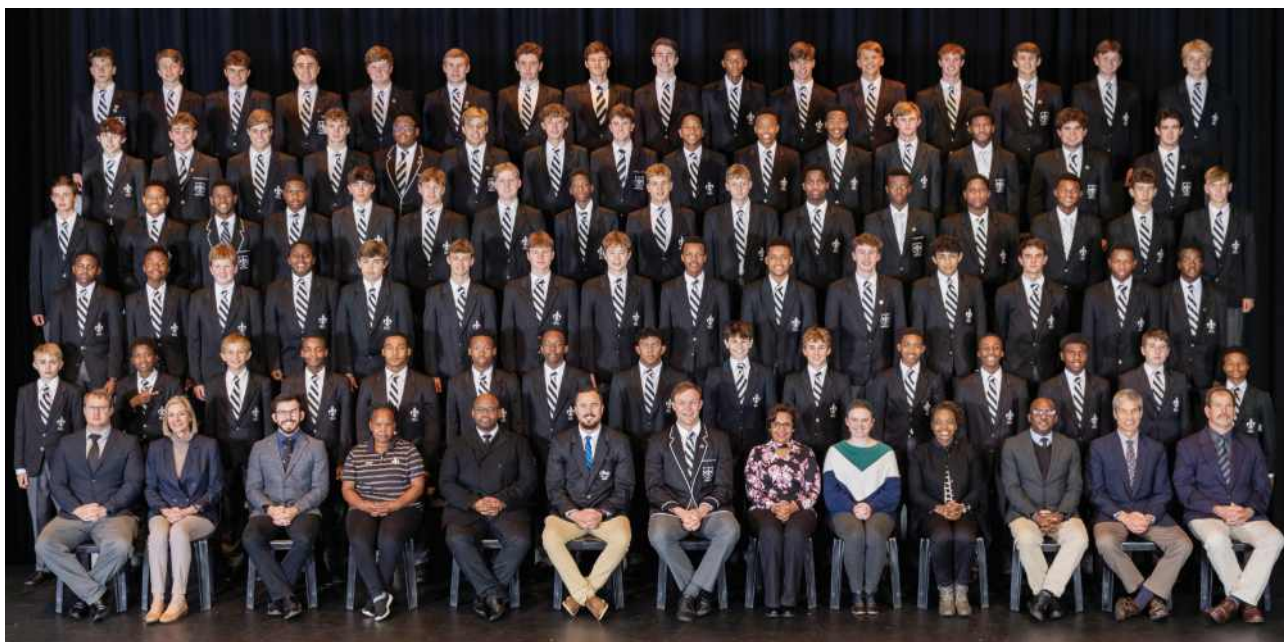
The remainder of the year was full of challenges and highlights. Highlights include our winning interhouse cricket and rugby. For me, the greatest highlight was seeing boys in the house grow into their own. The Grade 8s and 9s had a tough year due to Covid and its restrictions, but they came out more determined and stronger as a group.

The Grade 10s and 11s were exceptional this year and really made an impact in the house, being big brothers and leading by example. The matrics knew this year was going to be like no other, and with this came new responsibilities. We took everything in our stride, and I am thankful to the matrics for making my life so much easier.

Mr Burger Nel, Mrs Keshni Peters, Mr Sipho Moniwa and Mrs Bongsi Mthlana all played an instrumental role in ensuring that the house was run smoothly. Ellis simply wouldn't be the place it is without such caring and excellent staff.

In 2021, Ellis boys experienced growth in all spheres, be it sport, culture or academics. I am massively thankful to everyone who made my five years in the house so special. I know Ellis will go from strength to strength!

Matthew Boast
Head of House



Ellis House

Row 6: James Weinberg, Nicholas Thorburn, Ross Short, Jonty Alexander, Michael McKenzie, Tyron Anderson, Matthew Emmott, Tanner Bailey, Harry Bailey, Risimati Mkhabela, Thomas Haynes, Ross Boast, Tim King, Ryan Jenkins, Daniel Hathorn, Matthew Stewart

Row 5: Matthew Bray, Thomas Roy, Chris Roy, Rourke Luscombe, Andile Khumalo, Jack McKenzie, Alistair Howard, Matt Rout, Vuyo Buthelezi, Hlumelo Conjwa, Olwethu Mbala, Henry Fawcett, Emeka Ezenwugo, Travis Holdsworth, Rhys Barnes

Row 4: Griffin Barnes, Ntuma Moagi, Siya Buthelezi, Minenhle Makhathini, Daniel Holtzhauzen, Murray Brink, Matthew Diemont, Olufemi Oyeka, Ivan Lockhem, Oliver Chapple, Thabo Mazibuko, Howard Dlulisa, Siya Mpofu, Vhuthihi Siwada, Jason Webster, Charles Fawcett

Row 3: Hugo Mkhize, Senzo Mngomezulu, William Leathern, Tochi Ezenwugo, Jack Holtzhauzen, Thomas Taylor, Troy Bailey, William Kitching, Tumelo Gopane, Ndabenhle Sithole, Ross Taylor, Siyanda McClain, Ross Brown, Khazimla Makali, Bongki Khoza

Row 2: Josh McGhee, Ntando Mhlongo, Alex Hathorn, Zimele Khumalo, Bunono Jabavu, Liyema Mndela, Tele Sitoyo, Caleb Vandayar, Charlie Short, Jarred Maltby, Dzuni Mboweni, Zakhele Khumalo, Uthando Gumede, Josh Aitken, Ntando Mchunu

Row 1: Mr David Look, Mrs Hanlie Dry, Mr Mason Campbell, Ms Bongki Mthalane, Mr Sipho Moniwa, Mr Burger Nel, Matthew Boast, Mrs Keshni Peters, Ms Margie Mackechnie, Mrs Juliette Hunter, Mr Thulani Mhlongo, Mr Mike Green, Mr Mike Mill



Kath Adnerson, parent

Matt Armstrong



Falcon

Whilst we, as a house and a school, had to deal with enormous challenges in 2021, we stood steady, together, through unprecedented times and emerged a far greater community.

Throughout the year, the boys in Falcon house were encouraged to be proud of their achievements and humble in defeat. When we won the Spirit Cup at the gala, we celebrated and hugged one another. When we lost in the Junior Football Final, we congratulated our opponent and looked at where we could've improved.

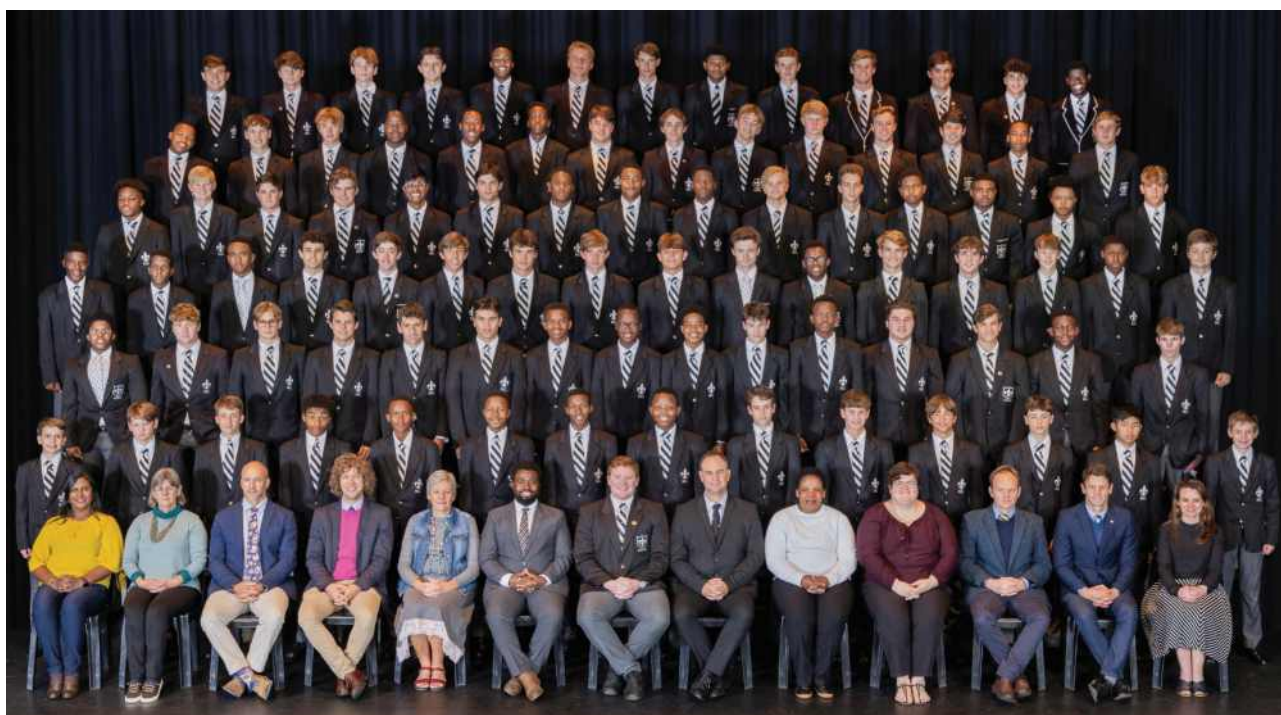
The year held one of the greatest tragedies to ever hit the school – the passing away of Tony Richter, a beloved staff member and treasured rugby coach. While every one of us

was shaken by Mr Richter's death, he is certainly looking on us with pride.

2021 was an extraordinary year that demanded we navigate uncharted waters in the history of the school. As the leader of Falcon, I could not have met these challenges without the support of my matric peers, the brothers who have stood beside me since Grade 8. Together with the captain of our ship, Mr Kwanda Sibiyi, we faced adversity, heartbreak, change and victory, and left Falcon house a better place than we found it in 2017.

Craig Davidson
Head of House





Falcon House

Row 7: Cameron Gray, Richard Muir, Michael Lillee, Natan Bouwer-Joubert, Gabriel Njonjo, Stefan Swart, Christopher Snijman, Makaii Mhaka, Brian Thomson, Christo van Loggerenberg, Matt Willis, Taurin Craze, Chugu Katayi

Row 6: Qhawe Soji, Scott Winskill, Lyle Clubb, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Yami Mkize, Simba Chidakwa, Jack Herman, Oliver Levell, Jarryd Pike, Jack Weavind, Ryan Basson, Nic Hirschowitz, Khumo Kwakwa, Oliver Lello

Row 5: More Akinola, James Moore, Murray Dahl, Dylan Thomson, Shailen Naidoo, Ben Kok, Khanya Jekwa, Karabo Lephema, Munashe Musora, Oliver Proudfoot, Tristan Hockly, Bandile Shabalala, Arab Mikael, Kgwanti Bilankulu, Kieran Janse van Rensburg

Row 4: Liyema Nela, Anelisa Maphumulo, Avuyile Mbada, Jarod du Plessis, Connor Thomson, Joshua Snyman, Jono Bregman-Frangos, Nic Bregman-Frangos, Spencer Wright, Nkosi Dlamini, Jon Braithwaite, Michael Capes, Luke Marshall, Langa Dlamini, Rupert Wright

Row 3: Motheo Molefe, Gary Goldring, Jordan Udal, Connor Woods, Migual Teixeira, Ethan McCabe, Sandiso Zondi, Omohau Mbileni, Katlego Moncho, Jake Hockly, Nkosi Shoji, Connor McCabe, Christopher Pistorius, Nkosi Msiza, Alton Theron

Row 2: Riley Lindsay, Jamie Dunn, Michael Bird, Lee Singh, Ngosi Modise, Shaka Buthelezi, Zukhanye Fatyi, Buthulwazi Buthelezi, Ben Hockly, Jacques Oliver, Joshua Kok, Luke Herman, William Chien, Sebastian le Roux

Row 1: Mrs Charmaine Padayachee, Mrs Mandy Durnford, Mr Ernie Steenkamp, Mr Alexei du Bois, Mrs Vanessa Wedderburn, Mr Kwanda Sibiya, Craig Davidson, Mr Warren Kirsten, Ms Mandy Nene, Miss Charissa Steenkamp, Mr James Webb, Mr Tony Shuttleworth, Mrs Ashleigh Askew



Matt Armstrong



Lucas

After our stay in Old Pearce while our house was being renovated, we returned to a building that can accommodate more boys than ever and into a pandemic. Lucas house was in a fragile place. A new culture had to be formed and so we made that our goal.

At the start of the year, we set goals for self-discipline and sport as well as pastoral, transformational and cultural goals. With the help of my leadership group, we managed to achieve these, laying a great foundation for years to come.

What characterizes a Lucanite is the relationships that he builds with his fellow pupils. Lucas house is a place where boys can feel comfortable to be themselves and know that they have the support of all the boys while on their Hilton journey. This is the heart of Lucas and, as housemaster Mr AC Blume used to say, the boys are the heartbeat. It is my wish that the class of 2021 has made the house a better place; a home for all boys who have been part of this family.

I am extremely grateful to Mr Blume for leading us in tough times and giving us the skills to navigate adulthood. I wish him and his wife all the best as they embark on a new journey in the Western Cape.

I'm hugely thankful to all the staff and academic tutors, and in particular Mrs Inga Rautenbach and Ms Rosemary Mwelase who have served and guided our boys to achieve their best. I wish Mr Msizi Mchunu all the best as he steps in as housemaster. I am certain that the future of Lucas is in safe hands. I also hope that the class of 2022 will have a great year. Under the leadership of Keitshupile Makola, I have no doubt that they will be a great success.

To the brothers who I have journeyed with, thank you for having my back and helping me lead the house to the best of my ability. May your lives be filled with joy and success. Until we meet again.

Jannes Potgieter
Head of House



Lucas House

Row 7: James Daniels, Michal de Beer, Dillon van der Merwe, Ndalo Gumedede, Joubert Smit, Caine Letschert, Thomas Dyer, Gary Lubisi, Kyle Christie, Keitshupile Makola, Liam Blaauwhof, Darren Liu, Reece-James Du Toit

Row 6: HJ Pienaar, Taso Kruger, RD Engelbrecht, Jordan Hein, Zach Mphosi, Jason Muir, Christopher Wagner, Noah Coffey, Ayaan Jakhura, Adolf Luderitz, Hanu Pieterse, Christopher Horak, Benjamin Le Roux, Jonathan Horak

Row 5: Avuyile Zondi, Amo Phuduhudu – Kruger, Jake Cavaliere, Kieran Griffin, PJ van der Walt, Jack Osborne, Senathi Makola, Justin Green, Kingsley Thompson, Nhlakanipho Mntambo, Sentle Seithleko, Matipa Denenga, Yenziwe Nzuza, Sithelo Mini

Row 4: Sakhiwosenkosi Moilwa, Wim Ebersohn, Brendan Nieuwstad, Neil Baragaruka, Noah Ravalomanana, Brett Cutting, Benjamin McGuigan, Jason Sasse, Nicholas Chantler, Oliver Gaboreau, Sebastien Gaboreau, Yu Lie Wang, Caleb McDonald, Calum Bryson

Row 3: Wonga Masina, Unami Zungu, Samuel Strydom, Wihan Joubert, Natenzi Denenga, Thomas Harilaou, Morne Engelbrecht, Kutullo Senamela, Trey Padayachee, Troy Bryson, Qhama Ngwenya, Yonah Pollman, Benjamin Erasmus, Reinard Wagner, Tumelo Makgeru

Row 2: Alex Pitman, Boleng Seoe, Alex Engelbrecht, Obotegile Makakase, Keita Xala, Mitchel Garreau, Lwenziwe Sibiya, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Neil Grobbelaar, Rhydian Evans, Deepen Kooverjee, Lwandle Gabuza, Mpho Mukwevho, Reagan Mudau

Row 1: Mr Greg Miller, Mr Andrew Douglas, Mrs Debbie Veenstra, Mr Jason Sileno, Mrs Inga Rautenbach, Mr AC Blume, Jannes Potgieter, Mr Msizi Mchunu, Ms Rosemary Mwelase, Mr Graeme Roberts, Mr Francois Morgan, Mrs Lara Wulfsohn, Mrs Karen Koopman



Maxi Holder, MCC

Matt Armstrong



McKenzie

Our main goal for 2021 was to improve the mentor system and the relationship between the seniors and juniors. Our intention was to build an environment for all boys to express themselves and to create a safe space for everyone to have a voice. I am extremely proud that we achieved this goal. McKenzie is a house of acceptance, and we take pride in our diversity. It is what makes us special: we are a home to boys of different colours and creeds, backgrounds and experiences, interests and talents.

The matrices of 2021 received numerous academic awards this year. Special mention must go to Jonathan le Roux, Andrew Meyer and Matthew Dalrymple, who won subject prizes at Speech Day. Jonathan le Roux and Andrew Meyer were awarded honors for academics, while Matthew Dalrymple received full colours and Muhammad Girdhursadhd half colours. These are just a few of the boys who represented McKenzie exceptionally well, academically.

In sport, McKenzie did even better. Over the past five years, we have won inter-house basketball twice, inter-house soccer twice and inter-house hockey once. The boys have given their all to McKenzie and I am extremely proud of their achievements. Special congratulations to Liam Zocchi-Dommann, who played U16 and U19 Craven Week rugby, and Kelvin Robertson, who played provincial water

polo in his Grade 8, 9 and 10 years. In the realm of culture, Jack Gerrard was awarded honours, doing McKenzie proud.

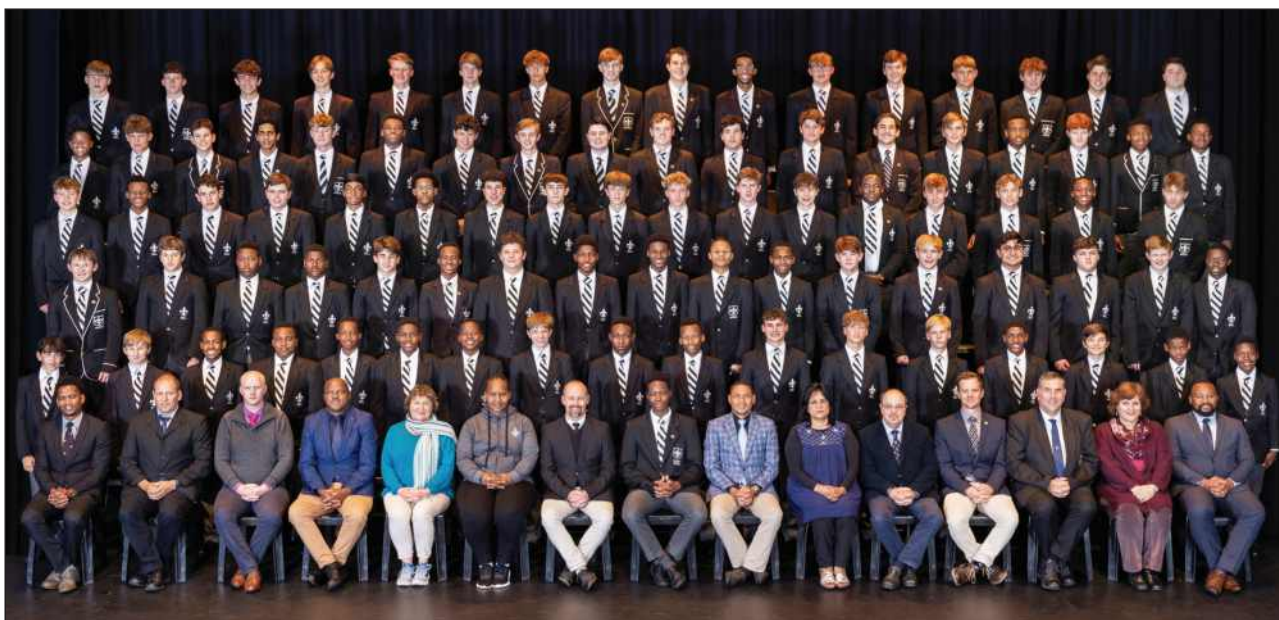
All of our successes are thanks to Mr [Lionel] Julius, Mr [De Wet] Wentzel and Mr [Paul] Venter, who have nurtured us from boys into gentlemen. Their investment in us will always be appreciated.

To the women who have cared for and guided us, Mrs K and Ma Matuli, you will always be second mothers to us all.

To my fellow matrices, the memories we have created I will cherish in my heart. You all are my brothers away from home and I will miss you all.

To the boys still living in McKenzie, enjoy every moment. Time passes quickly. To the new head of house, Christopher Bagnall, I wish you nothing but the best in your new role. With the support of the boys, you will thrive and I am certain you will take McKenzie to new heights.

Tapiwa Mushonga
Head of House



McKenzie House

Row 6: Ethan Bester, Andrew Moravec, Kyle Gilson, Travis Lord, Nic Mcleod, Oliver Joyner, Meyer Malherbe, Jonathan le Roux, Michael Burn, Rorisang Kedijang, Rowan Cox, James Ogilvie, Trent Chubb, Dylan Pratt, Ethan van Heerden, Liam Zocchi-Dommann

Row 5: Mpande Myeza, Simon Chubb, Christopher Bagnall, Muhammad Girdhursadh, Zack van Niekerk, Thabelo Letjama, James Cole, Andrew Meyer, Matthew Dalrymple, Kelvin Robertson, Joshua Ribeiro, James Campbell, Myles Driman, James Morrison, TK Khoza, Campbell Immelman, Oyisa Pupuma, Matome Manthata

Row 4: Luke Watt, Reneiloe Seopa, Stuart Baker, Campbell McKenzie, Aahil Girdhursadh, Tebogo Mvelase, Marc Isabelle, Max Gilson, Christopher Morrison, Sean Ritchie, Richard Eyres, Nick Dalrymple, Okuhle Mjiyako, Luke Campbell, Ben Watt, Aka Mda, Daniel den Bakker

Row 3: Jack Gerrard, James Fender, Somila Mxhego, Xola Makongola, Jason Dix, Amile Gumede, Adam Wingfield, Jehan Thipanyane Said, Neo Naidoo, David Tshebi, Malesela Maponya, Kieran Kilmartin, Josh Wingfield, Raheel Mottiar, James Kelsey, Richard Roxburgh, Tino Hove

Row 2: Jack Davenport, Ben Scorgie, Kamogelo Seopa, Nthekgo Phasha, Tumisho Manaka, Linathi Dabula, Nqubeko Majozi, Amahle Seima, Tiisano Tisane, Chris Wanless, Xavier Enslin, Sam Wingfield, Ayanda Ninela, Dales Herbert, Tumelo Mosetlhe, Unqweru Ziba,

Row 1: Mr Ayanda Shange, Mr Jeremy Piater, Mr Jason Strydom, Mrs Cal Bray, Ms Matholi Mthlane, Mr De Wet Wenzel, Tapiwa Mushonga, Mr Lionel Julius, Mrs Rosey Kalipersad, Mr Bruce MacLachlan, Mr Carl Schmidt, Mr Brad Anderson, Mrs Angela Salamon, Mr Kgomotso Motlogeloa



Maralyn Atkins, staff



Matt Armstrong

Newnham

After a year of uncertainty, which continued into 2021, our goal was to ensure that every boy in the house was happy to be at school and in Newnham, and motivated to achieve his very best.

Starting the school year online, the boys were thrown into the unknown. But it was a challenge that the matrices of Newnham were ready and eager to meet. We managed to get the boys excited about the potential easing of lockdown restrictions and a very possible, highly anticipated winter season.

The time eventually did come, and we managed to witness the "White" play on Gilfillan for the first time in two years. Cheering was unfortunately not allowed, however, with the Head of Spirit, Vuyo Malinga, in the house, the boys were all fired up the night before. We were also privileged to have inter-house swimming, which is the most "hyped-up" event of the year. Again, formal cheering was not permitted, however, the boys clapped and whistled for their fellow Newnhamites and we achieved a respectable second place for the Spirit cup.

It was these little moments of excitement and thrill that made the year enjoyable and kept the boys motivated through what was an extremely tough year. Special thanks to Mr Chris Carey and Mr James Robey, Mrs Sarah Bien, Ms Doris Ngcobo and all the cleaning staff who made it possible for the boys to navigate these uncharted waters.

I wish Declan Sawyer and his fellow matrices all the best for 2022. I am certain they will take the house to new heights. Thank you to the boys of Newnham for a brotherhood and a home away from home. It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of this beautiful house, which will undoubtedly create men of honour and respect.

There is something special about Newnham and I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to lead it in 2021. I will treasure for the rest of my life the bonds I have formed with my fellow housemates these past five years.

James te Riele
Head of House



Newnham House

Row 6: Connor Sawyer, Tristan Paton, Michael Sara, Sebastian Guimaraens, Connor Paton, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Matthew Peters, Ashton Haslam, Matuma Mojapelo, Akhona Kunene, Retief Malherbe, Marumo Selane

Row 5: Kediretse Mbaakanyi, Kigen Chepkonga, Matthew Hayes, Zenzo Cele, Liphapang Mokoena, Charles Swart, Connor Jerome, Adam Wesselink, Felix Jenkins, Jared Wilson, Chae Van den Berg, AbuBakr Mussa, Thabang Mahlangu

Row 4: Bayanda Ncobeni, Vuyo Malinga, Matt Wilson, Saphiwa Nzimande, Benjamin Guimaraens, Aman Wadhwani, Flynn Newell, Matt Liao, Matthew Sara, Aedan Dicks, Liso Ngoqo, Tayedza Jaravaza, Kiernan Stevens, Tshiamo Lehomo

Row 3: Mophethe Malie, Jingpu Liao, Daniel Friend, Siba Dlamini, Teboho Pakkies, Jordan Benians, Thoriso Taukobong, Kyle Lewis, Ewan Miskin, Mphumelelo Mhluli, Alex Wesselink, Luntu Ncube, Matthew Thomas

Row 2: Ntando Nyabonda, Similo Mkhungo, Dan Carver, Jack Henderson, Bakuena Lekitla, Devon Thompson, Ethan Hornby, Robby de Beer, Thabo Mngomezulu, David Sutton, Mitchell Wilson, Moeletsi Moletsane, Kenyu Chiang, Thuto Phakisi

Row 1: Letu Dandala, Unako Nowele, Declan Sawyer, Mr Paul Venter, Ms Carolyn Van Zuydam, Mr Chris Carey, James te Riele, Mrs Sarah Bien, Mr Wilbert Tenga, Mr Brett Udai, Mr Michael Werth, Joshua Mansour, Konke Nzimande



Kath Adnerson, parent

Matt Armstrong



Pearce

2021 was our time to lead the house, and under the great guidance of Mr James Bullough and Mr Matt Fairweather, we were ready! It was something we had dreamed of for four years and it had finally arrived. We were a strong, determined, diverse bunch and we wanted to achieve greatness.

After a tough 2020 of very few interhouse events due to the pandemic, the Pearce boys came out hungrier than ever and managed to prove our dominance as a house. In all aspects of school life, the Pearce flag was flown high.

Pearce won the interhouse gala, interhouse athletics, the adventure series and walked away with gold in a few other events. This proved our determination, strength, and diversity.

Our success was not confined to the sports field. Pearce also won the blood drive for donating the most units of

blood for the fifth consecutive year. The boys were deeply involved in outreach projects on the estate and outside the Hilton community. Pearce partnered closely with iThemba Projects. We are a proud house that is working hard to drive change and build a better society.

To the matrices, you have been outstanding leaders and have made Pearce extremely proud in the various leadership roles in which you have served. I couldn't have asked for a better team.

Well done to Olwethu Kweyama on your appointment as Deputy Head of School, and to Jack Waterhouse as Pearce Head of House for 2022. Good luck to the both of you. You two are remarkable leaders and I have no doubt you will not only do Pearce proud, but also the school.

Greg Armstrong
Head of House



Pearce House

Row 6: Wian Liebenberg, Murray Lough-Clarke, Nicholas Yu, Bradley Henderson, Kwame Huyberechts, Jack Waterhouse, James McGregor, Connor Segar, Luke Hitchings, Chad Swanepoel

Row 5: Tom Peattie, Modupe Ogunronbi, Oliver Mann, Matt Armstrong, Jack Hampson, Christopher Harty, Rorisang Nkosi, Caleb Venter, Jack Peattie, June So, Alex Hayward, Andrew Harding, Robert James, Stewart Falconer, Leevan Vather

Row 4: Ethan Smith, Nicholas Younes, Jarrod Siddall, Josh Neill, Angus Lough-Clarke, Bryce Johnson, Wilde Jaiden, Oluhle Thwala, Joel Kitshoff, Christopher De Scally, Jake Carstens, Chris Johnson, Nic Harcourt, Siya Maphumulo, Joshua Matambo, Lesedi Mangwale

Row 3: Joshua Julius, James Ogilby, Masud Dakile, Josh Grant, Guy Harcourt, Robbie Hayward, Byron Chandler, Onke Kweyama, James Dingley, Luke Spear, Mathuba Xaba, Buhle Gqwaaru, Sung So, Charlie Foster, Olwethu Kweyama

Row 2: Daniel Askew, Mvelo Magabela, Thamsanqa Ncube, Kea Khoele, Slade van Staden, Ivan Jjuuko, Nkululeko Ngcobo, James Youens, Sedise Moseneke, Dylan Neill, Luthando Ntshangase, Gcina Gqwaaru, Mpho Makulana, Jarred Kitto, Tshiamo Mashishi, Erin Kihara

Row 1: Alec Gibson, David Kitshoff, Mr Graeme Evans, Ms Liezl Scholtz, Mr Orateng Motsoe, Mr James Bullough, Greg Armstrong, Mr Matt Fairweather, Mr Mark Perrett, Mrs Kim Lindie, Mr Andrew Duncan, Nicholas Hatton, Richard Karlson





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Academic Overview

2021 IEB matric results

It is an honour for me to extend my appreciation and congratulations to the matric class of 2021, their teachers and their parents. The depth of our boys' results point not only to their academic achievement, but to the work done in classrooms, on the sports fields, on the stages and in their homes, shaping their aspirations, behaviours, and values. Building and maintaining respectful and positive relationships and authentic connections with our students, our parents and our community remain key components of academic professionalism and success.

One-hundred-and-ten Hilton College candidates were entered for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations in November 2021. Of them, 108 candidates (98.1%) met the requirements for bachelor's degree studies. This is slightly higher than the 96.2% of candidates in the previous year. The remaining two candidates qualified for diploma studies. None of the Hilton College boys failed.

Scholar of the Year

Hilton College Scholar of the Year for 2021 is Richard Karlson and the *Proxime Accessit* is Jonathan le Roux.

Distinctions

Our boys achieved a total of 215 distinctions, which is an average of 1.95 distinctions per candidate.

Twenty-six boys achieved one distinction, 16 boys achieved two distinctions, 11 boys achieved three distinctions, 12 boys achieved four distinctions, six boys achieved five distinctions, one boy achieved six distinctions, two boys achieved seven distinctions, one boy achieved eight distinctions and two boys achieved nine distinctions.

In all, 35 of the boys achieved three or more distinctions, compared with 45 boys in 2020. In five subjects, our boys achieved A, B and C symbols only (meaning no results lower than a C).

Hilton College Subject Averages 70% and above:

Accounting – 71%; Dramatic Arts – 80%; Economics – 78%; English – 70%; French – 76%; History – 74%; Information Technology – 82%; isiZulu – 72%; Mandarin – 89%; Mathematical Literacy – 75%; Music – 72% and Visual Arts – 72%. Our boys also exceeded the national average in Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences.

IEB Outstanding Achievements

This is awarded to students who achieved within the top 5% in six or more subjects and achieved a rating level of

seven in Life Orientation. Congratulations to **Richard Karlson and Jonathan le Roux** for this accomplishment.

Summary of Distinctions

(*Denotes that candidate achieved in the top 1% in the country)

Nine Distinctions -

Richard Karlson (Afrikaans First Additional Language, *Economics, English Home Language, *Information Technology, Life Orientation, *Mathematics, *Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics, Advanced Programme Physics)

Jonathan le Roux (*Accounting, Afrikaans First Additional Language, English Home Language, French Second Additional Language, Information Technology, Life Orientation, *Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics)

Eight Distinctions -

Andile Khumalo (Accounting, Economics, History, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics)

Seven Distinctions -

Zaid Ismail (Accounting, *Economics, English Home Language, French Second Additional Language, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics)

Andrew Meyer (Afrikaans First Additional Language, *Economics, English Home Language, *History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Six Distinctions -

David Kitshoff (English Home Language, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, *Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Visual Arts)

Five Distinctions -

Simile Cele (Accounting, Economics, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation, Mathematics)

Matthew Dalrymple (Accounting, *Economics, History, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Alec Gibson (Dramatic Arts, Economics, English Home Language, Life Orientation, Music)

Nicholas Hatton (Accounting, Economics, English Home Language, History, Life Orientation)

Angus Herridge (Economics, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Jack MacKenzie (Economics, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Four Distinctions -

Greg Armstrong (Accounting, Economics, Geography, Life Orientation)

Kgwanti Bilankulu (Economics, English Home Language, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation)

Symbol distribution

The quality of our all-round education was highlighted by the excellent results across all subjects. A pleasing 80.5% of all symbols achieved in the 2021 final examinations were a C or higher compared with 82.5% in 2020.

Year	% A	% B	% C	% D	% E	% F	% G
2021	26.94	29.2	24.3	9.8	6.27	2.9	0.63

Luke Hitchings (Accounting, Economics, Life Orientation, Mathematics)

Matthew Boast (Economics, English Home Language, Geography, Life Orientation)

Muhammad Girdhurparsadh (Accounting, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics)

Sebastian de Vesci Guimaraens (Engineering Graphics And Design, English Home Language, Information Technology, Life Orientation)

Luke Hitchings (Accounting, Economics, Life Orientation, Mathematics)

Michael Mackenzie (Economics, Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences)

Joshua Mansour (Accounting, Economics, Geography, Life Orientation)

Nhlakanipho Mntambo (History, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation, Mathematics)

Yenziwa Nzuza (Dramatic Arts, History, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation)

Frederick (Jannes) Potgieter (Afrikaans First Additional Language, Economics, History, Life Orientation)

Joubert Smit (Afrikaans First Additional Language, Economics, Life Orientation, English)

James te Riele (Economics, French Second Additional Language, Life Orientation, Visual Arts)

Three Distinctions -

Jake Cavalieri (Accounting, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Craig Davidson (French Second Additional Language, History, Life Orientation)

Aedan Dicks (Economics, Mathematics, Physical Sciences)

Josh Goodwin (Information Technology, Life Orientation, English)

Darren Liu (Economics, Life Orientation, Mandarin)

Mvelo Mageba (Economics, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation)

Vuyo Malinga (Economics, Life Orientation, Visual Arts)

Joshua Ribeiro (Economics, Life Orientation, History)

Taddeo Sithole (History, isiZulu First Additional Language, Life Orientation)

Leevan Vather (Accounting, Economics, Life Orientation)

Matthew Wilson (Economics, History, Mathematical Literacy)

Craig Yammin (Economics, History, Life Orientation)

Two Distinctions -

Jonathan Akinola (Economics, Life Orientation)

Mathew Allwood (Geography, Mathematical Literacy)

Mikael Arab (Economics, Life Orientation)

Joe Hill (Economics, Life Orientation)

Brett Jarvie (Economics, Mathematical Literacy)

Oliver Levell (Economics, Life Orientation)

Matt Liao (English Home Language, Life Orientation)

Mukaii Mhaka (Economics, History)

Richard Muir (Economics, Life Orientation)

Konke Nzimande (Economics, isiZulu First Additional Language)

Kelvin Robertson (Life Orientation, Visual Arts)

Khalil Sacranie (Dramatic Arts, Life Orientation)

Dylan Thomson (Economics, Life Orientation)

Avuyile Zondi (Dramatic Arts, isiZulu First Additional Language)

One Distinction -

Tyron Anderson (Mathematical Literacy)

Rhys Barnes (Economics)

Michael Burn (Mathematical Literacy)

Taurin Craze (Mathematical Literacy)

Nkosenhle Dlamini (Economics)

Oliver Fraser (Mathematical Literacy)

Jack Gillham (Life Orientation)

Amile Gumede (Mathematical Literacy)

Duncan Hawksworth (Life Sciences)

Travis Holdsworth (Mathematical Literacy)

Thuthuka Kamanga (History)

Bonginkosi Khoza (Life Orientation)

Liteboho Lethole (Economics)

Obotegile Makakase (Life Orientation)

Sithelo Mini (Life Orientation)

Tapiwa Mushonga (Economics)

Tegobo Mvelase (Life Orientation)

Joshua Neill (Economics)

Jack Osborne (Geography)

Christopher Pistorius (Economics)

Robert Ross (Life Orientation)

Omolemo Sehole (Life Orientation)

Kutullo Senamela (Economics)

Dillon van der Merwe (Afrikaans First Additional Language)

James Weinberg (Engineering Graphics And Design)

Wandile Zulu (isiZulu First Additional Language)

• These symbols are subject to change following remarks of final exam scripts.

Subject	Candidate
Accounting	Jonathan le Roux
Economics	Andrew Meyer Richard Karlson Zaid Ismail Matthew Dalrymple
History	Andrew Meyer
Information Technology	Richard Karlson
Mathematics	David Kitshoff Jonathan le Roux Richard Karlson
Physical Sciences	Richard Karlson

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr Bruce MacLachlan, who served with distinction in the role of Director of Academic Administration and who has represented Hilton College at the highest level at the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) for many years. A word of appreciation also to the Academic Secretary, Mrs Kathy Acutt, for the professional and efficient manner in which she manages the academic administration.

Subject Experts

Teachers who represent Hilton College as NSC examiners and moderators include:

Mr Bruce MacLachlan – IT Theory Examiner (NSC),

Mrs Hanlie Dry – Economics Moderator (NSC),

Mr Graeme Evans – Advanced Programme Mathematics Examiner (NSC),

Mrs Angela Salamon – Visual Arts Practical Moderator (NSC),

Mr Thulani Mhlongo – isiZulu First Additional Language Examiner (NSC)

Teachers across our subject offering are also IEB sub-examiners and senior markers. This ensures that we remain at the cutting edge of subject expertise and new trends in examining techniques and subject content.

Staffing

Hilton College welcomed the following permanent academic staff members in 2021:

- Mr Graeme Evans, Director of Mathematics
- Mr David Orr, Co-Head Music
- Mr Sipho Moniwa, Dramatic Arts & LO Departments
- Ms Margie Mackechnie, Mathematics Department
- Ms Charissa Steenkamp, Afrikaans Department
- Mr Wilbert Tenga, Mathematics Department
- Mrs Juliette Hunter, French Department
- Mrs Lara Wulfsohn, French Department
- Ms Liezl Scholtz, Physical Sciences

The following staff members' permanent appointment becomes effective in January 2022:

- Mr Luke Holder, Theatre Manager
- Ms Simone van Niekerk, Music, History, LO Departments
- Mrs Jenine Warren, Dramatic Arts Department
- Mrs Thembile Zuma, isiZulu Department

Academic staff members who left the school's permanent employ in 2021 were:

- Mr AC Blume, Afrikaans Department
- Mrs Cal Bray, Dramatic Arts Department
- Mr Andrew Douglas, History Department
- Mr Sibusiso Mbhele, Mathematics Department
- Mr Tim Mills, Mathematics Department
- Mrs Heather Peel, French Department
- Mr Mark Perrett, Head of Discipline
- Mr Tony Richter, Life Sciences Department (deceased)
- Dr Alex Stewart, French Department
- Mr Declan Williams, Economics Department
- Mrs Beth Wisdom, Mathematics Department

New roles 2022:

- Mr Bruce MacLachlan stepped down as Director of Academic Administration to assume his new role as Curator of the Hilton College Museum (remaining HOD of IT). Mr De Wet Wentzel will assume the Academic Administration role in 2022.
- Mrs Cal Bray, the HOD of the Dramatic Arts Department, left Hilton at the end of 2021; Mrs Jenine Warren will assume the HOD role in 2022.
- Mrs Debbie Veenstra stepped down as Director of Student Support at the end of 2021 to assume her new role as Head of the Tutor Programme. Dr Janna de Gouveia will head up the Academic Support Programme in 2022.
- Mrs Ashleigh Askew assumed the role of Deputy-Director Academics, Junior Phase at the beginning of Term 4, 2021.

We wish all these colleagues great joy, fulfilment and success in their new roles.

Academic Update

Exam.net – We adopted Exam.net as our preferred platform for online assessments for students who are at home and on campus. Exam.net complements in-person assessments and will help our students acquire skills to cope with the demands of online examinations and tutorials at tertiary level.

A-Level Pathway – The academic staff successfully introduced and balanced the IEB and Cambridge curricula.

Although the dual curriculum required additional work, academic staff are continually being upskilled which is to the advantage of students in both pathways. (See Dr Alexei du Bois's report on the A-Level Pathway)

Grades 8 & 9 Subject Menu – In 2021 additional Grade 8 subjects (Sports Science, Music, Agricultural Science, isiZulu, Engineering Graphics and Design and French) were successfully introduced. Our offering will be expanded and form part of the Grade 9 curriculum in 2022. We shall continue in our endeavour to produce students who can think critically about a host of subjects. (See Mrs Ashleigh Askew's report on developments in our junior phase)

Career Menu – Hilton College has a subscription to Yenza (an online career information platform) for Grade 9 and 11 students and parents. Each boy and his parents can meet with in-house educational psychologist Dr Janna de Gouveia to receive feedback on his assessment and recommendations.

Academic Stretch – Various opportunities were created in 2021 to enhance learning: AP Science and Further Maths were introduced to expand the existing menu of AP subjects; various olympiads and NBT/SAT workshops were hosted and the Routes to Resilience Programme once again empowered our students to actively seek solutions and strategies to deal with complex global issues.

Masterclass – Academic departments successfully hosted an academic extension programme and subject showcase for potential new boys.

(Soft) Skills for Life Leadership – The Life Orientation (LO) Department will align its 2022 curriculum with other academic disciplines to make learning more effective for the students, aligning LO with cross-curricular topics in music, visual arts, drama, mathematics, finance and English.

Academic data tracking – Students are consistently monitored by the Student Support Department and HODs. 2021 was the first year that both the Grades 8s and 9s underwent baseline cognitive assessments with Dr de Gouveia. Students in the junior phase wrote MidYIS and worker-type assessments, designed to provide a measure of "typical" performance and vocational exploration in the senior phase. These tests allow for timeous academic intervention. In 2022, we intend to conduct similar cognitive adaptive assessments with the Grade 11 and 12 students.

2022 – May it be a year filled with joy, curiosity, hope, knowledge, and a willingness to adapt.

It remains a privilege and an honour to work with master teachers and to be inspired by beautiful and curious young minds.

Hanlie Dry
Director Academics

Staff Leavers

AC Blume

Farewell by Burger Nel

AC, we will never be able to thank you enough for what you have done for this community. It's a true mark of the man you are that you didn't want to be celebrated at a special occasion such as this. However, we had to somehow pay tribute to you for your immense contribution to this community.

To understand how we got to tonight, we have to go back in time.

For thousands of years San hunter-gatherers were the sole human inhabitants of southern Africa. About 2000 years ago the semi-nomadic Khoikhoi arrived with cattle, sheep and goats. These pastoralists migrated south towards the coast. Rock paintings and engravings remain as evidence of the first people who lived here.

By the 4th century AD Bantu-speaking people had begun to migrate from central Africa down the east coast into southern Africa. The amaXhosa pressed further south to the banks of the Great Fish River where they met San hunter-gatherers and Khoikhoi pastoralists, and later still Dutch and then British settlers.

Fast forward to the era of colonial invasion and to the area that is now known as the Eastern Cape. The official proclamation appeared in the Cape Town Gazette on 21 January 1814. Sir John Cradock sanctioned an expenditure of 12 000 rixdollars on public buildings and work began at once on a house for the deputy landdrost. With its rich and often controversial history, Cradock as a town wasn't truly placed on the map, until 19 December 1985. This was when Alfred Carel Blume was born, or as many of you know him, "AC".

Or the Cradock Cobra. Or the Kalahari Express. Or Yster Blume. Or Atlas...

AC's childhood memories are vividly filled with extraordinary experiences synonymous with small town life and life on the Platteland.

One story that stands out is when AC was in primary school, where his dad taught. One day, AC forgot his calculator at home for an important maths test. He quickly

ran to his dad's classroom and asked to borrow his dad's calculator. "No," said his father, that would be unfair since no other kid had such an advantage. AC has since lived according to this principle and been fair in all of his dealings with boys and colleagues. AC's fairness and his willingness to stand up for those who don't have a voice makes him an extraordinary educator and school master. AC has an incredible gift for telling stories. I remember fondly a time before COVID when we would go sit in the staffroom and before long there would be a crowd gathered around us listening intently and laughing out loud as AC would bring to life stories in a way only he could. We fell in love with stories about Oom Neels, Stollie, Preur, Rieel and hunting kudus on the mountainous areas of the Klein Karoo. For most of us, this was the first time we got to hear of Cradock, hence I believe AC put Cradock on the map. AC, if being deputy rector at Paul Roos doesn't work out for you, I can hook you up with my agent from back in the day. There is definitely a career for you in the television industry!

AC joined Hilton College in 2010, a different Hilton College to the one we know today. AC joined the Afrikaans department and with prominent educators like Andy van der Watt, Klein Strydom, Deon Scheepers and PK Ramnarian, AC had to wear a jacket and tie to department meetings and had to stand at the door as there was never a chair for him. I am happy to report that the department has since moved on from those archaic days. We even use computers to type our own test and exam papers nowadays!

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AC very quickly began contributing in many different spheres of school life. His success in the boarding space is mainly due to him starting as a tutor in Ellis House. He then moved to Pearce as a deputy housemaster and then on to Lucas as a housemaster. AC has lived the past 11 years attached to a boarding house! I'm sure you and Kirst are looking forward to some peace and quiet and not having to listen to the latest bangers on the radio during shower hour or midnight San trips and burst appendixes. AC's passion for and dedication to boarding has been exceptional and he has played a large part in developing Hilton College's boarding programme into the world-class one it is today. As senior housemaster this past year, he has gone above and beyond and not only led the housemaster team with distinction, but he has invested in the professional development of housemasters, dedicating his own time to helping housemasters be better at their jobs.

AC is also a formidable coach and has contributed significantly to the water polo, cricket and rugby clubs, as well as accompanying boys on a golf tour to the UK. Most



AC Blume

noteworthy was his contribution to the rugby club. AC started out as the U15B coach and was soon promoted to the 2nd team coach. Here he worked with Deon Scheepers and then Brad Macleod-Henderson before being promoted to 1st team coach in 2014. He also represented KwaZulu-Natal as a selector, Academy Week coach and served for three years as the Sharks U18 Cravenweek Forwards Coach, playing in two finals.

AC made a significant contribution to the development of many of the boys in these teams, including Sharks captain Pepsi Buthelezi. AC's contribution to the current success of the rugby programme at Hilton College is undeniable. He has been unshaken in his pursuit to develop rugby players holistically and can tap into the emotional side of boys to motivate them to play beyond their capabilities.

He has an amazing ability to read the emotions of the boys and then to utilize that with inspiring and theatrical team talks. He has an array of magician-like strategies that he employs, and it has been a privilege to observe this over the years. Two strategies that I will forever remember are his use of the school badge... and his breathing technique... One example of his influence was when AC and I were recently in Pietermaritzburg looking for decent coffee when we drove past Kearsney old-boy and recently capped Scottish international Dylan Richardson, who AC coached at Cravenweek. Dylan almost rolled his car in an attempt to greet AC. Such is the difference he makes in the lives of others.

AC has been incredible at incorporating his support staff like no other coach I have worked with. When I was a young video analyst, new in the Hilton space, AC gave introverted-me free reign to do my work and present it to the boys, which aided greatly in my development as a coach. He will leave a tremendous void in the rugby club.

AC is also an accomplished educator. His lessons are always impeccably planned and delivered in a passionate way that none of us can match. Being two classrooms down from him, I just had to be quiet so that the boys in my class could hear what AC was teaching and how much fun his lessons were. So much more than mine!

I believe his greatest contribution to Hilton is the friendships he built and his impact on our lives, through the good times and the bad. At the start of the year when the matrices arrived, we had to do a leadership session with the boys on mentoring. Having had no official content to work with, I drafted a document on mentorship that I based on what I have learnt from my friendship with AC. I would like to read this document to you as this is now an integral part to the mentor and leadership programme in Ellis House:

HOW TO BE A GOOD MENTOR (Replace the word "mentor" with "friend" and picture the impact AC has had in your life)

Mentoring is a big responsibility but an exciting challenge. You have the opportunity to positively influence someone's life. At the core, it is about caring about someone's wellbeing and providing guidance and advice that can help them. Here are some practical guidelines on how to be an effective mentor:

Show that you care

Ask your mentee how they are doing. Show interest in their daily routine and ask specifically how a particular event went that might have been important to them or that they might have struggled with. Respond maturely to what they tell you. You might need to offer some advice or show empathy or congratulate them.

Build them up

The saying goes that you only look down on someone when you are picking them up. Find opportunities to compliment your mentee. Don't fabricate but be truthful. Building someone's confidence is one of the most valuable gifts you can give.

Firm but fair

Being a mentor will require you to be strict when the need arises. Be fair and honest in your feedback to your mentee. Your reaction to correcting a behavior that might be troublesome is an opportunity for you to shape your mentee's perception of what is right or wrong. We are often too afraid of being brutally honest with someone, but it is an absolute necessity if you wish to get the best out of someone.

Listen Carefully

Pay attention when your mentee is telling you about things in their personal life. Refer to these conversations in future. It is the ultimate form of respect when you show someone that you are listening intently. Questions like: "how did your motorbike race go last week?" or "Is your grandfather doing better after his operation?" Show that you are genuinely interested in their lives.

Lead by Example

Your mentee will observe all that you do. Set a good example. From the way you dress to the way you talk. Make sure your study is tidy to show them the correct way. They will model their behavior on yours.

AC, we all know that you have been enriched by your experience here at Hilton College, and it has aided and developed you to go on an amazing new journey. But all of us have been as enriched by your influence in our lives and you have developed all of us to be better at what we do. I don't know of any other staff member who is so well-liked and loved by literally all who have had the privilege of interacting with you. We will miss you and Kirsty dearly. Please know that when life on the wine farms in Stellenbosch gets too much, there will always be a home for the both of you here at Hilton College.

AC Blume

Farewell by Leana Steenkamp

Thank you for the opportunity to pay tribute to AC. I am honoured to stand here, on behalf of AC's colleagues and friends, to share how we feel about him and what we have learned from him.

AC, thank you for contributing 12 years of your life to this school. You are the most inspiring teacher and you have taught us many valuable lessons. You have always believed in each one of us in the department, and in the

school. You have taught us the joy of living a curious life and to always keep learning. I get choked up as I can't imagine a day without your guidance and support. You have always been my biggest supporter, sometimes strict and disciplined, but always ready to help.

AC is able to find humor in any situation. His energy and his passion is something we all draw from. AC has the ability to change lives, by sharing the excitement of learning with students and colleagues alike. He is also the most generous person you will ever meet – in his element if he can give to others.

I am reminded of lines from the movie Mr Holland's Opus: "Look around you. There is not a life in this room that you have not touched, and each one of us is a better person because of you."

Dear AC, you have touched our lives and have inspired those around you to become better at what we do. Your honesty and commitment to your work is noteworthy. The lessons we have learnt from you are not written in any book or syllabus.

You faced all the challenges in your 12 years here bravely and never let problems pull you down. AC always says, "This horse is still in the race...I am still running!" When there were troubles, your effective solutions resolved the issues. You changed with the changing environment and rules. You were open to new ideas and never enforced yours on others, and you humbly accepted my suggestions, too.

On a personal note, Ernie, myself, and the kids will always be grateful for your friendship and the time in 2012 that we stayed with you. We have such fond memories of that. We've done road trips and braais and kuiers; your wedding, where Klara was a flower girl, and countless memories with our families which we treasure. Thank you for being our special friend.

We bid you goodbye with smiles and tears. We cannot possibly thank you enough for your enormous contribution to us as staff and this school, and we sincerely wish you and Kirst happiness and success. AC, you never will really part ways from any of us. You were and will remain a significant part of our lives.

Cal Bray

Farewell by Bruce MacLachlan

It is an honour to have been asked to pay a short tribute to Cal. There is so much one could say about Cal as she has had a very deep involvement at the school, so I have taken some time to flip electronically through The Hiltonian magazines to find the most important things to mention about Cal.

As most of you know, Cal started at Hilton College in 2011 as Head of Dramatic Arts, taking over from Mary Davidge – and it is wonderful to have Mary here this evening. However, Cal's association with drama at Hilton College pre-dates this. There are few here who will remember the early 90's production of "A Little Shop of Horrors", a co-



Cal Bray

production between Hilton and St Anne's, where Cal was teaching at the time. This was the last major production in the Memorial Hall – all productions since then having moved to the Hilton College Theatre, which opened in 1991.

Cal's involvement at Hilton has been varied: On the academic front, apart from the teaching of Dramatic Arts, she played an important part in the implementation of The Learning Journey and has been involved with the Grade 11 Academic Tour as well as the Outdoor Leadership Programme (OLE). In addition, a few years ago she was part of the Action Research undertaken under the auspices of the International Boys' Schools Coalition and attended and presented at the conference in Nashville.

Your time of rest lies before you, but we all know that it will probably be a short rest before you find something new to tackle.

However, it is with drama where her name will forever be associated. Many of us will have attended "Grease", "The Royal Hunt of the Sun", "12 Angry Men", "Les Miserables" and "Caucasian Chalk Circle". While not busy producing plays herself, her name has featured on many programmes, assisting in some way, be that makeup or helping backstage. She has also given valuable assistance to other Hilton staff who have taken on the producer's hat. We must not, of course, forget the support Bill has always given to Cal, including his assistance with set construction. A few nights ago, there was a gathering for staff involved with Art, Music and Drama where there was a set of amazing video tributes paid to Cal by past pupils. They all reflected on the impact Cal had had on their lives in so many ways. Their love and respect for Cal was patently obvious. Almost every one of them mentioned the fact that the drama room was always a safe space for them, and commented on how willing Cal had always been to lend an ear, offer a shoulder to cry on, or just be there for them. Many other boys will also attest to this kind of support from Cal in her tutor role in the school.

Cal: your time of rest lies before you, but we all know that it will probably be a short rest before you find something new to tackle. We hear whispers of travel, which sounds so amazing! We all wish you the very best and look forward, slightly jealously, to hearing about those travels while we continue to toil away!

Andrew Douglas

Farewell Speech by Paul Venter

It is indeed my pleasure to say a few words about our friend Andrew Douglas as he ends his Hilton adventure and begins a new sojourn on the dolphin coast of KwaZulu-Natal.

Educated at Parktown Boys and Wits, previously a history teacher and master in charge of rugby at Jeppe Boys High, Andrew has served as Head of Department, Deputy Housemaster, Housemaster and legendary, irreplaceable U14D rugby coach in his nearly 15 years at Hilton College. I first met Andrew on a very wet, misty, grey late October in 2007 when I was interviewed for a position in the history department. I was immediately struck by his gentleness of nature and a deep love and knowledge of history. This school has seen legends such as Jimmy Nesbitt and Dave Hammond build a department that had a national reputation for excellence and I drove back to Durban that afternoon secure in the knowledge that Andrew was cut from the same cloth as those giants of history.

In the years since, my first impression has been confirmed time and time again. Andrew is in every sense of the word a thorough gentleman and as Sean Carlisle alluded to in his farewell speech last year, no matter how crazy the world may seem if you just go and spend even five minutes with Andrew you will come away feeling calmer and more centred. With nearly 30 boys scattered to the four winds in Dubai International Airport duty free, with Emirates having changed the boarding gate for our flight home about four times, yours truly was wondering how the hell we were going to gather them all and Andrew was an oasis of unfrazzled calm! Many have been our adventures, some of them hilarious, like watching as Andrew sang the national anthem in a Viennese wine village, or his Baldrick-like "cunning plan" of swopping his backs and forwards around to try and unsettle the KES behemoths in 2011. Some of them poignant, none more so than when we stood over the graves of the Hilton war dead in Delville Wood. My funniest memory was in the Charles de Galle departure lounge. We had got the boys through customs and I asked Andrew if we should have a drink before boarding. The barmaid asked him what he would like and he replied, "Well, I've been in Europe for two weeks now so I'm an aficionado of European beer – what have you got?"

Under Andrew's expert hand the history department continued to flourish and Sean, Dave, KG, Mandy, Jason,



Andrew Douglas

Andrew is in every sense of the word a thorough gentleman.

Simone and Damian and I have all benefited immensely from his knowledge and wisdom. KG will tell you that this knowledge is very generously shared at the IEB marking sessions where Andrew guides the new sub examiners through the travails of the source-based essay.

Andrew is a devoted husband to Nicky and father to Teneal, Coral and Erin. Whilst he is obviously proud of Erin's incredible academic endeavours at St Annes, he is more proud of the fact that all three of his girls have been called to serve those who are less fortunate than themselves. This I believe speaks to the essence of who the man is, a person of deep faith who as an elder in his church, lives out that faith in all of his actions.

Eusebius of Caesarea was a church historian who was ordained the Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine in about 313 CE. He wrote what has been called the prayer to practice the golden rule. It reads:

"May I be an enemy to no one and the friend of what abides eternally.

May I never quarrel with those nearest me, and be reconciled quickly if I should.

May I never plot evil against others, and if anyone plot evil against me, may I escape unharmed and without the need to hurt anyone else.

May I love, seek and attain only what is good.

May I desire happiness for all and harbour envy for none.

May I never find joy in the misfortune of one who has wronged me.

May I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make reparation.

May I gain no victory that harms me or my opponent.

May I reconcile friends who are mad at each other.

May I, insofar as I can, give all necessary help to my friends and to all who are in need.

May I never fail a friend in trouble.

May I be able to soften the pain of the grief stricken and give them comforting words.

May I respect myself.

May I always maintain control of my emotions.

May I habituate myself to be gentle, and never angry with others because of circumstances.

May I never discuss the wicked or what they have done, but know good people and follow in their footsteps."

Eusebius' words echo in the way that Andrew Douglas lives. Andrew, we are going to miss your smile, your wonderful laugh, that unhurried walk from your classroom to the dining hall. We shall miss you on the side of the rugby field and pool. We will miss your passion for our beloved subject, and we will try our utmost to live up to your example. The very best of luck for the new adventures that await you and yours and Nicky in Ballito. Go with God my friend.

Kim du Plessis

Farewell by Mandy Durnford

Kim has worked at Hilton for just over 10 years. Having come from Maritzburg College, she knew her way around a school library. She rapidly became indispensable here – the go-to person on the school's printing software and photocopy machines, among other things. She can walk rings around Excel and is the only person I know who can re-load the heavy-duty stapler.

Not only did Kim become central to all things library, but she volunteered to tutor in Newnham, went out on the Outdoor Leadership Experience with the Grade 9s for several years, and coached athletics. In all of these, she developed very close relationships with the boys, spending time with troubled tutees, getting some Grade 9s up the berg – and in other years trying to get the sick and sorry to enjoy day hikes.

I am especially thankful to her for being hard-working, capable, interested, supportive, tolerant, calm, loyal, funny.

Kim is interested in people – she knows the staff and she knows the boys. “Known by name” really does apply to Kim as she knows the drivers, the cleaners, the kitchen staff, the smallest Grade 8 and all your children.

One of her best qualities is her ability to make and keep friends. She has friends from 80 to 18. She maintains these relationships whether friends leave the job, the town, or the country. She seems well on her way to making many new friends in the Berg and one of her first intentions is to join a new running group. We all know her passion for running. She is happiest outside, running (and every now and then walking) with a group of friends. Every now and again she runs into things – or falls down – and has at times made good use of her medical aid. When she has hurt herself at school and battled with her health, her responses has always been, “I’m fine, I’ll be fine,” even when clearly she was not. It rests on Jay to ensure no further injuries befall her in the Berg!

Kim has had to raise her family single-handedly and has done a magnificent job with her two sons, of whom she is



Kim du Plessis

very proud. But this wasn't easy, especially as her whole family immigrated to New Zealand years ago. Kim hates confrontation and conflict but when she feels she needs to step in, she is a force to behold. Some boys and staff may have witnessed this when they don't respond to critical, polite requests to return their very over-due library books. That said, Kim will do whatever she can to smooth the path for everyone around her.

She has been the best of colleagues and friend to all of us. I am especially thankful to her for being hard-working, capable, interested, supportive, tolerant, calm, loyal, funny and my BFF – so kind over this terrible year. I will miss you terribly, Kim.

Devastated as I am that Kim is leaving, we celebrate her happiness and wish her and Jay the very best for the times ahead.

Heather Peel

Farewell by Inma Guillot Montaner

It's my honour to deliver Heather's farewell speech. Today's about celebrating Heather for the superb, professional teacher she is and the wonderful, honest, courageous, selfless person we have come to know. Working alongside my friend for more than 17 years has been a privilege, and my admiration for her as a professional, profoundly honest human being and caring teacher is forever growing.

For more than 21 years, Heather has given 150% to Hilton. She's the kind of boss (she hates to be called “boss”) who leads by example, and, as such, one never wants to let her down. Heather has been a guide to many of us at Hilton, and I'm not just talking about the teaching staff. I've seen Heather exhausted and overwhelmed by her responsibilities, but never have I seen her turn away a person in need of advice or a compassionate ear. Her ability to empathise with people is unbelievable. Her candour and honesty have elicited different reactions from different people, but those of us who have been lucky enough to share time with Heather have benefitted from it. We know that what you see is what you get. She does not pretend. She does not have ulterior motives or fake admiration, and she never deceives people. She opens her heart with candidness and a certain naïvety, and never with an ounce of malice.

By the time Heather arrived at Hilton College in January 2000 she had already lived seven lives!



Heather Peel

You know about her passion for French, but interestingly her first Honours degree was in History. After earning her HDE, she spent a year au pairing in France.

She returned to South Africa and started her teaching career at Kloof High, where she met Tracey McKenzie, before heading overseas again. This time she took her backpack and her childhood best friend Mary and spent nine months touring Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific Islands, Hong Kong, Thailand, Nepal, India and Canada... a world tour! When her money ran out, Heather took a break to do some supply teaching in England – just long enough to fund another trip!

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This time she went on her own and spent three months travelling South America. This was back in the day when there were no cell phones and letters took three months to arrive home. She returned to England and headed south to South Africa on a double-decker bus. This journey took her through Africa and lasted more than nine months. During her trip she made good use of her French. It was this experience that inspired her to retake her French studies, and she obtained her Honours and her Masters in French (the latter while working full-time as a teacher).

In her 21 years at Hilton College, Heather has been involved in:

- Debating – Did you know she was a Springbok debater? She has the green jacket to prove it! From 2003 to 2007, she was a member of KZN Team selection panel and an "A" grade adjudicator. From 2005 to 2007, she was chairperson of the Pietermaritzburg Debating League and a member of the Board of KZN Schools' Debating Association. And in 2008, she coached the SA team at the World Individual Public Speaking & Debating Championships in Germany.
- Public-speaking;
- Editing – Heather has edited The Hiltonian magazine;
- AFS Exchange Programme;
- School Exchange Programme;
- Outreach;
- Academic Extension Dinners, organized termly for top achievers. This was inspired by Heather;
- Running the DELF-DALF international examination centre. Hilton is the only school in South Africa that offers such exams, and it is only because Heather qualified to be a marker and a trainer of markers. These examinations, which have to be taken every five years, are not easy.
- IEB matric examining. Heather has been involved with the IEB for more than 24 years, since 1996, long before most schools realised the importance of their staff getting involved. She did it for the learning and for the benefit of her students. For Heather it has never been about ticking boxes or getting the kudos.

Over the years, Heather's colleagues have benefited from her advice and her courage. She has spoken out to protect the unity of the staff, and on many occasions fought hard for the French department when it faced possible closure or staff cuts.

Heather has a marvellous mind. I am always amazed at how clearly she expresses herself; at how many details she sees (and I miss) and at her ability to see long-term consequences.

She is an extraordinary debater, but she does not debate; she uses arguments. Arguments that have been compared with the musical term "dissonance", as opposed to the more positive term "consonance". I believe that every organization needs both dissonance and consonance. "Musically the two forms of sound can be offset against one another and create exciting music or sound awareness. Although at first, they may seem opposite in meaning, the two concepts may complement one another".

I found this beautiful term: "harmonious dissonance". This is a constant and dynamic back and forth that leads to effective problem-solving.

I believe that with our own "harmonious dissonance" going to England, we as individuals, and Hilton as a whole, have lost a great asset.

The following extract, loosely translated, is from the French novel *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*: "Those who can, do; those who cannot, teach; those who cannot teach, teach the teachers; those who cannot teach the teachers, do politics."

Heather could have been anything but a politician. She probably could have been a lawyer or a rocket scientist. She chose to be a teacher. She has always held the highest professional standards and she is always extremely happy in the classroom. How lucky for the boys of Hilton!

The following is an extract from Heather's CV:
"Personal Interests: Travelling; Languages; History; Reading; Debating; Hiking; Photography; Outdoors...
"I love meeting and interacting with people, change and the unexpected, learning new things, stimulating challenges, the satisfaction of doing things well..."
Join me in celebrating Heather, an exceptional person and educationist.

**A sincere thank you to the following boys, who enthusiastically joined and recorded some videos to pay tribute to Heather for what she meant to them during their years at Hilton: Baba Adejuyigbe (2013, Pearce), Tofi Adejuyigbe (2017, Pearce), Noel Loxton and Vongani Mukansi (2015, Newnham), Marco de Carvalho (2015, Pearce), Chris Rezek (2015, McKenzie), Nkanyiso Nzimande and Anthony Warren (2015, Ellis), Bangu Siwawa, James Drew, Jonathan Steinfeldt-Kristensen, Kimani Gitau, Seati Nareetsile (2016, Lucas).*

Mark Perrett

Farewell by Michael Mill

Over the three decades that he has been at Hilton, Mark has served as Head of Geography, Head of Academics in the Junior Phase, Director of Sport, Housemaster of Churchill, Senior Housemaster, Person in charge of Outward bound, Director of Discipline, and most recently Minister of (that very shadowy world of) Covid Operations.

I have probably omitted some of the positions Mark has held, but it doesn't matter because Mark has never needed a position to lead.

Those who have worked with him know that he insists on things being done properly. Mark would never approve of us taking short cuts, and we never did because he has such credibility. If we needed to re-mark or reset an exam question, he would take the biggest chunk of the work. He created an environment where he gently pushed us to improve. We weren't always pleased to do this, but then Mark has never been about making popular decisions. Mark is a principled person and every decision he makes is based on his principles. Much to our frustration at times, he can take a while to make a decision, but he is so thorough and fair. If you ask Mark for advice, he will tell you what he believes you need to know and not what you necessarily want to hear. He will not allow you to compromise yourself.

Mark went into teaching for the same reasons as many of us – the government bursary system. Most of us enjoy teaching because we're passionate about our subject, enjoy coaching sport, and some of us even enjoy working with adolescents (although that generally doesn't last). Mark was no different in this regard. However, he has a passion for developing boys' brains. Geography, cricket, rugby, housemastering were simply the vehicles he used to achieve this.

As Head of Junior Academics, Mark introduced the staff to courses on learning styles and thinking skills. I shared a classroom with him at one time and in every class, he would try and incorporate these ideas into his lessons. During one of our Babanango field trips, a matric boy asked me for an answer to a worksheet question and I wasn't sure of the answer, so I referred him to Mark. The boy looked at me as if I was mad and said, "Sir I want the answer. Mr Perrett will send me away with a few pointers and tell me to think." So, when Dylan, Mark's son, was put into my matric class I really felt the pressure. Dylan and I never spoke about it, but I left him alone at the back of the



Mark Perrett

class to work his way through the vast collection of National Geographic magazines, and he in turn never said a word to Mark about my rather underwhelming teaching techniques. He got his A.

Mark demanded a lot of the boys he taught. This is not to say they never had fun. Mark's overdeveloped sense of order meant his stationery was always arranged in a row on his desk, and the boys would try to change the order. Mark would play along and then re-arrange his stationery.

I had a spell as Mark's assistant whilst he was in Churchill. It was interesting in that despite Mark being the Head of Discipline, Churchill was not a particularly strict house. This surprised me because as a young teacher he had taken no nonsense. I remember walking past his classroom at Alex, and he looked like he was giving a boy a high five but he was indicating a five-page essay as a punishment. And he used to read those essays.

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Churchill was actually a very relaxed place. In those days, before social media, each matric boy had a newspaper delivered to his study door. These papers were often strewn all over the house, clothing would be left lying around, and guys would come to prep in a variety of combinations of uniform and sleeping attire. But they made sure they got to prep on time. That was not negotiable, and Mark spent a lot of time working with his matrices and on developing their leadership skills. Mark was the champion of servant leadership at Hilton. To the average self-centred adolescent, the concept of servant leadership was not easy to grasp, but Mark gave them the tools to work with and held them accountable. He was always about developing boys for life beyond Hilton. While not all appreciated this tough love, those who did buy in did extremely well under his guidance, and he was well respected.

Mark never goes to bed before midnight. At about 11.30pm he sends out emails. Then when you see him first thing in the morning, he will ask, "Did you get my mail?". Some have said he's a closet TV series and sitcom watcher, but until recently the Perretts never owned a TV. The senior boys in Churchill who used to work late could never relax because they didn't know exactly when Mark would do his last round of the evening. That said, he always gave them a little warning by clearing his throat to let them know he was on the prowl. Msizi, there's a tip for you! As mentioned, Mark's a perfectionist. He doesn't take short cuts. He checked my reports for many years and as generic and boring as my comments were, he read them and didn't hold back on the red pen. Mark's own reports were flawless. He simply did not make mistakes. Bruce will be able to confirm this, but the previous Adam-type system had to be specially modified to allow for Mark's comments as a housemaster. He worked with a

dictaphone and it was not unusual for his comments to cover three-quarters of a page or an entire page on one boy.

Mark coached the 1st XV with Pete Ducasse and was the U16A cricket coach for a number of years. For those of us who taught in Maritzburg, we always looked forward to coming to Hilton, not because they were an easy game but because of the hospitality of the Hilton staff. The cricket coaches were so well hosted, and Mark was a part of this. We would get ushered into the club for lunch. I'm not sure if anyone here has ever walked through a doorway behind Mark. It just doesn't happen. I've imagined the traffic jam that would develop outside the staffroom if Mark Perrett and Chris Carey were to arrive at the door at the same time. "After you." "No, after you." "No, no, I insist: After you." Mark's manners are exemplary. The emails he sent out listing new Covid protocols were expressed so politely that you almost looked forward to filling in the Magnitude App and topping up your sanitiser in the morning.

While in charge of sport, Mark had Gilfillan marked out for soccer. You can imagine the reaction from the rugby oaks. It was tough for Bryce, who went on to captain the 1st XV. When his mates said, "How can your father do this? What a wally!" Bryce's standard reply, which he had rehearsed with Mark, was: "Yes, well at least you don't have to live with him." I don't think that Mark regrets the decision as a 1st XV player himself. He understood that Gilfillan was a rugby field, but that soccer needed a field, and it wasn't rugby season. It seemed fair.

Mark is all about fairness and sending out the right message. When he was Housemaster of Churchill the exterior of the house needed painting. Because of financial constraints, it was decided that the contractor would paint the sides of the house that were visible to passing traffic on the circular drive and that the rest could be painted in the future. Mark spent time in the headmaster's office convincing him this wasn't good enough, because it sent out the wrong message to the boys. The headmaster, to his credit, agreed and the whole house was painted.

This was the basis of Mark's Ferrari story. If we claim to be the best, then we need to live it, even when we are within the McKenzie gates and nobody else can see. Why Mark criticises the Isuzu in this comparison I am not sure. He is the only staff member to have owned two Isuzu double cabs at the same time.

In conversation Mark would often say, "I said to my good wife Lee..." whatever the topic. I don't know what Lee and Mark talk about at home, but I do know they never spoke much about school and particularly not about any nonsense that goes on. The Perretts have been on campus for 30-odd years and Hilton has served up its share of controversy in this time. And Laundry Lane has had its share of scandals. But whenever Janet and Lee met up, Janet was always surprised by how little Lee knew about the goings on at the school. This is evidence of the type of person Mark is. If there is nothing good to be said then perhaps don't say it. Mark is a Christian and if you asked him, he would confirm this, but he does not need to tell you. You can see it by the way he lives.

I know next year Mark has plans to do some renovations

to their home in Hilton and I know he will do an excellent job. However, we hope to see him back. We never know when Francois' gout might flare up and we might need help. Also, the talk down Laundry Lane is that Karen and Vaughn have been having quite a few weekend "camping breaks" without their kids. I'm not sure what they're planning, but if it's another child then, Mark, you might get your old classroom back for a term or two.

Go well.

Beth Wisdom

Farewell Speech by Charmaine Padayachee

What do you call a person who is happy on a Monday? Retired! So, Beth, we know you are going to be happy every Monday, starting from next week.

Today we say goodbye to our colleague and friend, Beth. Beth joined the Hilton Maths department in 2006 on a part-time basis, and in 2010 went full time. She has been considering early retirement for some time now but liked us all too much, so she kept putting it off. She eventually took the plunge and put her house on the market last year, finally convinced that the time had come for new ventures.

She always made time to ask her colleagues how they were and always had time to listen.

Beth, you've been an integral part of the Maths team (I hope all you Maths boffins caught that one: integer – integral) and we are thankful to you.

Beth has taught both Maths and Maths Literacy for many years. She leaves a legacy in the literacy area as she passionately encouraged boys who gave up on Core Mathematics. She worked hard, motivating them and getting them to achieve fantastic results over the years. How she managed that, I'm still not sure.

Beth, we remember, too, the many hours you gave in the evenings when the boys changed to Maths Literacy at the 11th hour and you were left to get their portfolios organised and ready in record time. You never



Beth Wisdom

complained. As chaotic as it was, you got it done. I suppose managing a home while Andrew was away, running the business, and helping your kids, all while teaching, trained you well to multi-task.

Beth is known for being a team player. She always made time to ask her colleagues how they were and always had time to listen. She spoilt the guys in our department by making them tea and coffee. She also took on the responsibility of organising all the catering and most specifically the birthday teas. Her eyes lit up when a female colleague (me) entered the male-dominated department in 2014, perhaps hoping her tasks would be halved. I lightened the load, just not in the way she expected. Rather than my extra pair of hands, I convinced her that their hands were just as capable ...and some even started making her coffee. But Beth's maternal instincts kicked in again and she took pity on them and went back to serving them.

Beth has amassed a variety of things over time, and so it is necessary to clear out every now and again. Every time she cleared out, someone in our department, or our kids, would benefit from uniforms, toys, even snorkelling fins. Her caring and empathetic nature was greatly appreciated. I remember her many visits to our colleague and friend Silva, both in and out of hospital.

Beth was involved in the Outreach Programme here at Hilton and I know it meant a lot to her to be able to contribute to making boys understand the importance of

giving back. Her caring and compassionate nature was wonderful to see. She believed being in a position of privilege meant making others comfortable too. Boys, too, have fond memories of her caring and patient nature. I quote:

"Ma'am always took the time to see me after school when I needed extra help."

"Ma'am was patient; she didn't get irritated by the many questions I asked in class."

On a personal note, Beth, I have valued your friendship and the support you've given me over the years. You never said no to anything that was asked of you. Even when you were busy, we could count on you. Congratulations on your early retirement. You leave us as friends and will no doubt gain two new friends in the couch and bed. I suspect you will enjoy hanging out with them, especially on wet, cold mornings as you drink in the views that Stellenbosch has to offer.

Life is about cherishing the past, facing the present and moving towards new milestones. So, we wish you well and know you will enjoy your time in Stellenbosch and the eventual move to England. You have already travelled extensively, but I am sure Andrew, Christy, Roxy and Jordan will be glad to finally have you back and enjoy you organising longer trips and holidays so that you can make many more special memories together. Go well, my friend.



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Academic News

Grade 8 and 9 Curricula

Problem-based learning forms an important part of our Grade 8 and 9 curricula. We want our boys to think deeply about real-world problems, to be able to articulate the various components of the problem, as well as clear and well-thought-out solutions. These skills are crucial to the 21st century workplace.

Once again, we employed the model of cross-grade collaborative working. Working with someone in a different grade helps to develop confidence, communication and challenges hierarchical structures. 2021's Project Week was a real lesson in agility as we found ourselves running both an online and in-person programme due to the challenges of Covid. Boys and staff had to adapt very quickly and respond to the ever-changing demands of isolation periods and illness. It was not easy and reinforced the benefits of problem-solving, creativity and dexterity.

"#BetheChange" involved Grade 8s and 9s partnering to identify, articulate, unpack and propose a solution to a Hilton College problem relating to the Sustainable Development Goals. The key objectives of the project are to get the boys to:

- Understand that they can impact change in the world through their ideas, decisions and actions;
- Read about an issue and demonstrate that they understand it and what has been done to address it;
- Dig deep, deconstruct and articulate a specific micro-problem relating to a particular goal;
- Propose an innovative solution and take the necessary steps to implement this solution; and
- Work creatively and collaboratively with a partner.

During the week, the boys attended a variety of workshops led by staff, played games and activities designed to develop an understanding of the concepts taught, took part in insightful conversations, and engaged in a collaborative problem-solving task. The boys needed to identify a micro-problem relevant to their local community or a South African context. We wanted our boys to see that their ideas, thoughts, solutions and actions can have an impact on real-world problems.

We focused on the following Sustainable Development Goals:

- Climate Action
- Reduced Inequality
- Zero Hunger
- Quality Education
- Life Below Water

Before identifying or articulating their problem, the boys needed to research it and understand what has been done to address it. Secondly, they had to propose an idea and present this to a team of "sharks" whose job it was to

interrogate their ideas. We are very grateful to the parents who gave up their time to be a part of this process. Having people who are involved in a variety of industries added much value to the project and extended the boys thinking. The boys then had to work on implementing their proposed solutions. This was challenging as it required a great deal of work including planning their time and the various steps in the process. The project culminated in a presentation to the group. We were most impressed with the quality of the work produced by the boys as well as the depth of thought and innovative solutions proposed.

Grade 8 and 9 Elective Offering

In 2021 we launched our new elective programme. This offering aims to give our boys the chance to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of disciplines. Boys have the opportunity to delve deeply into a subject to discover if they have an interest in and aptitude for it. They may pursue it at a more advanced level later in their academic career.

Boys selected two of the following subjects: An Introduction to French, An Introduction to IsiZulu, Music Exploration, An Introduction to Engineering Graphics and Design, An Introduction to Sports Science, An Introduction to Agricultural Science, A Literacy Development Programme, A Mathematics Development Programme. Giving boys exposure to a greater variety of subjects and choice about what they wish to study results in an increased level of self-knowledge, increased sense of agency and a passion for learning.

We have extended this elective programme to our Grade 9 year. Boys now select one of the above subjects and further develop their understanding in this discipline. In addition to class assessments, they write formal examinations in these electives.

Ashleigh Askew

Deputy Director of Academics

A-Level Pathway

Twelve months have passed since the first cohort of 26 Grade 11 pupils began preparing for their initial set of IGCSE and International AS-Level examinations in June and November 2021. With a series of A-Level dinners, university webinars and extension opportunities, including Cambridge University masterclass courses, as well as a packed teaching and revision schedule, the boys on the A-Level pathway had a busy year. Their learning has been supported by a suite of award-winning online learning resources and internationally benchmarked cognitive ability tests, as well as the ongoing redevelopment of an A-Level workspace in the Raymond Slater Library.

Another exciting A-Level academic opportunity available to all Grade 11 boys was the introduction of the International Project Qualification or IPQ. Thirty-six boys from both the IEB and A-Level Pathways submitted IPQ research essays of approximately 5000 words to Cambridge Assessment

International Education. The topics the boys chose were impressively broad and included The Feasibility of the Adoption of the Developmental State Model by South African Policymakers, Possible Solutions to Racist and Islamic Abuse Received by Players in English Professional Football, How Would a Social Impact Bond Affect School Quality in South Africa's Failing Public Schools? and To What Extent Can CRISPR be Used to Fight the Effects of Ageing? In the junior grades, Grade 8 and 9 boys also have the opportunity to follow the IGCSE Agriculture and IGCSE Physical Education qualifications as part of the elective programme on offer.

Felix Jenkins, the A-Level pathway lead pupil for 2022, had this to say about his experiences of starting A Levels in 2021: "My first year taking the A-Level curriculum has been a life-changing experience. It has ignited an ambition in me that I have struggled to find with my academics at Hilton. I was given the opportunity to narrow down my subjects to those I have developed a unique interest in. The A-Level pathway takes a much more intense and detailed approach to your chosen subjects and is certainly a step up in terms of workload and difficulty. However, it has never failed to keep me interested in the classroom. I would recommend the A-Level pathway to anyone willing to extend themselves beyond the IEB curriculum."

The IGCSE/AS Level results that our boys achieved in November 2021 were impressive, and included the following highlights:

- Felix Jenkins scored over 10% above the threshold for an A grade for his AS-Level Mathematics examinations overall, positioning him as one of the best AS-Level mathematicians in the world.
- All boys writing the AS Thinking Skills examinations scored an A or B grade.
- Over 60% of all boys writing AS Economics scored an A or a B grade.
- For the IPQ, six boys achieved A* grades, the highest possible grade, and four boys achieved A grades. These boys are:

○ Spencer Wright	A*
○ Ryan Basson	A*
○ Jack Herman	A*
○ Christopher Harty	A*
○ Jack Waterhouse	A*
○ Thomas Roy	A*
○ Ross Short	A
○ Tristan Paton	A
○ Matthew Sara	A
○ Christopher Bagnall	A

In 2022, a further 20 boys will join the A-Level pathway in Grade 11, and our subject offering has extended to include A Level Drama. I recommend that boys who are interested in reading for an undergraduate degree at an international university consider applying to the A-Level pathway in Term 2 of their Grade 10 year.

Dr Alexei du Bois
Director of International Learning

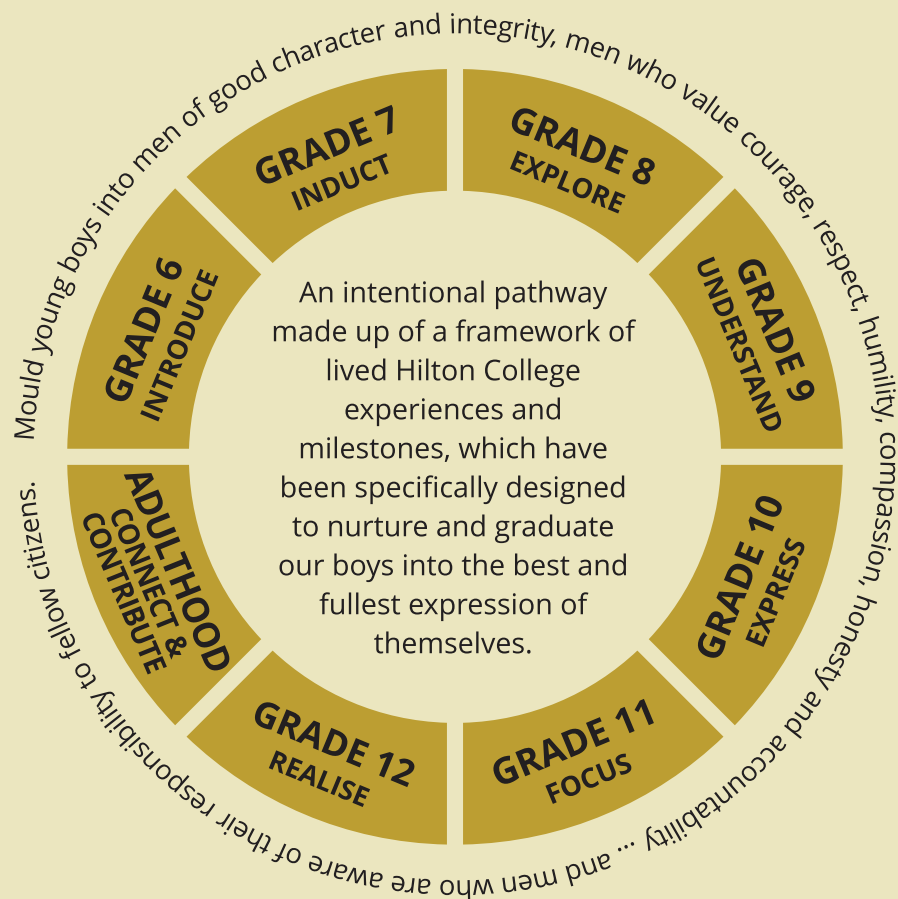


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Accounting

The 2021 academic year started online as the pandemic continued to disrupt in-person learning. Fortunately, it was a short couple of weeks before the boys could return to school and aside from the occasional individual needing to isolate or recuperate, boys remained at school and, for the most part, in class. I was once again grateful that the school has Microsoft Teams as a teaching platform to facilitate continued learning despite any absences from school.

Our 2021 IEB November results surpassed the outstanding results of the previous year with 40% of our boys achieving an A symbol and over 83% being placed in the three highest mark band, (ie, A, B and C symbols). The 2021 cohort also achieved nearly 7% above the national average, which was also an improvement on the previous year. When one considers that this group of boys were in Grade 11 at the onset of the pandemic, their results are particularly commendable. As a department, we were also delighted with the achievements of Jonathan Le Roux, who was placed in the top 1% of all IEB Accounting candidates across South Africa.

Subject prizes were awarded to Jonathan Le Roux (Grade 12), Tristan Paton (Grade 11) and Zimele Khumalo (Grade 10). The Sinclair Trust Prize for Entrepreneurship was shared. Mukaii Mhaka and More Akinola received it for the development of an active website called Notablee, which links learners to notes, presentations, etc. created by educators. These resources are monetized for educators through advertisements on the platform thus making them free for learners to access. Matthew Wilson was also the recipient of the Sinclair Trust Prize for Entrepreneurship for the creation of the ground-breaking security system CRPT Secure, which adds an extra layer of protection to the owner's cryptocurrencies.

While celebrating the achievements of our students, it was pleasing to see boys moving up symbols in the final examination. Last year, all boys had access to extra support provided by the department during regular afternoon slots and many made use of this opportunity.

Once again, our department had representation on both papers at the marking of the National Senior Certificate examinations in Gauteng. I am of the firm belief that this is essential in the professional development of teachers and there is the added bonus of their passing on the experience gained both to their colleagues and the boys.

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2021 saw the introduction of Cambridge International Education with a small group of boys tackling the rigorous AS Level Accounting. While challenging, I have enjoyed engaging with this curriculum and am very pleased with

the progress the boys made. They will embark on the second year (A Level) in 2022 and I look forward to commendable results in the final examinations.

The pandemic prevented us from our usual trips to see the business world in action. Nor were we able to bring in guest speakers. But I am optimistic that 2022 will see some return to our usual activities within the department.

Teresa Whitfield
Head of department

Afrikaans

Much like the previous year, 2021 was unusual for teachers and learners in the classroom. The pandemic was still with us, and we were again challenged by the online learning platform.

On reflection, every boy who took Afrikaans in 2021 enjoyed the opportunity to develop his language skills and vocabulary in the classroom and online. Each lesson was taught with enthusiasm and dedication by staff who work extremely hard to make their lessons and the learning experience a success. In the third term our matric boys enjoyed the live PIT production of their prescribed works and, yet again, it was enjoyed by all.

Our team has many years of experience teaching, marking matric papers and being subject moderators for other schools.

Members of the Afrikaans department at Hilton College are highly qualified and dedicated to their subject. At the start of the year, we welcomed Miss Charissa Steenkamp to our team and she has been nothing short of remarkable. We were extremely sad that our friend and colleague Mr AC Blume, who was in our department for 12 years, left to take up a position as Deputy Rector at Paul Roos Gymnasium. Mr Blume enriched our lives with his humour, his stories, and his love for teaching Afrikaans. We are so proud of him and celebrate his promotion. Every boy who has been taught by Mr Blume will attest to the fact that he is an outstanding teacher who loves Afrikaans, and makes an impression on all those he teaches. We are excited that Mr Cameron Fraser will take up Mr Blume's position as Afrikaans teacher in 2022.

Our team has many years of experience teaching, marking matric papers and being subject moderators for other schools. We work well together, sharing ideas and taking an interest in all matters relating to Afrikaans. We try to impart our love of Afrikaans to our students and have over the years had a good matric and school pass rate. Many of our students take part in the senior and junior Afrikaans Olympiad and achieve great results.

The ethos in the department is to be proactive and to keep abreast of all things Afrikaans. At Hilton College, the Afrikaans language, culture, and creativity are indispensable.

We have had another busy and enjoyable year. Our successes for 2021 included excellent IEB results – on par with the national IEB averages; extensive use of our Upstream-Education app; and a member of staff who helped make online teaching an enormous success. We also worked hard to build the Afrikaans language, to be inclusive, communicate effectively, use technology to improve our online teaching, and solve problems through critical thinking.

We are an excellent team.

Leana Steenkamp
Head of Department

Dramatic Arts

"If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." – Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Reading this novel while at school had a profound influence on me in my understanding of life and our perspective of situations. I learned to seek first to understand, rather than to be understood.

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One of the greatest benefits of studying the performing arts is that it builds compassion. The arts and humanities enhance empathy, understanding and emotional intelligence in students. It also enhances a cultural understanding of people from other backgrounds. People have been sharing stories with one another for thousands of years because it is a way of connecting with each other. UCLA Professor Emeritus James Catterall found a strong association between student participation in the performing arts and positive personal development. He detailed his findings in his book *Doing Well and Doing Good by Art*, stating that "sustained student involvement in theatre arts (acting in plays and musicals, participating in drama clubs, and taking acting lessons) associates with a variety of developments for youth. Gains in reading



proficiency, gains in self-concept and motivation, and higher levels of empathy for others."

The above is certainly true in our approach to teaching dramatic arts at Hilton College. Through the plays we study, the Grade 10, 11 and 12 pupils are exposed to many different perceptions and societal problems that existed and still exist in our world today. Through rigorous debate and argument, the boys discuss topical issues such as governmental power and corruption, toxic masculinity, gender equality and the way we live and perceive our world.

Dramatic arts is a subject that challenges one on many levels. It helps us examine our own mindset and opens our eyes to new ideas and ways of understanding the world in which we live. It builds one's confidence in being able to speak up about issues that one believes in and is passionate about.

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Cal Bray
Head of Department

Economics

The Economics Department entered its eighth year at Hilton College this year. The department is proud of the academic accomplishments of the economics boys in the 2021 IEB final examinations. They achieved an average of 71% (the national average was 57%); 19 boys achieved above 90% and a further 24 above 80%. More than half of our boys (51%) achieved distinctions and 87% A to C

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symbols. The improvement of those boys who achieved their best results in economics since being at Hilton was also pleasing.

We had four boys in the top 1%, or top 7, in the country: Andrew Meyer (99%), Richard Karlson (99%), Zaid Ismail (97%) and Matthew Dalrymple (96%). We are exceptionally pleased with their outstanding achievements and commend them for their diligent approach over the past five years.

The department has a strong reputation for the quality of its teaching and our boys who decide to study the subject at tertiary level continue to achieve a very high success rate.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

We are committed to shaping knowledgeable and inspired young men to become influential and empathetic leaders of our country and global community. Recently, the parents of a boy who matriculated last year mentioned how well their son was doing at the University of Pennsylvania. He is studying economics after excelling in the subject at Hilton College.

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to directly expose our boys to economists and other professionals, nor take them on excursions as much as we have done in the past. However, we were able to welcome conservationist Dingo Dinkelman, investment manager Chris Segar and entrepreneur Leandra Carcay during a HeartBeat Day. Mr Dinkelman shared passionately about his journey. After finding his passion and pursuing it wholeheartedly, he left the insurance industry to make a difference in conservation and live differently. He shared great stories and challenged the boys in their thinking about pursuing what they are passionate about. He said that while Covid had been challenging, it had also presented incredible opportunities. He is convinced that attitude plays a significant role in success, and this is evident in his life.

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Mr Segar, who is an Old Hiltonian and the owner and director of an investment firm, shared interesting insights into the world of finance, stockbroking and investing. It was encouraging to hear his positive, long-term outlook on South Africa and that there are numerous opportunities in our country, if you know where to look.

OLD HILTONIANS

Leandra Carcay, the owner of Artisan and Tribe restaurants in Hilton, shared positively about the realities of being an entrepreneur and some of the challenges that she has faced along the way. The biggest take-away from her was not pizza, but rather that generosity is the best business model. Her stories in this regard were insightful and challenged certain societal norms.

We are most grateful to each of them for addressing our boys on Freedom Day.

The A-level economics programme went well in its first year. The 18 boys all wrote their first public examinations for the AS-level papers and achieved some good results. They will write their final A-level papers in 2022. We look forward to seeing their progress and the paths they choose to pursue in 2023. The programme has been a good challenge for the boys and the department, adding to the richness of the economics offering at Hilton College.

In 2021, the department was fortunate to have two well-qualified interns in Jethro Pieterse and Sicelo Tshabalala who both contributed valuably. We congratulate them on permanent appointments to excellent schools in Johannesburg and Makhanda (Grahamstown), respectively.

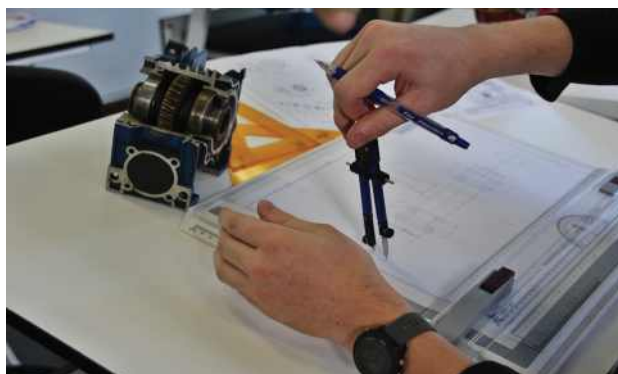
James Webb
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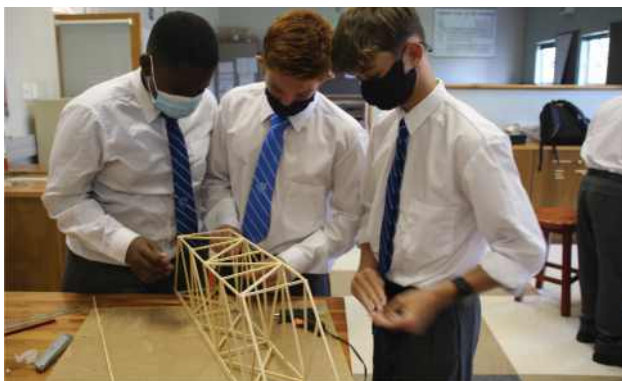
Engineering Graphics and Design

The year proved to be both a complicated and a rewarding one for Engineering Graphics and Design (EGAD) at Hilton College. Complicated in that we were unable to start the year in person due to Covid and instead had to resort to online learning. This had been done in the past, however, being the start of the year, most boys and all the new Grade 10s had neither drawing instruments or books to work from. So the decision was made to courier these necessities to each boy so that they would not fall behind. PostNet became my base of operations over two days while trying to ensure each package was processed correctly.

Fortunately, it was not long before all boys could return to the classroom, which is the best environment for a practical subject such as this. It was also good to finally meet, face to face, the boys I had been teaching. The year was rewarding due to it being my third year in this position and having seen my first group of boys through from Grade 10 to matric.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this group of boys for their hard work and dedication to the subject, as well as for being such a pleasant group of young men who created such a comfortable learning environment and were always interested in what EGAD had to offer. A special mention must be made of the EGAD subject prize winners for 2021. They were Benjamin Guimaraens in Grade 10, Nicholas Youens in Grade 11 and Sebastian





Guimaraens in Grade 12, who achieved this award over the past three years in each grade.

This year EGAD was introduced as an elective to Grade 8 boys, giving them two terms to learn a new skill and get a feel for the subject before they choose electives in Grade 10.

A few of these boys have chosen to continue with EGAD in Grade 9 where it is being offered for the first time, thereby making 2022 the first year this subject is being offered through all the grades. The Grade 10 intake for 2022 is also the largest yet, requiring two lines to accommodate, therefore EGAD is growing in strength and popularity. I am looking forward to meeting these boys next year and helping them on their journey through learning to draw and present neat and accurate engineering drawings, which will increase in complexity as they advance through the syllabus and grades.

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It has been a great privilege to be able to grow this subject at Hilton College and I am confident it will continue to increase in both numbers and reputation for being a subject which allows boys the opportunity to develop both their visual and practical aptitudes.

Jeremy Piater
Head of Department

English

At the end of 2020, I quoted a Chinese proverb which reminds us that both gems and humankind need the friction of challenges in order to be polished and thus, ultimately, to sparkle. 2021 provided our department with further opportunities for our boys and colleagues to embrace flexible ways of meeting our goals as the pandemic continued to demand adjustments to our delivery of the curriculum. Thank you to our superb English teachers and our committed pupils for, yet again, accommodating teaching shifts from online to in-person and occasionally online again (with some hybrid in the



mix), as we worked hard, as a department as well as with our classes, to "perfect" our English offering.

2021 added another exciting dimension to English at Hilton College, with the first groups of boys undertaking various Cambridge International English (CIE) papers. CIE is different from IEB, and boys had to adjust to new expectations. Dr Alexei du Bois, Mr Graeme Roberts and I have been pleased with, and proud of, the boys' keenness. Hilton College registered to write the English Olympiad Examination in 2021 and 16 boys completed the voluntary seven-week course, which was supervised by Mrs Kim Lindie, and wrote the examination. David Kitshoff (Grade 12) achieved a silver certificate. A number of our boys, from Grades 9 to 12, entered a competition for a compilation of poetry called *Poems of the Pandemic*, published by hashtag.poetry.com, and a selection of their poetry was included in the publication. These can be enjoyed in the 2021 edition of *Pinnacles*, an anthology of boys' creative writing.

This year, we introduced Zakes Mda's novel *The Zulus of New York* to Grade 11 English Home Language and Mrs Carolyn van Zuydam arranged for a warmly received Grade 11 IEB talk by Mr Rob Caskie on, inter alia, elements of isiZulu cultural history and the Battles of Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana, which underpin the lived experience of the central character of the novel. In addition, one of our interns, Ms Zanele Vilakazi, created and presented a fascinating, illustrated talk on the isiZulu context with which the novel opens.

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To complete our teaching complement this year, Mrs Cal Bray taught a Grade 8 class in 2021, bringing her dramatic arts experience to her English teaching. We wish her well in her exciting retirement plans. Mr Chris Kingsley joined the English Department in a part-time capacity, and we are pleased he is continuing with our boys in 2022. Mr Jason Strydom was appointed part-time in the English Department for 2021 and we know he will continue to bring his passion for this subject to his new school in 2022. Dr Du Bois moved into his role as Director of International

Learning and continued to teach IEB and CIE English, and in the final quarter of 2021, Mrs Ashleigh Askew was appointed Deputy Director of Academics, with a particular responsibility for Grades 8 and 9. It is evident from this exciting richness of expertise and capacity that English Home Language, Cambridge English and Advanced Programme English are on a wonderfully sound footing at Hilton College. Our office is an energetic hive of conversation and collegiality as well as mutual support in a busy school, and I am grateful to everyone for his or her energy and verve.

Please make time to read Pinnacles. It is powerful evidence that our boys continue to seek to express themselves in a myriad of ways. Seamus Heaney, the late Irish poet, playwright and Nobel Laureate, put it evocatively: "If you have the words, there's always a chance that you'll find the way."

Here's to another joyful year of Hilton College boys finding both the words and their way.

Pamela Neethling
Head of Department

French

While the world suffered the tumult of Covid-19 once again in 2021, the French Department had its fair share of changes and upheavals.

The biggest changes were related to staffing making 2021 a year of sad farewells. The department bid farewell to Dr Alex Stewart as she headed down the hill to take up a post in the French Department at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). Another much-loved teacher, Inma Guillot Montaner, who had taught in the French Department for many years and returned in 2021 to help out with some lessons, said goodbye.

Finally, Heather Peel, who has been a pillar of strength in the French Department and indeed the French-teaching community in South Africa, left Hilton for a new chapter in London. Heather's contribution to French at Hilton College, and to the greater French-teaching conglomerate, was immeasurable and she will be missed. I am glad that her farewell speeches appear elsewhere in this magazine, as they give an indication of the depth of her influence and the scope of her contribution to French. *Merci, Heather, pour tout ce que tu as fait.*

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In more staffing news, the department welcomed into the team Juliette Hunter, previously of St Andrew's School, Turi, and, on a part-time basis, Ghyslaine Dye, former lecturer in French at UKZN. It is nothing but a pleasure to work with these extremely competent, warm and

enthusiastic teachers who add value to the department with each lesson.

Covid-19 naturally enforced changes of a different nature – a much more restricted programme of French activities and events, which was saddening. However, we were able to participate in the national French spelling bee "Epelle-moi" with Minenhle Makhathini spelling his way to the national final, where he participated with aplomb. In 2021, the department had its inaugural AS French students, Grade 11 boys who follow the Cambridge International pathway. These boys will have the option of working towards the A-Level French qualification in their matric year, and we are delighted to offer these challenging and enriching courses as an option for senior boys.

Hilton remains the centre for DELF-DALF examinations in Pietermaritzburg, and in 2021 the department hosted numerous students, and members of the general public, who participated in these internationally recognized and benchmarked tests of proficiency in French. Among them were a number of Hilton boys, and we were proud of their performance. The following are the results from the October session:

Achieving a B2 (Independent Users - Vantage) level were: James te Riele and Kwame Huyberechts;
Achieving a B1 (Independent Users – Threshold) level were: Jonathan le Roux, Tanner Bailey, Spencer Wright and June So; and
Achieving an A1 (Basic Users – Breakthrough) were: Gabriel Njonjo (with distinction), James Ogilvie, Khanya Mhlongo (with distinction), Similo Mkhungo, Minenhle Makhathini, Zimele Khumalo (with distinction) and Noah Ravalomanana.

Our Speech Day prizewinners who also deserve special mention are:

Grade 12: Paul Bestel Memorial Prize for French: Jonathan le Roux; Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French: James te Riele
Grade 11: 1st Prize: Tanner Bailey; Rahmani Prize: Tanner Bailey and Charlie Foster
Grade 10: 1st Prize: Gabriel Njonjo; Rahmani Prize: Zimele Khumalo

Of course, there are many boys whose names don't appear in the lists of prizewinners, but for whom 2021 has been a year of growth and discovery in their French-learning journey. It is always so rewarding when boys return from holidays, excited at having been able to eavesdrop – and understand! – a French conversation on a plane trip, or have the experience of emerging from an oral, having conversed in French for over half an hour, or leave a class humming along to Stromae's latest song. Ultimately, we hope that every boy who learns French at Hilton College realises the value of this skill and the multiplicity of social, professional and travel opportunities that it offers in the multilingual global village that is our world today.

Lara Wulfsohn
Head of Department

Geography

This year Mrs Karen Koopman took over as Head of Department from Mr Francois Morgan. We thank Mr Morgan for 15 years of dedicated and committed service. We also welcomed Mrs Thembile Zuma who taught a Grade 9 class.

The introduction of A Level geography also brought another dimension to our department.

The department has, once again, had a successful year. I am pleased to report that we have embraced new ideas and new teaching styles this year, in an attempt to stay relevant and to embrace the learning process. It was a busy and productive year and we achieved a good deal which we can be proud of.

Experiential learning is a key component of geography and seeing and experiencing geography firsthand helps the boys to make sense of concepts covered in the classroom.

As with the previous years, we continued to focus on the development of relevant skills, but at the same time, imparting knowledge and understanding in geography. Problem solving, thinking skills, enquiry, values and decision making, flexible thinking, spatial understanding and social, environmental and economic awareness were but some of the focus areas this past year.

Our 2021 matric results were pleasingly better than expected. Those boys who attended the revision sessions that were on offer clearly benefited from these. We are very proud of our geography prize winner Michael Mackenzie who achieved 87%. We also celebrate the successes of the weaker candidates – some of them improving by a symbol.

The following is a summary of the NSC results:

School Average: 66.13% (IEB ave: 64.25%)

Symbols: A = 6 B = 13 C = 9 D = 7 E = 2 76 % of candidates achieved an A, B or C.

Unfortunately, the pandemic put a halt on field trips and field work for the year. This meant that our boys would not benefit from experiential learning associated with out-of-classroom activity. This was most unfortunate, but obviously necessary. Experiential learning is a key component of geography and seeing and experiencing geography firsthand helps the boys to make sense of concepts covered in the classroom. Geography develops critical skills that are, ever increasingly, in demand in the workplace and tertiary institutions. It is our hope that more and more parents and boys will see the importance and value of this in the future.

In Grade 8 we continued to work successfully with the Life Sciences department presenting a subject called "Window on the World".

The success of any department depends entirely on the dedication and professionalism of its teachers. This has certainly been the case in this department, and I would like to sincerely thank Mr Morgan, Mrs Zuma and Mr Mike Mill for their dedication to the subject this year.

Karen Koopman
Head of Department

History

The History Department was very pleased with the 2021 IEB National Senior Certificate results with 14 boys achieving an A symbol and Andrew Meyer attaining a remarkable 97%. The fact that all Hilton College pupils who sat for History passed is testament to the hard work by and support from members of the department. Covid continued to wreak havoc on any planned tours and it is a deep concern that the Apartheid and Liliesleaf museums have been forced to close.

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Mr Jason Strydom joined the department in the beginning of the year and did an excellent job teaching the Grade 8s and 9s. We wish him well as he takes up a permanent post in Secunda.

Mr Andrew Douglas, who was Head of Department from 2007 to 2013, retired at the end of 2021. Andrew is an exceptional teacher with a deep knowledge and love of history. We owe him a significant debt of gratitude and wish him the very best in his new adventures in Ballito.

Paul Venter
Head of Department

Information Technology

The class of 2021 were the first group to sit an examination based on the updated syllabus which was phased in from 2019. The change to the syllabus took account of many changes which have taken place in the IT sector and removed a number of old topics and concepts. Teaching this content to this group was both challenging and exciting.

Of course, 2021 was not without its challenges, not least of all was having to start the year with another batch of emergency remote teaching. Taking this on for a second



time in as many years was slightly less daunting than in 2020. Once again, simple and effective teaching solutions were employed during this period allowing for a lot of self-study which required a lot of motivation. As we learned in 2020, the introverts lead the way in this regard! No grades were left behind through the year and all tasks and projects were completed timeously.

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The class did not fail to impress in their final examinations: Five As, four Bs and one C symbol. As is often the case, the chance of notching up just one symbol was prevented by some lack of detail to work done during the year. However, one must remember that this group of pupils had to work through two disrupted years at a very senior level.

The Grade 8 IT course was extended on an experimental basis to Grade 9 in 2021, making use of a few lessons from each subject on an ad hoc basis. This proved to be most successful, and in 2022 there will be proper time allocated to the subject in both grades, allowing for a deeper immersion into the subject and better preparation for the senior level. The contribution which Mr Allan Fryer makes in this area cannot be underestimated and he is commended in this regard.

Bruce MacLachlan
Head of Department

isiZulu

In 2021 the boys started the year learning online. As teachers, we managed to learn new skills to teach online. We had four Grade 11 boys who were doing the Cambridge isiZulu syllabus. I trust that the boys will achieve excellent results. We will continue with isiZulu Second Additional Language in Grade 8 and 9 as an elective subject next year. We are trying to help the boys who do not have a good grasp of isiZulu but want to take the subject in Grade 10 as a First Additional Language. In term one we were joined by Mrs Thembile Zuma as a part-time isiZulu teacher. She came from The Wykeham

Collegiate. She taught isiZulu in Grade 8 and 9 Second Additional Language and in Grade 9 and 10 First Additional Language. Owing to our isiZulu Cambridge class, and the growing number of boys taking up the subject, we felt the need for another teacher in the department.

We will continue with isiZulu Second Additional Language in Grade 8 and 9 as an elective subject next year.

In 2021 isiZulu boys achieved good matriculation results. However, it is disappointing that our results were below the national average. The national average was 74.6%. We achieved 72.02%. We had 30 candidates, 10 of which achieved As, nine were awarded Bs, five earned Cs, four got Ds and two got Es. We aim to improve our matric results next year, especially the B-set results.

We had four grade 11 candidates write Cambridge examinations. We had two Bs, two Cs and one E symbol. Unfortunately, we did not get any A symbols. I trust that the matric class of 2022 will improve on the 2021 results. In 2022 we will have isiZulu support in term 2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In 2021 we did not have isiZulu tours because of the Corona virus. The Grade 8 boys were supposed to go to Ecabazini amaZulu Cultural Homestead. Ecabazini is an overnight tour. The boys get involved in different activities, like stickfighting, milking a cow and tasting isiZulu traditional food. The Grade 9 boys were supposed to go to Shakaland, north of KwaZulu-Natal. This too is an overnight trip. The boys experience different traditional cultures. The Grade 10 boys did not participate in the annual isiZulu Cultural Evening. In 2022 we would like to host the isiZulu Cultural Evening if we are given the opportunity by the IEB KwaZulu-Natal isiZulu User Group. I trust that things will get back to normal so that our boys will continue to enjoy isiZulu cultural excursions.

Thulani Mhlongo
Head of Department

Life Orientation

The Life Orientation (LO) programme at Hilton College is an exceptional one. LO exists to develop, equip and challenge learners on a conceptual level as well as a practical level to aid them in their school life and beyond. Our dynamic team strives to create safe spaces and our classes are a place where boys feel comfortable to discuss a variety of relevant and sometimes difficult topics. The LO department aims to build superior EQ abilities in each boy which will serve him well in his relationships in his personal life and career.

Topics that are covered are carefully chosen by the department. We go above and beyond the curriculum requirements to provide a diverse life education and to meet the boys' needs at various stages of their maturity. Throughout the curriculum we discuss and debate various

life philosophies. We are pairing up with our educational psychologist, Dr Janna de Gouveia, to bring in professionals from various sectors to discuss careers and offer advice.

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New life skills have been included in our programme. These include driver's education (Grade 11 boys will be able to get their learner's license), First Aid, how to manage your personal finances, sign language, how to make a movie/documentary, amongst others. Relevant topics that are discussed at different grade levels include: physical education/monitoring to improve physical health and mental wellbeing, learning and study skills, bullying, gender studies, racism, substance abuse, Emma Sadleir's course on social media, social and environmental responsibility, global citizenship and sustainability, online pornography, sexual education and ethics, healthy relationships, healthy choices, stress management, democracy and human rights, subject selection, career opportunities, CV writing, interview skills, job shadowing and much more. We are hoping to have some collaborative workshops with girls' schools this year to extend the impact of our programme.

Speakers and documentaries form an integral part of the curriculum. We cover new and important topics during Heartbeat Days, which also forms part of the LO experience.

LO is a compulsory subject for Grades 8 to 12 and will positively impact your son for life.

Claudia McKenzie
Head of Department

Life Sciences

2021 was a challenging and mournful one for our department. Sadly, in early February Mr Tony Richter and his daughter Alice were tragically killed in an accident. Tony was not only a Life Sciences colleague but also a friend for over 35 years. He was a dedicated teacher, and his experience and wisdom are sorely missed but will



never be forgotten. Our condolences to Caro and Nathan and the rest of Tony's family.

We were fortunate and thankful to Mr Pete Ducasse who kindly agreed to come out of retirement to teach Tony's matric class.

Considering all the disruptions to their year, our 2021 matriculates are to be congratulated on their pleasing performance in Life Sciences.

Our aim each year is to equip our pupils with the ability to use the Life Sciences skills and concepts they have learnt and to apply this scientific knowledge in both their personal lives and as responsible citizens. This year the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic revealed the relevance of our subject in the real world.

There have been more opportunities to collaboratively team teach, share resources within our department, and come up with new and innovative ways of teaching and assessing.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, our Grade 10 field trip was cancelled, but the South African National Science Olympiad resumed this year.

Our congratulations go to Matt Sara who came 5th in the Grade 10 Life Sciences Olympiad, tying with a pupil from another school. Ben Erasmus and Neil Grobbelaar came 7th in the Grade 8 Natural Sciences Olympiad, also tying with a learner from outside Hilton College.

Although this has been another unpredictable year, it allowed us to apply one of the concepts taught in Life Sciences, that of having to "adapt to the environment". So, despite the many obstacles, there have been more opportunities to collaboratively team teach, share resources within our department, and come up with new and innovative ways of teaching and assessing.

We continued to work collaboratively with the geography department in the Grade 8 Window on the World sphere, looking at relevant environmental issues, with an emphasis on sustainable water use. Next year we will be working more closely with the physical science department.

I would like to thank our laboratory assistants Mrs Charlene Ragubeer, Mr Jabulani Kunene, and Mrs Zanele Ngubane, my teaching colleagues Mr Pete Ducasse, Mr Ernie Steenkamp, Mr James Robey and Mr Tony Shuttleworth, and our interns Mrs Zanele Vilakazi and Miss Babongile Kunene for all their hard work, dedication, and support throughout the year.

Tracey Mackenzie
Head of Department

Maths

The year 2021 was a more settled year, with everyone having adapted well to using a hybrid system of the online learning platform and then being able to physically return to class for most of the year. It was wonderful to have the boys back and we settled in, ready to tackle the demands of the year.

Staff

We bid farewell to Mr Tim Mills, Mrs Elizabeth Wisdom and Mr Sibusiso Mbhele. We thank them for their contribution to the Mathematics Department and wish them well in their new ventures. We were delighted to welcome Mr Graeme Evans (Director of Mathematics), Mr Wilbert Tenga and Miss Margie Mackechnie to the team.

Initiatives, events and activities

We embarked on the exciting journey of having both an IEB Mathematics curriculum and Cambridge offering. The AS and Further Mathematics classes were taught by Mr Graeme Evans and IGCSE by Mr Lionel Julius.

Our mathematics staff involved themselves in various in-house department training and extension sessions, which fostered great collegiality. The notion of building a collegial spirit saw us combining with Economics in hosting the Michaelhouse Economics and Mathematics departments for an evening of fun activities in both subjects.

As a department, the staff were involved in the 2021 Masterclass weekend for the 2023 Grade 8 intake. Both boys and staff had great fun creating mocktails as boys had to use the concepts of ratio to mix drinks.

Our Grade 8s embarked on an exciting programming project where they learnt valuable coding skills, through the use of the Code Programming Game Series.



The Grade 9 learners were thrilled to undertake a Math and Art project which saw them producing some interesting pieces.

The Grade 12 learners benefitted from National Benchmark Tests training workshops and holiday online revision clinics.

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We hosted a successful Grade 10 Heartbeat Day with the theme Maths In the Real World. Learners were able to play games and involve themselves in everyday activities whilst understanding the maths behind it. This included assessing their levels of fitness while analysing the role of mathematics in the athletics arena. They had great fun as they learnt that the game of darts could be cleverly manipulated.

The department offered an extensive afternoon support programme, which enabled learners to get extra help to cement their foundational knowledge and seek clarity to rectify possible misconceptions. In addition to this, our support offering included extension sessions for interested and able students.

Grade 12 IEB results

The NSC 2021 final examination saw our boys display true grit and determination which enabled them to achieve sound results. They achieved 15 A symbols in Core Mathematics, three A symbols in Advanced Programme Mathematics and nine A symbols in Mathematical Literacy. Special congratulations go to David Kitshoff, Jonathan Le Roux and Richard Karlson who were recognised as being in the top 1% of candidates in the mathematics results.

Mathematics Olympiad and competitions

A number of our boys participated in the Mathematics Olympiad, including all Grade 8s and some of our top students. They enjoyed the problem-solving challenges, and we were heartened that the boys gave a good account of themselves with 78 juniors and 19 seniors going through to Round Two.

A few boys participated in the Wits Mathematics Competition, and we were delighted that Hilton came 10th overall in the junior section of the competition.

Reflection

As always, we remain committed to challenging ourselves to grow and improve so that we can continue to offer our best to our boys.

The year closed with a very successful planning and development workshop at Harrington House, where we enjoyed robust debate and discussion around how and what we teach. It created room for us to reassess certain teaching strategies and create more opportunities for team teaching so that we're able to develop and deliver content across a variety of platforms. We ended the year energised and in an "all systems go" state of readiness for 2022.

Charmaine Padayachee
Head of Department

Music

With ongoing restrictions stemming from the pandemic, the Music Department continued to explore innovative ways to deliver performance through virtual engagement with the school and the broader community. This, together with engagement in the final planning of a new Music Centre, made for a year of reimagining the Music Department's footprint on the Hilton College campus.

Performing online

The Music Department made provision for boys to record musical repertoire in the Theatre for a grandparent's concert, for all external music examinations, as well as for the South African Society of Music Teachers (SASMT) Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod. Strict Covid-19 protocols were followed to ensure the health and safety of every performer. Fortunately, the Competition Marimba Band was able to perform briefly at both Parents' Days in September and November, and these live performances were well received after the absence of live music for such a prolonged period. This ensemble also performed to a crowd of enthusiastic St. Anne's Diocesan College pupils in October. The Choir and the Vocal Ensemble focused on the preparation of South African Christmas carols that featured in a virtual carol service from the Hilton College chapel that was released in November.

SASMT Eisteddfod

Hilton College received a total of 19 Gold, 15 Silver and 1 Bronze certificates for the 2021 SASMT Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod. These were online submissions, and the following boys and ensembles were selected for the Best of Eisteddfod concert:

- Competition and Junior Marimba Band each received an award
- HC Big Band received one award
- Ndalo Gumede (clarinet)
- Vhuthihi Siwada (classical voice)
- Shailen Naidoo (piano)
- Christopher de Scally (organ)
- Siyabonga Mpofu (classical voice)

ABRSM Examinations

The following boys recently performed their Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examination and achieved the following commendable results:

- Kigen Chepkonga Performance Grade 6 Singing Merit
Performance Grade 6 Piano Merit
- Siyabonga Mpofu Performance Grade 6 Singing Merit
- Kieran Griffin Performance Grade 6 Singing Merit
- Vhuthihi Siwada Performance Grade 4 Singing Distinction
- Ayanda Ninela Performance Grade 4 Singing Merit

Trinity Examinations

The following boys recently performed their Trinity examination and achieved the following commendable results:

- Duncan Hawkworth Grade 8 Saxophone Merit
- Ndalo Gumede Grade 7 Classical Voice Distinction
Grade 4 Clarinet Merit
- Lwenziwe Sibiya Grade 7 Classical Voice Merit
- Noah Coffey Grade 7 Classical Voice Merit
- Flynn Newell Grade 5 Guitar Pass
- Sedise Moseneke Grade 4 Guitar Pass

Rockschooll Examinations

The following boys recently performed their Rockschooll examination and achieved the following commendable results:

- Alec Gibson Vocals Grade 8 Merit
- Chisha Mulenga Drums Grade 6 Merit
- Lesedi Mangwale Drums Grade 1 Distinction
- Simba Chidakwa Drums Grade 1 Distinction
- Erin Kihara Drums Grade 1 Merit
- Troy Bailey Bass guitar Grade 1 Merit
- Matthew Thomas Bass guitar Grade 1 Merit

Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Competition

The Hilton College Competition Marimba Band entered all four open large band categories in Education Africa's second virtual International Marimba and Steelpan Competition that was broadcast on YouTube to viewers and participants from around the world in December 2021. Their results were awarded as follows:

- 3rd place in the category "Battle of the bands" for Geronimo
- 1st place in the category "In the Mix" for Artemis by Lindsey Stirling
- 1st place in the category "Strictly Classical"
- 1st place in the category "Prestige"

The Hilton College Competition Marimba Band has won both the "In the Mix" and "Strictly Classical" categories for seven consecutive years (since 2015). They have also won the "Open Prestige" category more times than another professional band in the history of the competition. Congratulations to all the marimba boys (including the 2021 matrics) for their outstanding results and for their consistency in achieving excellence every year. This is due

to their ongoing commitment, hard work, passion, grit, and determination to always perform at their best. You are proud ambassadors for our school.

A New Music Centre

After many years of deliberation, the Music Centre is receiving a complete renovation that includes an entirely new double story wing complementing the original music block structure. The state-of-the-art facilities that this will bring to the Hilton College campus include:

- A chamber concert hall that will rehouse the refurbished pipe organ from the chapel;
- A recording studio, with control room, live room and vocal booth for potential podcasts, live recordings, postproduction projects and other online content;
- A dedicated band room;
- An exhibition-cum-hospitality area;
- Three classrooms, including a music computer laboratory, with multiple work stations;
- An acoustically designed marimba performance and rehearsal room, interfacing with the sports fields for home fixture performances;
- Sound-proofed instrumental teaching and practice room facilities;
- A boys' common room area to allow for the merging of musical practice with evening prep; and



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- A staff common room and meeting room.
- The building project commenced on 2 August 2021 with a sod-turning ceremony with benefactors Mr Dawie Chamberlain and Mr David Leischert, along with



headmaster Mr George Harris and the chairman of the building committee, Mr Guy Hancock, in attendance. These benefactors, together with Stephen Crookes, were acknowledged for their invaluable contribution to furthering the performing arts at Hilton College. Two days later the first trees were felled and soon thereafter, the foundations had begun to be dug whilst the music department temporarily relocated to the nearby Development Centre and Tuck shop Towers until its completion date, which is expected in May/June 2022.

2021 IEB results for Music

The class of 2021 achieved very commendable final examination results for subject music, with all five candidates achieving either an A, B or C symbol. The breakdown of symbols is as follows: one A symbol, two B symbols and two C symbols.

2021 Music Appointments

- **Head of Choir:** Alec Gibson
- **Deputy Head of Choir:** Christopher de Scally
- **Head of Marimbas:** Nhlakanipho Mntambo
- **Deputy Head of Marimbas:** Konke Nzimande
- **Head of HC Big Band:** David Kitshoff
- **Deputy Head of HC Big Band:** Nkosi Dlamini

Honours:

Alec Gibson, Konke Nzimande, Nhlakanipho Mntambo, Jack Gerrard, Letu Dandala, Thoriso Taukobong, Siya Buthelezi

Colours:

Chris de Scally, Duncan Hawksworth, Oliver Fraser, Marumo Selane

Half Colours:

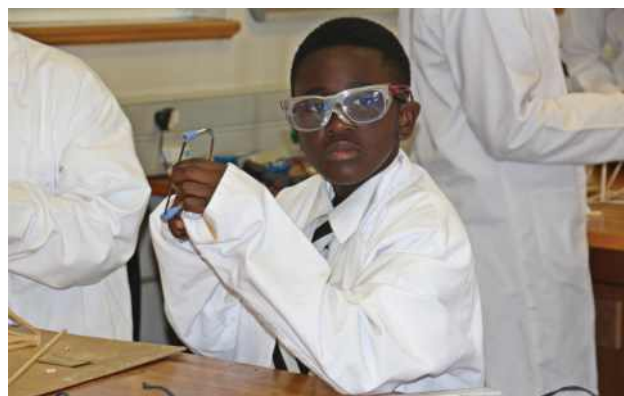
David Kitshoff, Nkosi Dlamini, Charlie Foster, Darren Liu, Anelisa Maphumulo, Ndalo Gumede, Noah Coffey, Sentle Seitlheko, Lwenziwe Sibiya

Brett Udal

Co-leader Music

Physical Science

Our matric results reflected a very healthy increase on the marks achieved following trials. Ten of our boys achieved an A symbol in the final IEB examinations, an increase of three. In addition, 65% of our boys obtained an A, B or C symbol compared to 54% in trials. Further, our average of 68% was significantly higher than the 60% achieved in the



previous year. Unfortunately, three of our boys fell just short of a distinction, each scoring a frustrating 79%.

Congratulations to Richard Karlson on winning the Ducasse Prize for achieving the highest result in Grade 12 science throughout the year. He was again the top achiever in the final examinations (96%), one of three boys to obtain 90% or more. Further congratulations go to Richard for being the first student to complete the AP Physics course, for which he also scored an A symbol.

Physical Science continues to be a very popular subject with 70 boys opting to take it from Grade 10. Besides being a gateway subject to several exciting career options, our subject develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills which are essential life skills.

2021 marked the start of our A-level offering, with 13 boys

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opting for AS Physics. This began an exciting journey, including a steep learning curve for both our boys and staff! By the end of the year our boys had reflected a significant improvement in their understanding of the rigours of the Cambridge syllabus, as well as the practical skills required.

Our Grade 10s were involved in a Science Investigation week. They chose a topic and were required to perform experiments to develop relationships between the variables they were testing. Besides enjoying the practical aspect of this challenge, it helped the boys to think through how best to control variables and how to produce accurate and reliable results.

The department was again involved in the Open Day weekend. Our prospective pupils were challenged to find the ideal amount of water to enable the longest time of flight of a 2-litre water rocket.

On the staffing front, we are thrilled to welcome Mr Kuthula Ntshontsho who joins us from Bishops. He will be spear-heading our AS Chemistry programme, which we are introducing from 2022.

Further exciting developments include the re-launching of the Science Club with a particular focus on our junior boys being able to perform experiments and practical investigations during our club meetings. We are also hopeful of being able to host keynote science speakers to address our boys on topical issues relevant to the sciences.

The department is made up of a dynamic team, and it is a privilege to work with such committed teachers.

Mike Green
Head of Department

Psychology

It was “the year of getting creative” as far as psychology and counselling was concerned. Going into 2021 in the hopes that it would be better than 2020, most people soon realised that expectations would have to be adjusted. It was also a year in which many of the lessons learnt in 2020 could be put into action in more meaningful ways.

Whilst psychologists generally enjoy a work environment where individuals get to meet in person for sessions or consultations, a hybrid approach was adopted this year, whereby both in-person and online meetings were able to take place. Being able to meet online saw the psychology department improve on its connections with parents in significant ways. For the first time since Dr Janna de Gouveia took charge of the subject choice process, parents were offered individualised feedback sessions with a view to understanding their son's unique subject choice recommendations. Boys were also offered individualised, specifically tailored subject choice reports and recommendations in time for the June holidays, and a great deal of back-and-forth conversation took place until each boy arrived at a decision. The process of providing so many parents and boys with individualised feedback was a deliberate attempt to personalise the subject choice process and offer Hilton families the type of experience that they may have were they to employ the services of a private psychologist. To a large degree, this was a very successful exercise.

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Another first for the psychology department was the ongoing interaction with the Grade 8 boys during chaplain and counselling lessons. During Term 1, Mr Michael Pitchford, Hilton's clinical psychologist, worked with boys extensively on issues such as homesickness, managing life in the boarding house and general group dynamics. Term 2 saw the boys working closely with Dr de Gouveia, Hilton's educational psychologist, on managing a termly calendar, planning ahead and prioritising commitments. In Term 3, Mr Pitchford took the boys again and worked in small groups on important issues such as social media, a healthy lifestyle and making good choices. Finally, Dr de Gouveia engaged with the Grade 8s in Term 4 on specific study skills, taught them the Cornell note-taking method and elaborated on ways to sustain attention and keep focussed during study sessions, even on the most stressful days. While there is room for the boys to build on what they have learnt, the foundation has been laid and the psychology department will continue to work with this group of boys during Life Orientation lessons as they progress to Grade 9 to ensure that their skills are honed and that their “study skills toolbox” continues to grow. Looking to 2022, there is much to be excited about. Dr de Gouveia will take the lead as the Director of Student Support and extends her sincere thanks to Mrs Debbie Veenstra for her tenure, time, and the energy she has

invested in the Academic Support Department. Mrs Veenstra created a strong foundation for academic support at Hilton which has seen hundreds of boys grow and flourish since its inception. Dr de Gouveia is looking forward to building on Mrs Veenstra's work by introducing the Response to Intervention model for working with boys, as well as the Gradual Release of Responsibility model for fostering ownership and responsibility of the learning process. The famous quote by Jack Welch states that with change comes opportunity and this could not be truer as the Academic Support and Psychology departments merge in 2022.

Dr Janna de Gouveia
Director of Student Support

Visual Arts

The year began with the pandemic still in force, placing restrictions on us all. We were unable to take our senior boys on excursions to visit art-related companies and, sadly, the matric art exhibition usually hosted by the Tatham Art Gallery was curtailed.

Fortunately, the boys were able to return in person in the first term, and with social distancing, face-to-face teaching commenced. In the second term we were able to resume our collaboration with St Anne's, the hosts of another of our annual matric art exhibitions. This is always a pleasant evening and an opportunity for the matrics to experience an exhibition space alongside their peers.

This year we took part in various national art competitions. The boys gave their all and achieved some superb results. St Albans College organised an

Independent Schools' Virtual Music, Art and Drama Festival. A number of works from Hilton College were submitted and several boys were awarded certificates.

Platinum certificates (90%-100%) went to: Richard Eyres, William Kitching, David Kitschhoff, Luc Schraivesande (three entries) and James te Reile (two entries).

Gold certificates (80%-90%) were awarded to: Oliver Fraser, Uthando Gumede, Campbell Ivins, Elias Mutale, Charlie Short and Matt Willis.

Silver certificates (79%-70%) were awarded to: Richard Eyres (two entries), Kelvin Robertson, Charlie Short and Luke Spear (two entries).

James te Reile was the overall winner in The Individual Painting, Drawing and Mixed Media category and received the Best Drawing award. Richard Eyres was the overall winner in Individual Digital Artworks category and received the Best Digital Artwork award.

Panda Art Supplies held an art competition for junior and senior schools in KZN. The theme was Spring. We were delighted that Hilton College won the senior school category. The prize was a hamper of art materials, which we decided to gift to Newlands Creche in Howick West, attended by many of the children of Hilton College support staff. The owner of Panda Paints, Mrs Debbie Morgan, generously added more items to the hamper, and we were thrilled the boys made this donation possible.

The Tatham Art Gallery is a national art gallery that curates an annual exhibition highlighting artworks created by matric art students from schools in



Pietermaritzburg and further inland. The work chosen is of a high and notable standard. This year, it was a privilege for Hilton College to have the work of 11 pupils selected:

2020 matric visual art students: Thabiso Dlamini, Murray Dorward, Euan Fraser, Joshua McKenzie, Matthew Morrison (two works were selected), Sabelo Moshesh, William Raw, Chris Strauss and Reece Valentine (two works were selected)

2021 matric visual art students: Oliver Fraser, James te Riele (two works were selected)

Further to this, the gallery selectors have made a preliminary selection of works for this prestigious exhibition for 2022. The work of the following 2021 matric art students has been provisionally selected: David Kitshoff, Vuyo Malinga, Kelvin Robertson, Thoriso Taukobong, James te Riele and Matt Willis.

The visual arts department continued to collaborate with the dramatic arts and music departments on the MAD Grade 8 learning sphere. Students focussed on creating artworks exploring self-identity and the physical and natural environment at Hilton College. In preparation for the matric visual arts syllabus, the art department organises a Grade 11 art camp. The boys participated in a sculpture workshop based on insects. Fortunately, this year we were able to resume our annual Grades 8 to 11 art exhibition in the Normand Dunn Gallery and Theatre foyer. Whilst it was still challenging for visitors to come and view the work, much of it was shown across the various grades and was displayed on digital platforms. I thank Maralyn Atkins (Marketing) and Luke Holder (Theatre Manager) for assisting me with this task.



In the fourth term, we were delighted to have a physical showing of the 2021 Matric Art Exhibition. It was opened by Joy Preiss, a renowned visual arts educator. The boys and guests found her speech insightful and relevant and she in turn found their individual responses to the IEB matric art theme *"Living Stillness – Still Life"* thought-provoking and inspiring. The art students and guests had a lovely evening celebrating their collective talents.

The recipients of art prizes at Speech Day were:

James te Riele:	Grade 12 Practical Prize
David Kitshoff:	Grade 12 Theory Prize
Kelvin Robertson:	Normand Dunn Special Prize
Flynn Newell:	Grade 11 Practical Prize
Flynn Newell:	Grade 11 Theory Prize
Daniel Holtzhausen:	Grade 10 Practical Prize
Connor Woods:	Grade 10 Theory Prize

The Sean Conway Trophy for excellence in Digital Photography (Grade 12) was awarded to Oliver Fraser.

After 18 months of steering our boys through turbulent and uncharted waters, I am most grateful to my colleagues in the department. I thank Debbie Veenstra, Herbert Mncwabe and Claudia McKenzie for their assistance, tenacity, and humour in getting through this time. I would further like to thank Claudia McKenzie for her contribution to the department and wish her all the best in her role as head of the Life Orientation Department.

As we traverse new waters in this time of uncertainty, I think on the words of Anais Nin, "It is the function of art to renew our perception. What we are familiar with we cease to see. The writer shakes up the familiar scene, and, as if by magic, we see a new meaning in it." The department will continue to encourage boys to weather the storm and to think creatively. May it be through their eyes that we see new meaning and renew our perception of the world.

Angela Salamon
Head of Department



Matric Art



Joy Preiss



James te Riele



Tyrone Anderson



David Kitshoff



Kelvin Robertson



Letu Dandala



Liteboho Letholo



Vuyo Malinga



Thoriso Taukobong

Speech by Joy Preiss

The boys of Hilton College are to be commended for completing their art pieces in a year which has been fraught with change and uncertainty. You can only be extremely proud of your achievements during this time.

Old Hiltonian Richard Conyngham recently published a rather interesting book – a graphic history novel – which he has worked on, along with a group of artists, over a period of seven years. His book, *All Rise: Resistance and Rebellion in South Africa (1910-1948)*, unearths the stories of brave marginalized South Africans who stood against the country's colonial government in the years before Apartheid.

Conyngham matriculated in 2001. He was head of Ellis and took art as one of his subjects. He graduated from the University of Cape Town and Cambridge and went on to work as a writer for Equal Education, The Bookery, Ndifuna Ukwazi, the London publisher Slightly Foxed, and the edtech organisation MakeTomorrow.

Years ago, while working with activist Zackie Achmat, Conyngham visited the basement archive under the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein and found the documentation of the extraordinary legal struggles of working-class South Africans who defied government and corporate oppression.

Over a period of seven years, he assembled information, drew up the script and collaborated with a number of local comic artists to get his novel illustrated. He also had to raise the funding to pay them, and slowly but surely, against all odds, he diligently continued to work on his book to get it published and the stories told.

In six parts – each of which is illustrated by a different South African artist – *All Rise* shares the long-forgotten struggles of an immigrant and miners to tram workers and a washerwoman. The everyday people in these stories bore the brunt of oppression and in some cases risked their lives to bring about positive change for future generations.

I urge you to watch the Crowdcast which details the creation of this novel. It features Hlonipha Mokoena, an Associate Professor at The Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, in the discussion with Conyngham and graphic artists Andre Trantraal and Mark Modimola.

Kate O'Regan, a retired Constitutional Court judge, says this about the book: "This beautifully illustrated graphic novel telling the story of cases about law and social justice in South Africa in the first half of the twentieth century brings them vividly to life. Not only a great read, it is also a valuable educational resource that should spark important conversations about law, (in)justice and history across our country."

I share this with you because I have enormous respect for Conyngham, who is a quiet, intelligent young man who believes passionately in revealing the truth. He had a vision which he held onto for an incredibly long time, and he achieved it because he believed in it. And, because art plays a vital role in human expression!

It was a very wise choice that he made to create a graphic



Joy Preiss and James te Riele

history novel. He could have written a book about these stories, but by making it a graphic novel, he has made it accessible to everyone! Everyone can look at the pictures, read a few words and understand and absorb the content.

What is it about graphic novels that makes them so vital?

When we read graphic novels, we're reading both complex text and illustrations to decode what's happening. We're looking at the use of colour, tone, facial expressions, line movements, etc. while reading text. Because the format makes us read both the illustrations and text to understand, we read more slowly. In our modern world, visual literacy is just as important as print/text literacy. Graphic novels teach young readers how to process visual information.

Graphic novels have been known to motivate readers, especially those who are struggling. Illustrations provide visual cues to help children understand the text. This format can also help children with autism decode facial expressions, body language, and learn how to recognize emotions in others.

Two other excellent graphic novels are *Persepolis* and *Maus*, both based on historical events.

Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's autobiographical graphic novel covering her life in pre- and post-revolutionary Iran. *Maus* is by American cartoonist Art Spiegelman, who tells of his father's experiences as a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor. The work represents Jews as mice, Germans as cats, Poles as pigs, Americans as dogs. In 1992, *Maus* became the first (and only) graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize.

What I want to stress about Conyngham's graphic history novel is that it involved collaboration.

Successful collaboration is when teams comprising people with diverse backgrounds, strengths and skills work closely together to deliver successful results. Think about your sports teams.

Conyngham's team consisted of:

- Saaid Rahbeeni, a freelance illustrator in Cape Town, whose work features in many school text books;
- Nathan and Andre Trantraal, both well-known Cape Town artists, who have created their own comics and illustrated many children's books;
- Liz Clarke, a South African artist who has worked internationally as an illustrator and has contributed to

many significant publications;

- Dada Khanyisa, a multidisciplinary artist who in 2017 completed a 35-metre mural on Constitution Hill in Johannesburg. He has exhibited at the Stevenson Gallery in Cape Town and Johannesburg;
- Tumi Mamabolo, who has won two gold Lurie awards for his animations; and
- Mark Modimola, a Fulbright scholar who works prolifically in illustration.

Conyngham successfully accomplished his goal, and at the same time, he brought along with him a team of successful artists. He could have done all of those thousands of little drawings but in his wisdom he knew it was much wiser to work in team.

I hope you are able to get hold of a copy of this graphic novel, and I hope you will remember some of this advice – whether you go into the arts as a career or not. And I want you to know that your life has been enriched by your taking art as one of your subjects!

Leonard Bernstein, the famous American musician, composer and conductor, said this: “The point is, art never stopped a war, but that was never its function. Art cannot

change events, but it can change people. It can affect people so that they are changed. Because people are changed by art, enriched, ennobled, encouraged, they then act in a way that may affect the course of events by the way they vote, the way they think and the way that they behave.”

To you boys then, I know you have been changed, enriched, challenged and matured by doing art over the past few difficult years. Your lives will never be mundane, you will perceive the world differently, you have learnt to think critically, to problem solve, to finish a task well, and to be observant. You are visually literate creative human beings, unique individuals who have gained so much and more, through having taken this enriching subject.

I wish you well. Stay focused to the end.

To Mr Herbert Mncwabe, well done on your contribution to this team. To art teachers Mrs Angela Salamon and Mrs Debbie Veenstra, I salute you, because I know how very difficult the past two years have been. I know that in your own ways you have made a huge difference to the lives of these young men!

Choir and Vocal

The year presented limited opportunity to sing, let alone to build a choir. We did manage to prepare a pandemic-friendly virtual carol service in Term 3 over a three-week period. This ended up being the main performance focus of the year.

The Choir and the Vocal Ensemble prepared a series of mostly South African-written Christmas carols that interspersed a contemporary Christmas liturgy by Rev. Bob Commin. These carols included “Torches” by John Joubert,

an isiXhosa carol “Uyesu Kristu” by Cape Town composer Stephen Carletti, and Grant McLachlan’s popular “Come, Colours Rise”. Christmas musical references from the chapel organ were incorporated as background music to the readings and the narration, which added considerably to the Christmas meditation.

Choir leadership workshoped a beautiful unaccompanied African piece called “Lioness” that was performed live at the final school assembly of the year.

David Orr
Choirmaster



Choir

Row 5: Siya Mpofu, Simba Chidakwa

Row 4: Reabetswe Motthaloga, Noah Coffey, Rupert Wright, Emeka Ezenwugo, André Boshoff

Row 3: Langa Dlamini, Noah Ford, Vhuthihi Siwada, Tochi Ezenwugo

Row 2: Gcina Gqwaaru, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Raheel Mottiar, Ndalo Ngewu, Mpande Myeza, Erin Kihara

Row 1: Sentle Seithleko, Ndalo Gumede, Mr David Orr, Aedan Dicks, Lwenziwe Sibiyi

Head of choir: Alec Gibson. Deputy Head of Choir: Christopher de Scally



Vocal Ensemble

Back Row: Sentle Seithleko, Siya Mpofu, Ndalo Gumedu, Noah Coffey
Front Row: Lwenziwe Sibiya, Mr David Orr, Vhuthihi Siwada



Competition Marimba Band

Row 3: Letu Dandala, Bataung Ramolefe, Ben Kok, Shailen Naidoo, Marumo Selane
Row 2: Masud Dakile, Thoriso Taukobong, Saphiwa Nzimande, Siya Buthelezi, Nkosi Dlamini, Motheo Molefe
Row 1: Jack Gerrard, Ms Simone van Niekerk, Konke Nzimande (Head of band), Mr Brett Udal, Nhlaka Mntambo



Big Band

Row 4: Shailen Naidoo, Natan Joubert-Bouwer, Rowan Cox, Reabetswe Motlhaloga
Row 3: Sedise Moseneke, Reneiloe Seopa, Vhuthihi Siwada, Charlie Foster
Row 2: Jarred Maltby, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Thabo Mngomezulu, William Chien
Row 1: Duncan Hawsworth, Mr Brett Udal, David Kitshoff (Head of band), Ms Simone van Niekerk, Nkosi Dlamini

Debating

The year was an unusual one for debating at Hilton College. It was our first year debating entirely online – as a response to the pandemic. Our teams adapted well and some excellent debating took place. Our results for the year were also very pleasing.

Spencer Wright received the Debater of the Year award for his overall highest score in the season and, with Leevan Vather, he helped to manage the seniors and lead the debating society. Hilton College entered six teams in the Pietermaritzburg Schools' Debating League (PMBSDL) – two senior teams (Grade 10, 11 or 12 debaters), two junior teams (Grade 9 or 10 debaters) and two teams in the Grade 8 section. The Hilton teams began enthusiastically, aiming at winning the league in each section. Our aim was to build on the achievements of 2020 when we won the Grade 8 division and the junior division of the league.

Eventually our first team in each division reached the quarter finals with the Grade 8 debaters going on to win the final and retain the trophy which has been ours since 2018. Promising Grade 8 debater Andre Boshoff was chosen to represent the PMBSDL in the trial tournament for selection to the KZN Schools' team.

Despite disappointment in the break rounds of the league, several of our junior and senior members achieved noteworthy individual recognition. Juniors Jack Weavind and Shailen Naidoo were selected to the provincial trials with Shailen being chosen to represent the province.

Seniors Khanya Mhlongo, Sfiso Sithole and Spencer Wright were selected to the provincial senior squad and Khanya was successful in being selected once again to the South African A team. Our heartiest congratulations go to Khanya and all the debaters who were selected to representative sides this year.

Debating at Hilton has continued to thrive as a predominantly online activity. Although much of the social aspect has been lost, the benefits in terms of the thinking skills involved, like processing evidence and forming and evaluating arguments, remain as valuable as ever.

Special thanks go to those boys who reliably turned out in chair and timekeeping capacities. We are grateful to staff members Heather Peel and Jason Strydom for their enthusiasm and dedication in managing the junior and senior teams and for their clear-minded adjudication. Both Heather and Jason have left Hilton College to further their careers elsewhere – their contributions will be sorely missed. Heather, in particular, has made a most significant contribution to debating, over many years, both here and in the broader debating community of KZN. We wish her the best for her time in the UK.

The Hilton College debaters of 2021: Guy Harcourt, Sizwe Pwele, Andre Boshoff, Daniel Shuter, Tino Nyabonda, Jonathan Ferguson, Avuyile Mbada, Khanya Mhlongo, Risimati Mkhabela, Mbuyelo Mbokhota, Newo Munyai, Munashe Musora, Shailen Naidoo, Nzuzo Ngubane, Leevan Vather, Jack Weavind, Matt Sara, Sfiso Sithole, Caleb Venter, Mitchel Wilson, Spencer Wright.

Graeme Roberts
Teacher in Charge



*Members of the Senior Debating team:
Khanya Mhlongo, Sifiso Sithole and Spencer Wright*

The President's Award

The President's Award is a development programme which empowers youth aged 14 to 24 to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation oversees the programme in more than 130 countries and territories globally and it has more than one million active participants.

In terms of the programme, which has been run at Hilton College for almost a decade, participants learn a skill, improve their physical well-being, volunteer in their community and experience an adventure in a new environment. In doing so, they earn awards.

Designed to reward perseverance and inspire individual action, the programme comprises four sections: service, skills, physical recreation and an adventurous journey. In addition, a residential project is required for the Gold level.

Service refers to any work or time that the boys give to serve their community. Skills includes music, first aid, debating, chess, or extra subjects. Physical recreation may be a school sport or something like diving, skiing or paragliding. The adventurous journey refers to travel by means of non-motorised transport (such as hiking or cycling) for two consecutive days and one night (in the case of a Bronze level and increasing in duration for each level), carrying all gear and staying in accommodation that is basic. The residential project requires that boys live in an unfamiliar setting for four nights and five days.

With Covid curtailing activities in 2021, the boys struggled to find opportunities to complete the activities required to meet the different levels of the award. Physical recreation (sport), skills and the adventurous journey tended not to be problematic as the boys completed these activities as part of their school programme – although some boys were unable to complete the hikes that form part of the

Outdoor Leadership Experience, which meant that they had to find alternative opportunities [for an adventurous journey].

The real challenge was finding service opportunities and for Gold (the residential project), as organisations were understandably reluctant to host non-essential visitors, because of the risks it imposed.

Despite this many boys managed to complete the programme and the following were awarded certificates and badges for the different levels:

Bronze:

Wim Ebersohn, Felix Jenkins, Ivan Jjuuko, Joshua Julius, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Dylan Neill, James Ogilvie, Trey Padayachee, Michael Sara, Charlie Short, Zack van Niekerk, Christopher Wagner, Matt Wilson

Silver:

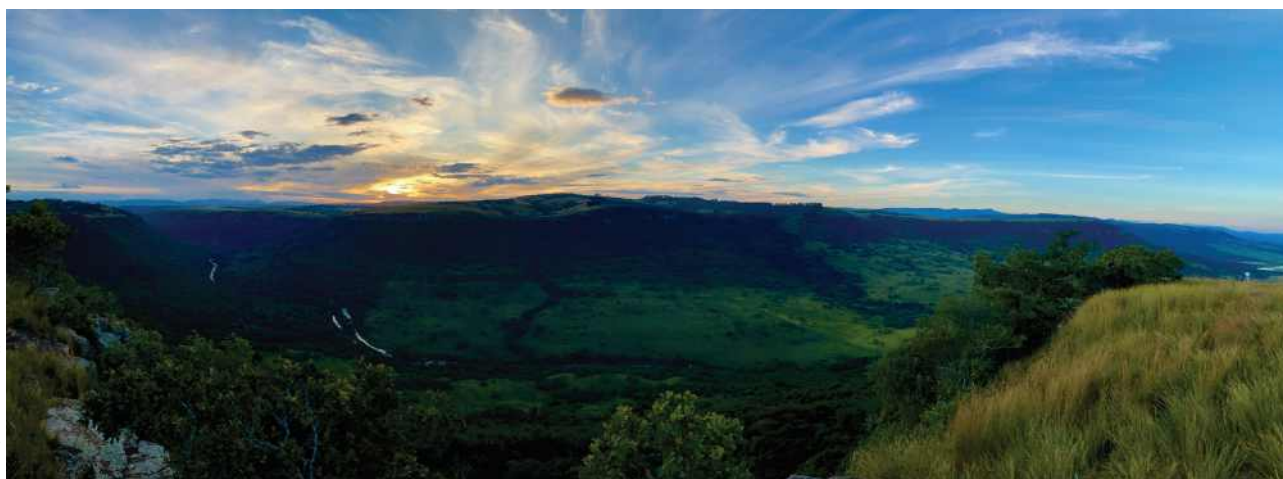
Tyron Anderson, Michael Capes, Aedan Dicks, Ayaan Jakhura, Oliver Lello, Matt Rout, Thomas Roy, Ross Taylor, James Weinberg, Matt Wilson

Gold:

Nick Hatton, Khalil Sacranie, Josh Ribeiro

Juliette Hunter, who joined the French Department towards the end of the year, is a gold award holder herself and has much experience in the award. The President's Award is fortunate that she has joined the team and will be co-leading the programme at Hilton College as an award leader. I know that with her contribution as well as the normalizing of contact as the Covid pandemic settles, the award at our school will return to, and likely surpass, its previous high levels of enrolments and completions. We are working on our strategy for 2022 and I am excited for the future.

Teresa Whitfield



Outdoor Leadership Experience

Grade 8 OLE

On 22 August, our Grade 8 boys embarked on a six-day experience immersing themselves in the Hilton College Estate. The objective of this journey was to foster a sense of curiosity about the environment, its people and about the boys themselves. We wanted the boys to familiarise themselves with, learn about, understand and develop a love of the vast land that surrounds their school. In addition, we wanted them to be both physically and mentally challenged by the experience.

Nine groups comprising approximately 12 boys, led by a member of staff, set up camp at the Henley Lapa. This was to become our base for the following five nights. There was a varied academic and physical programme that challenged and extended the boys. Activities ranged from learning about water filtration, snake handling, river life, early valley settlements, to understanding why and how animals are culled on the estate. In addition, the boys challenged each other on the obstacle and initiative courses and played the much-loved game Poachers and Rangers. When boys were not engaged in the arranged activities, they enjoyed swimming in the river, sitting round the campfire or relaxing under a tree.

The theme of our camp was Curiosity and Exploration: Understanding the Hilton Story. We consider it important for the boys to understand what and who came before them; the importance of appreciating and sustaining their environment; and the value of creating memories. The boys had several speakers including Mr Thanda Mwelasi, a resident of the valley, who told them what it was like living in the area before it became a nature reserve. Mr Evan Brown, who introduced the Outdoor Leadership

Experience (OLE) to Hilton College, talked about the history of the programme and how it has developed over time. The boys were encouraged to reflect on their role in this space and how they could ensure a sustainable environment.

One of the highlights of the trip was a two-day hike. The boys hiked with their group leaders from the Henley Lapa to various locations on the estate. We wanted them to explore our estate and spend a night in one of three locations: Clumps, The Point or Beacons. Overall, we covered more than 18km in two days and managed some very steep and challenging terrain. The hike is a valuable part of the experience as it allows boys to demonstrate leadership skills as well as work together as a team, supporting every member of the group. Carrying their own food and equipment over a long distance challenged even the fittest of boys especially when the weather was not playing the game. This experience bonds the group and fosters the forming of friendships that transcend the camp.

Grade 8 OLE is a combination of challenge and fun. When the boys are outside of their comfort zones, physically and emotionally, they demonstrate leadership skills, form bonds and grow as individuals.

Our boys returned to school on 27 August ready for half term and a little more aware of their surroundings, more confident in their ability to overcome challenges, and having forged new friendships.

Ashleigh Askew
Grade 8 OLE Coordinator



Grade 9 OLE

The Grade 9 Outdoor Leadership Experience was nearly derailed twice in the year. First by Covid and then by the threat of protest action on the day of departure.

Fortunately, there was no protest and the boys who were able to attend (some 70 boys who had not been placed in quarantine) had an experience filled with memories and learning that will stand them in good stead in adulthood.

Upon arrival at Spirit of Adventure (SOA) in Shongweni the boys were allocated to groups by the SOA staff. Since the boys are not known to them, the allocation was completely random. For the next three nights and four days the boys had to work as a team, getting to know one another, learning to accept and appreciate their differences. Boys were allocated to two campsites, one at the base camp and the other in tents closer to the dam. They switched campsites with the second evening spent under the stars.

Activities included abseiling down the Shongweni Dam wall, raft building, a night dam crossing, obstacle course, solving intellectual puzzles, rock climbing, preparing their own supper and plenty of walking.

Leadership theory was also introduced, and boys participated in discussions and reflected on the various activities and what they had learnt.

Many boys were forced to move out of their comfort zones and accept challenges they would normally not have chosen. The theme of grit became prevalent as boys began to realise that they are capable of more than they realise.

It was very pleasing to see boys rise to the challenge after being hesitant, and encouragement from their peers really spoke to the brotherhood which is often mentioned in the corridors and sportsfields.

Feel inspiration

The grade 9 journey at Hilton College is about forming a healthy sense of self.

To discover who he really is, each boy must come to understand himself *and* those around him. The intentional series of experiences he'll go through over the year help him strengthen the muscles of emotional intelligence he needs to get to know his inner landscape and develop empathy for his peers. In this way, he is moved to become the truest version of himself.

(From the Hilton College website)

The stated purpose of SOA is "to develop the potential of people, conveying modern leadership theory, personal development and team building, using the medium of the outdoors". The camp was indeed a success.

Kigen Chepkonga had this to say of his experience: "Ploys to keep kids busy disguised as 'team-building camps' have plagued my schooling experience. Most of the time, the activities are miserably boring and a waste of time. So, I was at first cynical about Spirit of Adventure. Oh, but was I mistaken! Spirit of Adventure was very hard work, and over the few days we were there I learnt so much about listening to others, using a group's strengths and weaknesses to the benefit of all the members, and most importantly, to trust the people I was working with.

"The groups were selected at random, so I didn't know the people in my group very well at the beginning. But after the time we spent together (and all the hardships we endured together to complete some of the activities), the people in my group are now some of my closest friends, six months down the line. This is all due to the fantastic activities, as well as the palpable enthusiasm of all the staff at Spirit of Adventure. I'm going to remember the days I spent at Shongweni Dam for years to come, and I am thankful for that."

Michael Werth

Grade 9 OLE Coordinator



Grade 10 OLE – Isivivane

In Zulu, Isivivane literally means “throw your stone upon the pile” and is understood to mean that one makes a personal contribution to a greater collective task.

This has been the third year of our Grade 10 journey and we have extended the number of days from nine in 2019 to 15 in 2021. This has allowed us to explore different areas, such as Fountainhill and Cumberland, and add in exciting new activities such as river paddling down the upper Umgeni.

Also, by extending the number of days that the boys journey, it is a more authentic experience with respect to meeting our goals as I believe the optimal number of days out is about 18. This allows the boys to go through the complete cycle of emotional changes whilst under the supervision of their teachers and guides who help them navigate the emotional, spiritual and physical challenges they face.

John Eldredge, in his book *Wild at Heart*, says: “The way a man's life unfolds nowadays tends to drive his heart into remote regions of the soul.”

Independent schools run the danger of becoming cocoons that pamper boys. We are sometimes afraid to allow our young men to make mistakes and to be uncomfortable, and as a result, we stifle personal growth. What we tend to forget is that in life we all make mistakes, and we are going to be challenged and it is our response to those mistakes and challenges that counts.

Our outdoor education programme is designed to challenge these comfort zones that we naturally bed down in. We aim to make our young men feel uncomfortable in a number of situations that will challenge them and ultimately help them understand themselves and their dorm mates a little better. Feedback from the boys indicates that under testing conditions, the boys get to really know one another and their relationships are strengthened.

Eldredge says, “The soul longs for passion, for freedom, for life.”

We endeavour to start our students on a journey of self-discovery by exposing them to different experiences. This year, many boys paddled down a river for the first time, needing to negotiate rapids and ever-changing conditions, all the while helping one another. Most of them learnt (sometimes in a painful way) that decisions must be made when navigating a rapid. If you do not make a decision, the river will decide for you. Be brave, choose your line and adapt.

We hope that this experience will go a long way to enabling young men to establish the kind of positive values, perspective and self-awareness that they will need to adopt and build on during their early adult life. There are many benefits that emanate from the Journey, including greater self-awareness, improved confidence, a deeper understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, appreciation for the strengths and weaknesses of others and a sincere appreciation of friends, family and daily comforts.

One of the highlights and most anticipated aspect of the Journey, is the 24-hour solitude, when they can contemplate what they have achieved thus far and, most importantly, read letters written by their dads (or a significant male role model) and write letters to their parents.

Once they have returned, for some there is a greater sense of purpose and responsibility about them. They realise that they are who they are because of others – Isivivane is understood without ever being defined. Every pupil takes his own lessons from this experience.

Teresa Whitfield
Grade 10 Isivivane Coordinator



Grade 10 Outreach

The intention of the programme is to give boys an opportunity to develop the necessary skills required to ensure that they are responsible, participating citizens in the community in which they live.

It is also a requirement for all Grade 10 pupils to complete a minimum of 20 hours of service. Boys can join in activities arranged by the school or they arrange their own activities during the holidays.

The definition of outreach is "to provide charitable services to less fortunate organisations and communities". Many valuable hours have been spent helping less-fortunate communities. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were not able to visit as many organisations as we would normally do.

Some of the projects the boys were involved in this year included:

- Building educational tools and ecobricks from recycled waste. These were donated to Singakwenza.
- Weekly visits to play board games with children at Angel's Care Centre in Howick.
- Putting together sweetie bags and gift hampers for the Angel's Care Centre Christmas party.
- Building the veggie garden at the laundry. To date R5500 has been donated to iThemba Projects through

the sale of veggies from the garden.

- A donation to Inkosi Inathi Kitchen (Caring for the needy) to buy food and provide for an end-of-year function for the children.
- The donation of equipment to the Zama Nzimande Creche in Impendle.
- A donation of R6500 to Tekkie Tax Day in aid of the Pietermaritzburg Children's Home.
- Support for the Sport for Lives initiative.
- The boys returned from the July holidays with non-perishable food items which were donated to the communities around the Karkloof area during the Grade 10s' 15-day journey.
- A donation of 250 pairs of shoes to the Soul2Sole project.

My thanks go to the housemasters and matric leaders who organized activities for the boys in their houses and the various departments for organising activities in their disciplines.

It is always pleasing when boys go beyond the requirement of 20 hours, giving more of their time to help others. Our goal is to reach a point where boys don't just do outreach because it's a requirement but because it's the right thing to do. As those who enjoy privilege, we have a responsibility to help those less privileged than ourselves.

Karen Koopman
Outreach Co-ordinator



Boys putting together hampers for the Angels Care Centre Christmas party



Fifty hampers and 320 sweetie bags were donated to Angel's Care Centre



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Sports Overview

The 2021 sporting season started the way the 2020 season ended, with the Covid-19 pandemic hindering our ability to play sport. Unfortunately, the summer season was consequently lost, so all of our preparations turned to the winter season. The rugby and hockey season started without spectators, but the overriding comfort was that the boys could return to competing against other schools.

The hockey programme made the most of the return to play with the introduction of a top schools festival which saw our A teams play five games over three days followed by a full fixture in a triangular against Kearsney College and St Charles College.

Rugby was required to run an extensive return-to-play programme to allow boys to recondition to the physicality of the game. This meant that the school's first inter-school fixture was played a few weeks into the term. We travelled to Northwood School for this fixture, and it was a successful day for both rugby and hockey.

Our second full fixture was against DHS at home, and we achieved outstanding results overall on the day. The most important part of the first two weeks was the renewed rivalry and comradery shared with the opposition schools.

Unfortunately, another wave of the pandemic resulted in the remainder of the season being cancelled, but it was wonderful to have had the opportunity to play.

Term three saw us return to sport again but many of the schools did not want to commit to full fixtures and would limit the number of boys travelling to and away for fixtures. This meant that we had a limited number of teams playing throughout the term. The positive was that

We returned to a full, uninterrupted season in term four when most of our summer sports competed.

soccer managed to play a full season of fixtures at A- and B-team level and we also managed to play two more 1st XV rugby games against Westville and Maritzburg College. Our teams that played represented us well and we had a successful season.

Thankfully we returned to a full, uninterrupted season in term four when most of our summer sports competed. The highlight of this season saw us renew our golf and tennis rivalry with Michaelhouse and our teams managed to retain both the Douglas Cup and De Wet Cup titles respectively. Our golf team has now won this prestigious event on five consecutive occasions.

Some of the other highlights were beating Michaelhouse in a tense, closely fought 1st XI cricket match and fantastic wins for the 1st team basketball against traditional powerhouses Maritzburg College, St Charles and Kearsney. Our 1st team water polo also achieved their highest ever finish at the St Stithians Stayers water polo tournament.

The hope for 2022 is that we will be able to return to normality with our sports programme and fixtures in what is a milestone year for our school. May our boys and teams be able to showcase their ability in our 150th year.

Darryn Gallagher
Executive Director: Sport



Maralyn Atkins, staff



Back row: Victor Compton, Zack van Niekerk, Connor Segar, Luke Hitchings, Ethan Bester, Nicolas Snyman
Middle row: Dylan Pratt, Joel Kitshoff, Christopher de Scally, RD Engelbrecht, Tayedza Jaravaza, Morne Englebrecht
Front row: Mr Jethro Pieterse, Mr De Wet Wentzel, David Kitshoff (Captain), Ms Margie Mackechnie, Mr Mason Campbell

Athletics

Term 1 team: Christopher de Scally, Morné Engelbrecht, RD Engelbrecht, Tayedza Jaravaza, David Kitshoff, Amahle Seima, Nicolas Snyman.

Term 4 team: Ethan Bester, Christopher de Scally, Morné Engelbrecht, RD Engelbrecht, David Kitshoff, Dylan Pratt, Connor Segar, Amahle Seima, Zack van Niekerk.

During the 2021 athletics season, our boys competed in a number of league events at King's Park Stadium in Durban. Unfortunately, the school's District Championships did not take place due to Covid-19.

Our boys did exceptionally well at the league events and were true ambassadors of Hilton College.

Following these events, several of our boys qualified to compete at the KwaZulu-Natal trials with great success, and once again were true ambassadors for the school on and off the track. They were: RD Engelbrecht, who won gold medals in 400m and 110m hurdles; Morne Engelbrecht, who won silver medals in 100m and 300m

hurdles; Luke Hitchings, who won a gold in 200m and a silver in 100m; and Tayedza Jaravaza, who won a gold medal in 400m and a bronze in 800m.

Morné Engelbrecht, RD Engelbrecht, Christopher de Scally, David Kitshoff and Amahle Seima also qualified to represent KZN at the national championships, which was held in Paarl during March.

For the first time since 2018 we were able to hold the Interhouse Athletics Championship. It was a typical Hilton afternoon, with the track covered in mist, which did not dampen the spirits. The following awards were made at the end of the event:

Junior Victor Ludorum:	Meyer Malherbe (McKenzie)
Senior Victor Ludorum:	Thomas Dyer (Lucas)
Best Performance of the day:	Thomas Dyer (Lucas)

Pearce was the winning house, and the Spirit Cup went to Falcon.

Thank you to Ms Margie Mackechnie, Mr Jethro Pieterse and Mr Mason Campbell for their dedication and commitment to our boys during the season.

We look forward to building on this year's successes in 2022.

De Wet Wentzel
 MIC Athletics





1st Team:

Back row: Nic Thorburn, Qhawe Soji (Vice captain), Yami Mkize, Kwame Huyberechts, Chisa Mulenga, Saphiwa Nzimande, Michael Fox
Front row: Zimele Khumalo, Roelf van der Merwe (Captain), Mr Ayanda Shange (Coach), Keitshupile Makola, Oyisa Pupuma, Kediretse Mbaakanyi.

Basketball

Overview

Despite having lost the Term 1 season to the pandemic, the Basketball Club continued to grow in stature, and achieved its most successful season to date in 2021. Having fielded more teams (22), and catered for more opts in its history, basketball boasted an impressive 57% club win rate – a far cry from the 31% it achieved in the 2016/17 seasons. Achieving more team wins over both St Charles and Kearsney College in consecutive weeks is testament to this improvement.

I would like to commend the 1st team for the success that they enjoyed, as well as the efforts of coaches Nhlakanipho Khumalo and Thabiso Mdhluli for their Term 4 season. This was one of the most exciting in recent history. That being said, a hearty congratulations to the 2nd, 4th, U15E and U14E on having enjoyed an unbeaten 4th Term. Amazingly, Mr Mdhluli coaches both the 2nd and U15E. An unprecedented achievement. Well done, coach!

In Term 1 we relied heavily on our digital coaching platform, Microsoft Teams (MS Teams), given our limited ability to have contact training. This was owing to both Basketball South Africa's playing protocols and general Covid-19 regulations in operation at the time. Having had to develop an array of technical and conditioning programmes last season, we expanded our reach and

effectiveness, utilising the tools this platform offered. Each coach was registered on MS Teams, which increased opportunities for player feedback and general communication.

I am immensely proud of the club's utilisation of technology and commend the coaches for embracing this platform. Where possible, the club rotated venues and limited team numbers at practices to ensure some ball-in-hand training could take place safely and within both playing and safety protocols. I believe it is due to the creativeness and dedication of both our coaches and players, in dealing with the variety of challenges that the pandemic created, that our Term 4 programme was so successful. Adopting an agile mindset and maintaining player focus and intensity in training has proven vital in ensuring the club did not stagnate. Whilst facility limitations remain a pressing issue, the resilience that members have developed during these challenging times will ensure its continued success.

The 1st team participates in two tours: the St John's College (SJC) U19 tournament in Term 1 and the Kearsney Stayers Tournament in Term 3. Sadly, we were unable to participate in the 2021 SJC tournament owing to the impacts of the pandemic. However, the team grew in stature and performed admirably in the Kearsney tournament, which contributed to a domestic run of four consecutive victories against some of KZN's most

prestigious basketball schools. Unfortunately, plans to extend tours for the U16 and U14A teams, which already participate in domestic festivals in Term 1, were hampered by the pandemic. It is with great excitement then, that we confirm the U16s will return to the St Stithians tournament in Term 1 of 2022. This will, no doubt, benefit the players' development in the long term. Plans related to a potential U14A tour will be followed up in due course. Covid-19 permitting, the club will continue to host its annual 1st team pre-season camp in early January 2022. This camp remains a critical component to the start of season programme and should be an event that each player prioritises.

Hilton College is now a respected basketball opponent.

The club was able to host its annual 1st team function in late October. The function returned to a dinner, although, owing to Covid-19 regulations, attendance was limited to players and staff only. Despite the obvious limitations and absence of parents, the dinner was a huge success. Unfortunately, no club awards could be made as the players of 2020/21 lost out on an entire season. Instead, the club handed out their playing kit and focused on past success in a dynamic and exciting presentation. I would like to thank Tapiwa Mushonga and Nhlaka Mntambo for their unwavering support and commitment given the immense challenges we faced. I was delighted to confirm Roelf van der Merwe as the new club captain and Keitshupile Makola as vice-captain. I have little doubt the club will continue to develop under their stewardship. Having promised the boys of 2017 that I would develop a culture of excellence, I can honestly tell them, we have all succeeded in making an #IMPACT on each other's lives and have changed the course of the club. Hilton College is now a respected basketball opponent and continues to boast immense potential in the coming years. I wish my successor, and new Director of Basketball, Mr Ayanda Shange, all the very best as he inherits a healthy and competitive club. I also remain excited and optimistic about plans to expand and construct a new home for basketball in the near future.

A special thank you to Mr Shange and Mr Khumalo for their friendship, professionalism, and support over the years. To all my coaches, our end-of-season function and the laughs we shared will remain with me forever. Whilst my time in basketball has come to an end, our friendships will long continue. Finally, a big thank you to Mr Herbert Mncwabe, Mr Matt Fairweather, Mr Carl Schmidt, Mr Jason Wulfsohn, Mr Darryn Gallagher, and all the Spectrum and Bidvest staff, for all their support during the year.

David Look
Director of Basketball

1st Team

Regular players: Michael Fox, Kwame Huyberechts, Kediritswe Mbaakanyi, Chisha Mulenga, Saphiwa Nzimande, Declan Sawyer, Qhawe Soji, Tiisano Tisane, Nic Thorburn, David Tshebi, Roelf Van der Merwe

The team was invited to participate in the St John's tournament, the Kearsney Stayers tournament, and the interschools league.

Expectations of the team were high this year as reaching the finals in the St John's tournament was an attainable goal. However, we weren't able to participate due to the pandemic. Many KZN schools opted out of the tournament, and many could not participate in the interschools league in the first term because of Covid-19. Without any competitive matches, we had to work hard to keep the boys motivated. To address this, our coaches started an internal league, skills sessions, and set short-term and long-term goals. This boosted motivation in the first term and the third term preseason, leading up to the Kearsney Stayers tournament.

Our coaches anticipated this tournament would be a challenge – due to lack of playing time, team cohesiveness, morale and poor levels of fitness – and sought to use this opportunity to prepare for the league: play to improve and compete to the best of our ability, without fixating on results.

Our first game was against Players for Peace International, a club made up of players from all over Durban. Under normal circumstances, they are a team we could beat easily. But it was a close game. The boys were not focused and had trouble with fundamentals. Our struggles continued in our second and third game with the team lacking in assertiveness, aggression, and communication. The boys started to improve in their fourth game, when they seemed better prepared, mentally, and displayed better ball skills and drive.

In our first game on day two, we faced Michaelhouse. The lads started the game focused with good energy and intensity. As a smaller team, we struggled to keep them off the boards and they had second-chance opportunities. Hilton went down by a single point. The rest of the tournament, the boys displayed flashes of good basketball. Overall, they were inconsistent due to lack of match fitness, underrating their opponents, starting strong and finishing weak, or starting slow and playing catch-up for the rest of the game. All of this takes its toll, especially in a tournament.

There were, however, a lot of positives and the boys learnt valuable lessons. They would go on to be a dominant team in the fourth term, achieving a win rate of 80% which is a record. There were historic wins against powerhouses such as Kearsney and St Charles College.

The St Charles match was an emotional one, as both myself and assistant coach Nhlakanipho Khumalo are St Charles old boys. This was one of the highest-scoring games: Hilton scored 103 points and St Charles 84 points. Our captain Roelf van der Merwe scored 13 three pointers and had over 40 points on the day. Qhawe Soji also put in a top performance, scoring eight three pointers and over 30 points on the day. It was a great victory for the team, which was unstoppable on the day. The Kearsney tournament was enormously beneficial in preparation for the league.

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Covid-19 permitting, the club will host the annual 1st team preseason camp between 14 and 16 January 2022. This camp has proven incredibly valuable at the start of the season.

A special thanks to our athletes, assistant coach Mr Khumalo, manager Thokozani Mkhabela, and all the coaches involved in the development of the juniors. A special thanks to Mr David Look as he leaves the club and moves on to explore other avenues in his career. Finally, a big thank you to Mr Matt Fairweather, Mr Carl Schmidt and Mr Darryn Gallagher for all their support during the year.

Michael Fox: A physically big man, he is capable of dominating when boxing out and clearing for rebounds. A leader on and off the court, Michael was also vice-captain of the team.

Kwame Huyberechts: Had a unique basketball style, being able to rebound and score anywhere under the rim. He could space and position himself, making it easy for his team mate to find him on the court. His style of play was going to guarantee him a spot in the Inland side.

Tiisano Tisane: Coming in as the only rookie in the first team, he started five for some games. He did more than enough to keep his spot in the side. His pace made him unstoppable when it came to fast breaks. He also made the KZN U16A team.

Kedritswe Mbaakanyi: Kedi took full advantage of his athleticism, which made rebounding easy. It was hard for opponents to finish a shot or lay up in his presence. Able to block balls as high as the rim, he was one of school's greatest shot blockers. He was selected for the U18 Inland side.

Chisha Mulenga: Must have been the most composed point guard in high school basketball. His vision and calmness on the court made him a national asset, playing for Zambia's U17 national side.

Saphiwa Nzimande: Great with one-on-one defence, not easily allowing the offensive player to get the ball, he also has driving and shooting abilities, which make him an all-round player.

Declan Sawyer: Shortly after Declan joined basketball, he made his presence known in the key. The work he put into basketball was always going to pay off. After just one term of playing the game, he made it to the first team. Selected for the U18 Inland side for his boxing-out and rebounding abilities, he was great to watch.

Qhawe Soji: Qhawe's athletic ability made him a great asset on both ends of the court. He was one of the best scorers in the team. His ability to drive through traffic with ease in the key to finish a lay-up was just amazing to watch. The vice-captain of the team, a true athlete and leader, on and off the court, his attitude towards basketball and his team was extraordinary. He was selected for the KZN U18A side.

Nic Thorburn: Being able to play big and guard position, Nic will be a great asset to the team. His passion for the game and his refusal to give up doesn't go unnoticed.

David Tshebi: A great all-round athlete, David's hustling abilities on both ends of the court are terrific. His high IQ made it easy for him to control the tempo of the game. He played with unmatched intensity and provided countless highlights when driving to the rim.

Roelf van der Merwe: A very humble captain, Roelf has led the team to great historical wins. He was one of the best players in the team. Although he wasn't a big man, he did well at securing rebounds. He's able to score deep three pointers with ease. He was selected for the KZN U18B side.

Ayanda Shange
Coach

2nd team

Regular players: Harry Bailey, Tawanda Kugotsi, Thabelo Letjama, Darren Liu, Gary Lubisi, Andile Matsa, Akha Mda, Risimati Mkhabela, Nhlakanipho Mtambo, Six Nyangiwe, Declan Sawyer, Olwakhe Shezi

The 2nd team enjoyed a very successful and commendable season. The boys achieved a perfect season. The team always seemed to be in control of the outcome even though some encounters turned out to be closer than anticipated.

The first game, which was against St Charles, set the tone for the season, with the team winning 28-14. Kearsney College and Clifton School was also a run-away affair: we won 27-16 and 28-15, respectively. Glenwood presented a bit of a challenge since they out matched us physically. But our boys showed true determination and poise, especially towards the end of the game, winning 13-12.

The game against Northwood School was a high-energy one with us in the lead most of the game and them always almost outscoring us in the last minutes of the game. But the team remained level-headed and composed to win 29-23.

Our encounter with Michaelhouse was a thrilling one, as expected. The boys had a slow start to the game, falling behind in the first few minutes. But, once their nerves

settled, everything learned during the season came to fruition with the boys playing a near perfect game, offensively. Michaelhouse was not able to match us, and Hilton produced a sterling victory of 49-30.

Thanks are due to our director of basketball Mr Dave Look, who ensured the teams were always at their best, and to my fellow coaches who showed support and encouragement to me and the boys.

Thabiso Mdhuli
Coach

3rd team

Regular players: Michael Capes, Emeka Ezenwugo, Charlie Foster, Ndalo Gumede, Tshiamo Lehomo, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Mophethe Malie, Hugo Mkhize, Lesedi Mogashoa, Joaquim Ozoux, Sfiso Sithole, Oluhle Thwala

Also played: Noah Coffey, Andile Matsa, Olwethu Mbala, Gabriel Njonjo, Sixolile Nyangiwe, BT Ramolefe, Marumo Selane

The team must be commended for the fight they showed in the last quarter, when the game seemed to be already lost.

The team started off superbly, winning their first three games – against St Charles College (21-10), Kearsney College (20-15) and Clifton (43-22) – with an impressive display of teamwork and respect for the game.

Unfortunately, the wins seem to have gone to our heads as we went on to deservedly lose the next three games. Our match against Glenwood (4-13) was undoubtedly the toughest of the term. It served to expose all our shortcomings. The team must be commended for the fight they showed in the last quarter, when the game seemed to be already lost.

After losing to Northwood (13-20) the team showed a drastic improvement in attitude and put in a gutsy performance in the game against Michaelhouse. Unfortunately, we lost (16-23), possibly due to the lack of chemistry arising from many changes in the team during that last week.

The realisation of how our attitude and approach caused us to play losing games served as a painful but valuable lesson. An overall respectful group of young men. It was a pleasure to coach them.

Thokozani Mkhabela
Coach

4th team

Regular players: Buhle Gqwaaru, Zakhele Khumalo,

Tshiamo Lehomo, Nathi Makola, Similo Mkhungo, Modupe Ogunronbi, Marumo Salane, Bandile Shabalala, Nkosi Shoji, Johan Thipanyane-Said, Mathubamahle Xaba, Unathi Zungu

The boys had a wonderful season, winning all six games played: St Charles (36-17), Kearsney (28-4), Clifton (26-2), Glenwood (28-9), Northwood (33-19), and Michaelhouse (31-23). The team was captained by Modupe Ogunronbi who displayed great leadership and motivated the team to play their level best and to take pride in representing the school. I would like to commend Similo Mkhungo and Mathubamahle Xaba for consistent performance throughout the season and their willingness to go the extra mile for the team.

It was a pleasure working with such a dedicated and hard-working group of boys. They were always eager to learn and further their skills, and forever ready for a challenge. It was an honour to watch them grow with each game. They were dominant in almost all their games. We shared priceless moments at practice and at every game we played.

I look forward to witnessing their growth throughout the remainder of their basketball programme at Hilton.

Msizi Mntungwa
Coach

5th team

Regular players: Kearabetswe Khoele, Lebo Legodi, Hlonie Lethole, Saghwadi Malongete, Malesela Oliver Mann, Maponya, Anelisa Maphumulo, Ntuma Moagi, Sakhiwo Moilwa, Bayanda Ncobeni, Triston Paton, Lwenziwe Sibiya

Losing our first game of the season – 31-47 to St Charles – never went down well with the boys, who gave it their all. In fairness, they played this fixture without having had a proper training session.

The boys showed great character, putting in a stronger performance in their second fixture, beating Kearsney College 38-2 in a game played away from home.

The biggest fixture of the season was our last game, which was against our archrivals Michaelhouse. We beat them 36-19!

In all, we won four out of six games played. Credit to the boys, who gave all and closed the season on a high note. These boys are capable of playing at a higher level.

Herbert Mncwabe
Coach

6th team

Regular players: Noah Coffey, Kwanele Gumbi, Jingpu Liao, Travis Lord, Khanya Mhlongo, Kiernan Stevens, Devon Thomson, Sam Wingfield

The 6th team was part of a combined training group that included members from teams higher up. Their approach was to spend a lot of practice time developing skills and learning offensive and defensive strategies. There was also greater focus on the fundamentals of the game, such as dribbling, shooting, and passing. We valued enjoyment and having fun more than winning.

The team unfortunately only played three fixtures. They comfortably won against Kearsney College in their first encounter. However, the fixture against Northwood was much tougher and the team lost against a better team. Players were able to deal with adversity and bounced back in their final fixture against Michaelhouse. As always, this was an exciting meeting which we narrowly won with a free throw and with time up on the clock.

Lionel Julius
Coach

7th team

Regular players: Myles Driman, TK Kamanga, Jonathan Le Roux, Liteboho Lethole, Matt Liao, Darren Liu, Gary Lubisi, Sagwadhi Malongethe, Sithelo Mini, Nhlaka Mntambo (capt), Tapiwa Mushonga, Unako Nowele

The 7th team did not have a successful season this year. They played league matches against St Charles and Kearsney College and lost both. Although they were solid and created good scoring opportunities, they were let down by poor finishing.

There were high expectations that the matrices were going to achieve good results because they were talented and experienced, but the fourth term was a very short one in terms of games played because the matrices were writing final examinations.

I enjoyed working with the team.

Thulani Mhlongo
Coach

*The team has the potential
to do great things.*

U15A

Regular players: Ross Brown, Vuyo Buthelezi, Rowan Cox, Connor Jerome, Karabo Lephema, Matome Manthata, Liphapang Mokoena, Oliver Proudfoot, Connor Thomson, Tiisano Tisane, Yu Lie Wang, Sandiso Zondi

The U15A had a season of growing mentally and in maturity. This is, without a doubt, a special group with the potential to do great things in the future of Hilton College basketball. But they had to go through the painful process of growing up mentally.

Some of the biggest challenges and lessons they were forced to learn included: taking personal responsibility; being accountable to the team; adopting the right attitude; and appreciating how attitude affects performance. On paper they had a decent season, winning 50% of their games played against some of the best schools including St Charles College, Maritzburg College, and Kearsney College.

An overall respectful group of young men, it was a pleasure to coach them.

Thokozani Mkhabela
Coach

U15B

Regular players: Masud Dakile, Tino Hove, Khanya Jekwa, Siyanda McClain, Nghwazi Mkansi, Katlego Moncho (capt), Reabetswe Motlhaloga, Qhama Ngwenya, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Connor Sawyer, Keita Xala, Nicholas Yu

The 4th term will be remembered as one of the most challenging but exciting seasons in U15B basketball. Due to many boys being quarantined and treated for Covid-19, this created opportunity for other players to show their mettle.

With a triangular series scheduled for the U15C-E, trials were held to even out the teams. There were some changes to U15B, with Tino Hove, Nicholas Yu and Keita Xala moving up to U15B.

This required the U15B to go back to fundamentals and to develop their individual skill sets. Our main focus was to improve defensive and offensive fundamentals.

After massive wins against Clifton and Glenwood, the boys experienced close losses to St Charles, Kearsney, Northwood and Michaelhouse. The boys struggled to get back on defence and maintain consistency in tight matches, revealing the need to improve our conditioning.

It is imperative that we work not only on fitness and conditioning but also on developing a strong competitive mindset.

Ivan Naidoo
Coach

U15C

Regular players: Neil Bararugurika, Uthando Gumede, Jack Henderson, Wonga Masina, James Moore, Munashe Musora (capt), Shailen Naidoo, Akani Nxumalo, Thuto Phakisi, Oscar Steiner, Miguel Teixeira

We started the season honing skills and getting players to play in more than one position. This allowed some players to improve their game.

Our first game, against St Charles, was a rookie performance, after an almost two-year drought from

playing competitive basketball. The following week, our trip to Kearsney was prolonged by an hour due to road works. While the boys showed great fortitude on the court, the long journey put them on the back foot revealing our need to build resilience.

In our game against Clifton the team picked up their performance, earning a solid win. A good defensive game combined with a fast break and solid defensive and offensive rebounding saw Munashe Musora and Neil Bararugurika dominate the rebounds on both ends. Newcomers to the team displayed their court cover and scoring skills. This augured well for the team.

With a triangular series scheduled for the U15C-E, the age-group head called for trials to even out the teams. This resulted in changes to the side. A new approach had to be adopted to match the players' skills. The game against Northwood started at a frenetic pace, but the wind conditions limited the team's drive to the basket to gain maximum points, and we lost the game.

We fought hard in our game against old rivals Michaelhouse. At half time, both teams were even, but Michaelhouse managed to edge us out in the final minute. With guidance, these players can realise their full potential.

Milesh Lambert
Coach

U15D

Regular players: *William Chien, James Fender, Max Gilson, Thumelo Gopane, Sean Kamau, Siya Maphumulo, Abu Mussa, Junior Nkoma, Trey Padayachee, Thuto Phakisa, Luc Schravasandt*

We had a hard start to the season. The first term is a very full and busy term, particularly the first week of term when basketball trials are held. Also, there was not much basketball played in the first term, besides practices. The team played six games, three of which we won and three we lost.

Our performance was patchy: a win against St Charles College (17-15) and then losses to Kearsney (8-30) and Clifton (7-10).

At our next encounter with Kearsney, we beat them 34-15, before beating Northwood (25-17), only to lose to Michaelhouse (24-34) in our final fixture.

While the boys tried their hardest, in many cases they were just not physical enough. If there was a 50/50 ball, we were bound to lose it.

If the boys could improve their lay-up percentage, this would have a significant impact on their scores. Another impediment is the insufficient number of basketball courts to support such a large and growing club.

Sipho Moniwa
Coach

U14A

Regular players: *Shaka Buthelezi, Robby de Beer, Langa Dlamini, Lwandle Gabuza, Gcina Gqwaaru, Lesedi Mangwale, Thabo Mngomezulu, Zach Mphosi, Reagan Mudau, Mpande Myeza*

Having been deprived of the opportunity to play due to the pandemic, the boys were excited when they finally got to play their very first game, which was against St Charles. The atmosphere was overwhelming, and they won 31-26. This set the tone for an exciting and highly competitive season, in which the boys showed great character despite them winning only two out of six games. We lost to Kearsney College (17-38), Clifton School (14-20), Northwood (15-55) and Michaelhouse. The game against our old rivals was the highlight of the season. At one point, we were down by more than 12 points yet managed to close the gap, losing 31-36.

I look forward to watching these boys grow and improve in years to come.

Msizi Mntungwa
Coach

U14B

Regular players: *Linathi Dabula, Nick Dalrymple, Neil Grobbelaar, Erin Kihara, Kyle Lewis, Omohau Mbileni, Ndalo Ngewu (capt), Tino Nyabonda, Efe Ozcan, Yonah Powell, Boleng Seoe*

The U14B team had a successful season, winning three of the five fixtures played. Key victories came against Glenwood (19-7), Kearsney College (19-18), and a major victory against Michaelhouse (26-11) in the last fixture. The team suffered just two losses against Clifton College (16-18) and Northwood School (25-31).

The team integrated a lot of new players who had not played basketball before. The players progressed well throughout the season, showing growth and increased competitiveness.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these fine young men, who consistently displayed good sportsmanship and wonderful passion for the game.

Massive thanks to Ndalo Ngewu, who captained the side with distinction, and the rest of the players in the team who played throughout the season. Thanks are also due to the master in charge of basketball, Mr Dave Look, who, as always, was a pillar of support, and the parents who were wonderful and passionate spectators in the last fixture.

Orateng Motsoe
Coach

U14C

Regular players: *Jack Davenport, Riley Lindsay, Nqubeko Majola, Tsebo Makhathi, Mpho Makulana, Senzo*

Mngomezulu, Mpho Mukwevho, Ntando Nyabonda, Nthekgo Phasha, Sizwe Pwele, Ungweru Ziba

The team started the season on a high with the boys excited about basketball and eager to learn. We won our first game 14-7, against St Charles, without having had much time to practice.

Our next game was against Kearsney College. Although we managed a marginal win of 8-7, the game was a tough one which proved to be a test of character and resilience.

In our next game, against Clifton College, we performed exceptionally well winning 22-8. But we lost the next two fixtures – against Northwood (8-20) and Michaelhouse (16-20) – yet had to up our game to compete against these teams which are the powerhouses of school basketball. And although we lost to them, we had fun playing.

I was honoured to have been able to coach a group of well-mannered young men.

Thabiso Mkhize
Coach

U14D

Regular players: *Michael Bird, Kenyu Chiang, Tochi Ezenwugo (capt), Bakuena Lekitla, Tumelo Makgeru, Tumisho Manaka, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Lee Singh, Chase Smith*

The team had a very challenging yet successful season, winning in all fixtures except for those against Northwood (8-10) and Michaelhouse (12-16).

Although we lost by only two and four points, respectively, I commend the boys for showing heart and determination, regardless of the forces against us, which included a lack of player numbers.

The highlight of the U14D's season was a tightly contested match against the C team in the Hilton Triangular. The combined D and E team exhibited similar prowess against Michaelhouse in our mid-season fixture which we won. The boys showed massive growth in skills and understanding of the game.

Bradford Jasson
Coach

U14E

Regular players: *Ethan Hornby, William Leathern, Tsiamo Mashishi, Ziyanda Mnyandu, Richard Roxburgh, David Sutton (capt), Adam Wingfield*

With most of the players never having bounced a basketball on a court before, the team had a bumpy start to the season.

We began with technical skills and drills to determine our boys' level of skill, but prioritised enjoyment of the sport, given the age of our players and the fact that the pandemic prohibited us from participating in fixtures. By the end of the season, we saw a remarkable improvement in the boys' approach to the game and saw some promising talent. Fortunately, we were able to play a few games. We enjoyed notable victories against Michaelhouse (at home and away), Northwood, and Kearsney.

It was humbling to have had the opportunity to work with such fine young men. I am proud of each one for his cooperation and love of the game!

Nontuthuko Hlela
Coach



Maralyn Atkins, staff

Mr Carl Schmidt gives a player a much-needed refreshment.



Back row: Jamie Dunn, James Dingley, Michael Mackenzie, Richard Eyres, Wim Ebersohn.

Front row: Duncan Hawksworth, Mr Kyle Friedenstein, Simon Chubb, Travis Holdsworth, Mr James Robey, James Kelsey

Canoeing

Team: Matt Allwood, Simon Chubb, James Dingley, Jamie Dunn, Wim Ebersöhn, Richard Eyres, Duncan Hawksworth, Travis Holdsworth, James Kelsey, Michael Mackenzie

The Hilton College Kayak Club had a very successful year, despite ongoing pandemic issues. The ethos of the club remains one of adventure and exploration, together with a healthy dose of competition. The boys participated in many of the big races throughout the country and Simon Chubb represented Hilton at an international regatta. The KZN School League, unfortunately, only had one flat water race towards the end of the year. We are, however, looking forward to this league resuming in 2022. It is much needed to encourage more junior paddlers and to continue growing the sport. The canoeing shed also had a much-needed clean out and coat of paint, with some other minor changes. I look forward to this becoming a place where boys can relax, do some gym sessions, and repair boats.

The river racing season got off to a shaky start with the cancellation of the Drak Challenge. Fortunately, the Dusi

Canoe Marathon and the races leading up to it went ahead. We had a healthy contingent of paddlers on the starting line at the Dusi, including Matt Allwood and Travis Holdsworth in a K2, Simon Chubb in a K1 and Duncan Hawksworth and Mr James Robey in a K2. Everyone did well to finish in under 12 hours on a river which was running at a very forgiving medium level. Chubb also participated in the Fish River Canoe Marathon in Craddock in the Eastern Cape. He did exceptionally well, it being his first trip to the Fish, and finished second in the K1 race.

The club has also seen a good number of young, keen and energetic paddlers come through this year, namely James Dingley, Jamie Dunn, Wim Ebersöhn and Richard Eyres. Dingley and Eyres both completed their proficiencies and the qualifying races to enter A-Grade races in the future. We look forward to seeing them line up at some of the bigger races next year and to seeing what they will achieve during their time at Hilton.

Chubb has taken his canoeing to new heights this year. Not only has he participated in many events, but he has also raised a great deal of money for cancer research, through working with the Pink Drive. He went to the SA Marathon Champs in St Francis Bay, paddling in a K2. He acquitted himself well and no doubt gained invaluable experience. He also had a strong focus on the sprint discipline and trained hard throughout the year.

*The ethos of the club
remains one of adventure
and exploration.*

He competed well in the SA Sprint Champs and was selected to represent SA in the Olympic Hopes Regatta in the Czech Republic, where he not only captained the SA team but was in the stroke position for the K4 boat. He also paddled in the K2 events. The team did exceptionally well, despite not having had time to train together and racing against international crews who have been training together for years. We are very proud of Chubb and look forward to seeing him progress next year.

This year the club had its first Dads and Lads trip to the Umkomaas River at Nyala Pans. It was a wonderful weekend of paddling and friendship. Fortunately, the river

had plenty of good water and lots of fun was had by all. I hope to make this an annual end-of-year event. We also saw the addition of Mr Sean McGuigan to the school and the club. Sean comes with a wealth of canoeing knowledge and experience. I am glad to have him on the team. With the continued support of our coach Mr Kyle Friedenstein and Mr McGuigan, I look forward to taking the club to new heights in 2022.

James Robey
MIC Canoeing



Simon Chubb on the Drak.



Mr James Robey and Mr Kyle Friedenstein taking James Dingley and Richard Eyres down their first Drak.

**1st XI**

Back row: Dylan Thomson, Ross Boast, Casey Nicholson, Kristofer Watt, Matt Willis, Jake Carstens

Middle row: Olwethu Kweyama, Craig Yammin, Ivan Lockem, Kieran Kilmartin

Bottom row: Christopher Pistorius, Mr Warren Kirsten (Director of cricket/assistant coach), Nicholas Hatton (Captain), Matthew Boast (Vice-Captain), Mr Dale Benkenstein (Coach), Slade-Lee van Staden.

Cricket

Overview

Hilton College were fortunate to be able to return to the cricket field in the fourth term. The school, in those six weeks, produced a high level of cricket, dominating the festivals they attended. The first XI, for the first time, were unbeaten at the Michaelmas Cricket Festival. Their successful run included wins over KES, St Stithians and St John's. The U15 and U14 teams were also able to tour, providing those selected with experience and exposure. School teams were fortunate to complete many domestic matches. Hilton emerged victors in 48 of the 60 completed matches, and this winning record of 78% is a proud achievement, considering the challenges faced in pre-season due to the pandemic.

The inclusion of Matthew Boast, Nick Hatton and Slade van Staden in the SA U19 World Cup 2022 training squad was just reward for their talents. We wish Matthew success as he plays for the SA U19 team at the 2022 U19 World Cup in the West Indies.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Hilton College parents for their continued support and encouragement of our boys throughout the season.

Slade van Staden was recognised for a stellar school cricket year with inclusion in the SA Schools team selected after the 2021 Khaya Majola Cricket Week. Jake Carstens was rewarded for his impressive week by joining Slade in the Dolphins Cubs team.

On behalf of the coaches and players, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Hilton College parents for their continued support and encouragement of our boys throughout the season. Special mention must be made of the matric parents of 2021 for their unwavering support of cricket at Hilton College.

The first team continues to benefit from Dale Benkenstein's contribution to school cricket. We wish him every success as he takes over the head coaching position at Gloucester and look forward to him returning next season with the knowledge and experience gained during his time in the county game.

My final word of thanks goes to the Hilton College cricketing staff for their hard work this year.

Warren Kirsten
Coach/Director of Cricket

Notable selections

SA U19 World Cup: Matthew Boast.

SA U19 2022 World Cup Shadow Squad: Luc Benkenstein,

Matthew Boast, Nick Hatton, Slade van Staden.
 Dolphins Cubs: Jake Carstens, Slade van Staden.
 KZNI U18 Week: Jake Carstens, Olwethu Kweyama, Slade van Staden, Kris Watt.
 SA Schools: Slade van Staden.
 KZNI U16 Week: Ross Boast, Nicholas Chantler, Matipa Denenga, Ivan Jjuuko, Ivan Lockem, Hylton Lötter.

Achievements:

Ross Boast: Six for 12 versus Kearsney 1st XI.
 Jake Carstens: 111 not out versus St Stithians 1st XI.
 Kyle Christie: 95 not out versus St Albans U15A.
 Jason Dix: 155 not out versus St Charles 4th XI.
 Stewart Falconer: 104 not out versus Glenwood U14B.
 Sebastien Gaboreau: Hat-trick versus Northwood U15B.
 Ben Hockly: 101 not out versus Michaelhouse U14A.
 Ivan Lockem: Five for 15 versus Michealhouse 1st XI.
 Liyema Nela: Five for 12 versus St Albans U14A.
 James Ogilby: 160 versus St Albans U14A.
 Jacques Olivier: Five for 21 versus Glenwood U14A.
 Jacques Olivier: Five for 32 versus Northwood U14A.
 Jacques Olivier: Five for 45 versus Michaelhouse U14A.
 Charles Swart: 101 versus St Johns U15A.
 Kingsley Thomson: 130 not out versus Glenwood U15B.
 Jason Webster: 105 versus Glenwood U14B.
 Slade van Staden: 96 not out versus KES 1st XI.

1st X1

Regular players: *Matt Boast, Ross Boast, Jake Carstens, Matipa Denenga, Nicholas Hatton (captain), Kieran Kilmartin, Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Casey Nicholson, Christopher Pistorius, Matthew Stewart, Dylan Thomson, Slade-Lee van Staden, Kristofer Watt, Matt Willis, Craig Yammin*

It has been an incredible year with Covid causing havoc in our sporting lives and lives in general. Due to such unusual circumstances, we saw Luc Benkenstein moving to the UK in April to follow his cricketing dreams overseas. This created an opportunity for our run machine, Slade van Staden, to have a taste of cricket life in the US. Then just to keep us on our toes, Matt Boast, our star U19 fast bowler, was ruled out for the season with a side/back strain!

The cricketing gods smiled on us in the third term when cricket matches were back on the menu with the historical Michaelmas festival confirmed to take place. We started with some warm-up games against DHS and Glenwood, which felt like a semi and a final, as we had been so starved of competition for more than a year!

The matches were beneficial and worth a mention for on debut, albeit a warm-up game, Ross Boast came in with Hilton in a precarious position of 54/5 and played a fantastic innings of power and maturity beyond his years and finished with a magnificent 144.

The season officially got under way with our fixtures for Michaelmas being confirmed and it felt like we had been

dropped at the bottom of Mt Everest, landing fixtures against Affies, KES, St Stithians and St John's. Somehow Covid rules didn't apply to the Gauteng or Western Cape schools as they were all playing their 14th fixture of the year to our first!

The Affies game was a good start for us, choosing to bat first with a forecast of rain later, meaning the conditions were bowler-friendly but time in the middle for the batters was going to be like gold after so long away from competition. We put on a solid 188/2 with Jake Carstens top scoring with 80 n.o. and Ivan Lockem 44 in our reduced 35 overs only to see the weather move in and cause the game to be abandoned after 1 over bowled by Hilton.

*The cricket gods smiled
on us in the third term...*

The next challenge was KES! Chris Pistorius (Tiffer) was stand-in skipper for the Michaelmas week as Nick Hatton, our captain, had KZN provincial rugby matches to attend to in October. Tiffer won the toss for a second time in a row and we decided to bowl first in favourable bowling conditions. Our bowlers attacked the stumps and saw KES struggling at 50/4 with Matt Stewart doing the damage with his left arm swing bowling with the new ball. KES posted a total of 148 with Stewart 3/23 and Kris Watt 3/18. We responded well with opener Van Staden 96 n.o. making it a relatively comfortable chase.

St Stithians were next and always a formidable foe, however we had a timely reinforcement as Hatton made his way off the rugby field to don the white cap for the first time in his matric year. Tiffer managed another magnificent victory with the toss and we decided to bat first as the weather was finally looking fair. We had a good morning with the bat and amassed 240/4 in 40 overs with Carstens starring again with the bat with an unbeaten 111 n.o at an impressive strike rate of over 100, he was ably supported by Lockem with 46. The Saints batters started positively and the introduction of our spinners Kieran Kilmartin and Carstens created wicket opportunities and strangled the run rate to see Saints all out for 149 due to Watt's 4/14 and Carstens bagging 4/16 to go with his unbeaten hundred, completing an outstanding all round match-winning performance.

St John's was the last final assault to reach the summit of the mountain that had stood before us three days before. Tiffer spun his magic to start the T20 affair off and we inserted the highly rated St John's team. We bowled tight and fielded with energy and discipline to restrict them to 128 all out.

The batters got to work with a positive start by Carstens and Van Staden keeping us ahead of the run rate and giving us good momentum to finish the game off in 17 overs with 4 wickets down.

This marked only the second unbeaten Michaelmas week in my six years at Hilton.

After Michaelmas we went straight into our local KZN fixtures and had favourable results in four of the five fixtures against Kearsney, Glenwood, Clifton, Northwood and Michaelhouse losing only to Northwood away. Notable achievements were Ross Boast's 6/11 to bowl Kearsney out for 54 followed by Van Staden's 50 off just 4.2 overs to win by 10 wickets.

A quick fire 50 from Hatton took the game away from Clifton after a polished great bowling performance restricted Clifton to below 150 all out. Consistency with the ball from Ross Boast, Matipa Denenga and our spinners, Carstens and Kilmartin never gave Clifton a chance to get a winning total.

The Glenwood game followed a similar pattern to the Clifton game with a disciplined new ball spell from Stewart and Ross Boast followed by a match-winning spell from Kilmartin ripping through their top order with figures of 3/24 and Ross Boast impressive again with 3/20 in his 10 overs, restricting the hosts to 135 all out. Van Staden looked confident and led the batting response from Hilton with 52, steering us to victory by 6 wickets.

Northwood was the only blip in the season. Not taking anything away from Northwood, four away games in a row and the distractions of exams didn't help. Ultimately, the game was a great leveller and Northwood made the most of their opportunities and proved you can never underestimate any opponent in sport, especially cricket. It was a bitter pill to swallow but a good lesson for us to learn before our final game against a confident Michaelhouse team.

The Michaelhouse game is always special, and this occasion lived up to all expectations. Parents, led by Kath Boast and Ingrid Hatton, brightened the day with the colour pink splashed around the ground, on the stumps, ball and clothes as the game was played for the PinkDrive in support of the fight against breast cancer.

The contest was fierce, with Michaelhouse starting well with the ball removing Van Staden and Carstens cheaply with some disciplined new ball bowling. The innings was a combination of potential partnerships that flattered to deceive. No one reached the half century milestone, but most of the 11 contributed to the total. Nicholson 43 and Lockem 37 top scored to give us a defendable total of 228. The pitch was dry and after observing our first innings scoring it looked harder and harder to score as the innings progressed. This proved the case with Michaelhouse getting a reasonable start, Ross Boast striking with the new ball and a wicket in Watt's first over, keeping our spirits up. But it was soon evident that the Michaelhouse captain was going to be the key wicket.

At 25 overs MHS were 88/3 with our spinners doing a great job of restricting the scoring and increasing the required

run rate. We had one twist in the tale as Ross Boast went off the field injured, putting the onus on young Lockem to bowl a full quota of overs in this pressurised game when he hadn't bowled in a match all season due to injury. Lockem stepped up to the plate bowling wicket to wicket, with some variation of pace, taking 5/15 and wrapping up the game with us leaving Michaelhouse 115 all out. It was great to be back on the field playing competitive cricket again. I look forward to January when we take on the might of the Western Cape with some new faces in the white caps.

Dale Benkenstein
Coach

Matt Boast: Big Boasty, the ability to bowl fast is something you cannot coach into a person. And your talent for the game goes way beyond bowling fast. Keep working hard at your batting and fielding; SA hasn't had a genuine all-rounder for some time.

Ross Boast: It runs in the genes and you are no exception in the Boast family, Ross. You have become one of our most valuable bowlers as a grade 10 and your 144 vs DHS was a reminder of your ability with the bat.

Jake Carstens: Jake, you have proved to be a very important part of this team and will play a crucial role, as a senior player, next year with bat and ball.

Matiepa Denenga: Matiepa, you're a great addition to our strong seam bowling attack. We haven't seen your incredible death bowling skill, but it will come in use in the future and is a sought-after skill in white ball cricket around the world. You're an exciting talent and I look forward to seeing your skills develop year by year.

Nick Hatton: A great leader on and off the field and one of the hardest-working and most competitive cricketers I have coached. This combination will see you being successful in whatever path you choose.

Kieran Kilmartin: Kieran, you are a match winner and have become an important part of our side with your art of leg spin and gritty character. Leg spin will test your character; it's an art to master!

Olwethu Kweyama: You have proven in the warm-up games this season that you are good enough, Olwethu. You're the ultimate team man and work harder than most. Your leadership in the cricket club will be invaluable next year.

Ivan Lockem: Ivan, you are a big part of Hilton's 1st X1 future. You have looked very comfortable as a grade 10 in the team and this experience will hopefully give you the confidence to flourish next season as one of top batters.

Casey Nicholson: Casey, you have only had a few opportunities in the 1st X1 this term but certainly looked the part. I look forward to seeing you grow physically and in your character next year, helping you understand and enjoy all that the game has to offer.

Chris Pistorius: Tiffer, you've been an incredibly loyal and dedicated member of the 1st X1 for three years. I am grateful to you for unselfishly putting your hand up when the team was in need of a keeper, off spinner or captain.

Matt Stewart: Matt, your left arm over swing bowling has already made an impact on our team. You have all-round ability as well as an intelligent head on your shoulders,

which adds to our team strength. If we can add a yard or two to your pace, you will be even more lethal with the ball.

Dylan Thomson: We didn't get to see the best of you this season as your body continued to restrict your performance, yet you only brought good energy to our practices and matches and were a positive influence on the team.

Slade van Staden: A great addition to our Hilton cricket family over the past three years, you're a special person with a special talent for cricket, Slade. Your record at school level speaks for itself.

Kris Watt: Kris, you have become a consistent performer in the side with the ball, and only due to lack of opportunity we haven't seen your ability with the bat. You will have added responsibilities next year as a senior player and key allrounder, which will bring out the best in you and your cricket.

Matt Willis: One of the club's great successes in my eyes, your dedication and perseverance to making the 1st team over the past two years is an example I will use for years to come. You have become a potential match winner with bat and ball.

Craig Yammin: Yam, your unselfish nature and love for the game and your mates are underrated traits that run deep through successful teams and will take you far in life. "That catch" at short leg will be very hard to better and will always be remembered.

2nd XI

Regular players: *Nicholas Chantler, Brett Cutting, Matipa Denenga, Olwethu Kweyama, Wian Liebenberg, Hylton Lötter, Casey Nicholson, Jarryd Pike, Matthew Rout, Thomas Roy, Christopher Roy, Samuel Strydom, Luke Watt, Matt Wilson (captain)*

The brief season of 2021 was yet another successful one for the second XI as Hilton College continued their unbeaten streak. The threat of Covid and cancelled games disrupted much of the year, but the boys did not miss a beat, maintaining their fitness and skills and this contributed significantly to their success.

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In the opening game of the season, excellent bowling by Wian Liebenberg, Matthew Rout, and Thomas Roy, who took seven wickets between them, had Kearsney on the backfoot. Hilton then made light work of reaching the target of 143 runs in just 15 overs with outstanding batting performances from Casey Nicholson (62-not out off 27 balls) and Luke Watt (54).

Playing at home against Clifton, Hilton posted a superb target of 247 for eight with Hylton Lötter scoring 53. Despite the impressive batting in this innings, the weather intervened and the game was drawn.

Hilton had Glenwood under pressure in the next home game, reducing them to 114 for eight and they lost only three wickets in winning the match. Their next home game against Northwood was abandoned due to weather, but a highlight of the season was the team's win over rivals Michaelhouse.

Hilton compiled a formidable 249 for eight and then dismissed their old rivals for 201. The team really came together as a unit in this game and each player contributed to the win. Outstanding batting performances from Lötter (64) and Nicholas Chantler (41), as well as impressive bowling performances from Chantler (two for 24) and Brett Cutting (three for 28), were features of this Hilton performance.

David Griffiths
Coach

3rd XI

Regular players: *Jason Dix, Samuel Strydom, Benjamin McGuigan, Xavier Rey, Nicholas Youens, James Campbell, Tristan Hockly, Onke Kweyama, Nic Hirschowitz, Michael Sara, Daniel Holtzhauzen, Reneiloe Seopa, Luthando Ntshangase*

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic prevented the playing of cricket in the first term, but the thirds were able to return to action for the last five matches of the year.

The team started well with positive results against Kearsney, Clifton and Glenwood. A narrow defeat to Northwood and a loss in the final match of the season to Michaelhouse left the team hungry for success in 2022. Sam Strydom was the mainstay of the batting until his promotion to the second team, while Tristan Hockly shone with the ball.

The boys remained enthusiastic through a disrupted year and they have the potential to enjoy a successful 2022.

Aaqil Ebrahim
Coach

4th XI

Regular players: *Stuart Baker, Siya Buthelezi, Letu Dandala, Jason Dix, Zukhanye Fatyi, Henry Fawcett, Oli Gaboreau, Mihle Gazi, Christopher Harty, Dale Herbert, Robert James, Callum Lupton-Smith, Joshua Matambo, Benjamin McGuigan, Campbell McKenzie, Cole McLaggan, Nic McLeod, James Ogilvie, Nicolas Snyman*

The pandemic prevented any cricket in the opening term of the year, but action returned in the second half of the season (term four) and none of the fourth team's matches had to be cancelled due to the weather.

The fourth team enjoyed a successful season with notable wins over St Charles (twice), Northwood, Glenwood and Kearsney. Unfortunately, the last match of the season – against Michaelhouse – ended in a tense and narrow 10-run loss.

The boys played high-quality, positive cricket in the right spirit. It was a most enjoyable season and it was a pleasure working with them.

Francois Morgan
Coach

5th XI

Regular players: *Jonathan Ferguson, Ayaan Jakura, Robert James, Callum Lupton-Smith, Vumi Mbokota, Campbell McKenzie, Newo Munyai, James Ogilvie, Caleb Venter*

What a joy it was to eventually be able to play matches again in the fourth term of 2021. The team, passionately led by Jonathan Ferguson, was made up of Grades 10 and 11 boys.

The team played four matches and were defeated in all of them with the most exciting contest being an eight-run loss to Glenwood. While the last game against Michaelhouse resulted in an eight-wicket loss, it was refreshing to see the spirit between the two schools as they supported the Pink Drive movement. It was also a delight to have spectators adorning the side of the field again.

Thanks to Nick Holthauzen for all the assistance and advice he gave to both me and the team while the boys' commitment and humour provided hours of enjoyment.

Paul Venter
Coach

U15A

Regular players: *Grant Bridgeford, Kyle Christie, Natenzi Denenga, Ivan Jjuuko, Jarred Kitto (capt), Murray Loughor-Clarke, James McGregor, Didier Rey, Charles Swart, Ethan van Heerden, Christopher Wagner, Jack Weavind*

It was a season of highs and lows for the Hilton U15A side but, ultimately, they showed real character to end the season with an excellent win over Michaelhouse. The boys grew in character and stature throughout the season and are now better cricket players and people because of their hard work and determination.

The season started with a heavy loss against Pretoria Boys High on a very difficult pitch on tour. The boys, however, immediately showed their strength of character in bouncing back to comprehensively beat every other team on tour before returning to win their next few matches at home.

The low point for the team came when they underestimated Glenwood and lost. But, once again, the boys showed their resilience by beating a strong Michaelhouse side in the final fixture of the season.

Although all the boys contributed at various stages of the season, the outstanding player with bat and ball was Charles Swart with 312 runs at an average of 52 and 12

wickets at an average of 14. Kyle Christie scored 233 runs at an average of 39, including an unbeaten 95 in a T20 against St Albans to clinch the match for Hilton. Jarred Kitto contributed 191 runs with the bat at an average of 27 as well as taking some excellent catches behind the stumps. In the bowling department, Ethan van Heerden was Mr Consistent, picking up 12 wickets at an average of 17, while Didier Rey took 11 wickets, also at an average of 17.

Jaco van Dyk
Coach

U15B

Regular players: *Josh Aitken, Byron Chandler, Lyle Clubb, Rhydian Evans, Richard Eyres, Ben Ferguson, Sebastien Gaboreau, Joshua Julius, Deepen Kooverjee, Jarred Maltby, Chad Swanepoel, Chris Snijman, Kingsley Thompson*

The U15B team had a most rewarding and productive season with victories over Kearsney, Clifton, Northwood and a particularly special one over Glenwood. The only defeat came in the close game against Michaelhouse. The boys played with a never-say-die attitude and individual half-centuries were scored in every game. The outstanding features of the season were an unbeaten 130 from Kingsley Thompson against Glenwood and Seb Gaboreau's half-century and hat-trick against Northwood. The Glenwood victory was undoubtedly the highlight of the term, as the visitors posted a daunting 223 for seven in 30 overs. After a slow start, the Hilton boys scored at an unbelievable 8.5 an over for 24 overs to get across the line. Coaching these young gentlemen has been a pleasure and they should be proud of what they have achieved this year. Warren Kirsten was a source of unwavering and invaluable support for me and the players.

Kgomotso Motlogeloa
Coach

U14A

Regular players: *Luke Campbell, Ben Erasmus, Alex Engelbrecht, Stewart Falconer, Josh Grant, Nic Harcourt, David Hill, Ben Hockly, Chris Johnson, Chris Morrison, Liyema Nela, James Ogilby, Jacques Olivier, Alex Pitman, Jason Webster*

After months of net practices and attempts to motivate the boys during the long pandemic, the U14A side finally took to the field for the first game of the Hilton Festival against our old foes Maritzburg College. And what a return it was as a fine display of bowling brought a comprehensive innings victory. The festival brought some mixed fortunes with two wins and two losses, though the defeats were against sides that had been allowed to play significantly more cricket than Hilton. It did, however, show the boys the level that is required to be rated as one of the best sides in the country.

The Hilton event was followed by the Northwood Festival and another four games to hone our skills. A tough game against Paul Roos saw it go all the way to the wire with

Hilton needing two runs to win with the last pair at the wicket. Chris Morrison, who came in at number 11, promptly drove the first ball he faced through the covers for four, sealing a hard-fought victory. Somehow the boys had found a way to win and this set the tone for the rest of the season.

Hilton were unbeaten for the next five games against KZN opposition and they never seriously tested. Several exceptional individual performances put the results beyond doubt and sealed fairly comfortable wins. Jacques Olivier bagged three consecutive five-wicket hauls and Ben Hockly made several significant contributions with the bat. The last of his innings came in the final game against rivals Michaelhouse. Ben Erasmus was on 49 and Hockly was poised on 98 with two balls remaining. Somehow, in immensely mature innings by both boys, the two Bens contrived to reach their landmarks with Erasmus finishing on 50 not out, while Hockly was undefeated on 102. This exceptional group of boys formed a tight-knit team. They supported each other in all situations, and they will be one of the outstanding teams in the years to come.

Mark Handman

Coach

U14B

Regular players: *André Boshoff, Calum Bryson, Morné Engelbrecht, Xavier Enslin, Stewart Falconer, Josh Grant, Jake Hockly, Jack Holtzhauzen, Bryce Johnson, Chris Johnson, Kgosi*

Modise, Benjamin Scorgie, Ndabenhle Sithole, Jason Webster, James Youens

This year has seen Hilton College blessed with an exceptional group of U14 cricket players. It is safe to say that many of the B team players could have easily stepped into the A team. Nevertheless, these boys have carried themselves extremely well. They have been professional in their approach to matches and have truly been a pleasure to coach. Their positive attitude and passion for the game will provide opportunities for them to play in top teams in the years to come.

After the frustrations of the first term, the players saw action in the final quarter and there were several outstanding individual performances. Stewart Falconer had a highest score of 104 not out and an aggregate of 225; Jason Webster top-scored with 105 in a total of 204; Benjamin Scorgie's total runs were 113 and Xavier Enslin contributed 101. The bowling attack was led by Chris Johnson with five wickets at an economical rate of 2.9 runs and Jack Holtzhauzen with a total of 12 wickets at 4.1.

While these boys impressed out in the middle, they were strongly supported by their parents who have invested in their sons' commitment to a sport which demands patience and hard work.

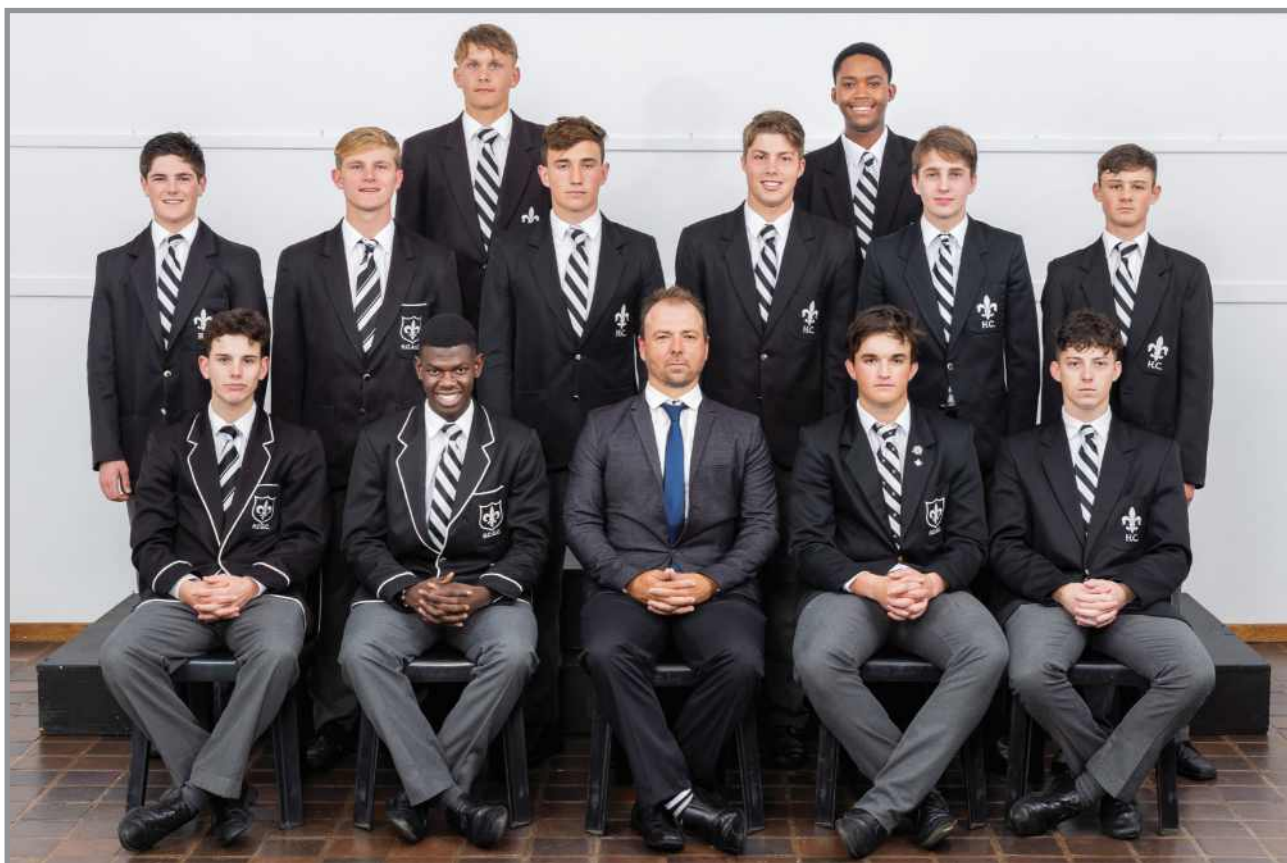
Tienie van Wyk

Coach



Ingrid Hutton

Matipa Denenga in action.



Back row: Ross Boast, Rorisang Nkosi

Middle row: Murray Dahl, Jake Carstens, Cameron Gray, Ethan van Heerden, Xavier Rey, Brett Cutting

Front row: Christopher Bagnall, Chungu Katayi (Captain), Mr Jacques Nel (Coach), Matt Willis (Vice-Captain), Andrew Moravec

Golf

1st team: Christopher Bagnall, Ross Boast, Jake Carstens, Brett Cutting, Murray Dahl, Cameron Gray, Guy Harcourt, Chungu Katayi (captain), Andrew Moravec, Rorisang Nkosi, Xavier Rey, Ethan van Heerden, Matt Willis (vice-captain)
2nd team: Stuart Baker, Byron Chandler, Rowan Cox, Michal De Beer, Nic Harcourt, Ben Kok, Cole McLaggan, Nic McLeod, Didier Rey, Chris Snijman

The pandemic did not allow us to play league in the first term. This was unfortunate as we were ready and raring to defend our title as the 2020 winners. The Affies Golf Tournament was also cancelled. However, the lads were fortunate to attend the Woodlands Golf Tournament up in Johannesburg. Many valuable lessons were learned. There was a glimmer of hope as things appeared to return to normality and we were allowed to attend the Nomads School Team Championships. In this tournament the following boys came second, which meant they qualified for the Schools National Golf Champs in Humewood in



Sunday game of golf at Bosch Hoek.

*... as the boys of Hilton went for the
jugular and wrote themselves into
the history books...*

Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth): Christopher Bagnall, Cameron Gray, Andrew Moravec and Matt Willis.

Unfortunately, by the time this tournament was to be held, the pandemic had a last say and it was cancelled.

In August six of our boys participated in the Michael-house@125 Golf Tournament. The format was Inland vs Coastal. The Inland, which Hilton College is part of, started slowly and was on the back foot for the first two days. However, they were able to come back in the third day and tie the score. By the fourth day the inlanders had won the duel.

The KZN Champs were held, be it in a limited format, at the Kloof Country Club. Of notable achievement was Guy Harcourt who came 8th and Jake Carstens who came 9th overall. Under normal circumstances these lads would have made the KZN-A Team and KZN-B Team respectively. The return of the Douglas Cup was a highlight this year. After lots of heartache and disappointments in trying to organise the squad, the weather tried to dampen the day. But it was not to be as the boys of Hilton went for the jugular and wrote themselves into the history books by winning the cup for the fifth time, consecutively, a feat that

had never been achieved. Our second team followed suit and retained their trophy.

I would like to pay tribute to Mr Sean Ludgater, who unfortunately left his coaching position when he relocated. The Hilton College Golf Club owes much gratitude to Mr Ludgater for having given so much to the golfers and the school for so many years.

Lastly, to our die-hard supporters, our parents, a big thank you. Come rain or sunshine, one is guaranteed to see a parent or two walking around the golf course supporting not just their son but the Hilton boys. Even those folks that aren't able to attend follow us on the WhatsApp group and cheer us on. This is greatly appreciated, folks!

Msizi Mchunu
MIC Golf



Douglas Cup winners.



Douglas Cup Team

Back row: Cameron Gray, Michal de Beer, Xavier Rey, Chris Snijman,

Middle back row: Ethan van Heerden, Rowan Cox, Nic Macleod, Ross Boast, Rorisang Nkosi, Murray Dahl

Front middle row: Didier Rey, Stuart Baker, Byron Chandler, Nic Harcourt, Jake Carstens, Brett Cutting

Front row: Christopher Bagnall, Matt Willis, Mr Jeremy Piater, Chungu Katayi, Mr Jacque Nel, Cole McLaggan, Andrew Moravec

**1st XI****Back row:** Jarryd Pike, Dylan Pratt, Kristofer Watt, Wian Liebenberg, Matt Rout, Kyle Gilson**Middle row:** David Tshebi, David Kitshoff, Daniel Den Bakker, Jake Carstens, Joshua Goodwin, Akha Mda**Front row:** Mr Carl Schmidt, Matt Bray, Mr Damian Kimfley, Greg Armstrong, Mr Devon van der Merwe, James Te Riele, Mr Matt Fairweather

Hockey

Overview

The year 2021 was slightly better than the previous year, in that we were able to play nine matches at A-team level due to festivals and pre-season games. Our teams did well despite the limited preparation time and Covid-19 complications. The boys were happy to be out on the pitch and applied themselves to the best of their abilities.

The First XI had stand-out performances against Northwood (5-2) and Durban High School (5-0). They played a free-flowing attacking brand of hockey and found a healthy balance between going forward and defending. They stumbled against Maritzburg College, losing 1-2 in what was a very good contest.

The rest of the club did well to get in three fixtures against Kearsney, Northwood and Durban High School before Covid-19 put a stop to everything. The boys remained very positive hoping the season would resume, but this was not to be. We had 14 teams. Our teams played 66 matches, of which they won 36, drew 12 and lost 18.

The hockey club continues to work on a culture of togetherness, a fast-attacking style of hockey and an inclusive system that encourages camaraderie and friendship. We are optimistic that 2022 will be a better year. When it came to the selection of provincial teams, our boys did us proud. A special mention must go to David Tshebi who was selected a non-travelling reserve for the SA U21 Men's team.

They played a free-flowing attacking brand of hockey and found a healthy balance between going forward and defending.

KZN Inland Representation:

U18A: Daniel Den Bakker, David Kitshoff, Unako Nowele, Dylan Pratt, David Tshebi, Kristofer Watt

U18B: Greg Armstrong, Matt Bray, Andile Matsa, Matt Rout

U16A: Grant Bridgeford, Nicholas Chantler, Matt Diemont, Jared Kitto, Akha Mda, Nkosi Shoji

James's U16A report says these boys also made the KZN Inland U16A team: Tino Hove, Kearabetswe Kholele, Wian Liebenberg

U16B: Masud Dakile, Joel Kitshoff, Connor Thomson

U14A: Xavier Enslin, Reagan Mudau, Chase Smith, Matthew Thomas

Matt's report says Jason Webster was a non-traveling reserve

Devon van der Merwe
Director of Hockey

1st XI

Regular players: Greg Armstrong (captain), Matt Bray, Jake Carstens, Daniel Den Bakker, Kyle Gilson, Josh Goodwin, David Kitshoff, Wian Liebenberg, Akha Mda, Jarryd Pike, Dylan Pratt, Matt Rout, James Te Riele, David Tshebi, Kristofer Watt

It was always going to be an exciting year for the 1st team with eight players staying behind from the 2020 1st team. With only one official hockey match having been played in 2020, we were heading into the unknown given the 13-month lull since the boys had last played an official match. The 1st team managed to play nine official matches, with seven of those matches played over two festivals. Hilton played at the Top Schools KZN Festival, Kearsney, and two Saturday fixtures against Durban High School and Northwood.

With convincing wins against our opponents in the previous matches, the boys were confident of outscoring their opposition with the talent we had on display in the front line. This had us scoring a total of 24 goals and conceding only seven. Unfortunately, the season was ended abruptly due to Covid-19. This left the Hilton College 1st team having played nine matches, of which eight were won and one was lost.

This year we had fair representation at the provincial and national levels. David Tshebi made the South African U21 Junior World Cup Squad and was named as a non-travelling reserve. Provincially, we had six KZN Inland U18A and four KZN Inland U18B players, additionally six on the non-traveling reserve list, and two players from the 1st XI in the U16A Inland Team.

The success of a team does not happen without a few key role players in the background that put in thankless hours to upskill and improve each player's development. Mr Devon van der Merwe, Mr Matt Fairweather, Mr Carl Schmidt, Mr Nick Pereira and Mrs Melanie Carey have been instrumental in this year's processes, and we are very grateful for the work they have done.

This season we say farewell to five boys: Greg Armstrong, Matt Bray, Josh Goodwin, David Kitshoff and James Te Riele. These individuals have represented the 1st XI well and can leave confidently knowing they have served the white jersey well.

Greg Armstrong (KZN Inland U18B, half colours): As captain, he led by example on and off the field. One of the only left defenders in the team, he gave of his best. His ability to play the ball at 45-degree angles was a big credit to his team.

Matt Bray (KZN Inland U18B, half colours): A knee injury kept him out of most of the pre-season, but he eventually found his rhythm and scored four goals in the last three matches. He was one of the best goal scorers in the nine-yard area and epitomised what is required from a forward. He is to be commended for his positive attitude while injured and his team involvement.

Jake Carstens (half colours): He has the unique ability to always find himself in the correct position to score goals in the nine-yard area. He has brought a lot of energy and a positive attitude to the team this year. He is encouraged to put time into on-field training next year.

Daniel Den Bakker (KZN Inland U18A, colours): He has played an instrumental part in our successes this season. He reaped the rewards of time and effort on the turf. His dedication to hockey is outstanding. He has improved his decision-making greatly and is encouraged to keep working on it as he can make a success of himself as a hockey player. As he returns next year, expectations will

It was always going to be an exciting year with eight players staying behind...

be high for him to build on all he has learnt.

Kyle Gilson (half colours): A determined individual, he had a successful U17 tournament and was one of the better performers. As he returns next year, he is encouraged to keep improving and to take his performance to the next level.

Josh Goodwin (half colours): He had a good season in the 1st XI. His commitment to training and the team cannot be faulted. He never missed a single training session and was always willing to stay after a session for his teammates. Having conceded only seven goals and keeping five clean sheets, he can be proud of his performance this year.

David Kitshoff (KZN Inland U18A, colours): He has been a tremendous asset to the team with terrific speed and agility. He must be commended for his training ethic and constantly pushing himself to improve. Quiet and always focused on the task at hand, his attitude and drive to be the best on and off the field makes him a great example to younger players in the team.

Wian Liebenberg (KZN Inland U16A): His positive energy and ability to put defenders under pressure, with and without the ball, makes him an asset to the team. He is encouraged to keep working on improving his game and not to get ahead of himself. He will be an important player for the next two years.

Akha Mda (KZN Inland U16A): He fitted seamlessly into the 1st XI. His ability to execute his elimination skills and win the ball with ease have made him a great asset. Focused and quiet, he will do Hilton College hockey proud.

Jarryd Pike (half colours): Returning from last season, he started the year playing a more advanced role and relished the opportunity by becoming a regular goal scorer. As he improves his training ethic, he will take his game to the next level.

Dylan Pratt (KZN Inland U18A, colours): He stepped into the 1st XI showing his goalscoring ability from the first game. He played particularly well this season and scored some exceptional goals. He is encouraged to keep working on his conditioning in the off-season.

Matt Rout (KZN Inland U18B, half colours): He has settled well in his new position as a defender. His ability to read the game has made a major difference to the team. He has also developed his ball distribution in the game and is encouraged to keep working and improving on it. He's to be commended for his great ability to take in information and implement it, the recipe for success. He also led the U17 team at the Top Schools Festival to a bronze medal finish.

James Te Riele (half colours): He had a good season serving as vice-captain and someone who could be relied on for his bravery and tackling ability. He can be proud of his contribution to the 1st team over the past two years.

David Tshebi (SA U21, KZN Inland U18A, full colours): He has been a catalyst for the team this year. His energy to drive them forward and his ball-winning skills have made him a great asset to the team. He is encouraged to keep applying himself at training and to challenge his teammates to reach their potential. He is congratulated for being called up to the SA U21 squad and for being

selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Junior World Cup.

Kristofer Watt (KZN Inland U18A, colours): One of returning players, his ability to dominate hockey matches with his distribution skills has served the team well. As a grade 11 boy he will continue to grow in confidence and improve his communication, as this is important in his playing position. I look forward to seeing him return next year and take his game to an even higher level.

Damian Kimfley
Coach

2nd XI

Regular players: Sam Black, Kaspar Grauert, Jack Gerrard, Tim King, Matuma Majopelo, Vuyo Malinga (capt), Andile Matsa, Nhlaka Mntambo, Andrew Meyer, Josh Neill, Unako Nowele, Marumo Selane, Jarrod Siddal, James Sweeney, Jaiden Wilde

A talented and motivated team of boys who prepared well in the pre-season training squad games in preparation for matches at the end of the first term and the Easter tournament in Pietermaritzburg remained focused even though these did not take place.

Although it was a short season in terms of fixtures, they made the most of the opportunity when inter-schools fixtures were allowed, with a good outcome at the start of the season triangular between St Charles and Kearsney. This was followed up by two excellent performances against Northwood and DHS.

We won all four of the games we played with 19 goals for and one against.

More importantly, it was a fantastic group of young men to work with during the season and I hope they will have more hockey to come in the years ahead. Their attitude and approach on and off the field was exemplary.

James Webb
Coach

3rd XI

Regular players: Tanner Bailey, Liam Blaauwhof, Christopher de Scally, Justin Green, Buhle Gqwaaru, Tsakani Khoza, Tshiamo Lehomo, Liteboho Lethole, Matt Liao, Callum Lupton-Smith, Joshua Matambo, Vumi Mbokota, Andrew Meyer, Lesedi Mogashoa, Newo Munyai, Josh Neill, Connor Paton, Tristan Paton, Jack Peattie, Olwakhe Shezi, Roelf van der Merwe, Slade-Lee van Staden

The 3rd team produced some excellent hockey this (short) season and enjoyed a good unbeaten run. Of the four games we played, we won three and drew one. Due to the nature of team selection in the First and Second squads, a number of boys ran out onto the astro for the Thirds. I thoroughly enjoyed the short season we

had together and sincerely hope that next year will see a more normal run of fixtures.

Nick Holtzhauzen
Coach

4th XI

Regular players: Rhys Barnes, Nkosi Dlamini, Kaan Erdem, Duncan Hawksworth, Felix Jenkins, Richard Karlson, Bongiso Khoza, Tsakani Khoza, Darren Liu, Michael Mackenzie, Motheo Molefe, Robbie Ross, Leevan Vather

The 2021 season appeared to be more promising than the previous year which was cut short due to Covid. Practices were well attended, and boys were enthusiastic and eager to play after missing out last year.

Our first game resulted in a draw of one all against St Charles and unfortunately, we lost to Northwood 0-2 in the final part of the match. However, the boys play good hockey and were working well as a team, and we were optimistic about the rest of the season. Yet, once again, our season was cut short by Covid-19, and no more games were played afterward.

I would like to thank the boys for their commitment to practices and for being such an enthusiastic group who were always well-behaved and eager sportsmen. Hopefully next year we will get to play a full round of fixtures.

Jeremy Piater
Coach

U16A

Regular players: Grant Bridgeford, Nicholas Chantler, Masud Dakile, Matt Diemont, Dale Herbert, Tino Hove, Joshua Julius, Kearabetswe Khoele, Jarred Kitto, Joel Kitshoff, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Jarred Maltby, Michael Sara, Samuel Strydom, Nkosi Shoji, Connor Thomson

It was wonderful to finally be able to play competitive matches against opposition schools. After a long, hard, and gruelling pre-season, the boys were anxious to see whether the pandemic and its associated protocols would allow us to play. Having been given the all-clear to play, our season opened with a KZN festival against the top 10 hockey schools in the province.

The enthusiasm and energy displayed at the festival was indicative of the passion and sheer joy of being able to play again. We went through the festival unbeaten and were unlucky in a few games not to win but we could not convert our possession into goals. On the evidence of the festival, it was going to be a great season!

Unfortunately, we had to deal with some key injuries in vital positions as we began the regular season against St Charles. The boys stepping into these positions did incredibly well and we managed to hold out for a hard-fought win. In the only game we would end up losing

during the season, we came up against a fiery and determined Kearsney team. We simply did not “pitch up” and were made to pay for a rather lacklustre performance. A solid 1-0 win against Northwood away from home followed and then a final fixture against Durban High School ended in a thrilling 1-1 draw. Sadly, the season was cut short by another nationwide lockdown. It was a privilege to work with such a talented group of hockey players. There is no doubt that the future of hockey at Hilton is bright. Many of these boys will step up into the first team and on the evidence of their performances they will do their school proud in the years ahead. In summary, of the nine games we played, we won five, lost one and drew three.

Congratulations to the following boys for making the KZN Inland U16A and B teams.

KZN Inland A: Grant Bridgeford, Nicholas Chantler, Matt Diemont, Tino Hove, Kearabetswe Khoele, Jared Kitto, Wian Liebenberg, Akha Mda, Nkosi Shozi
KZN Inland B: Masud Dakile, Joel Kitshoff, Connor Thomson

James Bullough
Coach

U16B

Regular players: *Stuart Baker, Joshua Black, Buthulwazi Buthelezi, Natenzi Denenga, Jack Henderson, Joshua Julius, William Kitching, Hlonie Lethole, Sebastian le Roux, Benjamin McGuigan, Nic McLeod (captain), Samuel Strydom, Devon Thomson, Jordan Udal, Mathubamahle Xaba*

With exceptional depth in the U16 age group, we had a very strong B side, and the season was shaping up to be a fabulous one. Unfortunately, it was cut short but not before these young men showed what they could do. They played a well-structured brand of hockey and achieved three excellent victories, winning very comfortably. The game against Northwood provided the most excitement of the season. We admittedly did not play our greatest game and Northwood had the better of us from the start. However, we managed to score first and had them chasing the game. They eventually equalized and we kept fighting right till the end, where we were awarded a penalty corner and unfortunately could not convert.

The boys are to be commended on their engagement and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing how they progress in the coming years.

James Robey
Coach

U16C

Regular players: *Oscar Bredenkamp, Brett Cutting, Rhydian Evans, Nic Frangos, Max Gilson, Luke Hancock, Hlonie Lethole, Oliver Mann, Matome Manthata, James Moore, James Ogilvie, Devon Thompson, Matt Watts (captain), Sam Wingfield, Sandiso Zondi*

While the year got off to a tough start, it looked like it was going to be a long and promising season. Unfortunately, Covid-19 had other plans.

Our first game was a home game against St Charles, and we beat them 2-0. It was a great start to our season, with the boys playing their hearts out and giving it their all. After working on our attacking skills and defence skills, we went on to play our second game, which was against Kearsney College. It was a nail-biting game which we won 1-0.

Our first two games were hard, but the boys learnt a lot from them.

We unfortunately lost our friendly game against Northwood (1-2), but it didn't get the boys down. They worked even harder. Our last home game was against Glenwood High School, who we beat 3-1, ending off our short but exciting season.

The boys had a successful season and if it wasn't for Covid-19, I am sure we would have reached even greater heights.

Liezl Scholtz
Coach

U16D

Regular players: *Joshua Aitken, Oscar Bredenkamp, Kyle Christie, Kwanele Gumbi, Uthando Gumede, Guy Harcourt (capt), Andrew Harding, Lebo Legodi, Siya Maphumulo, Sedise Moseneke, Sixolile Nyangiwe, James Ogilvie, Jehan Thipanyane-Said*

The U16D enjoyed a short but successful season, winning all of their games. The season started with key victories on the opening day over Kearsney College and St Charles College.

The highlight of the season has to be the impeccable performance against Northwood away. The game saw the team defend and counterattack at levels I had not witnessed from the team. It was incredible how the boys worked together in perfect sync to win the game. Andrew Harding after the game said, “Today, I defended for my life.”

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these fine young men, who consistently displayed good sportsmanship and admirable commitment and discipline.

OJ Motsoe
Coach

U16E

Regular players: *Kigen Chepkonga, Lyle Clubb, Tumelo Gopane, Benjamin Guimaraens, Zimele Khumalo, Karabo Lephema, Siya Maphumulo, Hugo Mkhize, Ntando Mhlongo, Munashe Musora, Trey Padayachee, Ethan Smith, Miguel Teixeira*

Before the U16E season came to a grinding halt, the team played four matches, winning three and losing one. They scored 14 goals and conceded only two.

The boys displayed commitment to practices, showing up on time and working hard for each other. This was displayed in their performances. They enjoyed being out there and in each other's company.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of boys. Hopefully, we will have a longer season next year.

Sibusiso Mbele
Coach

U16F

Regular players: Lyle Clubb, Matthew Emmott, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Seko Maseko, Dzuni Mboweni, Siyanda McClain, Josh McGhee, Ntando Mchunu, Ntando Mhlongo (captain), Hugo Mkhize, Liphapang Mokoena, Saphiwa Nzimande, Tiisano Tisane

Owing to the pandemic, the team only managed to play three matches, drawing two and losing one. Although these were not the best results, they were close margins. This did not unsettle the team; they played for each other and enjoyed their time together. They did not have the best skills, but they made up for this by working hard and trying to apply the tactics set out before the match.

I commend these boys for their bravery. It was a joy to work with them.

Alexandra Stewart
Coach

U16G

Regular players: Adam Cole, Wim Ebersöhn, Riley Fitzsimons, Daniel Friend, Ronan Keogh, Deepen Kooverjee, Kukhanya Mahlangu (capt), Josh McGhee, Ntando Mhlongo, Katlego Moncho, Tumelo Mosetlhe, Ayanda Ninela, Luntu Ncube, Saphiwa Nzimande (vice-capt), Tiisano Tisane

This group of boys made some spirited performances. They played in three matches, winning two and losing one. They scored four goals in total and only conceded two. The fast start edged them on to train hard and give of their best. They understood what was expected of them and played as a team. The culture in the team was that of encouragement and playing for each other, right up until the final whistle.

The team performed well, and it was a pleasure to coach them.

Declan William
Coach

U14A

Regular players: Oliver Chapple, Kenyu Chiang, Xavier Enslin, Nic Harcourt, Jack Holtzhauzen, Reagan Mudau, Lee

Singh, Chase Smith, Matthew Thomas, Jason Webster, Alex Wesselink

The team had a slow but steady start to the 2021 hockey season. After not playing the year before due to Covid-19, we had a lot of work to do to get the boys back up and playing hockey again. But it was a challenge that was enjoyed by all.

We played a festival down at Northwood High School over a long weekend. Having lost four out of five games, we learnt a lot and needed to keep looking forward and focus on the process at hand. The following weekend, we played in a triangular and did well, drawing two games, two against St Charles College; the highlight was drawing with Kearsney.

Our last two games were official winter fixtures, one away at Northwood, which we drew 2-2, and the last one against Durban High School, which we were about to win, but they scored in the dying seconds to draw 3-3. Durban High School beat us in the first game of the festival 1-4. This game was the highlight of our short season. It revealed to us that by focusing on the process the outcomes will be achieved in the end.

I am happy to report that the following boys made the KZN Inland U14A team: Xavier Enslin, Reagan Mudau, Chase Smith, Matthew Thomas, (Jason Webster, non-traveling reserve).

Unfortunately, a B team was not picked due to the B team not having in person training in 2021.

I am proud of this team and the way they showed great character this year and saddened that we couldn't have a full season. I know these boys have a bright future.

Matthew Fairweather
Coach

U14B

Regular players: Griffin Barnes, Robby de Beer, James Dingley, Aahil Girdharparsadh, Gcina Gqwaaru, Alex Hathorn, Jake Hockly, Marc Isabelle, Erin Kihara, Riley Lindsay, Mpho Makulana, Efe Ozcan, Benjamin Scorgie, Boleng Seoe, Ungweru Ziba

The U14B squad of 2021 enjoyed the bit of hockey that they got to play – and so did the coach! The boys were relieved to be able to play competitive sport again, and thus it was so cruel that the season was short-lived. The boys practised with enthusiasm, worked hard at the drills and even appeared to enjoy our fitness work.

A number of additional players joined the squad during the few short weeks that we had. These players were either finishing off their summer sport commitments or moving across to the B side after the A-team festival. Consequently, our team was starting to take shape, and

was looking like it would improve into a strong unit. Matches were played on three weekends. The first was a triangular where we beat Kearsney 3-0 and drew to St Charles on their home ground. Northwood away was a tough game with lots of learning opportunities. Our final game was against DHS, where we narrowly lost in a close encounter.

I enjoyed working with these enthusiastic boys and sincerely hope that they will enjoy a full season next year.

Mike Green

Coach

U14C

Regular players: *Daniel Askew, Linathi Dabula, Jack Davenport, Erin Kihara, Tumisho Manaka, Tshiamo Mashishi,*

Mbuyelo Mbokota, Mitchell McGhee, Tsebo Mokhathi, Mpho Mukwevho, Sizwe Pwele, Richard Roxburgh, Daniel Shuter, Ungweru Ziba

Due to the Covid pandemic, only three fixtures took place at the start of the year. Within this group of boys there was a range of abilities, with some boys not having played hockey before. However, the boys played with enthusiasm and enjoyment, and it was pleasing to see the general improvement and progress made by the end of the third match.

Although they lost all three matches they played, the boys showed great spirit.

Francois Morgan

Coach



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Matt Armstrong (above and below) displaying some of his skills out in the Beacons plantation.

Mountain Biking

With the significant restrictions placed on our traditional sports, it has been encouraging to see many boys getting off the campus and out into the Hilton College plantations. Some boys would merely go for a walk with friends, whilst many others would run or cycle.

Cycling was offered as a sport during the third term. This saw several boys making good use of the extensive riding trails on the Hilton College estate. It was great to see some junior boys joining our ranks, too. We would ride with different objectives, often setting different "races" using handicaps depending on the strength of the riders. The incentive of chocolate rewards seemed to go down well with the spoils often being shared! Unfortunately, the lack of our traditional races meant that we were significantly

restricted in getting off the campus to participate in external events.

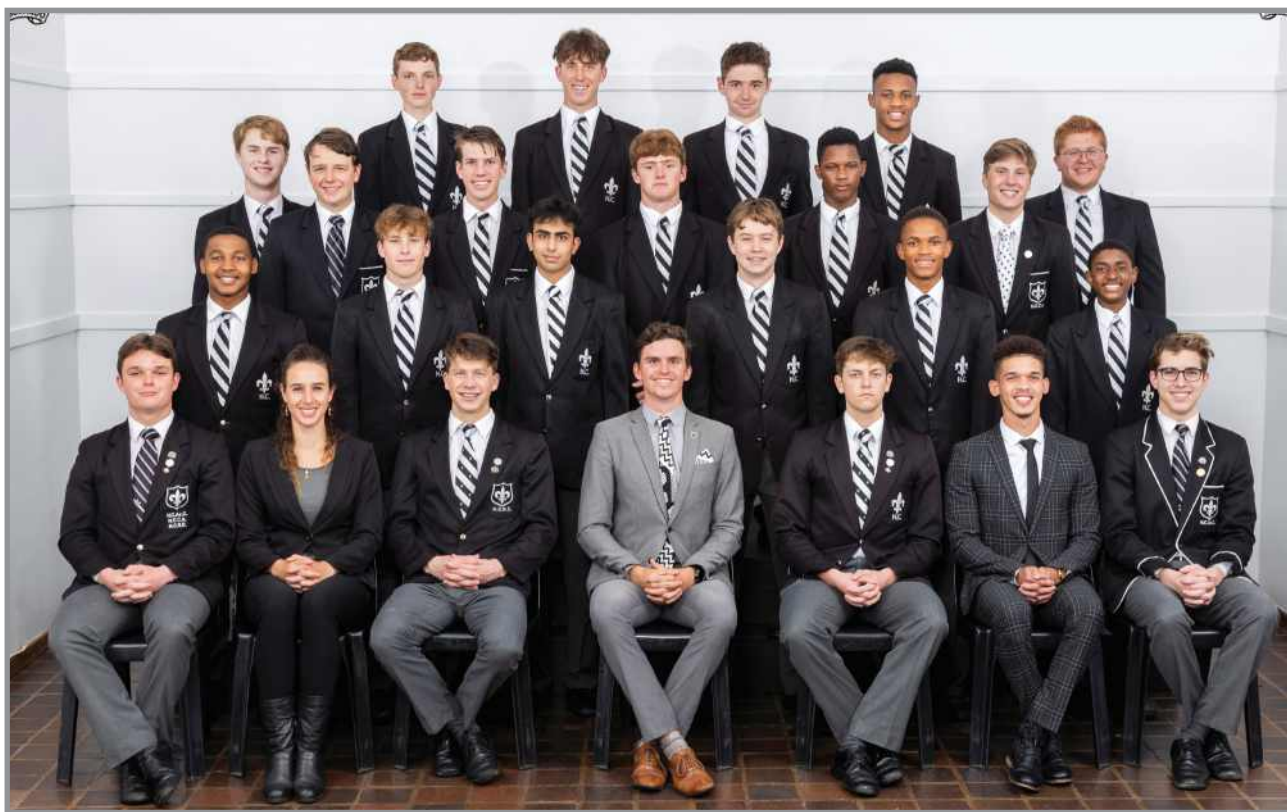
The club says goodbye to Matthew Armstrong, Brett Jarvie and Michael Mackenzie who have been involved in a variety of ways. I do hope they will continue to ride with the same enthusiasm.

We have a fantastic network of cycling trails at our disposal, and we look forward to greater involvement in this sport, and opportunities for competition, in 2022.

Mike Green

MIC Mountain Biking





Back row: Brian Thomson, Matthew Peters, Matthew Emmott, Akhona Kunene

Middle back row: Ronan Keogh, Flynn Newell, Justin Green, Greg Braithwaite, Liso Ngoqo, Matthew Sara, Taso Kruger

Front middle row: Bunono Jabavu, Jaide Wilde, Aman Wadhvani, William Kitching, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger, Ayanda Ninela

Front row: Aedan Dicks, Miss Liezl Scholtz, James Weinberg, Mr Declan Williams, Chae van Den Berg, Mr Aaqil Ebrahim, Richard Karlson

Rowing

With plenty of ups and down, the 2020-2021 rowing season was a wild one, including some tremendous achievements. Chief among them was the growth of the club, which went from 14 rowers in January 2020, to 55 in November 2021. It was also special for the matrics to be afforded the opportunity to take part in the Senior South African Championships, with a final event, despite the fact that their final season had been lost due to the pandemic. Having a club of this size cheer the 1st team off the jetty for their final race set the tone for things to come.

Entering the season, we saw many milestones and a great mix of happy athletes – from the quiet kids to rapturous rugby players, from those who have aspirations of junior SA colours, to those who simply love a Sunday row. Led by Miss Liezl Scholtz, our juniors had a superb season, with the U15A quad winning their first ever race at the Wemmer Pan regatta. The event was a huge success, not



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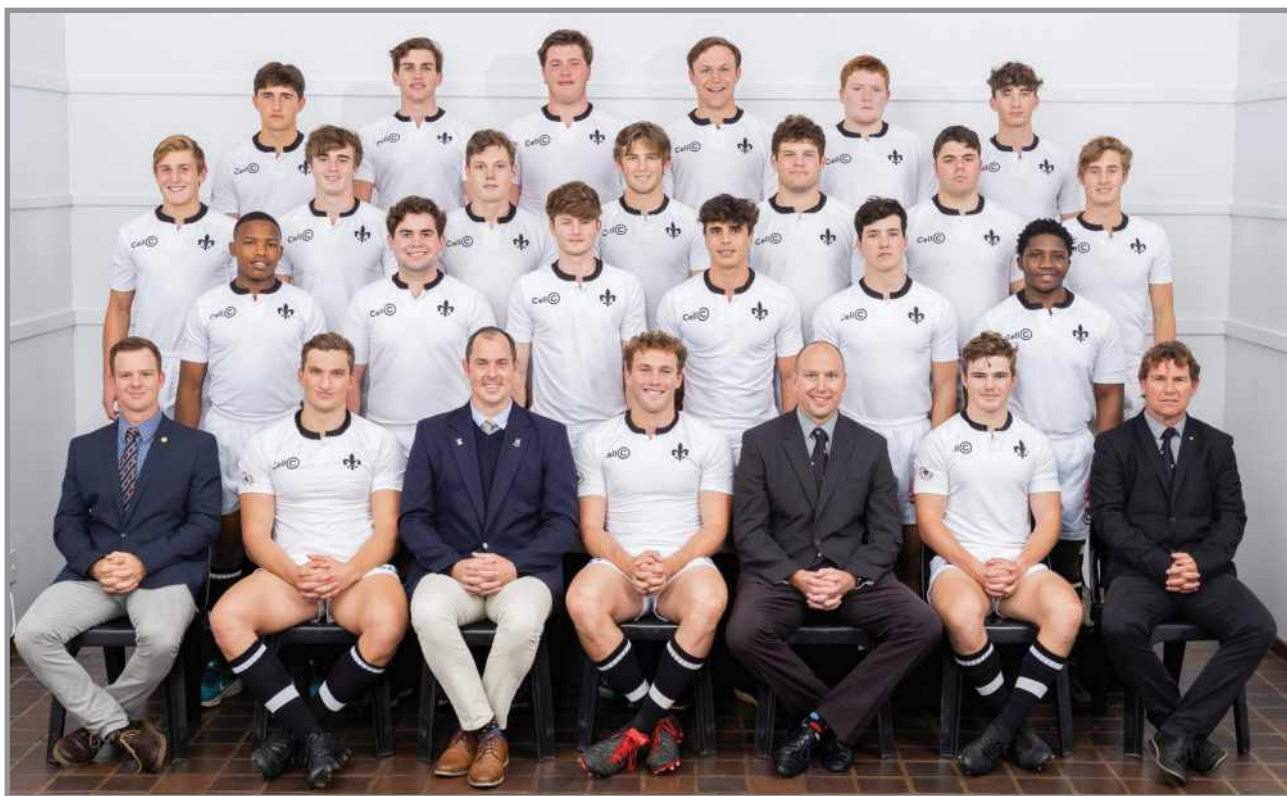
Rowing season was a wild one, including some tremendous achievements.

just because of the results but because of the friendships and camaraderie gained with this now tight-knit bunch. We believe our juniors are now hooked.

This depth and diversity resulted in Hilton's biggest attendance at the RMB Gauteng Championships, where our 1st and U16 quad did us proud in the A-final. Though they missed out on a podium position, each age group included an A and B team for the first time in many years for Hilton's rowing club. Another highlight was our attendance at the RMB School Boat Race. It was the first time we had attended this event since 2013. We were received by the rowing community with much excitement and warmth, which turned an already special event into one our boys will never forget.

Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Scholtz and to Mr Aaqil Ebrahim for taking such good care of the athletes, for mentoring our oarsman in all aspects and, ultimately, for making the season one to remember. Thank you to the parents for their generous hosting over regatta weekends and for their consistent support. To many more successful seasons!

Declan Williams
Coach



First XV

Back row: Michal De Beer, Bradley Henderson, Tom Dyer, Matt Boast, Craig Davidson, Josh Monsour
3rd row: Ollie Lelo, Luke Hitchings, Kelvin Robertson, Joe Hill, Nic Snyman, Liam Zocchi-Dommann, Jack Gillham
2nd row: Qhawe Soji, Travis Holdsworth, Richard Muir, Taurin Craze, Josh Ribiero, Avu Zondi
Front row: Mr Carl Schmidt, Jannes Potgieter [V – Capt], Mr AC Blume, Nick Hatton [Capt],
 Mr Brad Macleod-Henderson, Dylan Thomson [V – Capt], Mr Greg Miller

Rugby

Overview

A frustrating year, an exciting year, and a sad year, all rolled into one.

The passing of Tony Richter, a great friend and coach, shook the Hilton College rugby fraternity to the core. He was a remarkable man who loved rugby and Hilton College. He exemplified what we look for in a rugby player. He was passionate, committed, hardworking and as tough as nails. These are qualities that Tony instilled in all who crossed his coaching path. A truly wonderful man and an inspiration to all, he will be missed.

When we finally got the go-ahead to return to the rugby field, it was heartening to see how well the teams responded. After months of simulated training, the players were finally allowed to knock each other around and release some of the pent-up frustration of Covid-19. It was an energetic, exciting few weeks out on the fields at Hilton College. Unfortunately, however, it was short-lived and before long the school was back to social distancing and non-contact sports.

Hilton managed to squeeze in two full rounds of fixtures before competition again ended. An early start on a Saturday morning down at Northwood was the first, and close games against tough Northwood juniors set up an exciting finish to the day when our seniors powered over

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the opposition. Although the junior teams did not win any games, the talent was evident and hard work will ensure these young players turn these results around in the years ahead.

The senior sides, on the other hand, showed their class and produced top performances. Memorable wins by the U16A and first sides in physical encounters showed that the boys were up to the challenge, in spite of the long layoff.

The Northwood outing was encouraging ahead of what proved to be the last game of the season for most sides. DHS are never easy opponents, and this was again the case as our juniors were put to the test. Showing massive improvement from the week before, the U14s and U15s were full of energy, commitment and passion as they turned their results around and registered several good wins. Unfortunately, the U16A side could not repeat their excellent performance from the previous week and lost in what they would see as a disappointing performance. The open sides again dominated at the end of the day in one-sided games which underlined Hilton's depth at

senior level. Unfortunately, they were not able to realise their full potential as Covid restrictions put paid to the rest of the season for all except Hilton's first and second teams.

These two sides managed to get a hit out against tough opposition in Maritzburg College in the most demanding conditions. Extreme cold, sleet and rain made for a tough outing and, although the seconds managed a good win, the firsts could not follow suit and went down narrowly to College.

Hilton's first XV managed to salvage some pride in their final game when they edged to a narrow win against Westville to round off their stop-start season.

Though the abbreviated season was massively frustrating, the players were given a small taste of what Hilton College's 150th celebrations hold and one hopes the boys will experience the popular traditions of the winter season, again in front of crowds who enjoy quality schoolboy sport.

Hilton College rugby is fortunate to be served by a dedicated group of coaches and a special mention of AC Blume as he moves on to a new challenge down in the Cape.

Gregory Miller

Director of Coaching (Rugby)

First XV

Regular players: *Matt Boast, Taurin Craze, Craig Davidson, Michàl de Beer, Tom Dyer, Jack Gillham, Nick Hatton (capt), Bradley Henderson, Joe Hill, Luke Hitchings, Travis Holdsworth, Ollie Lello, Josh Mansour, Richie Muir, Jannes Potgieter (vice-capt), Josh Ribiero, Kelvin Robertson, Nic Snyman, Qhawe Soji, Dylan Thomson (vice-capt), Liam Zocchi-Dommann, Avu Zondi*

The 2021 year began with the dark cloud of the second Covid wave still hanging over the South African school scene, but there was a return to rugby in early April and a rush to reorganize fixtures. This lifted the mood but, unfortunately, the third wave lay ahead and would play havoc with the season.

There were certain Covid protocols that needed to be applied, but on May 8 the first XV ran on to the Northwood field for their first game in 14 months. Northwood had already had an outing, but Hilton hit the ground running and Josh Mansour, who dummied and ran 50 metres to score, and a strong maul by the forwards, brought early tries. There were second-half tries by Jannes Potgieter, after good work by the forwards, and a brilliant team effort finished by Qhawe Soji, as Hilton emerged with a commanding 31-6 victory.

Hilton played against DHS on Gilfillan a week later and completely dominated DHS. The forwards, superbly led by Nick Hatton, Potgieter and Matt Boast, fashioned tries for Bradley Henderson, Liam Zocchi-Dommann and Potgieter.

The backs also got in on the action finishing off the forward dominance, and Soji crossed for two tries and fellow-wing Luke Hitchings one. Taurin Craze ran a beautiful line to finish another, and Dylan Thomson completed the try scoring for Hilton. Joe Hill had a try disallowed that was potentially the best of the day. A try tally of 8-1 and the 44-5 scoreline underlined a comprehensive victory, but it was the last piece of action for 14 weeks as the third wave of Covid took over. Finally, after the lengthy break, schools were again allowed to return to the sports field and Hilton managed to organize three fixtures – against Maritzburg College, Glenwood and Westville. Unfortunately, Glenwood had an outbreak of Covid and the fixture was cancelled but on August 28, probably the coldest day of the year, Hilton took on old foes Maritzburg College. With Gilfillan undergoing maintenance work, the game took place on the number two field with the temperature at three degrees. There was sleet, rain and snow about, and this meant that the game was a real arm wrestle with kicking proving crucial. College had the wind in the first half and kicked a couple of early penalties. But in the second half, Hilton began to show some dominance, especially at lineout time. Hilton, however, made a handling error and College intercepted to score, pushing the score out to 11-3. Mansour showed a great turn of pace to slice through the College team and score under the poles to bring the score back to 11-10. College kicked another penalty (14-10) as time was slipping away. Hilton had a maul five metres from the College line but, after setting it perfectly, the ball was dislodged, and the game was over.

In the last week of rugby Hilton went down to Westville to enjoy their last outing. Hilton started slowly and were behind for most the game, but the forwards were dominating, and two maul tries by Travis Holdsworth left Hilton 17-15 down going into the last couple of minutes. A strong scrum by Hilton won a crucial penalty and, having missed a few earlier kicks, the ball was handed to replacement Richie Muir who calmly slotted the three points for Hilton to bring down the curtain on the season with an 18-17 victory.

The 2021 rugby season will certainly go down as one of the strangest in Hilton's history. Covid waves two and three, and even snow, played havoc with the fixture list, the training and planning. But the boys can be proud of their dedicated efforts. While it was far from ideal, the boys did have the reward of pulling on the white jersey four times in the most disruptive of seasons.

Matt Boast: Played some brilliant rugby, revealing high energy levels and excellent skills, and was dominant at the kick-offs.

Taurin Craze: A talented rugby player and always a threat on attack and defence. He was rewarded with selection for the KZN Craven Week side.

Craig Davidson: Always solid for the team at scrum, lineout and maul time, and a consistent source of encouragement for his teammates.

Michàl de Beer: A talented rugby player, who could always be counted on to give his best. His long relieving touch kick against Westville took off the pressure at a critical stage.

Tom Dyer: A brilliant ball carrier for the team, gaining metres on attack. He played both lock and loose forward for the team. He was selected for the KZN Academy week.

Jack Gillham: Quick to the breakdown and to clear the ball, he allowed the attack to flourish. He was rewarded with selection to the KZN Academy week.

Nick Hatton: Captain of the team, he always led from the front. He had great skills in attack and never shirked the dirty work. He was selected for the KZN Craven Week side.

Bradley Henderson: Did an excellent job in taking charge of the lineout and this allowed the setpiece to function accurately. He also placed pressure on the opposition's lineout and was rewarded with selection for the KZN Craven Week side.

Joe Hill: Joe was rock solid for the team, happy to tackle all day. His disallowed try v DHS was possibly the try of the season.

Luke Hitchings: One of the quicker wings in KZN schools' rugby, he used that pace to good effect in scoring an excellent try against DHS.

Travis Holdsworth: The leading try scorer (tied) but I am sure that Snyman and Zocchi-Dommann will claim most of the credit. He was a brilliant lineout thrower that allowed us to really dominate that area of the game. He was selected for the KZN Craven Week side.

Ollie Lello: The openside flank for the team and a real terrier at the breakdown. He was not scared to put his head in dark places in search of the ball.

Josh Mansour: The team's flyhalf and always a threat on attack, he scored two beautiful individual tries against Northwood and College. He also continued the Hilton tradition of having a flyhalf who was happy to make more tackles than the loose forwards.

Richie Muir: He often came off the bench and always added value. He will be remembered for kicking the late winning penalty in the game against Westville.

Jannes Potgieter: Vice-captain of the team, he was massive for the team on attack, in defence and at the breakdown. He surely would have made the KZN Craven Week if he had attended trials.

Josh Ribiero: Covered at scrumhalf, he had a brilliant box kick that he used to good effect.

Kelvin Robertson: A hard worker for the team, he did much of the dirty, unglamorous work. When knocked to the ground, he would be quick to bounce back and make another tackle.

Nic Snyman: Made some brilliant carries and big tackles for the team. He also played a massive role in ensuring the maul worked so well. He was selected for the KZN Academy week.

Qhawe Soji: The team's leading try scorer (tied) and he finished off a beautiful team move against Northwood. He was always looking to bring his sidestep into play. He was rewarded with KZN Academy Week selection.

Dylan Thomson: Vice-captain of the team, and one of the more nuggety fullbacks in KZN schoolboy rugby.

Liam Zocchi-Dommann: A tighthead prop who was particularly good at setting the maul. Holdsworth can thank him for many of his tries. He also did some damage on the counter-ruck for us and was selected for KZN Craven Week side.

Avu Zondi: A popular member of the squad and could always be called on to give his best. He had the ability to cover prop and hooker.

Brad Macleod-Henderson

Coach

2nd XV

Regular players: *Ethan Bester, Michàl de Beer, Thomas Dyer, Jack Herman, Jonathan Horak, Olwethu Kweyama, Yami Mkize, Richard Muir (captain), HJ Pienaar, Josh Ribeiro, Kelvin Robertson, Thomas Roy, Dillon van der Merwe, Jack Waterhouse, Avuyile Zondi*

The abrupt 2021 season showed the school's abundant rugby potential amidst the tragic pandemic. The 2nd XV were off to a promising start with dominating performances against Northwood and DHS. Unfortunately, the third wave of the pandemic then struck, and the season was placed on hold.

Late in the third term the Hilton seconds managed to play one last fixture against Maritzburg College. The day will always be remembered for the bitterly cold weather and a 20-minute lightning break. The forwards were superb on the day and dominated their rivals, particularly in the set piece. Richard Muir, flyhalf and captain, controlled the match astutely with an admirable kicking display as Hilton College emerged 8-0 winners.

Hilton seconds were unbeaten in their three matches of the season and they benefitted from the strong support of Mr Chris Carey, biokineticist Mrs Mel Carey and Mr Brad Macleod-Henderson.

AC Blume

Coach

3rd XV

Regular players: *Tyron Anderson (capt), Matt Armstrong, Reece du Toit, Ashton Haslam, Brett Jarvie, Ryan Jenkins, TK Kamanga, Olwethu Kweyama, Connor McCabe, Christopher Pistorius, Bataung Ramolefe, Christopher Roy, Sfiso Sithole, Ben Watt, Craig Yammin (vice-capt)*

The 2021 season was, unfortunately, again cut short by the pandemic and only two matches were played. The first of these was against Northwood in Durban. While the match failed to gain any momentum, the thirds played reasonably well and kept their discipline amid growing frustrations with the officiating to record a good win. Hilton were far too strong for DHS in the second outing and ran out comfortable winners. It was, however, a last opportunity for the matrices to play on Gilfillan and they relished the chance to put in a strong performance. The match was live-streamed but, unfortunately, was played without any spectators.

The preparation of the team was helped by Mr Paul Venter, Mr Andrew Duncan and Mr Greg Miller and, while there was general frustration at the lack of games, it was the players who had the most to lose. The opportunity to play in front of the school had been taken away and the lack of rugby the previous year only compounded matters. Nevertheless, the players remained committed at practices and took the limited opportunities available to them.

Brad Anderson
Coach

4th XV

Regular players: *Matthew Allwood, Ryan Basson, Siya Buthelezi, Jake Cavalieri (captain), Michael Fox, Ashton Haslam, Wihan Joubert, Kiernan Kilmartin, Taso Kruger, Mvelo Mageba, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger, Omolemo Sehole, Ross Taylor, Matt Wilson, Scott Winskill*

While the 2021 season saw only two matches being played, the Hilton fourths were a happy, talented and exuberant squad of players. Jake Cavalieri captained the team with aplomb, and he was ably assisted by the other senior boys.

The two matches, against Northwood and Durban High School, were won with comparative ease, and the most pleasing aspect was that the team managed to keep the opposition scoreless in both matches.

Mr Brad Anderson and Mr Greg Miller provided valuable support for the boys who thrived on briefly playing the game again.

Paul Venter
Coach

5th XV

Regular players: *Troy Bryson, Matthew Dalrymple, Emeka Ezenwugo, Jonathan Ferguson, Ndalo Gumede, Gus Herridge (capt), Nic Hirschowitz, Kwame Huyberechts, James Kelsey, Gary Lubisi, Jack Mackenzie, Mophethe Malie, Malesela Maponya, Olwethu Mbala, Cole McLaggan, Casey Nicholson, Oyisa Pupuma, Declan Sawyer, Adam Wesselink, Josh Wingfield*

The 2021 rugby season was again severely disrupted by the pandemic. Despite this, the fifth team had a very good build up to our first (and only) match, which was against Northwood. The boys remained committed and revealed a strong work ethic at the practices.

The match against Northwood was proof of the school's rugby depth as the team comfortably won the match. Not only was it a good result, but the boys played with spirit and were true ambassadors of Hilton College.

It was a great start to the season, and we were looking forward to a successful season. But, unfortunately, it was not to be.

De Wet Wentzel
Coach

U16A

Regular players: *Ross Boast, Murray Brink, Jason Dix, RD Engelbrecht, Jack Hampson, Christopher Horak, Bunono Jabavu, Tayedza Jaravaza, Akhona Kunene, Ivan Lockem (capt), Xola Makongolo, Luke Rowe, Matthew Stewart, Connor Woods*

The 2021 season started with much anticipation as this age group was brimming with talent and depth. After an astounding U14 season in 2019, the Hilton College U16A team was looking to bounce back after a narrow loss to Glenwood in the sole fixture of the Covid-19 hit season of 2020. Unfortunately, there remained much uncertainty as the impact of the pandemic continued to disrupt matches and practices. Still, the boys remained dedicated and enthusiastic in a shortened and disrupted season that never truly got under way.

Ultimately, we managed to play only two fixtures. First, the team faced a highly rated Northwood away from home on a particularly hot day in Durban. After a tentative start, the boys executed the game plan exceptionally well and were dominant in most areas of the game. The superior lineouts and mauling set a platform for the forwards to gain the ascendancy over their opponents which enabled the halfbacks to dictate and control the game by kicking superbly out of hand. When the team worked their way into the right areas of the field, they capitalized and kept the scoreboard ticking over. The team ran out comfortable victors, 28-20, a more convincing win than the scoreline would suggest. The compliments from the opposition coach on the behaviour and approach of the boys after a successful outing was another feather in their cap.

A week is a long time in rugby and this could not have been more true for what transpired against DHS in the second fixture just seven days later. The clinical nature in which Northwood was dismantled the previous week was nowhere to be seen on the day. Credit must go to the opponents who brought a physicality to the collisions that the Hilton boys could not match. The set-pieces fell apart, limiting the attacking opportunities and the team ended up defending for most of the match. The game ended 9-18 in favour of DHS and the Hilton boys were left with an unhappy memory of their first outing on Gilfillan and a performance which was by no means a reflection of their true capabilities.

Introspection and hard work on the practice field followed the loss but, unfortunately, the pandemic stopped the season dead in its tracks and the U16A team were denied the opportunity to bounce back and improve in their performance.

Part of the season was salvaged for a number of players who were invited to attend provincial trials later in the year. Akhona Kunene, Christopher Horak and RD Engelbrecht were selected for the Sharks U16A Grant Khomo team and played in fixtures against their counterparts from the Pumas and Griffons. Bunono

Jabavu, Matthew Stewart, Luke Watt and Xola Makongolo were selected for the Sharks U16B team.

Even though the regular season ended on a losing note, the brief season was thoroughly enjoyable and provided indelible memories. The boys will play in the open age group next year and many will go on to wear the white of the first team and some will make their mark in rugby beyond school.

The boys received strong support from Mr Greg Miller, the Director of Rugby. Mr Mike Werth and Mr Aaqil Ebrahim coached in tandem and supported this group particularly well. Mr Carl Schmidt and Mr Chris Carey provided conditioning and fitness training, while Mrs Mel Carey, Mr Nick Pereira and the Sanatorium provided medical support.

Burger Nel
Coach

U16B

Regular players: *Michael Capes, Matipa Denenga, Zukhanye Fatyi, Mihle Gazi, Jordan Hein, Onke Kweyama, Caine Leschert, Hylton Lotter, Ruben Marx, Khanya Mhlono, Liso Ngoqo, Teboho Pakkies, Stefan Swart, Chris Wanless, Luke Warren, Luke Watt*

After enduring a frustrating 2020 when no sporting fixtures were allowed, it was with a great deal of anticipation and excitement that the boys briefly took to the field. Practices were a hive of activity with boys readily buying into the structures and game plans.

Moments of attractive rugby saw the boys beat Northwood 29-0 and DHS 55-7. Scoring a total of 13 tries in two matches and conceding only one, underlines the skill level of the boys.

Unfortunately, the season was cut short after just the two matches and the players were never able to reap the full benefit of what had been learnt. Nevertheless, the new skills that were acquired will hold these boys in good stead as they ply their trade in the senior ranks.

The players had strong support from their parents and valuable input from coaches Mr Greg Miller, Mr Burger Nel and Mr Aaqil Ebrahim.

Michael Werth
Coach

U16C

Regular players: *Greg Braithwaite, Jono Bregamn-Frangos, Jarod du Plessis, Michael Eales, Oli Gaboreau, Matthew Hayes, Daniel Holtshausen, Tawanda Kugotsi, Dean Macloed-Henderson, Caleb Mc Donald, Nkosi Msiza, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Seopa Reneiloe, Jason Sasse, Brian Thomson*

The 2021 rugby season got off to an exciting start when murmurs of fixtures began to course through the hallways of the school and the boys were out on the fields in full

force. After a five-week window of skills and conditioning, the players were ready to compete in their first outing against a determined Northwood outfit.

The coastal conditions were foreign to the Midlands players with bruising onshore winds resulting in many mistakes under the high ball. The boys defended courageously and managed to take a 6-0 half-time lead. Special mention must go to Seopa Reneiloe for his performance with the boot in the second half. By using the wind, and with a solid set piece, Hilton spent a large percentage of the second half in opposition territory and finished off the game with a well-deserved 20-0 win. The next fixture was against Durban High School. The game turned out to be an attacking and defensive masterclass with Jarod du Plessis bagging four tries in a 57-0 win as the team maintained a remarkable clean sheet over the two weekends.

With over 70 points to Hilton's name and none against, the players were looking to maintain the momentum but, shortly after the DHS fixture, the country was placed back into level 3 lockdown and school sport was placed on hold again.

The potential of the U16C team in 2021 was matched by the players' willingness to work hard and learn, and this group of young men will continue to impress on and off the rugby field.

Cameron Wiid
Coach

U16D

Regular players: *Shabalala Bandile, Jon Braithwaite, Hlumelo Conjwa, Kieran Griffin, Tristan Hockly, Oliver Joyner, Minenhle Makhathini, Senathi Makhola, Caleb Mc Donald, Siya Mpofu, Chisha Mulenga, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Gabriel Njonjo, Joaquim Ozoux, Noah Ravalomanana, Vhuthihi Siwada, Caleb Venter*

An unbeaten season for an unbeatable team. The U16D team had a stellar pair of matches, handling themselves in a truly Hiltonian fashion. The season was off to a slow start because of Covid but this allowed coaches to focus more on the technicalities of the game at practices. The growth seen in this time was staggering with all the boys showing total commitment at these sessions.

When match day finally rolled around, the players did not disappoint. In their first outing, against a very strong Northwood team, they powered through to a 12-0 win. Outstanding performers were Vhuthihi Siwada and Minenhle Makhathini.

Match day against DHS dawned full of anticipation and, once again, the Hilton boys did not disappoint. The Hilton scoreboard was a flurry of motion as the U16D team beat DHS 40-5. But it was the after-match behaviour in victory that was most noteworthy with the players humbly accepting their win.

The contribution of fellow coaches Mr Tony Shuttleworth, Mr Cameron Wiid, Mr Jethro Pieterse, and Mr Jason Sileno, was invaluable and made for an enjoyable, if brief, season for all.

Mason Campbell
Coach

U15A

Regular players: Ross Brown, Vuyo Buthelezi, James Fender, Khanya Jekwa, Ivan Jjuuko, Ben le Roux, Daniel Lyon, Meyer Malherbe, Oliver Mattison, Ethan McCabe, Hanu Pieterse, Luc Schraivesande, Amahle Seima, Joshua Snyman, Daniel Sweeney, Ethan van Heerden

While there were only two matches played in the 2021 season, the U15As enjoyed the inter-school contests thoroughly. The first fixture was against a highly rated Northwood team away in Durban North. The U15As put on an exceptional performance. Hilton scored in the corner after we went through several phases putting pressure on the Northwood defence. Eventually the ball went through the hands out wide for a try by Vuyo Buthelezi. The captain, Hanu Pieterse, took a quick penalty tap and scored to give Hilton 14 points. Northwood had scored twice early on and again right in the last seconds of the game to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The final score was 19-14.

The second game of the season was home against DHS, and it was another thriller. Hilton scored tries through Ivan Jjuuko and Khanya Jekwa. DHS scored first and at the start of the second half. There was such commitment and dedication shown by the Hilton defence but their resilience was ultimately broken, and DHS managed to score right at the end of the game to win 15-12.

It was a pleasure coaching these young men, albeit for a short time. Thanks to Mr Siphoni Moniwa and Mr Stefan Terblanche for the assistance during the brief season.

Andrew Duncan
Coach

U15B

Regular players: Vuyo Buthelezi, Rowan Cox, Richard Eyres, Sebastien Gaboreau, Tom Harilaou, Retief Malherbe, James McGregor, Reabetswe Motlalo, Samilo Mxhego, Ollie Proudfoot, Didier Rey, Connor Segar, Luke Spear, Chris Wagner, Jack Weavind

We had a poor start to the season with a narrow loss to Northwood which put us on the back foot. We needed to shift our focus, gel as a team, and get all our players on the same page. After some hard work, we shifted our focus to preparing the boys mentally so that they could fully understand the requirements to be competitive at U15 level. Every session started with a 1.8km run and the first half of the session was about pushing the boys to new heights. Although our sessions were characterized by "tough love" and the boys were tested like never before, they began to grasp the fundamentals, and this became

evident during games. It was great to see their hard work pay off in the DHS game and this, in turn, gave us the edge over DHS. In a fantastic effort by the entire team, we managed a great win before Covid ended our season.

Siphoni Moniwa
Coach

U15C

Regular players: Troy Bailey, Neil Bararugurika, Byron Chandler, Rowan Cox, Siba Dlamini, Ben Ferguson, Connor Jerome, Shailen Naidoo, Brendan Nieuwstad, Qhama Ngwenya, Akani Nxumalo, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Connor Sawyer, Charlie Short, Yu Lie Wang, Jared Wilson, Keita Xala

There was much optimism in schoolboy circles after it was announced that the rugby season would commence following a long break owing to Covid-19. The team was excited and got stuck into practices from the start. The boys were keen on physical contact, which at first was delayed due to a cautious approach after the long layoff. The U15Cs worked hard on basic skills such as handling, tackling, rucking and some structure. Our opening fixture was against Northwood, which was a tough encounter and boys lost heavily, without even scoring a point. The following week, the team was much better prepared for a match against DHS. The boys stuck to their structures and played to their strengths, and although they won easily, the teams were evenly matched for much of the first half. Unfortunately, the season came to an abrupt end because of Covid.

Lionel Julius
Coach

U14A

Regular players: Andre Boshoff, Trent Chubb, Morné Engelbrecht, Stewart Falconer, Daniel Fitzsimons, Josh Grant, Joshua Kok, Khazimla Makali, Lesedi Mangwale, Kego Maseko, Ewan Miskin, Liyema Nela, Jacques Olivier, Oliver Rezek, Thomas Taylor

The U14A team started the year excited and positive about the start of a new season, following a disappointing year of not being able to play rugby. Even though we had to bend the knee to Northwood (12-3) the boys played their first game courageously against a team that was man-for-man bigger than ours.

In our game against DHS, our boys showed that they are capable of exceptional rugby by winning 22-19. The team displayed great composure, keeping their heads and never giving up.

Our boys also showed character when they returned from a long weekend early to attend a training camp. Unfortunately, their hard work went unrewarded due to the Covid restrictions.

The players, helped by Mr Mike Horak and Mr Kgomotso Motlogeloa, remained positive in what was a short but

enjoyable season, and they will undoubtedly grow in years to come.

Tienie van Wyk
Coach

U14B

Regular players: *Merlin Brown, Calum Bryson, Langa Dhlamini, Charles Fawcett, Caleb Frost, Kieran Janse van Rensburg, Chris Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Liyema Mndela, Ndalo Ngewu, James Ogilby (capt), Alex Pitman, Ndabenhle Sithole, Reinard Wagner, Rupert Wright*

In a very tough Covid-interrupted 2021 rugby season, the U14B boys showed enormous determination and commitment. The season started with the boys working on general skills and fitness levels. They played a number of trial games before they met Northwood away in their first game.

It was a tightly contested game and Hilton were defensively strong and demonstrated good attacking skills and ball retention. Northwood, in the end, had a burst of energy to see them through while Hilton received two yellow cards.

The boys persevered during practice and came back against a fast, physically stronger Durban High School outfit. DHS ran the ball well with strong carriers and elusive runners in the backline, but the Hilton College defences remained solid and their structure and composure earned them a well-fought win over the visitors.

This was unfortunately the last fixture of the year as Covid struck again. The side was well led by James Ogilby and Reinard Wagner as his vice-captain. This spirited group of players will develop in years to come. They benefited from the help of fellow coaches Mr Michael Horak and Mr Tienie van Wyk during the season.

Kgomotso Motlogeloa
Coach

U14C

Regular players: *Simba Chidakwa, Nick Dalrymple, Jamie Dunn, Ben Erasmus, Tochi Ezenwugo, Mitchel Garreau, Neil Grobbelaar, Robbie Hayward, Luke Herman, David Hill, Bakuena Lekitla, Nqubeko Majozi, Omahau Mbileni, Christopher Morrison, Zach Mphosi, Mukuma Mwangi, Tino Nyabonda, David Sutton, James Youens*

The U14C team had a short season because of Covid, which was disappointing as the boys were just starting to blossom and play some good rugby when the action was ended.

Learning the laws of the game, and how to perform the basics, takes time and that luxury was severely restricted though the boys were grateful to at least play some rugby. The U14C team met DHS and Northwood, both Durban

schools, who had an advantage with all their boys having played at primary school level while many of the Hilton boys had yet to see any rugby action. We lost to DHS 10-12 and to Northwood 5-40.

The short season was my last as a coach before retirement after many years with the junior teams. I look forward to watching three or four U14C and D team boys playing in the firsts or second in their senior years ahead.

Andrew Douglas
Coach

U14D

Regular players: *Michael Bird, Shaka Buthelezi, Dan Carver, James Dent, Tochi Ezenwugo, Lwandle Gabuza, David Hill, William Leathern, Kyle Lewis, Nqubeko Majozi, Tumelo Makgeru, Senzo Mngomezula, Ziyanda Mnyandu, Kgosi Modise, Zach Mposi, Ntando Nyabonda, Nthekgo Phasha, Tele Sitoyo, David Sutton, Adam Wingfield*

Despite the continued threat of Covid and uncertainty around games, the U14D team were happy to have two competitive matches. Playing against Northwood, away in the first game of the season, the boys came up against a very strong team on a hot day in Durban and unfortunately left with a 27-0 loss, but can be proud of their resilience and determination.

The boys again put up a strong fight against DHS at home in the second and last game of the season. It was an exciting match that could have gone either way, and DHS took the 17-15 win just before the final whistle.

While the season was restricted to just two games, there was encouraging progression during training sessions. The team morale was tested in the last game and all the players demonstrated strong commitment and tenacity in their approach.

David Griffiths
Coach



Maralyn Atkins, staff

Teammates lift up Jannes Potgieter.



Back row: Rupert Wright, Mussa AbuBakr, Harry Bailey, Henry Fawcett and Ayaan Jakhura

Middle row: Deepen Kooverjee, Wim Ebersohn, Aahil Girdhursadh, Tochi Ezenwugo, Trey Padayachee and William Chien

Front row: Campbell Immelman, Muhammad Girdhursadh (Captain), Mr Charles Ncobeni (Coach), Khalil Sacranie and Spencer Wright

Shooting

The Shooting Club at Hilton College is open to any learner who wishes to develop shooting skills or polish his shooting skills. The boys in the club get to take part in shooting competitions organised by the South African Air Rifle Federation (SAARA).

The following boys participated in the club in 2021: Mussa AbuBakr, Harry Bailey, Griffin Barnes, William Chien, Adam Cole, James Cole, Wim Ebersöhn, Tochi Ezenwugo, Rhydian Evans, Henry Fawcett, Aahil Girdhursadh, Muhammad Girdhursadh (captain), Ayaan Jakhura, Robert James, Deepen Kooverjee, Jonathan Le Roux, Campbell Immelman, Avuyile Mbada, Trey Padayachee, Khalil Sacranie (vice-captain), Rupert Wright, Spencer Wright.

SAARA League Competitions

Our 1st team, consisting of Muhammad Girdhursadh, Campbell Immelman, Khalil Sacranie and Spencer Wright, took part in two shooting leagues organised by SAARA, giving our boys great exposure. In 2022, we intend to get more involved in these events including hosting three of them. This will allow our boys to get reasonable caps and qualify for school awards in the future. Also, in 2022, we will be starting fixtures where we will compete against

other schools. SAARA has also organised a school shooting competition, which we will host in August. This should add to the fun of participating in the sport.

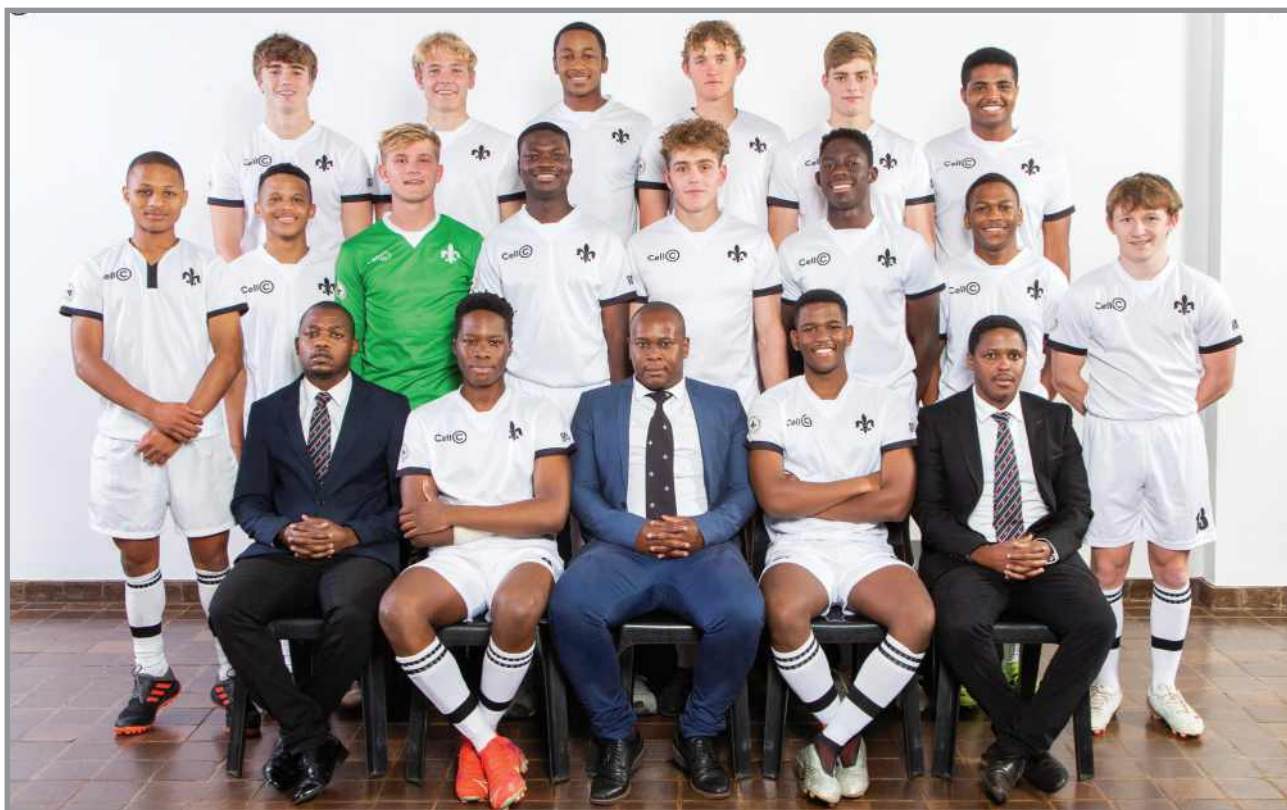
Congratulations to Campbell Immelman, who is the 2022 Captain of Shooting, and Spencer Wright, the vice-captain.

Charles Ncobeni

MIC Shooting



Our 1st team took part in two shooting leagues, giving them great exposure.

**1st Team**

Back row: Luke Hitchings, Ashton Haslam, Gary Lubisi, Kristofer Watt, Christopher Roy, Mikael Arab

Second row: David Tshebi, Luthando Ntshangase, Jake Carstens, Andile Matsa, Thomas Roy, Matipa Denenga, Mvelo Mageba, Jack Gerrard

Front row: Mr Philani Sondzaba (Strength and Conditioning Coach), Tapiwa Mushonga (Captain), Mr Celo Mbanjwa (Head Coach), Siyabonga Buthelezi (Vice Captain), Mr Mhlengi Shezi (Assistant Coach)

Soccer

Overview

Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic continued to present numerous challenges in 2021. Whilst we did play some soccer, and indeed made history fielding a senior elite team in the local Maritzburg College Winter League U19 in Term 2, our programme was significantly impacted. That being the case, I am immensely proud of the way the 1st team management staff, headed by the talented Mr Celokuhle (Celo) Mbanjwa, adapted to the challenges the club faced.

Preparations began as early as Term 1 where a limited number of senior elite players participated in skill-specific training given Covid-19 training guidelines set by the South African Football Association and Covid-19 safety protocols. An emphasis on technical skill saw the adaptation of training routines to accommodate the necessary safety policies. However, as the Winter League season started, regulated contact training saw an increase in intensity and focus which lifted the spirits of many pupils who had not kicked a soccer ball competitively in over a year.

The squad's involvement in the league will be of great benefit in the years to come...

Having started slowly, the Hilton Invitational XI improved week to week and ended a Covid-19 shortened pre-season in the top half of the table. The squad's involvement in the league will be of great benefit in the years to come and certainly contributed to a more organised and focused Term 3 at 1st team level. Having had months of pre-season training there were less cobwebs to work through, and despite some frustrating results, certainly helped set a more competitive attitude in the early weeks of the regular season.

For the first time in club history coaches were able to directly engage with every player via the Microsoft Teams platform. This digital medium allowed each player the opportunity to work through a comprehensive and professional five-week pre-season programme. Coach Mbanjwa (technical), coach Philani Sondzaba (conditioning) and coach Mhlengi Phakathi (goal keeping), worked tirelessly throughout the Term 2 holiday to provide both written and visual media guides for the whole club. This digital catalogue, that will remain available to club members for years to come, is world class. I have seen nothing like it in any of the codes I have been involved in at Hilton College (or elsewhere). This initiative, coupled with the continued, and deliberate, focus and development on upgrading facilities and equipment, has seen an exponential growth in soccer at Hilton College. We are in a better position now to provide higher quality training and pupil support than ever before. This level of

excellence, and ambition, is now suitably aligned with the world-class facility we have available. There is little doubt that the Zungu Field and Pavilion is the envy of most schools (and professional clubs).

I was delighted to witness several of our senior boys involved in club trials at AmaZulu FC, a club we remain closely associated with owing to our links with the Zungu family. Again, it was a privilege to have several Premier Soccer League teams train at our home ground during the year. The exposure this brings the Hilton College Soccer Club, and the opportunities it indirectly provides our pupils, is immeasurable. Again, I'd like to thank the 2021 1st Team Coach, Mr Mbanjwa, and our Director of Sport, Mr Darryn Gallagher, for the work they've put into organising and facilitating these experiences. Thanks too to Broll, Red Alert, Bidvest, St Michaels Ambulance Services and Spectrum for the excellent services they provided during the year.

Despite our Term 3 programme being significantly impacted by constantly changing Covid-19 regulations amidst a gradual return to sport, I would like to commend all the soccer coaches who worked tirelessly, and in difficult conditions, to provide excellent levels of coaching. It took a great deal of effort and meticulous planning to provide a mix of virtual training sessions, or technical, skill and conditioning work that was both pragmatic and Covid-19 compliant. Yet our ability to remain flexible, as well as club-focused and process-driven, allowed us to provide consistent levels of excellent coaching to all club members.

The year also saw a return to our annual 1st team dinner hosted at the Fleur-de-Lys Club. Sadly, owing to Covid-19 regulations in operation at the time, this function was limited to pupils and staff only. Nevertheless, the occasion proved a huge success and will be remembered for years to come as the club celebrated the immense contribution to soccer at Hilton College by Mr Thulani Mhlongo, former Master-in-Charge and 1st team coach. Both pupils and staff were mesmerised by his detailed walkthrough of the club's recent history and achievements – which included nostalgic reviews of various triumphs at the national St David's soccer festival, as well as successive FA Cup victories. The energy and comradery evident that evening will remain in the hearts and minds of those fortunate to experience it and will undoubtedly spread to younger generations as future 1st team players add to the club's legacy.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff for their support during these difficult times. Lastly, a big thank you to the 2021 club captain, Tapiwa Mushonga, and the matric leavers who inspired many pupils during many difficult moments throughout the year. I also wish to thank Mr Mbanjwa for his engaging and sincere friendship, for his professionalism and organisation, and congratulate him on his appointment as Director of Soccer, as well as having successfully completed his CAF C License and Scottish FA License. This is an incredible achievement.

Good luck and enjoy, Mnumzane. I know the club will succeed under your stewardship.

David Look
Director of Soccer

1st Team

Regular players: Mikael Arab, Siya Buthelezi (vice-capt), Jake Carstens, Matipa Denenga, Jack Gerrard, Ashton Haslam, Luke Hitchings, Gary Lubisi, Mvelo Mageba, Andile Matsa, Mamucha Munthali, Tapiwa Mushonga (capt), Luthando Ntshangase, Christopher Roy, Thomas Roy, David Tshebi, Kristofer Watt, Wandile Zulu

Being at the mercy of the pandemic made for a challenging year. Preparations and training had to be adjusted to what was legally permissible in terms of lockdown restrictions. We held online training sessions to keep fit and got used to "the new normal" of sanitized equipment, small group training with social distancing, venue rotations and no physical contact at times.

When pupils were not allowed to share equipment or pass the ball to one another, our drill and skill-specific training was individualised. Many sessions were conducted in grids. As challenging as this was, the boys remained positive and complied with all regulations.

Credit to all the boys who came out to support us, the academic staff, our coaches...

We had the opportunity to participate in the Pre-Season Term 2 league where we encountered tough opposition. We started off slowly but gained momentum towards the end of the first round by getting three points off the log leaders. As things started to look up, we were hit by another spike in Covid-19 infections and the league had to be cancelled.

Term 3 started with a glimmer of hope as we were able to play a few games including a game with third division side Ompetha Bomhlaba, which was by far our toughest game of the season. We then played our traditional fixtures and did well, winning four out of the five games we played. It was also great to play our rivals Michaelhouse.

Credit to all the boys who came out to support us, the academic staff and, most importantly, our coaches without whom 2021 would not have been a success.

This year we were also fortunate to have hosted professional teams, including Stellenbosch FC, Baroka FC, and Sekhukhune United FC. These teams made use of our facilities (where legally permitted) and complied with all Covid-19 protocols.

Having these teams on campus was a huge privilege and generated great excitement amongst the staff and pupils.

It is our hope that we can continue offering the use of our new state-of-the-art field, Zungu Field, to build closer relationships with our country's top-performing clubs.

I believe 2021 could have been one of our best soccer seasons yet, and despite the challenges we managed to continue developing our programme and adapting our approach which ensured we were able to provide a good send-off to our 2021 matrics.

I'd like to thank the boys and staff for their support during this challenging time. I'd also like to thank all the professional teams that allowed us to host them. Thanks to Spectrum, Red Alert and Broll for ensuring that our venue was safe, Covid-19 compliant and in top shape for use.

Mikael Arab was a good hold-up player and very clinical in front of goal.

Siya Buthelezi, our vice-captain, improved immensely during the Covid period. He is a real brother to those around him.

Jake Carstens was our last line of defence in goals. He made crucial saves in key games and kept us going. A top lad.

Matipa Denenga may have been the youngest player in the team, but he was also the most fearless. He scored good goals for us and improved with every game.

Jack Gerrard was one of our most consistent game changers. Every time he came on, we created scoring chances. We will miss the value he added.

Ashton Haslam was a solid rock in our defence for the past two years. He was Mr Reliable and very good at set pieces.

Luke Hitchings was a pacey clinical finisher. I would have loved to work with him more. He has massive potential.

Gary Lubisi was one of our most popular players. The Fixer, as most of his peers called him, he wears his heart on his sleeve.

Mvelo Mageba was our very dedicated left wing back. Talk about a quality ball player who gives 100% to those around him.

Andile Matsa was a key player in the squad. He brought balance to our midfield. It was a pity he got injured in his second game.

Mamucha Munthali was our number 10. A beautiful technical player who on a good day scores top tier goals. A true hard worker.

Tapiwa Mushonga, our captain, showed exceptional leadership qualities and was an influential player, on and off the field.

Luthando Ntshangase was the glue that held the team together. A very positive player who always motivates those around him. An absolute pleasure to work with. Christopher Roy was a solid member in our left flank of defence. Very good going forward, a no-nonsense defender.

Thomas Roy was a true gentleman and leader. Always going the extra mile for his teammates and ensuring the boys appreciate the opportunity to represent the school.

David Tsebe was the most skilful player in the team and

a top goal scorer last season. Pure class and a great work rate.

Kristofer Watt was a tough midfielder who took no prisoners. He got stuck in and put his body on the line for his team. A proper work horse.

Wandile Zulu was one of the funniest characters in the team. Popularly known as James. A top lad.

Celo Mbanjwa
1st team Head Coach

2nd Team

Regular players: *Josh Goodwin, Amile Gumede, Kieran Kilmartin, Olwethu Kweyama, Malesela Maponya, Amo Phuduhudu, Oyisa Pupuma, Thomas Roy, Marumo Selane (capt), Sifiso Sithole, Oluhle Thwala*

The season started off with a banger of a game against Kearnsey College. The game set a benchmark in terms of goals. We averaged two goals per game the whole season.

A loss against Westville was a bitter pill to swallow. We controlled the game from start to finish, but just couldn't score, and each time Westville attacked us they managed to score. We lost that game by 2-0.

Our final game of the season was against Michaelhouse and what a thriller it was. Talk about end-to-end stuff. The game ended as a draw 3-3. We had a glorious chance to win the game at the end, but we missed it.

Overall, we had a great season. Thanks to Marumo Selane for leading the boys and making sure we left it all on the field.

Mhlengi Shezi
Coach

U16A

Regular players: *Buthulwazi Buthelezi, Kwanele Gumbi, Daniel Holtzhauzen, Kearabetswe Khoele, Zakhele Khumalo, Wian Liebenberg, Akha Mda, Ntuma Moagi, Sakhiwo Mailwa, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Modupe Ongunronbi, Teboho Pakkies, Reneiloe Seopa, Mathubamahle Xaba*

The season, although very short, was a good one: we didn't concede any goals and were undefeated. The first game of the season was a big win against Linpark, despite having started the season after a long camp.

I'm proud of the boys, especially those who had not played soccer at A level at Hilton. Big congratulations to Akha Mda and Kearebtswe Khoele, who were our joint top goal scorers, as well as Mathubamahle Xaba, who had the most assists in the season. I hope to see most of these boys playing at a higher level at Hilton College.

Herbert Mncwabe
Coach

U16B

Regular players: James Daniels, Kwanele Gumbi, Daniel Hathorn, Tayedza Jaravaza, Zimele Khumalo, Onke Kweyama, Minenhle Makhathini, Ben McGuigan, Chisa Mulunga, Gabriel Njonjo, Joaquim Ozuox, Nkosi Shoji

The team enjoyed a successful season playing only one match due to the pandemic. The boys enjoyed securing a 1-0 victory against Kearsney College, when Ben McGuigan ran past the defenders which led to us winning a penalty. McGuigan then scored the penalty and was duly invited to train with the first team.

I would like to commend the U16B boys for their determination and focus during training despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.

S'bonelo Hlophe
Coach

U15A

Regular players: Vuyo Buthelezi, Natenzi Denenga, Jack Henderson, Tino Hove, Ethan McCabe, James McGregor, Liphapanga Mokoena, Kamogelo Seopa, Miguel Teixeira, Tiisano Tisane, Jack Weavind, Sandiso Zondi

The season started badly with a loss against Linpark due to the fact that most of the boys were away, so we needed to fill up with U15B boys. That said, the boys played well. Having an outfield player as a keeper (Ntando Mhlono) resulted in great saves.

After the Linpark game, the boys came back with zeal and hunger to do better and indeed they did with a 2-1 win against Kearsney College.

The team was led by Jack Weavind, whose leadership and love of the game really pushed the boys to work hard and cover for each other.

The final game of the season was against Michaelhouse. The boys were determined to win, showing their hunger from training sessions to the warm-up on the day. The game ended 1-1, and while we had a great chance to win it, we weren't able to pull it off.

Mhlengi Shezi
Coach

U15B

Regular players: Ross Brown, Masud Dakile, Max Gilson, Tumelo Gopane, Uthando Gumede, Ivan Jjuuko, Joshua Julius, Wonga Masina, Ntando Mchunu, Ntando Mhlono, Munashe Musora, Didier Rey, Sean Ritchie, Oscar Steiner, Miguel Teixeira

The season began with an away game against Kearsney College. We executed our game plan and kept our opponents on their half. Our efforts paid off with Joshua Julius scoring the first goal. Unfortunately, we missed numerous goal-scoring opportunities after that, and Kearsney eventually regained possession and played a long ball over our defence. Our defender made a sliding

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tackle and fouled the player just outside the box, giving Kearsney a free kick. They managed to score from it. The game ended as a draw 1-1.

We regrouped in training, focusing on our finishing. Ntando Mhlongo, Oscar Steiner and Masud Dakile were instrumental in convincing the boys of our ability to win against Michaelhouse in our second and final game of the season.

From start to finish we dominated the game. We started the game scoring two goals in quick succession. When we were out of possession of the ball, we kept a solid compact structure and our keeper Ross Brown made some good saves to keep us in the lead. Michaelhouse were very physical, but we dealt with that perfectly especially in the second half. We started the second half as we started the first with a quick goal from Oscar Steiner. We could have scored more goals but in some instances our finishing let us down. Wonga Masina was exceptional offensively and defensively. He rounded off his hat-trick with a stunner, a long range effort which left the keeper rooted to the spot and the game finished 4-0 to Hilton College.

I believe there is so much room for improvement from all the boys as they will progress to the next age group. They were an incredible group to work with. They have the passion and hunger for the game and their application to training sessions and games was top class.

Nqoba Mdladla
Coach

U14A

Regular players: Robby de Beer, Langa Dlamini, Stewart Falconer, Neil Grobbelaar, Nic Harcourt, Kieran Janse van Rensburg, Khazimla Makali, Lesedi Mangwale (captain), Reagan Mudau, Liyema Nela, James Ogilby, Alex Pitman, Jason Webster, James Youens

The U14A did not have a successful season this year. The team played one friendly match and three league matches, won one match against Michaelhouse, drew one match against Kearsney College and lost matches against Linpark High School and Westville Boys High School.

The team was solid at the back and the midfielders created good scoring opportunities. We were let down by poor finishing upfront. We won our last match against Michaelhouse. We dominated the midfield in the first half, and we were solid at the back. Lesedi Mangwale and Stewart Falconer scored two good goals in the first half. We did not participate in the KwaZulu-Natal Age Group Tournament this year.

Thulani Mhlongo
Coach

U14B

Regular players: Ben Hockly (capt), Jack Holtzhauzen, Bryce Johnson, Chris Johnson, Erin Kihara, Nqubeko Majoji, Tumisho



Siya Buthelezi, 1st team vice-captain

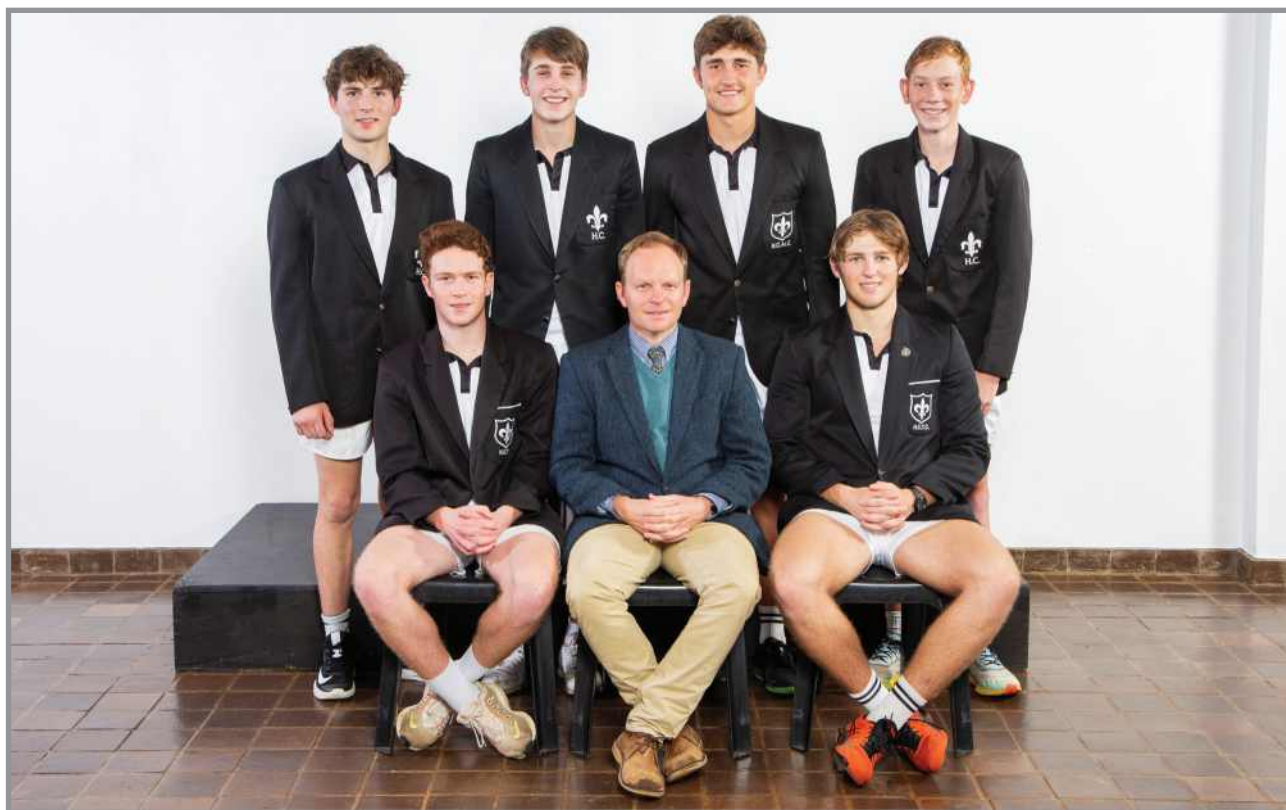
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We spent much of the season training in the hope that we would have the chance to play a "real" match. Finally, with two weeks left in the term, we got to play Kearsney away from home. The game was played on a small field which did not suit our free-flowing passing game. However, we managed to go 2-0 up inside the first 10 minutes with some excellent interplay. Kearsney fought back and with five minutes left in the match had managed to equalise. In the dying moments of the game, we won a free kick just outside the box. Our captain, Ben Hockly, stepped up to slot home a memorable goal to win the game 3-2.

This gave us confidence for our final fixture against Michaelhouse. The game started in a frenetic unstructured way and Michaelhouse were able to capitalise on some poor defending to go 2-0 up in no time. Chasing the game, we managed to create many opportunities to score. Unfortunately, luck was not on our side as we hit the crossbar twice. We lost the game 1-3.

Despite the season being short and only two fixtures being played, there were many lessons learnt. This group of boys can be proud of their efforts, and I am excited to watch them develop over their time at Hilton. With so much attacking talent, the future is bright for Hilton College soccer.

James Bullough
Coach



1st Team

Back row: Michael Capes, Xavier Rey, Michàl De Beer, Josh Black

Front row: Sam Black, Mr James Webb, Joe Hill

Tennis

Regular players: Josh Black, Sam Black (capt), Michael Capes, Michal De Beer, Joe Hill (vice-capt), Xavier Rey

Due to Covid-19 over the past two years we have been unable to complete any leagues, although we were very close to bringing home the Denness silverware in the first quarter of 2020 before the first lockdown ended the league prematurely.

The De Wet Cup carries prestige as our single-biggest fixture of the year where the top 10 players are up against our neighbours from up the road, Michaelhouse. There is a lot of pride at stake, and we continued our success this year by winning the fixture at Michaelhouse 8-7. The top players all won their singles and doubles matches in this encounter. More important is the camaraderie, friendships and sportsmanship that is displayed on a day like this.

A highlight on the tennis calendar is the Hilton and St Anne's Doubles tournament which was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. We hope it will go ahead in 2022!

In 2020 we had the following KZN representatives: Sam Black (U18A), Joe Hill (U18B) and Josh Black (U15A). In 2021, there was an unusual format to determine the KZN

teams which landed during the June holidays. However, Chris Johnson, a Grade 8 boy, worked his way into the U15 KZN team by progressing successfully through a single knockout tournament. Chris represented KZN at the National Interprovincial Tournament.

We bid farewell to Sam Black (captain) and Joe Hill (vice-captain) who have both played significant roles in the club this year. Sam has played more days of tennis than not during his time at Hilton College. We will miss both boys on the courts.

We are delighted by the number and quality of younger tennis players in the club, which bodes well for tennis at Hilton. They have been committed and eager to challenge each other.

Tennis is considered a small sport at Hilton, yet it could not have run as smoothly as it did without the support and guidance of several staff. Mr Matt Fairweather has been very supportive and helpful in a year where there have been fixtures organised, then cancelled and then rescheduled at short notice. Mid-way through the year, we have been fortunate to enjoy the experience and expertise of our new professional coach, Mr Dale Michau, who has brought a sense of order and direction through his systematic and wise approach. We look forward to seeing how he will continue to impact tennis at Hilton College.

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James Webb
MIC Tennis

**1st Team****Back row:** Tanner Bailey, Caine Letschert, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Stefan Swart, Jack Waterhouse**Middle row:** Benji Watt, Cameron Gray, Matthew Hayes, Jordan Hein, Oliver Lello, Jono Bregman-Frangos**Front row:** Ryan Jenkins, Bradley Henderson (captain), Mr Andrew Duncan, Jonty Alexander (vice captain), Ross Taylor.

Water Polo

The Hilton Water Polo Club had an eventful Term 4 (Term 1 fixtures were cancelled due to the pandemic) with six senior teams and three junior teams, making Hilton the largest water polo club in KZN. Much effort was taken to ensure that each player was afforded the opportunity to participate in as many matches as possible, which included official fixtures and scrimmage practice matches on a weekly basis. All teams showed a passion for the game, pride in their school and great team spirit, which is commendable.

In KZN league/fixtures, the club had tremendous success. In head-to-head matches (equivalent opposition) 67 matches were played. We won 54 (80%), drew six (9%) and lost only seven matches (10%). A huge congratulations to all the players and their coaches who invested so much effort and passion into their teams.

Several teams were fortunate to be able to represent the college at various local and national tournaments: Clifton Tournament (DBN), KZN Top 10 Schools Tournament (DBN), St Stithians Stayers Tournament (JHB), Northwood Knights Stayers Tournament (DBN), DHS U16 Tournament (DBN), Ian Melliard Cup (CPT), and the Hilton U14 Festival. These teams are to be commended for their competitive performances, great team spirit and exceptional sportsmanship.

Some highlights from these tournaments include:
 DHS U16 Tournament – U16A Gold Medal
 KZN Top 10 Schools – U14A Gold Medal
 KZN Top 10 Schools – U15A Silver Medal

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 throughout the year.*

KZN Top 10 Schools – Overall Winners Trophy
 Northwood Knights Stayers Tournament – Silver Medal

Numerous Hilton players were selected for various KZN Schools and SA teams. A huge congratulations to these players for their efforts:

KZN U14A: Trent Chubb, Mitchel Garreau, Joshua Kok, Kegomoditswe Maseko, Thomas Taylor, Kieran Janse Van Rensburg

KZN U15A: Nicholas Bregman-Frangos, Meyer Malherbe, Retief Malherbe, Mitchel Wilson

KZN U16: Jonathan Bregman-Frangos, Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert, Stefan Swart

South Africa U17: Non-traveling reserves – Oliver Lello, Jack Waterhouse, Benjamin Watt

A special farewell to long-standing members of the water polo coaching staff Mr Andrew Douglas (15 years) and Mr AC Blume (10 years) for their enormous contribution, passion and commitment and to the club. Further thanks to Tyron Anderson for his invaluable contribution to the scoring and tech table throughout his five years at the school. And finally, thank you to all the parents for their passionate support throughout the year.

Jason Sileno
 Director Water Polo

1st team

Regular players: *Jonty Alexander, Tanner Bailey, Jono Bregman-Frangos, Cameron Gray, Matt Hayes, Jordan Hein, Bradley Henderson, Ryan Jenkins, Oliver Lello, Caine Letschert, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Stefan Swart, Jack Waterhouse, Ben Watt.*

With no sport in the first term, the boys were raring to go when the all-clear was given for water polo. The season began with the usual pre-season winter league at Westville Boys' High School. Despite a mad scramble for players due to isolation, quarantine etc, we managed to put together a team to play. This is testimony to the depth of the club. Hilton performed admirably with a win against Northwood and conceded a narrow 7-8 defeat against Clifton. With the winter league completed, the team turned their attention to the annual Clifton Tournament.

It was the biggest and toughest event ever at Clifton: the number of teams increased to 20, and every school wanted in after being starved of tournaments due to the pandemic. Twenty of the best schools were there. Hilton got their campaign under way by defeating Maritzburg College 14-3. The next game was against St Stithians College. We knew we needed to win this one to battle it out for the top spot in the pool against Rondebosch. It was a clinical start, as we converted our first three goals with three flawless extra man situations; Matt Hayes and Ben Watt with one apiece. After the blitz in the beginning, we controlled the game well and were always on top. Two vicious goals from Caine Letschert sealed the deal in a 13-6 win. We came second in the pool to Rondebosch, meaning that we played Michaelhouse in the playoffs, where we duly disposed of them 9-1. We met Rondebosch again in the quarterfinals in a much-anticipated rematch. Unfortunately, we were outplayed. The team went on to beat St Andrew's College 5-4 to place themselves in a well-deserved sixth out of 20 teams in the competition.

Another highlight of the season was the St Stithians Stayers Tournament in Johannesburg. Hilton was placed into what was considered to be a difficult pool. However, we went on a four-match unbeaten streak to top the pool. Victories included: 16-2 vs Jeppe High School; 7-3 vs St Andrew's College; 7-3 vs St Benedict's College; and 10-8 vs Bishops. Unfortunately, Hilton came unstuck against SACS (eventual winners of the tournament) in the quarterfinals. Hilton bounced back well to beat Grey PE 8-5 to finish sixth out of 20 schools. An incredible memory was Dean Macleod-Henderson's long-range top left corner bounce shot from his own goals on the buzzer and into the Grey PE goals.

Hilton finished off the season with two Saturday fixtures, beating Northwood 11-1 and losing 7-9 to Michaelhouse.

Andrew Duncan
Coach

Player profiles

Jonty Alexander: With his speed, vision and technical ability, Jonty has always been a threat on the attack. He scored multiple goals on the counterattack thanks to his ability to read the opponent's defence.

Tanner Bailey: Tanner's leg strength as a goalkeeper makes him a solid last line of defence, particularly in a one-on-one scenario. Tanner can throw long outlet passes, assisting our counterattack greatly.

Jono Bregman-Frangos: Jono has the ultimate water polo brain, accompanied by technical prowess. He was utilised on the right and left sides of the pool, and even at the back. Jono's vision for the game makes him an asset to the team.

Cameron Gray: The fittest and fastest player in the team, Cameron was a menace on the transition. He is also a very sound defender and was an important cog in the team.

Matt Hayes: What a breakthrough season for Matt, a fast and intelligent left-hander. Matt scored goals, counterattacked, made steals on defence and read the game very well. He was awarded the Most Valuable Player at the DHS U16 Tournament.

Jordan Hein: A physical threat on the 2m line, there was no rest when Jordan jumped in for the opposing centre back. He scored goals and earned plenty of exclusions.

Bradley Henderson: Bradley possessed multiple shots in his arsenal, making him a huge threat on the attack. When the ball was in Bradley's hand, anything was possible.

Ryan Jenkins: Ryan is a solid defender and was hardly ever scored off. He also scored many goals as a left-hander on extra man.

Oliver Lello: Oliver boasted an incredible ability to drive and gain inside water on attack, therefore earning plenty of exclusions. He is versatile in position as a physical defender and double centre.

Caine Letschert: Caine was an excellent two-metre target for the team up front. With strong legs and a hard shot, he was a threat in front of the goals. He would either draw a drop for our attack or score goals from the centre.

Dean Macleod-Henderson: With a huge wingspan, Dean was an asset in the goals. He is a shot-stopper and comfortable in a zone defence, allowing Hilton to alternate between defensive strategies when Dean was in the goals.

Stefan Swart: A physical and fit centre back is the perfect set-up for transition onto the attack. Stefan would endlessly make steals and counter the centre forwards, giving the team an advantage on the attack.

Jack Waterhouse: An absolute machine at the back, Jack was the cornerstone of defence for the Hilton tight press. With his ball skills and swimming ability, Jack was also a threat on the attack.

Ben Watt: A menace for the defence, Ben is a fast-twitch player who reads the game extremely well. He is known for his endless counterattacks, drives for exclusions and setting second centre. Ben is a valuable player and one to watch in the future.

2nd Team

Regular players: *Tyron Anderson, Ryan Basson, Murray Brink, Michàl de Beer, Jack Hampson, Ashton Haslam, Tom Haynes, Oliver Joyner, Tim King, Ben Kok, Rourke Luscombe, Jarrod Siddall, Connor Woods*

When the season's matches finally got under way in the fourth term the players were raring to go and only too happy to be given an opportunity to play games. In our first outing, which was to Kearsney College, our team consisted of no regular players – with more than half the team playing for the 1st side owing to those players having other commitments. Nevertheless, we managed to scrape a two-goal win. The true potential of this side was, however, clear when the next weekend they beat Clifton convincingly and went on to thoroughly beat Glenwood, Northwood and Michaelhouse. They, therefore, recorded an unbeaten season but even more impressive was the 70 goals they amassed in just five games. This was a remarkable feat and testimony to the calibre of players in the team this season.

All the credit must go to the players themselves for their committed effort. To score this many goals is undoubtedly a massive team effort. I would, however, like to acknowledge the role played by Tyron Anderson and Ryan Basson. These two players shared the responsibility of captaining the team and Tyron, in his final season at Hilton College, continued to play through, as goalie, to the last game. This level of commitment was truly appreciated by his teammates who rallied around him, and which created an awesome team vibe.

The Northwood Knight's Stayers Tournament is worth recording in this report even though it was essentially an U15/16 team that represented Hilton. This side was ably led by Ryan Basson and, after having successfully navigated our way through the pool games, we unfortunately recorded our first loss to Westville in the semi-finals. This took us into a 3rd/4th playoff against Kearsney College. In a tough, physical encounter our boys pulled through to win and secured themselves a bronze medal. This was a tremendous achievement given that the teams they played against were all U17 teams.

In summary, the team played 12 games, won 11, and lost one.

Brad Anderson
Coach

3rd Team

Regular players: *James Cole, Thomas Dyer, Daniel Hathorn, Jack Herman, Oliver Joyner, Michael Lillie, Adolf Luderitz (Captain), Ruben Marx, Caleb McDonald, Tom Peattie, HJ Pienaar, Ross Short*

After some rather frustrating times earlier in the year (with promises of matches which were dashed by Covid) to actually playing matches in the fourth term, it was indeed a series of highs and lows. When the team eventually

started playing matches a different energy permeated at practice. Practices were constructive and competitive with boys eagerly wanting to cement places in the starting line-up. Matches were played in the spirit of the game and the success of the team cannot be attributed to any one player, but the team as a whole. A combination of skill, aggressive attack and defence made the team the successful one that it was.

The season was indeed successful with skills returning and improving as the season progressed. Results indicate an unbeaten streak for the team as they masqueraded as the 2nd team against Kearsney and beat them. The positive attitude and sportsmanship of the team was commented on numerous occasions, and they did Hilton College proud.

The team won all six of their matches scoring 58 goals and conceding 17.

Mike Werth
Coach

4th Team

Regular players: *Jordan Beninans, Jonathan Braithwaite, Oscar Bredenkamp, Buthulwazi Buthelezi, James Cole, Hlumelo Conjwa, James Daniels, Jarod Du Plessis, Kieran Griffin, Luke Hancock, Daniel Hathorn, Alex Hayward, Christopher Horak, Campbell Ivins, Angus Lougher-Clarke, Minenhle Makhathini, Luke Marshall, James Morrison, Jason Muir, Thomas Peattie, Jordan Udal, Christopher Wanless, Luke Warren, Scott Winskill*

The 2021 water polo season was an awesome one had by all. After having not played matches against other schools, it was very exciting to finally play competitive games. The 4th team played six games, five were against other schools and one was an internal game when Glenwood didn't have enough teams.

Of the five competitive games we lost three, drew one and won two. Our first loss was against Kearsney 3rd team, which was a very close game, losing 5-7. The second loss was against Clifton 2nd team who brought only two teams to the fixture, and we lost badly 1-10. The draw was against the St Charles College 1st team, which the boys thoroughly enjoyed. The final two games were enjoyed by all, winning 8-2 against Northwood and 8-3 in the final game of the season against Michaelhouse.

I am very proud of all the players this season. They did incredibly well after 20 months of no games. I wish them all the best.

Matthew Fairweather
Coach

U16A

Regular players: *Jono Bregman-Frangos, Murray Brink, Jack Hampson, Matt Hayes, Jordan Hein, Ben Kok, Caine Letschert, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Retief Malherbe, Meyer Malherbe, Stefan Swart, Mitchel Wilson, Connor Woods*

The U16A team is put together to compete in the DHS U16 tournament, which takes place in the fourth term. We travelled to Durban hoping to do well, and this ended up an understatement. We lost our first game to Clifton 1-6 in the pool stages. However, that would be the last and only game we would lose. Hilton went on a six-match unbeaten streak to eventually lift the trophy and be crowned champions of the DHS U16 tournament. Our other pool stage games included an 18-0 win over St Benedict's, a 15-2 win against Affies and a 16-2 win against Northwood. We tactically outsmarted the ever-strong Selborne College in the quarterfinals to set up a rematch against Clifton in the semi-finals. This time Hilton prevailed in a 5-4 thriller. Murray Brink netted an all-important goal to create a two-point lead. In the final, Hilton beat St John's College from Johannesburg 5-4 in another tight game. There were timeouts, penalty saves, and epic goals – the game had it all! Dean Macleod-Henderson collected the trophy, Caine Letschert was awarded attacker of the tournament, and Matt Hayes was awarded the MVP [Most Valuable Player].

Andrew Duncan
Coach

U15A

Regular players: *Mitchel Wilson (Capt), Meyer Malherbe (Vice-Capt), Retief Malherbe (Vice-Capt), Troy Bailey, Nicholas Bregman-Frangos, Oliver Mattison, Dylan Neill, Brendan Nieuwstad, Nicholaas Pieterse, Connor Segar, Joshua Snyman*

The 15A team arrived back at school excited for the Term 1 water polo season which sadly never materialised due to Covid restrictions. Nevertheless, the team remained committed to the cause and trained well throughout the term.

Fortunately, by the time Term 3 arrived, fixtures and tournaments appeared on the horizon. With new hope the team set about their pre-season training with renewed vigour and excitement. Term 4 was a quick-fire start for the team, with the Ian Melliari Cup in Cape Town. The team played some fantastic water polo at times to illustrate their potential but succumbed to minor errors at crucial moments which stilted their momentum. The team finished in 7th place to match the previous best at this tournament. Overall, it was a great learning experience in game management, which stood the team in good stead for the rest of the season.

The learnings gained from the tournament put the team on the front foot as they returned to the KZN league where they went on an amazing run. They showed fantastic togetherness and grit (despite a number of players being unavailable) to edge Kearsney. Once returned to full strength the team went on to dispatch DHS, Glenwood and Maritzburg College easily in the group stages of the KZN Schools Top 10 Tournament. The team also put on a fine defensive and tactical display beating Westville to top the group and set up themselves a semi-final with Maritzburg College which they won comfortably.

In a cagey final against Clifton, the team played with spirit and energy but were unable to convert enough chances to win the match. Overall, it was a fine tournament for the team who played with more consistency and as a unit to earn a well-deserved silver medal.

The team then continued their hot-streak in the remaining fixtures against Glenwood, Northwood and Michaelhouse to end the year on a high with slick plays and ferocious defensive efforts.

In summary, the team played 17 matches, of which they won 13 and lost four, scoring 176 goals and conceding 66. Throughout the year we worked on some key values: Better sense of team; confidence in the strength of the collective; commitment to fitness; and a stronger work ethic. These values are to establish a team spirit and synergy within the team. They play a key role in the development of players and Hiltonians.

There is no doubt that there is a lot of natural talent in this group, and when they were “in the groove”, it was a sight to behold. They were able to play a high-intensity game with strong defence, fast counter attacks and good team interplay. They must be commended for their commitment and for supporting one another. They created a real sense of togetherness based on camaraderie, a sense of belonging and pride in the team. These are the cornerstones of team spirit and the everlasting bonds that are created through sport. It was a joy to coach this group of young men.

Jason Sileno
Coach

U14A

Regular players: *Trent Chubb, Mitchel Garreau (Vice-Captain), Robbie Hayward, Luke Herman, Kieran Janse Van Rensburg, Joshua Kok (Vice-Captain), Kegomoditswe Maseko, Thomas Taylor (Captain), Matthew Thomas, Reinard Wagner, Alex Wesselink*

The season got off to a disappointing start when the first term's fixtures were cancelled due to the pandemic. But this didn't stop the boys from putting on their goggles and making sure they were conditioned for when water polo resumed later in the year.

In the build up to our hosting the U14 Water Polo Festival at the Ducasse Centre, our boys were excited and nervous as this was to be our club's debut. But the conditioning and preparation done in the first and third terms set us apart from other teams at the festival. When our competitors started to tire, our boys were able to capitalise. We achieved some impressive results against top notch opposition, scoring wins over Kearsney, Michaelhouse and St John's. A poor start to our final game against Reddam Constantia saw us concede five goals in the first quarter which proved too much for us to get over the line. Although disappointing, the 6-5 loss proved

pivotal in getting our minds back into a competitive space and preparing us to chase some silverware later in the season.

Our top 10 tournament began in spectacular fashion as we flew out of our group stage in first place and secured a spot in the semi-final, managing to score 49 goals and conceding only seven along the way. A solid win against Westville in the semi-finals meant that the only thing between us and our first trophy was Kearsney College. The boys showed grit and determination to play through the nerves and managed to close out the game 11-2 with precision and composure. With the trophy in our hands, it meant there was a massive target on our backs for the remainder of the season's fixtures. Good wins against Glenwood and Northwood ensured that Michaelhouse would be the only team able to ruin our unbeaten run within KZN.

This was to be the first official Hilton vs Michaelhouse derby that this group of boys had competed in, in any sport. With lots of pride and passion on the line from both sides, the game was set to be a very competitive one. A good start from the Hilton boys meant that we managed to get an early grip of the game and set the pace for the remaining chukkas. A solid 9-6 win over our rivals from Balgowan provided the perfect ending to our season. In summary, the team played 16 matches, 15 of which we won. We scored 187 goals and conceded 61.

Often there are one or two talented athletes who dominate in a team. But rarely will a group of individuals band together to play for each other rather than themselves. The brotherhood amongst the players in the squad was evident from their first game and grew stronger as the season progressed.

Congratulations to Trent Chubb, Mitchel Garreau, Kieran Janse Van Rensburg, Joshua Kok, Kego Maseko, Thomas Taylor and Matthew Thomas for their selection into the

KZN provincial squads. And a massive congratulations to each member of the team for their contribution. Given the bond between these young men, I'm excited to see what they will achieve in their remaining four years at Hilton College.

Cameron Wiid

Coach

U15B & U14B Junior Mixed Team

Regular players: James Dent, Thomas Harilaou, Harry Jarvie, Ben le Roux (capt), Ethan McCabe, Ewan Miskin, Sean Ritchie (vice-capt), Connor Segar, Charlie Short, Tele Sitoyo, Luke Spear, Alex Wesselink

The combined U14 and U15 Junior Mixed Team had a fantastic, unbeaten season this year. The boys displayed exceptional levels of resilience and grit during practice and matches, and as a result their success as a team was evident throughout the season. Winning against Clifton and Michaelhouse were notable achievements. The boys also enjoyed playing mid-week friendlies against St Charles and St Annes during the fourth term and this bolstered their ability to perform during their Saturday fixtures.

Ben le Roux, playing upfront as centre forward, dominated many of the matches and was the top goal scorer of the team. Luke Spear and Sean Ritchie were integral players as they were often the link to assisting Ben in scoring goals. All the players enjoyed a successful and productive season and Mr Jason Muller and I are thankful to them for their commitment and contribution to the water polo club.

In summary, the team won all eight matches that they played, scoring 79 goals and conceding 13.

Chris Carey

Coach



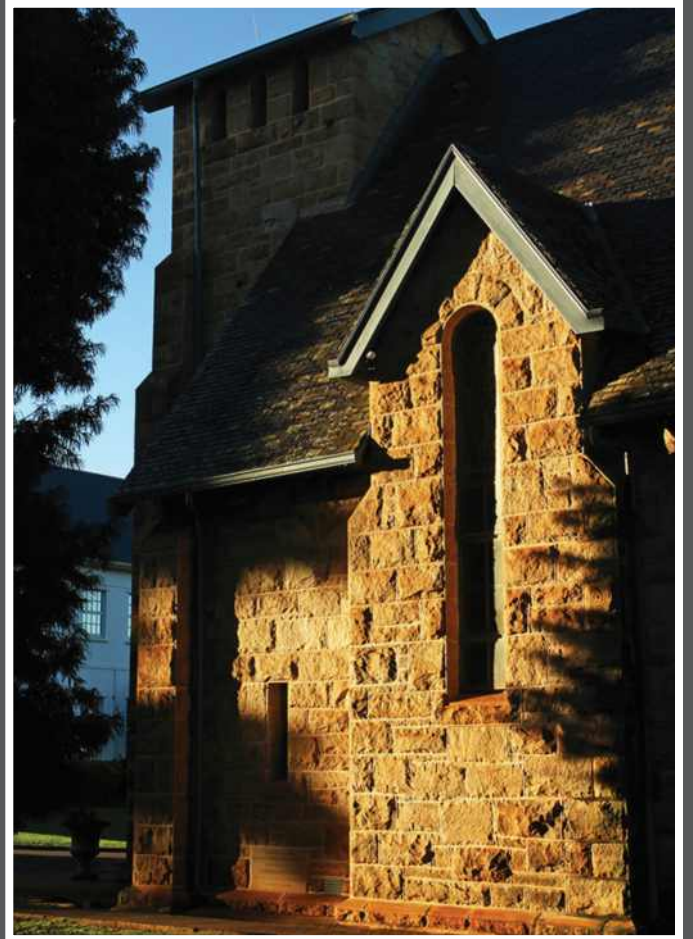
Maralyn Atkins, staff

1st team captain Brad Henderson in action.



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The Old Hiltonian Club

OLD BOYS AND FRIENDS OF HILTON COLLEGE

Club Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Old Hiltonian Club held online on Saturday, 5 June 2021 at 10h04

PRESENT

Anton Jooste (Chairman), George Harris (Headmaster), 18 members present electronically, three members present by proxy, Brett South (Company Secretary) and seven members of staff.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from nine members.

DEVOTIONS

The Headmaster recited the school prayer.

NOTICE, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Notice of the meeting having been duly given, and there being more than the minimum of seven members present as provided for in Clause 16.1 of the Constitution, the 129th meeting was declared open.

Welcome was extended to the Honorary President and Vice presidents as well as to members and guests.

Apologies as recorded above were noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman reported that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 August 2020 having been available for inspection at the Secretary's office during normal office hours were taken as read and there being no amendments they were unanimously **approved** and **adopted** as a true record of proceedings. There were no matters arising.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Summary Annual Financial Statements of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2020, together with the Independent Auditor's Report having been circulated with the Notice of the Meeting were regarded as having been tabled and were taken as read. As no comments, queries

or objections had been received, the Annual Financial Statements of the Club were unanimously **approved** and **adopted**.

AUDITORS

Messrs GC Ford & Co were unanimously re-appointed as the auditors to the club for the ensuing financial year.

ELECTION

There being no other nominations for election received, the following Old Hiltonians were re-elected as members of the national committee for a further year.

A Jooste
J Eustace
A Seirlis
D Farrell
T Dube
T Webber
B Ducasse
S Mafereka
M Salgado
I Mayet

The chairman noted the retirement of Mr D Bailey having served his full term on the committee and expressed sincere thanks for his notable contribution over the years.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report as circulated with the Notice of the Meeting was tabled and taken as read. Mr Jooste, however, highlighted that branch activities remained subdued due to the Covid-19 pandemic, although several successful online reunions had nevertheless taken place.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10h20.

Branch News

Zululand Dads and Lads Fishing Day

At the end of September, the Zululand branch hosted a Dads and Lads Fishing Day at New Mouth Richards Bay. It went swimmingly! Thank you to Old Hiltonians Dave Bell and Mark Hathorn who organised the event.



UK Annual Dinner

At the end of October, the UK branch hosted an annual dinner at The Elgin – Maida Vale, in London. Owing to travel restrictions at the time, the headmaster, 150th coordinator and the director of international learning addressed the group via a pre-recorded video. Thanks to UK branch chairman Simon Ellis and Old Hiltonian Rob Hallot for a superb job of arranging this event.



KZN breakfast

In November, the KwaZulu-Natal branch hosted a breakfast at Beachwood Country Club. A massive thanks to the KZN branch chairman Adam Oldfield for hosting and organizing this wonderful networking opportunity.



Kloof drinks evening

An informal gathering of a few Old Hiltonians took place in October at the Kloof Country Club.



Gauteng Get-together

At the end of October, the Gauteng branch hosted a drinks and snacks evening which included an update on happenings at the school, and plans for the 150th anniversary. It was a well-deserved catch-up with friends after being prohibited from socialising for such a long time. Thank you to branch chairman David Heenan for organizing the event.





Valetes 2021

Jonathan Akinola (Falcon)

Entrepreneurship Award (2021), 5th team basketball, 5th team rugby, Choir (2020, 2019), Junior Marimba Band, World Choir Games (2018).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university in the United States.

Hilton has taught me the importance of relationships and life-long connections with people. I also learnt from the staff that I don't know it all. I learnt the value of listening.

Jonty Alexander (Ellis)

1st team water polo (2021), Award for the best swimmer and water polo player (2021), 4th team rugby, 7th team hockey, Level 2 leadership award (2021), KZN water polo (Grade 12, 10, 9 & 8).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To take a gap year and go to Zimbabwe to do the Quest programme.

Hilton has taught me to take responsibility for my actions, to be prepared for the worst, and to act quickly.

Mathew Allwood (Churchill)

Canoeing captain (2020, 2021), Alick Rennie Fellowship Award – Drak Challenge, Surfing club, Headmaster's leadership award (2021), 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BAgric at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that you can get an education at any school, but not all educating happens in the classroom. Hilton has taught me invaluable lessons outside of the classroom, which is why I would pick Hilton again. I have formed networks and made connections with boys in my grade who are the CEOs of the future and my future business partners. I'm thankful for every person who has helped me develop and thrive at Hilton over the past five years.

Tyron Anderson (Ellis)

Service tie, Ambassador award, 1st team water polo, Water polo half colours, 2nd team water polo (captain), 3rd team rugby (captain), Book club, Photography club, Silver President's Award (2021).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To work as a boarder master at King Edward VII School while studying at Vega.

My time at Hilton has taught me a lot about self-discipline and grown me as a person. Boarding and living in a dorm was a different experience, however, it allowed for the creation of bonds that I will take out of school.

Mikael Arab (Falcon)

Falcon head of entertainment, Falcon head of transformation, 1st team soccer, Soccer colours (2021), 2nd team basketball, French Prize (2019), Exchange programme, U15 Midlands team (2018), Fantasy premier league.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at the University of Melbourne.

Hilton has taught me that people don't have to have your blood for them to be considered family.

Matt Armstrong (Pearce)

1st team basketball, 3rd team cricket, 3rd team rugby, Head of health and fitness in Pearce, Mountain biking, Top three in SA in my age group for mountain biking, Fly fishing.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To take a gap year, do some riding overseas and find work opportunities.

Hilton has taught me to be independent and to take every opportunity I get.

Greg Armstrong (Pearce)

Head of house (2021), Headmaster's leadership award

(2021), 1st hockey captain (2021), KZN inland hockey U18B (2022), Half colours for hockey, Health and fitness (2018) Fly tying (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study in the Netherlands. Hilton has taught me not to wish your time away, and to live up to the Hilton values of honesty and respect.

Rhys Barnes (Ellis)

Half-colours for rowing (2021), Best senior rower (2021). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Quest in the Eastern Cape.

Hilton has taught me how to understand people from different backgrounds, races and cultures.

Kgwanti Bilankulu (Falcon)

Dorm leader, Regional soccer (Grade 10), Rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university.

Hilton has taught me the value of brotherhood.

Sam Black (Churchill)

1st team hockey, Captain of the tennis team for two years, Hilton doubles championship winner for three years and Hilton championship singles winner for two years.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play tennis in a National Collegiate Athletic Association division college in America. Hilton has taught me that we are privileged to have had the opportunity to come to Hilton College and therefore should not take anything for granted.

Matthew Boast (Ellis)

1942 Matric Class award (2021), Head of house (2021), Vice-captain of 1st team cricket (2021), SA U19 Cricket World Cup (2021), 1st team hockey, Golf, Chess, Headmaster's leadership award, U19 Dolphins (2020), KZN Inland cricket U17.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to the University of Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me to trust and to always have the other person's back. Mr [Tony] Richter and Mr [Burger] Nel were instrumental in teaching me this and I owe so much to them. I will never forget the relationships I made at Hilton.

Matt Bray (Ellis)

1st team hockey (2021), KZN Inland hockey U18B (2021), Gym rep for Ellis.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: Undecided

Hilton has taught me to never judge a book by its cover.

Michael Burn (McKenzie)

Squash, Cooking club, 6th team rugby, 7th team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To further my studies in England.

Hilton has taught me that the friendships formed here are for life.

Jake Cavalieri (Lucas)

Academic colours (2021), Form 1 dorm leader, 4th team rugby captain (2021), 2nd team cricket, 3rd team basketball, 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BSC biomedical mathematical science at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me how to get out of my comfort zone and to not be afraid to try something new. I learnt this when I went on the exchange programme.

Zenzo Cele (Newnham)

Honours for academics (2021), 3rd team soccer captain (2021), 3rd team basketball captain (2021), Basketball 5's club, 5th team rugby, Tea club, Half colours for culture (2020), Junior marimba vice-captain (2018), Regional soccer (2017), U14A soccer captain (2017), U14A basketball captain (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study actuarial science at the University of Cape Town.

Hilton taught me how to get stuck in. Regrettably, there were many aspects to Hilton that I did not take full advantage of. In the future, I don't want to have such regrets.

Taurin Craze (Falcon)

1st team rugby (2021, 2020), Provincial rugby (2021), Colours for rugby (2021).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play for the Sharks U19 next year.

Hilton has taught me many important values. It has taught me to always be kind and to offer help where possible. It has helped me understand people better and relationships. The boys are willing to give their all to become brothers and unbreakable bonds are formed.

Matthew Dalrymple (McKenzie)

Honours for academics (2021), Academic portfolio committee (2021), Level 2 leadership award (2021), Bronze award for English Olympiad (2021), Published in Pinnacles (2021), Transformation and Diversity committee (2021), 5th team rugby (2021), Academic half colours (2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study finance at Stellenbosch University or UCT.

Hilton has taught me that the bonds of brotherhood can never be broken, and to persevere. There were times I wanted to give up, but my teachers and friends pushed me. Mr [Paul] Venter always told me that he expected great things from me, and Jonathan Le Roux would always push me to do better academically. If you want to achieve something, you have to earn it. I learnt this in the classroom and on the sports field, particularly in science with Mr [Noel] Robert, accounting with Mrs [Teresa] Whitfield and basketball with Mr [David] Look. They motivated me to work harder.

Letu Dandala (Newnham)

3rd team cricket, 3rd team rugby, Cultural honours for marimba (2021), Competition Marimba Band (2018-2021), Junior marimba band (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To take a gap year, working on yachts as a deckhand.

Hilton has taught me respect. When you respect someone, they're more likely to respect you, and that's how you form friendships, even with teachers. When I showed respect to my teachers, I found they would do anything to help me, and not just with my schoolwork. All my teachers were willing to help me and give me advice about what was going on in my life.

Craig Davidson (Falcon)

Head of house (2021), Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Noel Freebody Memorial Prize for Fellowship (2021), Academic half colours (2021), 1st team rugby, 4th team basketball, 5th team water polo, Cooking club, Improv acting club, Health and Fitness club, Book club, Piano (2020), Exchange programme (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To build my property business, play club rugby in Edinburgh and study business management with marketing in 2023.

Hilton has taught me that everyone is on their own journey and that great strength can be found in diversity and within the brotherhood unique to Hilton College.

Christopher de Scally (Pearce)

Deputy head of choir, Vocal ensemble, Chess Club, Athletics, 3rd team hockey, Music prize (2020, 2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study BSc in human physiology and psychology.

Hilton has taught me that there are people in your life who will support you when you need it the most, and it is usually the people you live with.

Aedan Dicks (Newnham)

Academic half colours (2021), Cultural half colours (2021), 1st team rowing, SA National Rowing Championship (quad silver medal (2021), Half colours for rowing (2021), Silver President's Award (2021), Service tie, Cultural tie, 5th team rugby, Choir (2017-2021), Orchestra (2017-2018), Jazz band (2017-2018), World Choir Games (2018).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study engineering, business or medicine.

My time at Hilton has taught me to trust people and to give them the benefit of the doubt; not to let opportunities pass you by; and to never give up. As a prime example, in my dorm we learned to trust one another.

Nkosi Dlamini (Falcon)

Deputy head of orchestra (2021), Band prize (2021), War-cry leader (2021), Honours for culture (2021), Full colours for culture (2021), 4th team hockey captain (2021), U16A soccer vice-captain (2019), DJ club and soccer club (2019), U15A soccer vice-captain (2018), Junior marimba band vice-captain (2018).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Tuks to do a business management degree whilst getting my business up and running.

Hilton has taught me to take advantage of every opportunity.

Howard Dlulisa (Ellis)

Performed in the play *The Island*, Full colours for culture, Cultural tie, 3rd team basketball, 3rd team soccer, 5th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at the University of Cape Town, Tuks or Wits.

Hilton has taught me to become my own person and to enjoy life in the moment, because time passes quickly.

Myles Driman (McKenzie)

2nd team basketball, 5th team rugby, Half colours for drama (2021), Service tie.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To work until August and then go to Nebraska to play college basketball.

Hilton has taught me not to seek validation from others. How you see yourself is critical.

Oliver Fraser (Churchill)

Churchill pastoral care (2021), Churchill marketing (2021), Sean Conway Photography Award (2021), Rockschooll distinction in drums (2021, 2019), Cultural colours (2020), Cultural tie (2019), World Choir Games (2019), Orchestra & Big Band (2017-2021), Dead Poets Society (2017-2021),

Engineering club (2019-2020), Marimba Band (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study in Cape Town and build my business.

Hilton has taught me that who you are today is not ultimate. You can be more!

Jack Gerrard (Churchill)

Cultural rep (2021), Level 1 leadership award, 1st team soccer (2021), 2nd team hockey (2021), 6th team basketball (2021), Honours for music (2020), Competition Marimba Band (2019-2021), Indoor soccer (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Quest in the Eastern Cape to help me decide what I want to do.

Hilton has taught me the value of connections and people I will remember forever.

Alec Gibson (Pearce)

Half colours for academics, Music prize, Full colours for music, Honours for culture, Head of choir (2021), Rockschooll Grade 8 merit award for vocals, 6th team basketball, Toastmasters, Choral prize, 4th team soccer. Plans for 2022 and beyond: After two years, I want to study in America.

Hilton has changed my perspective of the world. I have learnt to be honest with myself and not be someone I'm not.

Jack Gillham (Churchill)

Rugby KZN Academy week (2021), Half colours for rugby (2021), 1st team rugby, 2nd team cricket.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me how important people and friendships truly are. The brotherhood formed over the past five years will never leave me.

Muhammad Girdharparsadh (McKenzie)

Half colours for academics, 1st team shooting (captain), Chess club, Sustainability committee, Engineering club, IT club, Level 2 leadership award, 5th team cricket, 5th team hockey.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study mechatronics at UCT until the overseas universities open and I get accepted into one, where I hope to study mechanical engineering.

Hilton has taught me about brotherhood. I have made friends with people I never saw myself speaking to, as our interests were so different. I've met many people who have challenged my views. I've had teachers who were always willing to help me and who were kind and energetic in their teaching. I've learnt that with enough dedication and hard work, you can achieve anything. I have grown by being challenged to be open to new things and to stand up for what is right.

Gary Goldring (Falcon)

2nd team hockey, 2nd team soccer, 6th team cricket.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: Undecided.

Josh Goodwin (Falcon)

Honours for academics, Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Form 1 dorm leader, Hockey half colours, 1st team hockey, 1st team soccer, 2nd team basketball, 4th team cricket, KZN Inland hockey (non-traveling reserve in 2021 and B team 2017-2019), Cooking club, Improv acting club, Fantasy football club, Movie editing (vfx) club, Choir (Grade 8).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to the University of Toronto in Canada or Columbia University in New York to study computer science.

Hilton has taught me that relationships are the most important and valuable thing in life.

Sebastian Guimaraens (Newnham)

Honours for academics (2021), Newnham head of admin and IT, Chess club captain, 5th hockey team captain, Tennis, Chess, Headmaster's leadership award, 7th team basketball, LO prize (2021), Senior Verse Prize (2021, 2020), EGAD prize (2021, 2020), Academic full colours (2020). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study for a BSc computer science at the University of Pretoria.

Hilton has helped me find my abilities. The hardest part of growing up is discovering your skillset. Rubbing shoulders with extremely talented peers and enthusiastic teachers has brought out the best in me. It has taught me that to improve, you need to surround yourself with people who are better than you and to learn from them.

Amile Gumede (McKenzie)

McKenzie pastoral care and outreach, 2nd team basketball, 2nd team soccer, Level 1 matric certificate, Distinction in Maths Literacy, Marimba (2020), Choir (2018).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to UP to obtain my undergraduate and then abroad for my post-graduate. Meanwhile, I'm helping out at my aunt's NGO.

Hilton has taught me how to compromise and how to be reasonable. When you live with 17 other people, you have to learn these skills! I'm an only child, so it was hard. But it was worth it. I also learnt how to not be a pushover.

Nick Hatton (Pearce)

Head of school (2021), Transformation committee (2021), Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Honours for academics (2021), History Essay Prize (2021), 1st team cricket (captain), SA U19 cricket final squad of 25 (2021), 1st team rugby, SA Schools U18 rugby touring squad (2021), History Subject Prize (2020), DJ club (2019), Pat Forsyth-Thomson Sportsman Award, 1st team Rugby Sevens (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play for the Sharks. The value of teamwork is among the many things Hilton has taught me. I've realised I cannot do everything on my own. I'm so fortunate to have been able to rely on many people during my time at Hilton. Hilton has also taught me about the importance of leadership and the power it has when done right. I've learnt so much about transformation, in all spheres of life. I will never forget the people I met at Hilton College – the boys and staff. In particular, the Pearce matric boys will always have a special place in my heart.

Duncan Hawksworth (Churchill)

Big band, Music colours, Outdoor club leader, Estate tie, 4th team hockey, 7th team basketball, Canoeing half colours (2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study BScAgri applied plant and soil science at University of Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me responsibility and honesty. It has also taught me to value what people have to say and to respect their views.

Bradley Henderson (Pearce)

1st team water polo captain (2021), Most Valuable Player

award for water polo (2021), Captain of swimming (2021), 1st team rugby, Sharks Craven Week A side (2021), SA water polo (2020), KZN water polo (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play rugby for the Sharks and study online through the Institute of Marketing Management, Stellenbosch.

Hilton has taught me that I am not defined by other people's opinions of me.

Gus Herridge (Churchill)

Honours for academics (2021), 5th team rugby captain (2021), 4th team rugby, 4th team water polo, Cricket, Chess club, Level 2 leadership award, Academic colours (2020), Guitar (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Stellenbosch University to study a BSc in agricultural economics.

My time at Hilton College has taught me the importance of human interaction in all things, especially in the learning process and in character development. The people I have met while at Hilton have been key to my development and this is what the Hilton experience is all about. This applies not only to interactions with other boys, but also to the interactions between staff and boys. I will never forget what I learnt here, and the connections I have made here are for life.

Joe Hill (Churchill)

Academic half colours, KZN tennis, Tennis (vice-captain), 1st team rugby, Cricket, Water polo, Surfing club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that life is about the friendships you make, and that hard work always pays off.

Luke Hitchings (Pearce)

Honours for academics (2021), Half colours for rugby (2021), Colours for athletics (2021), 1st team rugby, 1st team soccer, 2nd team water polo.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To start my own business whilst studying at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that time is of the essence. It should never be wished away – no matter what you are going through!

Travis Holdsworth (Ellis)

Half colours for canoeing, Full colours for rugby, Grade 9 dorm leader, Craven Week rugby (2021), Duzi canoe marathon (2021, 2019), Health and Fitness club, Level 2 leadership award, 1st team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Quest in the Eastern Cape.

Hilton has taught me that friendships are key. Mr [Burger] Nel and Mr [Tony] Richter were both instrumental in making my Hilton career a success. Hilton has taught me many life lessons and helped shape me into the man I am today.

Zaid Ismail (Pearce)

Honours for academics (2021), Top 3 in matric, Biology prize, Economics prize, 4th team soccer, 5th team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BCom at Wits, and to start my own company.

Hilton has taught me to speak up and to be ambitious. The staff are very friendly and helpful and helped me achieve my high grades. I built bonds with some of the boys that

will hopefully last forever. Hilton taught me the importance of being able to express myself and to strive for success.

Craig James (Falcon)

1st team cricket, 1st in U19 50m breaststroke, U14A rugby (2017) and U15A 7s rugby (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch.

Hilton has taught me honour, loyalty and respect.

Brett Jarvie (Churchill)

Form 4 dorm leader, Churchill head of funds and treasury, Elite cycling club, 3rd team rugby, 6th team cricket, 6th team water polo, 7th team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Quest in the Eastern Cape.

Hilton has taught me passion, honesty and integrity.

Ryan Jenkins (Ellis)

Most dedicated 1st water polo player trophy (2021), Vice-captain of swimming (2021), Level 2 leadership award, 3rd team rugby, U19 Midlands water polo team (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BCom through the Institute of Marketing Management

Hilton has taught me how to be independent. Having to interact with a range of people while at Hilton has improved my people skills.

Wihan Joubert (Lucas)

Half colours for drama, Cultural tie, 4th team rugby, 6th team water polo.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To work for an insurance company.

Hilton has taught me to never give up, no matter how tough it gets.

TK Kamanga (Churchill)

1st team basketball, 3rd team rugby, Health and fitness club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study business, either in the US or UK.

One thing Hilton has taught me is to never go half-heartedly after what you desire, whether it's on the sports field or in the classroom. Pursuing your desires will be worth it in the end.

Richard Karlson (Pearce)

Honours for academics (2021), Dick Graham Memorial Prize for Dux of School (2021), Chairman's Prize (2021), LAB Sharpe Memorial Prize for English (2021), English Prize (2021), Nicholas Arthur Prize for Mathematics (2021), D V Ducasse Prize for Physical Science (2021), Economics Prize (2021), Information Technology Prize (2021), Portfolio head of environment, sustainability, and estate (2021), Pearce head of outreach (2021), Pearce head of administration (2021), Service tie (2021), Routes to Resilience Sygnature Skills Certificate (2021), IT club, 4th team hockey, Rowing, Gold President's Award (2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study electrical engineering in the US, Canada, or the UK.

The most important thing Hilton taught me is that we each have something to add to our sphere of influence. For some boys it's sport, others cultural or academic, and for some it's their smile or helping hand. This school finds a way to bring together everyone under a common brand of excellence. Boys and staff are free to be passionate about

who they are or what they do. This has taught me to be comfortable about who I am and what I bring to the world.

Chungu Katayi (Falcon)

Head of community (2021), Golf captain (2021, 2018), KZN Inland golf (2020), Zambian U18 national team captain (2017-2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Spain or the USA to play golf and study business.

Hilton has taught me a lot but the two things that will stay with me are respect for people – regardless of their class – and the value of relationships. Getting to know staff and boys on a personal level is something I will take with me.

Rorisang Kedijang (McKenzie)

Form 1 dorm leader, Level 2 leadership award, 2nd team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study digital arts.

Hilton has taught me respect and gratitude.

Bongi Khoza (Ellis)

Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Grade 9 dorm leader, Tea club (founder), Boys of Hilton committee (social media management), Toast masters, War-cry committee, Ellis council (founder/leader), 3rd team basketball, 4th team hockey, 4th team soccer.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study psychology.

Hilton has taught me that the most valuable work is done behind the scenes and will not be recognized.

Andile Khumalo (Ellis)

Head of academics (2021), Honours for academics (2021), English Olympiad (2021), Academic 7's Dinner (2021), Grade 8 dorm leader (2021), Transformation committee (2021), Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Grade 11 Extended Essay Prize (2020), Gavel club (2020), History Prize (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study actuarial science at UCT, Wits, or overseas.

Hilton has taught me to be comfortable with who I am, and to embrace people for their differences. I've learnt to engage and to accept people with different opinions to mine.

David Kitshoff (Pearce)

Academic honours, Basset-Smith Memorial Prize for Science, Mervin Lloyd Prize for Life Sciences, Kenneth Beghin Memorial Prize for Visual Arts Theory, Silver in the National English Olympiad (2021), Head of orchestra (2021), Half colours for music (2021), Preliminary Selection for the Grade 12 Tatham Art Exhibition, Carl Klingenberg Memorial Prize for the best all-rounder in Grade 12, St Alban's College Independent Schools' Virtual Music, Art & Drama Festival 2021 A++ (90% -100%) Award, KZN Inland hockey U18A team, Award for Most Innovative Player in the hockey 1st team, Hockey colours, 3rd team cricket, Athletics team captain, Health and Fitness club, Chess club, IT club, Bronze President's Award, First Aid Level 2, Grade 8 dorm leader (2021).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study medicine at Wits, UFS or UCT.

Hilton has taught me that you ultimately make what you want of a situation. You can be given all the opportunities in the world, but you have to seize them. Author Julian Barnes said, "I had wanted life not to bother me too much, and had succeeded – and how pitiful that was." Let life

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bother you as it is through challenge and hardship that we find purpose.

Jonathan Le Roux (McKenzie)

1st team basketball, Honours for academics (2021), Accounting prize (2021, 2020), AP Maths prize (2021, 2020), French prize (2021, 2020), French club, Book club, Cooking club, Maths prize (2020), Midlands basketball (2020). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study applied maths or data science at a top school in the USA.

At Hilton I have learnt that friendships go beyond the McKenzie gates. The small things that may have caused fights in our earlier years, such as who is going to shower first, have cemented our friendships as we have become more tolerant of one another.

Tebalo Lepphoto (Churchill)

3rd team basketball, 7th team rugby, Choir (Grade 8). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study fashion design at the London College of Fashion.

Hilton has equipped me with etiquette and the qualities that a man of honour should carry into the world. I have learnt to look at a situation from different perspectives.

Liteboho Lethole (Churchill)

Head of house, Headmaster's leadership award (2021), 1st team basketball, 3rd team hockey (captain), Soccer club, DJ club, Rockschooldrums – commendations (Grade 12), Churchill portfolio rep for culture (2021)

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BSc in information systems at the University of Cape Town.

Hilton has taught me patience, manners, and self-confidence that has enabled me to express myself fully and without shame.

Matt Liao (Newnham)

Academic half-colours (2021), Romeo and Juliet (2021), Funk (2021, 2020), Competition Choir (2021, 2020), Half colours for drama (2021), Vocal ensemble (2020), West Side Story (2019), Captain of eSports club, Marketing (Newnham), Boys of Hilton (editor, graphic designer and photographer/videographer), Service tie, Cultural tie, Cultural full colours, Headmaster's leadership award (2021), 1st team basketball, 2nd team soccer, 3rd team hockey.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study applied psychology in the US. I will probably start my studies at the South African College of Applied Psychology.

Hilton has taught me to be adaptable, to work in a team, to serve those you lead, and to lead with humility. I've been taught to not only play for myself, but for others as well. I've become independent, more outgoing, and more willing to go out of my way to help others. Hiking with my dorm taught me to appreciate everything I have, including a hot shower and a bed to sleep in. It also taught me to live in the moment. I've learnt to rely on others and that there is no shame in asking for help when you need it.

Darren Liu (Lucas)

Half colours for music, Service tie, 1st team basketball, 3rd team hockey.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study in Taiwan.

Hilton has taught me how to live with others. I've learnt that on your bad days, you shouldn't project that onto others.

Gary Lubisi (Lucas)

Half colours for Drama, 1st team basketball, 1st team soccer, 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: Undecided.

Hilton has taught me about brotherhood.

Jack Mackenzie (Ellis)

Academic half colours (2021), Commendations throughout high school, Dorm leader, 3rd team water polo, 4th team water polo captain (2020), 4th team rugby, French club, Cooking club, Level 2 leadership award.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study business science at UCT.

Hilton has taught me to appreciate my privilege and everything that has been given to me. It has also taught me to appreciate all the good times and to hold on to them.

Michael Mackenzie (Ellis)

Academic half colours (2021), Headmaster's leadership award (2021), Geography Prize (2021, 2020), Canoeing, Mountain biking, mechanics course, 4th team hockey, 4th team rugby, Commendation Prize (2018, 2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at the University of Pretoria or to take the year off to work in America.

Hilton has taught me to listen more and specifically to the perspectives of others. I think I have learnt to be more confident in who I am. I have learnt to be kind to others. Hilton College has also taught me to be a better leader and to lead by example.

Mvelo Mageba (Pearce)

1st team soccer, 4th team rugby, 4th team basketball, Music club, Soccer club, Level 2 leadership award, Half-colours for soccer, Commendation award (Grade 10), U16A soccer vice-captain.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study overseas, preferably in the USA. I have a soccer scholarship agency helping me get into a good university.

Hilton has taught me to live the dream. Mr [Tony] Richter taught this to all Hilton boys. Ever since then I have never looked back and always tried to dream and fulfil those dreams.

Obotegile Makakase (Lucas)

Half colours for Drama, 6th team basketball, 7th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To become a performing artist and a producer – and to study psychology.

Hilton has taught me to be tough and less sensitive, lest I get run over by the world.

Vuyo Malinga (Newnham)

Academic half colours, junior marimba band, captain of 2nd team hockey (2021), second team captain non-travelling reserve for KZN inland hockey (2021), Head of Spirit (2021), Exchange to Wrekin College in England (2019), 2nd team hockey, 2nd team soccer, 3rd team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university in the UK (Edinburgh or Manchester).

My time at Hilton College has taught me about the strength of brotherhood and lifelong bonds. This place develops boys into men and teaches values that I would want my son to possess one day.

Sagwadhi Malongete (Churchill)

2nd team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study economics then law at Rhodes University.

Hilton has taught me to love myself. You've got to be "there" for yourself as well as for others and that makes for growth in all spheres of life.

Josh Mansour (Newnham)

1st team rugby, Top economics student (2019), Golf, Pickup basketball club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study in the USA.

Hilton has taught me to put others before myself and to help people in need. You never know what someone else is going through.

Joshua Matambo (Pearce)

Service tie, House commendations, 3rd team hockey, 3rd team soccer, 4th team cricket.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To do a degree in marketing or business management.

I think my time at Hilton has taught me to stay true to myself, to fight for what I believe in and to always be courteous.

Thabo Mazibuko (Ellis)

2nd team soccer, 3rd team basketball, 6th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: Undecided

Hilton has taught me about brotherhood.

Andrew Meyer (McKenzie)

Honours for academics (2021), War cry committee, Head of war-cry band, 2nd team cricket, 2nd team hockey.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to UCT to study engineering (mechanical and mechatronics). I would also like to continue my flight training to be able to begin a career in flying as soon as possible.

Hilton has taught me to be myself.

Mukaii Mhaka (Falcon)

Academic colours (2021), Toastmasters, Entrepreneurship Award (2021), 5th team basketball, 5th team hockey, Piano (2017-2021), Choir (2017-2020), Business club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To create a decentralised education platform and go to university in America to study business.

Hilton has taught me the value of independence, and of working with others. Being in a boarding school taught me to do things for myself, such as make my bed in the morning and make sure I am on time. Before I came to Hilton, many things were done for me. I think the culture of Hilton has made me a better person. I also learned that there is much benefit in working with others. We all have unique skills and knowledge, and if we tap into these, better ideas can be formed.

Sithelo Mini (Lucas)

Backstage for the West Side Story in 2019, Transformation committee, 1st team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university in America. Hilton has taught me that anything is possible if you work hard.

Okuhle Mjiyako (McKenzie)

Music club, Gym club, 3rd team basketball, 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to a university in Canada

and start my mechanical engineering degree.

Hilton has taught me to persevere and to see opportunities, big and small.

Nhlaka Mntambo (Lucas)

Honours for academic (2021), Deputy head of school (2021), Deputy head of Competition Marimba Band (2021), Honours for culture (2021), Service tie (2021), Transformation committee (2021, 2020), Vice-captain 1st team basketball (2021, 2020), 2nd team hockey, KZN Inland hockey U18 non-traveling reserve (2021), 4th team soccer, Exchange student to the UK (2020), Academic full colours (2020), isiZulu Prize (2020, 2019), Cultural Tie (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To continue my basketball career at DME Academy in Florida and earn a scholarship to play college basketball in the USA.

My time at Hilton College has taught me that grit and perseverance are crucial if I want to achieve my goals. I learned about these two things during pre-season basketball training in grade 8 and 9 with Mr [David] Look, when we would do conditioning that would push us to our limits. That is where I got a taste of what it means to push yourself.

Motheo Molefe (Falcon)

Cultural honours (2021), Marimbas, Drums, Music production, Soccer club, Esports, 3rd team basketball, 3rd team soccer, Captain of U14B, U15B and U16B basketball (co head 2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university and to continue playing soccer.

Hilton has taught me self-confidence and to respect and love myself, regardless of what anyone says about me.

Richard Muir (Falcon)

1st team golf, 2nd team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study overseas.

Hilton has taught me to make the most of your time and to make connections that will last a lifetime.

Mamucha Munthali (Ellis)

Ellis head of pastoral care, Ellis war-cry leader, 1st team soccer, Half colours for soccer (2021), 4th team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To return to playing club football and depart for the USA in July/August to become a student athlete.

Tapiwa Mushonga (McKenzie)

Head of house (2021), Headmaster's leadership award, 1st team basketball (captain), 1st team soccer (captain), Half colours (soccer and basketball), 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study in the US.

Hilton has taught me resilience; to push through the tough times.

Tebogo Mvelase (McKenzie)

Inter-house prize for soccer and basketball, Grade 10 music production, Shooting, Gaming & Music club, 2nd team soccer, 3rd team basketball, 4th team hockey, 4th team basketball vice-captain (2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To do a BSc at Wits, which will enable me to start my business. I will also travel to Canada later in the year where I will learn a new programming language, building on my knowledge.

Hilton has taught me to dream big, but at the same time to work towards those dreams.

Josh Neill (Pearce)

2nd team cricket, 2nd team hockey.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BCom (management sciences) at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me to cherish every moment that you are blessed with, because time is the one resource we can't get back. Five years goes by like five minutes.

Unako Nowele (Newnham)

Head of spirituality council, KZN Inland hockey U18A, First aid, Philia prize in recognition of integrity and moral courage, 1st team basketball, 1st team hockey. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To do a BCom at Wits. What has Hilton taught me? What Mrs Hanlie Dry told me at my school interview: "Never try to fit in at the expense of your own uniqueness."

Konke Nzimande (Newnham)

Cultural honours, Head of culture, Marimba captain, Marimba championship winner, 1st team basketball, 4th team rugby. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at UCT. Hilton has taught me that a good work ethic combined with diligence and consistency is key to achieving what you want in life. This great institution has also taught me the value of lifelong friendships.

Yenziwa Nzuza (Lucas)

The Karabo Che Mokoape Prize (2021), Half colours for drama, Dramatic Arts Prize (2021, 2020), Head of Transformation and Diversity (2021), Form 1 dorm leader (2021), Health and Fitness club, Reading club, 4th team basketball, Transformation committee (2019-2021) Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Edinburgh or Brown University. Hilton has taught me that the start of the Hilton College journey with my brothers does not end when we walk out the gates in our final year, but continues until the very end.

Jack Osborne (Lucas)

2nd team rugby, 2nd team water polo. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me the values of a good person. I learnt a great deal from my housemaster Mr [AC] Blume.

Jack Peattie (Pearce)

3rd team cricket, 3rd team hockey, 4th team soccer, 7th team basketball. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To work for my dad next year. Hilton has taught me to appreciate time with family and to make the most of what you have.

Christopher Pistorius (Falcon)

Headmaster's leadership award, Cricket half-colours, 1st team cricket, KZN inland cricket U19, 2nd team rugby, Tea club, Cooking club, Mountain biking. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Tuks to study economics and play cricket. Hopefully in a few years, I will go to the UK to play cricket professionally. Hilton College has taught me to not take things for granted and to appreciate all that you have because these opportunities aren't forever. For example, the facilities at Hilton College are among the best in the world. It would

be irresponsible to not have used them because I will never get this opportunity again.

Jannes Potgieter (Lucas)

Half colours for academics, Honours for rugby, Headmaster's leadership award, 1st team rugby, 2nd team water polo, Health and Fitness club, U16 Grant Khomo Week, U16 Elite Player Development squad. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play rugby for the Sharks U20 side.

At Hilton I learnt that there is always time to smile or even put a smile on another person's face. I learnt this from my housemaster Mr [AC] Blume, who throughout my years at Hilton always had a smile on his face, even when he might not have been having the best time.

Josh Ribeiro (McKenzie)

Service Tie, Gold President's Award, 1st team rugby, 2nd team water polo. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study finance and psychology in the USA. My time at Hilton has taught me that friends are important and that I can rely on them when times are difficult.

Kelvin Robertson (McKenzie)

1st team rugby, 1st team water polo, Rugby half colours, KZN water polo, Cooking, Health and Fitness club, Visual art awards, Guitar (Grade 8 & 9). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to Tuks and play rugby. I'd also like to develop my own brand. Hilton has taught me that bonds between people are far more important than meaningless connections.

Robbie Ross (Newnham)

6th team water polo, 7th team hockey. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university.

Khalil Sacranie (Newnham)

Commendations (Grade 12, 11 & 10), Gold President's Awards (2021), Colours for dramatic arts (2021), Service Tie (2021), Form 1 dorm leader, Vice-captain of shooting (2021), Drone club vice-president, Cricket, 1st team shooting (2020), Cultural Tie (2020). Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to university in Spain or the UK. Hilton has taught me how to become independent, especially coming from another country. It also taught me about different cultures and different types of people.

Omolemo Sehole (Churchill)

Guitar & contemporary piano (2017-2020), Cricket, Cooking club, DJ club, Level 2 leadership award, 4th team rugby. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study philosophy, politics and economics at Wits or the University of Pretoria. Hilton has taught me the importance of being independent, but also not thinking that you can do it on your own all the time.

Kutullo Senamela (Lucas)

Level 2 leadership award, 5th team rugby, 7th team rugby, Tea club, Health and Fitness club, Service tie, 5th team cricket. Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BCom economics at Tuks or UCT. My time at Hilton has taught me not to give up on other

people too early, as many of the people I am friends with now were not my friends at the start of my Hilton journey.

Taddeo Sithole (Churchill)

Evan Brown Zulu Prize (2021), Business club, 2nd team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to the University of Cape Town and study a BCom.

Hilton College has taught me to always work hard and never give up when faced with challenges; to never stop trying to give of my best. Great satisfaction comes from hard-fought rewards.

Joubert Smit (Lucas)

Honours for academics (2021), Afrikaans and AP English prize (2021), Afrikaans prize (2020), Half colours for rowing (2021), Silver medal at Senior SA Champs Regatta in the 1st Quad, Athletics, Sustainability committee, Exchange to Doon school, India (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study accounting at the University of Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me the meaning of hard work and allowed me to find my independence. I have always appreciated the fact that the school has something for everyone, regardless of your interests. Experiences such as rock climbing on the estate and OLE have fuelled my spirit for adventure.

James Sweeney (Churchill)

2nd team hockey, 6th team rugby, 7th team water polo, Fantasy Football Club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that I must keep on learning from and listening to others. It has taught me that no matter what, there is always someone there for you when you're down and that you are never the only person going through a difficult time.

Thoriso Taukobong (Newnham)

Honours for Marimba (2021), Competition Marimba Band (2019), 2nd place at the International Marimba Championship, 4th team rugby, 6th team basketball.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To start a blockchain.

Hilton College has taught me patience, persistence, and resilience. It has taught me that the first step to success is always the most difficult one.

James te Riele (Newnham)

Head of house (2021), Academic colours (2021), French Rahmani Prize (2021, 2020 and 2019), Art Prac (2021), Art exhibited at Tatham Art Gallery (2021), Engineering club, Health and Fitness club, 1st team water polo, 1st team soccer, 1st team hockey (vice-captain), Half colours for hockey (2020), Art Prac and Theory prizes (2020), Grade 3 piano (2019), Vice-captain of U16B inland hockey team (2019), KZN water polo (2018 and 2017), Midlands soccer (2017).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study business science at UCT.

Hilton has taught me to take hold of every opportunity that comes my way. In Grade 8, the first year I played water polo, I made the KZN team, thanks to a position change made by Mr [Lionel] Randall. I also learnt from Mr [Matt] Fairweather's coaching style that you don't need to shout to gain respect.

Dylan Thomson (Falcon)

Head of sport (2021), 1st team cricket, 1st team rugby (vice-captain), half colours for rugby and cricket, 7th team basketball, Inland cricket (non-traveling reserve 2018), Headmaster's leadership award.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To start university at Stellenbosch or the University of Cape Town, before moving to the UK.

Hilton has taught me to be resilient and tough.

Chae van den Berg (Newnham)

Commendation awards, Form 1 dorm leader, Headmaster's leadership award, vice-captain of the 1st team rowing (2021), Tennis, Gym club. Helped teach boys safe ways of gaming, Silver President's Award, 7th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study agriculture in the UK and gain work experience in various countries.

Hilton is more than a school. It is a place where you make friends and family. It teaches you how to understand others, but most importantly to understand yourself, which prepares you for any challenge you may one day face.

Dillon van der Merwe (Lucas)

2nd team rugby, 2nd team cricket, 5th team basketball, 1st team 7s rugby (Grade 10), Titans rugby club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To obtain a BCom in international trade at North-West University.

Hilton has taught me that brothers stick together and to never leave anyone behind; to be courageous when times are difficult and to cherish the good moments.

Slade-Lee van Staden (Pearce)

1st team cricket, Batsman of the year (2021).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To play cricket and hopefully one day represent my country.

Hilton has taught me honesty and respect for people.

Leevan Vather (Pearce)

Academic colours (2021), Head of debating (2021), Debating society (2017-2021)

3rd team hockey, Grade 10 English prize (2019), Won PMB Junior Debating League for Hilton (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at the University of Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me to never take any opportunity for granted. Life is only worth living if it is lived to the fullest.

James Weinberg (Ellis)

1st team rowing, Half colours for rowing (2021), captain of the 7th rugby team (2021), Engineering club, Silver President's Award, Captain of the rowing club (2020).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To do a BCom (management sciences) at Stellenbosch University.

The most valuable lesson I learnt in my five years at Hilton College is to have patience and persistence. With these two attributes you can achieve more than you think. I was taught by many teachers and each one preached an invaluable lesson about life. I will never forget Mr [Tony] Richter, who often said, "Bar up". I learnt some inestimable lessons outside the classroom. Rowing was my main sport, and from it I learnt that dedication and commitment are indispensable to succeed.

Matt Willis (Falcon)

1st team golf (vice-captain and recipient of the sportsmanship and leadership of the year trophy), Form 1 dorm leader, 1st team cricket.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study agricultural management at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me to treat people how you want to be treated, and to always be kind because you never know when you may need some kindness in return.

Matthew Wilson (Newnham)

Toast masters, Bronze President's Award, Silver President's Award, Grade 10 dorm leader, Soccer, The drone club, Engineering club, Sinclair Trust prize for entrepreneurship, 4th team cricket, 6th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To focus more on the venture I've been working on.

I have learnt to make the most of opportunities. I have also learnt to make use of all resources available, from members of staff to the various facilities as well as the incredible estate through which I have enjoyed countless runs. I've learnt just how fast time flies. If you don't seize every moment, you will lose many an opportunity to make memories, build invaluable friendship, or enjoy unique experiences.

Josh Wingfield (McKenzie)

2nd team soccer, 4th team rugby, 5th team basketball, Cooking club, Pickup basketball, Leadership certificate.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study a BA Humanities at the University of Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me that we are all human and make mistakes, but there are always people who will stand behind you and support you through tough and painful times. At Hilton I had my share of issues and I had important people in my life who supported me through it all.

Craig Yammin (Churchill)

1st team cricket, half colours for cricket, 3rd team rugby,

16B rugby captain, 16A cricket captain, Health and Fitness club.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To go to the University of Cape Town. Also applying at universities in the UK and Ireland.

My time at Hilton College has taught me many things, but mostly how to not let opportunities slip through your hands. You must take every opportunity and make it count, whether it be on the sports field, on the estate or in the Crookes Block. I have had so much fun at Hilton and made so many friends who will be my friends for life.

Avuyile Zondi (Lucas)

Honors for drama (2021), 2nd team rugby, IsiZulu Prize (2020), Drama award (2019).

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study at Tuks in 2022.

Hilton has taught me to be a better and kind human being.

Wandile Zulu (Pearce)

2nd team basketball, Half colours for soccer, Music club, 6th team rugby.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study business management at Wits or UJ.

Hilton has taught me that you're never alone. Hilton College provides a space where boys are able to share brotherhood, which is for life, and helpful in the real world.

Liam Zocchi-Dommann (McKenzie)

1st team rugby, Full colours for rugby, Craven Week, dorm leader for Grade 9s, 2nd team rugby (2020), 1st team rugby (2020), water polo.

Plans for 2022 and beyond: To study property management through the Sharks and to pursue a career in rugby.

Hilton has taught me to always appreciate what I have been blessed with and to be a good person; to be myself, no matter what.



Maralyn Atkins, staff

Full name	Years at HC	House	Deceased date
Mr Antonie, Victor Joseph	1977 - 1980	Ellis	01 01 2021
Mr Asher, Peter John	Post Matric 1943, 1941 - 1941	Newnham	14 08 2021
Mr Brown, Nathan Craig	2004 - 2008	Churchill	17 03 2021
Mr Crookes, Norman Samuel	1950 - 1954	McKenzie	11 08 2021
Mr Dickson, Robert George	1960 - 1965	Newnham	01 07 2020
Dr Fannin, John Eustace Gower	Post Matric 1950, 1946 - 1949	Pearce	01 02 2020
Mr Fleming, John Bothwell	1947 - 1951	McKenzie	09 06 2021
Mr Hallas, Matthew David	2009 - 2013	Lucas	30 08 2021
Dr Hendley, Anthony Keith	1957 - 1961	Ellis	19 04 2021
Mr Hobson-Jones, Bruce	Post Matric 1949, 1946 - 1948	Churchill	01 05 2021
Mr Hodges, Richard Andrew	1954 - 1955	Ellis03	09 2020
Mr Kahn, Graham Clive	Post Matric 1946, 1945 - 1945	Newnham	08 03 2021
Mr Mapstone, John A	1947 - 1949	Pearce	29 02 2020
Mr Martin, Donald Mitchell	1948 - 1952	Churchill	24 02 2021
Mr Martin, Roderick Mitchell	1971 - 1974	Churchill	09 07 2021
Mr Mokoape, Karabo Che Moemise	1997 - 2001	Falcon	01 08 2021
Mr Mooney, Franklin Austen	1963 - 1966	Pearce	01 09 2019
Adv Osborn, David John Balfour	1943 - 1947	McKenzie	16 09 2021
Mr Powell, David John	1979 - 1983	Pearce	01 10 2021
Mr Ramahala, Mpho Jonas Jnr	2012 - 2015	Falcon	26 09 2021
Mr Rein, Rudolph Theodore Mark	Post Matric 1955, 1951 - 1954	Ellis	23 03 2021
Mr Ross-Smith, Christopher A	1953 - 1956	Pearce	01 08 2021
Mr Sturgeon, Edwin D'arcey	1948 - 1952	Newnham	22 10 2021
Mr Symons, John Peter	1972 - 1976	Ellis	14 08 2021
Mr Throssell, Guy William C	1979 - 1982	Ellis	06 07 2021

Victor Antonie (1980, Ellis)

Victor Antonie, whose career spanned the three big Reuters regions, died suddenly on 4 March, aged 59, in Johannesburg where he was chief producer for news and editorial in Africa for Reuters TV and Pictures.

Victor was a force of nature, with seemingly boundless levels of energy twinned with equal measures of passion, devotion and compassion, Ed Stoddard writes. It is testimony to his vibrancy and zest for life that so many friends, colleagues and former colleagues paid tribute to him. His career, family life and fishing frolics covered the globe, and he is remembered with great fondness.



Victor Antonie

"Victor brimmed with such vitality that it barely seems possible!" friend and former Reuters colleague Alister Bull, who is based in Washington, wrote on Facebook in response to the news of his passing.

Sreya Banerjee, one of many people who recalled Victor's mentorship, wrote on Facebook: "He gave me my break in journalism, first as an intern in Reuters Manila and then as a producer at the Reuters offices in New York and DC. He had a larger-than-life personality that could fill any room. He took a chance on people, often people he had never met. Always a thorough gentleman, he was kind, fair, generous and always had your back."

Victor Antonie grew up in Kroonstad, a working-class farming town in the Free State. His heritage was proudly Lebanese, and he was in many ways the product of the Lebanese focus on hard work, education and the centrality of family. Such traits can be seen as socially conservative, but Victor had a liberal cast of mind. At the age of 10, he went off to boarding school in the hilly river-cut Midlands in what is now Kwa-Zulu Natal. He attended top private schools where he did not let his small stature keep him off the rugby pitch. Victor would always be grateful to his father for his foresight and sacrifice in ensuring his children had a quality education. He would carry on the

tradition in the many Reuters postings he had around the world in an era when an ex-pat manager's package included top-of-the-range private schooling. Victor was always grateful to Reuters for that, and his children were grateful for the education they obtained from their worldwide family adventures.

"He was the best dad. He took us on an adventure around the world, raised us to be strong and caring, and told the best stories," his daughter Pascale said.

While attending school in the Midlands – picturesque home to some of the best trout fishing waters in South Africa – the currents of Victor's life would also lead him to be hooked on the art of fly fishing, thus beginning a life-long addiction which he shared with his brother Michael. For Victor, family, friends, fishing and food consumed his life outside of work, which he tackled with all of the enthusiasm that he did everything else. Long before it was fashionable, Victor struck a "work/life balance". He did so much of both, that at times it scarcely seemed possible there was only one of him.

His devotion to his family betrayed roots that reached into Lebanon, where the family is cherished. He was devoted to his family, the many accomplishments of his children – Pascale, Lili and Gabriel – a source of great pride. He adored his wife Freddie, a French national who passed her mother tongue on to her children. They were together for 41 years and Victor always described her as "the love of my life". He was looking forward with obvious joy to becoming a grandfather in May.

Cooking and food were among his passions. Like everything else in his life, Victor's appetite belied his size – he could eat like a horse, and he did so with relish. He was a certified Cordon Bleu chef and he took the greatest delight in cooking for friends and family.

At Reuters, Victor was a towering figure. He started with Visnews in 1989 in Namibia and would go on to cover Nelson Mandela's release from prison and apartheid's tense final years. From there he went to a posting in Nairobi in 1994 as senior producer. Postings in Singapore and Washington followed, with two assignments in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. His career came full circle when he returned to South Africa in 2012 to lead coverage of the last stages of the Nelson Mandela story. He stayed on to run video across Africa for Reuters from Johannesburg, and recently took on responsibility for the photo operation too.

"There's lots to love about Victor. A caring, compassionate, thoughtful soul. Listening to him think out loud was worth paid admission. Boundless imagination, curiosity and radiating energy propelled him like a whirlwind," former Reuters chief cameraman Bart Noonan said.

Reuters cameraman Leon Malherbe, a South African now based in Berlin, recalled the Saturday morning in April 1993 when the South African Communist leader and ANC

heavyweight Chris Hani was assassinated outside his home – an event that almost derailed South Africa's transition to majority rule. Leon was getting his hair cut at the time and the barber had only cut one side of his hair when Victor called and told him to not worry about the other side, get to the scene! As a result, Leon was the first there after the police, nailing the story with his rakishly lop-sided hair style.

Victor often cut an unforgettable character in the office, shouting down his phone while smashing avocado onto his toast. He got things done and inspired fierce loyalty in those who worked for him, reciprocity for the loyalty he showed to them.

Victor was twice honoured with Reuters Journalists of the Year awards since his return to Johannesburg. The first, Video Story of the Year for 2013, was for coverage of Mandela's death, the other, Story of the Year, for distinguished coverage of the coup that toppled Robert Mugabe from power in Zimbabwe in late 2017. Fittingly, they were rewards that recognised team efforts.

To relax, Victor loved to go fly fishing. It was a consuming passion that only those who have risen to it can relate to fully, but Victor's compelling story-telling – often in decibels that would scare most fish away – could raise the interest of even the uninitiated. His pursuit of trout on fly in rivers was his abiding pastime, and he was a master at it, honed over the years on the magical Mooi River in the Midlands and waters in New Zealand, Kenya, Lesotho and Bosnia. Reeling others into the world of fly fishing was one of his joys.

Mark Chisholm, a South African video journalist who works for Reuters in Beijing and who had many an African adventure in the field with Victor, recalls the wedding present Victor gave him: a stint of Atlantic salmon fishing on a Scottish river. Mark would land a 21-pounder, a record for the year on that beat. "When I pulled it out he was like a proud father to a new child," Mark recalled. I spent some time with Victor a few hours before his sudden passing, a weekly ritual spent in my garden when Victor would relax and fishing trips would be hatched. That evening we spoke of his family and his impending grand fatherhood, the book he was reading at the time – Paul Theroux's account of his travels in Mexico – and, of course, fishing. He had recently acquired a new SUV and had big plans to fish his beloved Mooi River over the long weekend in Easter, when the austral autumn would begin cooling the waters. Twelve days before, he had cast for the last time with myself and another friend on a stream not far from Johannesburg, where he tried out a new rod. It is a custom-made work of art that was a gift from his children. It is a beautiful rod, and he cast it beautifully.

Michael Antonie (brother)

Peter John Asher (1943 PM, Newnham)

Peter was often described as remarkable, referring to his ability to participate actively in life in spite of his poor eyesight and eventual blindness – but also because of his integrity, thoughtfulness and cheerfulness. He was a loyal friend and an energetic contributor in all that he did. Born in 1927 to Bernard and Mary Asher on a farm in Somerset East, Peter lived almost all his life in Durban. His schooling started at Durban Prep, but included stints at King's, Treverton and Hilton, and along the way he made friends for life.

He was a boy in a hurry, doing more than one year at a time at school and university, graduating with a four-year civil engineering degree at the age of 19 – having also spent nine months in the army.

His main career energies were channelled into starting Ready Mixed Concrete in KwaZulu-Natal in 1963 and positions at Darling and Hodgson, where he worked alongside a number of Old Hiltonians.

Peter was always an active volunteer. It was only a couple of years ago that he finally retired from his involvement with KZN Blind Bowlers, where they earlier had to change the constitution to allow a blind bowler to be chairman. In retirement, he was also involved in Rotary, Probus and various TAFTA committees. He was a member of Round Table for 15 years, with a stint as KZN Area Chairman in 1968. He was a regular early morning churchgoer, enjoying the dignity of the Eucharist without the “distraction” of singing.

In September 2019, he and Jo celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary – both giving short and amusing speeches. Jo died the following May. They shared much of their lives with the “Hilton crowd” from Peter's last years at school. At various stages a dozen or more couples were involved, and in some years, the A-to-Z club (Ashers to Zingels) dined together monthly.

He leaves his son Anthony (1972, McKenzie), daughter-in-law Jane, grandsons Robert, John and Michael, their wives, and 10 great-grandchildren – all in Australia. We all will greatly miss his friendship and counsel.

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

Anthony Asher (son)



Peter and Jo Asher

Anthony Keith Hedley (1961, Ellis)

Anthony Keith Hedley passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and children on April 19, 2021.

Born on the 2nd of October 1943 in Durban, Tony was a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, author, researcher, and educator, specializing in joint reconstruction and replacement. He received his



Anthony Hedley

medical degree from the University of Witwatersrand in 1968. In 1977, he received his registration as a specialist orthopedic surgeon from the South African Medical and Dental Council.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, he completed his fellowship in orthopedic surgery at St Thomas Hospital, London, and his postdoctoral studies in orthopedic surgery and bioengineering at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In 1982 he moved to Phoenix Arizona and joined the Institute for Bone and Joint Disorders, later developing the Hedley Orthopedic Institute. He performed thousands of hip and knee replacements until his retirement last year. He was a master technician and loved by his patients for his kindness and compassion.

Throughout his career, Dr Hedley was a researcher, implant designer, internationally recognized speaker, and beloved teacher. He received numerous awards and honors including the Otto Aufranc and John Charnley award from the Hip Society. He trained 70 fellows who revere “the Boss” for the knowledge, skills, compassion, and humanism that he imparted to them.

He brightened every room he entered with his infectious smile and fabulous sense of humor. His motto was to always do his best.

Tony was an avid fisherman, hunter, and aviary expert. He holds three world record fish catches. He was an avid reader and loved his daily crossword puzzles. He loved spending time with his family in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and Soldotna, Alaska, where they fished together on the Kenai. They opened a fishing lodge there on the river where they enjoyed summers together.

He is survived by his children Damian and Lisa, and grandchildren Benjamin, Graydon and Holdon, as well as his wife of 20 years, Jennifer, and their children Alexis, Jackson, and Kate Olivia.

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Graham Clive Kahn (1946 PM, Newnham)

Husband of the century – and married almost as long – to June. Much-loved dad to Adrienne and Craig. Adored granddad to Lex, Tally, Shannon, Christine and Glen. Friend to everyone. Master architect (move over Frank Lloyd Wright!). Gentleman. Innovator. Dreamer. Believer. Master of “Dad Jokes”. Snappy dresser (always the red socks). Lover of the ocean. And great food. And the odd G&T. And glass of white. And family. And yes, the friends again. And too much else to mention. Our one-of-a-kind. Our everything. For 90 amazing, incredible, brilliant years.

Still with us, but somehow, somewhere gone.

It's a darkness far greater, knowing how brightly a light had shone.

No funeral was held, as was Graham's wish. June, Adrienne and Craig said goodbye with a sunset walk along Graham's beloved beach. And collected a memory of sand and water and love.

Adrienne (daughter)



Graham and Joan Kahn

Roddy Martin (1974, Churchill)

Roderick “Roddy” Mitchell Martin died on the 9th of July 2021 at his home in Wareham, Massachusetts, surrounded by his family. He was 64.

Born in Johannesburg, he was the son of the late Rory Mitchell Martin and Rosemarie Temple (Sayle) Lewis. He emigrated to the United States in 1998 and lived in Marblehead, Plymouth and Middleboro before moving to Wareham four years ago.

While attending Hilton College, Roddy played cricket and rugby. He also excelled at swimming, receiving school colors and the Hilton Champion Swimmer trophy. Roddy went on to attend the University of Pretoria, where he received his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of the National Water Polo Team and participated in the Midmar Mile Swim, the Marblehead Mile, and the Buzzards Bay Swim.

With his equestrian skills, taught to him by his stepfather Tony Lewis who was an international show jumper, he was accepted into the South African Defence Force Equestrian

unit, which was established to train horses for combat during the South African anti-terrorist war in southwest Africa. He spent two years training horses and riders and was discharged with a rank of sergeant. He was also a part of the show jumping team.

Instrumental in digital supply chain transformation, Roddy was sought after worldwide for his knowledge of supply chain, digital transformation and change management. Before moving to the US, he was chief engineer at SAB Breweries. In the US, he worked for several large companies. He participated in panels with Bill Clinton, Colin Powell and Bill Gates, and was proud of the work he did for the Clinton and Gates foundations.

Roddy loved the ocean, kayaking, paddle skiing and watching the surfers in Little Compton Rhode Island. He enjoyed pottering around the yard. Always doing projects, he was not one to sit around. He traveled the world, mostly for work but sometimes for leisure. He loved to go to new places, try new food and was especially fond of tasting beers in every country he went to. He was also known for his pig roasts.

Roddy was a family man and enjoyed being with all his children and grandchildren.

He leaves: his wife Barbara Brant; his children Jacqui Cameron, Caroline Signorello, Michelle Lemire and Ryan Martin; his stepchildren Shawn Brant, Mathew Brant and Meghan Brant; and eight grandchildren, all in the US. He also leaves his stepfather Tony Lewis, his sisters Roseann Cleverdon and Roslyn Atkinson, and other family members in SA.

In honor of Roddy's unique contribution to supply chain evolution and transformation, and to supply chain professionals worldwide, a group of his peers from across the profession have organized an endowed supply chain scholarship to his alma mater, Pretoria University. The scholarship will provide tuition for a selected student's full academic career, ensuring that Roddy's influence continues into the future. Pretoria University currently offers these supply chain courses: BCom Supply Chain Management, BComHons Supply Chain Management, MPHIL Business Management option Supply Chain Management.

If you would like support Roddy's legacy, please make a donation to the Pretoria University Foundation – specifically for the Roddy Martin Supply Chain Excellence Scholarship.



Roddy Martin

Barbara Brant (wife)

Karabo Mokoape (2001, Falcon)

Few Hiltonians of his generation were as well known and as affectionately held as Karabo Che Moemise Mokoape.

In his final year of Hilton, he was head of school, the first African in the school's history.

He was the only son of one of the founders of the Black Consciousness Movement and South African Student Organization, Dr Aubrey Mokoape, a friend of Steve Biko's. Dr Mokoape died of Covid seven months before his son succumbed to the disease.

A deeply committed Christian, Karabo was inspirational, effervescent, and accomplished. Thousands of friends from around the world joined online memorials for him in the week after his death. The tributes they gave were testament to his astounding reach considering he was only 37 when he died.

In his twenties, Mokoape embarked on a trip through Africa which he documented in dispatches in *The Mercury* newspaper and SABC Africa. He travelled to 50 countries in his relatively short life and made lasting friendships wherever he went. He will be remembered by friends and family for his booming laugh, exceptional warmth and extraordinary humility. He had an uncanny capacity to win people over.

A feted public speaker, Mokoape was a keen advocate for social change and effortlessly charmed opponents, even as a strident advocate for transformation. He managed to be bluntly honest and radical but never alienating. He thought it better to guide and educate in the transformation journey, to open minds rather than reinforce prejudice.

His peers described him as a born leader. Mokoape was an entrepreneur, author, and world-class communicator who, in his matric year, shared the podium with Nelson Mandela.

Mokoape served on several boards, including Hilton's as the school's youngest-ever trustee.



Karabo Mokoape

He authored *The Seven Things Every Young Black Entrepreneur Should Know*, published by Penguin Random House.

He was renowned for his tireless efforts as a bridge-builder, business facilitator and mentor. In one speech he visibly stirred an audience when he said the world sorely lacked compassion. Respond to pain and suffering with action, he invoked. "Keep caring...this is the power that lives in each of us. The power to learn, to smile, to care."

In eulogies, Mokoape's friends spoke heartily of his energy and determination. At school he participated in a variety of sports and extramural activities, particularly Hilton's outreach programmes. In his final year, he often went to bed around midnight and woke at 4.30am, though the sleep deprivation did little to dim his radiant personality.

A friend who grew up with him described Mokoape as having an astonishing sense of self twinned with deep empathy. He was "a beautiful spirit...a towering figure and a good man who believed in the goodness of people". At primary school at Highbury he memorised a quote that friends said was defining, an old adage often attributed to US president Thomas Jefferson: "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Mokoape leaves his wife Thuli and their children Somila and Samora.

An extract from *Stories of Hilton College, An Anthology*

Franklin Mooney (1966, Pearce)

Born on the 20th of October 1948, Frank was at Hilton College from 1963 to 1966. He embraced sport, attaining his colours in hockey and shooting. Schoolwork took a backseat! He often spoke about his time at Hilton and said he loved every moment of it.

After leaving Hilton he went on to university in Pietermaritzburg to study medicine. As he was dyslexic, he found the amount of study inhibiting, so left after a year. He then joined Olivetti as a typewriter salesman at which he excelled! This was the start of his entrepreneurial life. Frank went off to the UK, where he worked at Heals in London as a salesman. After a couple of years of travelling overseas he returned to South Africa in the early 70s and started the first of many businesses, including Basset Enterprises, Trappers Trading, Els Amics restaurant, Howick Hire, Duza Craft and Howick Falls T-Room. He built Greendale Shopping Centre and renovated many old houses and shops. He also completely renovated and refurbished the Howick Cinema to become Howick Craft. He was a well-known figure at the Royal and other agricultural shows with his many toy stands.

He was married to Megan Tordoff in the early 1980s. After the marriage ended, Frank started making regular trips to

New Zealand, where his brother Charlie lives. In 2005, he moved to Napier in New Zealand. There he met Tessa Courtney (Greene), who was from Nottingham Road and attended St Annes, and they were married in 2010. They bought a farm with a café /restaurant in Esk Valley, a wine-growing area just outside Napier. Together they ran the business which also included a craft shop (Duza Craft), selling African art and curios bought on numerous trips back to South Africa until he became ill in 2013. After a long, hard-fought six-year battle with pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer, he passed away in September 2019.

Tessa Mooney (wife)

David Alistair Nunnerley (1959, McKenzie)

On 14 December 2021, David Nunnerley passed away peacefully with his family present in Sydney after a long illness. He led a successful and adventurous life

emigrating with his family to Australia where he was resident since 1976.



David Nunnerley

His connections to Hilton College through lifelong friendships and return trips remained strong throughout his adult life. Fluent in both Afrikaans and Zulu, his love of the country and its people was deep.

David's school life at Hilton seems to have been focussed on Sunday escapades, roaming the school's estate and surrounding countryside, crossing waterfalls and riding rapids down the river. As a resident of McKenzie, he had happy memories of his housemaster Mr Alletson. After leaving Hilton in 1959 he travelled through East Africa experiencing the Serengeti and Ngora Ngora crater at a time when zoologists and wider scientific communities were only beginning to appreciate its significance.

He graduated in economics at the University of Witwatersrand in 1965 and served articles in Chartered Accountancy in 1967 at Price Waterhouse in Johannesburg and London before moving into merchant banking. Qualifying as a property valuer, David became the national property director at Standard Chartered Bank and a non-executive director of the South African Property Owners' Association.

He was a member of both the South African and Australia Institutes of Property Valuers and Chartered Accountants, respectively.

An accomplished professional and highly regarded for his expertise in insolvency and property trusts, he had a strong desire to see right done to victims of corporate misconduct and sought to improve the regulation, management, and accountability of his industry.

David's love of adventure was lifelong. He hiked in wild places around the world, including South America, Alaska, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, with rafting down the Franklin River in Tasmania being a highlight. He was a keen horseman, trout fisherman, sailor and cross-country skier.

David was a caring, loving, kind, clever, funny, and adventurous man with a strong moral compass, firm principles, and great compassion for people. He leaves his loving family: Rosemary, his wife of more than 52 years; his three children; and eight grandchildren.

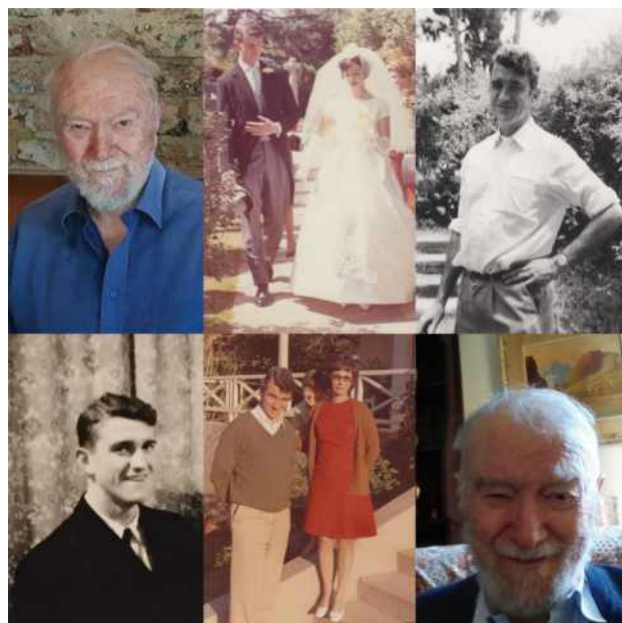
Sarah Badger (daughter)

Philip John Pybus (1953, Churchill)

Philip was born in Johannesburg and attended St Johns and The Ridge prior to Hilton. He followed a family tradition (the Beghin and Pybus families) of attending Hilton College. Philip was always proud of being a Hilton student. His athletic and rugby achievements were particularly fond memories for him.

Following Hilton, he attended Cambridge University as a member of Jesus College. His athletic achievements were his proudest memories. Having graduated from Cambridge he secured work as an engineer (another family tradition as his father and grandfather were both engineers). He met Leonie Goch at a company Christmas party. They courted and were married. Philip and Leonie were married until they both passed away in 2021, Leonie in February, aged 82, and Philip in July, aged 86.

Philip led a full life, contributing to society through his work as a water engineer by designing, building, and ensuring the operation of numerous dams, water treatment works and other infrastructure. An active member of the Water Institute of South Africa (and other professional associations) and active in his community as part of the residents' association, a member of Rotary for several years, and a member of the community police



forum, Philip also played club cricket at Zoo Lake for many years.

Philip and Leonie attended church at St Martins in the Veld in Johannesburg, where Philip was a sidesman for many years.

They leave three children – William (who left Hilton 1983), Elizabeth (didn't attend Hilton!) and George (1987) – and three adult, or nearly adult, grandchildren – Lauren, Caitlin and Daisy.

George Pybus (son)

Mark Rein (1955 PM, Ellis)

Born in Johannesburg on 29th December 1937, Mark married Leonie and they had three children (two daughters and a son) and three grandchildren (two girls and a boy).

At Hilton College, Mark excelled in rugby, cricket, hockey, tennis and squash. In his final year at Hilton, he was awarded full colours for five sports, which was a record at the time!

He went on to obtain his BA (Law) and LLB degrees from Rhodes University and the University of Pretoria, respectively.

He was admitted as an attorney in 1964 and was also an admitted notary public and conveyancer. He did his articles in Schwartz Shappiro. In 1970, Mark teamed up with Derek Verster to establish the law firm of Rein & Verster. This practice was eventually amalgamated with Solomon and Nicholson to become Solomon Nicholson Rein & Verster in 1991. Mark was chairman [of the board] from 1999 to 2004, when he retired.

He was a successful and well-respected attorney, with expertise in High Court litigation, commercial law, personal injury claims and road transportation.

For more than 15 years, he acted as a moderator for the Attorneys Admissions Examinations for the Transvaal Law Society.



Mark Rein

Mark was an excellent all-round sportsman.

When he was a student at Rhodes University, he was selected to play hockey for Eastern Province, as well as for the South African Universities and was a member of the South African Universities hockey team (Proteas) that toured Kenya in 1959 – 1960. He also played 1st team cricket for Rhodes University and 1st team league cricket for many years.

On moving to Pretoria, he was again selected to play hockey for SA Universities and also played for Transvaal for a number of years. In 1961, he represented the South African Hockey Union XI against the combined Oxford and Cambridge touring team.

When his hockey and cricket days were over, he took up golf and within a year had a single-figure handicap. In 1975, Mark was invited to join the Northern Nomads Golf Club and in 1985 was elected their captain.

In 1989, he was elected the National Chairman of all the Nomads Clubs in South Africa – a position you hold for one year!

With regards to his achievements at Pretoria Country Club (PCC):

- Mark was a member of the club for 42 years;
- He served on the golf committee and as a member of the main committee for a number of years, including holding the office of chairman of the PCC for three years (1999 to 2001);
- He was an Honorary Vice President of the club;
- In October 1999, a new phase in Mark's life began when the Bowls section held a clinic for beginners. He found he had some ability to play bowls and that it was also good fun! Mark played golf and bowls, but after two years bowls won!
- Mark was elected captain of the Bowls Club for the years 2008 and 2009; and
- At the AGM of the PCC in June 2010, the main committee awarded honours colours to Mark.

He died in March 2021.

Mark Rein (son)

Christopher Alan Ross-Smith (1956, Pearce)

Christopher Ross-Smith died on 3rd of August 2021 (aged 82) as a result of brain injuries sustained in a fall. Until then he had been his usual exuberant self, playing tennis three times a week, playing Bridge, attending the theatre, Rotary, and annual overseas travel.

Chris had a successful career teaching drama, student teachers, actors and directors, directing productions and taking lead professional roles across four continents, so his death was mourned across this world.

Born in 1939 in Yorkshire, he emigrated to Johannesburg with his parents when he was 10 years old. His father,

Donald, was a much-respected CEO and financier, member of the Rand Club, and a founding member of the Bryanston Country Club, to which Chris still belongs. His mother, Sheelagh Ross, had a professional acting career with the South African National Theatre.



Chris Ross-Smith wearing his favourite Hilton hat

Hilton's iconic architecture and stunning setting (including compulsory weekends in the park, building tree houses), rounded off a love of the South African countryside, especially the Drakensberg and Mont-aux-Sources, that informed Chris's life. He spoke of it often and brought his daughters Imogen and Sci to visit. One anecdote he was fond of telling was a "letter home" to his alarmed mother. It read: "We have to go out in threes so one of us can go for help while one stays with the chap who's dying."

Following a degree from Natal University and two years teaching in South Africa, he won the first Leverhulme scholarship to the Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance in London, where he graduated with class honours.

After some years teaching acting and directing in London, the USA and South Africa, he was invited to be the first deputy director of Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art in 1974. He taught Mel Gibson and Judy Davis (Academy Award nominee for her lead role in *A Passage to India*).

He subsequently became the founding head of Theatre Studies at the University of New England (in Armidale, New South Wales), where he developed a world-first three-year external course in theatre studies and directed and acted in major professional productions.

A life member of the Australian Drama Studies Association and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to drama and the community.

He loved cricket at school and toured with an Australian "Golden Oldies" over-60s team to India, New Zealand and South Africa, where he re-established friendships with Old Hiltonians, and reunions became a special part of our travels. He was proud of the way the school had developed, that it had turned an old gym into a theatre and now hosts an arts festival!

Judith Ross-Smith (wife)

Alexander Steward (1934 PM, Ellis)

Alexander, also known as Pot, Steward always spoke fondly of Hilton. In fact, he alluded to it in his novel *A Single Soul*. After school he worked as a reporter on the *Rand*

Daily Mail and later, during the war, was transferred from the armed forces to the South African foreign service in Nairobi, Kenya, as information officer. He subsequently served in Ottawa and as Director of Information at South Africa House in London. On leaving the Department of Information in 1964, he launched *RSA World*, a bi-quarterly review of Southern African affairs, which ran for 22 years. By then he had already joined the SABC where he wrote and broadcast for some two decades the often-controversial programme *Current Affairs*. After the death of his beloved wife Madge in 2008, he devoted himself to the completion of his magnum opus *World Story* (unpublished). His published books include *You are Wrong*, *Father Huddleston*, *A Single Soul*, *The Challenge of Change*, *The Sacred Trust*, *The World, the West and Pretoria*, and *An Account of a Miracle*.

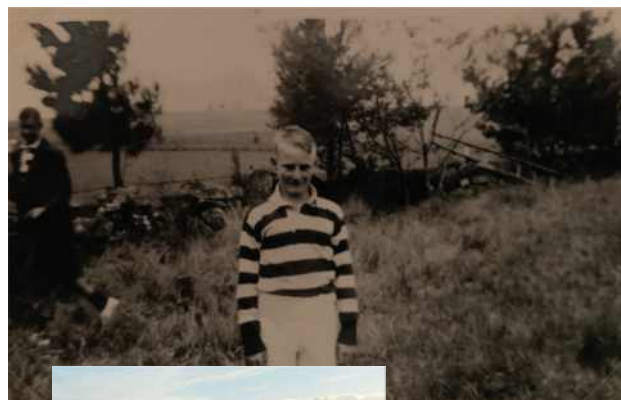
Tim Steward (son)

Edwin Sturgeon (1952, Newnham)

Edwin (Ned) Sturgeon was born in Johannesburg on the 18th of March 1935. His father George was a survivor of the Battle of Delville Wood in 1916 and co-recruiter for the Transvaal Scottish regiment in 1939. His mother May, a nursing sister, was born in Kroonstad.

Ned was educated at Saxonworld, Barberton, Hilton College and Witwatersrand University. While at Hilton, he played for the 1st rugby and hockey teams. He obtained a Certificate in the Theory of Accounting at Wits and qualified as a chartered accountant (CA) in 1961. He played rugby for Old Jeds and cricket and hockey for Wanderers, captaining the reserve cricket team for several years.

After qualifying as both a South African and English CA, Ned left for London and joined John Swire & Sons. He was posted to Butterfield & Swire in Hong Kong, where he spent many years. He also worked in Japan for one year.



Edwin Sturgeon in 1949 (above) and recently (left)

His first assignment was introducing Cathay Pacific Airways to a punch card accounting and ticketing system. He was a regular member of the Optimists side of the Hong Kong Cricket Club and represented Hong Kong in hockey at the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. During a long leave from the Far East, Ned and a friend David Gledhill climbed Mt Kilimanjaro and explored all the game reserves in East Africa.

On returning to Hong Kong from Japan in 1968, aboard the cargo ship "Tsingtao", the ship called at Shanghai during the Cultural Revolution. The officers and their two passengers had a hair-raising experience when demonstrators toppled the taxi taking them to a restaurant. Ned was confined to the ship with a Red Guard in attendance as he held a South African passport.

In 1969 Ned returned to South Africa and was involved in the first feasibility study into containerising the South African coastal shipping trade, including roll-on/roll-off ships with Unicorn Shipping.

The following five years were spent at the Mayfair headquarters of Cope Allman International Ltd in London, controlling 250 companies in six divisions. He wrote a novel called *Hotspot Pourri* based on his experiences there.

He returned to South Africa in 1974 and joined Coca Cola in Nelspruit, where he spent nearly 10 years. During this time, he married Opal Duncan and had two sons, Tony and George. After a short spell with Eastern Transvaal Consolidated Mines, he took over the Sturgeons building and hardware business in Barberton from his brother Bob. He ran the business for 15 years until retiring in 2000.

In 1983, while attending the UNISA School of Business Leadership, he met Gill Scott, to whom he remained devoted until her death in 2013.

In his retirement, a visit to Antarctica in 2001 fulfilled a long-held ambition. Ned divided his time between Barberton and the Western Cape until Covid-19 restrictions meant that he was unable to travel. He spent a number of years as president of the Barberton Chamber of Business, working tirelessly for the betterment of Barberton and playing a massive role in its development. He was known for his well-written and insightful letters, published in the media, where he campaigned for what was right, the wellbeing of Barberton and its community, and South Africa as a whole.

In his final years, Ned's passions included continuing improved development of his beloved Barberton, spending time out in the wild, especially the Kruger National Park, and setting the world to right when it came to cricket, rugby and all things sport!

John Fleming (1959, McKenzie)



John (87) lived life to the fullest

Maretha Swanepoel

Husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, John Fleming (87) who lived life to the fullest passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 9 June. John was born in Bulawayo on 9 August 1933 and was the eldest of three siblings. He started his schooling at Whitestones in Bulawayo and went to high school at Hilton College in KwaZulu-Natal.

John met Fam, his wife while playing together in the sandpit in Bulawayo, they started dating, when Fam was 15 years old. In 1957 they tied the knot and tackled the world head-on.

As a young man he decided to pursue his passion for cattle farming. John and Fam started a family and had four children, Brian, Sally Hansen, Robert and Margie de la Haye. Sally says her family moved to Mbuluzi Estates, Swaziland in 1963, but after a few years decided to relocate.

"We moved to Weenen Estate, outside Mokopane and stayed there for 20 years. My parents then moved to Sunningdale in Zebediela where they farmed for 10 years. After all the years on a farm, they moved to Polokwane where my dad managed the DHL Express courier branch in Limpopo until his retirement."

In 2001 John was diagnosed with stomach cancer and was given three weeks to live. This year, 20 years later, he beat

cancer, as he passed away peacefully in his sleep. Sally remembers his strength and determination to fight his cancer, it was remarkable. "He provided hope and inspiration to other cancer patients who would say, 'if John can do it I can do it'". He was a very wise man, with unwavering morals and did not tolerate fools. But those who were close to him knew that he had a wicked sense of humor, and always saw the brightest side of life." John was a committed Freemason for more than 50 years, and at the time of his passing he was only one of three grand officers in Limpopo.

"John has always had a strong faith and has been a loyal congregant of the Presbyterian Church in Polokwane from the time he moved here. We would like to thank all the family and friends who have supported my mom over the last few days. There are too many to name, and I fear that I might in error omit a name, therefore I would just like to thank you all. Thank you for the phone calls, messages, flowers and meals, we are all so blessed to have had John in our lives for 87 years. We do not realise how many lives John has touched until we see the love and messages coming from all four corners of the globe."

John's memorial service took place at the Mount Horeb Presbyterian Church on Saturday, 12 June.

He leaves behind his sons George, Tony and his wife Marianne, his two grandsons, and sisters Sally, Betty and their families.

While his passing leaves a void, his legacy will live on in everyone who knew him.

Tony (son)

We would like to thank everyone who informed us of the sad passing of Old Hiltonians. It is a privilege to honour their lives and keep contact with their families. If you are aware of any Old Hiltonian who has passed, please inform Amanda Pistorius at database@hiltoncollege.com.

News of Old Hiltonians

Christopher Pappas (2009, Churchill)

At the age of 30, Christopher John Pappas is becoming familiar with surprising people. In the run-up to South Africa's 2021 local government elections, the relatively unknown provincial politician claimed the national stage when a video of him on the campaign trail for the Democratic Alliance (DA) went viral on social media. It showed young Pappas campaigning in fluent Zulu.

Speakers of KwaZulu-Natal's mother tongue applauded his flawless use of the vernacular and DA supporters angry with the party's perceived racial laagering rallied behind Pappas. Within a week the DA won the uMngeni local municipality and Pappas was elected mayor, making him the first DA mayor in the province.

According to a *Sunday Times* report, Pappas got involved in politics at the University of Pretoria when he joined the Student Representative Council and was briefly president. He graduated with a degree in town and regional planning and then worked briefly as a development economist before joining the DA as KZN Operations Manager. He won a seat as a ward councillor in Durban in 2016 and was elected to the provincial legislature in 2019.

He has been the party's spokesperson on agriculture and Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs and he became Deputy Provincial Leader of his party six months before the election that made him mayor of uMngeni.

Pappas grew up in Mooi River and Howick, where he is known to many as "Mkhize". Having got an A in matric for



Chris Pappas on the campaign trail

Zulu as a second language, he is a firm believer in Nelson's Mandela's words, which he quoted in the *Sunday Times* article: "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." Pappas is confident that he speaks to the hearts of the people in his constituency and "they hear me".

An extract from *Stories of Hilton College, An Anthology*

George Christie (2008, McKenzie) and Alex Rudd (2009, Pearce)

George Christie and Alex Rudd are both serving officers in Light Dragoons, a mounted reconnaissance regiment in the British Army deployed in December 2020 for six months to Gao, Mali as part of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission. This deployment is the UN's commitment to the protection of local nationals and the maintenance of peace in Mali. Based in Gao, on the eastern bank of the River Niger, it was the first iteration of Op Newcombe, the UK's three-to-five-year focus in the Sahel.

The deployment was an immense success, as the fighting troops of A Sqn "The Empire" spent up to 70 days "out on the ground" over the course of six months.

As members of a Sabre Squadron, we moved in our open-architecture, jackal vehicles up to 175km cross country away from camp. In the south, we pushed all the way to the tri border region with Burkina Faso and Niger, in the east moving past Ansongo. There was even time for a quick dip in the River Niger at one point.

Aside from the military activity, the main highlight was the niche flora and fauna that we saw throughout. *Canis lupaster* (African wolf) could be heard howling at night in the rocky cliffs above the Soudeheri forest, and the Abyssinian roller – a bluer, West African relative of the lilac-breasted roller – dominated the dried wadis we drove along.

We also enjoyed camaraderie with the Nigerien Army based in Ansongo camp, playing a game called *balón*



Capt Christie and Capt Rudd

militaire – a hybrid of water polo, touch rugby and “domp”. Needless to say, there was only one winner.

Before we knew it, June was upon us, the deployment had drawn to a close and our time in the unrelenting, sweltering furnace of Mali had come to an end. Looking back now through rose-tinted spectacles, it certainly was the experience of a lifetime, in a corner of the continent that we never expected to visit.

Patrick Arbuthnot (1978, Pearce)

After leaving Hilton College, Patrick Arbuthnot completed his medical studies and then a PhD at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). Thereafter he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the Necker Hospital in Paris before returning to South Africa in 1994.



Patrick Arbuthnot

Prof Arbuthnot is currently the director of the Antiviral Gene Therapy Research Unit (www.wits.ac.za/agtru), which is a laboratory of the South African Medical Research Council based at Wits in Johannesburg.

During the past year, his team has engaged with the World Health Organization, various governments and industry partners to establish an African vaccine research and development hub. The particular focus is on advancing use of messenger RNA (mRNA) to prevent infectious diseases. This technology has considerable potential and has been rapidly and successfully deployed to counter threats posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The role of Prof Arbuthnot's team is to engineer production of mRNAs to optimise their effectiveness as vaccines. Other South African research laboratories are also participating in the project by contributing to different aspects of the vaccine development. The initiative is intended to enable lower and middle-income countries, particularly those from Africa, to establish vaccine preparedness without relying on imports from European, North American and Asian countries. The long-term plan is to apply the technology to preventing a broad range of illnesses caused by common infections of sub-Saharan Africa, such as TB, malaria and HIV-1.

Nigel Willis (1970, Newnham)

I retired as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal in September 2018. I live in Johannesburg, where my wife, Glenda Daniels, is an Associate Professor of Media Studies at Wits University.

I keep myself out of mischief by helping out as an assistant, non-stipendiary priest at St George's Anglican Church in Parktown, acting as an arbitrator, chairing enquiries, serving on the boards of trustees of two bodies corporate, writing book reviews and doing work for two private game reserves in Botswana, in which I have an interest.



Nigel Willis on his birthday in June

My elder son, Mikaél, works as a senior video editor for television, in Johannesburg. Our daughter Alexandra has an MA in politics at Wits and is currently enjoying a fellowship with the Brenthurst Foundation.

Our younger son, Ashok, graduated, with distinction, an MSc in engineering from TU Delft in the Netherlands in August 2021. His dissertation and field of employment focuses on sources of energy, alternative to coal.

Simon Ellis (2009, Ellis)

Co-founder and chief executive officer of SmartWage Simon Ellis scooped the Develop award at the Top 35-under-35 competition hosted by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

“It was a great privilege to win the award. A huge congratulations to this year's finalists, who are a remarkable group of individuals, and thanks to SAICA CA(SA), all the judges and the sponsors.”



Dr Andrew Asherson (1992, McKenzie)

Andrew Asherson studied medicine at the University of Stellenbosch, completing his undergraduate training in 1998. After an internship at Groote Schuur Hospital, Andrew moved to the UK where he trained at St Mary's and St George's Hospitals in London, dual-accrediting as a specialist physician and cardiologist in 2012.

He returned to Durban in 2013 and is in private practice in Umhlanga. He was conferred Fellowship of the European Society of Cardiologists (FESC) in 2018, and in January



Dr Asherson at the Royal College of Physicians in London in March 2020

2020, awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) of London.

Andrew's brother, Michael Asherson (1991, McKenzie) has recently re-emigrated to Newcastle, UK, where he works as a maritime lawyer. Andrew is married to Nikki – nee White, sister of John White (1994, Falcon) – and, traitorously, has sons currently in Grade 9 and 11 at Michaelhouse, and is eagerly anticipating the abuse coming his way at the 30-year reunion in April 2022.

Linda Magqabi (1986 PM, Pearce)

I am an executive manager at MegChem. In May, my son Lizo entered the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Grade 8 exam (cornet in Bb) and received a distinction. And my wife Busi and I both made the Mpumalanga provincial cross-country team for our respective age groups.



The Magqabi family, from left: Lizo, Ndumiso, Linda, Nozuko and Busi

Alunga Madala (2020, Newnham)

It began in shambles, continued in chaos but, a pleasant surprise and some beauty behind the madness awaited many – including myself – at the end of 2021: a fantastic finish.

Having been through the sudden and shocking volatility of 2020, the most drastic change was behind me. But what 2021 had in store was yet another round of challenges. My first year out of school was not an easy one. Online school posed a bigger threat outside the oh-so-comforting Hilton bubble that I took for granted (not to mention the Covid-19 “bubble” that came with it). Being away from

physical school caused me to decline mentally and ultimately lead to a gap in my academic performance. By my usual standards, I was failing. My family and I knew that this called for massive change.

So, I moved closer to varsity, got my own place to work and turned around a seemingly dire situation. The change was exactly what I needed, and I managed to advance to my second year of study.

Upon reflecting on the past year, there was a truth that I could not see amidst the languishing and unhappiness that I experienced: I actually succeeded more than I failed in 2021. I was elected to the executive committee of my Toastmasters club, part of House CA (student faculty sub-house for BCom accounting students at the University of Pretoria), Financial Management 121 class representative, and I became a Tedx speaker at the TedxUniversity-OfPretoria event “Redefining Tomorrow”.

I've learnt that, firstly, the skills and lessons I learnt at Hilton have not and will not go to waste. Secondly, the year 2021 has had its downs but it has had crucial ups for me.

It's only the beginning and I'm grateful. Thank you, Hilton College, and thank you to the weird and wonderful 2021!



Alunga Madala

Barrie Lewis (1965, Ellis)

Creating a “cyan zone” has been our focus for the past decade. Cyan is a mixture of blue and green light. In the blue zones of the world, ten times as many people live to a vigorous, healthy old age. In green zones, people are passionate about leaving Mother Earth a place fit for our children.

It has been a long and, I might say, arduous business, but this past decade has been as fulfilling, and more, as any other in our lives. It has given us what the Japanese call “ikigai” and the Zulus “impilo” – meaning: a reason for living on vigorously for at least another decade or two in our dotage. We have no plans to retire and expire.

Green-zone issues are fairly obvious. From the mundane of recycling, to the profound of building a solar farm on the roof, and harvesting rainfall stored in an underground reservoir. The heavens supply ample electricity and water for virtually all our needs. Both have already been amply paid off and justified the investment.

Blue-zone issues are more complex. Doing your level best to live to a vital 90 with all your marbles and joints intact has been challenging, to say the least. It's meant a good deal of study and adjustment of our lifestyle.

There is much synergy between these zones. For example, the reservoir has supplied ample water, not just for our home but also for irrigation of our organic garden.

The start of the blue-zone journey was a study of the five countries where 10 times as many people live long in the land, and then trying to adapt our lifestyles to theirs. For example, they grow and eat much of their own food; that's meant digging out lawn and shrubs to plant an orchard and veggies. It's meant eating less red meat and getting more of our protein from our own free-range chickens and the legumes we grow; and keeping bees for natural honey instead of sugar for sweetening.

Having green legumes available year-round has its challenges. In all five countries, they grow and eat broad beans, rich in L-dopa.

Whole grains are our latest focus: finding sources of wheat and maize and buying our own mills. Baking 100% wholemeal, sourdough bread is one of the joys. It is the best bread in the world.

David Pott (1999, Churchill)

The year 2021 has been an exciting one, with David taking command of Motor yacht OKTO, a 67-meter charter vessel, which is a step up from the 57m vessel he spent six years on as captain. David continues to charter in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, working two months on and two month off to balance work and family time.



The Pott family: Samantha, David, Ella, Leo and new arrival Vega Ann, who was born in November 2021

Ella (7) and Leo (5) are fluent in French and attending a French school in the South of France. They are both trying different sports and activities this year, and are enjoying playing golf, doing gymnastics, drama, swimming, and snow skiing in the winter.

Samantha has continued to grow her businesses – Global Yachties (based in Antibes and specializing in recruitment and yacht crew services) and South African Yachties (based in Cape Town and specializing in visas and information for new and experienced yacht crew). South African Yachties used the Covid years to expand its services and now also offers help with the application process for B1/B2 visas, tourist visas and residency permits.

The family was very excited to welcome Vega Ann Pott into the world, born on the 17th November 2021 in Nice, France. She is doing well and growing fast. The name Vega was taken from the star Vega, which David viewed every night on his Atlantic crossing back to the Mediterranean (which was when Samantha discovered she was pregnant).

Ian Cunningham (2003, Lucas)

Ian Cunningham is the managing director of family farms Fine Farms in Elgin and High Noon in the Kaaimansgat valley. Collectively, the two farms span over 2000 hectares of beautiful fynbos-covered mountains, of which 350 hectares are planted to apples, pears and wine grapes.

A hallmark of the farms' success has been Ian's constant drive for innovation and challenging convention. In 2019, he was a finalist in the Western Cape Young Farmer of the Year award and is a feature of many articles relating to fruit production.

Ian is married to Inge and is the proud father of their two young boys. They enjoy the annual ritual of making wine for the extended family and spend much of their time enjoying the outdoors that the farms offer them.



Left: Gorgeous Gala (3) – an apple mutation Ian found on Fine Farms that he is propagating Gorgeous Gala (4), compared to a traditional Gala strain



Right: High Noon waterfall

Ian and Inge are avid birders and enjoy their time in the bushveld of Southern Africa. On High Noon, they are lucky enough to have resident Cape Leopard as well as a pair of Verreaux's Eagle.

Archie

By Keith Richmond (1969, Churchill)

In recent years, thanks to input by two respected past masters of Hilton College, Iain McMillan and the late Ken Beveridge, I have learnt about "Archie", purported to be the ghost of the much-loved and admired Hilton master Archibald Pearce, after whom Pearce house is named.

In the folklore of the school, the spirit of Archie is said still to inhabit the William Campbell Block, a notion I don't recall hearing about during my years there. It is not mentioned in the school's centenary history, *Lift Up Your Hearts*, but author Neville Nuttall notes that Pearce is described with "unanimous admiration, respect and affection" by those who have left written accounts of him. The schoolboys, too, "without exception, valued his gifts as a teacher and admired and liked him as a man", and they referred to him fondly as Archie. Pearce became second master and served several times as acting headmaster at the school, but in 1906, aged only 44, he collapsed while delivering the evening sermon and died a week later.

When I was at Hilton I had an eerie experience one night which, in retrospect, seems compatible with the ghostly conception of Archie. The incident took place in Churchill house, which was situated in those days on the upper level of the Campbell Block, above Pearce house, in the west wing of the building. Churchill house had two dormitories, for seniors and juniors respectively, which were separated by a wooden landing accessed via a well-worn wooden staircase from Pearce house on the ground floor. Just outside the junior dormitory was a toilet, the room of which abutted on the stairwell; and opposite the stairs, past the door into the senior dormitory, was the entrance to a long, straight passageway with a wooden floor, leading towards the eastern end of the building, where Ellis house was then situated. From the landing we could see for some 20 metres along the passage without impediment.

Late one night during my two years in the senior dormitory, I awoke and went to use the toilet across the landing. After doing so but before exiting the room, I heard the footfall of someone starting to mount the stairs just below, whom I surmised to be a master. It seemed strange that he was walking around in the dead of night, and I decided to wait till he'd gone by before I came back out. I listened to the echoing footsteps advancing up the stairs, crossing the landing and entering the passage. At that point I emerged and in a moment was at the door of the senior dormitory. As I reached for the handle I glanced down the passage, expecting to see the back of the night walker, who sounded so close – and should have been. I well remember the prickling sensation of hair rising on the

back of my neck when I saw no one there – the passage appeared quite empty despite the resonant tread. I did not linger to investigate. Later I could think of no plausible rational explanation of the incident, and it seemed to hold no further implications, so I considered it a dead-end matter. If I'd known about Archie's place in Hilton folklore and about Mr Pearce's lauded character, I might have interpreted my experience as just a reassuring encounter with the benign spirit of that dedicated master, still motivated by care for the boys around him.

Any previous accounts of Archie's manifestation that could have fed the story about his haunting of the Campbell Block were evidently not recorded anywhere. Nothing on this topic could be traced in the archives of the school by the curator, Bev Davidge, when I asked him. Therefore, the description of my surreal experience in Churchill house appears to be the only known and documented evidence by a witness attesting to a ghostlike presence in the Campbell Block consistent with that of Archie in Hilton folklore. This curious, unsung fact may now be accorded its due place in the school's historical record. Such acknowledgement would compensate me for the reputational loss I could suffer, as a defender of reason, through having told my seemingly improbable tale.

John Woodhouse (1976, Churchill)

Fine art photographer and artist John Woodhouse, now an Australian citizen, published his first book in November 2021. *Selected Works* is a collection of Woodhouse's works from all his genres – from portraiture, human form and wildlife to abstract and landscapes.

After receiving a Pentax SLR camera for his 12th birthday, Woodhouse developed a passion for photography at a young age. He says his happiest hours were spent photographing the dramatic beauty of African wildlife and landscapes.

In 1989, Woodhouse left SA for Perth where he held his first exhibition.

He is a Master Photographer and Licentiate of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography and was named the West Australian Professional Photographer of the Year in 2015.

In the foreword to *Selected Works*, art collector Kerry



Tangled in stripes



Skin deep

Stokes describes the book as an “outstanding, eclectic collection of exceptional award-winning images” exhibiting art design applied to photography “with considered passion”.

“John takes his inspiration from the natural world. His deep appreciation for the environment, its people, its flora and fauna, is so vivid in his every image. His profound belief in conservation and environmental preservation is evident in his evocative and thought-provoking landscape and wildlife photography both in Australia and his native homeland of Africa.

“His work blurs the lines between technical excellence and sophisticated fine art. John cannot be pigeonholed, for he is always pushing the boundaries of his art, without compromising his artistic integrity.”

Having received numerous awards in recognition of his artistic talent, he “is an artist whose imagery will stand the test of time”, Stokes says.

Woodhouse lives on a rural property in the South West of Western Australia with his wife, Noelene. He is also involved in charity work with Breast Cancer WA, sponsors photography students and works with wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

For more see www.johnwoodhouseart.com or follow him on Instagram: @john_woodhouse_art or @johnwoodhousewildlife

Peter Tredre (1971, Pearce)

In 2012, I had my thyroid removed after it was found to be cancerous. Then in 2014, doctors discovered a 1.7kg tumour wrapped around my left kidney. That was duly removed along with my left kidney. It was then that they found tumours in both my lungs – six in total.

The tumours in the left lung were removed and I was put onto chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy was a terrible experience. I felt ill, constantly, and suffered the usual side-effects. Basically, I was housebound.

The tumours in my right lung were not removed; it was hoped that chemo would kill them. But in 2015 a CT scan revealed more than 60 tumours in my lungs. I also had tumours in the liver, pancreas and good kidney.

I was told I was inoperable and advised to get my affairs in order, as I was dying. Then my oncologist recommended an American trial drug, immunotherapy, which basically instructs the body to attack cancer, which hides from the immune system. The immunotherapy cleared up almost everything. I had to have a microwave ablation (which is when a probe is inserted into the tumour to destroy it using microwave energy) on my remaining kidney to kill a small tumour.

I share this in the hope that my story will encourage anyone who may be facing a similar situation.

Jason Georghiou (1998, Pearce)

From a work perspective, 2021 was indeed a challenging year. We have, however, managed to end the year on a relatively positive note.

I am still actively involved with the family business – GM Pharmaceuticals – and I continue to have a very hands-on approach, as I believe it is vital to know what's going on at every strategic level of our business. My passion is marketing and I love new product development. I truly enjoy looking at ways to make business processes more efficient and nothing satisfies me more than seeing our new products succeed in the marketplace.

From a personal achievement perspective, I recently completed my postgraduate diploma in marketing management.

Our family lives in Durban North and our daughter Chloe (age 9) will be attending Livingstone remedial school again in the new year. Our son Christopher (age 7) will be going to Grade 2 at Clifton in Durban. My wife Sophie is studying for her B.Ed as she enjoys the educational environment. I'm hoping 2022 will be a prosperous year.



Jason Georghiou

James Pinnell (1980, McKenzie)

James and his wife Samantha (Sam) spent 2021 touring Africa in their overlanding vehicle with roof-top tent. They have three children: Rebecca and Jessica (both now living in the UK) and Murray (class of 2018), who is studying at Stellenbosch University.

Late in 2021, they moved from Hilton to Plettenberg Bay, where they look forward to connecting with Old Hiltonians in that neck of the woods.

Christopher Attwood (1983 PM, Pearce)

- Living in Durban North, married with three children.
- Owner of CDA Investments / COD Bridging Finance.

Robert Attwood (2017, Pearce)

- Graduated from Stellies (BCom Investments).
- Staying on to complete honours in financial economics.

Michael Attwood (2020, Pearce)

- Had planned a gap year at Caldicott in the UK, then Covid struck. Plan B worked out well. Got into Wilgenhof residence at Stellies. Completing 2nd year engineering (megatronics).

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Kath Anderson, parent



The Fleur-de-Lys Club

The Fleur-de-Lys Club experienced an extremely difficult year due to the Covid pandemic. Numerous parent and sport events were cancelled, which impacted heavily on the club's finances. The odd school-boy event was held in the first half of the year under very strict conditions with regards to sanitising, social distancing, and the wearing of masks. The club did not host any Old Hiltonian reunions in 2021.

It was not all doom and gloom, however, and we were fortunate to host the matric parents during the boys' dance in the middle of May due to a decline in Covid numbers. This was a wonderful and extremely happy evening and there were many parents on the dance floor. The 11pm curfew forced the evening to an early end, but, nonetheless, all parents enjoyed themselves.

We also hosted the Strong Mothers/Strong Sons seminar in May, which was attended by 30 moms over three days. This seminar is well worth attending and the moms learn so much about raising teenage boys.

The annual U14 cricket and water polo festivals were also held in late September. These were the only two of three residential events we were able to host in the year. At the beginning of December, we welcomed some 250 boys who attended the Core Sports Camp for the 2023 intake.

The fourth term was fortunately busy, as usual. The club hosted seven house leavers' dinners. These dinners, which the matric boys attend with their parents, are often very

Numerous parent and sport events were cancelled, which impacted heavily on the club's finances.

emotional for boys and parents as they reminisce about their five years at Hilton. The club also hosted all the major sporting code dinners and the academic dinner. Some of these events had to be held on Sundays due to there not being sufficient Friday and Saturday evenings in Term 4.

The following Life Members were welcomed to the club in 2021: C J Blackman, S M Cullis, K G Gordon, D Ekerold, G M Sclanders, A J Van Der Walt, A Thomson, T Bishop.

The members of Fleur-de-Lys Club Management Committee who served in 2021 were as follows: DJ Chaplin (Chairman), D Harding (Treasurer), Sir RH Don Wauchope, GJ Harris (Headmaster ex Officio), RM Tiaden (Club Manager), AN Beveridge (Club

Accountant), Dr R Mottram, BP South, JAY Haines, B Armstrong, PP Venter, PR Storrar, R De Gouveia and A Pistorius. All four management meetings and the AGM were held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

The Club Management wishes to record its sincerest thanks to the accounting department of the Hiltonian Society, the school caterers Bidvest Caterers, Spectrum Services, Hamblins Caterers, Broll and Red Alert for all their assistance during the year. We also thank Sally Moon for patiently taking minutes at committee meetings. The above mentioned contributed significantly to the wellbeing of the club in 2021.

Ralph Tiaden
Club Manager

The year that was...



Simone van Niekerk



Maralyn Atkins, staff



Maralyn Atkins, staff



Kath Anderson, parent



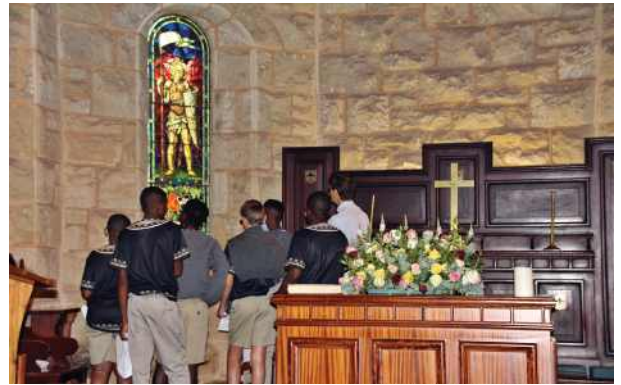
Kyle Christie



Kath Anderson, parent



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