



# MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

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## SCHOOL MATTERS FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE

Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Charles Dickens

During the first few weeks of January, I again realised how blessed we are at Midstream College. There is indeed much to be thankful for. We have a record number of 1 184 learners in the College, and thanks to the generous rains in December, the grounds are in a better condition than ever. A look back at the many accomplishments of 2022 predicts positive opportunities for the new school year.

A hearty welcome back to our loyal learners, parents and teachers and a special *#MidstreamPower* to all the new faces in our midst. I would like to welcome Mr Pieter van Wyk (Deputy Principal: Discipline) and Mr Joe Cloete (Deputy Principal: Facilities) to the College fold. Mr Van Wyk takes over Mr Henry Verster's duties, who in turn takes over Mr Hans van Vreden's portfolios. Please consult our new webpage regarding details of the new faces on our staff.

We are incredibly proud of our 2022 matrics who received their results yesterday morning. Not only do they have a 100% pass rate, but 99.5% qualify for degree studies – the best yet! Congratulations to Kelsey Mitchell, Anchal Chathury and Krishnaraj Eswari Niranjana who each achieved ten distinctions. Congratulations also to Kelsey, who was the Dux learner for five years, with her average of 95,57%. We have 11 learners on the IEB's Top Achievers list – the most of any school in the country. Our head girl, Drew Goatley (9As) and head boy, Reneev Govender (8 As) also deserve mention. We salute all the 2022 matrics! (More details follow later in this circular.)

Last Friday, the sport kicked off on a high note with the inter-house swimming. This will be followed by the inter-house athletics tomorrow. I hope to see many parents there and a reminder that you are always welcome at school. However, due to security and safety reasons, you are unfortunately not allowed to enter the school premises by vehicle. Please help us in this regard and allow the guards to do their important job.

My wish for every learner, parent and teacher is a half-full glass 2023, and may your hearts be filled with gratitude.

## **TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION**

The frequent load shedding adversely affects our telephone system. If you are unable to contact us during load shedding, please send an e-mail to the relevant party. All staff e-mail addresses are listed on our website under Staff under the About Tab.

## **NEW WEBSITE**

After 15 years of Excellentia, we have decided to give our school's webpage a makeover. We hope you like the new design and the improved navigation which will enable you to find the relevant information with less hassle.

Our printed diary has been replaced with an online version which operates through Google Calendar. The calendar is continuously updated to ensure you stay up to date. You will also be able to access timetables and programmes in the diary by clicking on the relevant event. Practice times and venues have been published on learners' tablets, as well as other information mainly applicable to them.

The new webpage also contains a link to Ed-Admin and learners' school email addresses.

We hope you enjoy the new look and ease of navigation.

## **GRADE 8 INAUGURATION FUNCTION**

We would like to thank all the grade 8 parents for their support during the orientation week. The inauguration function will take place in the school hall on Thursday, 26 January from 18:30 to 20:00.

Grade 8s will wear their house clothes (Old Kent / Hutton / Windsor) on Thursday during school hours but attend the inauguration function in full summer's school uniform – boys (blazer and tie) and girls (blazer).

# ACADEMICS

## **MATRIC RESULTS**

The class of 2022 did us proud with their brilliant results. They achieved a 100% pass rate and the 197 matrics amassed 570 distinctions (2,9 per candidate). 99,5% met the requirements for Bachelor's Degree studies at a university. Every single subject offered at Midstream College had an average above the IEB national subject average.

We are particularly proud of our top achievers (number of distinctions in brackets): Anchal Chathury, Krishnaraj Eswari Niranjana and Kelsey Mitchell (10), Francois Beukes, Drew Goatley, Nicole Gottschick, Jessica Kirkby, Philip Male, Christa-Marié Pienaar, Anja van der Merwe, Annika van der Walt and Kasmira Vather (9), Reneev Govender, Megan Jansen van Vuuren, Veronique Rossouw, Nicolaas Verhoef and Megan Weber (8). A further 14 learners each had seven distinctions.

13 matrics, namely Nicole Gottschick, Jessica Kirkby, Drew Goatley, Kelsey Mitchell, Linamarie Nothnagel, Veronique Rossouw, Nicolaas Verhoef, Anja van der Merwe, Annika van der Walt, Kasmira Vather, Anchal Chathury, Philip Male and Samantha Smit were placed in the IEB Top Achievers list with their superb results. This is the most of any private school in the country! (Refer to our website for more detailed results.)

## **EXTRA CLASSES**

All staff members are available by appointment to assist learners with academic enquiries on Mondays from 14:00 to 15:00.

## **MID-YEAR AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

Kindly note that both abovementioned examinations will run until the last day of the term (see the school calendar on our website) and that all learners could write on the last day. Parents who are planning holidays abroad must especially take note of this, as no learner can be excused from scheduled examinations for holiday purposes. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

## **LEARNERS' AND DRIVERS' LICENCES**

We understand that getting appointments for learner's and later driver's licences is not easy. However, we urge you not to make these appointments on days when scheduled tests are written. (See school website for test dates.) Learners can therefore not be excused from scheduled tests for licence appointments.

## **APPLICATIONS TO SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES ABROAD**

An ever-increasing number of learners apply for admission to schools and universities overseas. These institutions require what is generally known as a "transcript" as part of the application process. Please note that these "transcripts" will be issued at a cost of R300. Contact the Head of Academics in this regard.

## **ACADEMIC TOP 3**

Based on last year's promotion marks the Top 3 learners per grade are as follows:

### **Grade 8 (2022)**

1.	Lin-Mari Rudolph	96.23%
2.	Elmien van der Walt	93.15%
3.	Emma Otte	92.31%

### **Grade 9 (2022)**

1.	Renate Maré	97.85%
2.	Tiana Swart	94.46%
3.	Lucka Nieuwenhuis	93.31%

### **Grade 10 (2022)**

1.	Cara-Renette Ponting	94.71%
2.	Danielle Rossouw	94.00%
3.	Wihan Cilliers	92.57%

### Grade 11 (2022)

1.	Tertius Dekker	92.86%
2.	Ingrid Barnard	92.57%
3.	Simoné Swart	92.00%

## CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

Kindly note the criteria for academic awards from grade 8 to 12.

- White scroll                      Average of 80%
- Honours (Silver)                Average of 85%
- Honours (Gold)                 Average of 90%

## CULTURE

### GENERAL

The auditions for the various cultural activities have started, and learners are encouraged to participate in as many of the cultural activities on offer, as we are planning a gala concert at the State Theatre later this year.

More information on audition times for the revue, drama, Melodia and ensemble, as well as for the Afrikaans and English internal orators' competitions, is available on the website. For more information, the relevant organisers can be contacted.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CULTURE

We would like to acknowledge learners who participate in and excel in extra-curricular cultural activities. You are welcome to send any proof, information and/or certificates to Dr Steyn de Bod ([sdebod@midstreamcollege.co.za](mailto:sdebod@midstreamcollege.co.za)).

### PIANO

Congratulations to Nico Gerber who passed his ABRSM Grade 5 piano exam with merit in 2022.

## SPORT

### GENERAL

The sport year kicked off early in January with a local athletics training camp (2 – 7 January) and the Woerie Week for the u15 and first cricket teams. Both teams gained valuable experience and the highlight was the fact that our u15 cricket team was unbeaten against strong competition – please see the results below.

The inter-house swimming gala successfully took place and the inter-house athletics will take place tomorrow from 08:30. The inter-house programme is available on the school's diary – simply click on the relevant event.

All information related to a specific sport code is available on the website. If you have any inquiries regarding a sport related matter, you are welcome to contact the relevant organiser or the Head of Sport, Mr Henry Verster ([hverster@midstreamcollege.co.za](mailto:hverster@midstreamcollege.co.za)).

## CRICKET

Results of the Woerie Week:

Opponent	Result	Comments
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		
Nelspruit	Nelspruit 280 all out Midstream 178/7 Match drawn	Jordan le Roux 3/39 in 12 overs Luke Wiseman 3/32 in 11 overs Jeanré Lourens 66 Janco van Heerden 40
EG Jansen	Midstream 76/8 Match abandoned due to rain.	
Centurion	Midstream 92 all out Centurion 93/2 Lost by 8 wickets	
Rustenburg	Rustenburg 155 all out Midstream 156/2 Won by 8 wickets	Janco van Heerden 4/24 in 7 overs Heinrich Gerber 59 n.o.
Eldoraigne	Midstream 74 all out Eldoraigne 75/3 Lost by 7 wickets	
<b>U15A</b>		
Monument	Monument 155/7 Midstream 157/4 Won by 6 wickets	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 106 n.o.
Zwartkop	Zwartkop 176/6 Midstream 177/6 Won by 4 wickets	Jonathan Wiseman 3/27 in 6 overs Rickus Cilliers 39
Monument	Midstream 117 for 6 Match abandoned due to rain.	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 41 Rickus Cilliers 33 n.o.
Nelspruit	Nelspruit 216/8 Midstream 217/3 Won by 7 wickets	Jonathan Wiseman 2/30 in 10 overs Dian de Villiers 88 n.o. Maarten Nortjé 60 n.o.
Nelspruit	Midstream 185/9 Nelspruit 77 all out Won by 108 runs	Gerhard van der Westhuizen 69 Schalk Langenhoven 3/12 in 6 overs
EG Jansen	Midstream 241/7 EG Jansen 88 all out Won by 153 runs	Rickus Cilliers 60 Maarten Nortjé 45 Reuben Blom 28 n.o. Gerhard van der Westhuizen 3/12 in 5 overs

## SWIMMING

### INTER-HOUSE

#### Team results:

1	Old Kent	371
2	Hutton	283
3	Windsor	237

#### Individual achievements:

Junior Victor Ludorum	Adrian van Wyk
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Abigail Roberts
Senior Victor Ludorum	Michael Kleynhans
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Demi Jacobs

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### SQUASH

Congratulations to Awande Malinga who participated in the British Junior Open during December. She was unseeded and ended 37th. She will compete in the World Junior Women's and Team Championships in Melbourne, Australia, later this year.

### EQUESTRIAN

In December, Abigail Howarth came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in her age category and South Africa came 1<sup>st</sup> in the international virtual dressage competition.

## SWIMMING

A number of our swimmers performed well in three different galas during the holiday:  
(PB = Personal Best; SANJ = SA Junior Times; SANAT = Senior National Times)

Mayors Gala (2 – 4 December)		
Ethan Koen	7 PBs; New level 2 time	
Lindi Claassen	1 PB; 1 gold	
NTS Gala (9 – 13 December)		
Caleb Ingram	8 PBs; 2 new SANJ times; 2 gold; 1 silver; 3 bronze	3 <sup>rd</sup> in the 12-13 age group
Paul Loubser	6 PBs; 2 new SANJ times; 1 silver; 2 bronze	
Jana Swiegers	4 PBs; 2 bronze	
Alika van der Merwe	7 PBs; 1 new SANJ time; 1 bronze	
Jemma van Wyk	3 PBs; 2 new SANJ times	
Grace Powell	8 PBs; 1 silver; 3 bronze	
Xander du Toit	4 PBs; 2 silver; 2 bronze; 2 bronze for relay	

Demi Jacobs	4 PBs; 1 new SANJ time; 1 new SANAT time	
Adrian van Wyk	5 PBs; 4 gold; 1 silver	Records in 50 m, 100 m and 200 m backstroke
<b>KZNA Gala, Durban (17 – 22 December)</b>		
Adrian van Wyk	2 new SANAT times; 3 gold; 1 bronze	SA Short Course record holder in u14 boys 200 m backstroke
Xander du Toit	2 PBs; 1 bronze; 1 new SANJ time	

## TENNIS

Congratulations to Jayden Summers, a first year u16 player, who performed well in two tournaments in December.

<b>Growthpoint Cape Town Super 8</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place singles	2 <sup>nd</sup> place doubles
<b>Growthpoint Winelands Super 8</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place singles	Winner doubles

### LET'S COMMUNICATE:

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- Facebook (search Midstream College)
- Instagram (midstream\_college)

### NEXT CIRCULAR

Thursday, 2 February 2023