Gr. 8
2026

Verwelkomingswoord / Word of Welcome

High School: The mouse race that prepares you for the rat race. - *Unknown*

I would like to welcome every grade 8 to Midstream College. I want to congratulate you and your parents on your excellent choice of high school. I hope the next five years will be the best of your life. Enjoy the first three weeks, during which you will earn the right to wear your Midstream College uniform with pride.

Midstream College is trots om julle as ons twintigste graadagt-groep te verwelkom. Die graadtwaalfs en die prefekte sien daarna uit om julle welkom te laat voel. Die College het die eerste 19 jaar reeds baie vermag en ons hoop om hierop voort te bou. Ek wil elkeen van julle uitdaag om die Latynse spreekwoord – *Carpe diem* – uit te leef en elke geleentheid met albei hande aan te gryp.

Make sure you seize every sporting, cultural, social, and academic opportunity that comes your way. Allow Midstream College to accompany you on your journey to adulthood. Hold on tightly and enjoy the mouse race!

Mag jou glas altyd eerder half vol as half leeg wees. Konsentreer op die positiewe en geniet elke oomblik van 2026 – onthou waar al ons krag vandaan kom.

Soet wees!

Mr Christo Swart

Ms Heléne Meyer

Dear Grade 8s

Welcome to the start of an exciting new chapter! You're officially part of our high school family – a place where you'll grow, discover your strengths, make lifelong friends, and create memories that will stay with you forever. High school is one big adventure! Enjoy every second, because in a blink of an eye, you'll be writing your final matric exams.

The next few years will be filled with opportunities to learn, explore and challenge yourself – both in and out of the classroom. Don't be afraid to try new things, ask questions and get involved. To participate is the best way to make new friends and feel part of the Midstream family. Try everything! You might just discover new talents that you weren't aware of. You don't have to be the best at everything; just try your best at everything. Every great journey begins with a single step, and today you're taking that step with courage and curiosity.

Jy is nou 'n baksteen. Geen plek se fondasie kan sonder bakstene gelê word nie. Julle is 'n belangrike deel van die skool. Ons verwag nie van jou om alles te weet of om die beste te wees nie. Ons verwag wel van jou om elke dag met ywer en 'n positiewe gesindheid op te daag.

Onthou ons wil sien hoe jy floreer, jou volle potensiaal bereik en dat jy gelukkig by die hoërskool sal wees. Vind jou eie stem en gebruik dit! By hierdie skool is daar 'n groot ondersteuningsnetwerk. Reik uit as jy enige hulp nodig het – ons help graag! Die hoërskool is die begin van 'n nuwe hoofstuk. Jy kan jou eie storie skryf. Ons wens vir jou is dat jy na matriek sal terugkyk, en trots sal wees op die storie wat jy geskryf het.

Glo in jouself! Jy het alles wat jy nodig het om te skitter!

And the most important thing to remember is: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind!"

Paul Loubser

Welcome to high school, Grade 8s!

Stepping into a brand-new school can feel overwhelming — suddenly you're in a bigger world with new faces, new routines and new expectations. Believe me when I say that these next five years are yours to shape. You have a blank page, and you get to decide what your story will look like.

Ek is ongelooflik opgewonde om elkeen van julle by ons skoolgemeenskap te verwelkom. Ek sien uit om julle te help om julle plek te vind en by die Midstream-familie aan te pas.

As you begin this journey, I hope you're as excited as we are to walk it with you. Our orientation programme is designed to help you settle in, make memories, and slowly but surely earn your spot as proud Midstreamers.

My raad aan julle: wees oop om nuwe dinge te probeer, maak baie vriende, en gryp elke geleentheid met beide hande aan. Jy sal verbaas wees hoe vinnig hierdie vyf jaar verbygaan – maak dit die moeite werd.

I can't wait to meet each one of you and watch you grow into the leaders, athletes, connoisseurs, academics and creatives you are meant to be.

Welcome to the family — your journey starts now!

Lené Liebenberg

Welcome Class of 2030

Stepping into high school is not just a new chapter; it is the start of a story only *you* can write. At Midstream College, you are not just joining a school; you are joining a family — a place where your voice matters, your dreams are encouraged, and your efforts are noticed. You will walk through our gates as "bricks", but trust me — you will grow into leaders who stand tall, dreamers who chase bold goals, friends who lift others up, and young men and women who become unstoppable in who they are meant to be.

Wanneer julle in 2026 by ons aansluit, word julle deel van 'n skoolgemeenskap wat baie meer is as net klaskamers en roetines. Julle word deel van 'n kultuur waar trots gekweek word, karakter gebou word en waar daar vir mekaar omgegee word. By Midstream glo ons dat elke leerder waarde het, en dat elkeen 'n unieke rol in ons suksesverhaal speel.

Ek wil hê julle moet weet: hier gaan jy vriende maak wat saam met jou mylpale gaan vier, onderwysers ontmoet wat in jou glo, en geleenthede kry wat jou lewe gaan verander. Maar jy moet die moed hê om deel te neem sodat jy die beste weergawe van jouself kan word.

This is your moment to say "yes"! Yes to trying something new. Yes to making friends who will last a lifetime. Yes to discovering the version of yourself you didn't even know existed. Midstream is full of opportunities — grab them with both hands. Be brave. Be kind. Be curious. You belong here.

Onthous, sukses in die hoërskool is nie net akademies van aard nie, dit is ook hoe jy kies om te groei, die keuses wat jy maak, en hoe jy ander aanraak. Ons sien uit om julle as bakstene te vorm: sterk, standvastig en trots om Midstream se naam na hoër hoogtes te dra.

Welkom by jou nuwe begin. Welkom by jou nuwe huis. Ons kan nie wag om julle in 2026 deel van die Midstream-familie te maak nie.

"Be brave enough to begin and determined enough to become."
"Carpe diem!"

Oriëntering / Orientation

Ons doel is dat leerders betrokke en lojaal teenoor die skool sal wees. Elke graadagt-baksteen moet tot 'n magtige muur van leerders saamgebind word wat alles wat goed en reg is, sal kan beskerm.

- Die graadagts staan as "bakstene" bekend.
- Die matrieks staan as "Luitenant" bekend.
- Die prefekte staan as "Kaptein" bekend.
- Die onderhoofleiers staan as "Kolonel" bekend
- Die hoofseun / -meisie staan as "Generaal" bekend.

Our aim is for learners to become involved and loyal members of the school. Each "brick" should be cemented into a mighty wall of learners who strive to protect and uphold everything that is fair and just.

- The grade 8s are known as "bricks".
- The matrics are known as "Lieutenant".
- The prefects are known as "Captain".
- The deputy head leaders are known as "Colonel".
- The head boy / head girl are known as "General".

Kleredrag / Dress Code

Ons versoek ons graadagts om tot Donderdag 29 Januarie, hul LO- of huisdrag te dra. Dit gee ons ouers en leerders die geleentheid om die korrekte skooldrag aan te skaf en dit skep opwinding om hul skooldrag met trots te dra.

Grade 8 learners are requested to wear their LO or house clothes until Thursday, 29 January. This offers parents the opportunity to purchase the correct school uniform. This also creates excitement amongst learners to wear their new school uniform with pride.

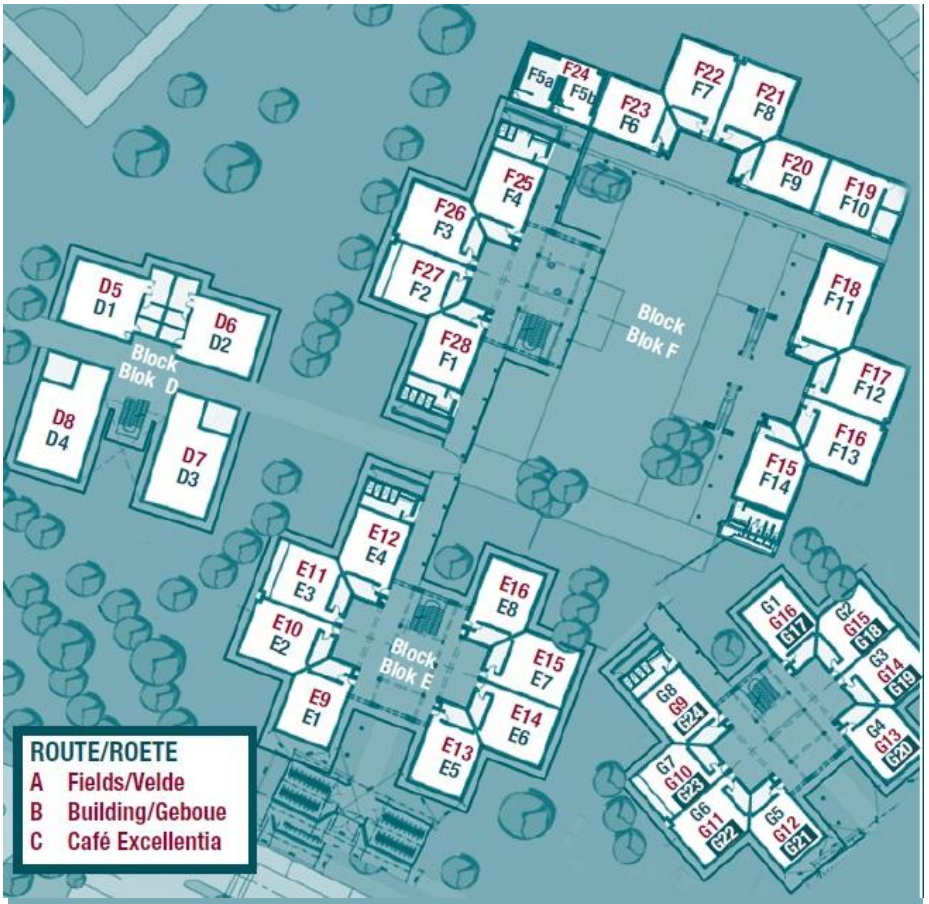
Reëls / Rules

1. Alle die skoolreëls geld te alle tye.
2. Show respect to all fellow learners by greeting them.
3. By Midstream groet ons mekaar altyd. Staan op en groet as ‘n onderwyser of matrikulant verbyloop of by ‘n klas instap.
4. Name boards, and later name tags, must be worn at all times.
5. Geen graadagt mag oor die aantreeblad loop nie.
6. You may not use the staircase next to the media centre or the one closest to the G-block.
7. Die matriekbadkamer is verbode.
8. Grade 8 learners are responsible for cleaning up after all sports events.
9. Klim laaste op busse en neem sitplekke voor in.
10. Boys should wait and allow girls to exit doors first, with the girls thanking them.
11. Deelname aan skoolaktiwiteite word aangemoedig.
    - Verpligte tuissportbyeenkomste vir graadagts sal afgekondig word en aan hulle gekommunikeer word.
    - Roll call will be taken at compulsory events.
    - Slegs skriftelike verskonings wat deur graadhoofde geteken is, sal aanvaar word.

Refer to the webpage under ‘Discipline’ for the school’s code of conduct and rules.

Verwys na die webblad onder ‘Dissipline’ vir die skool se gedragskode en skoolreëls.

Kaart / Map



Happy hunting for your new classes!
Lekker soek na jul nuwe klasse!

What to wear?

Compulsory LO shirt
Verpligte LO-hemp

Maroon / Maroen
(Old Kent)

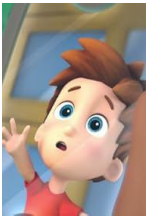
Teal / Blougroen
(Hutton)

White / Wit
(Windsor)

Tuesday, 13 January • House shirt

12:30		Arrival and registration
13:00		Opening in the hall
15:00		Prefect fun session
18:00		Grade 8 parent picnic in the Quad

Woensdag 14 Januarie • LO-drag



07:15	→	Netbalbane (bring jou tas en tablet saam)
Tema	→	Ontmoet die skool Een wenkbrou (unibrow) & 2 swart wangstrepe
07:30	→	Saalopening, daarna terug na die registerklas vir opstel van tablette
Pouse	→	Ouditorium → Hoofleiers (bakstene & borde) Klaswisseling na pouse, Dag 1
14:15	→	Registerklas daarna Swemuitdunne (14:30 – 16:00)

Thursday, 15 January • House shirt

07:15	→	Assemble on the netball courts
Theme	→	ARMY BASE CAMP Unibrow, black cheek stripes, name board, & brick (tank)
07:30	→	Register period
Break	→	Auditorium (athletics & sleepover information)
14:00	→	Athletics trials (14:15 – 17:30) All grade 8s & prefects @ athletic trials Leave bags in register classes

Vrydag 16 Januarie • LO-drag

07:15	→	Netbalbane
07:30	→	Vierkantopening
Tema	→	WEERMAGKAMOEFLERING Een wenkbrou (unibrow), swart wangstrepe Naambord, weermaghoed & baksteen (tenk)
Pouse	→	Gr. 8's los borde en bakstene in registerklasse Trek aan vir **swemgala** in huisverband
15:30	→	Meld by die saal aan vir oorslaap

Friday, 16 January • Casual clothes

15:30	→	Report to the hall with sleepover goodies Name board (to get signatures) Old soft toy to donate Wear appropriate casual clothes
15:45	→	Register and housekeeping
16:00	→	Concert practice in register classes • 8A – Lawn behind D3 • 8B – E-block in front of E5 • 8C – Lawn behind G1 • 8D – F-block in front of F13 • 8E – G-block in front of G4 • 8F – Behind F12 and parking area • 8G – Lawn behind media centre • 8H – Lawn behind F7 • 8I – Amphitheatre • 8J – Lawn behind F2 (between F- & D-blocks) • 8K – Lawn behind D4 (between D- & E-blocks)
19:00	→	Evening devotion
19:15	→	Light supper
20:30	→	Grade heads' session
21:30	→	Prefects' session

Saturday, 17 January • Casual clothes

06:00	→	Wake up & coffee
07:00	→	Morning devotion
07:30	→	Depart

Monday, 19 January • LO shirt

07:15	→	Netball courts
Theme	→	PAW PATROL FIRE
		Unibrow, name board,
		♂ moustache, ♀ red lips
		Brick (Paw Patrol vehicle)
	→	Assembly in the hall
Break	→	Dr Kriek
14:00	→	Normal extramural programme

Dinsdag 20 Januarie • Huisdrag

07:15	→	Registerklasse op netbalbane
Tema	→	PAW PATROL-POLISIE
		Een wenkbrou (unibrow), naambord, ♂ snor, ♀ rooi lippe
		Blou / Rooi lig op kop
		Baksteen (Paw Patrol-voertuig)
Pouse	→	Prefekprogram
14:00	→	Normale naskoolse program

Wednesday, 21 January • LO shirt

07:15	→	Netball courts
Theme	→	PAW PATROL CHARACTER
		Unibrow, name board, (whiskers / nose / ears)
		Brick (Paw Patrol vehicle)
Break	→	Prefect programme
14:00	→	Normal extramural programme

Donderdag 22 Januarie • Huisdrag

07:15 → Netbalbane (liedjies)
Tema → PAW PATROL-KARAKTER
Een wenkbrou (unibrow), naambord, (snorbaarde, neus & ore)
Pouse → Baksteen (Paw Patrol-voertuig)
14:00 → Prefekprogram (handtekeninge)
Normale naskoolse program

Friday 23, January • House shirt

07:15 → Netball courts
07:30 → Helpers to different items
Theme → **Inter-house athletics**
Brick & board stay at home, only unibrow

Athletics ends around 15:30.
*Gr. 8s **must** help clean up afterwards.*

Maandag 26 Januarie • LO-drag

07:15	→	Netbalbane
Tema	→	PAW PATROL-LUGMAG Een wenkbrou (unibrow), naambord, ♂ snor & wangbaarde, ♀ sproete Vliegtuigskroef (propeller) op jou kop
	→	Baksteen (vliegtuig)
Saal	→	Saalbyeenkoms
Pouse	→	***Oriënteringstoets op tablette*** (registerklas)
14:00	→	Normale naskoolse program

Tuesday, 27 January • House shirt

07:15	→	Netball courts
Theme	→	TOP GUN Unibrow, name board, sunglasses & dog tags Brick (aeroplane)
Test	→	Concert practice, register class / school grounds
Break	→	Concert practice locations: • 8A – Lawn behind D3 • 8B – E-block in front of E5 • 8C – Lawn behind G1 • 8D – F-block in front of F13 • 8E – G-block in front of G 4 • 8F – Behind F12 and parking area • 8G – Lawn behind media centre • 8H – Lawn behind F7 • 8I – Amphitheatre • 8J – Lawn behind F2 • 8K – Lawn at netball store
14:00	→	Normal extramural programme
15:30	→	Concert dress rehearsal in the hall until 18:00

Woensdag 28 Januarie • LO-drag

07:15	→	Registerklas
Tema	→	Konsert
		Een wenkbrou (unibrow), bord &
		Baksteen bly by die huis
07:30	→	Register, trek aan vir konsert
		(ontmoet agter die saal)
Graad	→	Konsertopvoering vir graad 9- tot 12-leerders
Pouse	→	Opruiming van die saal
14:00	→	Normale naskoolse program

Thursday, 29 January • House shirt

07:15	→	Netball courts
Theme	→	PAW PATROL AIR FORCE
		Unibrow, name board, sunglasses & dog tags
		Brick (aeroplane)
Test	→	Hall (inauguration rehearsal)
Break	→	Brick ceremony & prefect picnic
14:00	→	Normal extramural programme
18:30		**Inauguration ceremony (hall)**
		Assemble on netball courts @ 18:15

Vrydag 30 Januarie • Skooldrag: **Somersdrag**

07:15	→	Aantreeblad
		Tree vir ‘n laaste keer apart aan
		Sing van die graadagtliedjie voor die skool
		Ontheffing voor die skool deur die hoofleiers

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GRADE 8 SONG

I'm a Grade 8 freak
I'm a Midstream brick

From far away
We are here to stay

Teen 'n spoed sal ons bou
Harde klippe kou
Ons is reg
Ons is lus
Ons sal regkom
Dis gewis

I'm a Midstream Brick
And I can do a trick

Renate Barnard| Anden Joubert | Cameron Holworthy | Paul Loubser | Lené Liebenberg | Musa Baloyi | Kaylin Knoetze | Ivan Kotzee

Anden	**Anouk**	**Antimo**	**Barto**
Cameron	**Carla**	**Carli**	**Carlu**
Danelle	**Daniël**	**Daniella**	**Dian**
Elmay	**Emma**	**Estiaan**	**Euan**

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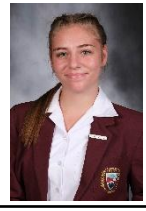
Jessica	**Jonathan**	**Kashvi**	**Kaylin**
Lara	**Lené** 	**Liam**	**Lindi**
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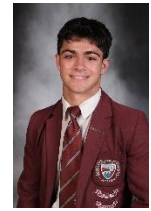
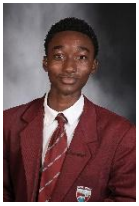
Megan	**Musa**	**Paul** 	**Renate**

Ruben	**Rikus**	**Reuben**	**Ryan**
Sagwati	**Sine** 	**Stefan**	**Tia**
Warona	**Xandré**		

Hoërskool-simboliek

High School Symbolism

Graad – 8 – Grade

Bakstene, bou aan jou fondasie / Bricks, build your foundation

Graad – 9 – Grade

Mure, vorm jouself / Walls, shape yourself

Graad – 10 – Grade

Deur, open jou toekoms / Door, open your future

Graad – 11 – Grade

Venster, fokus op jou toekoms / Window, focus on your future

Graad – 12 – Grade

Brug, gaan die wêreld binne / Bridge, enter the world

MIDSTREAM COLLEGE

EXCELLENTIA

Waardes

Values

RESPECT

- **We respect everyone.**

LOYALTY

- **We are loyal and proud learners of Midstream College.**

COMMUNIO

- **We are a compassionate and caring College community.**

INTEGRITY

- **We promote strong moral principles.**

EXCELLENTIA

- **We encourage excellence in all spheres of the College, and we recognise each individual's unique talents.**

RESPEK

- **Ons toon respek teenoor almal.**

LOJALITEIT

- **Ons is lojale en trotse leerders van Midstream College.**

COMMUNIO

- **Ons is 'n meelewende en 'n omgee-College-gemeenskap.**

INTEGRITEIT

- **Ons bevorder sterk morele beginsels.**

EXCELLENTIA

- **Ons erken elke individu se talente en moedig uitnemendheid op alle gebiede aan.**

School Song / Skoollied:
EXCELLENTIA

Aan die suide van Centurion
gevorm in geloof,
bou ons aan 'n toekoms,
verenig ons 'n droom.

Bastion wat koester
hoog bo rante uit.
Golden bridge to accolades,
distinguished we shall stand.

Knowledge, skills and values,
North and South unite.
'n Visie vir uitnemendheid,
Excellentia!

Midstream College, believe in excellence.
Together we shall strive towards
a future for us all.

- Ilse van der Merwe