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Dear Parents

Spring has started and the change in seasons hopefully brings more energy and hope to everybody.

The College has had another very successful term on so many fronts. From Founders' Day, through to soccer, rugby 7's, chess, indoor hockey, debating, cricket, grade excursions and the Clifton Water Polo Tournament; it has been both exceptionally busy and productive.

We look forward to a busy holiday period as well. Our First Tennis Team is competing in the annual Hilton/St Anne's Doubles Tournament. Our U14A Water Polo is attending a festival hosted by Hilton during the holidays and as our boys compete in our pool, so the Under 15 Water Polo Team will be representing us at the tournament at the Ian Melliard Cup tournament at Wynberg. Our Basketball Team will be playing in the Independent Schools' Stayers Tournament at Kearsney. Our First Cricket XI is defending their title at the St John's College RamSlam T20 Tournament in Harare, Zimbabwe. This is followed by their participation in the Michaelmas Week, hosted by Maritzburg College. The U16A Cricket XI are taking part in the Kooka Cup Festival in Durban. A very busy holiday on so many different fronts. We wish all our boys and the staff accompanying them the best of luck.

For the Matrics, the last two weeks have been very important. They finished their trial papers and are busy going through them to see where they can improve. These have been most worthwhile and have given the boys a taste of what to expect at the end of the year. Some boys need to take the remaining time seriously and get down to some hard and focused study. Please note that the Matrics only have two weeks left in the Fourth Term in which to consolidate their work.

The Interfaith Service and Valedictory Service both take place on Friday 13 October where we wish the Matrics all the best as they prepare for their final Senior Certificate Examinations.

At this stage the teachers are consolidating and revising sections of the syllabus in their respective subjects. Cluster and Regional moderation is also taking place across a number of subjects. This process involves portfolios of work being moderated across all IEB schools to ensure that the standard of work at schools is appropriate and of a similar standard. Once these moderations are complete the schools submit their CASS (Continuous Assessment) Portfolios to the IEB. These count for 25% of the final mark and include tests, examinations, class work and projects written over the course of the year. The final examination counts for 75% - the exception being the languages where a 50% CASS and 50% Final Examination result is the norm.

The Matric reports have been given to your son's today. These are effectively the final school reports for the Matrics. Matric parents are encouraged to take careful note of these and to discuss them with your sons. The

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final IEB Examination Timetables have also been given to your sons. Your support and encouragement is crucial to your son's preparation for finals and working out a realistic study timetable will set an appropriate tone and help him to structure his approach in order to achieve to his full potential in the final examinations. The atmosphere at home is a vital part of his preparation for these finals. The Matric teachers at school are there to give support and will be available at school during the examinations to help with last minute revision. More information will be given closer to the time.

Mr Parry will also be sending out a letter with information regarding the first two weeks of the Fourth Term including the Interfaith Service and the Valedictory, as well as the examination period for the Matrics; this includes important information so please take careful note of the arrangements contained in this letter.

Ms Gadd has tendered her resignation from Clifton and she will be leaving the College at the end of the year. We are sorry to see her go as she has made a valuable contribution to Clifton on so many different fronts from the English classroom to debating, first aid, ITSI and more. She is moving to Australia and we wish her all the best for the future.

The Grades 8 to 11 boys have their mark slip reports enclosed. These are based on continuous assessment for the term.

In conclusion, my sincere thanks to you all, parents, staff and boys of Clifton. Enjoy the short break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Goedeke".

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