

CLIFTON

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Message from the *Executive Headmaster*

Dear Clifton Family

It is a real privilege for me to be writing to you in this first "Clifton Calling" of the year!

I'd like to thank the Clifton Family for the many good wishes and warm welcome that my wife, Susannah and I have received since our arrival. We have been waiting for this move for some time, and now that we are here, it has been a pleasure. We moved in mid-December, and besides unpacking boxes and setting up home, we have spent time finding out more about Durban, the lifestyle - and weather!

I would like to extend my thanks to Simon Downes, Chairman of the Board, and to the rest of the Board of Directors, for the faith they have shown in me, as well as their support since January 2017. A special word of thanks to my predecessor, Brian Mitchell, for his encouragement and advice. It was most enjoyable connecting with him last year, as he too embarked on his new challenge up in Gauteng.

My thanks also to the management teams of the Prep and College, firstly for their embracing welcome, and for holding the fort, so to speak, in the period after Brian's departure. In particular, my thanks to Gerry Goedeke and Victor White, Principals in the College and Prep respectively.

I would like to welcome you all back to school, and to wish every member of the Clifton Family all the very best for 2018. I trust and pray that it is year of generosity and growth, and of friendship and harmony.

It was a real treat to welcome our new grade 8 boys to the College on Friday morning, and their parents at the Grade 8 Parents Evening on Friday evening. Our grade 8's returned from their camp full of spirits, and having followed my instruction to them to make at least one new friend. My thanks to Mrs Liza Kriel for her hard work in preparing for the grade 8 Orientation Day and Camp, and to the mentor teachers who accompanied our boys.

A highlight of this week was the Grade 8 Induction Ceremony. This ceremony is a particularly powerful and symbolic one, and an important marker in the rites of passage that our boys undertake as part of their Journey to manhood through the College.

Our Prefects embarked on their training camp over the last weekend, and it was a pleasure for myself and Mr Goedeke to be able to join them, and for me to start the process of getting to know them. I was able to do one session with them, and have to confess that I turned down the offer of joining them for paintball! My thanks to Mr Rein and Mr Bresler for their work with the Prefects, and the arrangements for this camp.

Not to be outdone, our little ones, the grade R's, had their orientation morning too. They were suitably enthusiastic if a little overwhelmed. They have an exciting 13-year journey ahead of them at Clifton, and I look forward to meeting them, and their parents as they move through the school.

Our building continues apace, and we anticipate that the new classroom block will be completed in time for us to use in the third term.

My thanks again to the Clifton Family for your warm welcome. I look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks and months, and look forward to learning more about the school and the community, and adding value where I can.

Yours sincerely

DAVID KNOWLES
EXECUTIVE HEADMASTER

Mezher's

Meander



On Friday afternoon Mr Mezher will be with the Prep 1st XI for their cricket match against Umhlali at Riverside. On Friday evening ExCo will be at the New Parents' Function.

On Saturday, Messrs Goedeke, Bresler and Knowles will be at the cricket, water polo and basketball matches being played against Michaelhouse. Mr Mezher will be at Northwood with the Prep 1st XI cricket boys for the Virginia 6's tournament. Messrs Ravenscroft and White will be at the 6's tournament and the cricket matches being played against Umhlali.

Clifton Results

All results are for Clifton against the equivalent age groups or teams unless otherwise stated.

College results

First Cricket XI results

Churchies (Brisbane, Australia) 119 all out (Brown 4/16)
Clifton 123/1 (Quinn 41*)
Won by 9 wickets

Clifton 161/9 (Veitch 40*)
St John's (Harare, Zimbabwe) 158/9
Won by 3 runs

At the Independent Schools' Cricket Festival (Hilton)

Churchies (Brisbane, Australia) 132 all out (Brown 3/27)
Clifton 133/2 (Chetty 42*, Montgomery 56*)
Won by 8 wickets

Clifton 181/9 dec (Montgomery 72, Chetty 40)
St David's Marist 160/7
Match Drawn



Bishops 210/7
Clifton 211/2 (Brown 117*, Montgomery 70*)
Won by 8 wickets

At the Westville U15 Festival

Jeppe 410/4
Clifton 110 all out
Lost by 300 runs

Helpmekaar 205 all out (Zedan 3/32)
Clifton 198 all out (Monturra 47, Cox 47*)
Lost by 7 runs

Clifton 187 all out (Cox 42)
Thomas More 185 all out (3/40, Phipps 4/28)
Won by 2 runs

Nordheuwel 131-6
Clifton 131-7
Match tied





Clifton *Congratulates*



Chess

Divan Van Der Merwe (left) who represented the KZN Ethekwini U10A team at the South African Junior Chess Championships from 3-8 January. The team placed 3rd overall in South Africa for the U10 age group.

Cricket

Josh Brown for scoring 112 for the KZN U17 cricket team vs Boland.

Matthew Montgomery for his 105 for the Dolphins vs Titans in the Cubs Week (U19) as well as being selected for the SA Colts team after the Coca Cola Week.



Water Polo

William Dowsett, Jack Koch, Tom Hill and Todd Howard who were selected for the SA U18 training squad.



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Matric Results

We were once again delighted by the successes of our matriculants. We congratulate the Class of 2017 on their outstanding results and, in particular, we celebrate the achievement of **Rahul Mistri** and **Joshua Walton**, who were placed on the IEB List of Commendable Achievers Countrywide (the list of the top 5% of candidates in 5 subjects, who also scored 80% or more for Life Orientation).

Our candidates have maintained Clifton's 100% pass rate (compared to the IEB rate of 98,76% for 2017), have achieved a 97,87% Bachelor Degree pass rate (compared to the IEB rate of 88,50% for 2017) and are all able to pursue tertiary studies in 2018 and beyond.

In particular, we congratulate the following candidates on their results:

8 DISTINCTIONS:

RAHUL MISTRI (Afrikaans First Additional Language; Advanced Programming Mathematics; Engineering Graphics and Design; English Home Language; Information Technology; Life Orientation; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

7 DISTINCTIONS:

AHMED DEEDAT (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; English Home Language; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

RAEES KHAN (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Advanced Programming Mathematics; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

ETHAN KRAUS (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Advanced Programming Mathematics; Geography; Life Orientation; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

JOSHUA WALTON (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Business Studies; English Home Language; History; Life Orientation; Mathematics)

6 DISTINCTIONS:

MATTHEW CHIVERS (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Business Studies; English Home Language; Geography; Life Orientation)

ROBERT SEARLE (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Business Studies; Life Orientation; Mathematics; Music)

JACOB SIMMONS (English Home Language; History; Geography; Life Orientation; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)



5 DISTINCTIONS:

YUSUF AMOD (Accounting; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

YASHKAR BALMAKHUN (Accounting; Business Studies; History; Life Orientation; Mathematics)

RUDIN HALL (Engineering Graphics and Design; Geography; Life Orientation; Mathematics; Physical Sciences)

TARIQ KAJEE (Accounting; English Home Language; History; Life Orientation; Mathematics)

WILLIAM MASOJADA (English Home Language; History; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics)

SAURAV SHRI KISSOON (Accounting; Afrikaans First Additional Language; Business Studies; History; Life Orientation)

JOEL STEVENS (English Home Language; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics; Visual Arts)

The following candidates achieved results that placed them in the **top 1% of the IEB candidates** in individual subjects:

- **JOSHUA WALTON** in Accounting, English Home Language and History
- **ETHAN KRAUS** in Accounting and Physical Sciences
- **RUDIN HALL** in Engineering Graphics and Design
- **SIMON MILOSZEWSKI** in History
- **RAHUL MISTRI** in Information Technology and Mathematics
- **JARED LAGGAR** in Mathematical Literacy
- **MATTHEW BLUNDEN** in Mathematical Literacy
- **RAEES KHAN** in Mathematics

Well done, gents!



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Cameos



Ross Montgomery, being welcomed into Grade 8 by his brother, Matthew Montgomery, our Deputy Head Boy

The Interact Club made up 80 food hampers for the Soup Kitchen visitors and handed them out in December.

A *huge thanks* to all parents who generously supported!







Other bits...

- The Senior Tennis boys leave for their tour to St Benedict's tomorrow. Safe travels and Good luck, gents!
- We would like to wish all our teams competing this weekend everything of the best.
- REMINDER: Please ensure that you have downloaded the D6 School Communicator. It is an ideal way to keep up to date with everything that is going on and to refer back to documents that are stored in the Resources section.
- A lightweight black K-Way down jacket has been found and may be collected from lost property.

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