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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cricket / Basketball vs Northwood
- ◆ Grade 8 Photos
- ◆ Gr 11 Parents Info Evening
- ◆ Gr 12 Parents Info Evening
- ◆ Senior Debating
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Westville
- ◆ Performing Arts Competition

From the Head Master's Desk

Welcome back to everyone. I trust that you have all enjoyed a wonderful, peaceful and joyful break with your loved ones. We are back earlier than normal, but thanks to good work from the staff we have hit the ground running. The new boys, particularly the Grade 8's have settled in well. The process of bringing all the grade 8's in two days early has certainly paid off. They seem a great bunch of young men, and it was wonderful to see so many of the boys' parents attending the initial Information evening. It bodes well for the next five years.

The Matric results were very good. A fuller discussion of the results features elsewhere in this edition, but I must make mention of our 2011 Dux, Kashmeel Bisseru. Kashmeel produced outstanding results. He was awarded 100% for three subjects and was the top candidate in Mathematics and Maths 3 in KZN. Absolutely phenomenal, and a fitting tribute and reward for this brilliant and humble young man. I know he will go on to even greater things. Well done young man-we are so proud of you!

The Cricket season is off to a great start. Our U15 team travelled to the Queen's College Festival, and returned with an outstanding set of results. They were unbeaten, and a number of boys produced outstanding performances. New coach Kurt Donaldson took the 1st XI to Grey College. Again the team did really well. They lost one game, to hosts Grey College, and again turned in some fine individual performances. Well done guys. Staying with Cricket, congratulations go to Jared Van Heerden, 1st XI 2011, who

represented KZN Coastals at Coke Week. After a fine week he was selected for the SA Colts' XI. Well done Jared.

It is a pleasure to welcome a number of staff this year. Messrs Capper and Cornew Ms Steytler, after filling in last year at various stages, have joined the staff in permanent capacities. We are delighted to welcome back Mr Roy Cowgill, who will bring his immense experience to the Life Science department. Mr Alan Burt has re-joined the staff to assist in Aquatics. He is a welcome addition to the staff. Ms Byres joins the Mathematics department, Ms Nell Afrikaans, Ms Sibisi, Isizulu and Mr Greef the History department. All in all we are very pleased with the additions to the staff, and wish them a long and happy association with the school.

It has been a hot and sweaty start to the year, and it is difficult to teach and learn in these conditions. I have been impressed with the approach of everyone, and we are indeed fortunate to have the calibre of boy we have. Head Boy Damian Perkins has been outstanding, ably supported by his team of prefects. Well done guys. Let's hope the heat eases soon, and we can experience more palatable teaching conditions.

Finally I have an announcement to make. As you all know, I have decided to retire at the end of this term. What some of you may not know is that at the end of 2011 I experienced some health problems. Over the Xmas break I decided that my health was my most important attribute, and that it was best for me to go even earlier. I have leave due to me



DHS Top Achievers Kashmeel Bisseru (left) and Thaahir Mathir were acknowledged for their achievements at a special function hosted by the DoE at the ICC



Trent Bingham as once again excelled at Yachting and has been selected for the Development Squad to go to the Olympics in 2016 and 2020



Jared van Heerden has been selected for the South African Colts U19 Cricket Squad

From the Head Master's Desk cont'd

from the department, and I have decided to take two months of it, in February and March. This means I will be leaving DHS at the end of January. I trust the DHS community understands and accepts my reasons, and I leave knowing the school is in a good place.

"There are no mistakes. The events we bring upon ourselves,

no matter how unpleasant, are necessary in order to learn what we need to learn; whatever steps we take, they're necessary to reach the place we've chosen to go."

Richard Bach

Have a good week.

Dave Magner

Class of 1973

Matric Results 2011

The Class of 2011 produced another fine set of results. The overall pass rate was 99,4%, with one unfortunate narrowly missing a pass. We hope he will pass his supplementary exam and thereby give us a 100% pass.

The 148 boys achieved a total of 238 A symbols, with a Matric Exemption rate of 85%, 5% higher than last year.

The release of the 2011 Grade 12 results was met with excitement as two of our learners were acknowledged for their academic excellence at a special function hosted at the Durban International Convention Centre. Durban High School's Kashmeel Bisseru and Thaahir Mathir occupied two of the top five positions in the Umlazi district.

Thaahir Mathir:

Having worked with a firm sense of purpose throughout the year, Thaahir was well rewarded with a full house in the 2011 Grade 12 NSC examinations. He achieved distinctions in English (91%), Afrikaans (96%), Mathematics (95%), Physical Science (96%), Accounting (96%), Life Sciences (91%) and Life Orientation (91%). He has been accepted at the University of Cape Town to study Actuarial Science. We wish him well with his tertiary studies and his chosen career as an actuary.

Kashmeel Bisseru:

This young man obtained a set of marks that was not exactly

unexpected within the DHS community. The following were his exceptional results: Accounting (100%), Economics (100%), Physical Science (100%), Mathematics Paper 3 (99%), Mathematics (98%), English (96%), Life Orientation (96%) and Afrikaans (95%).

Kashmeel was named the top achiever for Mathematics in KZN, and his Mathematics Paper 3 mark was also the highest in the province. With an accomplishment such as his, Kashmeel is in the enviable position of choosing to follow a career in whatever field that pleases him. He has opted for Chemical Engineering at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Our best wishes are with him for the future. He has done us proud and ensured that Durban High School remains "first in Durban - still in front".

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Academic Head : Grade 12

Some individual highlights:

Subject	% Cs & Above
History	90% (43% were A's)
Zulu	87%
LO	87%
English	84%
Drama	83%
Maths 3	76%
Accounting	71% (51% were A's)
Economics	63%
Art	65%
Phys Sci	59%
Life Sci	54%



Congratulations to the House Captains and Prefects for 2012 who were announced in Assembly on Tuesday



Matric Results cont'd

The following boys excelled:

8 A's Kashmeel Bisseru,
Shaherin Dehaloo,
Sulaiman Patel, Suhail
Sayad, Michael Winson
7 A's Thaahir Mathir, Shastri
Moonsamy, Yashay
Narainsamy,
Sathyanarayana Reddy,
Krivaan Sewlal, Nalendran
Singh, Ashish Sunpath
6 A's Shivek Govender, Shaheel
Maharaj, Shaelin Nagiah

5 A's Shaun de Ricquebourg,
Yusuf Mitha, Brendton
Naidoo, Daveshen
Sheldon, Cameron Smith
4 A's Ricardo Camacho, Dylan
Gopaul, Chuma Mashita,
Matthew Parkinson,
Junior Zulu
3 A's Daniel Basckin, Tyler da
Silva, Meshen Moodley,
Shanal Nathoo,
Cebolakhe Ntuli, Akal
Sahadave, Nikhil Sham

House Captains/Prefects 2012

Congratulations to the following learners who have been appointed as House Captains and Prefects for their respective Houses:

SWALES

Head of House: Mitchell Hayes
Prefects: Brenton Naicker
Matthew
Plumstead

PAYN

Head of House: Taariq Booley
Prefects: Byron Bromham
Darren Govender

LANGLEY

Head of House: Miguel Pedro
Prefects: JP Pieterse
Lloyd
Pennefather

GRICE

Head of House: Damian Perkins
Prefects: Cameron Jansen
van Rensburg
Wayne Jean-
Louis

CAMPBELL

Head of House: Aatish Maharaj
Prefects: S'mangaliso
Sibisi Ruhan
Venter

Welcome Grade 8's of 2012

The Grade 8's of 2012 started school at Durban High School on Monday 9 January, a little earlier than the rest of the school, for orientation.

Then on 11 January, when the rest of the boys started, and the traditional Grade 8 Bell Ringing ceremony was held, officially welcoming each boy into the school. It was great to see the large number of parents seated for the occasion in support of

their sons. A member from every class went up to ring the bell, with the rest of the class following closely behind, and each boy was helped into his new blazer by the Head Prefect, Damian Perkins, and welcomed to DHS by the Prefect Body and the Head Master, Mr Magner. The Grade 8's then said a pledge of allegiance to the School. A moving and memorable ceremony!

DHS Walk About

At the Grade 8 parents gathering last year, a number of folk expressed interest in the History of the School after Mr Jeremy Oddy's talk on DHS.

Mr Oddy is willing to take interested parents on a "walkabout" of the School on Friday 7 February 2012.

Down Memory Lane - the Magical Walkabout will run from 08h00 to 09h00.

Interested folk please RSVP to Mrs Krause on 031277 1500 to book your place - then don your walking shoes on the 7th.

Extra-Mural Results

CRICKET : 1st XI GREY PE TOUR

(Please refer to the DHS Web page for a full outline of the game:

http://www.durbanhighschool.co.za/content/news/News_Item.asp?content_ID=600

8 January vs Pretoria Boys' High (60/50 format):

DHS 218 (declared in 60 overs)
(Trenoweth 52, Prutharb 44, Maharaj 33)
PBHS 99 all out
(Van Rensburg 4/35, Ndlovu 2/11, Makhanya 2/15, Maharaj 2/12)
DHS won by 119 runs

8 January vs St Stithians (120 overs captains' declaration format):

St Stith 210 all out
(Innes 2/10, Ndlovu 2/30, Van Rensburg 2/28)
DHS 90 for 5
(Moodley 21, Maharaj 35*)
Draw - Bad light stopped play

10 January vs Woodridge College (50/50 limited overs format):

DHS 174 for 7
(Makhanya 51, Van Rensburg 23, Kisten 22, Ndlovu 33*)
PBHS 98 all out
(De Wet 4/25, Ndlovu 3/11)
DHS won by 76 runs

11 January vs Grey College (120 overs captains' declaration format):

St Stith 215 all out
(Ndlovu 4/66, Makhanya 3/32)
DHS 110 all out
(Makhanya 45)
Grey won by 106 runs

ATHLETICS : KZN LEAGUE 1 on 16/1/12

U17:

D Palframan	100m	3 rd	11.82s
	200m	2 nd	23.75s
J Hlakanipho	100m	5 th	12.24s
	400m	2 nd	52.10s
J Donkin	Javelin	1 st	42.26m

CRICKET : U15 XI QUEENS TOUR

(Please refer to the DHS Web page for a full outline of the game:

http://www.durbanhighschool.co.za/content/news/News_Item.asp?content_ID=598

7 January vs Queen's College (declaration) - warm up game:

DHS 170/9 (declared)
Queens 89/6
Game drawn

5 January vs Dale College (Declaration):

DHS 328/4 (declared)
(Ross 151*, Noot 38, Bryan 32, K Singh 36)
Dale 145 all out
(De Meillon 7/24)
DHS won by 183 runs

6 January vs Hudson Park (50 Overs):

Hudson 99 all out
(Bryan 5/22)
DHS 100/6
(Bryan 35*)
DHS won by 4 wickets

CRICKET vs DHS OLD BOYS

Highlights from Old Boys v 1st XI game on 14 January

Old Boys XI:

Kurt Donaldson (1991)
Ryan Jacobs (1997)
JP Hean (1996)
Rob MacQueen (1996)
Lance Klusener (1989)
John Grewer (2011)
Viyshal Daya (2009)
Blake Raubenheimer (1994)
Justin Fuller (1994)
Greg Williams (1995)
Warren Broughton (1994)
Russell Symcox (1999)

Old Boys batted first and amassed 258 for 5 in 45 overs
(Grewer 52, Jacobs 36, Symcox 50, Klusener 45*)

Congratulations!

- ◆ Jared Van Heerden, who matriculated from Durban High School last year, has been chosen for the South African Colts U19 squad for Cricket.
- ◆ Trent Bingham participated in the Youth Nationals in Hermanus (Yachting) in December and finished 3rd in the Laser Radial, despite heavy sea conditions. He has accepted an invitation to be part of the South African Sailing High Performance Development Squad that will start preparing for the Olympics in 2016 and 2020.
- ◆ Damian Perkins (U17) and Ryan Wheeler (U15) were selected for the *All Star* teams during the annual National Softball Tournament in Pretoria in December 2011. Only the best players during the tournament get selected (based on batting averages and general play) for these teams.
- ◆ Kyle Smith has been awarded a bursary for 2012 by the Rising Star Academy, a professionally run extra-mural performance programme that offers bursaries to deserving performers.
- ◆ Brandon Moulder (2007), graduated with Drama Honours (cum laude) at UKZN and is starting a two-year Masters Degree in Drama and Performance Studies in 2012.

DHS 1st XI 119 all out
(Tylor Trenoweth 30, Taariq Booley 19, Ainsley Ndlovu 19, Greg Williams 4/31, Rob Macqueen 2/12, Justin Fuller 2/18)

A really good, fun day was had by all. The first weekend back in the New Year is now officially the Old Boys weekend where the 1st XI will play an Old Boys XI.

Next year we would like to expand on the idea and have braai's going all day etc, and invite as many Old Boys and their families down as possible.



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Water Polo Fixtures

WATER POLO Fixtures vs
NORTHWOOD and GLENWOOD
at Northwood :
Saturday 21 January 2012

1st 14h40 vs Northwood
1st 15h05 vs Glenwood
2nd 13h25 vs Northwood
2nd 13h50 vs Glenwood
2nd 12h10 vs Northwood U16A
3rd 12h35 vs Glenwood U16A

U15A 10h55 vs Northwood
U15A 11h20 vs Glenwood
U15B 10h30 vs Northwood

U14A 09h15 vs Northwood
U14A 09h40 vs Glenwood

U14B 08h00 vs Northwood
U14B 08h25 vs Glenwood

- Tea will be served to parents and staff from 9:00
- A tuckshop will be open opposite the Jubilee Room



The Weeks Ahead

Friday 20 January
Blood Clinic : 08h30-14h00 : Foyer
DHS Gala A & B
Cricket vs Northwood

Saturday 21 January
Cricket / Basketball / Water Polo
vs Northwood
Glenwood Gala A & B

Sunday 22 January
Ethekweni Trials at Kingspark

Monday 23 January
Golf A/B vs Kearsney / Clifton
Grade 12 Parents Info Evening :
17h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Tuesday 24 February
Grade 11 Parents Info Evening :
17h30 : DC Thompson Hall

Wednesday 25 January
Grade 8 Photos
Kearsney A & B Gala (a)

Thursday 26 January
Senior Debating 1 & 2 : Clifton

Saturday 28 January
Cricket, Basketball vs Westville (h)
Gala at Ellis Park, Jhb

Monday 30 January
Golf A & B vs Kearsney/Crawford LL

Wednesday 1 February
Grade 9 Photos
Squash & Basketball vs Glenwood

Wednesday 2 February
Langley Day for DPHS Grade 7's
Junior Debating at Maris Stella

This Week's Fixtures

CRICKET Fixtures vs NORTHWOOD (a) : Thursday 19 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
U15C	15h00	Danville 1 (a)	20/20	Capper
U14E	15h00	Danville 2 (a)	20/20	Elliott

CRICKET Fixtures vs NORTHWOOD (h) & (a) : Friday 20 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
4 th XI	14h30	Theobald (h)	20/20	Wilkinson
U16B	14h30	Smith (a)	30/30	Matthyssen
U16C	15h00	Danville 1 (a)	20/20	Crasso
U15B	14h30	UC (a)	30/30	Wilkinson
U15D	14h30	LC (a)	20/20	Mabena
U14D	14h00	Danville 2 (a)	20/20	Mfusi
U14G	14h30	Topfield (h)	20/20	Ngcobo

CRICKET Fixtures vs NORTHWOOD (h) & (a) : Saturday 21 January

Team	Time	Venue	Format	Coach
1 st XI	09h00	Theobald (h)	60/50	Donaldson
2 nd XI	09h00	Smith (a)	60/50	Rein
3 rd XI	08h00	Danville 1 (a)	30/30	Perks
U16A	09h00	DHSOB (h)	60/50	Maungwa
U15A	09h00	UC (a)	60/50	Gcilitshana
U14A	16h00	LC (a)	60/50	Adam
U14B	08h00	Danville 2 (a)	30/30	Levin
U14C	08h00	Topfield (h)	20/20	Hlongwa
U14F	12h00	Topfield (h)	20/20	Bosch

BASKETBALL vs Northwood (h) : Saturday 21 January 2012

Team	Time	Court	Team	Time	Court
1 st	11h30	Court 1	2 nd	10h10	Court 2
U15A	10h10	Court 1	U15B	09h00	Court 1
U14A	09h00	Court 2	U14B	09h00	Court 3
U14C	10h10	Court 3			