

EVERYTHING MATTERS

2026



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ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



It has been a remarkably busy school term for many, and fortunately the half-term provided some respite and allowed the necessary time for examination preparation. Our Matrics are enjoying the new hall as an examination venue, as it easily accommodates the larger number of students. The temperature control and flooring are ideal for the examination setting. They will go down in our history as the first Matric group to write in the Memorial Hall, something a number of students have shown enthusiasm for. What is relevant is that it is a milestone for our school – a multipurpose hall worthy of our vision and aspirations.

Examinations can bring significant anxiety and stress for some. I ask parents to help their children set realistic goals to avoid unnecessary stress. Exercise, eating well and avoiding social media will all go a long way towards reducing stress.

I have noticed a number of students studying from their notes right up until they walk into an examination. The question is: **should students stop reading their notes outside the examination room?**

The answer is, **"It depends."** It depends on the student and on what they are revising just before the examination.

Reading a one-page summary immediately beforehand probably refreshes cues, reminds students of formulas or definitions and could even build confidence. This would therefore be helpful. A one-page summary or flow chart of the work would indicate prior preparation and completion of the full scope of the work.

Trying to revise new content immediately prior to an examination is not advisable, especially if the new work is similar to other work already learnt. This is said to create retrieval competition or retroactive interference with existing knowledge. In such cases, a student should stop reading outside the examination entrance.

Research also shows that last-minute review consisting solely of passively rereading pages of notes is almost certainly less effective than spending the same amount of time trying to recall the material without looking.

Finally, my personal experience is that reading notes outside the examination entrance increases anxiety immediately before the examination, especially when other students are asking questions or suggesting what will be in the paper. This must be avoided at all costs.

I wish all of our students and parents everything of the best during the examination period.

Mr Warwick Taylor

"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength."
— Charles Spurgeon

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MEMORIAL HALL OPENING CEREMONY

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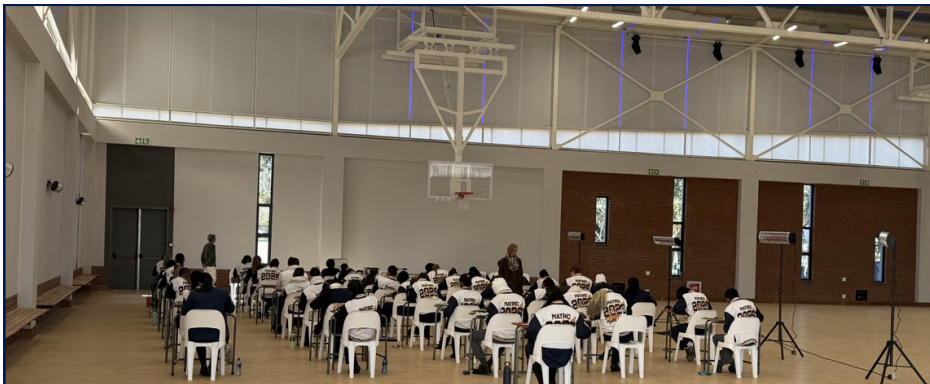
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STEM CENTRE BUILDING UPDATE



MATRIC EXAMINATIONS IN THE MEMORIAL HALL



CONSUMER STUDIES: GRADE 11



GRADE 9: MARKET DAY AWARDS

JUDGES: Mr Taylor, Mrs Raath, Mr Lachenicht and Mrs Anele

MOST ENTERPRISING: Boer Babes

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE: Dough and Co

BEST PRODUCTION: Games Gauntlet

BEST ADVERTISING: Latte Legends

BEST STALL: Mzanzi Flip and Flop

MOST AESTHETICALLY PLEASING: Sweet Clips



SWIMMING: EGA XCEL HIGH-PERFORMANCE SQUAD SELECTIONS



RILEY HAUPT



DANIEL BULHAKOV



AMY-LEE JONES



CHLOE OLIVIER



DANIEL MIDDLEWICK



KIERON-DANTE WILKES



TRENT WILLIAMS

SWIMMING: H2GO GALA

Ava Constantinides participated in the H2Go Winter Challenge Gala, hosted at St Andrew's School for Girls, and achieved a 1st Place for 100m Breaststroke.



AVA CONSTANTINIDES

HOCKEY: INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

Emilios Alexandrous, Keagan Da Silva and Ethan Lewis represented the U14 Eastern Gauteng Team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament.



NETBALL: INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT



FAITH ANI (U14)



NOSISPHO MLUNGWANE (U15)



THABI MAKAU (U16)

NETBALL: U19B EKURHULENI TEAM

Abigail Van Gool (Vice-Captain), Alyssa Da Silva, Deborah Oviahon and Gabriella Gonçalves participated as part of the U19B Ekurhuleni Team at the Telkom Netball Championships and achieved silver medals! The St Dunstan's College U15A coach, Felicia, was the Assistant Coach to the team.



SA SCHOOLS NETBALL: U16 TOP 35 SELECTION



THABI MAKAU

Thabi Makau has been selected for the U16 Top 35 at the South African Schools Netball All Ages Tournament.



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FOR YOUR ATTENTION



ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE MANDELA DAY BRING-A-THING COLLECTION FRIDAY, 17 JULY

THERE WILL BE DROP-OFF POINTS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL AS WELL AS AT THE BAINESS STREET ENTRANCE.

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The hours up at the Jardine Pavilion
have been extended during the
College examination period.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
07:00 - 09:30**

There will be wifi and a workspace
available to all of our
parents/guardians.

Be still, and know that I am God - Psalm 46:10

COFFEE CREATION AND CHRIST

Join us for a morning of fellowship, faith, coffee and God's creation as we step
away from the busyness of life to reflect, connect and grow together.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST

TIME: 07:30 - 14:00

VENUES: COFFEE THE BIBLE

AND THE WALTER SISULU NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

RSVP: For any queries please contact Mrs Terblanche

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Friday, 17 July 2026

St Dunstan's Bring-a-Thing

ITEMS TO BRING...

Please consider donating pre-loved items to support the valuable work of East Rand Palliative Care. Every donation, no matter how big or small, can make a meaningful difference.

**CLOTHING
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
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TOYS
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NEW STOCK IN!

A new consignment of jerseys has arrived!

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

X-Large (10)

XX-Large (3)

Should you wish to purchase one of these at R1 200 a jersey, please contact the Marketing Office



DUNSTONIANS VISIT THE COLLEGE



**GOOD LUCK
FOR THE EXAMS**

“Believe you can and you're halfway there.” - Theodore Roosevelt

Trust in your hard work, take a deep breath and do your best.