

Moving Forward



THE KING'S COLLEGE AND
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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THE LONG AND COLD TERM THAT WAS ANYTHING BUT!

As Term 2 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on what has been a truly remarkable period for King's School. Traditionally known as the "long and cold term," this one proved to be anything but dreary. It was a term filled with vibrant energy, outstanding achievements, and the continued growth of our King's culture.

Our sports teams made us proud, securing victories in both Football and Netball tournaments. The dedication and teamwork displayed by our students were nothing short of inspiring. A highlight of the term was our first-ever Derby Day with Hatfield Christian School. It was a day filled with fun, competition, and camaraderie, and we eagerly look forward to seeing how this tradition will grow in the coming years as more learners become involved. Inter-house athletics were another highlight, with both schools showcasing great spirit and healthy rivalry. The enthusiasm and participation from students and staff alike created an atmosphere of unity and friendly competition, further strengthening our sense of community.

This term also marked our first Alumni event, where we had the privilege of welcoming back our former learners. It was a proud moment for us to see how they have flourished and to hear about their achievements since leaving King's. Their success is a testament to the strong foundation they received during their time here, and it was heartwarming to reconnect with them. For our Matrics, this term was particularly significant as they completed their final days of school and began preparing for their prelims. The Matric Dance served as a culmination of their school journey, a celebration of their hard work and perseverance.

One moment that stood out to me was the speech given by two of our Grade 12 leaders at the Matric Dance. This speech is a cherished tradition at King's, where the Grade 12 students reflect on who they are and where they envision themselves in the next ten years. While the speech is vetted by staff each year, it inevitably reveals the character and temperament of the students. This year's speech, however, was a clear indication of the maturity and insight our leaders possess. Their predictions for each other's futures were thoughtful, honoring, and filled with genuine care and interest. It was evident that they supported one another throughout the speech, a surefire sign that we are indeed raising and releasing Godly leaders.

This maturity and respect are not cultivated overnight. They are the result of an environment where freedom is paired with responsibility, and where students choose to act in a manner that reflects the values we hold dear at King's. I am incredibly proud of the environment that exists here, and I want to take this opportunity to honor you—the parents—for the vital role you play in this community. Your support, involvement, and partnership are what make King's a place where our students can thrive and grow into the leaders God has called them to be. As we look back on Term 2, there is much to be thrilled about. From sporting victories to the deepening of our school's culture, it has been a term to remember. I look forward to what the future holds as we continue to build on these achievements and grow together as a community. Thank you for being a part of this journey.



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LOVE OF LEARNING

MEET THE TEACHER: MRS VIMBAI ZVATAI

Written by Okuhle Maninjwa and Pepita Chikanga (Grade 11)

Okuhle Maninjwa and I, Pepita Chikanga, were given the pleasure of receiving the task to interview one of the new teachers that have joined our lovely school this year. Miss Vimbai Zvaita is a Computer Applications and Technology teacher for the Grade 10-12's who became a member of the King's teachers during Term 2 of this year. These were the questions we asked following Miss Zvaita's insightful answers.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER?

To be part of the growth and development of the future generations

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE OF TEACHING?

Constructivist style, where learners construct their knowledge through my guidance and support.

WHAT LED YOU TO START TEACHING AT THE KING'S COLLEGE?

Someone shared the post and thought this school would be a good fit for me. I needed a school that acknowledged God's laws and purpose for humankind.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO TEACH CAT?

In a world that is making great strides towards technology, I saw a future in IT.

IF SOMEONE WERE TO OBSERVE YOUR CLASSES, WHAT WOULD THEY SEE YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS DOING ON A TYPICAL DAY?

Learning while still having fun.

WHAT IS THE MOST FULFILLING PART OF BEING A TEACHER?

To be part of raising tomorrow's leaders.

WHAT DO YOU THINK DIFFERENTIATES YOU FROM THE REST OF THE TEACHERS AT KING'S?

I am patient, loving, intelligent and funny.

WHAT DRIVES/MOTIVATES YOU DAY TO DAY?

The love, peace and joy found among the teachers and learner



HACKATHON

Written by Tinotendo Nemato (Grade 10)

The IEB's first A.I. Hackathon was a wonderful experience to see the possibilities and future that A.I. has enabled. The aim was to identify and solve an ongoing problem in our current world through a product or service involving A.I. as its core focus.

OUR COLLEGE GROUP, CALLED SPARKAI, TACKLED THE ISSUE OF LEARNERS NOT FULLY UNDERSTANDING THEIR COURSEWORK AND IMPLEMENTED A SOLUTION THAT HELPED THEM DEVELOP THEIR WEAKNESSES INTO THEIR STRENGTHS THROUGH A MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHM.

The Hackathon helped us see the possible ways to use A.I. as a tool of efficiency rather than to replace our creative thinking (and write our essays for us). While we may not have had a share in the amazing prize pool, it gave us new knowledge on the progress and wonders of A.I. and ways to outperform our previous attempt and others' ideas in next year's A.I. Hackathon.





BUILDING CULTURE

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

ST MARTINS FESTIVAL

Written by Chloe Edwards (Grade 11)

On the 7th and 8th of June, Kings participated in the St Martin's School Football and Netball festival. We are incredibly proud of all our college athletes who were selected to represent Kings at this sporting event.

This two-day festival hosted at St Martin's School and sponsored by Standard Bank was televised and was available on Super Sport School. This festival was an incredible opportunity for us as a school to showcase our learner's God-given abilities and to be a school that raises and releases Godly leaders, both inside the classroom and on the sports field.



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1ST TEAM FOOTBALL BOYS AND U15 NETBALL GIRLS WHO BROUGHT HOME THE TROPHY.



CREATIVE ARTS

DSSL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Written by Mbangi Sandile (Grade 8)



When I arrived in the UK, the weather was very different from South Africa. It was way colder. When I arrived at the hotel in Blackpool, the people there were very calm and respectful.

Later that day I went with my family and friends to explore the city. The people we met on the streets kept asking us if we were from South Africa. They were also very kind. Two days later we went to Liverpool. It was not as cold as Blackpool, but it rained harder.

I saw many historical places which was quite amazing. The trip to Anfield (the football stadium in Liverpool) was an enjoyable experience. On the third day the DSSL tournament started. I danced when my age group performed their solos.

WHEN I GOT ON STAGE I WAS A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS BUT I WAS MOTIVATED TO DO MY BEST. ONE THING I REALLY LIKED ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT WAS THAT I GOT TO MEET MANY DIFFERENT DANCERS AND THE SEE THE WAY THEY ALL DANCE. IT WAS TRULY AMAZING. MY FAVOURITE GROUP WAS THE DANCERS FROM JAPAN BECAUSE OF HOW DETERMINED AND HARDWORKING THEY WERE. THE TOURNAMENT WAS A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE.

After the tournament I went to see my close friend's grandmother in London. It was warmer than the other two cities. I explored London and saw Big Ben, London Bridge, the shopping district and their Red Bus tour. The people there were very generous and kind too. I had a wonderful experience during my trip to the UK.

CREATIVE SHOWCASE 2024

Written by Abrielle Diedericks (Grade 9)

An evening full of laughter, awe and talent. The Creative Showcase displayed the awesome skills that the King's students have. From ballet recitals to cupcake decorating and everything in between, there was truly something for everyone. As you sat and enjoyed a warm meal of your own or provided by the Grade 11's, there were amazing vocals or perfectly placed words in a poem presented before you. The dimmed lights brought your focus to the learners you once never knew but you now know their countless hours of practice, their passion and their creativity. You could not expect what was coming next as each individual had their own way of expressing themselves. Nothing could prepare you for this evening full of laughter, awe and talent hosted by our own Matrics.

OUR WINNERS FOR THIS YEAR:

PREP JNR - SAMUEL MCGREGOR

PREP SNR - JASON WOOLLATT

COLLEGE JNR - SYDELLE VUSHEMAKOTA

COLLEGE SNR - DIMPHO MODIKA









PREPARING LEADERS

SOCIAL IMPACT

SLIPPER DAY

Written by Paballo Mokoena (Grade 7)

When people hear about Slipper Day, they often think about the fun of wearing slippers to school or the small fee required to participate. Few consider where the money goes or the impact it makes. Slipper Day is organized by Reach For A Dream, a charity dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of children with terminal illnesses. It's a mission driven by compassion, offering joy and hope to those in the darkest times.

In our very own school, we have a personal connection to this type of profound experience. Mr Andrews' son, Greg, was diagnosed with Cancer. During the final stages of his illness, a wonderful organization named Smile reached out to Greg and his family. Much like Reach For A Dream, Smile's mission is to bring joy and unforgettable experiences to children facing life-threatening conditions. An amazing experience Greg got to have is the chance to meet famous cricketers. Greg got to meet Piere Spies and Morne Teyn who both play for the springboks in cricket! Greg also received some very special gifts. He got a cap for the famous cricketer Jacque Kallis and a cap from F1 driver Jenson Button.

ABOVE HIS DOORWAY HE HAD A VERY SPECIAL VERSE WRITTEN. THE VERSE WRITTEN WAS PHILIPPIANS 4:13 "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."

I think this may be a simple verse that we all learn when we are in Little Flock but it is really powerful. This verse is basically saying despite his frequent need, and harsh treatment, Paul joyfully declares his confidence that God will allow him to endure anything. Paul's words reflected the Gospel teachings that nothing is impossible with God. Paul had declared elsewhere that if God is for us, who can be against us?

Let's proudly wear our slippers, knowing that each step supports an incredible cause. Let's also celebrate the memory of Greg, who inspired us all to embrace life to the fullest.



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SOCIAL IMPACT

RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Written by Lindi Marais

Term two kicked off with arguably the most competitive paper recycling competition to ever exist! The College, fueled by some healthy rivalry, recycled 234 kilograms of paper over two weeks. Learners even went so far as to spring clean their homes and bring paper and cardboard to school to be recycled.

The competition culminated in a fashion design challenge made from only recycled paper which the Grade 11 team won hands down! The Grade 10's won the overall largest collection at 1.3 kilograms per learner and the Grade 9's won the heaviest bag coming in at 16 kilograms- it was barely able to be lifted for the weigh-in.

THE INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH SPURRED ON BY THE NEED TO HAVE A PAPER RECYCLING BAG IN EVERY CLASSROOM, ALSO RESULTED IN AN INCREDIBLE SHOW OF SCHOOL SPIRIT, TEAMWORK AND HEALTHY COMPETITION. THE RECYCLING BAGS REMAIN IN EACH CLASS AND LEARNERS HAVE EXCITING MEMORIES TO GROUND THIS ESSENTIAL PRACTICE OF RECYCLING.



ALUMNI

FEATURING JORDAN BOUGARDT



I matriculated from King's College in 2018, and now, six years later, I'm completing my Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Wits University. After earning my bachelor's degree in 2022, I'm excited to pursue a PhD at the University of Cape Town in 2025. During my Master's journey, I had the opportunity to lecture a 2nd-year Mechanics course for Mechanical, Industrial, and Aeronautical Engineering students, travel to the Netherlands for MRI-based research, and represent Wits at conference and inter-varsity competitions across South Africa, including Stellenbosch and UCT.

King's College played a key role in sparking my passion for both Maths and Science, which has been essential not only for my career but for many aspects of my daily life. I'll always remember a few standout teachers: Mrs. Pickering, my 9th-grade math teacher, who made even the most intimidating topics seem easy; Mrs. Senekal, my physics teacher, whose high expectations pushed us to excel; and Mrs. Kamang, my history teacher, whose kindness and genuine compassion for students sparked a lot of jokes about her being our school's mom.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE KING'S MEMORY?

There are so many moments I look back on fondly, one my favourites is cheering on one of my best friends Dijuan Coetzee as he won the 400 m outright at the inter-high athletics tournament and how ecstatic the whole of the high school was. In fact, I seem to remember a few of us running out onto the field to celebrate with him. Another unforgettable moment was receiving the Dux Scholar award and sharing that celebration with my family and friends. But honestly, it's the smaller moments that mean the most – like those early mornings, meeting up with friends gathered in our usual spot before school and just being together every day.

My advice to current students is not to be discouraged by bad marks or tough exams. One of the best things about your school years is that you are allowed to make mistakes. I struggled with several topics, even in Maths and Physics, but I never gave up. Some of your schoolwork will be challenging, and it's easy to doubt yourself, but one thing I've learned for sure is that those who push through the tough moments come out stronger in the end. Stick with it, and you'll be better off after school having persevered.

To wrap up, I'd like to remind students that school is one of the best times of your life, filled with adventure and lasting friendships. Life after school is exciting in its own way, but I can promise that everyone will look back on their school years with a mix of nostalgia, happiness, and maybe even a little embarrassment – though that's all part of the journey!



ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Written by Lindi Marais



Among the festivities of the King's and Hatfield Christian school Derby day, the first King's Alumni gathering was hosted. It was a heartfelt time when alums from many different years came together, united by our shared experiences at King's. We heard the vision of what lies on the horizon for this campus and celebrated the fruition of the amazing progress that we had longed for when we were learners.

More than a corporate event, it felt like a gathering of extended family members coming together to share their time-old stories with laughs and tender moments.

The most rewarding moment of the event was hearing the testimonies of past learners representing the Kingdom of God in all of their respective fields. Although the 'Raising Godly Leaders' is a relatively new purpose statement, it was so true to God's faithfulness to see that that has been the underlining purpose of King's from the beginning. Alums now have the privilege of watching their children step into the future that has been fought for by previous King's stakeholders. There is no doubt that there is a generational movement that has begun on the King's campus and it is such a privilege to contribute to that!

THE ALUMNI GATHERING SOLIDIFIED THAT THE KING'S COLLEGE IS MORE THAN A SCHOOL, THE STAFF ARE MORE THAN TEACHERS, AND THE PEERS ARE MORE THAN FRIENDS. WE HAVE BEEN UNITED FOR A GREATER PURPOSE!

Although a cool Alumni King's sweatshirt would be awesome- it's kind of not the point. There's something much bigger happening through this school- something that sounds a lot like a revival!

I encourage all alumni to reach out to the generations who are still coming through the ranks- our testimonies and experiences can further empower them as the Godly leaders they are being raised to be.



LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

