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## NEWSLETTER NO. 28

Dear Parents

### A AND AS LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

In May/June of this year, Grade 11 and 12 boys (and a few Grade 10s) wrote their final AS and A-Level examinations. The boys did incredibly well, with 80% passing the rigorous examinations. In the United Kingdom students aged 16 to 18 will only study 3 or 4 A-Level subjects, with approximately 8 hours of lessons per week per subject. The SACS boys only had 2 hours of lessons per week and passed these examinations on top of their NSC academics, showing determination and resilience.

The results per subject are as follows:

Subject	Number of Candidates per Grade				
	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
A-Level Mathematics	1				
A-Level English			1		1
A-Level Biology			1	2	2
AS Level Mathematics		5	2		2
AS Level Biology	1				

The top achiever was Julian Weimann (Grade 11) with Grade A in both A-Level Mathematics and AS Level Biology.

Congratulations to all learners who wrote the AS and A-Level examinations this year and thank you to the teachers involved (Ms Nel, Mr Barnard, Mr Skeat and Mrs Siso). For more information about the AS and A-Level program, please contact:

Mrs Siso ([sisod@saccollege.org.za](mailto:sisod@saccollege.org.za)).



### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Grade 11 SACS boys were addressed by Susi Astengo, Entrepreneur and MD of COACHMATCHING PTY LTD. Susi shared her entrepreneurial journey and the leadership challenges she has encountered.

Susi began her presentation by asking the boys about their entrepreneurial experience and leadership roles. The responses generated all linked to the fact that both areas rely on setting up relationships, which underpins her coaching business. We all recognise that when we meet someone for the first time, we get a feeling for whether we are matched to that person and can work with them. The boys were able to relate to this, understanding that their performance, particularly on the sports field, is highly influenced by the coach, teacher or mentor they have.

Susi has 45 coaches working for her nationally and also has business partners in Munich and Johannesburg to help organisations improve their performance. The coaches use assessments to identify the strengths and blind spots of an organisation, before working with them to guide the organisation in their growth and development.

Being self-aware is a key leadership attribute and the boys were asked to pick out other characteristics from a leadership video from MDs and CEOs of multinational organisations. Vision, resilience, perseverance and an overarching passion for what you are doing is highly important. Susi outlined how she had the vision to develop her coaching business and the work that went into researching whether it would be viable. She emphasised how hard entrepreneurship can be and how you need to keep on finding inspiration to carry on, and how sometimes that can come from the team you work with. We all realise the power of the team and Susi explained that empowering the team can help to build loyalty and trust within the team and get the right results. As Mandela said, 'It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front'.

Susi's presentation linked back to a key message from one of last year's speakers. Dr Ryan Baskir said 'you can never lose, you either win or you learn'. Susi said the FAIL was an acronym for 'First Attempt In Learning' and explained how failing early can really help you to understand how to work differently.

Susi ended her interactive presentation with a video from Richie McGraw (All Black Captain). In a short discussion afterwards, she gave her key messages to becoming a successful entrepreneur:

- Don't bite off more than you can chew (make sure you can deliver)
- Don't get greedy (have integrity)
- Don't forget your first client (they will stay with you)

We thank Susi for her time in addressing the SACS audience and wish her well with her future innovations. The next seminar will take place during term four and we will release more details nearer the time. In the meantime, if you require any further information on this seminar or if you would like to nominate a speaker, please contact Barry Van Selm, Graeme Wepener or Dawn Siso.

## CHRISTOPHER BROWN CONCERT

The annual Christopher Brown Competition took place last night. Nineteen contestants performed in a varied programme of the highest standard. Mr John Rojas adjudicated, with the Big Band rounding off the evening.

Congratulations to Noah de Villiers who was the winner of the Vocal Trophy and Sebastian Long who won the Instrumental section. Thank you and congratulations to all the performers on an excellent concert.



Pictured twelve of the nineteen contestants

## WESTERN PROVINCE YOUTH CRICKET

The following boys have been selected for the Western Province Youth teams:

<b>Under 15A</b> Kai Curran Michael Levitt Daniel Smith	<b>Under 19B</b> Khanya Dilima Gregory Willows	<b>Under 17B</b> Hayden Byrne
	<b>Under 17B</b> Ethan Burger	<b>Under 15B</b> Anda Dilima

Congratulations to all the boys and coaches associated with SACS Cricket.



## ARCHIVES REVAMPED

Under the direction of Scott Warwick, the History Society Committee and assistants have revamped the archives covering SACS Headmasters from Robin Whiteford through to our retiring Headmaster, Mr Ball.

Mr and Mrs Ball (pictured) visited the archives during the week and were given a special tour of the new displays.



## KING'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE

We bade farewell to Edward Cashmore and Harry Geddes this week who returned home to the United Kingdom after having spent over four weeks with us on exchange from King's College, Taunton.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. R. Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**K. R. BALL**  
**HEADMASTER**

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

### Request to Parents and a Call to Submit Advertisements

If there are photographs taken and emailed to the school, please make sure they are not altered in size, and rather sent 'raw' so we can maintain good quality photographs. If possible, also indicate whether they have been taken with a mobile phone or a 'proper' camera. Should parents want credit for the photographs, this should be made clear to the school too.

If you would like to advertise in the school magazine, please contact Graeme Wepener ([wepenerg@sacollege.org.za](mailto:wepenerg@sacollege.org.za)) who will provide you with the relevant details such as size options and costing.

## THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is our final Winter fixture of the season and our rugby and hockey teams compete against Wynberg Boys' High School. The First Hockey team play on Friday evening at 19h15 on Astro One (A) and the First Rugby Team on Saturday at 12h30 on Hawthordene Field (A). I wish all teams well for their final fixtures.