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INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents

Our June exams concluded today and I trust that it has gone well for our boys. Parents, please ensure that your son is in attendance next week as compulsory assessments will be written up to the last day of school, which is Friday next week. Thereafter we look forward to a well-deserved mid-year break.

Lots of exciting news follows in the rest of this newsletter. Emmanuel Rassou and Matthew Deans' performances in the UCT Mathematics Olympiad really do stand out as exceptional achievements. We congratulate these two fine scholars and all our SACS men who excelled in this event.

With our new Sports Pavilion nearing completion, we have accepted a request to host two international U18 rugby matches on the afternoon of 18 August. The matches - Wales vs France and England vs South Africa - will be televised live on Supersport. Mr van Selm must be thanked for his efforts in putting this together. I had the privilege of playing a match on our Memorial Field 30 years ago whilst on a school tour. Since that day it has stood out for me as the most spectacular setting of all the iconic schoolboy fields in South Africa. We are incredibly fortunate to have what we do here at SACS in so many different spheres.

SPUR SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

From L-R: James Paul, Stephen Bird, Matt Paul, Liam Curran, Kieran Horsford

The first Spur Schools MTB race was held at Southey Vines Saturday 9 June.

From the welcome rain that we had received during the week, the course was very wet and muddy, which adds to the fun - as well as to the lap times. It was a superb event and a promising start to the Spur Mountain Bike series for SACS, who are currently placed 5th out of all the Western Province schools.

The results were:

U18: James Paul 10th; Kieran Horsford 15th; Stephen Bird 34th

U16: Luke Moir 1st; Ian Flower 39th

U15: Kai von During 21st; Matthew Paul 29th; Josh de Hutton 31st; Tristan Samuels 39th; Jonathan Robertson 41st; Josh Tudor 47th; Matt Ashwell 50th

U14: Louis Gliddon 38th; Matthew Bennett 39th; Ruairi Kearns 60th



MUSIC NEWS



Congratulations to **Bradley Culligan** and the **Clarinet Ensemble** won special awards at the recent Cape Town Eisteddfod. Bradley won Brass: Best Senior Entrant 13 years and over and the SACS Clarinet Ensemble won the Best Woodwind Ensemble.

Andreas Coxson, Gregory Hoyle, Zubair Abader, Bradley Culligan, Iliya Meyer and Matthew Pretorius reached the final round of auditions for the Standard Bank National Schools' Band to be held during the Grahamstown Jazz Festival.

This weekend Greg Hoyle, Zubair Abader and Andreas Coxson will perform at Artscape's Youth Jazz Festival, as part of Youth Month. Greg and Zubair have been invited to play in the MDK Big Band which will perform in the 'Bandstand' concert on 16 June.

PROVINCIAL SQUASH

William Tweddle in Grade 11 has been selected for the Western Province U19 squash team to participate in an Inter-provincial tournament during the coming holidays (23 to 27 June). Congratulations and we wish William well for the competition.

UCT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



(Matthew Dean, Bronson Rudner*, Emmanuel Rossou)

Over 8 000 students from 170 Western Cape high schools took part in the UCT Mathematics competition in April. The competition was over three rounds and the top 200 in each grade were awarded Merit certificates or higher. SACS was placed 11th overall, receiving 21 individual and 13 pair Merit or Gold certificates. **Daniel Barrish** (Gr 12) progressed to the third round and received an honourable mention; **Matthew Dean** (Gr 9) received a Gold certificate for being placed first in his grade; **Emmanuel Rossou** (Gr 8) was also placed first in his grade, achieving 100%, a feat that UCT Professor John Webb said was an extremely rare achievement.

This is an outstanding result by all those who entered the competition.

** An Old Boy and South Africa's top matriculant in Mathematics and Physical Science in 2016.*

THIS WEEKEND

There are no school-related sports fixtures this weekend.

Yours sincerely

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