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## NEWSLETTER NO. 8

Dear Parents

### HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

The results of the Western Cape's Systemic Tests in Mathematics and English, written last year, point to the extremely fortunate position we are in at SACS, both in terms of the quality of our staff and the quality of learners we have in our care. We must never take this for granted.

Last Sunday was a special day for SACS Cricket. After defeating Rondebosch Boys' High School in the morning in the semi-final of the Western Province leg of the National Schools T20 Competition, our young team took on Wynberg Boys' High School in the final in the afternoon. A victory off the last ball of the match saw SACS put our name on that trophy for the first time. Well done to our players and coaches. It was a superb effort!

### WESTERN CAPE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SYSTEMIC TESTS 2018

SACS placed fourth in the province in last year's Grade 9 Systemic Tests in both Mathematics and Language. We were the top-placed boys school. Congratulations to the Grade 9 class of 2018, as well as our Mathematics and English teachers.

	SACS Pass Rate %	Western Cape Pass Rate %	SACS Average %	Western Cape Average %
Mathematics	95	23	79	35
English	98	53	78	53

### INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

The internal scholarship examinations prizes were awarded in assembly on Monday. Congratulations to the following recipients:

#### WORLD WAR II SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships were set up in 1949 by the SACS Old Boys' Union as a memorial to Old Boys who fell in the Second World War and are awarded to boys who came first in their Grade.

Benjamin Hartley	First in Grade 11 2018
Bradley Virgin	First in Grade 10 2018
Oliver Hartley	First in Grade 9 2018
Emmanuel Rassou	First in Grade 8 2018

#### VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship competed for.

Zach Baskir	First Place
Ryan Ball / Daniel Tukker	Second Place

#### WORLD WAR I SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships were set up in 1919 by the Council of the University of Cape Town as a memorial to SACS Old Boys who fell during World War I.

Max Hall	Fourth in Senior Examinations
Oliver Borg	Fifth in Senior Examinations
Matthew Dean	First in Junior Examinations
Matthew Versfeld	Second in Junior Examinations
Jeremiah Rupprecht	Third in Junior Examinations

#### MURRAY WHITEFORD ENGLISH PRIZE

Zach Baskir	Senior Prize
Oliver Hartley	Junior Prize

#### SYDNEY GELBART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established in memory of the late Sydney Gelbart, a SACS Old Boy who was, to his family, an outstanding son, husband, father and a good friend to all at the school.

Kyle Kritzinger

#### GOTTSCHALK AWARD

This is awarded each year to a boy leading a full life at SACS – for consistent involvement and effort in the sporting, cultural and academic life of the school, taking into account improvement, diligence, enthusiasm and keenness, rather than excellence.

Ibrahim Mahmood

#### BOTHNER SCHOLARSHIPS

These were established in 1959 by the Bothner family as a memorial to the late Maurice "Bobby" Bothner and are awarded to all-rounders in Grade 11 and 12 taking into consideration character, distinction in academic work, achievement and interest in school games and societies.

Matthew Pretorius  
Ryan Ball

#### WILLIAM BAXTER SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established by the Old Boys Union in 1926 as a memorial to Billy Baxter, Headmaster of the High School from 1907 to 1926. It is awarded to an all-rounder in Grade 12.

Panashe Gundani



## TRIATHLON

After placing third in the Xterra race over the weekend, Ryan Ball has been selected for the Elite South African Junior Cross Triathlon Team.

He will compete in Spain in April. Congratulations Ryan.



## DR MELLE CRICKET CUPS

Kai Curran received the Dr Melle Senior Cup for his brilliant 110 not-out against Wellington College (UK) and Oliver Whitehead the Junior Cup for his all-round contribution to the winning U14A side against Paul Roos Gymnasium. Congratulations Kai and Oliver.

## THIS WEEKEND

Our cricketers compete against Wynberg Boys' High School this weekend, whilst our water polo players and oarsmen compete in tournaments/championships at various schools in Gauteng.

Our U15A Water Polo Team participate in Parktown Boys' High School's Water Polo Tournament, our U14A Team in the Jeppe Boys' High School's Water Polo Tournament and our First Team in the King Edward VII's Tournament. Our oarsmen compete at the South African Championships at the Roodeplaats Dam.

On the home front, our First Cricket Team play on Saturday at 9:30am on our De Villiers Field.

I wish our boys well for the weekend ahead and look forward to supporting them from the sidelines.



## WESTERN PROVINCE T20 SCHOOLS CUP

Our First Cricket Team won the Western Province T20 Schools Cup for the first time in our history. A great achievement for coaches Mr Etienne Grobler, Mr Brendan Kleynhans and the team, led by Daniel Smith.



Yours sincerely



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HEADMASTER**

## FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE SIX

### 1991 AND SACS IS 'OPEN' (PART 2)

"The 1990 Senior Certificate results of Isilimela Comprehensive School in Langa showed a pass rate of seven out of one hundred and fifty candidates. Through our link with the school (as part of our drive for OPEN SCHOOLS), we were aware of the intense disappointment of many of the pupils, and were approached by about twenty to give them places at SACS. On two successive days, a few SACS teachers met those interested in Langa, and worked through some of our Standard 9 (Grade 11) exam papers. Gradually the number of applicants dwindled, but in the end we were able to approach our Headmaster, Gordon Law, with the proposal that, provided they returned to Standard 9 and had been Matric failures at Langa, we take them on. It was agreed. Three accepted the challenge and at the end of 1992 the names of LINDA NTSHINGA, QUENTIN MHAYI AND MORGAN MFOBO (pictured with marimbas) were on the SACS Senior Certificate pass list. They became the first black members of the SACS OBU."

- edited from report written by Doug Brown in 2002



Percival Montgomery (South African Schools Rugby)  
and Morgan Mfobo (South African U19 Cricket Team)

