

Northwood News

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From the Headmaster's Desk

MR P P VILJOEN

Dear Parents

This morning we said goodbye to our class of 2019 at our annual speech day. It is always a special occasion, an occasion filled with excitement, celebration and emotion. The class of 2019 has had a tremendous impact on our school and have left a long lasting legacy.

A special word of congratulations goes to our newly elected learner management team. In the Boarding Establishment Mngqobi Shoba, was announced as Head Prefect, while Henri van Heerden and Basil van der Spuy were announced as his deputies. In terms of the school the honour of being elected Head Prefect has been bestowed upon Vernon Matongo, with his deputies being Dylan Ferreira, Matthew Willson, Mngqobi Shoba and Matthew Bricknell.

Below I have shared some of what I spoke to the boys and parents about during my address to the school.

Good morning to all our special guests, governing body members, old boys, dignitaries, parents and other visitors. A special word of welcome to our class of 2019 – it is an absolute honour to have you with us on this very special morning.

2019 has been a very special year in Northwood's History, we have been truly blessed on all fronts – great sporting results, magical cultural performances, academic achievement, the start of new traditions, infrastructure upgrades, new and innovative approaches to teaching and learning and many other moments of magic, is testimony not only to our boys' hard work, our teachers and coaches' dedication, our parents, sponsors and old boy support, but most importantly to the grace of God. He has been so good to our school this year.

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Thought for the Week

"Wings are only freedom when they are wide open in flight. On one's back they are a heavy weight."
~ Marina Tsvetaeva

Important Dates

October

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| Fri 11 | Speech Day (10am) |
| Fri 11 | Aaron McIlroy (Fundraiser) |
| Wed 16 | Boss' Day |
| Sun 27 | Diwali |

November

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| Fri 1 | BE Year End Function |
| Mon 11 | Remembrance Day (11am) |
| Wed 13 | Sardine Run |



Left to Right: Mqobi Shoba, Dylan Ferreira, Vernon Matonga (Head Prefect), Matthew Willson and Matthew Bricknell



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I am however not going to spend my few minutes this morning reviewing the year, we live in a world of social media, so if you want to catch up on all that has happened during the course of this remarkable year, please visit our Facebook page or Instagram portal.

Today is about the men who have given their all to our school, the Knights of Northwood. In 1995 I sat in a hall not too dissimilar to this, and listened to our headmaster addressing us for the last time. I was a little scared and nervous because I had not studied very hard during the course of the year, didn't have too many plans for what I wanted to do after school or, for that matter, what career I would be following one day. Many of you may well be feeling the same way.

I have since grown older and wiser and bolder, and as such I would like to share some words of encouragement and hopefully wisdom with you this morning.... not all my own, but hopefully it will have an impact on your life.

The great educational resource called Facebook, had this as a post a while ago. It's heading read, six little stories with lots of meaning:

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

Every night we go to bed without assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is courage.

We see the world suffering but still we get married and have children. That is love.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old – I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience."

Powerful indeed, and valuable stories to remember, use these wisely, as it teaches you that you don't always need 100's of words to make a difference in a person's life, sometimes less is indeed more.

So boys, how do you survive in a world that is asking so much, that is threatening, scary, unpredictable, mean and violent? My advice - ignore it all! As the negativity of the media and those who's sole aim is of creating discourse are simply negative in their thinking and find joy in all the wrong things. Instead focus on what is, in my mind, really important:

1. Build your foundations on your God;
2. Each day, dare yourself to be outstanding;
3. Never ever be afraid to fail – at least then you would have tried.
4. Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst and a mind that forgets the bad.



BE Head Prefect, Mngqobi Shoba and BE Deputy Head Prefects, Henri van Heerden and Basil van der Spuy

- 5 Always put Others First
6. Respect our Environment and be active in its survival.
7. Uphold Integrity and do the Right thing – even when no-one is watching.
8. Go out into the world and understand that nothing is beneath you and that you are never too big to do the small things.
9. Be Humble in your Attitudes and Actions.
10. And most importantly– Acquit ye Like Men

So parents how do you survive the anxiety and fear of sending your precious young man into the world? And how do you know that your young man will be ok? I think it is to be found in the following...

1. You have taught them to love God;
2. You have always been there for your child and you have equipped them with a value system that allows them to make decisions that are acceptable to you as parents;
3. They have been in a school where they have been taught the values displayed on the steps leading to their classrooms:
4. Values that have allowed our boys to complete the journey from a squire to knight, and values that will allow them to:

Protect the weak
To Fight wrong
To Seek justice
To Be loyal to their friends
To be fair to all people
To be true, gentle, faithful, and brave
To be generous
To honour and respect all woman
And to strive to do the right thing

So boys as you enter into adulthood, and begin the final chapter of school life I want to thank you for being at the heart of our school – you are all unique, all special, all a little bit crazy, but all very much loved. Thank you for the legacy you have built, and the memories you have created. Good luck for what lies ahead.

May God bless you with all that your heart's desire. You are lucky to have been taught, directed, coached and parented by incredible people. Thank you to all seated behind and in front of me for what they have done for you.



Dux - Ahmed Jajbhay, Proxime Accessit - Keiran Naidoo and 3rd in Grade - Mohamed Kolia.
Your school applauds you these outstanding achievements.

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I would like to end with a quote and a poem:

The great Mahatma Ghandi said - "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

The poem is by Walter Wintle who penned these words:

"If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't,
If you like to win, but you think you can't
It is almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out of the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man WHO THINKS HE CAN!"

Go well men of Northwood - May you all do great things. You will never walk alone!

Thank you.

LEARNER SUPPORT & HOMEWORK CENTRE

Just a reminder that the Learner Support Centre on lower campus will continue on a Tuesday and Thursday from after school until 4pm, until the start of exams. And the Homework Centre will continue Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. Learners can attend to get assistance with schoolwork or simply as a structured studying environment for their November Exams.

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Extra Lessons

GRADE 11

| | |
|-------|---|
| Mon | Maths - Mrs le Roux Afrikaans - Mr Jankeeparsad Life Sciences - Mrs Morton Accounting - Mrs Joseph |
| Tues | Sport |
| Wed | English - Mrs Ganesh Economics - Mrs Joseph |
| Thurs | Sport |

GRADE 10

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| Mon | Maths - Mrs Munnik Afrikaans - Mrs v/d Westhuizen |
| Tues | Sport |
| Wed | English - Mr McDowall Life Sciences - Mrs Hayden Accounting - Ms Raftopoulos Economics - Mrs Joseph |
| Thurs | Sport |

GRADE 9

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| Mon | Sport |
| Tues | EMS - Messrs Woods/Richter |
| Wed | Sport |
| Thurs | Afrikaans - Mrs Prins English - Mr Halse |

GRADE 8

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| Mon | Sport |
| Tues | English - Ms Domun EMS - Mrs Johnson Life Sciences - Mrs Morton |
| Wed | Sport |
| Thurs | Afrikaans - Mrs Johnson |

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2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on Thursday 17 October 2019 at 6pm in the Northwood School Hall

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of notices of meeting
3. Present
4. Apologies
5. Presentation of the Budget for 2020.
6. Adoption of the proposed 2020 Budget and approval of the school fee amount for 2020.
7. Adoption of the procedure for total, partial or conditional exemption of parents who are unable to pay fees.
8. Chairman's Report
9. Closure

The audited accounts for the year 2019 and the 2019 Budget will be open for inspection two weeks prior to the budget presentation meeting should any parents wish to peruse them.

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Grade 10 & 11 End of Year Exam Timetables

EARLY EXAMS

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| Tues 15 Oct | Grade 10 | Afrikaans P3/ IsiZulu P3 |
| Tues 15 Oct | Grade 11 | Physical Science Prac Exam |
| Wed 16 Oct | Grade 10 & 11 | Music Prac Exam Grade: 10 & 11 |
| Tues 22 Oct | Grade 10 & 11 | AP Maths |
| Wed 23 Oct | Grade 10 & 11 | IT Prac (Grade 10 - 8:00 – 11:00) (Grade 11 - 11:30 – 14:30) |
| Wed 23 Oct | Grade 10 & 11 | Design/ Art Prac (6 Hrs) |

Note: Provincial Papers are indicated in bold print

All Papers 2 Hrs unless indicated otherwise.

19 and 20 November Script Check (8:00 – 10:00)

| Date | Time | Grade 10 | Grade 11 |
|-------------------|--------------|--|---|
| Thur 24/10 | 08h15 | LO | LO |
| Fri 25/10 | 08h15 | English P2 (2½ Hrs) | Afrikaans P1/ IsiZulu P1 |
| Tues 29/10 | 08h15 | Geography P1 (3 Hrs) | EGD P1 (2½ Hrs) |
| | 11h30 | Geography P2 (1½ Hrs) (12h30 – 14h00) | Bus Studies P1 (11h30 – 13h30) |
| Wed 30/10 | 08h15 | EGD P1 | English P2 (2½ Hrs) |
| | 11h30 | Tourism (11h00 – 13h00) | Accounting P1/ Music P1 (3 Hrs) |
| Thur 31/10 | 08h15 | Afrikaans P1/ IsiZulu P1 | Life Sciences P1 (2½ Hrs) |
| | | Bus Studies P1 (11h00 – 13h00) | Economics P1 (11h30 – 13h30) |
| Fri 01/11 | 08h15 | Accounting P1/ Music P1 (3 Hrs) | EGD P2 (2½ Hrs) |
| Mon 04/11 | 08h15 | Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2 | Life Sciences P2 (2½ Hrs) |
| | | Economics P1 (11h00 – 13h00) | Accounting P2 (11h30 – 13h30)/ Music P2 (1½ Hrs) |
| Tues 05/11 | 08h15 | EGD P2 | Geography P1 (3 Hrs) |
| | 11h00 | IT P2 / Design / Economics P2 | Geography P2 (1½ Hrs) (12h30 – 14h00) |
| Wed 06/11 | 08h15 | Life Science P1 (2½ Hrs) | English P1 |
| | 11h00 | | History P1 (3 hrs) |
| Thur 07/11 | 08h15 | Account P2/ Music P2 (1½ Hrs) | Bus Studies P2 |
| Fri 08/11 | 09h00 | Maths P1 (2 Hrs)/ Maths Lit P1 (1½ Hrs) | Physical Science P1 (3 Hrs) |
| Mon 11/11 | 09h00 | Maths P2 (2 Hrs) / Maths Lit P2 (1½ Hrs) | Physical Science P2 (3 Hrs) |
| Tue 12/11 | 08h15 | Life Science P2 (2½ Hrs) | History P2 (3 Hrs) |
| Wed 13/11 | 08h15 | English P1 | Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2 |
| | 11h00 | Bus Studies P2 | Tourism |
| Thur 14/11 | 08h15 | History (3 Hrs) | IT P2 (3 Hrs)/ Art P1/ Econ P2 |
| Fri 15/11 | 09h00 | Physical Science P1 | Maths P1 (3 Hrs) / Maths Lit P1 (2 Hrs) |
| Mon 18/11 | 09h00 | Physical Science P2 | Maths P2 (3 Hrs) / Maths Lit P2 (2 Hrs) |

Matric Final Exam Timetable

EARLY EXAMS

Thurs 17 Oct 09:00 IT Practical P1 (3 Hrs)

7 Oct–18 Oct 09:00 Visual Arts and Design Practical

| | 09:00 | 14:00 |
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| Wed 23 Oct | English HL P1 (2 Hrs) | |
| Thurs 24 Oct | IsiZulu FAL P12 (2 Hrs) | |
| Fri 25 Oct | Maths P1 (3 Hrs)/Maths Lit P1 (3 Hrs) | |
| Mon 28 Oct | Maths P2 (3 Hrs)/Maths Lit P2 (3 Hrs) | |
| Tues 29 Oct | History P1 (3 Hrs) | |
| Wed 30 Oct | Accounting (3 Hrs) | |
| Thurs 31 Oct | Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 Hrs) | Economics P1 (2 Hrs) |
| Fri 01 Nov | Phys Science (Physics) P1 (3 Hrs) | |
| Mon 04 Nov | Phys Science (Chemistry) P2 (3 Hrs) | |
| Tues 05 Nov | Geography (Theory) P1 (3 Hrs) | Geography (Mapwork) P2 (1½ Hrs) |
| Wed 06 Nov | English HL P2 (2½ Hrs) | |
| Thurs 07 Nov | Business Studies (3 Hrs) | |
| Fri 08 Nov | Life Sciences P1 (2½ Hrs) | |
| Mon 11 Nov | Life Sciences P2 (2½ Hrs) | Engineering Graphics & Design P1 (3 Hrs) |
| Wed 13 Nov | Afrikaans FAL P2 (2 Hrs) | |
| Thurs 14 Nov | Economics P2 (2 Hrs) | IsiZulu FAL P2 (2 Hrs) |
| Mon 18 Nov | | Engineering Graphics & Design P2 (3 Hrs) |
| Tues 19 Nov | IsiZulu FAL P3 (2½ Hrs) | |
| Wed 20 Nov | Tourism (3 Hrs) | |
| Thurs 21 Nov | | Visual Arts (3 Hrs) |
| Fri 22 Nov | Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½ Hrs) | Information Tech P2 (Theory) (3 Hrs) |
| Mon 25 Nov | | History P2 (3 Hrs) |
| Tues 26 Nov | English HL P3 (2½ Hrs) | |

Grade 8 & 9 End of Year Exam Timetables

Early Exams:

Tues 15/10/19

Afrikaans P3/ IsiZulu P3

| Date | Time | Grade 8 | Grade 9 |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| Thurs 24/10 | 08h15 – 10h15 | LO | LO |
| Fri 25/10 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Life Science (1 Hr) | EMS |
| Tues 29/10 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Maths | Physical Science (1 Hr) |
| Wed 30/10 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Study | History (1½ Hrs) |
| Thurs 31/10 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Physical Science (1 Hr) | English P2 |
| Fri 01/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Study | Maths |
| Mon 04/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | History (1½ Hrs) | English P4 (1½ Hrs) |
| Wed 06/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Creative Arts/ Music | Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2 |
| Fri 08/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Technology | Life Science (1 Hr) |
| Mon 11/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Geography (1½ Hrs) | Afrikaans P4 (1½ Hrs) / IsiZulu P4 (1½ Hrs) |
| Wed 13/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | EMS | Technology |
| Fri 15/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | English P2 | Creative Arts/ Music |
| Mon 18/11 | 08h15 – 10h15 | Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2 | Geography (1½ Hrs) |

All Papers 2 Hrs unless indicated otherwise.

19 and 20 November Script Check (8:00 – 10:00)

Sport & Culture

MR G. LE ROUX

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This past weekend we had the privilege of taking part in the annual North South T20 Cricket Festival in Pretoria. This is arguably the best and toughest T20 festival in the country. In our group stages we had some fantastic performances beating both Wynberg Boys' and Nelspruit and going through to the quarter finals. In the quarter finals we played a strong SACS team and also won that as well. Unfortunately, we went down to eventual winners Centurian, in the semi-final and finished in 4th position. We are extremely proud of our boys and their performances over the weekend. Well done to Mr Van Wyk, Mr Powell and all the boys involved.

On Monday we held our Term 3 Awards Assembly and a number of Honours blazers were awarded to some very noteworthy recipients. We congratulate the following boys.

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| Tyrell Rangasamy | Performing Arts |
| Luyanda Mbonambi | Performing Arts |
| Kyle Chrystal | Performing Arts |
| Ciaran Bigwood | Softball |
| Tyronne Laaks | Indoor Hockey |
| Onyi John-Osunkwo | Rugby Sevens |

Honours with Gold Braiding was awarded to Adam Winfield-Brun for Soccer.

We congratulate all these boys on their remarkable achievements that have led them to this award. Well done.

We wish all our boys involved in fixtures this weekend, the best of luck, in particular our 1st, u15A and u14A water polo teams who compete in the Top 10 tournament. Good luck to Mr Richter and his teams.

Fixtures

Water Polo

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|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 12 Oct | vs Maritzburg College |
| 17-20 Oct | Grey College u14 Tourn |
| 19 Oct | vs Michaelhouse |
| 25-27 Oct | Northwood 1st Stayers Festival |
| 2 Nov | vs Westville |

Cricket

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|--------|------------------------|
| 12 Oct | vs Maritzburg College |
| 19 Oct | vs Michaelhouse |
| 26 Oct | vs Grey College (Home) |
| 2 Nov | vs Westville |

For all extra mural details with regards to fixtures, notices, practice times and transport arrangements please visit www.northwoodschoolsport.com.

Remember to create a shortcut on your home screen of your mobile device for a very user friendly version of the site.

Sports Photos

We have successfully uploaded the sport photos so parents

can view and order online. The cut-off date is 20 October 2019.

Please let the parents know.

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