



BISHOPS

DIOCESAN COLLEGE

PRIZE-GIVING
AND VALEDICTORY

MATRIC CLASS OF
2026

9th October 2026



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa la matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika - South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.



ORDER OF EVENTS PRIZE-GIVING

Matrics proceed up the Avenue to Memorial Chapel, led by the Principal and Chaplain

Matrics stand at their seats

Staff enter (please stand)

Pomp and Circumstance March *by Edward Elgar*

Opening Prayer by the Chaplain

National Anthem

Welcome by the Chairman of Council

Orchestra: Warrior Legacy *by Soon Hee Newbold*

Principal's Speech

Introduction of new Heads of Houses and new Head Boy and Deputies

Head Boy's Speech

Deputy Head Boys' Speeches

Prize-Giving

Blessing by the Chaplain (please stand)

Staff procession

Parents and Staff move to the Chapel Lawn for tea

VALEDICTORY SERVICE

Processional Voluntary: 2026 Matrics led in by the cross-bearer

Welcome and Prayer: Revd Monwabisi Peter

Hymn: In Christ Alone

Staff Address by Mr Khethelo Ngcobo

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 (Said Antiphonically)

Hymn: I Vow to Thee, My Country A&M 295

Message: Revd Monwabisi Peter

Hymn: 10 000 Reasons

School Prayer and Final Blessing: Revd Monwabisi Peter

Psalm 150: Laudate Dominum

Dismissal: Revd Monwabisi Peter

Matrics led out by the 2026 Head Boy

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

PSALM 139: 1–5, 12–18

(Said antiphonically)

Led by the Revd Monwabisi Peter

O God, you have searched me out and known me: you know my sitting down and my rising up,
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places: and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips: but you, O God, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before: and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made: your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you: while I was being made in secret and woven
in the depths of the Earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book:
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand: to count them all,
my life span would need to be like yours.

Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! You that thirst for blood, depart from me.

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

10 000 REASONS

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul.
Worship God's Holy name!
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.*

1

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me;
let me be singing
when the evening comes:

2

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find:

3

And on that day,
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
ten thousand years,
and then forevermore, (Forevermore):

SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank you for the faith
and vision of our Founder, Robert Gray,
and the privilege of sharing in his vision.

Help us to live out his vision in obedience
and love, that we may grow in wisdom and
knowledge and reverence for you and all your creation.

Protect us from all that may hinder your
purpose for us. Give us grace to take up
our share of the Cross, that we may live to
your honour and glory and come to your
everlasting kingdom. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

PSALM 150 - LAUDATE DOMINUM

O praise God | in his | holiness :
praise him in the | firma • ment | of his | power.
Praise him in his | noble | acts :
praise him ac|cording • to his | excel • lent | greatness.
Praise him in the | sound of • the | trumpet :
praise him up|on the | lute and | harp.
Praise him in the | cymbals • and | dances :
praise him up|on the | strings and | pipe.
Praise him upon the | well-tuned | cymbals :
praise him up | on the | loud | cymbals.
Let everything | that hath | breath :
praise | - | - the | Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and | to • the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be :
World without | end, | A-- | men.

MATRIC CLASS OF 2026

FOUNDERS HOUSE

SCHOOL HOUSE

WHITE HOUSE

GRAY HOUSE

Luca Castelli Weich
Louis de Waal
Luc Dicey
Matthew Edwards
Jack Fleck
Matthew Haller
Rhys Jack
Josh Koster
Jarred Kowen
Chris Mclagan
Azania Mogale
Miyolo Ngculu
Lulibo Nyawula
Matthias Scheder-Bieschin
Sahil Thomas
Ethan Venter
Alex Vintcent
Andy Ward

Gordon Alexander
Waco Bassick
Connor Clark
Leo Cowan
Matt Fenn
Kayden Francke
James Gordon
Diego Guerrini
Benji Koch
Max Marshall-Smith
Lilitha Mavume
Nicholas Sedgwick
John van den Heever
Fred Verster-Cohen
Noah Viuff
Joshua Whitehorn
Luc Willemse
Timothy Young

Matthew Arends
Alexander Beach
Noah Coleman
Oliver French
Eljaron Geduld
William Glenday
Jack Hibling
Ethan January
Matt Kriel
Joe Lanning
Litha Mbiko
Jordan Miller
Luke Miller
Harry Morgan
Sebastian Robbertse
Christian Toweel
Jack Venter

Alec Alfaro-Mclaughlin
Leo Cobbledick
Aarav Desai
Alessandro Esposito
Ketan Govan
Joshua Huntingford
Michael Kruiskamp
Reza Levy
Jeremy Liddle
Emihle Magadla
Zak Ndindwa
Athi Nqayi
Marshall Oosthuysen
Billy Oriander
Riley Robinson
Maximus Sandri
Zuhayr Sirkot
Jack Stewart
Kyle Stirk
Ryan Whiffler

Ogilvie House

Kidd House

Birt House

Mallett House

Julian Boeddinghaus
Daniel Bursey
Cullen Creedon
Samuel Crookes
Ben Davidson
Liam Hacking
Oliver Howie
Arif Khan
James Koen
Nicolas Lanfranchi
Simon Le Feuvre
Gabriel Lind
Michael Mafunda
James Malan
Derek Meyer
Tristan Pugnalin
Matthew Ramsay
Keegan Rinquest
Emre Senol
Thomas Strijp
Michael Whitelaw
Ashton Wyatt

Odin Aspinall
Nicholas Axten
Alex Bower
Angus Bromley
Cody Cedras
Bradley Christian
Matthew de Jager
James de Waal
Theodore Forsyth
Maximilian Gräwe
Daniel Heyneke
Luke Hofmeyr
Henry Hughes
Naethan Mol
Jayden Moon
Hersheel Nathoo
Darren Philipps
Khanya Sixaba
Grant Warner
Jethro Wickins
Tommy Winfield

Kai Bacher
Sam Bey
Camden Cedras
Dan Coetzee
Carlos Domingo
Nicholas Dorrington
Andrew Fisher
Ruben Greyling
Stuart Hudson
Anthony Lampe
Kamsi Mbamalu
Josh Moolman
Finn Moran
Danny Newton
Jono Parent
Max Petersen
George Ratheb
Harry Ridl
Zac Rosenberg
Hayden Smith
Issa Soday
Troy Stockdale

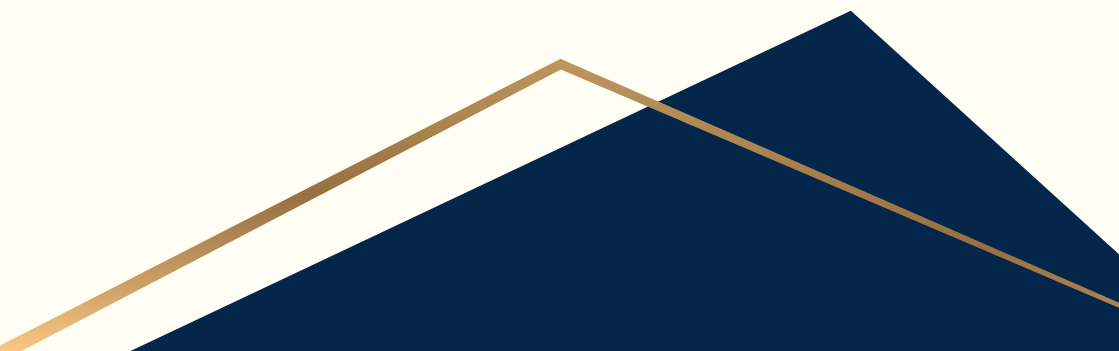
Jack Baptista-Horne
Samuel Clarke
Ben Couves
Matt Couves
Boyttjie Fyfer
John Gafney
Ilya Hartley
Troy Haskell
Morris Hochstenbach
Sean Jacobs
Thaafier Japtha
Vishaan Kassen
Cameron Macbeth
Bulumko Maki
Luke Michaelatos
Landi Moyo
Kaan Numanoglu
Jordan Planting
Luke Ratcliffe
Connor Sara
Alex Tadross
Tristan Thirion
Reve Tuscher
Anas Tyer
Dylan Vorwerg

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Aarav Desai	Outstanding Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Alessandro Esposito	Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)
Alex Tadross	Academic Excellence Award
Anas Tyer	Academic Excellence Award
Angus Bromley	Academic Excellence Award
Ben Couves	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Connor Sara	Academic Excellence Award
Daniel Bursey	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Derek Meyer	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Gordon Alexander	Music Prize
James Koen	Academic Excellence Award
Leo Cobbledick	Academic Excellence Award
Liam Hacking	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Luc Dicey	Academic Excellence Award
Lulibo Nyawula	IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
Matt Couves	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Matthew de Jager	Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Maximilian Gräwe	Academic Excellence Award
Maximus Sandri	Academic Excellence Award
Michael Kruiskamp	Academic Excellence Award
Nicholas Sedgwick	Information Technology Prize (shared)
Oliver Howie	Academic Excellence Award
Samuel Crookes	Academic Excellence Award
Sebastian Robbertse	Information Technology Prize (shared)
Troy Haskel	Academic Excellence Award
Troy Stockdale	Academic Excellence Award

ACADEMIC AWARDS

William Glenday	Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)
Zuhayr Sirkot	Academic Excellence Award
Alec Alfaro-McLaughlin	First Pauling French Prize Academic Excellence Award
Andy Ward	Helen Liddell Geography Prize Academic Excellence Award
Jethro Wickins	Visual Arts Prize Academic Excellence Award
Max Marshall-Smith	The Thresher Prize for Physics (NSC) Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Naethan Mol	Gorham Mathematics Prize Academic Excellence Award
Samuel Clarke	Dramatic Arts Prize Academic Excellence Award
Tommy Winfield	The Cambridge Curriculum Biology A Level Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Billy Oriander	The Cambridge Curriculum History A Level Prize The Cambridge Curriculum Music A Level Prize Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Rhys Jack	Accounting Prize PriceWaterhouseCoopers Prize for Mathematics and Accounting Academic Excellence Award
Benji Koch	An Old Boy's Prize for Physical Science Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Further Studies Mathematics Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science (NSC) Victor Lewis Prize for Life Sciences Outstanding Academic Excellence Award



DISTINCTION AVERAGES

(not to be read out)

Aarav Desai (Cambridge)

Alec Alfaro-McLaughlin

Alessandro Esposito

Alex Bower

Alex Tadross

Anas Tyer

Andy Ward

Angus Bromley

Azania Mogale

Ben Couves (Cambridge)

Benji Koch

Billy Oriander (Cambridge)

Cameron Macbeth

Connor Sara

Daniel Bursey (Cambridge)

Derek Meyer (Cambridge)

Harry Morgan

Hayden Smith

Ilya Hartley

Jack Stewart

James de Waal

James Koen

Jeremy Liddle (Cambridge)

Jethro Wickins

Jordan Planting

Joshua Huntingford

Julian Boeddinghaus

Kai Bacher

Kamsi Mbamalu (Cambridge)

Ketan Govan (Cambridge)

Kyle Stirk

Leo Cobbledick

Liam Hacking (Cambridge)

Luc Dicey

Luke Hofmeyr

Matt Couves (Cambridge)

Matt Fenn

Matt Kriel

Matthew de Jager (Cambridge)

Matthew Ramsay

Matthias Scheder-Bieschin

Max Marshall-Smith

Maximilian Gräwe

Maximus Sandri

Michael Kruiskamp

Michael Whitelaw

Naethan Mol

Nicholas Sedgwick

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Rhys Jack

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Sebastian Robbertse

Theodore Forsyth

Thomas Strijp

Tommy Winfield (Cambridge)

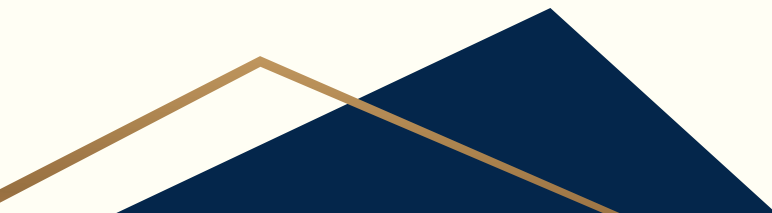
Troy Haskel

Troy Stockdale

William Glenday

Zac Rosenberg (Cambridge)

Zuhayr Sirkot

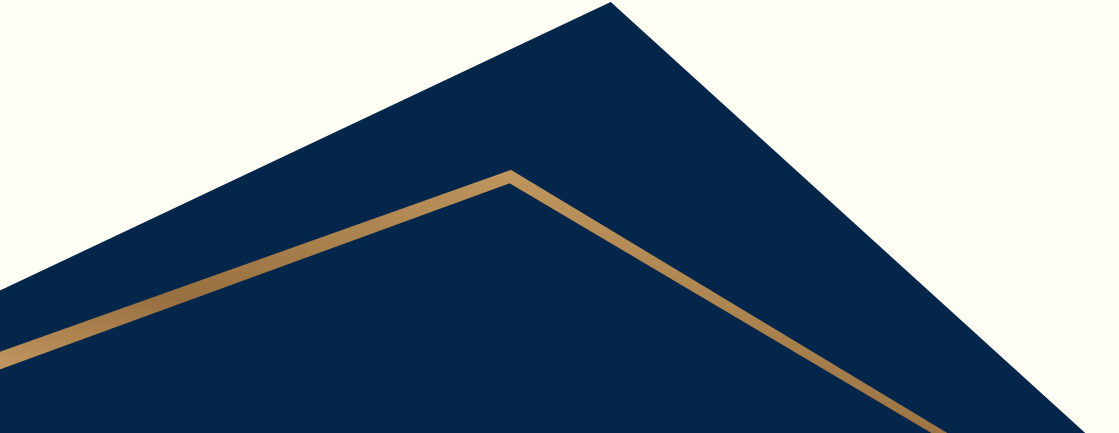


SPECIAL PRIZES

Samuel Crookes	Rotary Club of Claremont 'Service Above Self' Award
Samuel Clarke	The H.J Kidd Speech Prize
Ketan Govan	Die J.S.M Viljoen Afrikaanse Skrywersprys
Boytjie Fyfer	The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Huistaal
Maximus Sandri	The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading Die Afrikaanse Voordragprys
Hayden Smith	Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer
James Koen	Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research
Cameron Macbeth	Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History The Warham Searle Prize for Consistent Excellence in History
Sebastian Robbertse	Michael Cameron Computer Prize
Jeremy Liddle	The Solomon Prize for Excellence in Competition Mathematics
Bradley Christian	Senior Dramatic Arts Trophy
Jethro Wickins	Rembrandt van Rijn Prize
Naethan Mol	Leonardo da Vinci Prize
Oliver Howie	The Sam Butler Drawing Prize
Jayden Moon	The Pierneef Cup for Art (shared)
James de Waal	The Pierneef Cup for Art (shared)
Billy Oriander	The Piano Prize
Tommy Winfield	The Sholto Cole Organ Trophy
Michael Mafunda	The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared)
Zuhayr Sirkot	The Graham Coote Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble
Leo Cowan	The Prize for the Most Improved Musician Instrumentalist's Prize
Gordon Alexander	The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared) The Brian Guillemard Prize for Major Contribution to Music in the School

SPECIAL PRIZES

Jack Fleck	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (F)
Lilitha Mavume	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (S)
Alexander Beach	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (W)
Joshua Huntingford	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (G)
Michael Mafunda	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (O)
Tommy Winfield	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (K)
Carlos Domingo	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (B)
Troy Haskel	Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (M)
Michael Kruiskamp	The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport (shared)
Tim Young	The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport (shared)
Naethan Mol	The Speciality Trophy for Smaller Sports
Alex Vintcent	The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport
Litha Mbiko	The Jamison Trophy for Sport



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Principal's Awards

The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm

The George Hodgson Prize

The Philip Stent Trophy

The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy

Ubuntu Award

The OD Merit Trophy

The OD All-Rounder's Trophy

Michael Whitelaw

Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize
Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Third in Grade Twelve (NSC)

Zac Rosenberg

The Cambridge Curriculum Economics A Level Prize
Outstanding Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Third in Grade Twelve (Cambridge)

Matt Kriel

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve (NSC)

Ketan Govan

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve (Cambridge)

Cameron Macbeth

Economics Prize
Life Orientation Prize
Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize
Stanley Clarke History Prize
Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
DUX: First in Grade Twelve (NSC)

Jeremy Liddle

Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science (Cambridge)
The Thresher Prize for Physics (Cambridge)
The Cambridge Curriculum Physics A Level Prize
The Cambridge Curriculum Chemistry A Level Prize
The Cambridge Curriculum Mathematics A Level Prize
Outstanding Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge)
DUX: First in Grade Twelve (Cambridge)

CRITERIA

Subject Prizes

The NSC results are based on the Term 3 results, which includes assessments from all the other terms, and is the closest indication of performance in the final examinations.

The Cambridge results are based on the Term 3 examinations and the Cambridge AS International results written in November of Grade 11. The weighting is in accordance with the way the final A Level result will be calculated after the final examinations.

The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading

Winner of Senior English Reading in the Eisteddfod.

The H.J. Kidd Speech Prize

Winner of Senior English Speech Eisteddfod.

Harry Robinson Science Prize

The highest average of Mathematics and Science in the NSC Term 3 results.

The highest average of Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry in the Cambridge Term 3 results.

Distinction Averages

This is a list of all the NSC pupils in the grade who achieved an average of 80% and above for the year.

This is a list of all the Cambridge pupils in the grade who achieved an average of 70% and above for the year in the Cambridge curriculum. This equates to a NSC distinction, when converted.

Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to a NSC pupil who achieves an average between 85% and 89% for the year.

Awarded to a Cambridge pupil who achieves an average between 75% and 79% for the year. This equates to the same requirement as NSC pupils when converted.

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to a NSC matric who achieves an average of 90% and over, in Grade 12 Term 3.

Awarded to a Cambridge A Level matric who achieves an average of 80% and over, in Grade 12 Term 3.

Michael Cameron Computer Prize

Based on practical performance in Information Technology in the June and September examinations.

The Thresher Prize

Awarded to the matric with the best results in Physics over two years, Grade 11 and 12.

The Warham Searle Prize for Consistent Excellence in History

Named after a distinguished OD and History & Classical Scholar. The award is based on the highest school-based assessment mark for the year by a candidate.

The Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research

Named after the Professor at SAC (early UCT), for the top-rated Research Essay as per independent adjudication. James produced an original, in-depth and – ultimately – outstanding body of research on the Truth and Reconciliation's [TRC] often-questioned role in promoting unity in post-apartheid South Africa.

The Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History

Named after the political activist. It is a prize for South African History as per the highest mark returned by a candidate for the September Paper Two Examination.

The Senior Drama Trophy

Awarded to a matric student that epitomises the essence of NSC Drama, and who has celebrated the art, thrived and grown in his Dramatic Arts journey from Grades 10 to 12.

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The Rembrandt van Rijn Prize

Awarded for an outstanding composition painted in oils and completed in the period of a year between two Eisteddfods.

The Leonardo da Vinci Prize

Awarded for outstanding work completed in a matric's sketchbook/journal over a period of a year.

The Pierneef Cup for Art

Awarded for the most accomplished portfolio of four major artworks submitted in this category by a pupil in Grades 11 or 12.

The Lidderdale Prizes

Awarded by a House vote to a matric in each House for considerateness.

The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport

Awarded by the Games Committee, in honour of one of our greatest sportspeople, for sporting excellence and achievement of the highest order.

The Speciality Trophy for Smaller Sports

Awarded by the Games Committee to recognise excellence and achievement in a minor sport.

The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport

Runner up to the winner of the Jamison Trophy.

The Jamison Trophy for Sport

Awarded by the Games Committee vote to the best all-round sportsperson.

The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm

Awarded by the Principal to the matric who consistently showed the most enthusiasm during the year.

The George Hodgson Prize

Awarded by the Principal, after discussion with House Directors, to the matric whose behaviour demonstrates the quality of integrity.

The Philip Stent Trophy

Awarded by the Principal to the matric who demonstrates exceptional achievement in scholastic and sporting endeavours tempered with a true sense of humility.

The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy

Awarded by the Principal to the matric who most closely reflects the qualities of compassion, friendliness and sensitivity to others.

The Ubuntu Award

Ubuntu captures the essence of inter-connectedness and inter-dependence and is often summed up by the phrase, "*We are who we are because of others*". It is the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity.

The OD Merit Trophy

Awarded by the Principal to the matric who achieved the most distinctive or prestigious achievement during the year.

The OD All-Rounder's Trophy

Awarded by the Principal to the matric who demonstrates the most notable all-roundedness with respect to academics, sport, culture and leadership.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24 – 26



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inspires individuals