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College Head's Report

A Year of Renewed Spirit and Pride at Uplands

The 2023 school year at Uplands has been one full of energy, celebrations, traditions and achievements. Our focus remained tethered to the values and goals of the Uplands Vision with Grit, Growth, Gratitude and Greeting growing to include Giving.

The year kicked off with efforts from the School Mentor group to reinvigorate the spirit and pride of the Uplands community. Through grade activities, campaigns and events, there was a concerted effort to renew enthusiasm amongst pupils and staff alike. Various Inter-House activities, grade camps and the Grade 8 Campout made this possible. Along with the ceremony of the Grade 8 Signing of the Pledge we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the College.

The rhythm of the Derby season once again marked the passages of time through the terms. These traditional sporting events between rival schools offered camaraderie and friendly competition. While never fixating on results, each event brings experiences for all participants and spectators. These experiences form the bonds and friendships that last beyond the match. A full calendar of non-sporting co-curricular activities, including drama and musical performances, gave many pupils the chance to pursue their passions.

There were many expressions of Uplands' community spirit this year. A Service Day during the derby season had pupils contributing and giving back to the local community with various projects undertaken. The boarding community came together frequently for a variety of activities over weekends, ranging from potjie

cooking competitions to outings to various places of interest.

As always, Uplands never neglects upholding its strong academic standards and rich traditions. The Grade 10s undertook the memorable Journey that connects them with the legacy of past pupils. This event remains a highlight of the calendar and once again provided the rite of passage for personal growth at this all-important stage in a pupil's life. In the second half of the year, Matric students geared up for their prelim and final exams - the culmination of their school academic careers. Along with the closing of the chapter for the Matric pupils, the future leaders amongst those pupils remaining were identified

and mentored into roles to carry on the Uplands flag into the next year.

In 2023, Uplands reconnected with its foundations while continuing to provide pupils with every opportunity to thrive and celebrate their talents. It was a year that highlighted the close-knit community and fired up Uplanders with revived energy. With the success achieved in all areas this year, the future continues looking bright for the school and its emerging young school leavers ready to make their mark in the world.

Mr Allan Laing
College Head



Allan Laing

Chairman's Report

It's hard to believe a year has passed since I last penned a note for the annual Uplands Magazine. It has been an eventful year and the spirit of change at Uplands has not abated. Upon reflection, I'm proud to say that the transformation has consistently been overwhelmingly positive, and our school truly is in great shape.

The school's Executive and our team of Educators have gained steady momentum on the strategic objectives we're working towards for our 2028 vision for our school. It is easy to sit in the Lowveld sunset and envisage the school in 2028: Uplands, a beacon of excellence. A kind, happy learning environment where high expectations and deliverables extend to our pupils, our parents, our teachers, in academics, sport, culture, and through the entire institution, reaching as far as the aesthetics of the campus. An institution that is truly transitioning from 'Good' to 'Great'.

In August 2023, we celebrated our Centenary. It was a joyous celebration and what was clear is that this school is built on community.

Our Matric results for 2023 were outstanding, again attaining a 100% pass rate. However, most notably, a staggering 96% of the graduating pupils met the requirements for Bachelor's degree studies. For me, this solidifies our commitment to excellence in education.

Highlights from our termly board meetings for me, include the School Mentors' attendance and feedback which paints a picture of a group of excited, committed pupils, focused on creating a sense of belonging in a school which they are clearly very proud of. Their goals and ambitions are very much in alignment with the school's overall objectives too.

The presentation by the Academic Innovation Committee was another stand-out for me. Our children are in good hands and education at Uplands is being re-imagined beyond our expectations.

As I engage with our team of educators, there is tangibly a consistent focus amongst them all to cultivate a highly professional, yet warm and informal culture, and they all embrace a reflective stance that prioritises high expectations and continuous improvement, one of transformation and excellence.

Uplands Outreach continues to make the world a better place, day after day. Under the passionate leadership of Viola, fondly nicknamed Mama V, the organisation consistently makes virtuous impact, and we are, as we should be, incredibly proud. The teachers who participate in our programmes write journals and these are compiled into a keepsake for them on completion of the programme. I would love to publish them all, but I'll share one short excerpt:

“ From attending this programme, I have witnessed significant improvements in my leadership and management skills. Initially, I struggled with understanding my role and responsibilities as a leader within the school, often feeling inadequate. However, through the programme I have learnt to lead from the front, eliminating many fears and uncertainties I once had. One crucial realisation was the lack of induction processes in our school. ”

There is a golden thread throughout our school, of a great sense of desire to raise achievement. Achievement for the pupils. Achievement for the teachers. Achievement for Outreach. Achievement for all. As a parent, I couldn't ask for a better school.

Mr Greg Dane
Uplands Chairman of the Board



Greg Dane

Executive Headmaster's Report

Celebrating a Milestone Year at Uplands: Reaching for New Heights

As our 95th academic year unfolds in 2023, I am delighted to share my reflections in this special milestone year for our beloved school. In 2023, Uplands Preparatory School commemorated ninety-five years of nurturing generations of bright young minds within our magnificent grounds. We also honoured the centenary of Webster House, which has stood proudly for 100 years as our institutional cornerstone since 1923. On top of this, 2023 marked a quarter-century since the founding of Uplands College! 2023 was truly a milestone year for all Uplanders.

Beyond the celebrations, these milestones underscored how our school has flourished over time - by preserving tradition while embracing evolution and progress. Despite the ever-changing backdrop of local and global affairs, our campus remains a place rooted in belonging and buoyed by a sense of community. Our culture of uplifting one another, especially during challenging times, enables our pupils to develop grit, resilience and determination. I am proud of all our pupils for demonstrating our core Uplands values during this 95th year – Relationships, Respect, Integrity, Faith and Excellence.

As our talented, multi-national pupil body grows increasingly diverse, we continue embracing inclusion to ensure each child feels seen, valued and heard. Our staff members have heeded the call for professional learning and growth and have continued excelling in their daily classroom practices. Simultaneously, we have implemented more sustainable ecological practices on campus,



Sean Carlisle

upgraded technical capabilities, improved our infrastructure, and excelled in academics, sports, culture and community service. The SMILE literacy programme turned 25 in 2023 and produced a special illustrated storybook to commemorate the occasion. Our Uplands Outreach team continues to make a meaningful and measurable difference in our surrounding communities with our partner schools. Our alumni and the Uplands Foundation continued to give back to the school in countless ways. In doing so, we all collectively drive our school forward while honouring the long-ranging vision of those who came before us.

Just as our lovely campus trees stand tall through the seasons, our Uplands values root us – and provide strength during uncertain times. I sincerely thank our community of committed educators, families, alumni and supporters for enabling our school to continue thriving for decades to come. No matter what the coming century may hold, the Uplands spirit will shine brightly as our pupils embark on life-long journeys to positively impact our world.

Mr Sean Carlisle
Uplands Executive Head

Pastoral Care and Boarding

Pastoral Care encompasses such a broad spectrum of all that we do here at the College. To me, it is the foundation upon which pupils build their school careers. The wellbeing of every pupil at the College is of paramount importance and a happy child is one that can give his/her best in all areas of school life. We know that challenges and hardship will come in various forms, and it is our duty as educators to equip, build and assist our pupils through these times to foster grit, determination and character. This is what will benefit them out there in the real world. These are the values we want to grow in our pupils, as this is what will see them succeed in whatever their future endeavours may be.

2023 was another year in this attempt to grow these values. The year began with the Grade 8 Orientation, with hard hat identifiers signalling to the school community who our new fledglings were to be taken care of. They soon found their feet, or fins, in the bigger College pond, and adapted to life here at the College. Tutors spent time daily with their tutees, encouraging them and keeping

them on track in the pursuit of the goals they highlighted in the first term. A highlight of the year for the Grade 8s was the camp held at Sugar Bay, as well as the Guppy Games and Campout held on the school property and run by the School Mentors. This was followed by the Signing of the Pledge in which the new Grade 8s were formally inducted into the school.

Other highlights of the year were the rain-disrupted Founders Evening which was hastily moved into the school hall after a torrential, unseasonal downpour battered the school campus as well as the glamorous Matric Dance which was held on the Cabbage Patch and run magnificently by Ms du Plessis.

Boarding at Uplands, led by our superb Heads of Houses, continues to move from strength to strength as numbers increase post-Covid and with it the level of care and opportunity for all boarders.

Weekend activities such as a potjie competition, mini-Olympics, a netball and soccer tournament, as well as various others, kept our boarders entertained whilst termly interactions between the Prep and College boarders grew friendships across the two schools. Boarding continues to allow pupils to grow connections and make the most of all the school has to offer.

Mr Mark Blew
Deputy Head:
Pastoral Care and Boarding



Co-Curricular Report

At Uplands College, we are blessed to provide educational opportunities in multiple environments. These environments range from classrooms, laboratories, fields, courts, astroturfs, stages, gymnasiums, music rooms, care centres and other areas within the community in which we operate.

We believe that our pupils thrive in different environments. Creating opportunities during the school day for our pupils to be extended and to find their 'happy place' is paramount in our educational

offering, and an instrumental factor in how we structure our 'Integrated day.' Remaining at school from 07:30 to 16:30 during the week is unique, and we are proud of the varied exposure our pupils receive during this rich school day. We thank our Uplands families who align themselves with this model.

Our Co-Curricular programme extends through Sport, Culture and Service. As one peruses the following pages, one will get the sense of the varied offering during 2023. Our pupils were extended, tested and mentored in a variety

of activities and experiences during the year. We are grateful to our staff whose expertise, skill and experience drive these programmes, fixtures, events and initiatives. We are delighted at the successes of 2023 in the Co-Curricular sphere of our school, and we are fully committed to the further growth, refining and enrichment of our offering.

Mr Dean Forword
Deputy Head:
Co-Curricular and Logistics

Academic and Behavioural Support Department

Amidst the ever-evolving landscape of education, the Academic and Behavioural Support Department at Uplands College stands as a beacon of guidance and empowerment for students navigating both academic and personal hurdles. Tasked with the mission of fostering emotional and social learning while providing tailored support to those facing various challenges, our department has embraced a multi-faceted approach to meet the diverse needs of our student body.

Throughout the past year, our department has remained steadfast in its commitment to preparing students not only academically but also emotionally for the journey ahead.

Recognising the integral role of a supportive school climate in facilitating healthy learning and growth, we have endeavoured to create an environment where every student feels valued and empowered to thrive.

Collaborating closely with students on an individual basis has allowed us to cultivate a culture of personalisation, wherein each student's unique strengths and challenges are recognised and addressed. This emphasis on personalised support has proven particularly crucial in navigating the complexities of the past year.

In addition to our core mission of academic and emotional support, our department has also extended its reach to encompass career guidance and support. Our annual Career Day provided students with valuable insights and resources to help them explore future pathways and opportunities.

Furthermore, our department works in tandem with the school counsellor and other staff members to ensure a holistic and rounded approach to student support. Whether it's arranging private tutoring sessions, facilitating accommodations for students, or providing guidance and

mentorship, we strive to address the diverse needs of our students comprehensively.

As we navigate the challenges and uncertainties of the educational landscape, the Academic and Behavioural Support Department remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the holistic growth and development of every student. By providing personalised support, fostering a supportive school climate, and embracing collaboration and innovation, we aim to empower students to overcome obstacles and realise their fullest potential. Together, we are building a community where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

HOD: Bongani Mavundla

**Academic Support Administrator:
Jesse Steyn**

Academic Report

The phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child" from an African proverb conveys the message that it takes many people - "the village" - to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where they are given the security they need to develop and flourish, and to be able to realise their hopes and dreams. This requires an environment where children's voices are taken seriously and where multiple people, the "villagers" (parents, teachers, support staff and the greater community), make a conscious effort to play their part in nurturing our children. Our collective goal is that our pupils will leave us equipped with the knowledge, skills

and values instilled during their time at Uplands and that they are able to contribute to their future "villages".

Our commitment to holistic development remains at the forefront of our educational approach. While academic

excellence remains important, we also prioritise the development of creativity, critical thinking and social responsibility among our pupils. We are confident that the diverse learning experiences our pupils are exposed to contributed to the academic success enjoyed by our 2023 cohort.

I extend my gratitude to all members of our village for their contributions to the success of Uplands College and its pupils. Whether large or small, each contribution has played a part in upholding our legacy.

**Mrs Casey Fowler
Head of Academics**

“ It takes a
village to raise
a child ”

African Proverb

Senate



Front Row: Sulinka van Stelten, Oanda Macatsha, Kate Howe-Dreyer, Katie Mills, Nyad Amade, Ayira Baloyi

Second Row: Zoe Zitha, Rhulani Chitambira, Demelza Awogu, Xihlamariso Masia, Caitlyn Gardiner

Third Row: Linda Shabangu, Daniel Waring, Nkazimulo Zitha, Kgodisho Mabelu, Dante Mahanhe, Mrs Sharon van Reenen

Back Row: Marley Waspe, Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Thato Ratshitanga, Ross Maude, Darell Awogu

Transformation and Inclusion Committee

Promoting Diversity, Belonging and Inclusion

In our ever-changing world, embracing diversity, equity, belonging and inclusion is not just important, it's essential. The Transformation and Inclusion committee works towards this goal.

Creating Belonging

Belonging is vital for personal growth. The committee aims to make our campus welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

When people feel they belong, they engage more, contribute better and collaborate effectively, fostering stronger community bonds.

Amplifying Voices

Inclusion means giving voice to those who have been marginalised. The committee provides a platform for these voices, encouraging a culture where diverse perspectives are valued and actively sought. By doing so, they enhance

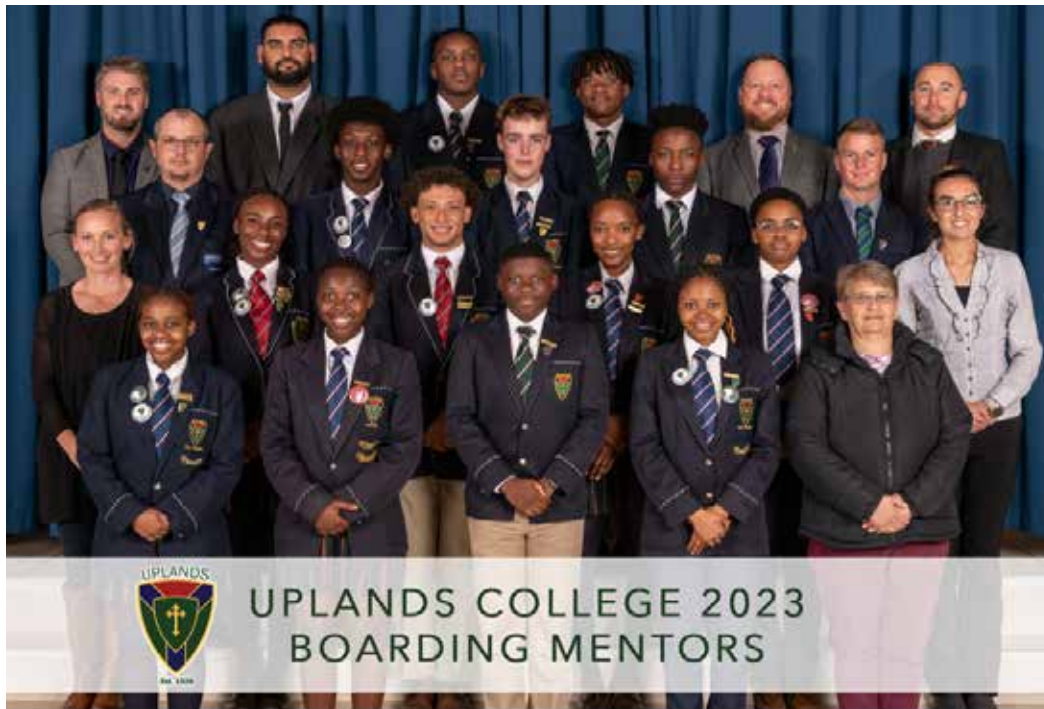
discussions, decision-making and creativity.

Impact Beyond

The committee's influence goes beyond its members, inspiring others to embrace inclusivity. They set an example, sparking a broader movement towards a more inclusive world.

Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Mentors



Front Row: Mutshidzi Bereda, Sanele Mpofu, José Mabote , Unathi Ngwenya, Mrs K van Wyk
Second Row: Mrs S Venter, Demelza Awogu, Dylan Kirk, Atshene Phatshwane, Siyandziswa Mohammed, Mrs G Gill
Third Row: Mr H Joubert, Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Zack Smith, Thato Seale, Mr M Gill
Back Row: Mr N Adendorff, Mr K Pather, Ashley Chidoma, Carlos Fernando Mr A McArthur, Mr M Blew
Absent: Ruby James



Front Row: Caitlin Smith, Claudia Klesse, Eden Izeboud
Second Row: Kiera Viljoen, Jade Tinker, Demelza Awogu (Head Mentor), Mrs Sharon van Reenen
Back Row: Dylan Kirk, Phiw'okuhle Mashabane; Kgodisho Mabelu

House Reports



BISHOP

Bishop House has had an absolutely phenomenal 2023 and has truly been put firmly on the Uplands map as a house with good integrity, competitiveness and pride! I am honestly so proud to put on my red shirt and lead this fabulous house and I would like to thank all of the Bishop pupils, staff and parents for the support and time they have given up in contributing to the overall success of our house.

The 2023 calendar has been jam-packed with Inter-House events, and Bishop as a whole has truly come to the party. It would be ridiculous not to mention all the fantastic events where we shone through and often finished on top, such as Inter-House debating and Netball, and of course the incredible achievement of being crowned the champions of the 2023 Inter-House Culture event. However, I would also like to acknowledge the times when we may not have won, but where we perhaps came second, third or even last. Losing can be

tough, and I know I certainly struggle with this. However, when handled correctly, I truly believe these losses are just as important as some of the wins we experience. Learning how to lose can develop such amazing qualities in an individual and fuel one's motivation to succeed or simply improve in the next event.

I have been proud of the attitudes our Bishop pupils have shown in all the events we participated in. We have embraced my 2023 goal of 'mass participation'. We have won events with grace and lost others with dignity and, most importantly, we have maintained momentum and determination to always perform to the best of our abilities.

I get a great sense of teamwork within Bishop House and the pride that we were hoping to instil in our pupils is most certainly growing. My goal of

2024 is to still work on this: work on the desire to always represent our house with enthusiasm and pride, whether it be the way we walk to class, the way we greet our peers and teachers, respect our parents, or the incredible sportsmanship we show on the field, in the pool, on the track or on the court. I want us to be able to spot Bishop pupils by their impeccable manners and the confidence and enthusiasm they have in all that they do!

Thank you, Bishop House, for an incredible 2023, and bring on 2024! Just remember...don't be afraid to dream big. Reach for the stars, and you might just land on the moon.

Mrs Sam Venter
Head: Bishop House

Mrs Genevieve Gill
Deputy Head: Bishop House



House Reports



To reflect on the year that was 2023, I think it would be appropriate to paraphrase a quote from a much-loved movie of the 20th century: “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.” Every year, as we prepare the boarding house for our new allocation of nervous and intrepid Grade 8s, we also welcome back familiar faces who, in a similar fashion, have changed and grown in the time we have been apart. In the classroom, each lesson that we prepare to teach, will unequivocally ignite different conversations or spark curiosity in unique ways. It is this certainty of the uncertain that greets us every year.

In boarding – ably led by our Head Boarding Mentor, Mutshidzi Bereda – all the rooms except one were occupied, which made College House the largest boarding house on campus. This number swelled slightly more when we were fortunate enough to be able to host

three exchange students from Germany. This inclusion simply added to our already culturally diverse compilation of ladies.

As with every year, the shenanigans ramped off with the Inter-House competitions of athletics and swimming, as the pursuit of the elusive Inter-House Cup began once again. It must be noted that such events would never be what they are without our eager athletes and our enthusiastic and tireless supporters cheering and encouraging their peers in every race and every match. So, to all those pupils of College House who attended, participated in and experienced these competitions, I salute you and appreciate your sacrifice and support for your House. However, 2023 was not our year, unfortunately, as we trailed

throughout the year and even had to relinquish our Cultural Trophy to our opposition.

Apart from saying a sad farewell to our awesome and beloved Matrics of 2023, we also had a few staff members who bade us adieu – Mr Erik Prinsloo, Mr Mpho Mokoena, Ms Simphiwe Mathebula and, finally, Ms Lindie van der Merwe (she has not gone too far, however, as she is now the Deputy Head of Goss House). And finally, a massive thank-you to the staff of College House – the tutors and boarding staff – who make a little difference every day, in order to make a world of difference to our pupils.

Mr Andrew McArthur
Head: College House

Mrs Karen van Wyk
Deputy Head: College House



House Reports



Founders House had a very successful 2023. We started the year off with a bang by retaining the annual Inter-House Swimming Trophy, which subsequently set the tone for the year ahead and brought with it a sense of energy and positivity that Founders was once again the House to beat in 2023. There were plenty of Inter-House events held throughout the year, and Founders managed to finish within the top two in a number of them. The theme for 2023 was 'Winning at everything', whether this was picking up litter or swimming in a race which was not 'your' race and gaining a point. It was important always to remember the theme, which became a guiding principle and allowed many individuals within the house to become the best version of themselves throughout the year. One of the many highlights of the year was witnessing how

every pupil in Founders came together for every Inter-house event to ensure we always had 100% participation. The result of these events can often be a reflection of the efforts in securing individuals to participate.

An entire house cannot work without the help of the amazing Tutors which Founders pillars itself on. We are incredibly lucky to have our Tutors, ensuring that each pupil under their care is looked after and taken care of throughout their time at Uplands. At the end of the year, we unfortunately had to bid farewell to the Head of Founders,

Mr Adendorff. His impact has been massive since arriving and taking over at Founders House, and the hole which he will leave will be a big one.

We are incredibly excited for what 2024 has in store. The same theme will remain, and the same drive, passion and dedication from pupils and staff alike will continue to develop this wonderful House.

Mr Nick Adendorff
Head: Founders House

Mr Mike Gill
Deputy Head: Founders House



House Reports



In 2022 we experienced adversity for the first time since 2017 when we had to relinquish the House Cup to Founders House. It forced us to reflect on our approach to success. More importantly, we managed to use this opportunity to redefine what it means to be in Goss House.

Our vision is to be good human beings first and foremost. We will also keep a dedicated focus on academics and make sure we participate in the co-curricular programme. Last, but not least, we will redefine what it means to be a leader in Goss. Through Servant Leadership we will seek to help and listen first to our peers. Respect is not to be earned, it is to be given regardless of age or gender.

2023 brought success through consistency. Being able to compete for the top positions across the three disciplines of Sports, Culture and Academics allowed Goss House to win the House Cup in 2023. Our academic performance in particular set us apart from the rest, as this turned out to be the only section in which Goss came first. Every young man and woman contributed to this success and in the process set the standard for future generations in Goss House.

Although our house events are pupil-driven, each pupil in Goss House has champions supporting

them. Behind the scenes, there are parents and tutors who nurture and care for the emotional wellbeing of every pupil. They have teachers and sports coaches to affirm existing skills and teach new ones. Last, but not least, a dedicated housekeeping, kitchen and grounds staff make sure our pupils have access to clean boarding facilities, nutritious meals and an amazing campus. We have much to be grateful for at Uplands College.

Mr Hennie Joubert
Head: Goss House

Mr Kimren Pather
Deputy Head: Goss House



Boarding Houses



Founders Boys' Boarding House



Goss Boys' Boarding House

Boarding Houses



Bishop Girls' Boarding House



College Girls' Boarding House

Bishop Tutor Groups



Grade 8 Mrs U Magagula

Front Row: Tiyani Nyathi, Jessica Dos Santos, Benjamin Spring, Mrs Unenceba Magagula, Noah Erasmus, Michael Bakker, Nolwazi Mntambo

Back Row: Kayelle Cossa, Izabela Mitana, Vivane Shai, Mfundo Mthimunye, Duncan Ross, Nkazimulo Zitha, Tannur Harri-Calaca, Tumelo Ratlabala



Grade 8 Miss K McIlrath

Front Row: Aiden Sill, Aiden van Zyl, Malebo Boshigo, Miss Kelsey McIlrath, Ashley Shaw, Phoebe Garrell, Trish Zororo

Back Row: Ava Schweizer, Ethan York, Wandisa Thabethe, Henry Lascelles, Akhona Mkhonza, Luyanda Mbatha, Caitlyn Gardiner

Absent: Thandokazi Simango

Bishop Tutor Groups



Grade 9 Mr G Gibbs

Front Row: Amarissa Sevuri, Buhle Mahuwa, Mebrath Cardoso, Mr Greg Gibbs, Tafara Mdluli, Neryssa Machel, Kate Taylor

Back Row: Namhla Maphanga, Kylie Puttkamer, Míckal Bakker, Joshua van der Merwe, Aidan Desmond, Gia Aragon-Meco



Grade 9 Mrs L Steyn

Front Row: Lusungu Ng'ambi, Malkia Mamudo, Bohlale Choeu, Mrs Leesa Steyn, Heath Viljoen, Adam Jack, Nicole Quive

Back Row: Kaden Taylor, Lucy James, Tlakusani Ngwenyama, Emily Pretorius, Bongwiwe Khoza, Thoriso Mdluli

Bishop Tutor Groups



Grade 10 Mrs N Combrink

Front Row: Caleb Erasmus, Jessica Le Roux, Daniel Lascelles, Mrs Nicole Combrink, Tyler Spencer, Skye Mnisi, Hunter Compton

Back Row: Akhe Shongwe, Georgina Dolezai, Leam van Zyl, Lihle Mavuso, Sonney Waspe, Charmaine Mabuza



Grade 10 Mrs M van Aardt

Front Row: Willow Compton, Wisani Zwane, Mrs Megan van Aardt, Matthew Storm, S'nenjabulo Hlatshwayo

Back Row: Achel Sawunyama, Khanyisa Makhubele, Luke Barnard, Benjamin Loon, Emma Jackson, MaryAngel Leopeng

Bishop Tutor Groups



Grade 11 Mrs E Storm

Front Row: Makayla Reilly-Warr, Tariro Nyamuzihwa, Mrs Emma Storm, Zenkosi Twala, Holleigh Johnstone

Back Row: Faith Nyamaka, Lesaya Harri-Calaca, Emile Körtzow, Lwandle Pilson, Jamie Viljoen, Nhelety Magane, Lohan van Antwerpen



Grade 11 Mrs S Venter

Front Row: Ximene Nhaule, Erin Bell, Aluta Shai, Mrs Samantha Venter, Chloe Brandt, Xiluva Wate, Diara Cumbi

Back Row: Reese Manowe, Bruce Nel, Marley Waspe, Guy Dupont, Etomchukwu Umeano, Edrich Körtzow, Tyron Small

Bishop Tutor Groups



Grade 12 Ms R Roos

Front Row: Sanele Mpofo, Mariony Nkomo, Ms Rozanne Roos, Victoria Ojo, Unathi Mayenjane

Back Row: Thomas Cooper, Nicholas Ross, Torr Turner, Kgodisho Mabelu



Grade 12 Mrs G Gill

Front Row: Lesedi Sedibe, Zethu Mkhonto, Mrs Genevieve Gill, Charlotte Davis, Serena Quive

Back Row: Lwazi Silinda, Adrian Bullen, Christopher Steyn, Vuxa Hlatshwayo, Ruby James, Athsene Phatshwane

College Tutor Groups



Grade 8 Mr M Mokoena

Front Row: Sarona Boiteto, Michael Wilson, Masedi Kekana, Mr Mpho Mokoena, Daniara Tajú, Ozarion Sammering, Kathy Mkhwanazi

Back Row: Siyanda Bhembe, Taylor Hulley, Mbali Mabuza, Kgontse Masilela, Cullen Müller, Daniel Erasmus, Liam Hilliar, Zenande Nxumalo



Grade 8 Ms L van der Merwe

Front Row: Dayyan Choonara, Khetsiwe James, Ms Lindie van der Merwe, Michaela Möhle, Kiyara Tomás

Middle Row: Kutlwano Maimela, Megan de Zwart, Wanga Matine, Malaika Alissone, Luyanda Ngutshani, Bryce Fowler

Back Row: Michael Ciuchini, Kate Rankin, Tumelo Ratshitanga, Ewan Taylor, Rachael McIntosh

College Tutor Groups



Grade 9 Mr A McArthur

Front Row: River Maddocks, Elishua Zumbika, Mr Andrew McArthur, Isabella Vandereydt, Colisile Thela

Back Row: Marley de Aguiar, Barack Massam, Thato Ratshitanga, Christiaan van Rhyn, Sierra Du-Pont, Arielle Mandlate



Grade 9 Ms T Takawira

Front Row: Thandywe Dauane, Bongiwe Ndlovu, Ms Tiri Takawira, Amaya Masha, Sedilame Moloko

Back Row: Sinelitsembe Dlamini, Jocelyn Salter, Menzi Khoza, Ross Maude, Lefa Matsane, Motsiri Maake, Litsako Chitambira

College Tutor Groups



Grade 10 Mrs C Smith

Front Row: Samkelisiwe Nyalungu, Xitiko Myakayaka, Mrs Celeste Smith, Phillipa Pappas, Jana Gomba

Back Row: Ela Bolingbroke, Daniel Ciuchini, Siyanda Ochan, Dante Pagani, Brett Armitage, Tintswalo Mbetse, Nicole Chilengue



Grade 10 Ms J Cerisier

Front Row: Simangaye Magagula, Christina Cruse, Ms Johanna Cerisier, Siyanda Lumphoko, Lwakhe Mbokane

Back Row: Mia Jackaman, Gabriel Buchanan, Thuray Matsinhe, Jayden Marsh, Nyiko Silinda, Erin Durek

College Tutor Groups



Grade 11 Mrs K van Wyk

Front Row: Alicia Dauane, Olivia Ralfe, Tristan Walker, Mrs Karen van Wyk, Keagan Rodseth, Lily Rose, Omphile Masuluke

Back Row: Ryan Tilly, Joshua Zumbika, Franciely Samo Gudo, Sibusisekile Sithole, Jack Robson, Jacques Diedericks



Grade 11 Ms S Mathebula

Front Row: Brunielle Broadwell, Lomantjolo Mnisi, Cassandra Mitana, Ms Simphiwe Mathebula, Ntsako Khosa, Sveva Moore, Nandile Mkhwanazi

Back Row: Rhulani Chitambira, Charlie Foss, Jason Dolloway, Keegan Fouché, Matthew Müller, Griffin Jones

College Tutor Groups



Grade 12 Mrs M Stratford

Front Row: Taeghan Langdon, Langelihle Sibisi, Mrs Monette Stratford, Felicity Mhlongo, Unathi Ngwenya

Back Row: Linda Shabangu, Bryce Russell, Sinothile Shabalala, Adam Rogers, Luca Pagani, Jordan Wagner-Renaud, Lara Vienings



Grade 12 Mr E Prinsloo

Front Row: Mutshidzi Bereda, Aline Maconha, Mr Erik Prinsloo, Khwathisani Etsane, Kyara Chutumiá

Back Row: Malaika António, Mmabatho Moshesh, Nthabiseng de Almeida, Andile Khoza, Jake Holland, Mpho Deeuw, Demelza Awogu

Founders Tutor Groups



Grade 8 Ms S Jagath

Front Row: Maverick Notten, Natsai Machiri, Miss Sunita Jagath, Iyanda Zwane, Chloé Snyman

Back Row: Tapiwa Msiska, Isabella Ruf, Newton Ojo, Dominik Haller, Kizua Tomás, Nicole Mabuza, Benjamin Kazandjis



Grade 8 Ms I Mpangane

Front Row: Dominick Mahanhe, Kayla Masereka, Ms Ivy Mpangane, Oanda Macatsha, Anne Bray

Back Row: Tiwonge Msiska, Reeza Flores, Amukelwe Ziyane, Daniel Waring, Nare Sebopela

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Grade 9 Mrs S Viljoen

Front Row: Jamila Haeri Mazanderani, Ayira Baloyi, Ella Mills, Mrs Sarah Viljoen, Emma Cruickshanks, Abbie Mackie, Setso Boiteto

Back Row: Hayley Cope, Siyabonga Nkomo, Gael Gasparini, Eduan Naudé, Jessica Desmond, Jessica Knott



Grade 9 Mrs R Kolbe

Front Row: Caela Baird, Leylah Bülter, Leoma Ngwenya, Ms Ronel Kolbé, Caitlin Jenkins, Kwame Magane, Emma Roberts

Back Row: Alexis Jones, Helen Combrink, Connor Watson, Yan Gonçalves, Sage Tod, Chloe Turner

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Grade 10 Mrs R Pienaar

Front Row: Xihlamariso Masia, Alana Spies, Mrs Riana Pienaar, S'nethemba Masimula, Nicole Cooper

Back Row: Vuyo Thabethe, Ellen Holland, Joshua de Beer, Adénus Nuvunga, Daniel Withey, Olivia Swartz



Grade 10 Mr G Creighton

Front Row: Megan Easton, Zoe Zitha, Mr Graham Creighton, Lee-Ann Kholwane, Leo Mashiri

Back Row: Kathryn Steyn, Darell Awogu, Rex Notten, Lwazi Khoza, Kaila Boltman

Founders Tutor Groups



Grade 11 Mrs J Rottcher

Front Row: Rhandzu Nkosi, Fábio Jequê, Omphile Lamola, Mrs Janette Rottcher, Sameeha Jooma, Jenna Viljoen, Akani Sibuyi

Back Row: Éric Cardoso, Lauren Hulley-Miller, Danny Snyman, Josh Puttkammer, Laila Hamilton, Dante Mahanhe



Grade 11 Mr B Ndebele

Front Row: Katie Mills, Samantha Codd, Mr Bobby Ndebele, Lindsay Stratford, Natasha Bourdin

Back Row: Xongi Ngobeni, Shaun Balogun, Macayle Visagie, Luke Breero, Matthew Watson, Gregory Kazandjis, Lesihle Fakudze

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Front Row: Palesa Mazibuko, Jessica Mellor, Mr Nicholas Adendorff, Ntando Mtsweni, Caitlin Smith

Back Row: José Mabote, Kiera Viljoen, Danilo Tajú, Ashley Chidoma, Malick Miquidade, Naledi Mpele



Grade 12 Mr M Gill

Front Row: Eden Izeboud, Caitlin Davids, Mr Michael Gill, Jade Tinker, Stephanie Gower-Winter

Back Row: Khono Shube, Njongonkulu Ngomane, Juan van Rensburg, Stuart Billingham, Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Isabella Wood, Dylan Kirk

Goss Tutor Groups



Grade 8 Mrs R Wright

Front Row: Khwezi Ndlovu, Shiza Bangish, Christian Horn, Mrs René Wright, Moya Felix, Katelyn Kotze, Thuto Mohlala

Back Row: Siphesihle Marule, Rory Thomson, Aiza Raja, Linoson Massicane, Shaquille Alafo



Grade 8 Mrs G Blew

Front Row: Xongile Maluleke, Jessica Stäubli, Mrs Gemma Blew, Shanique Dube, Pedro Dos Reis

Back Row: Indiphile Mashiteng, Graeme Spear, Harry Speer, Thubelihle Marule, Hannah Maré, Bianca Kotze

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Front Row: Mia Roos, Olivia van der Nest, Mr Shaun van der Merwe, Cole Boyd, Mieke Prinsloo

Back Row: Tristan Rijkenberg, Nicolaas Horn, Sienna Mason, Jake Bolingbroke, Amihle Pulumo, Romeo Manzini



Grade 9 Ms J Schaum

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Back Row: Jordin Abroms, Liza Victor, Lillian Pienaar, Ikemdinachukwu Umeano, Cristiano Dos Santos, Calla Harman, Kananelo Masilo

Goss Tutor Groups



Grade 10 Mrs H Maude

Front Row: Khumo Motlhodiemand, Megan Lintvelt, Mrs Hilary Maude, Kye-Ann Fowler, Nyad Amade

Back Row: Sabeen Macane, Samara Mazik, Miguel Maconha, Hendrik Greyling, Toby Smith, Ivy Ikekhuah, Rachel Guthrie



Grade 10 Mr K Pather

Front Row: Sphehile Thela, Amani Buzi, Sibani Lukhele, Mr Kimren Pather, Samantha van der Merwe, Mikayla Wagner-Renaud, Sagira Macane

Back Row: Neo Mohuba, Rees MacFarlane, Jamie Tinker, Samuel McIntosh, Kai Naylor, Geneveive Silinda

Goss Tutor Groups



Grade 11 Mr H Joubert

Front Row: Blessing Monareng, Caitlyn Nel, Kyra Whyte, Mr Hennie Joubert, Chloé Warren, Olwami Maliba, Onthatile Manaka

Back Row: Megan Breet, Darrell Manuel, Tumisho Mosehla, Max Östlind, Edwin Ferreira, Tanya Delport, Lad Mnisi



Grade 11 Ms L Wedemeyer

Front Row: Bongjiwe Shabangu, Sulinka van Stelten, Cate Storm, Ms Laura Wedemeyer, Omphemetse Mabeba, Annabel Victor, Kinza Bangish

Back Row: Lethani Ndzabandzaba, Will Manonga, Chukwuemepe Umeano, Amy-Jane Maré, Nicole Woodrow, Gontse Shakoane

Goss Tutor Groups



Grade 12 Mrs S van Reenen

Front Row: Taira Macane, Gemma MacFarlane, Mrs Sharon van Reenen, Delouise Alberts, Eden Stone

Back Row: Miria Hadjicosti, Thato Seale, Carlos Fernando, Loris Chamuco, Joshua Gardiner, Ingrid Banza



Grade 12 Mr M Ndabula

Front Row: Ndzalo Khumalo, Claudia Klesse, Mr Mandlenkosi Ndabula, Jessica Whyte, Kxanimamba Nkuna

Back Row: Dylan Pappas, Motheo Mogomotsi, Zack Smith, Pedro Samina

Christian Committee



Front Row: Cassandra Mitana, Felicity Mhlongo, Serena Quive

Second Row: S'nethemba Masimula, Victoria Ojo, Khanimamba Nkuna, Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Back Row: Joshua Zumbika, Ashley Chidoma, Erin Durek

Matric Dance Committee



Front Row: Lesedi Shakwane, Nandi Mkhwanazi, Bongiwe Shabangu, Diara Cumbi, Brunielle Broadwell

Second Row: Lomantjolo Mnisi, Cate Storm, Sulinka van Stelten, Rhandzu Nkosi

Third Row: Kinza Bangish, Rhulani Chitambira, Omphile Lamola, Ntsako Khoza, Mrs Megan van Aardt

Fourth Row: Natasha Bourdin, Amy-Jane Maré, Olivia Ralfe, Chloé Warren

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Front Row: Willow Compton, Sulinka van Stelten, Wisani Zwane, Trish Zororo

Second Row: Ms Jennifer Schaum, Katie Mills, Kathryn Steyn, Cate Storm, Mrs Emma Storm

Third Row: Mrs Nicole Combrink, Nicole Woodrow, Jessica Knott, Helen Combrink, Caitlin Jenkins, Miss Amy Gibbs

Fourth Row: Lesaya Harri-Calaca, Amy-Jane Maré, Emily Pretorius, Erin Durek, Reese Manowe

Back Row: Brett Armitage, Ashley Chidoma, Nicholas Ross, Macayle Visagie



Front Row: Samkelisiwe Nyalungu, Iyanda Zwane, Jana Gomba, Nolwazi Mntambo, Sphehile Thela

Second Row: Bongwiwe Shabangu, Unathi Ngwenya, Xitiko Myakayaka, Sagira Macane, Tiyani Nyathi, Mrs Janette Rottcher

Third Row: Malaika António, Nsovo Rhangani, Shaun Balogun, Nkazimulo Zitha, Indiphile Mashiteng

Back Row: Siyanda Ochan, Nicholas Ross, Lihle Mavuso, Geneveive Silinda

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Front Row: Trish Zororo, Alicia Dauane, Nolwazi Mntambo, Miss Mbali Mashaba

Second Row: Diara Cumbi, Simangaye Magagula, Bohlale Choeu, Ayira Baloyi, Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Third Row: Ava Schweizer, Kamogelo Thobejane, Sineli Dlamini, Tariro Nyamuzihwa

Fourth Row: Indiphile Mashiteng, Naledi Mpele, Aluta Shai, Achel Sawunyama, Mr Mandlenkosi Ndabula

Back Row: Hendrik Greyling, Dante Pagani, Emily Pretorius, S'nethemba Masimula

Debating Report

The Debating Club found new breath at the beginning of 2021 after a short hiatus. In this time it has provided a space for the pupils to hone their public speaking and critical thinking skills. The club has rapidly gained prominence within the Uplands school community.

The club has participated in numerous debating events both within and outside our province. The debaters have consistently displayed their prowess in logical reasoning, persuasive arguments, and effective communication. The club is also a standard feature in school life with events such as the annual Inter-house Debating which

counts towards the House Cup and being part of the winter Derby season.

The club has blossomed into a thriving community of articulate minds. Over the years, our club has witnessed substantial growth in our ranks, with students from diverse backgrounds joining us to develop their debate skills. This growth is a testament to the inclusive and intellectually stimulating environment that exists within the club.

Uplands Debating enjoyed phenomenal success at the 2023 Mpumalanga Schools Provincial Debating Championships. Results

from the Provincial Tournament hosted 8-9 September are as follows:

Senior Division

The Uplands Debating 1st Team was the overall best team and finished in first place. The 2nd Team had a good run and finished 3rd overall.

Junior Division

The Junior B team was the best overall team in their division. The Junior A team had a good run and came in 2nd overall.

Uplands Debating owes its success to the unwavering dedication of our debaters. Each individual has

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contributed to the overall growth and achievement of the club. Therefore, when we held the 2023 Debating Dinner, we used it as an opportunity to look back and take stock of the journey thus far with our parents, pupils and coaches.

The club takes great pride in acknowledging a staggering and record-breaking 9 Uplands debaters who were selected for the Mpumalanga Provincial Squad to attend the 2023 instalment of the South African National Schools' Debating Championships. This is in addition to Mrs Magagula, who was appointed 2023 Delegation Head Coach, and Ms Mashaba, who was the junior team coach.

The Provincial Representatives

Aluta Shai
Diara Cumbi
Lee-Ann Kholwane
Omphile Masuluke
S'nethemba Masimula
Siyanda Lumphoko
Tariro Nyamuzihwa
Bohlale Choeu
João Harburn

The club was honoured this year to recognise the following pupils at Honours Evening. The trophy recipients are as follows:

Best Junior Speaker

Bohlale Choeu

Most Improved Speaker

Tariro Nyamuzihwa

Sportsmanship and Endeavour

Diara Cumbi

Best Senior Speaker

Lee-Ann Kholwane

Highlights:

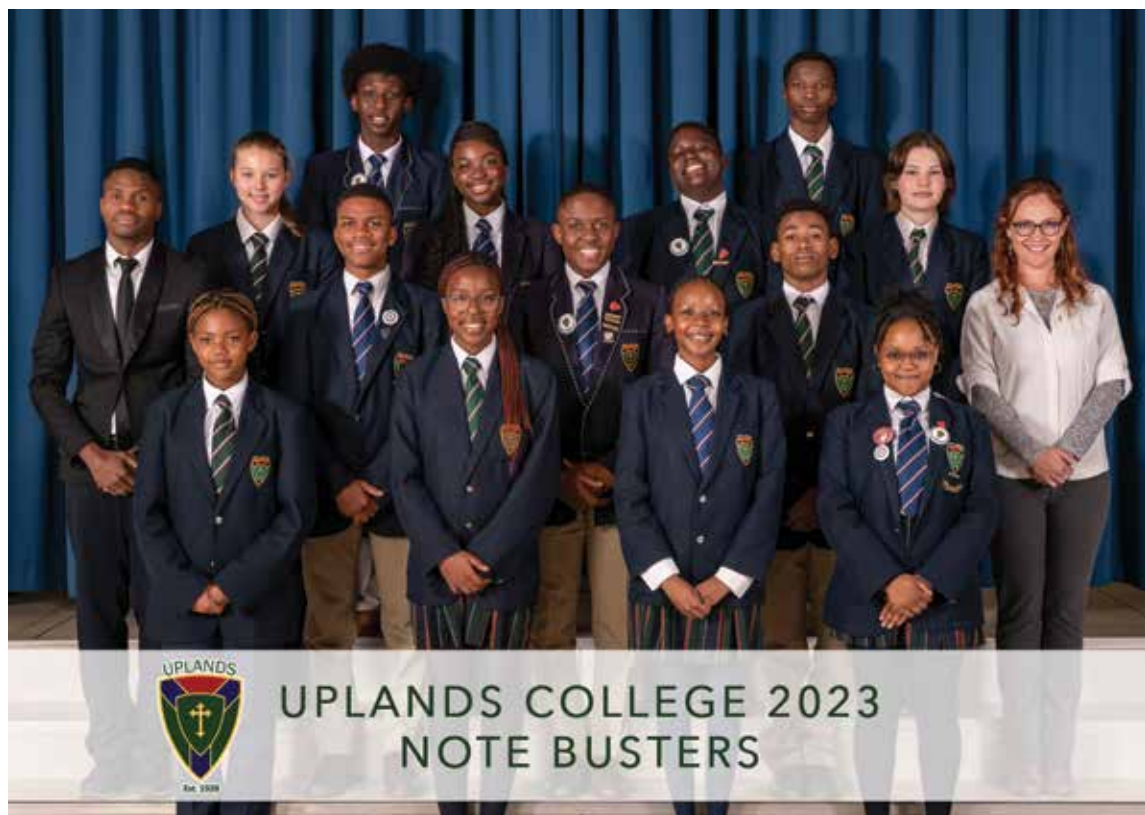
Junior Division Provincial Champions

Senior Division Provincial Champions

A greater than 70% win ratio across the club in local debates

Record-breaking provincial debater

Mrs Unenceba Magagula



Front Row: Shanique Dube, Litsako Chitambira, Aline Maconha, Lesedi Sedibe

Second Row: Mr Phinda Magagula, Khono Shube, Kgodisho Malebu, Lwakhe Mbokane, Mrs Janette Rottcher

Third Row: Isabella Ruf, Ingrid Banza, Nkazimulo Zitha, Jessica Knott

Back Row: Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Siyanda Ochan

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Front Row: Colisile Thela, Lesedi Shakwane, Diara Cumbi, Shanique Dube, Wisani Zwane, Lesedi Sedibe, Nolwazi Mntambo

Second Row: Bongiwe Ndlovu, Bohlale Choeu, Tariro Nyamuzihwa, Unathi Ngwenya, Aline Maconha, Mr Bongani Mavundla

Third Row: Zoe Zitha, Amaya Masha, Achel Sawunyama, Rhulani Chitambira, Malaika António, Lwakhe Mbokane

Fourth Row: Olwami Maliba, Khono Shube, Éric Cardoso, Isabella Ruf, Reese Manowe, Mrs Janette Rottcher

Back Row: Nkazimulo Zitha, Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Etomchukwu Umeano, Lihle Mavuso, Siyanda Ochan, Shaun Balogun

Community Service

Uplands had a remarkably active and fruitful year of community service in 2023. The school provided a diverse range of opportunities for its students to engage in various aspects of school life, fostering a strong connection with the broader community and instilling a sense of responsibility towards making a positive difference in society.

Students participated in a multitude of activities, including supporting children at Millennium Home of Hope, teaching pupils at Maqamela Primary School through the SMILE programme, interacting

with children at St Michael's Village and engaging with students from Zikodze Secondary School. These interactions not only benefited the recipients but also provided valuable learning experiences for the students.

Special attention was given to ongoing support for Lula Orphanage Centre, with successful fundraising initiatives such as the tutor orphan project. Through the collective efforts of staff and students, essential groceries were provided, and early Christmas celebrations were organised for the children at Lula Orphanage and

Millennium Home of Hope.

The commitment and generosity of Uplands College staff and students were instrumental in the success of these endeavours. Their dedication to serving the community sets a commendable example and underscores the importance of active citizenship and compassion in making the world a better place.

Ms Ivy Mpangane
Head of Service



Front Row: Lomantjolo Mnisi, Serena Quive, Ntsako Khosa, Lesedi Sedibe

Middle Row: Felicity Mhlongo, Khani Nkuna, Zethu Mkhonto, Mrs Ivy Mpangane

Back Row: Siyandziswa Mohammed, Nhelety Magane, Linda Shabangu, Mariony Nkomo

Absent: Zenkosi Thwala

Community Service



Front Row: Kinza Bangish, Olwami Maliba, Langelihle Sibisi, Rhandzu Nkosi

Middle Row: Unathi Mayanjane, Omphile Lamola, Siyandziswa Mohammed, Khani Nkuna, Ms Simphiwe Mathebula

Back Row: Charmaine Mabuza, Griffin Jones, Boitumelo Moele, Leoma Ngwenya



Front Row: Lomantjolo Mnisi, Serena Quive, Ndzalo Khumalo, Manuela Balane

Middle Row: Sanele Mpofo, Ntsako Khosa, Onthatile Manaka, Langelihle Sibisi, Mrs Ivy Mpangane

Back Row: Gontse Shakoane, Franciely Samo Gudo, Linda Shabanga, Siyandziswa Mohammed

Absent: Zenkosi Thwala

Community Service



Front Row: Samkelisiwe Nyalungu, S'nenjabulo Hlatshwayo, Willow Compton, Jana Gomba, Sphesihle Thela

Second Row: Caitlin Smith, Sagira Macane, MaryAngel Leopeng, Hunter Compton, Nandile Mkhwanazi, Xiluva Wate

Third Row: Xitiko Myakayaka, Unathi Mayanjane, Sameeha Jooma, Lara Vienings, Chloe Brandt, Alana Spies, Mrs Sharon van Reenen

Fourth Row: Ela Bolingbroke, Amy-Jane Maré, Miguel Maconha, Samantha van der Merwe, Nicole Chilengue, Malaika António

Back Row: Khanyisa Makhubele, Geneveive Silinda, Mia Jackaman, Jason Dolloway, Éric Cardoso

Sports Report

The 2023 sporting calendar at Uplands College was marked by significant progress, new challenges, and memorable achievements across all seasons. Our students demonstrated remarkable dedication, skill and sportsmanship throughout the year.

Our summer sports programme saw Uplands College athletes participating in a diverse array of fixtures, festivals, galas and athletics meets. These experiences provided invaluable opportunities for our pupils to test their mettle against worthy opponents and learn from each encounter. The variety of events allowed our students to showcase their talents across multiple disciplines while fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.

The winter sports season brought its characteristic vibrant energy

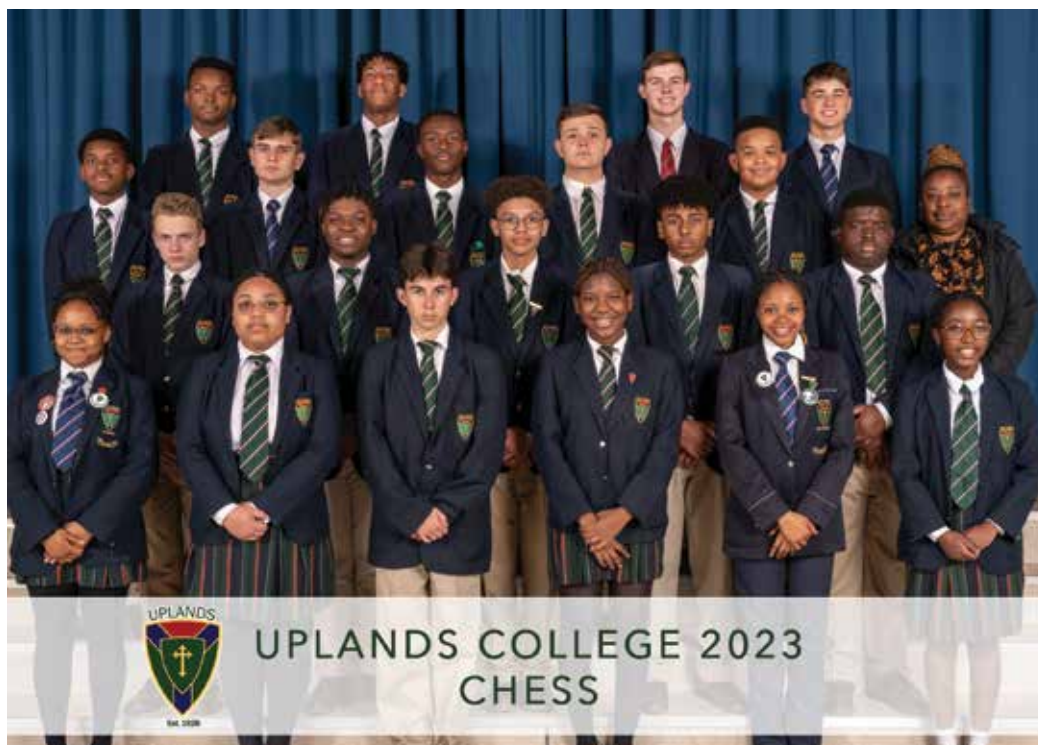
to campus, with our annual fixtures fiercely contested against familiar foes Cornwall Hill, Trinity House Randpark Ridge, and St Peter's. An exciting addition to our calendar was HeronBridge College from Johannesburg, adding a fresh dynamic to our competitive landscape. This expanded schedule resulted in our longest winter sports season on record, providing our pupils with ample opportunities to showcase their skills and determination.

2023 marked the first full year of operation for our High Performance Centre, and its impact was immediately apparent on the sports field. The hard work and dedication shown by our athletes in their after-hours training at the centre translated into numerous successes across various sports. This state-of-the-art facility has already proven to be

a game-changer for the Uplands' sports programme, elevating the performance of our teams and individual athletes alike.

In conclusion, 2023 was a year of tangible strides for sports at Uplands College. From record-breaking performances to new rivalries and the successful integration of our High Performance Centre, our students consistently demonstrated the values of perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship. As we look to the future, we are excited to build on these achievements and continue pushing the boundaries of what our athletes can accomplish.

Mr Michael Gill
Head of Sport



Front Row: Lesedi Sedibe, Manuela Balane, Matthew Storm, Neryssa Machel, Unathi Ngwenya, Lusungu Ng'ambi

Second Row: Tyler Spencer, Mpho Deeuw, Daniel Waring, Griffin Jones, Namhla Maphanga

Third Row: Tlalusani Ngwenyama, Edwin Ferreira, Sibusisekile Sithole, Christopher Steyn, Christian Manowe, Ms Tiri Takawira

Back Row: Thuray Matsinhe, Andile Khoza, Nicholas Ross, Max Östlind

Athletics

The 2023 season proved to have been a turning point for our Athletics at the College, as we witnessed our first National Champion and had multiple athletes competing in the Mpumalanga Championships.

Our season started in Term 4 2022 with the Triple J event, as our athletes prepared for the 2023 year. With the Inter-house Athletics, our Juniors showed great potential and they kept up the momentum throughout the season, ending with Katelyn Kotze and Luyanda Mbatha competing at the SA National Secondary School Athletics Championships. Luyanda achieved a remarkable 1st place in the U15 High Jump. Katelyn's overall season placed her 1st in the top 10 ranking for SA as the U14 Long Jump School Sport

Star. Both girls had a phenomenal season and made history through their wonderful achievements.

Inter-house Athletics saw Founders claiming the victory with the following trophy winners:

Junior Victor Ludorum
Newton Ojo (Grade 8)

Junior Victrix Ludorum
Katelyn Kotze (Grade 8)

Senior Victor Ludorum
Dylan Kirk (Grade 12)

Senior Victrix Ludorum
Delouise Alberts (Grade 12)

Congratulations go to the following pupils who received Athletics Trophy Awards at the 2023 Uplands College Honours Evening:

Athletics - Sportsmanship and Endeavour: Demelza Awogu

Athletics - Most Improved Athlete:
Lihle Mavuso

Athletics - Best Male Athlete:
Joshua Zumbika

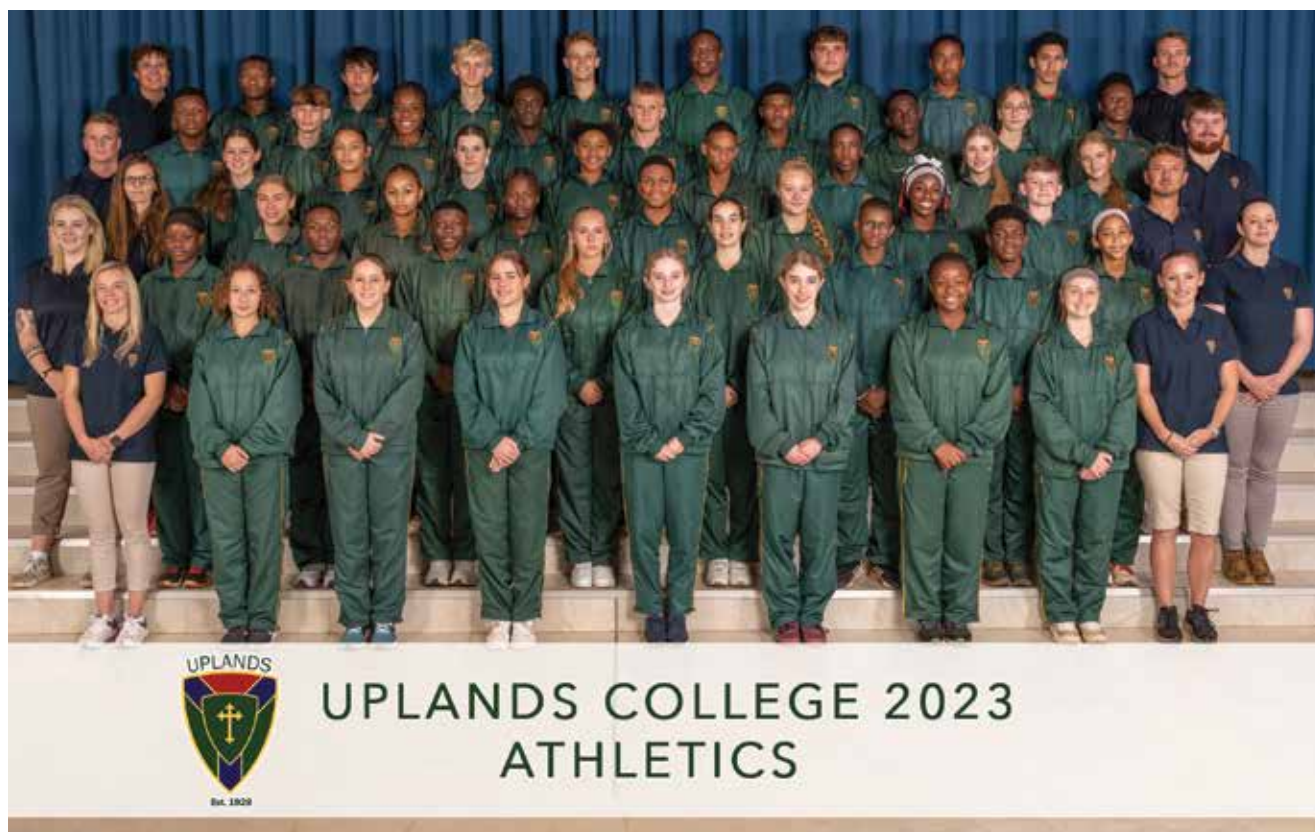
Athletics - Best Female Athlete:
Lily Rose

We applaud our athletes for a wonderful season filled with hard work, determination and dedication to developing themselves and pushing beyond their limits. As a school, we are proud of our athletes and hope that we can keep on growing the sport to provide our athletes with more opportunities in the future.

Mrs Monette Stratford



Athletics



Front Row: Mrs René Wright, Mia Roos, Sveva Moore, Makayla Reilly-Warr, Ella Mills, Katie Mills, Oanda Macatsha, Ashley Shaw, Mrs Samantha Venter

Second Row: Ms Rozanne Roos, Khwezi Ndlovu, Leo Mashiri, José Mabote, Megan Lintvelt, Kate Rankin, Blessing Monareng, Nyad Amade, Katelyn Kotze, Mrs Laura Wedemeyer

Third Row: Mrs Monette Stratford, Kate Howe-Dreyer, Alexis Jones, Luyanda Mbatha, Khono Shube, Jordin Abroms, Demelza Awogu, Maverick Notten, Mr Tjoff van Staden

Fourth Row: Mr Michael Gill, Jocelyn Salter, Hayley Cope, Lily Rose, Mbali Mabuza, Will Manonga, Delouise Alberts, Emma Cruickshanks, Mr Gavin Stratford

Fifth Row: Lad Mnisi, Cullen Müller, Ivy Ikekhuah, Darell Awogu, Marley Waspe, Lesihle Fakudze, Siyabonga Nkomo, Calla Harman, Newton Ojo

Back Row: Mrs Riana Pienaar, Lefa Matsane, Joshua van der Merwe, Mickal Bakker, Adam Rogers, Joshua Zumbika, Luke Breero, Barack Massam, Gael Gasparini, Mr Brandon Potgieter



Uplands vs Penryn Derby



From 19th – 20th May, Uplands hosted the annual FNB Classic Clashes of Uplands College versus Penryn College Derby, a long-standing fixture that always presents an energetic and vibrant atmosphere as pupils showcase their respective talents in their various activities.

The spirit and teamwork this year were evident through the visible efforts that were on display. Whilst each match was competitive, the principle of sportsmanship remained in place. Massive congratulations to all who participated on the day, but special thanks to FNB (First National Bank) who were the sponsors of the fixture. Their continued support for this weekend is always appreciated.



Mr Mike Gill



Cricket Teams



Front Row: Tristan Rijkenberg, Marley Waspe, Lohan van Antwerpen, Caleb Erasmus

Second Row: Gregory Kazandjis, Rees MacFarlane, Kai Naylor, Ryan Tilly, Bruce Nel

Third Row: Jack Robson, Benjamin Loon, Leam van Zyl, Luke Breero

Back Row: Mr Kimren Pather, Mr Dean Forword



Front Row: Caleb Erasmus, Tristan Rijkenberg, Onthatile Manaka, Omphemetse Mabebe

Middle Row: Lohan van Antwerpen, Sonney Waspe, Toby Smith, Ryan Tilly, Mr Andrew McArthur

Back Row: Luke Breero, Rex Notten, Thato Ratshitanga, Josh Puttkammer

Cricket Teams



First Row: Aidan Sill, Michael Wilson, Ethan York, Aidan van Zyl

Second Row: Mr Martin Dlamini, Graeme Speer, Benjamin Spring, Noah Erasmus, Mr Erik Prinsloo

Back Row: Maverick Notten, Zenande Nxumalo, Mfundo Mthimunye, Benjamin Kazandjis



Front Row: Ashley Shaw, Cassandra Mitana, Jessica Stäubli, Nandile Mkhwanazi

Second Row: Mr Martin Dlamini, Sveva Moore, Kate Howe-Dreyer, Kinza Bangish, Mrs Genevieve Gill

Third Row: Emma Cruickshanks, Hayley Cope, Lily Rose, Emma Roberts

Back Row: Aiza Raja, Tanya Delport

Equestrian and MTB Teams



Front Row: Khetsiwe James, Charlotte Davis, S'nenjabulo Hlatshwayo

Middle Row: Keira Knight, Rachael McIntosh, Miss Jesse Rankin

Back Row: Reese Manowe, Ellen Holland, Mrs Carla Gerdes-Steward



Front Row: Bryce Fowler, Liam Hillier, Adam Jack, Cole Boyd

Middle Row: Mr Graham Creighton, Erin Durek, Connor Watson, Azara Du-Pont, Mr Greg Gibbs

Back Row: Jacques Diedericks, Josh Puttkammer, Samuel McIntosh, Joshua van der Merwe

Hockey Boys' Teams



Front Row: Caleb Erasmus, Omphemetse Mabeba, Tyron Small, Lohan van Antwerpen, Leo Mashiri

Second Row: Lesihle Fakudze, Marley Waspe, Matthew Müller, Bruce Nel

Third Row: Mr Clayton Tait, Greg Kazandjis, Torr Turner, Njongonkulu Ngomane, Mr Tjoff van Staden

Back Row: Joshua Zumbika, Jake Holland, Danny Snyman, Jack Robson



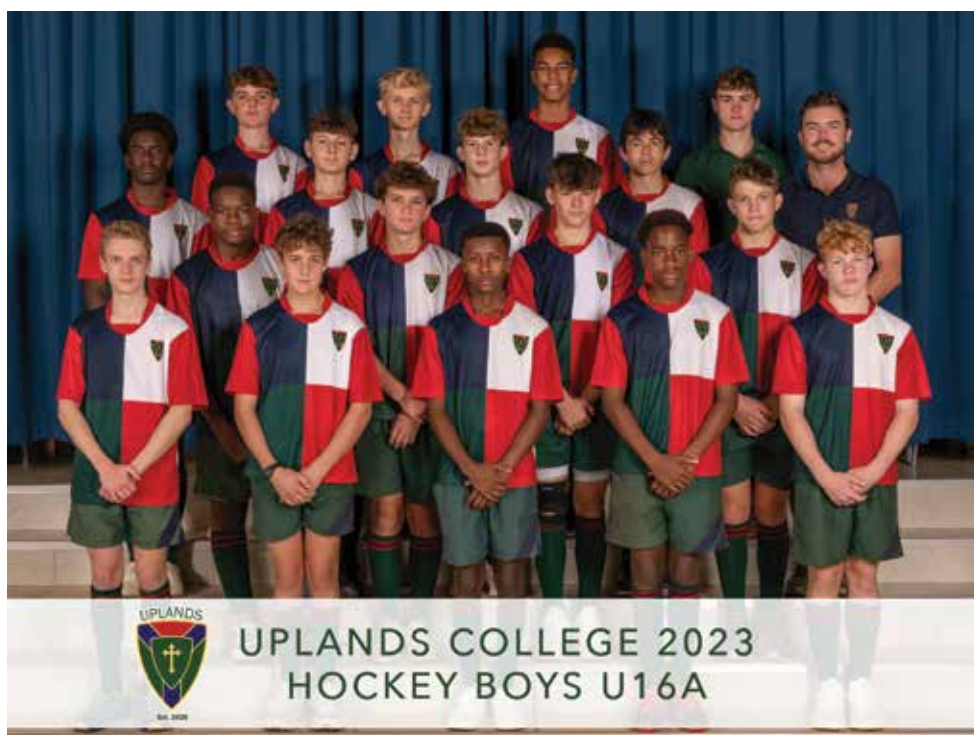
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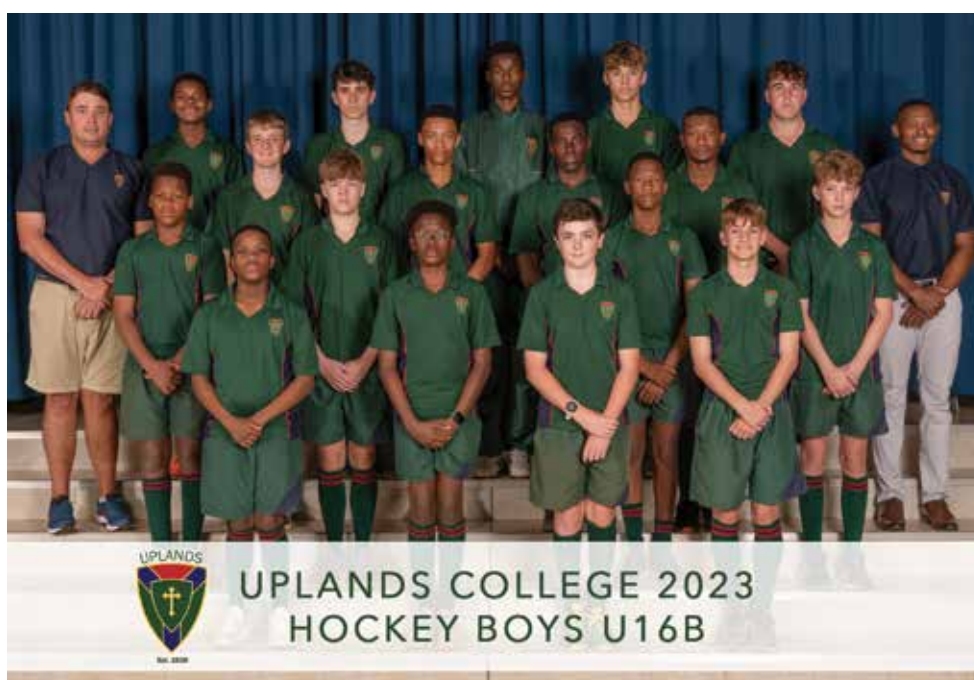


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Second Row: Elishua Zumbika, Cristiano Dos Santos, Daniel Withey

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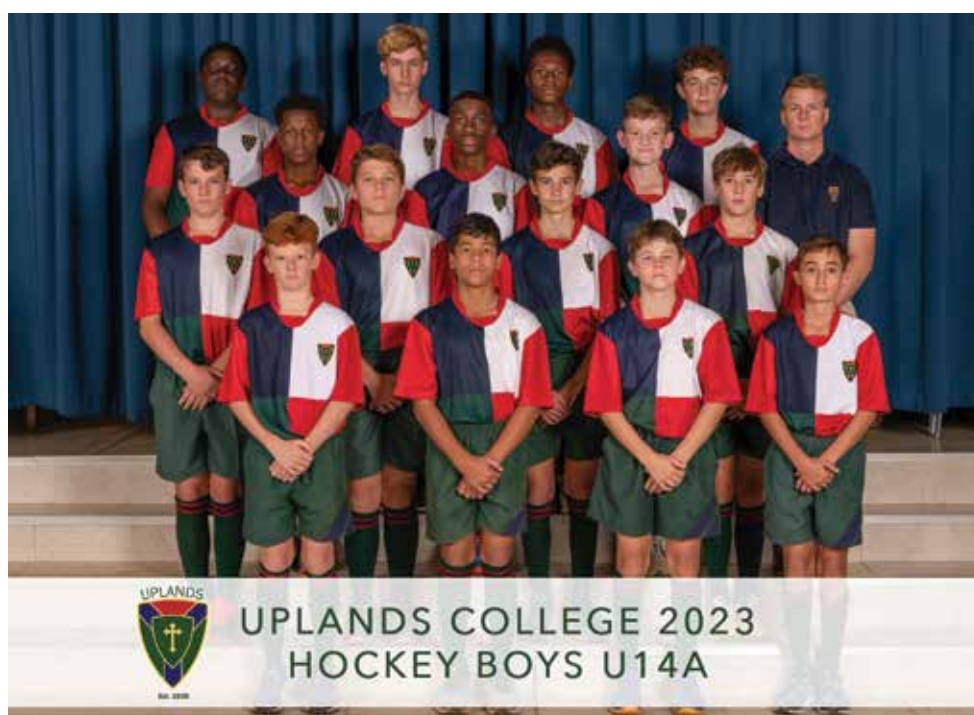
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Second Row: Tafara Mdluli, Nicolaas Horn, Romeo Manzini, Heath Viljoen

Third Row: Mr Neil Carter, Kaden Taylor, Neo Mohuba, Siya Nkomo, Lefa Matsane, Mr Martin Dlamini

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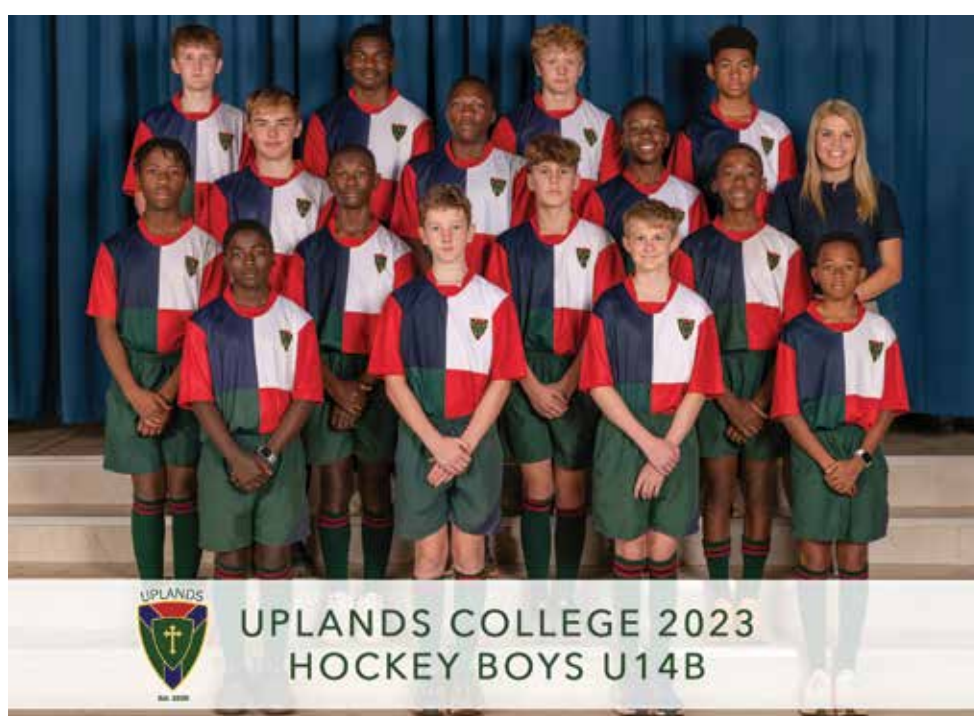


Front Row: Michael Bakker, Dayaan Choonara, Aiden van Zyl, Aiden Sill

Second Row: Ethan York, Ben Spring, Noah Erasmus, Bryce Fowler

Third Row: Luyanda Ngutshani, Siyanda Bhembe, Maverick Notten, Mr Michael Gill

Back Row: Nkazimulo Zitha, Ewan Taylor, Newton Ojo, Benjamin Kazandjis



Front Row: Thuto Mohlala, Cole Boyd, Michael Wilson, Pedro dos Reis

Second Row: Shaquille Alafo, Akhona Mkhonza, Christian Horn, Tumelo Ratlabala

Third Row: Liam Hilliar, Siphesihle Marule, Nare Sebopelo, Mrs Megan van Aardt

Back Row: Rory Thomson, Tumelo Ratshitanga, Harry Speer, Linoson Massicane

Hockey Girls' Teams

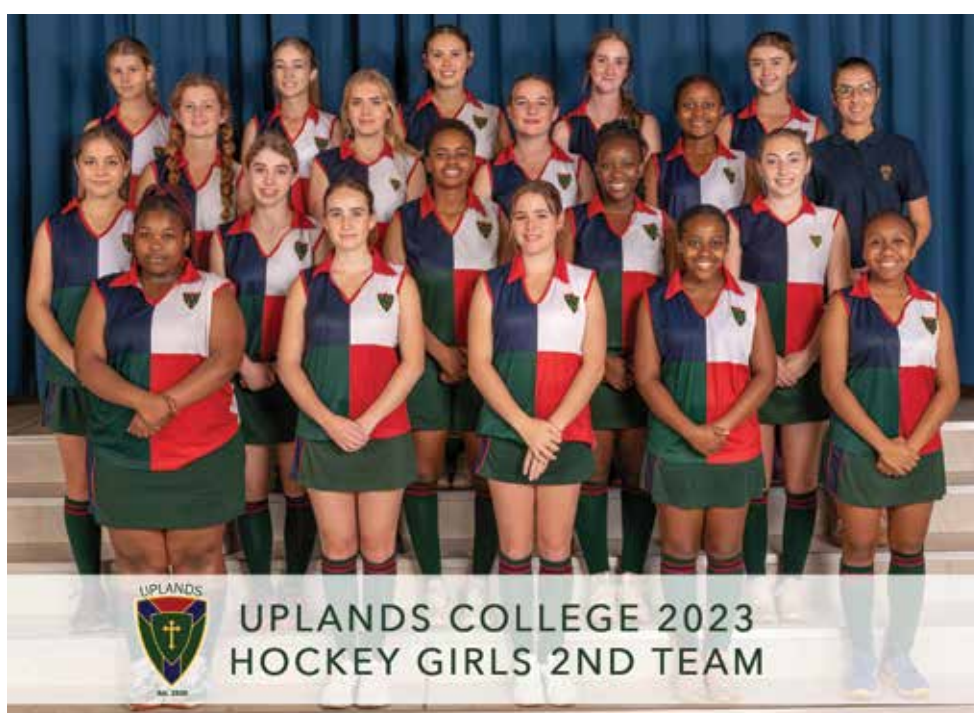


Front Row: Eden Izeboud, Sulinka van Stelten, Caitlin Smith, Mrs Genevieve Gill

Second Row: Livia Daykin, Holleigh Johnstone, Claudia Klesse, Cassandra Mitana

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Back Row: Lily Rose, Nthabiseng de Almeida, Tanya Delport, Jade Tinker



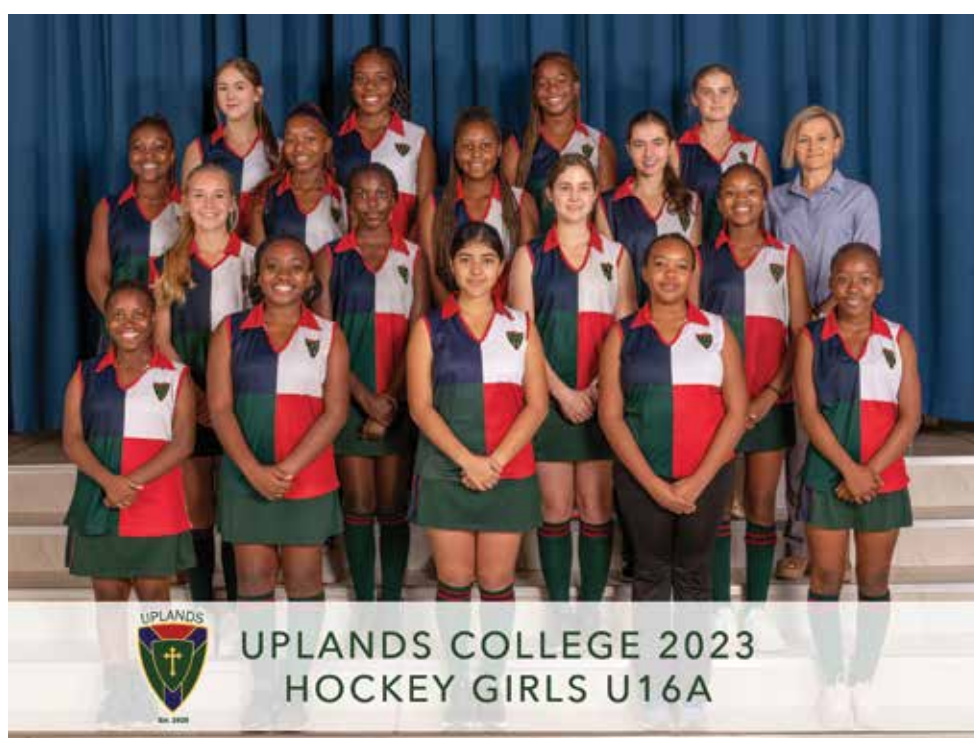
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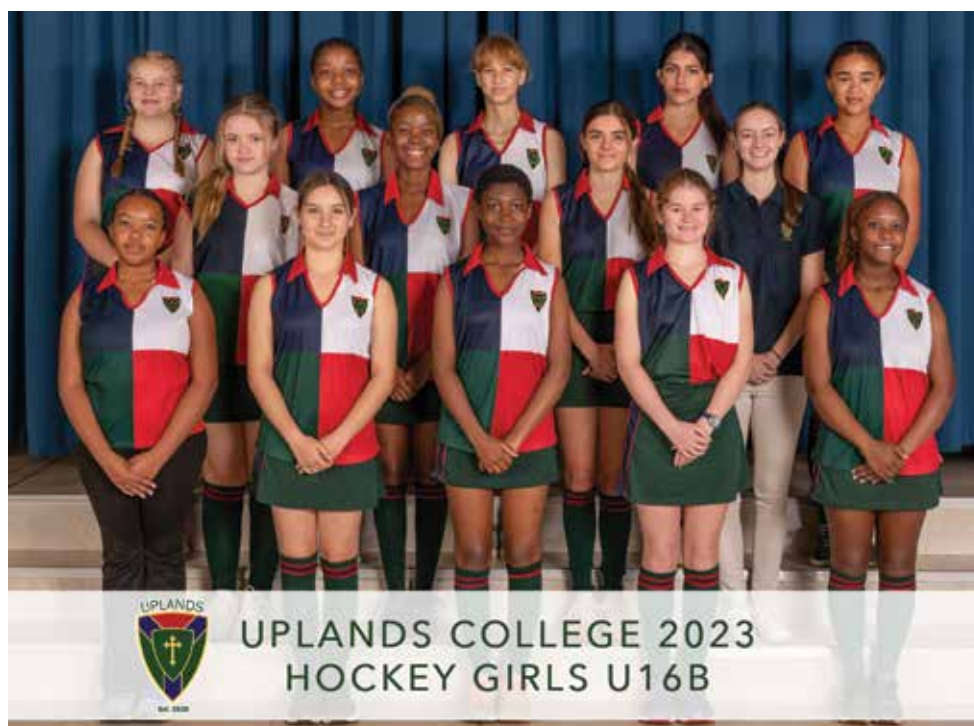


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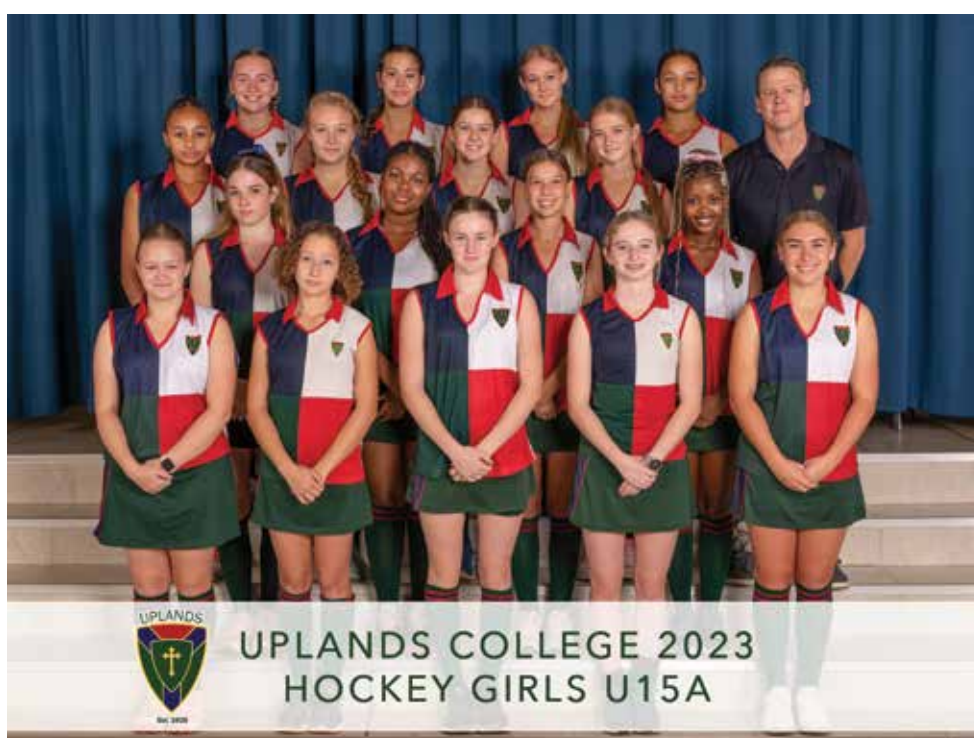


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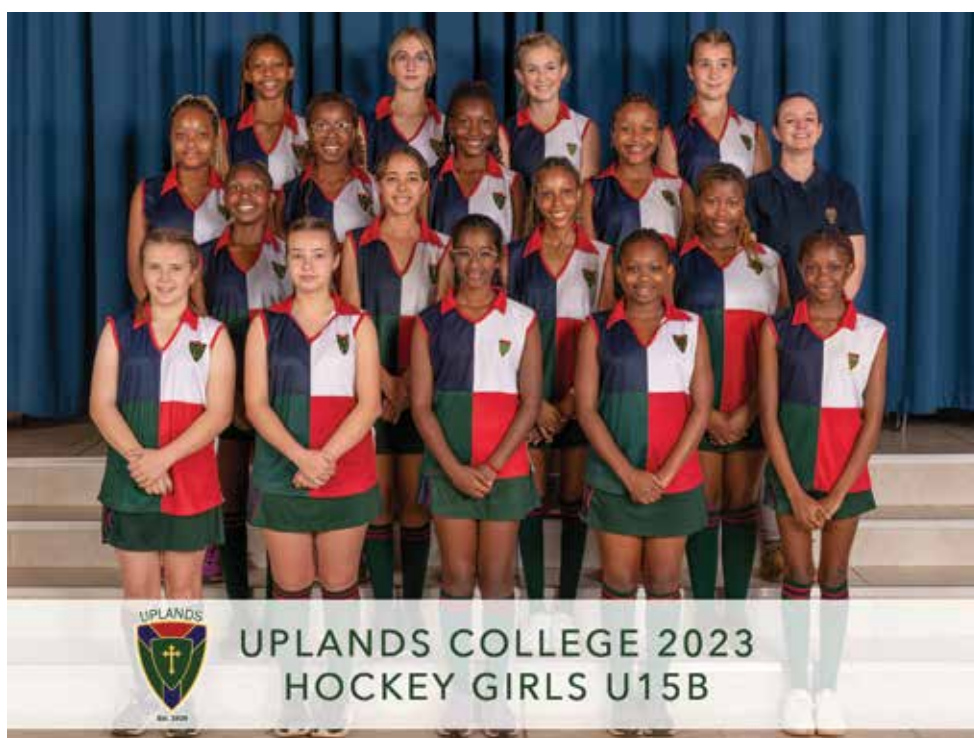


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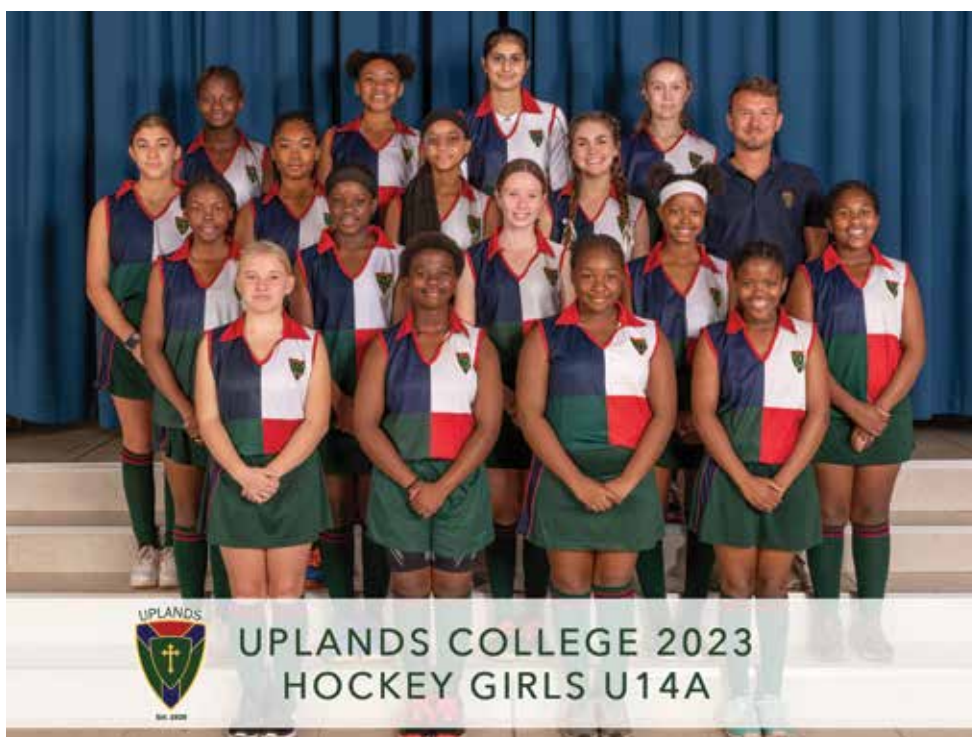
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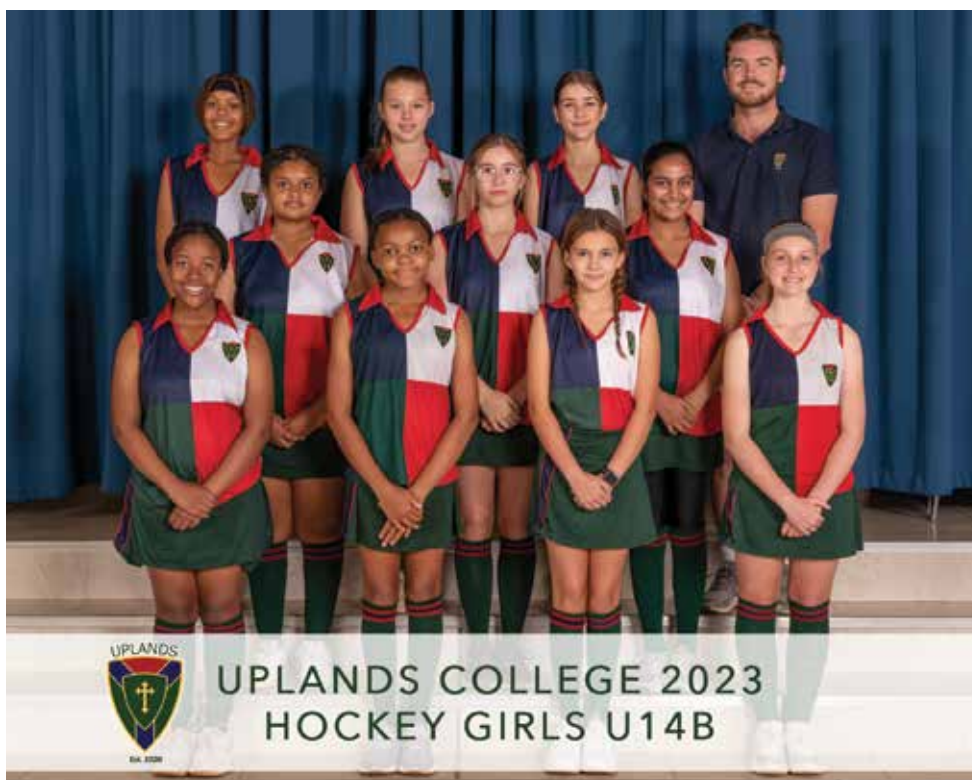


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Front Row: Masedi Kekana, Malebo Boshigo, Michaela Möhle, Ashley Shaw

Second Row: Natsai Machiri, Chloé Snyman, Shiza Bangish

Back Row: Nicole Mabuza, Isabella Ruf, Rachael McIntosh, Mr Cameron Jacobsz

Netball Teams



Front Row: Sanele Mpofu, Zoe Zitha, Holleigh Johnstone, Kye-Ann Fowler

Middle Row: Mr Brendan Fowler, Atshene Phatswane, Lily Rose, Damelza Awogu, Mrs Casey Fowler

Back Row: Ingrid Banza, Tanya Delport, Franciely Samo Gudo, Xongi Ngobeni



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Netball Teams



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Front Row: Isabella Vieira, Kaila Boltman, Samkelisiwe Maluka

Middle Row: Achel Sawunyama, Xihlamariso Masia, Mrs Rene Wright

Back Row: Khanyisa Makhubele, Geneveive Silinda, Ivy Ikekhuah

Netball Teams



Front Row: Kate Howe-Dreyer, Alexis Jones, Caela Baird

Middle Row: Jordin Abroms, Jessica Desmond

Back Row: Hayley Cope, Mrs Riana Pienaar, Lillian Pienaar



Front Row: Ayira Baloyi, Emma Roberts, Bohlale Choeu

Middle Row: Emma Cruickshanks, Kate Rankin. Ms Simphiwe Mathebula

Back Row: Bongwiwe Khoza, Sierra Du-Pont, Sage Tod

Netball Teams



Front Row: Mia Roos, Kamogelo Thobejane, Olivia van der Nest, Denielia Raidoo

Middle Row: Litsako Chitambira, Amaya Masha, Leoma Ngwenya, Sinelitsembe Dlamini

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Front Row: Oanda Macatsha, Khwezi Ndlovu, Tiyani Nyathi

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Netball Teams



Front Row: Trish Zororo, Ashley Shaw, Xongile Maluleke

Middle Row: Shanique Dube, Ava Schweizer, Ms Kelsey McIlrath

Back Row: Katelyn Kotze, Mbali Mabuza, Isabella Ruf



Front Row: Kathy Mkhwanazi, Michaela Möhle, Iyanda Zwane

Middle Row: Sedilame Moloko, Khetsiwe James, Sarena Boiteto, Mrs Rene Wright

Back Row: Thando Simango, Moya Felix, Nicole Mabuza

Rugby Teams



Front Row: Gontse Shakoane, Lohan van Antwerpen, Tyron Small, Kgodisho Mabelu, Lwazi Silinda, Lethani Ndzabandzaba

Second Row: Mr Brandon Potgieter, Bryce Russell, Lad Mnisi, Marley Waspe, Danilo Tajú, Dylan Kirk, Mr Nicholas Adendorff

Third Row: Pedro Samina, Leam van Zyl, Jack Robson, Zack Smith, Ryan Tilly, Matthew Müller

Back Row: Luke Breero, Sibusisekile Sithole, Stuart Billingham, Danny Snyman, Vuxa Hlatshwayo, Lihle Mavuso, Joshua Gardiner



Front Row: Onthatile Manaka, Lethani Ndzabandzaba, Kgodisho Mabelu, Lohan van Antwerpen, Gontse Shakoane, José Mabote

Second Row: Mr Hendrik Joubert, Tristan Walker, Danilo Tajú, Dylan Pappas, Gregory Kazandjis, Emile Költzow, Mr Kimren Pather

Third Row: Phiw'okuhle Mashabane, Loris Chamuco, Carlos Fernando, Adenius Nuvunga, Thato Seale, Pedro Samina

Back Row: Joshua Zumbika, Lihle Mavuso, Max Östlind, Ashley Chidoma, Motheo Motshegare, Keegan Fouché, Josh Puttkammer

Rugby Teams



Front Row: Nyad Amade, Amani Buzi, Tristan Rijkenberg, Lwakhe Mbokane, Leo Mashiri

Second Row: Akhe Shongwe, Vuyo Thabethe, Siyabonga Nkomo, Nyiko Silinda, Fábio Jeque, Mr Graham Creighton

Third Row: Tlalusani Ngwenyama, Rolando Pereira, Toby Smith, Sonney Waspé, Neo Mohuba

Fourth Row: Chukwuemepe Umeano, Rees MacFarlane, Rex Notten, Kai Naylor, Siyanda Ochan, Mr Dean Forword

Back Row: Gabriel Buchanan, Thato Ratshitanga, Jayden Marsh, Thuray Matsinhe, Luke Barnard



Front Row: Graeme Spear, Tafara Mdluli, Keir Daykin, Daniel Erasmus

Second Row: Heath Viljoen, Namhla Maphanga, Kaden Taylor, Kananelo Masilo, Mr Erik Prinsloo

Third Row: Elishua Zumbika, Motsiri Maake, Thoriso Mdluli, Romeo Manzini, Mr Gavin Stratford

Fourth Row: Menzi Khoza, Yan Gonçalves, Dominik Haller, Cristiano dos Santos, Cullen Müller

Fifth Row: Aidan Desmond, Ikemdinachukwu Umeano, Jake Bolingbroke, Lefa Matsane

Back Row: Gael Gasparini, Eduan Naudé, Joshua van der Merwe, Christiaan van Rhyn, Barack Massam

Rugby Teams



Front Row: Thuto Mohlala, Benjamin Spring, Noah Erasmus, Dayyan Choonara, Aiden van Zyl

Second Row: Vivane Shai, Maverick Notten, Wandisa Thabethe, Siyanda Bhembe, Mr Mark Blew

Third Row: Luyanda Ngutshani, Kgontse Masilela, Nkazimulo Zitha, Nare Sebopela, Akhona Mkhonza

Fourth Row: Newton Ojo, Thubelihle Marule, Siphesihle Marule, Benjamin Kazandjis

Back Row: Harry Speer, Duncan Ross, Amukelwe Ziyane, Tumelo Ratshitanga, Mfundo Mthimunye



Soccer Report

The soccer season was filled with new experiences for the teams. Soccer teams travelled to the Celtic FC Training Clinic, where they participated in a three-day training camp. This was all part of our growing and developing the sport and the players. Our season mainly consisted of games against local schools where our boys and girls achieved good results. Our Junior teams displayed great strength during the season, which makes us excited for what the future of the sport has to offer.

Our 1st Team showed determination and grit during St Peter's Festival, proving that the hard work during the season was worth it. Our soccer teams are ready for the next face of development and becoming more

competitive, which will see us getting Derby weekends similar to the winter season. Players worked hard in the training sessions and we can see the effort put in through our progress game after game, ensuring they were selected to represent the College. Our coaches are excited for the future of the sport, and being part of our growth and development into a more competitive season.

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Sports Trophy Awards at the 2023 Uplands College Honours Evening:

Soccer - Boys' Sportsmanship and Endeavour: Dylan Kirk

Soccer - Boys' Most Improved: Loris Chamuco

Soccer - Boys' Player of the Year: Will Manonga

Soccer - Girls' Sportsmanship & Endeavour: Chloé Warren

Soccer - Girls' Most Improved: Isabella Vieira

Soccer - Girls' Player of the Year: Sanele Mpofu

We would like to applaud the players and coaches for their sportsmanship and participation. We would also like to extend a special thank-you to the parents for all their support and encouragement for our players and staff.

Mrs Monette Stratford



Soccer Teams



Front Row: Omphemetse Mabeba, Tristan Rijkenberg, Lethani Ndzabandzaba, Akhe Shongwe, Lwazi Silinda, Leo Mashiri

Second Row: Dylan Kirk, Will Manonga, Pedro Samina, Lad Mnisi, Lwazi Khoza

Third Row: Mr Thulani Mabuza, Lesihle Fakudze, Loris Chamuco, Darell Awogu, Marley Waspe, Mr Bobby Ndebele

Back Row: Rolando Pereira, Adénius Nuvunga, Jayden Marsh, Chukwuemepe Umeano



Front Row: Aidan Sill, Dayyan Choonara, Benjamin Spring, Aidan van Zyl

Second Row: Mr Shaun van der Merwe, Kananelo Masilo, Luyanda Ngutshani, Akhona Mkhonza, Mr Nicholas Adendorff

Third Row: Newton Ojo, Aidan Desmond, Yan Gonçalves, Kgontse Masilela

Back Row: Barack Massam, Gael Gasparini, Ross Maude, Mickal Bakker, João Harburn

Soccer Teams



Front Row: Shaquille Alafo, Nare Sebopela, Wandisa Thabethe, Namhla Maphanga

Middle Row: Kizua Tomás, Cristiano dos Santos, Siyanda Bhembe, Tafara Mdluli, Mr Dion Linda

Back Row: Siphesihle Marule, Ikemdinachukwu Umeano, Linoson Massicane, Dominick Haller



Front Row: Isabella Vieira, Sanele Mpofu, Makayla Reilly-Warr, Livia Daykin, Diara Cumbi, Brunielle Broadwell

Second Row: Sveva Moore, Zoe Zitha, Atshene Phatshwane, Xihlamariso Masia, Mr Dylan Badenhorst

Third Row: Mrs Monette Stratford, Demelza Awogu, Chloé Warren, Samara Mazik,
Siyandziswa Mohammed, Mrs Unenceba Magagula

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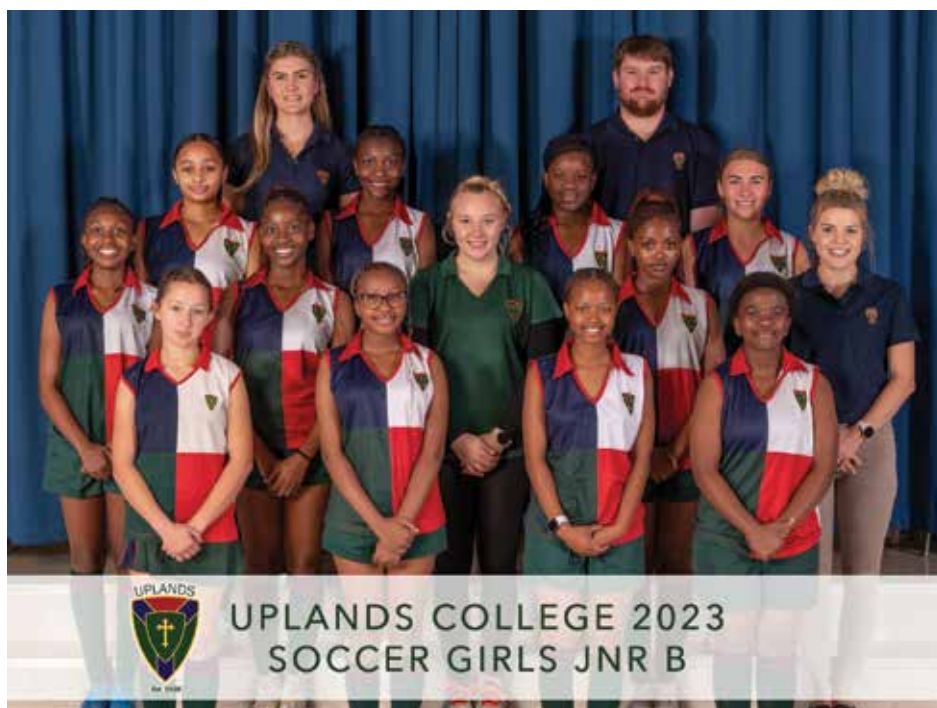


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Third Row: Alexis Jones, Bongiwe Khoza, Khwezi Ndlovu, Kate Howe-Dreyer

Back Row: Ms Kyla Hamer, Mr Gavin Stratford

Squash Team



Front Row: Caitlin Smith, Matthew Storm, Charlie Foss, Mrs Karen van Wyk

Middle Row: Keir Daykin, Daniel Withey, Olivia Ralfe

Back Row: Tristan Walker, Edwin Ferreira, Alexander Garrido-Mirapeix, Mr Cameron Jacobz

Swimming Team



Front Row: Dayaan Choonara, Kye-Anne Fowler, Malkia Mamudo, Ella Mills, Sarena Boiteto, Anne Bray

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Fifth Row: Mrs Sam Howard, Sierra Du-Pont, Lillian Pienaar, Sonney Waspe, Harry Speer, Rory Thompson, Yan Gonçalves, Mr Nicholas Adendorff

Back Row: Eduan Naudé, Luke Breero, Keagan Fouché, Motheo Motshegare, Jamie Tinker, Rex Notten, Joshua Zumbika.

Tennis Boys' Teams



Front Row: Gabriel Buchanan, Mrs Ronel Kolbé, Dylan Pappas

Back Row: Jamie Tinker, Guy Dupont



Front Row: Jake Bolingbroke, Ethan York

Middle Row: Darell Awogu, Joshua de Beer, Mrs Ronel Kolbé

Back Row: Samuel McIntosh, Matthew Watson

Tennis Girls' Teams



Front Row: Eden Izeboud, Mrs Ronel Kolbé, Jessica Stäubli

Back Row: Kate Rankin, Delouise Alberts



Front Row: Oanda Macatsha, Cassandra Mitana

Middle Row: Claudia Klesse, Caela Baird, Mrs Ronel Kolbé

Back Row: Emma Cruickshanks, Sage Tod

Tennis Report

Uplands tennis players earn accolades during 2023



During 2023, tennis at Uplands presented us with a glistening twinkle of stars, from the Uplands College tennis courts in the Lowveld to the tennis played at Cornwall Hill and Heronbridge College in Gauteng. Play took place from March to July across the Lowveld and Gauteng, and ended with a tour to Sun City in Limpopo during August. There is no doubt about it: Uplands tennis is simply flourishing.

Prior to the Derbies, the Girls' 1st team tennis consisted of two senior players, both in Grade 12, and two junior players only in Grade 8, which was quite impressive. The Girls' 1st Tennis Team consisted of Delouise Alberts (the first ranked player), Eden Izeboud (the second ranked player), Jessica Stäubli (the third ranked player and only in Grade 8), as well as Kate Rankin (the fourth player, also in Grade 8). However, during every play for the next five months across the country, there were some breakthrough successes and milestone moments for Uplands College tennis fans to get excited about.

We kicked off the season by losing against Cornwall Hill College, then

another loss with a game against Penryn, with a score of 28 Penryn vs 27 to Uplands College. In the games against Heronbridge College the girls fought like tigers, but another loss was amassed. The second game against Penryn proved the doubters wrong when the team won 34 to 21 games against Penryn. The team then went on to win against Curro Nelspruit with a convincing 43 games for Uplands to the 12 games for Curro.

The 2nd team girls consisting of Cassandra Mitana (the fifth ranked player), Claudia Klesse (the sixth ranked player), Caela Baird (seventh ranked player) and Emma Cruickshanks (the eighth ranked player) were set to compete against the formidable Nelspruit Hoërskool during the league season ranging from May to June 2023. The team delivered their best, but sadly lost the war. They are all good players, but they also fought very hard to stay in the mix at this very high level.

As it was so well expressed by one of the players, "I think we have embraced the fact that even though we are all competing for rankings and tournaments, and

even if we play one another, we're all pushing each other to improve at the same time. I think we all are friends practising together and yet we are still pushed to improve and beat each other – a good vibe, all in all."

The crop of Boys' tennis players demonstrated that the future of Uplands College tennis is in reliable hands. The listed players ranked as follows: Guy Du-Pont (Nr 1 seed), Dylan Pappas (Nr 2 seed), Gabriel Buchanan (3rd seed – Grade 10), Jamie Tinker (4th seed – Grade 10). Gabriel Buchannan played four of the six seasonal matches before he was injured in rugby and had to withdraw from the season. This turn of events saw Darell Awogu (5th seed) and Torr Turner (6th seed) participate against opponents of the likes of Curro Nelspruit and Nelspruit Hoërskool. The strength in depth, the different on-court playing styles and the spectrum of skills made for interesting and nail-biting watching. It's definitely a very exciting time for Uplands tennis and the team spirit is certainly spelling out the Uplands fire part of the Uplands College name.

The second team boys consisting of Ethan York (7th seed), Jake Bolingbroke (8th seed), William Pappas (9th seed) and Joshua de Beer (10th seed) brought in a wonderful win against Curro Boys' 3rd team with a clear win of 35 games to Uplands versus 20 games to Curro Nelspruit.

There is obviously plenty to be proud of in Uplands tennis. This is a microcosm of how this contingent of players can entertain, attract attention and deliver in the game, which makes it exciting times to be involved in tennis at Uplands College, and we are looking forward to tennis growing in 2024.

Mrs Ronel Kolbé



Grade 8 Camp



The Grade 8 boys and girls enjoyed an exciting adventure at the tropical Sugar Bay Holiday Resort in Zinkwazi, KZN. The camp is designed to allow the newcomers to the College a chance to integrate as a group, whilst enjoying the variety of land and water activities on offer there, from surfing and kayaking to jewellery design and archery. It is all-out action at the resort! The fantastic facilitators took great care of the students, supported by three of our staff members: Mrs Casey Fowler, Ms Kelsey McIlrath and Mr Mark Blew.

Mr Mark Blew







Grade 9 Camp



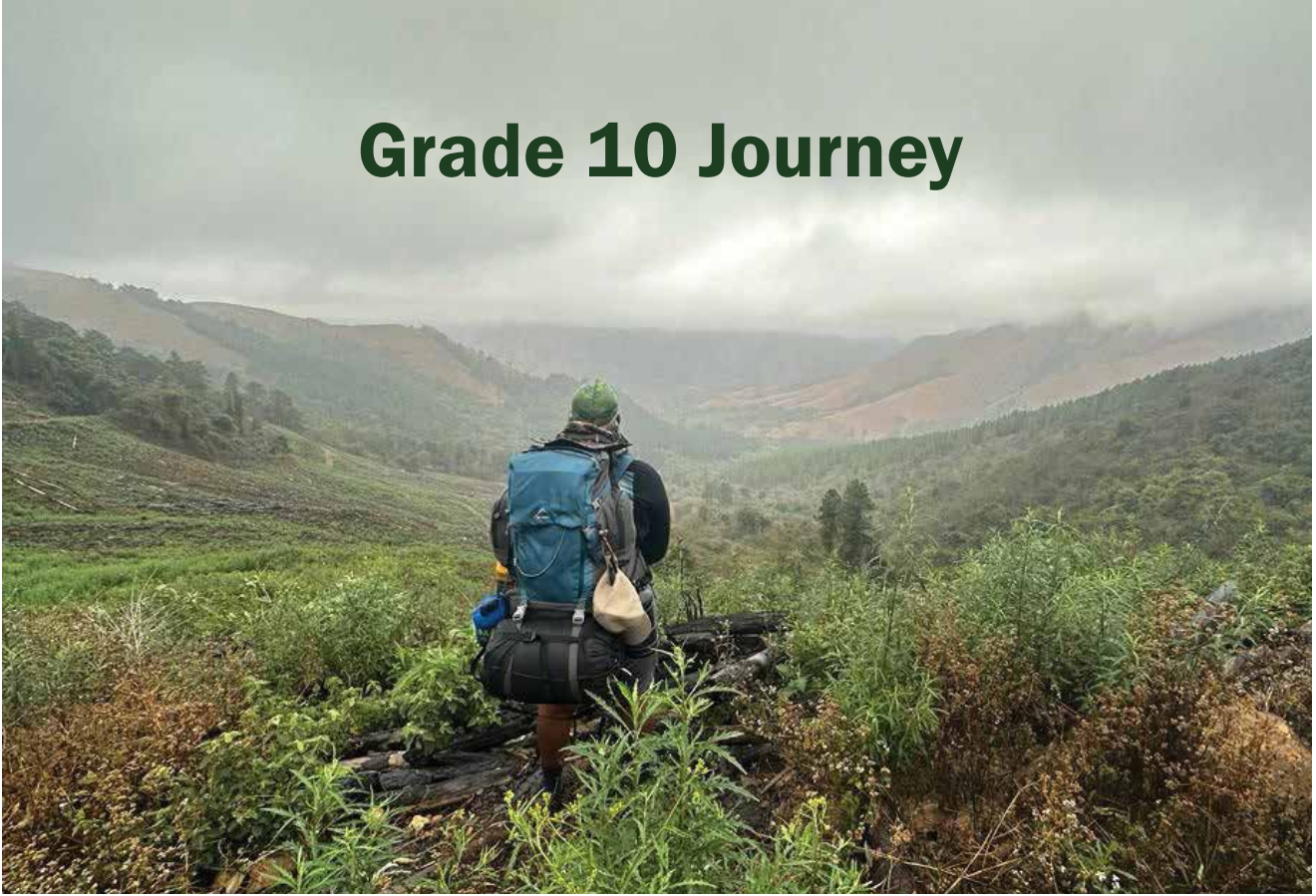
The Grade 9 boys and girls went to Rosemere Farm in White River (operated by GZ Adventures) for their Grade 9 “mini-journey” camp. The camp is designed to prepare them for the big “Journey” in Grade 10 and has elements of camping, hiking and spending time together in the beautiful Lowveld countryside. Making the most of local hiking trails during the day, the Grade 9s spent evenings at base camp, enjoying activities such as star-gazing, drumming, and cooking their own food.

Mr Mark Blew





Grade 10 Journey



The “Journey” is the Rite of Passage, a twelve-day self-discovery and personal strength experience. The Rite of Passage requires: removal from the familiar (people, devices, comforts, patterns); a physical challenge; unpredictable elements; a rewarding natural environment; engagement with one’s internal and social landscape and a celebrated return.

This event is one of the highlights of our school calendar. The shared, raw, honest experiences found on the Journey culminate in strong and special relationships. The memories made are lifelong and rich and well worth regaling over and over again to anyone who will listen.

Mrs Sharon van Reenen





Grade 10 Journey





Grade 11 Leadership Camp

The Grade 11 pupils visited Queen's River Adventure Camp from Tuesday 18th July to Friday 21st July to embark on a journey of self-discovery in the context of leadership and preparation for their final year of schooling at Uplands College. The camp was facilitated by the A.N.T.S, a dynamic team of experienced adventurers who specialise in running such events for school groups. The pupils enjoyed the mountainous terrain as they hiked across plantations, visited scenic

waterfalls and enjoyed a myriad of activities such as an obstacle course, archery, raft-building and team-building challenges, to name but a few.

Accompanied by the four Heads of Houses who ran leadership-specific training workshops, the pupils were able to strengthen their connections as a grade and enjoy each other's company whilst growing in their own skills and abilities. Despite woeful weather on the final two days, the pupils

were engaging, spirited and showed superb esprit de corps as they enthusiastically tackled each challenge. The reflection sessions on the final day displayed the success of the camp. A huge thank-you must go to Pieter and Jackie, who hosted us so well at Queen's River, as well as to the A.N.T.S facilitators and the Uplands staff who accompanied the trip.

Mr Mark Blew



Zulu Tour to KwaZulu-Natal

The Zulu Tour was an invaluable experience for our pupils, with an informative and jam-packed itinerary. The visit to Phezulu Cultural Village and Reptile Park was very enjoyable. Indlondlo Cultural Village was a spectacular immersion in Zulu culture. IsiZulu as a language is inseparable from its culture and in the process of truly understanding, appreciating and contextualising the language, one must also understand and appreciate the culture with which it is so richly intertwined.



We also spent time in Durban at uShaka Marine World, enjoying the water park, and also had an Aquarium tour. Our return journey was highlighted by a stop at the Nelson Mandela Capture site in Howick.

We should like to express our appreciation to Nkosikazi Ivy Mpangane, Mnumzane Mandlenkosi Ndabula and Nkosazane Simphiwe Mathebula for organising the tour, as well as accompanying and caring for the pupils.

Mrs Ivy Mpangane



Rite of Passage

On Tuesday 14th February, the Grade 8s of Uplands College were inducted into the school through the signing of the school pledge. The Grade 8s were given their school ties by their Matric buddy,

but due to the weather were unable to ring the school bell, as is tradition (this took place later on).

Mr Mark Blew



Uplands College Pledge:

To behave responsibly at all times.

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To be considerate and respectful to others.

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To ensure that our appearance is consistently neat and tidy.

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To display good manners and always be courteous.

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To extend the hand of friendship and support to fellow pupils, teachers, parents and those we meet.

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To be diligent in our studies and committed to the mission and wellbeing of our College.



Orientation Day

On Tuesday 10th January 2023, Uplands College welcomed all new pupils to the school by hosting the annual Orientation Day. The new pupils had fun on the sports fields, getting to know each other and completing various activities whilst their

parents were introduced to the school by the Uplands College Head, Mr Allan Laing, and the three College Deputies, Mrs Casey Fowler, Mr Dean Forward and Mr Mark Blew.

Mr Mark Blew



Arrival of New College Boarders

On Monday 9th January, the new Grade 8 boarders of 2023 arrived at Uplands College amidst much excitement. They and their parents were officially welcomed by Mr Laing and Mr

Blew before spending time at their respective boarding houses, enjoying a small cocktail function and settling into their new houses.

Mr Mark Blew



Founders' Evening

The Uplands Founders' Evening this year certainly showed the true Uplands can-do spirit and resilience where everyone pulled together after an unseasonal storm rendered the outside venue unusable, half an hour before proceedings were due to start. Pupils and staff rallied to carry equipment, chairs and musical instruments to the indoor hall, bypassing fallen trees in the way. After all, "The show must go on" - and it did!

Founders' Evening celebrates our rich 95-year history with a candle-lighting ceremony where the "Light of Knowledge" is symbolically passed on from grade to grade. It was an exciting evening that

showcased Uplands' exceptional art, dance and musical talent.

In the words of our Chairman, Mr Greg Dane, "Today we celebrate our Founders, who created the platform 95 years ago for this special place that we are all privileged to be a part of. At Uplands, we have the vision of creating a school with a relaxed happy feel as well as high expectations and deliverables." He further added, "You can be proud of your school as it continues to move in the right direction. Not everyone appreciates change, but without change one cannot become 'Great'."

Mr Sean Carlisle



Africa 2023 International Student Leadership Symposium

Uplands College proudly hosted the International Student Leadership Symposium from 12th – 18th March 2023. It was a wonderful opportunity to show off our incredible school, community and country to all the members who attended this conference. Delegates came from:

Westlake Academy, Texas, USA

International School of Brussels, Belgium

Gauß-Gymnasium, Worms, Germany

Edmonton Islamic Academy, Edmonton, Canada

The theme this year was the Chinese saying, “Cross the river by feeling the stones”, a folk saying that means step steadily in seeking stability. It refers to a steady attitude of exploration in the face of new things.

Under this banner, delegates will explore leadership and their role in the future of the world.

Daily workshops and presentations filled the time for the delegates. Local presenters included Quinton Coetzee, Netto Maluka, Hilton Walker and Lindie van der Merwe, and at the end of the week each school presented to the rest of the delegates their insights gained over the week. Time was taken for a “safari” in the Kruger Park, and there was a braai on one of the evenings, allowing the delegates to immerse themselves in some South African experiences.

The take away from the symposium is summarised as follows: Resilience, adaptability, and a positive mindset for leaders, who must understand that life is a journey with challenges represented

by the stones in the river. Leaders must embrace these challenges, use them to navigate, and always strive to better themselves.

The common thread among the points emphasises the importance of adaptability, resourcefulness, teamwork, collaboration and integrity. Leaders must adapt to the situation at hand, work together, and prioritise integrity to achieve success for the greater good. Leaders must also appreciate the beauty of the world around them, recognise the value of teamwork, and step out of their comfort zones. Additionally, leaders should have a strong belief in themselves, persevere, and be open-minded to think outside the box. Lastly, leaders should follow their passion and focus on making an impact and doing what is right.

Mrs Sharon van Reenen





Celebrating Heritage Day

On the evening of September 20th, the Uplands College and Preparatory IsiZulu (First Additional Language) pupils and parents gathered for a vibrant celebration of their cultural heritage. Parents and pupils proudly donned their Zulu cultural attire for the evening. In celebrating where we come from, we are reminded of the lessons that ring true and of Ubuntu (umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu).

IsiZulu itself is richly woven into the fabric of South Africa; the language is learnt hand in hand with its customs and practices to holistically bring understanding and appreciation. The evening saw enactments of IsiZulu dances, singing, plays, prose reading and poetry. A variety of traditional Zulu foods was also enjoyed by those in attendance.

The evening was graced by the presence of Inkosi Mantjolo III. We are humbled and grateful for his participation in our celebration.

We thank our parents, pupils and staff for the hours of work that went into the preparation for the stage, as well as the array of foods they helped to prepare.

Mrs Ivy Mpangane



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. On this special day of reflection, many Christians around the world wear a mark of the cross in ash on their

foreheads. The ashes symbolise our mortality: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Rev. Bronwyn Nortjie



Ascension Day



The Ash Wednesday service was held at the College on the 22 February. The pupils were reminded that Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. On this special day of reflection, many Christians around the world wear a mark of the cross in ash on their foreheads. The ashes symbolise our mortality – “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Rev. Bronwyn Nortjie



Grade 6 College Experience

The Grade 6s embarked on an exciting journey as they teamed up with their future Matric mentors for a sneak peek into the world of the College. The day offered them a glimpse of what to expect when they join us in 2025!

Over the course of the morning, they had the opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects offered at the College. The Technology department introduced them to the world of design and 3D printing, igniting their curiosity. In the Drama Studio, budding actors and actresses seized the spotlight, while aspiring scientists delighted in Physical Sciences experiments. Not to be outdone, the Sports team challenged them with a rigorous gym session.

Mrs Casey Fowler







European Culture Tour

Paris: This began with a visit to the Centre Georges Pompidou, where we saw contemporary art from some of the most innovative artists in the world. Next, we made our way to the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, two of the most famous landmarks in Paris. In the afternoon, we explored the Montmartre area and climbed the staircase to Sacré Coeur for some stunning views of the city. We also enjoyed leisurely strolls along Les Champs Élysées.



20 College pupils embarked on a European Art and Culture tour during the Easter holidays 2023. Highlights of our trip were:

Amsterdam: Our first stop was at the Rijksmuseum, where we were blown away by the impressive collection of Dutch art. After spending a few hours admiring the works of Rembrandt and others, we headed to Vondelpark for a picnic lunch. The park was beautiful, and we enjoyed the sunshine, spring blossoms and the company of our fellow travellers. Next, we visited the Van Gogh Museum, where we learned about the life and art of this famous painter. We ended our stay with a relaxing canal cruise and dinner at the Grand Café Restaurant, Central Station.

Avignon: Upon arrival, we bought a picnic lunch at Les Halles market before heading to the Palais des Papes and Pont Saint Benezet. The Palais des Papes was fascinating, and we enjoyed learning about the history of the Popes who once lived there. Next, we took a train to Arles, where we joined the Van Gogh tour and visited the main locations related to Van Gogh. We saw the famous Yellow House, the Café de la Gare, and the Hotel Carrel. It was incredible to see the places that had inspired so many of Van Gogh's paintings.

and enjoyed some local delicacies. Also on our sights was Jardin de la Fontaine, a beautiful garden filled with fountains and statues, Le Tour Magne and Diane's temple, which was impressive.

Barcelona: We began with an afternoon bike tour and Graffiti workshop. We then visited La Sagrada Familia, one of the most impressive cathedrals in the world. We then went on a Gaudi tour and saw the main sights of the city related to Gaudi, including Casa Batlo and Parc Guell. In the afternoon, we had a tour of Palau de la musica Catalana and then visited the Picasso museum.

Nimes: This visit included a city tour of the Roman amphitheatre and we saw La Maison Carrée, one of the best-preserved Roman temples in the world. Afterwards, we visited Les Halles de Nimes





European Culture Tour

Madrid: This included a visit to the Reina Sofia museum to see Guernica, one of the most iconic paintings of the 20th century. Afterwards, we went to the Prado Museum to see works by some of the most famous artists in history, including Goya and Velasquez. In the afternoon, we visited Plaza Mayor and Mercado de San Miguel, two of the most famous attractions in Madrid. Finally, we ended our stay with a visit to Palacio Real, and an evening of Flamenco entertainment

Toledo: A morning trip to Toledo treated us to a beautiful city with a rich history. We visited the impressive cathedral and enjoyed views of Puente de Alcantara and de San Martin.

This tour was filled to the brim with activities, architecture, history and priceless art. A bucket list experience – ticked!

Mrs Sharon van Reenen

Grade 10 International Student Exchange Programme

The Uplands College International Student Exchange Programme is a 16-week opportunity for pupils to experience a new culture, learn a new language, and make lifelong friends. The programme runs from July – October 2023 and includes, amongst others, pupils from Hale School for Boys in Perth, Australia

and Gauß-Gymnasium School in Worms, Germany. During the first eight weeks of the programme, all pupils will live with host families and attend Uplands College. The second half of the programme will be spent at the respective international schools. Pupils will have the opportunity

to participate in co-curricular activities such as sports, culture and community service. This well-rounded programme thus benefits the international pupils, as well as the Uplands pupils, in making friends from all over the world

Mrs Sharon Van Reenen



Let's Plant a Tree!

Matric Class of 2023 Indigenous Forest: leaving a legacy

As part of their Giving Back in Matric pledge, the Class of 2021 chose to leave a legacy by establishing the annual Matric Tree Planting Ceremony. This tradition was generously established by the van der Westhuyzen and Alberts families. Each year, as our Matric students prepare to embark on their next journey, they plant trees to symbolise growth, continuity and the enduring bond they share with Uplands. This year, the Class of 2023 planted three *Celtis africana* trees into the Matric Indigenous Forest.

“ We would like to address our benefactors – the Headmaster of the school, the staff, teachers, pupils and the whole school community - to say thank you for everything that they have done for us. These trees are a physical gesture of our gratitude. But these trees should also help

the entire school community remember us as the Class of 2021, who tried to make a small contribution to the many great traditions and ceremonies that our school has. We hope (and challenge) that the future Matric classes will continue this legacy.

Furthermore, these trees should, in every root and leaf, proclaim that we have confidence in the future of our beautiful country, South Africa. Let us all speak the language of the tree in rich laden symbolism.

”

- Kobus van der Westhuyzen
Head Mentor: Class of 2021

The Uplands Foundation is grateful, not only for the donation from the original families who established this tradition, but for their gratitude and passion for the teachers and leaders of Uplands.

Leaving a legacy isn't just about grand gestures or monumental achievements. It's about the everyday actions and small kindnesses. This way our interactions will change others and the world around us. It's about being mindful of the impact we have, not only on our immediate surroundings, but on future generations yet to come.

So, as members of the Uplands community, we reflect on what we can contribute to our school, our community and the world beyond.

Let us strive to leave behind our own legacy of compassion, integrity, generosity and excellence in all that we do. Together, with small acts of kindness and generosity, we can build our legacy!

Mrs Sally Greathead





Polar Plunge

Three College staff members and 34 Uplands College pupils braved a chilly winter's afternoon one Tuesday and swam the length of our Uplands school dam. A brave act indeed from all the swimmers, as they challenged themselves! The Polar Plunge is an example of what makes the Uplands experience unique and special. We now look forward to the 2024 challenge.

Well done to Lachlan Giles (our exchange student from Australia) and Liza Victor for being the first boy and girl across the dam respectively, and to Mr Mark Blew, as well as Nicholas and Andrew McArthur, for swimming

Mr Dean Forword



Lulafest

Lulafest, a day of music to raise funds for the Lula orphanage, was a huge success! The event was held on Sunday, August 6th, from 12:00 to 16:00, at the Uplands College Cabbage Patch. The event featured performances by The NoteBusters, the Mavundla family, and guest performers from other schools. There were stalls selling food, and everyone had a great time, as well as being able to make a significant difference in the lives of the children at the Lula orphanage.

We are so grateful to everyone who made Lulafest a great success! However, we should like to extend a special thank-you to the following people and organisations:

Mr Magagula and The NoteBusters

The guest performers

The raffle sponsors

The food stall owners

Uplands Preparatory and Uplands College parents who donated clothes.

The Pie Boys for donations

To the volunteers and everyone who attended, we couldn't have done it without you! We are also grateful for the support of the community. The donations we received will go a long way towards providing for the basic needs of the children at the Lula orphanage and we are so appreciative of your generosity!

Thank you again for making Lulafest a great success! We look forward to doing it again!

**Mr Phinda Magagula
and The NoteBusters**



Honours Evening

Special Awards

Founders Award

For outstanding achievement in all facets of life at Uplands College, incorporating the full spectrum of academic, cultural, service and sporting activities.

Awarded to Demelza Awogu

The Hyson Trophy for Endeavour

The pupil who has displayed qualities of determination, diligence and perseverance in a range of activities.

Awarded to Torr Turner

Arthur Gaydon-Connock Award

The pupil who has achieved considerable results in his/her sport and set a good example on the field, who has helped and encouraged fellow team members, and who has been a stalwart (perhaps facing a setback, inherent disability or illness) and who has been an ambassador for the College.

Awarded to Marley Waspe

The Tecklenburg Award for Good Fellowship

The pupil who has displayed outstanding interpersonal skills, concern for fellow pupils and those less fortunate, and the promotion of co-operation within the College community.

Awarded to Kiera Viljoen

The Vieler-Veldsman Trophy

In recognition of a Grade 12 pupil who showed outstanding support to the school and Mentor body, as voted for by the Mentors.

Awarded to Kiera Viljoen

Marisa Longuinho Award

In memory of Marisa for the Grade 11 pupil who has exhibited friendship, care and compassion towards pupils of all ages. (voted by the Grade 11s)

Awarded to Sulinka van Stelten

The Thomson Cultural Award

This is earned by a Grade 12 pupil who has shown outstanding talent and ability in the different genres of



cultural activities, as well as actively promoting cultural activities at the College.

Awarded to Jade Tinker

Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Award

The pupils who have shown outstanding talent and ability and exemplify the true spirit of sportsmanship in competition. Their commitment, dedication and appearance serve as an example at all times.

Awarded to Torr Turner and Sveva Moore

The Best All-round Sportsman and Sportswoman Award

The emphasis of this award is based on participation in two or more of our sports at 1st Team level and exemplifies the spirit of commitment and dedication.

Awarded to Marley Waspe and Demelza Awogu

Academic Awards

Dux Trophy

The Grade 12 pupil who achieved the highest average on the Order of Merit with a minimum 70% academic aggregate.

Awarded to Jade Tinker

Proxime Accessit

The Grade 12 pupil who achieved the second-highest average on the Order of Merit with a minimum 70% academic aggregate.

Awarded to Claudia Klesse

Academic Honours were awarded to the following Grade 12s who attained an average of above 80%:

Jade Tinker, Claudia Klesse, Torr Turner, Demelza Awogu, Delouise Alberts, Eden Izeboud, Nthabiseng de Almeida

Academic Colours were awarded





to the following Grade 12s who attained an average between 75% and 80%: **Caitlin Davids, Lara Vienings, Nicholas Ross, Manuela Balane, Palesa Mazibuko, Danilo Tajú, Sanele Mpofu**

Academic Tie Awards were awarded to the following Grade 12s who attained an average between 70% and 75%: **Serena Quive, Isabella Wood, Naledi Mpele, Kiera Viljoen, Thomas Cooper, Khamimamba Nkuna, Zethu Mkhonto, Lesedi Sedibe, Luca Pagani, Mpho (Onkarabetse) Deeuw, Jessica Mellor, Juan van Rensburg**

Cultural Awards

Karin Reum Trust Trophy
Awarded to the Grade 11 or Grade 12 pupil who has the ability to demonstrate an

excellent understanding of their performance, while their interpretation and characterisation is always accurate, appropriate and justified.

Awarded to Gemma MacFarlane

Nella Coetzer Trophy

Awarded to the student in Grades 11-12 for the best overall on-stage performance. This is not limited to Drama but also includes Dance and/or Music.

Awarded to Jade Tinker

The Halifax Trophy

Awarded to a pupil in Grade 11 or 12 who has demonstrated excellence in Visual Arts within and outside the academic parameters. He/she has been an example to others in building a Visual Culture at the College.

Awarded to Carlos Fernando

The Devin Möller Trophy

Awarded to a pupil in Grade 11 or 12 who has demonstrated excellence in Music within and outside of the academic parameters. He/she has been an example to others in building a Music Culture at the College.

Awarded to Phiw'okuhle Mashabane

Service Award

Uplands College Service Award
Awarded to the Grade 11 or 12 pupil who has consistently and selflessly contributed to service in a number of areas over their time at the College.

Awarded to Zenkosi Thwala



Special Awards



This year, as we gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our pupils, we were reminded of the dedication, hard work and resilience that have led to their success.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their

dreams," and it is such a joy when we see those dreams realised in the achievements of our award recipients. We congratulate those who have excelled in various aspects of College life with our Special Awards.

None of this would be possible without the support and guidance

of our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to nurture and inspire our pupils. Congratulations to all our award winners, and thank you to everyone who has played a part in their journey.

Mrs Casey Fowler



The Founders Award
Demelza Awogu



The Hyson Trophy for Endeavour
Torr Turner



Dux Trophy
Jade Tinker



Proxime Accessit
Claudia Klesse



The Best All-round Sportswoman Award
Demelza Awogu



The Best All-round Sportsman Award
Marley Waspe



The Sportswoman of the Year
Sveva Moore



The Sportsman of the Year
Torr Turner



Arthur Gaydon-Connock Trophy
Marley Waspe



The Tecklenburg Award
for Good Fellowship
Kiera Viljoen



The Vieler-Veldsman
Trophy
Kiera Viljoen



The Marisa Longuinho Award
Sulinka van Stelten



Uplands College Service Award
Zenkosi Thwala



The Thomson Cultural Award
Jade Tinker



Nella Coetzer Award
Jade Tinker



Karin Reum Trust
Gemma MacFarlane



The Devin Möller Trophy
Phiw'okuhle Mashabane



The Halifax Trophy
Carlos Fernando

Subject Awards



Afrikaans
Eden Izeboud



Computer Applications Technology
Mpho (Onkarabetse) Deeuw



Dramatic Arts
Jade Tinker



French
Manuela Balane



Geography
Delouise Alberts



History
Nicholas Ross



Information Technology
Torr Turner



Mathematical Literacy
Kiera Viljoen



Spanish Additional
Danilo Tajú



Accounting
Torr Turner



Further Studies Physics
Torr Turner



Top Mathamatics
Torr Turner



Top Physical Sciences pupil
Claudia Klesse



Further Studies Mathematics
Torr Turner



Engineering Graphics and Design
Zethu Mkhonto



Top Visual Arts
Eden Stone



Further Studies English
Nicholas Ross



Top Business Studies
Jade Tinker



English
Jade Tinker



isiZulu
Sanele Mpofu



Life Orientation
Isabella Wood



Life Sciences
Delouise Alberts



Music
Phiw'okuhle Mashabane

Sports Awards



Netball
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Demelza Awogu



Netball
Most Improved Player of the Year
Ingrid Banza



Netball
Player of the Year
Lily Rose



Tennis
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Girls
Eden Izeboud



Tennis
Most Improved Player - Girls
Jessica Stäubli



Tennis
Player of the Year - Girls
Delouise Alberts



Tennis
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Boys
Matthew Watson



Tennis
Player of the Year - Boys
Guy Dupont

Sports Awards



Cricket
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Boys
Leam Van Zyl



Cricket
Most Improved - Boys
Gregory Kazandjis



Cricket
Player of the Year - Boys
Torr Turner



Cricket
Sportsmanship and Endeavour - Girls
Tanya Delpoit



Cricket
Most Improved - Girls
Jessica Stäubli



Cricket
Player of the Year - Girls
Sveva Moore



Hockey
Sportsmanship and Endeavour - Girls
Demelza Awogu



Hockey
Most Improved Player - Girls
Claudia Klesse



Hockey
Player of the Year - Girls
Nthabiseng de Almeida

Sports Awards



Hockey
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Boys
Njongonkulu Ngomane



Hockey
Most Improved Player - Boys
Lesihle Fakudze



Hockey
Hockey Player of the Year - Boys
Torr Turner



Soccer
Most Improved - Boys
Loris Chamuco



Soccer
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Boys
Dylan Kirk



Soccer
Player of the Year - Boys
Will Manonga



Soccer
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Girls
Chloé Warren



Soccer
Most Improved - Girls
Isabella Vieira



Soccer
Player of the Year - Girls
Sanele Mpfu

Sports Awards



Rugby
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Danny Snyman



Rugby
Most Improved
Sibusisekile Sithole



Rugby
Player of the Year
Vuxa Hlatshwayo



Equestrian
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Daniella Chantler



Equestrian
Most Improved
Khetsiwe James



Equestrian
Rider of the Year
Ellen Holland



Chess
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Tyler Spencer



Chess
Most Improved
Andile Khoza



Chess
Player of the Year
Edwin Ferreira

Sports Awards



Mountain Biking
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Jacques Diedericks



Mountain Biking
Most Improved
Bryce Fowler



Mountain Biking
Rider of the Year - Boys
Samuel McIntosh



Mountain Biking
Rider of the Year - Girls
Sierra Du Pont



Swimming
Most Improved Female Swimmers
Lucy James & Annabel Victor



Swimming
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Natasha Bourdin



Swimming
Most Improved Male Swimmer
Sonney Waspe



Swimming
Best Male Swimmer
Keegan Fouché

Sports Awards



Squash
Most Improved - Boys
Keir Daykin



Squash
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Boys
Tristan Walker



Squash
Sportsmanship & Endeavour - Girls
Charlie Foss



Squash
Most Improved - Girls
Abbie Mackie



Athletics
Sportsmanship & Endeavour
Demelza Awogu



Athletics
Best Female Athlete
Lily Rose



Athletics
Best Male Athlete
Joshua Zumbika



Athletics
Most Improved Athlete
Lihle Mavuso

Matric Art Exhibition

This year the Matric Art class explored the theme of Resonance and their final exhibition was opened by Eden Stone at the Valediction breakfast on the 13th of October 2023.

Eden Stone was awarded the Halifax Art Trophy this year. Traditionally, the recipient of this award has the honour of officially welcoming our guests and opening the exhibition. Here is an extract from her speech:

“The theme given to us this year was Resonance, a concept which can be interrupted in various ways, such as the quality of being loud and clear, the evocation of feelings, thoughts or memories brought about by different types of music, writing, spaces, people, or objects of significance. Resonance, in its essence, carries profound meaning, capable of being experienced both physically and emotionally.

The Matric Art class of 2023 were required to create art that encapsulates resonance and reflects our own interests, ideas and passions. This challenge was met individually, resulting in a collection of pieces that are not only diverse but deeply personal.

I could not be prouder of my peers for what they have accomplished this year, as they have really pushed themselves to the limits.

Carlos, your painting and concept are nothing short of incredible. The mastery of oil paints and the distinctiveness of your personal style are awe-inspiring.

Ntando, your drawing piece is nothing short of unbelievable. The precision and finesse with which you handle a pencil are immaculate.

Mutshidzi, your work leaves us breathless, especially your final drawing piece. Every element is executed with perfection and beauty.

Langa, your distinct personal style, infused with a captivating eerie twist, is evident throughout your work.

Charlotte, your resilience is commendable. Despite technical challenges, you pushed through and delivered a beautiful installation that allows people to admire your work and unique perspective on resonance.

To all my fellow students, I express my gratitude for the shared memories and laughter that have defined our past three years together. These moments will be cherished always.”

Ms Jennifer Schaum





Grade 9 Art Exhibition



Bohtale Choeu



Jessica Knott



Kate Howe-Dreher



Laylah Butler



Miche Prinstee



Alexis Jones



Jessica Knott



Ella Mills



Carlin Jenkins



Hayley Cope



Emily Pretorius

Grade 9 Art Exhibition



Emma Greenhanks



Hayley Cope



Josie Salter



Helen Combrink



Emma Greenhanks



Indisima Mbuli



Lillian Pienaar



Calla Harman



Leah Oulter



Calla Harman



Matric Dance

On Friday 17th March, Uplands College hosted the annual Matric Dance, with “Starry Starry Night” as the theme for this glamorous occasion. The event started with arrivals outside the Uplands College Hall. The pupils were all stylishly dressed and really took our breath away with their stunning flowing dresses and impeccably tailored suits.

After the Matric arrivals, the Grade 12s moved to the Uplands College soccer field where a beautiful glass marquee with sparkling fairy lights was constructed especially for this night. This was a wonderful evening celebrating our stars, the Class of 2023. A massive thank-you goes to Mr Andrew Bullen and his wonderful team from Doug’s

Hiring for donating the décor equipment and the glass marquee.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this evening truly unforgettable.

Mrs Megan van Aardt





Matric Boarder Leavers' Dinner

On Wednesday the 11th of October, Ms Johanna Cerisier put together a classy and exuberant formal dinner for the Matric boarders of 2023 and the boarding staff, held in the old Gym Pavilion. Fairy lights, smart décor and a multitude of photographs of our leavers adorned the venue, paying homage to the impact this group of boarders has made over the past five years at Uplands College. Mr Kimren Pather conducted proceedings superbly whilst we

were entertained with a delightful musical item from Lesedi Sedibe (Grade 12, Bishop) and Khono Shube (Grade 12, Founders).

The Head Boarding mentors delivered an interesting speech, thanking the various role players for their boarding journey, whilst Mr Mark Blew provided the leavers with some advice for life after school. The surprise, and possibly the highlight of the event, was the Head of House customised

rendition of "Don't Stop Believin' ". Empact provided a scrumptious meal, served by the professional Grade 8 waitrons, whilst Mr Phinda Magagula ensured that the audio and media visuals ran smoothly and effectively. Overall, a wonderful evening was had by all and a special thanks must go to all those who contributed to the evening.

Mr Mark Blew





The Grade 12 Valediction Service

On Friday the 13th of October, Uplands College said their goodbyes to the Matric group of 2023 at the Valediction Service held in the school hall. This service gave Rev. Bronwyn Nortje the opportunity to share some advice and wisdom for the departing scholars, as they prepare to write their final Matric examinations and head out into the wider world of life.

The placing of symbolic items such as a candle, globe and the Uplands badge on the stage, as well as a superb worship set from Matric music pupils, added to the occasion and gave the Matrics a formal, yet celebratory, send-off. The service ended with the Matriculants leaving the hall to rousing applause from the

audience before they headed to the school bell to ring it for the final time. UPPA then welcomed the new leavers with scarves and ties before the pupils of 2023 sang their anthem, "Come The Day", for the final time together.

Mr Mark Blew





Class of 2023



Adam Rodgers



Adrian Bullen



Alexander Garrido-Mirapeix



Aline Maconha



Andile Khoza



Ashley Chidoma



Atshene Phatshwane



Bryce Russell



Caitlin Davids



Caitlin Smith



Carlos Fernando



Charlotte Davis



Christopher Steyn



Claudia Klesse



Danilo Tajú



Delouise Alberts

Class of 2023



Demelza Awogu



Dylan Kirk



Dylan Pappas



Eden Izeboud



Eden Stone



Felicity Mhlongo



Gemma MacFarlane



Ingrid Banza



Isabella Wood



Jade Tinker



Jake Holland



Jessica Mellor



Jessica Whyte



Jordan Wagner-Renaud



José Mabote



Joshua Gardiner

Class of 2023



Juan van Rensburg



Kgodisho Mabelu



Khanimamba Nkuna



Khono Shube



Khwathisani Etsane



Kiera Viljoen



Kyara Chutumiá



Langelihle Sibisi



Lara Vienings



Lesedi Sedibe



Linda Shabangu



Loris Chamuco



Luca Pagani



Lwazi Silinda



Malaika António



Malick Miquidade

Class of 2023



Manuela Balane



Mariony Nkomo



Miria Hadjicosti



Mmabatho Moshesh



Motheo Motshegare



Mpho Deeuw



Mutshidzi Bereda



Naledi Mpele



Ndzalo Khumalo



Nicholas Ross



Njongonkulu Ngomane



Nsovo Rhangani



Ntando Mtsweni



Nthabiseng de Almeida



Palesa Mazibuko



Pedro Samina

Class of 2023



Phiw'okuhle Mashabane



Ruby James



Sanele Mpofu



Serena Quive



Sinothile Shabalala



Siyandziswa Mohammed



Stephanie Gower-Winter



Stuart Billingham



Taeghan Langdon



Taira Macane



Thato Seale



Thomas Cooper



Torr Turner



Unathi Mayenjane



Unathi Ngwenya



Vezokuhle Singwane



Victoria Ojo



Vuxa Hlatshwayo



Zack Smith



Zethu Mkhonto

Prayer for the Class of 2023

*In your Final Examinations we wish you a
calm heart, a clear mind and the self-belief
to give of your best.*

Believe in yourself
to the depth of your being.
Nourish the talents
your spirit is freeing.

Know in your heart
when the going gets slow
That your faith in yourself
will continue to grow.

Don't forfeit ambition
when others may doubt.
It's your life to live
to live it throughout!

Learn from your errors
don't dwell in the past.
Never withdraw
from a world that is vast.

Believe in yourself;
to find the best that is you.
Let your spirit prevail
to steer a course that is true.

Bruce B. Wilmer



CONGRATULATIONS

UPLANDS MATRIC CLASS OF 2023

100% PASS RATE

96% of our candidates gained access to Bachelor's Degree studies.
80% of the symbols achieved by all candidates were above 60%.

TOP ACHIEVERS

7 DISTINCTIONS



Jade Tinker



Claudia Klesse

TOP 1% OF CANDIDATES PER SUBJECT

Business Studies

Claudia Klesse
Jade Tinker
Eden Izeboud

Dramatic Arts

Jade Tinker

IsiZulu First Additional Language

Sanele Mpofu



Eden Izeboud

6 DISTINCTIONS



Demelza Awogu

6 DISTINCTIONS



Torr Turner

5 DISTINCTIONS



Delouise Alberts

5 DISTINCTIONS



Nicholas Ross

5 DISTINCTIONS



Lesedi Sedibe

5 DISTINCTIONS



Nthabiseng de Almeida

4 DISTINCTIONS



Sanele Mpofu

4 DISTINCTIONS



Lara Vienings

4 DISTINCTIONS



Caitlin Davids

4 DISTINCTIONS



Eden Stone

3 DISTINCTIONS



Palesa Mazibuko

3 DISTINCTIONS



Isabella Wood

3 DISTINCTIONS



Danilo Tajú

3 DISTINCTIONS



Miria Hadjicosti

3 DISTINCTIONS

Today's thinking child is tomorrow's achiever