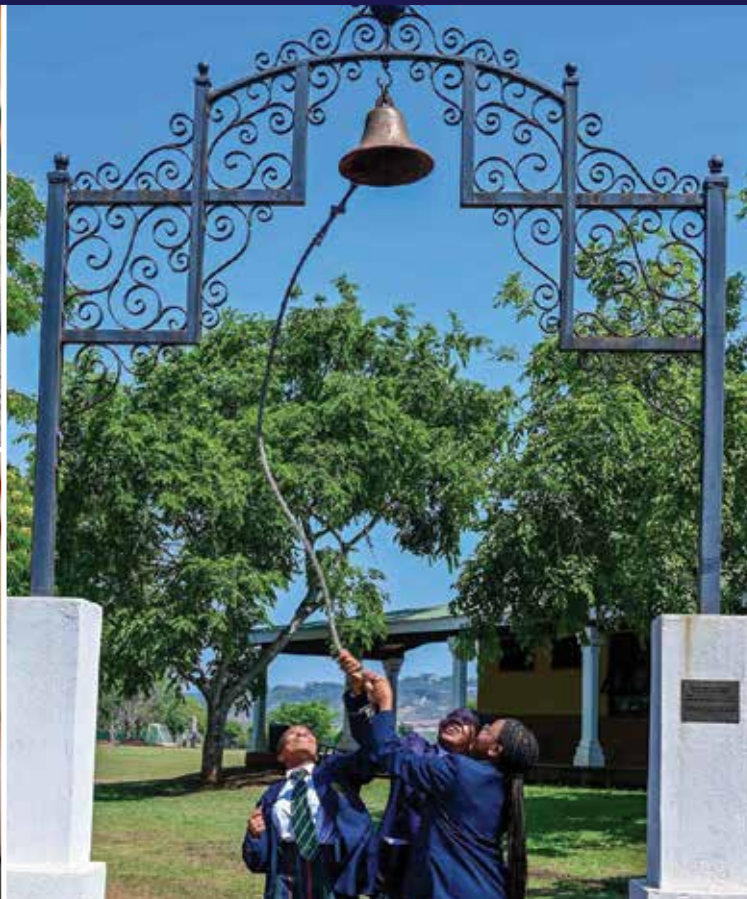


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College Head's Report

The 2024 academic year at Uplands was a vibrant tapestry of energy, achievement and community spirit. It was anchored firmly in the school's core values of Grit, Growth, Gratitude, Giving and Greeting, marking a holistic approach to education and personal development.

The School Mentor group spearheaded initiatives to reignite the school's collective spirit and pride. Through carefully curated grade activities, innovative campaigns and meaningful events, they successfully reinvigorated enthusiasm amongst both pupils and staff. Highlights included diverse Inter-House activities and a competitive House Cup, transformative grade camps, and the memorable Grade 8 Games, Campout and Pledge signing.

The rhythmic pulse of the Derby season once again defined the different terms, embodying more than mere competition. These sporting encounters transcended scoreboards, focusing instead on fostering camaraderie, building lasting friendships, and creating shared experiences. Beyond the sports field, a mixture of co-curricular activities - particularly drama and musical performances - provided pupils with platforms to

explore and showcase their diverse talents.

Uplands demonstrated its commitment to social responsibility through dedicated Service Days, where pupils actively contributed to local community projects. The boarding community thrived through engaging weekend activities, from spirited potjie cooking competitions to educational outings. The entire school united in supporting sports teams, exemplifying a strong sense of collective identity and support.

The Grade 10 Journey remained a pivotal rite of passage, connecting pupils with the school's rich legacy and facilitating personal growth. Simultaneously, the school identified and nurtured emerging leaders among the Grade 11 pupils, ensuring continuity of the Uplands Mentor spirit. Maintaining its reputation for academic excellence, the school continued to provide high level 21st century educational experiences. As the year progressed, Matric pupils prepared intensively for preliminary and final examinations, marking the culmination of their academic journey. Final results were released early in 2025, and the cohort of pupils provided an exceptional performance as reported later in this magazine.

A highlight of the year was the major production, *Sister Act*, that pupils worked tirelessly to perform in the month of May. The production was a rich and exciting culmination of many practice hours. Students from all grades came together to deliver a truly fantastic rendition of *Sister Act*, wowing their audiences over three days. Congratulations to all who took part, from juniors to seniors, as well as the staff that guided the performers. It was truly spectacular.

The 2024 academic year at Uplands was characterised by a delicate balance of honouring traditions while embracing innovation. The school successfully created an environment that not only celebrated individual talents but also fostered a close-knit, supportive community. As the year concluded, the future looked promising - a testament to the school's commitment to developing well-rounded, confident young individuals prepared to make their mark on the world.

Looking forward, Uplands continues to stand as a beacon of holistic education, guiding pupils towards personal excellence and meaningful societal contribution.

Mr Allan Laing
College Head



Allan Laing

Chairman's Report

Dear Uplands Parents, Pupils and Community

Very soon the leaves will start to fall as we welcome Autumn and we look forward to the vibrant changes that this season brings.

2024 marked a significant milestone in the history of our school as we honoured the visionaries who laid the foundation for Uplands 96 years ago. I take great pride in sharing how Uplands continues to thrive and flourish as we work towards our ambitious 2028 vision. This vision is a shared commitment among the Board, executive team and staff and, most importantly, reflected in the remarkable achievements of our pupils, evident in the outstanding Matric results attained by our class of 2024.

This past year, has seen a dynamic evolution within our staff, and a remarkable collaboration among our executive team, which has fostered impressive progress on our strategic objectives. A recent audit by OISESA, a respected evaluation body within the Independent Schools Association of South Africa, has affirmed that Uplands not only stands on a solid path toward achieving our strategic goals but also serves as a model that other schools can aspire to emulate.

One of our primary focuses this year has been on sustainability - an essential pillar of our strategic plan. Sustainability encompasses a broad spectrum, including financial viability and the responsible management of resources like water, energy and ecology. I am pleased to report that our financial foundation remains robust, supported by the establishment of an endowment fund aimed at bolstering bursaries and infrastructure well into the future. It is also a great milestone that we started building

our solar infrastructure for the whole school, which will be completed in 2025.

Every day, I am reminded of the incredible spirit of our Uplands community. The way we come together, support one another, and collaborate for the benefit of our children is truly remarkable. Your belief in our mission and your trust in our staff inspire and empower us to focus on what truly matters: the well-being and exceptional education of our pupils. It is the collective support of our parents that strengthens our resolve to ensure we foster an environment where every pupil can thrive, feel safe, and be encouraged to explore his/her potential.

As we continue on this journey, let us all remain committed to innovation and improvement, ensuring that Uplands remains the exceptional school it has become.

In my address at the Founders Evening, I referenced a powerful speech by Theodore Roosevelt titled *The Man in the Arena*, delivered at the Sorbonne in

1910. This notion resonates deeply with me, as I believe that the "man in the arena" truly represents each one of us in this community. Roosevelt eloquently stated:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

This should be a mantra for all pupils, parents and staff at Uplands School. It is easy to criticise from the sidelines, but those who are successful are those who are in the arena.

Let us continue to be those who strive and work together in the arena to ensure our school remains a nurturing and inspiring place for every child.

Together, we are creating a legacy that will endure for many generations.



Mr Greg Dane

Uplands Chairman of the Board

Executive Headmaster's Report

2024 Year of Excellence, Growth and Community

As we read through this year's Uplands magazine, we celebrate another remarkable year filled with success, growth, engagement and the enduring spirit of our Uplands family. Our school is more than just a place of learning; it is a vibrant community where kindness, dedication and passion shine through in every aspect of school life.

In 2024, we saw a year of achievement and endeavour across academics, sport, culture and service. From Grades 0000 to 12, pupils demonstrated resilience, curiosity, and a commitment to excellence, embracing challenges and striving for their personal best. In the classroom, they pushed boundaries and embraced new learning opportunities through innovation, with the Matrics excelling in their results. On the sports field, pupils competed

with heart and sportsmanship. Through cultural expression, they showcased creativity and talent, and through service, they gave back to the community with compassion and selflessness.

We proudly commemorated the 30th anniversary of Uplands Outreach in 2024, reaffirming our commitment to uplifting education in our wider communities. The Uplands Foundation and UPPA continued investing and ploughing back; our school infrastructure improved, as did our commitment to re-wilding our beautiful campus. Through the rigorous OISESA evaluation process, we gained valuable insights and positive affirmation of our school, now entering its 97th year.

At Uplands, we pride ourselves on nurturing well-rounded individuals – pupils who not only achieve but also inspire. Overall, 2024 was testament to the strength of our values and the warmth of

our community. Reflecting on the journey, we celebrate every one of our pupils, staff, and families who make Uplands the exceptional school it is.

Mr Sean Carlisle
Executive Headmaster



Pastoral Care Report

At Uplands College, our pastoral care vision is to create a nurturing, inclusive and safe environment where every pupil is valued and supported. We are committed to fostering meaningful connections

between pupils, staff and families, ensuring each young person feels heard, respected and empowered.

Our focus on safeguarding, alongside a proactive approach to mental, emotional and physical

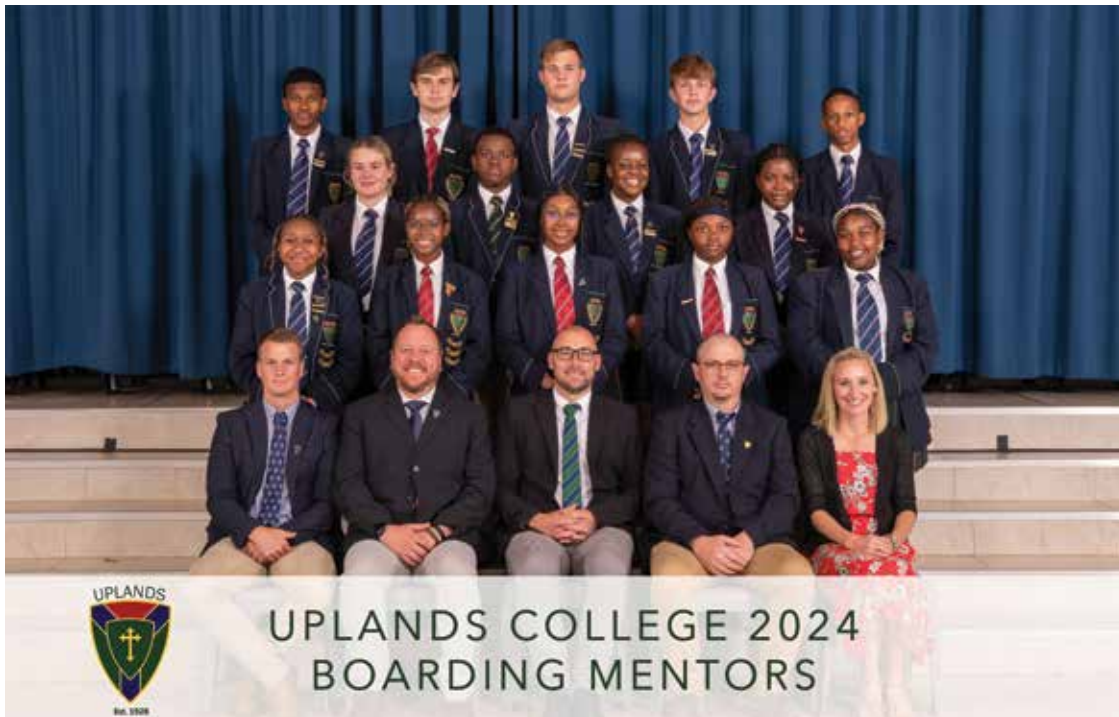
wellbeing, prioritises the holistic development of each pupil, as they navigate the challenges of school life and prepare for a successful future.

Pastoral care is all about the well-being of the pupils at our school. From daily check-ins to a weekly tutor period, our tutors offer the first level of support. Professional friendships are developed as pupils grow through their time at school with their tutor, allowing for a deep understanding of every individual. Additional support through Heads of Houses, the school counsellor and various other role players enables Uplands to monitor and intervene when needed, ensuring that the pupils at the school are seen, known and cared for.

Mr Mark Blew
Deputy Head:
Pastoral Care and Boarding



Mentors



Front Row: Mr Mike Gill, Mr Andrew McArthur, Mr Mark Blew, Mr Hendrik Joubert, Mrs Samantha Venter

Second Row: Brunielle Broadwell, Diara Cumbi, Ntsako Khoza, Lomantjolo Mnisi, Nandile Mkhwanazi

Third Row: Holleigh Johnstone, Onthatile Manaka, Rhulani Chitambira, Ximene Nhaúle

Back Row: Lesihle Fakudze, Edwin Ferreira, Danny Snyman, Gregory Kazandjis, Will Manonga



Front Row: Brunielle Broadwell, Katie Mills, Mr Mark Blew, Danny Snyman, Marley Waspe

Middle Row: Sulinka van Stelten, Onthatile Manaka, Amy-Jane Maré, Cate Storm

Back Row: Gregory Kazandjis, Max Östlind, Joshua Zumbika

Transformation and Inclusion Committee



Front Row: Reena Gomba, Inam Moalusi, S'nenjabulo Hlatshwayo, Brunielle Broadwell

Middle Row: Jamila Haeri Mazanderani, Jessica Stäubli, Kinza Bangish

Back Row: Emmanuel Sibiya, Jessica Knott, Hendrik Greyling, Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Co-Curricular Report

We are blessed with a Co-Curricular programme which consists of a wide array of opportunities for our Uplands pupils. Sport, Culture and Service are the three pillars on which the programme is built.

The programme runs Monday to Thursday every afternoon and fixtures /events often occur over the weekends. Having our staff and pupils involved in activities outside the classroom is hugely valuable. The opportunities for educational experiences in different environments are immense - we recognise and celebrate this - and it drives the need and desire for our

programme which adds so much to our unique Uplands Integrated Day.

Some new additions in 2024:

Uplands Trails: an activity based on the 'Park run' principle where pupils run or walk different 4km trails on campus, or in the macadamia and avocado orchards surrounding the school.

Yoga and Pilates:

our senior girls and some boys' and girls' sports teams have been attending sessions and while being challenged, have thoroughly enjoyed them.

Junior Art Club:

Many Juniors are now also extending and honing their creative skills.

We thank our staff and coaches for their expertise, experience and energy that drive the success of the Co-Curricular programme. For a programme to be effective, our pupils and the greater Uplands community need to buy into it. We thank our pupils and families who do buy in and make the most of the wide and deep opportunities on offer.

Mr Dean Forward

Academic Report

Albert Einstein said: "Study is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think". This is the philosophy that we are working towards in the Academics at Uplands College. We are aware that our pupils might need certain skills in order to survive and thrive in an ever-changing world.

2024 was a year of change in the Academic realm of the school. Some new teachers, a new Academic Head and a new Head of Academic Innovation joined the existing talented staff. Together, we are really aiming at improving our academics in small steps and helping our pupils to get closer to achieving their academic potential.

Exams

The June and November Examinations went off without a hitch, with the focus on the June Examinations being formative. The earlier examination start was a change from previous years but worked well to help pupils end the exams earlier for the day and put in some study time. It was also the first time that there was non-compulsory sport available to pupils who needed a little bit of physical activity to help balance their day.

November examinations were carried out over a much longer period of time, owing to their summative nature.

Congratulations to all pupils on their resilience and grit during the exam sessions!

Career Day and Global Education University Expo

In September, we were excited to host some opportunities for our pupils to get some exposure to life and studies after school.

The Global Education University Expo was an exciting opportunity for our pupils to engage with representatives from 25 different international universities. It was wonderful to see our pupils engaging meaningfully on this day

and learning about the possibilities that exist around the world with tertiary education.

The Career Day was hosted by our Learning Support Department. On this day, the Grade 11 pupils had the opportunity to engage with representatives from a multitude of South African Universities and tertiary institutions. In addition to this, they were given the opportunity to engage with several Uplands Alumni about their study and career choices.

Matric Mastery Camp

In the last few days of the September/October break, we hosted the Matric Mastery Camp. Our dedicated Matric teachers put together a worthwhile academic revision camp to get the Grade 12s ready for their preliminary examinations session. Thanks go to the Matric teachers, boarding staff and kitchen staff for allowing this worthwhile event to take place.

Cross Subject Learning and Innovation

We were excited to do some innovative activities with our Grade 8s and 9s. We carried out a cross subject learning day with Grade 8s, where they completed a task on Digital Dementia. This was a worthwhile day where it was learnt that subjects do not exist in silos. Some other fun skills learnt were those of research, videography, video editing and presentation.

Our Grade 9s had a theme week in Term 4. The theme of the week was Crime Scene Investigation. In each subject, there were a range of activities to do surrounding this exciting theme. Well done to our pupils for diving into the learning in this week!

2024 was the year that Mindjoy was introduced to Uplands College. This incredible tool had bots being created in each subject to assist tutors to have a personalised at-home tutor.

IEB Involvement

We have been fortunate to have a number of our staff involved in IEB activities throughout the year. This involvement ensures that staff remain up to date with developments and contribute their voices to IEB developments. Uplands has 3 IEB examiners, 5 senior markers and 20 IEB markers. Thank you to these staff for being willing to spend their spare time and holiday time to learn and grow in their practice.

Matric Results

The 2024 Matric results were outstanding! We are so proud of our pupils for their incredible achievements. May these results serve as a springboard for your future studies and careers!

A brief summary of the Matric results are as follows:

- Over 2 distinctions per candidate
- 28% of all subject results above 80%
- 35% of pupils with 3 or more distinctions
- 60% of all subject results above 70%
- Four pupils in the top 1% nationally for their subject results
- One pupil on the IEB commendable achievement list
- 14 subjects well above the IEB national subject average (including Physical Sciences, Mathematics and English)
- Two pupils obtaining a perfect score of 100% in a final examination

Congratulations to the class of 2024! We are exceptionally proud of all of you!

General

Other than the exciting highlights

of 2024's academics, we are grateful to our staff for arranging a multitude of opportunities to enrich the learning at Uplands. These include field-trips, guest speakers, hands-on learning, outdoor

learning and a range of other exciting activities.

Moving forward, we are looking at more opportunities for pupils to have consolidation in their

academics and bolstering our career guidance and subject choice guidance. We are excited to continue improving and growing our academics.

Mrs Kerry Dewar
Head of Academics

Uplands Foundation

Writing from my new office at The Uplander, I am surrounded by trees and birdsong — the essence of the Uplands campus, where learning and kindness thrive. This year, together we achieved remarkable things.

In 2024, the Uplands Foundation became part of the newly created Advancement Office. Within this office, the Uplands Foundation, the Uplands Past Pupils Association (UPPA), the Uplands Alumni Coordinator, and the Uplands Parent Teacher Association (PTA) work together for the greater good of Uplands. Among the most notable successes this year were the Uplands Founders' Weekend Marquee and musical events, along with the ever-popular Uplands Christmas Market. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Tracey Russell for her invaluable

assistance in making these events such a success.

Reinforcing this collaboration, the PTA, UPPA and the Uplands Foundation received striking new branding, which was designed and adopted in June 2024. Another milestone was the launch of a new website page for the Uplands Foundation, featuring an online giving button which makes supporting our initiatives easier than ever.

The Uplands Foundation's projects continued to thrive this year. A special thank-you goes to our Matric families for their enthusiastic support of the "Giving Back in Matric" campaign. We also furthered the establishment of the Matric Indigenous Forest, celebrating with a meaningful tree-planting ceremony.

The community-driven Uplands Foundation Off-Road Duathlon

and Trail Run was another highlight, showcasing the spirit of collaboration and outdoor adventure.

Additionally, the Uplands Foundation maintained its role as a steadfast custodian of the alumni database.

We are deeply grateful to the UPPA for their substantial financial contribution to The Uplander refurbishment — a project that has created a valuable multipurpose space for our current pupils to use and a place for Old Uplanders to gather and call their own.

Other accomplishments included the publication of "A View from Legogote - 2023" which can be found on the Uplands website, as well as the launching of the Uplands App with dedicated pages for The Uplands Foundation, UPPA and the PTA. Both the App and the publication have enhanced our community engagement and communication.

In closing and as I reflect on 2024, I'm reminded of the golden evening light that settles over the Lowveld at the end of our summer days – a true reflection of the beauty of the Uplands campus. This year, we celebrated achievements, embraced challenges, and grew together in ways that make us proud to call this campus home. We are committed to carrying this spirit forward into the new year, nurturing learning, kindness, and connection within our greater Uplands community.

Mrs Sally Greathead
Head: Uplands Foundation



Uplands Parent Teacher Association

We look back on a jam-packed year filled with many successful projects, lots of early mornings, late night meetings, laughter and community building.

The year started off with a campout on campus for the Foundation Phase families, with delicious burgers under the stars whilst the parents and children had the opportunity to get to know their teachers a bit better. Hot chocolate and coffee from our barista the next morning made sure that the day started right.

Classy merchandise continues to be a hit, and this year we also added funky Uplands socks to our growing selection of items. It has been so lovely to see all the parents proudly sporting their Panama hats at school events.

One of the highlights of the year has to be all the delicious food on offer at the various school plays and productions, from fresh sushi to heart-warming curries. The parents

have thoroughly enjoyed meeting up under the beautiful trees and having a drink and a bite to eat before the show started.

The *Used To Be Yours* secondhand clothing shop continues to be well supported. We continue to receive generous donations of pre-loved uniforms and sports equipment. Thank you to all for donating and also buying from our little shop. We appreciate it.

Our annual Burger and Quiz Evening made for a fun night out for both young and old. It's always so delightful having the Hysons (previous PTA Chairs) as quiz masters every year. With categories ranging from sports, culture, science and even the history of Uplands, it was wonderful to see our community laughing and enjoying the evening together. What makes it even more special is sitting under the very same trees that they donated many years ago.

The Uplands Classifieds had an

upgrade this year. A special thank-you goes to our PTA secretary, Sanele Thothela, for all her hard work in making the Classifieds more user-friendly. Our Art Card Project is another one of our projects that brings joy to parents and children alike.

We would like to thank every parent and staff member who supported us throughout the year, whether they worked a shift at the Grade 7 Graduation Dinner, made coffee and breakfast buns at the Uplands mountain bike race or made sure the drinks were cold at the Christmas market. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you too to each and everyone for putting in the hard work. It's been an absolute pleasure and privilege to get to know our community a bit better.

Mrs Sarah-Marie Snyman

Chair: PTA

A Tribute to Meshack

Mr Mathebula
- you will be sorely missed!



It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news of the passing of one of our Uplands Community

staff members, Mr Meshack Mathebula, who served as the Uplands Groundsmen Supervisor. The Uplands family celebrated Meshack's life at the Uplands Staff Eucharist held on campus on the 15th of July 2024.

Mr Mathebula dedicated 22 years of his life to Uplands. Meshack always had a smile on his face when you spoke to him, and no task was ever too much trouble. He was always

willing to assist, no matter how late it was or how challenging the task. He was a gentleman, a humble man, and probably the most respectful man I have come across in my life.

I think I speak on behalf of all my team members and Uplands when I say he will be sorely missed by us in the Operations department. He had an intimate knowledge of the Prep, its buildings, pipes and issues, and could always be

counted on when needed. He was always there for the staff when they needed something moved or fixed or attended to. He loved the school, and you could see that reflected in his work. He was always smartly dressed and an example to all of the grounds staff.

You have left us too soon. Go well, my friend. *Hambe kahle Ndoda!*

Mr Eugene du Preez

Uplands Operations Manager



UPPA News

Congratulations and a warm welcome must be extended to all leavers, both from Prep and College. They are now members of The Uplands Past Pupils Association (UPPA) and will serve as custodians of the Uplands values as they embark on their future life chapters. The Class of 2024 will always be welcome back at Uplands, and we look forward to engaging with them in the coming years. We encourage each of them to carry that little bit of Uplands with them as they take on their next challenge, knowing that they are well-equipped with solid foundations to handle all that life throws in their direction.

All Old Uplanders and the Class of 2024 are now fortunate to be forever part of a school with incredibly strong institutions supported by UPPA. These include an exceptional Outreach programme, a PTA that enhances every school event, an Uplands Foundation dedicated to nurturing the spirit of giving, a Board fully committed and focused on the school's betterment, a teacher body that adds immense value to our pupils' futures and a parent group who assist in making our Uplands community what it is. Without these pillars and alignment, Uplands cannot achieve the incredible heights it envisages, and we are grateful for everyone's commitment.

On Saturday, 25 May 2024, we celebrated the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2014, with alumni travelling from across the globe to reconnect and reminisce. Executive Head Sean Carlisle and Uplands College Head Allan Laing warmly welcomed everyone, highlighting the event's significance and the new Uplands Past Pupils Association (UPPA) space. Hyla Moffett (Class of 2004) and Thembi Nyathi (Class of 2014) shared heartfelt reflections, emphasising the lasting impact of

their Uplands experiences. The evening was a true celebration of our cherished alumni — let's stay connected!

The Old Girls' and Old Boys' Hockey Matches during Uplands Founders' Weekend drew a lively crowd of Uplands and Penryn supporters. The Old Girls' match, held for the first time, ended in an exciting 1-1 draw. The Old Boys' match, featuring players spanning nearly two decades, saw Uplands claim a 4-1 victory, showcasing impressive teamwork and determination.

The Connecting Futures event introduced the Matrics to the Uplands Past Pupils Association (UPPA) and here we highlighted upcoming events and the value of alumni connections. UPPA Champions Kyla Hamer and Graham Wiggill shared insights on networking and mentorship opportunities. The event gave the Class of 2024 a glimpse into the lifelong benefits of being an Old Uplander.

This year has brought many highlights for UPPA. We have successfully completed Phase One of 'The Uplander,' which was made possible through the generous contributions of our community during the Uplands Golf Day. The Uplander will serve as a multi-purpose venue where past pupils, the school and the community can connect. A special thank-you to Lynn Edmondson, Sally Greathead and Myles Ellis for their vision and dedication in bringing this facility to life, which exceeds our expectations.

The Old Uplanders' cricket match was well attended, with runs and injuries in equal measure. The cross-generational representation, along with friends and family, allowed for connecting and sharing

stories, reinforcing Uplands impact on so many lives over the years.

As always, the UPPA Golf Day was fully booked weeks in advance. This event is our primary fundraiser and is always well-supported. A special thank-you to all involved in contributing to one of the highlights of the UPPA calendar. The proceeds have largely been used to support the development of 'The Uplander'. Brenda Archdeacon puts on an incredible event, and it would be remiss not to thank her for her contribution. Unfortunately, our inaugural Pimms and Padel tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather, but we look forward to introducing this event next year.

To complete the year, we celebrated as the Matrics received their UPPA scarves and ties upon completing their final exams, a special occasion for everyone involved, marking the completion of an important milestone.

We unfortunately had to say goodbye this year to Elaine Taylor, who has served as the backbone of UPPA since 2020. Her passion and dedication to UPPA have been felt by all and she will be missed. We wish her all the best on her next adventure and thank her for many years of incredible service.

UPPA remains committed to fostering alumni relationships and providing a platform for past pupils to engage. We encourage all members to stay in touch and contact us with any queries or concerns.

Mr Malcolm Deacon

Chair:
Uplands Past Pupils Association

Uplands Outreach

Empowering Transformation: The Journey of Diversity, Belonging and Inclusion

The year 2024 was particularly special at Uplands Outreach, a division of Uplands NPC. We celebrated three milestone anniversaries in one year:

Thirty: Our organisation officially turned 30 years, commemorating the year 1994, when a small and determined group of committed staff and families at Uplands Preparatory School established Uplands Outreach to boost educational attainment for all children in Mpumalanga. The long-term achievements of our work, especially in the Insikazi Circuit, remain laudable. Once, only 56/100 learners graduated,

and now an average of over 89 out of every 100 learners receive the vital Matric certificate each year. The School Leaders for Excellence (SL4E) programme has produced five cohorts of innovative and entrepreneurial school leaders, capable of running effective schools. Our unique professional learning ethos has been honed and waiting lists are in place for our programmes.

Far from outdated and dry teacher training workshops, our contemporary Professional Learning Communities are a place of learning, sharing, and growing - an evidence-based methodology which has been endorsed by Circuit Managers, participants, and independent evaluators alike. In 2024, the SMILE programme continued, as did SL4E, Digital Literacy, Coding and Robotics, Mathematics Mentors, and Foundation Phase and Intermediate Phase Teacher Development.

Ten: In 2014, ten years ago, the Learners for Excellence (L4E) Saturday Maths learners graduated from the programme, excelling in their final Matric exams by achieving three times the national average for Bachelor exemptions and distinctions. The positive ripple effects continue a decade later, showing the life-long power of education. The cohort

has beaten all youth statistics by a mile – for example, while only 3.4% of Mpumalanga’s adults have a degree, 90% of L4E graduates have tertiary qualifications and 52% have degrees (in professions such as medicine, engineering, pharmaceutical science, education and more). We are proud to show the decades-long return on investment from donor investment in this programme, which we have steadily tracked over time.

Five: Transforming our work five years ago, the Japhet Outreach Centre (JOC) was officially opened on the Uplands campus in February 2019. With our incredible patrons, Miles and Jetje Japhet, present at the grand opening, this special day remains etched in our memories. The beautiful setting, water-wise gardens, purpose-built lecture hall and offices serve as a conducive learning centre of excellence. Our motivated and dedicated team is proud to serve our partner schools with a suite of thoughtful programmes, utilising the JOC as our home.

Uplands Outreach team members in 2024 consisted of Violah Moya, Katia van der Merwe, Tumelo Nkumbule, Memory Sithole, Charity Magagula and Sonqoba Nkosi, with interns Andile Khumalo, Quintin Nkambule and Sibusiso Nkosi. We were joined in mid-2024 by Keren Gear, who transferred across from Admissions. Dr Nicky de Bruyn remained based in the USA as an independent consultant. Part of Uplands NPC, the Uplands Outreach Executive Committee continued to guide us, chaired by Miles Japhet. Poised to achieve further accomplishments in 2025 and the years to come, the Uplands Outreach team would like to thank all our donors and stakeholders for supporting our story of hope, optimism and investment in the future! Together, we are ‘raising achievement for all.’



Kgwale Le Mollo Scholarship Foundation Report

Kgwale Le Mollo Bursary Foundation (KLM) had a busy 2024. We welcomed Ryan Ndimande and Lindokuhle Masinga into Grade 8 and watched them flourish with the support of Uplands staff and KLM's orientation programme. We celebrated the successes of our other eight students across the grades, in all aspects of Uplands – academically, culturally and in sport. We proudly welcomed our two Grade 10 students. We proudly welcomed our Grade 10 student Colisile Thela back from a successful Journey. We were especially proud of our Matric students achieving great results in their final exams – Blessing is now studying Architecture and Shaun is working and studying in the aviation industry.

Our rigorous Selection Process for the 2025 intake was successfully completed with Xoliswa Mlimo (Inkhanyeti Primary School) and Lethokuhle Mabuza (Legogote Primary School) being selected out of an original 120 top students from 60 different primary schools. We wish them all the very best during their five years at Uplands.

Our alumni continue to amaze us as they make their way through their studies and those that are now working their way through their post-tertiary lives! We are so proud of all of them. We have alumni in the fields of Quantity Surveying, Human Resources, Social Work, Events Management, Insurance, Accounting and six who are presently at University. We were very excited to attend the first ever Bursary Symposium, organised by Penreach, where we were asked to present our Selection Process. Valuable insights were gained from the networking and exposure at such an event.

Allison Howard-Berry and Bowen Hsu, the founders and Directors of KLM, continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we have the funds to support all our students. We are

grateful to those in the Uplands community who took time to attend our various functions and support this programme which changes lives.

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Bishop House



Reflecting on 2024, it is clear this has been another fantastic year for Bishop House! Our pupils have excelled in the classroom, on the sports front and on the stage. Most importantly, everyone has embraced opportunities to challenge themselves, embodying the idea that growth is born from perseverance.

At Bishop House, we celebrate individuality while cherishing the collective strength of our phenomenal team. Each member has played a vital role in our successes this year, demonstrating kindness, unwavering support, and a commitment to helping one another exceed expectations.

I am immensely proud of every achievement - both large and small - that we have accomplished together. Bishop House entered

2024 with energy and enthusiasm, and that infectious spirit was evident at every Inter-House event we took part in. Our performances this year reflected not just our ambition but our passion for excellence.

A standout moment for me was watching our students compete in the Inter-House Hockey matches. The boys demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, embodying the true spirit of competition. Their effort on the field made us all incredibly proud. Equally exciting was our girls' soccer team's inspiring journey to the finals. Despite being seen as the underdogs, Bishop House displayed an unwavering sense of spirit and determination. I found myself cheering passionately from the sidelines, and when the final whistle blew, the joy of victory was shared by all.

Another unforgettable day was the much-anticipated Inter-House Culture event. The weeks of preparation leading up to it revealed the incredible talent, creativity and

leadership within Bishop House. Watching our students work together, supporting one another through every challenge, was truly inspiring. The culmination of their hard work was a performance that filled us all with immense pride.

Looking ahead, there is no doubt that Bishop House is firmly establishing its legacy at Uplands College. We are building a reputation grounded in passion, dedication and, most importantly, kindness. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our Bishop family for their unwavering support. The time, energy and effort that everyone has dedicated to representing Bishop House and pushing our spirit forward has been truly remarkable.

I am excited for what the future holds, knowing that we will continue to grow stronger as a house, bound together by the values of kindness, strength and teamwork.

Mrs Sam Venter
Head: Bishop House

College House



2024 was a year of growth, change and unwavering spirit for College House. Our focus was on strengthening participation and fostering a deeper sense of unity within both the House and Boarding, aiming to build a culture of involvement. While we faced challenges in filling every lane during Inter-House events, the energy and support from the stands were truly inspiring - a testament to the heart and spirit of our House.

Although our dream of reclaiming the Inter-House Culture Trophy remained just out of reach,

our performances and artwork showcased incredible talent and dedication. As the saying goes - there's always next year!

Beyond competitions, 2024 brought exciting renovations to College Boarding House. The year began with the repaving of our entrance pathway, ensuring boarders and visitors could arrive safely without a mis-step. A major milestone followed with the much-anticipated enclosure of our kitchen area, transforming it into a vibrant extension of our home. To give the space a true sense of warmth and character, we added a cosy couch and a pool table, creating the perfect spot for boarders to unwind - a true "home away from home."

As the year came to a close, we said heartfelt goodbyes to two valued members of our community. Ms Hanieh Rahimi made the difficult decision to relocate to Johannesburg, while Mrs Monette

Stratford stepped down from her role as Tutor to take on the position of Head of the Service Portfolio. We thank them for their dedication and impact on College House and wish them all the best in their new journeys.

Here's to another year of growth, unity and College House spirit!

Mr Andrew McArthur
Head: College House

Founders House



The year 2024 has been a vibrant and dynamic one for Founders House, characterised by enthusiasm and achievement. From the moment we welcomed our new Grade 8 students, the house was filled with excitement and potential.

Our inter-house competitions provided an exceptional platform for building connections and camaraderie. Athletics, Cross-Country and Swimming events were particularly memorable, offering opportunities for pupils to form new friendships and showcase their talents. A standout moment was our 1st place finish in the Inter-House Swimming competition, a result that reinforces Founders' longstanding reputation in Swimming.

This year saw some significant leadership changes. We were privileged to welcome Mr Pather as our new Head of House, who arrived with infectious enthusiasm and a clear vision of elevating Founders to new heights. His brief but impactful tenure left a lasting impression on many pupils.

House activities were a cornerstone of our year, providing memorable experiences for our students. A novel outing to Harry's Pancakes delighted many who had never experienced such an event before. Our annual Wing Warz house competition was another highlight, featuring diverse activities including touch rugby, hockey, FIFA, table tennis and pool. The competition culminated in a celebratory braai that was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

We also navigated some bittersweet moments, bidding farewell to Mr Linda at the end of Term 2 as he embarked on a new role in the

Eastern Cape. Shortly afterwards, we said goodbye to Mr Pather, whose short tenure nonetheless made a significant impact on our house community.

As the oldest house at Uplands, Founders continues to pride itself on participation and inclusivity. Our success is a testament to the dedication of our pupils who consistently contribute to every house event. Special recognition must go to our tutors, who have created safe, welcoming spaces for their respective groups and have been instrumental in the holistic development of Founders pupils.

To every member of Founders House - thank you for making 2024 a year to remember!

Mr Michael Gill
Head: Founders House

Goss House



Goss House: A Year of Strength and Unity

Goss House has once again had an outstanding year, living up to our motto: "Everyone hunts so that everyone can eat." With the lion as our emblem, we continue to embrace teamwork, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence in everything we do.

Our belief that participation matters more than winning has, ironically, made us consistent champions. This year, we proudly claimed the House Cup once again, thanks

to the dedication of both pupils and staff who contributed in every aspect of school life.

The year kicked off with great energy at Inter-House Athletics, setting a strong foundation for our success. Beyond the sports field, we demonstrated versatility in the classroom, achieving excellent academic results while maintaining the spirit of camaraderie that defines Goss House. Our success extended beyond academics and sport, as we also claimed the Culture Cup in outstanding fashion, showcasing the depth of talent and passion within our House.

Individually, many of our pupils excelled, from those representing their provinces in various sports to the ten distinctions achieved by our Grade 12s in their final exams. We acknowledge and celebrate every one of these achievements, drawing inspiration from all who have shone this year as we set our sights on

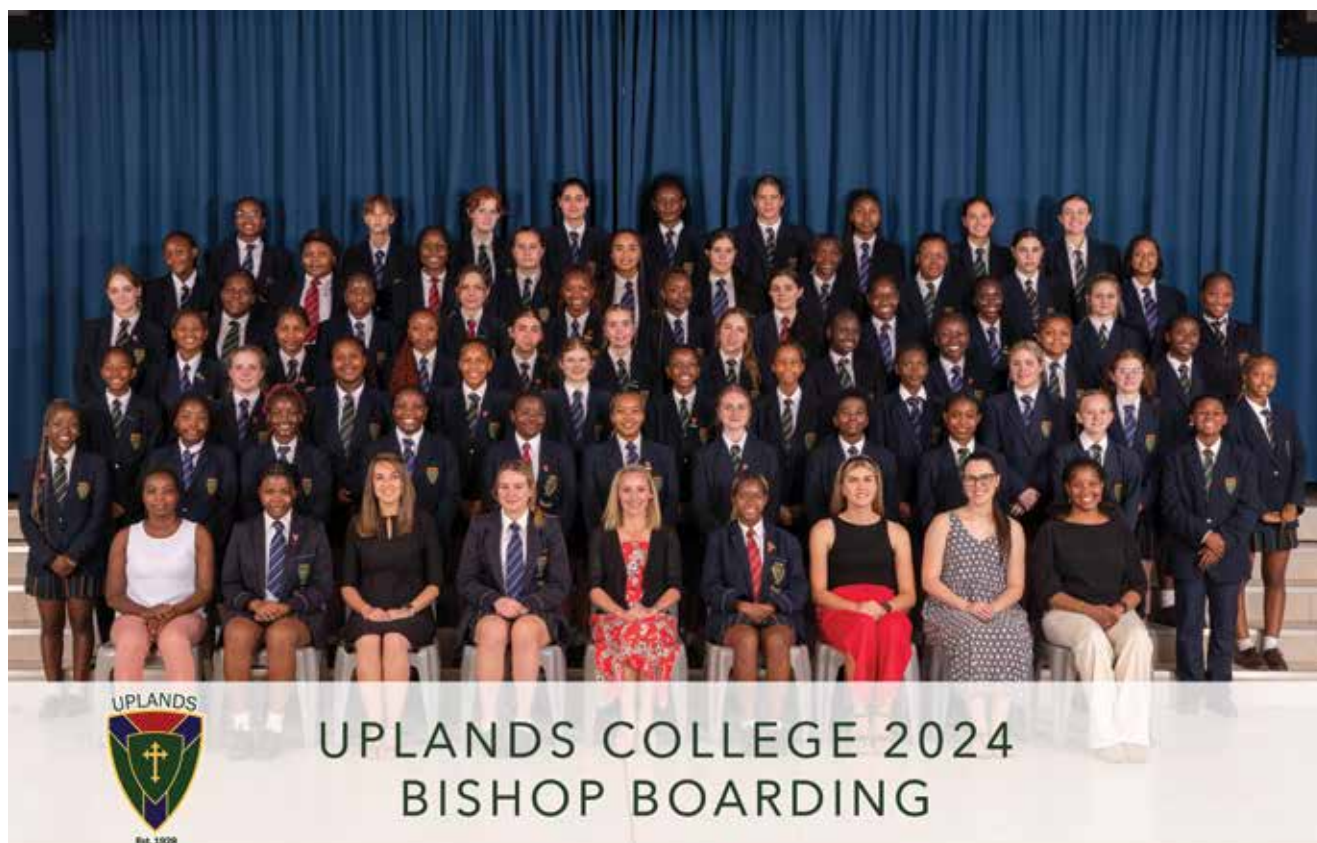
even greater success in the future.

Boarding life was filled with memorable activities, from potjie competitions and spike ball games to unforgettable outings, including trips to the rugby stadium to watch top-quality matches. These experiences strengthened our bonds and reinforced the sense of community that makes Goss House special.

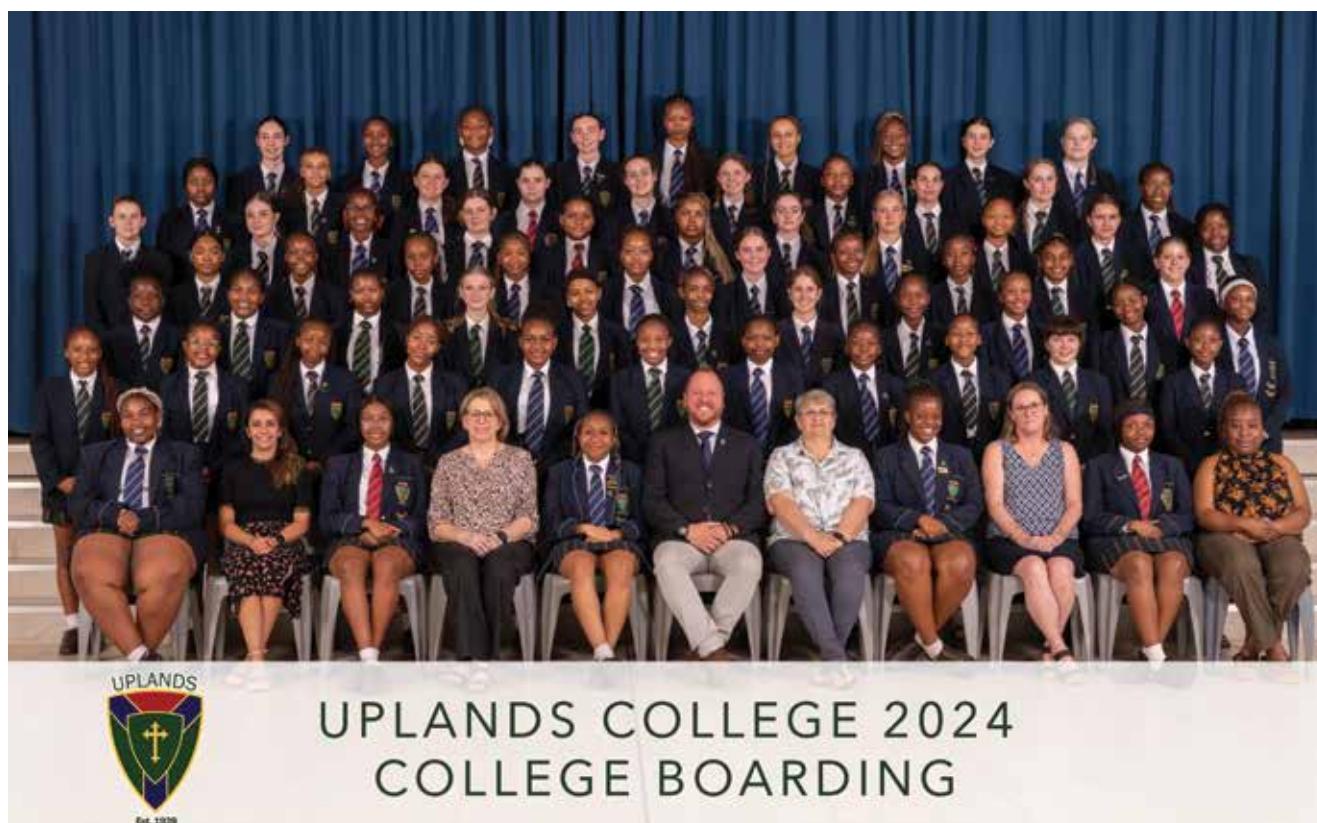
As we reflect on another incredible year, we look forward to building on our legacy, ensuring that every member of our House continues to thrive, both on and off the field. Goss House is more than a team; it's a family, and together we always find a way to succeed.

Mrs Lindie van der Merwe
Head: Goss House

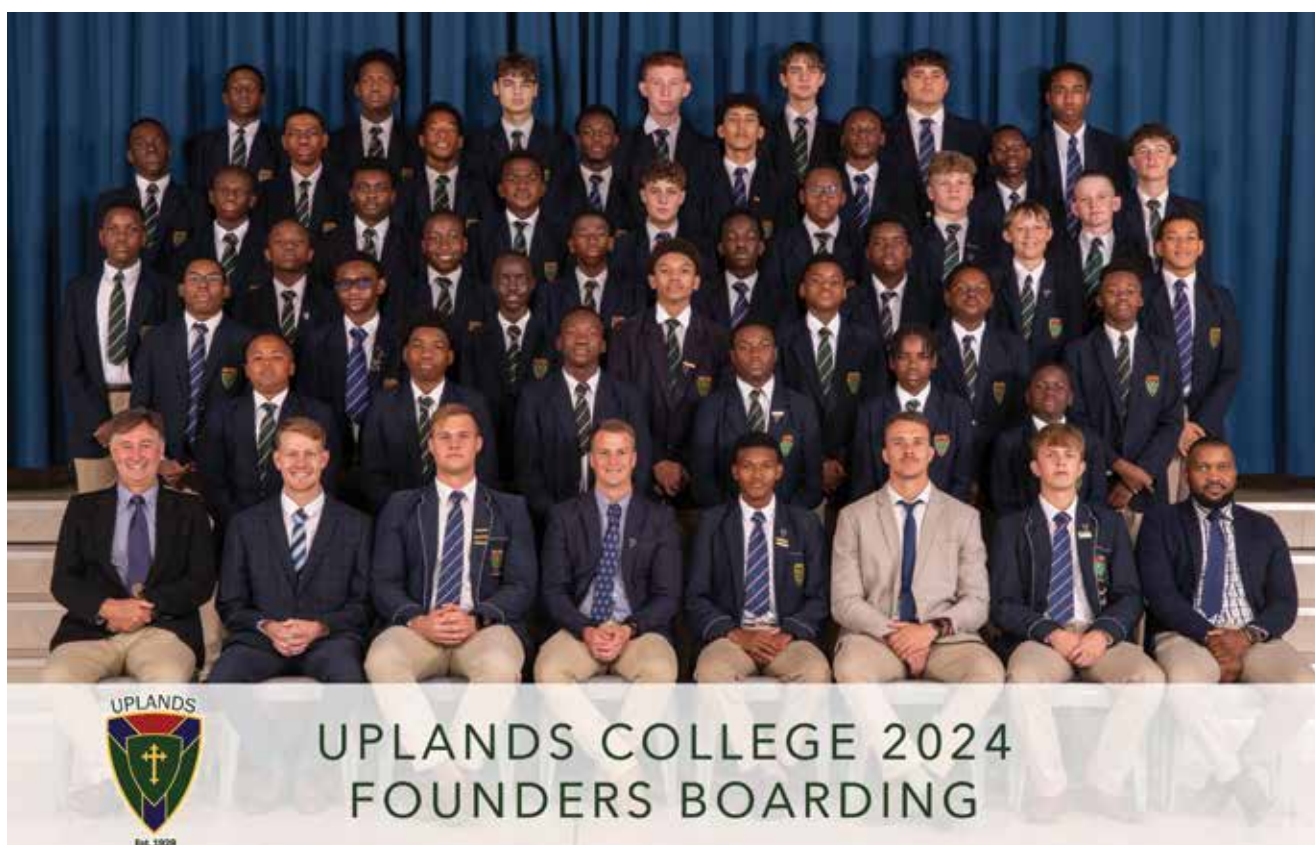
Bishop Boarding House



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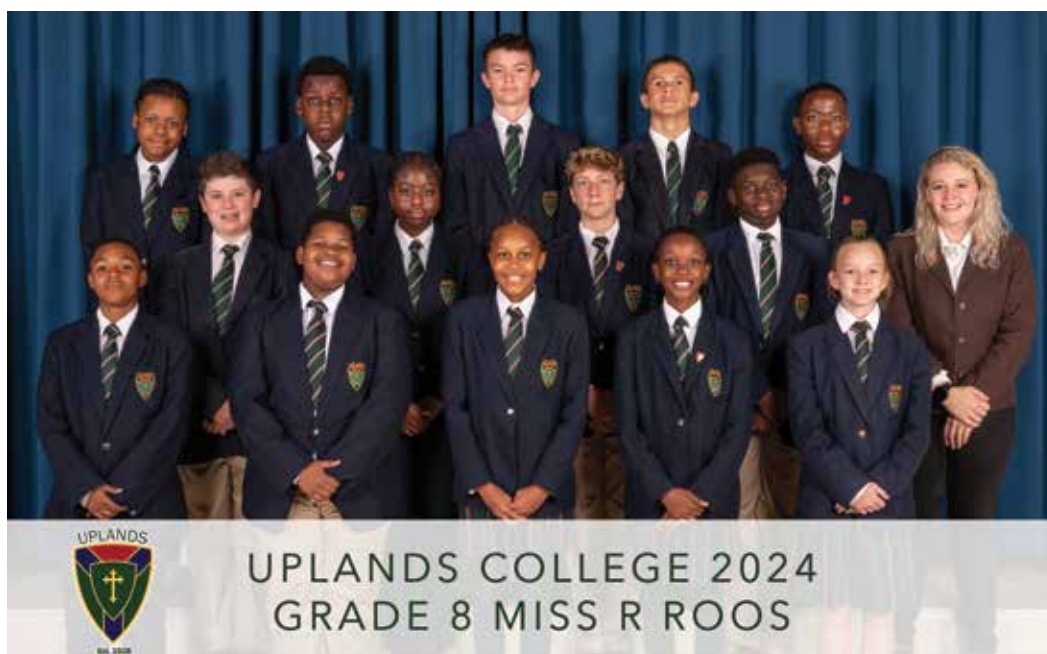
Founders Boarding House



Goss Boarding House



Bishop Tutor Groups



Front Row: Kgomotso Mokoena, Prince Ledwaba, Anesu Pagiwa, Piwa Difele, Emma Boyd
Second Row: Luke McArthur, Vuketi Nyathi, Tristan Spencer, Tlurisani Ngwenyama, Miss Rozanne Roos
Back Row: Micaela Pessane, Khulubuse Sigudla, Matthew Greathead, Micah Waspe, Anele Mahlalela



Front Row: Peo Mbayi, Gracious Ndlovu, Milan van der Nest, Naledi Choeu, Munyaradzi Munanga
Middle Row: Phiwokuhle Mazibuko, Wayne Gotosa, Uyathandwa Sithole, Whitney Moyo, Mrs Genevieve Gill
Back Row: Nika Gerber, Guy McCarthy, Richo Wentzel, Paulus Coetzee, Nyiko Ndlovu

Bishop Tutor Groups



Front Row: Malebo Boshigo, Aiden Sill, Ashley Shaw, Trish Zororo

Second Row: Owami Nkomo, Ava Schweizer, Mia Osbourne, Aiden van Zyl, Miss Kelsey McIlrath

Third Row: Thandokazi Simango, Wandisa Thabethe, Luyanda Mbatha, Caitlyn Gardiner

Back Row: Ethan York, Henry Lascelles, Akhona Mkhonza

Absent: Benjamin Ardé



Front Row: Nolwazi Mntambo, Kayelle Cossa, Luan Odendaal, Jessica Dos Santos, Tiyani Nyathi

Second Row: Michael Bakker, Tannur Harri-Calaca, Noah Erasmus, Vivane Shai, Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Back Row: Benjamin Spring, Nkazimulo Zitha, Duncan Ross, Zahara Pitzer, Mfundo Mthimunye

Bishop Tutor Groups



Front Row: Lusungu Ng'ambi, Malkia Mamudo, Bohlale Choeu, Retsepile Nare

Middle Row: Nicole Quive, Thoriso Mdluli, Lucy James, Bongiwe Khoza, Ms Felicity Muremela

Back Row: Kaden Taylor, Tlakusani Ngwenyama, Heath Viljoen, Adam Jack



Front Row: Buhle Mahuwa, Gia Aragon-Meco, Mebrath Cardoso, Amarissa Sevuri

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Back Row: Aiden Desmond, Joshua van der Merwe, Míckal Bakker, Tafara Mdluli

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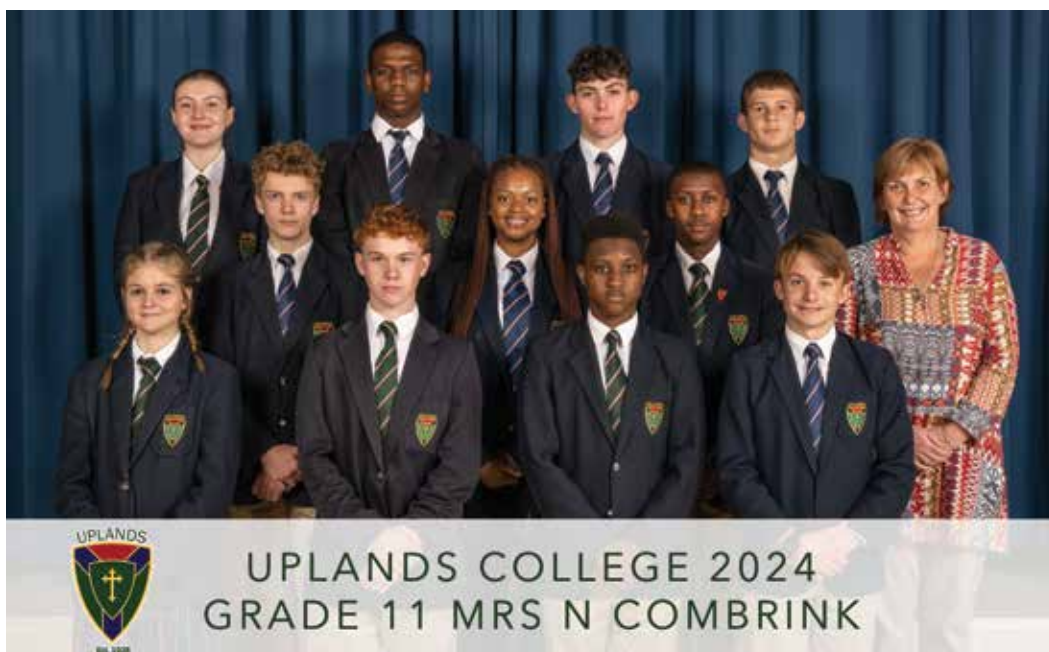


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Absent: Matthew Storm



Front Row: Jessica le Roux, Daniel Lascelles, Ntokozo Nkosi, Caleb Erasmus

Middle Row: Tyler Spencer, Charmaine Mabuza, Akhe Shongwe, Mrs Nicole Combrink

Back Row: Georgina Dolezal, Lihle Mavuso, Leam van Zyl, Sonney Waspe

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Front Row: Tariro Nyamuzihwa, Zenkosi Thwala, Holleigh Johnstone, Makayla Reilly-Warr

Middle Row: Faith Nyamaka, Lesaya Harri-Calaca, Lohan van Antwerpen, Nhelety Magane, Mrs Emma Storm

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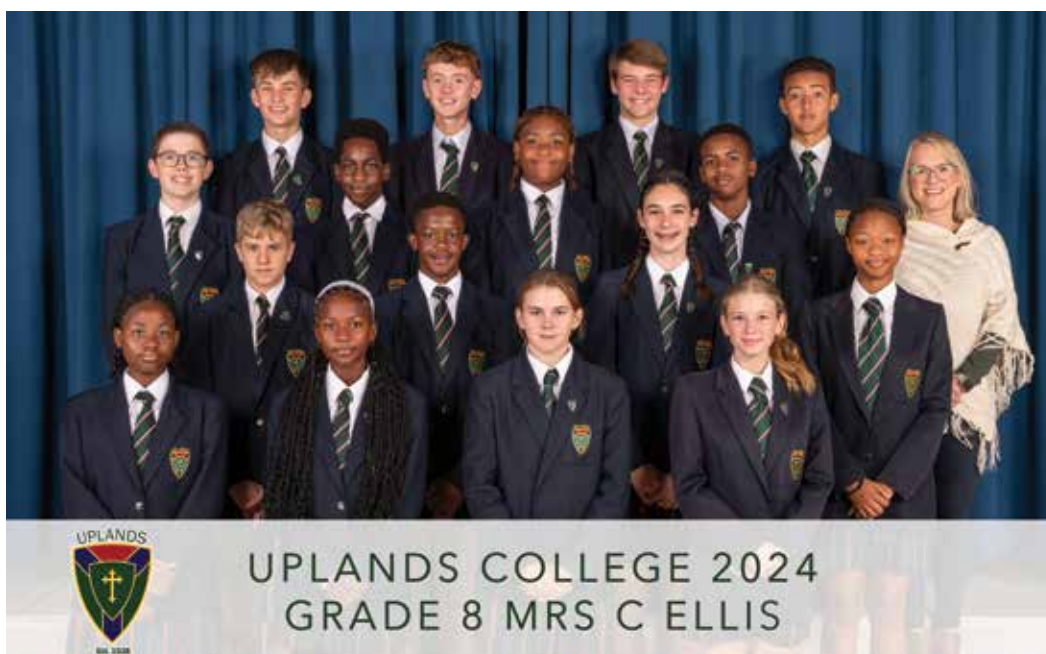


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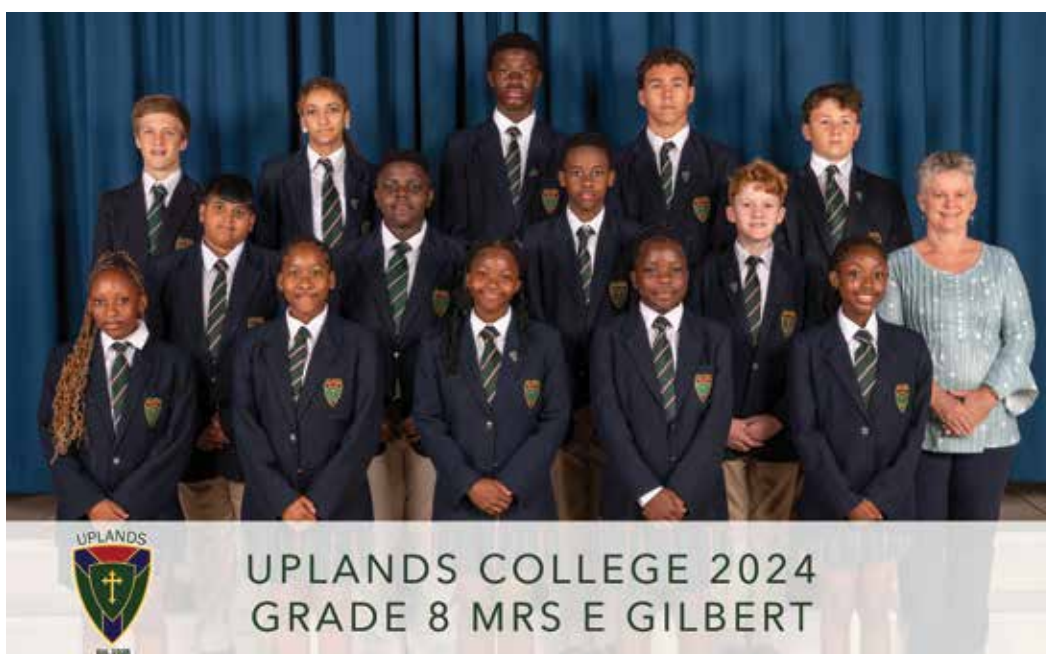


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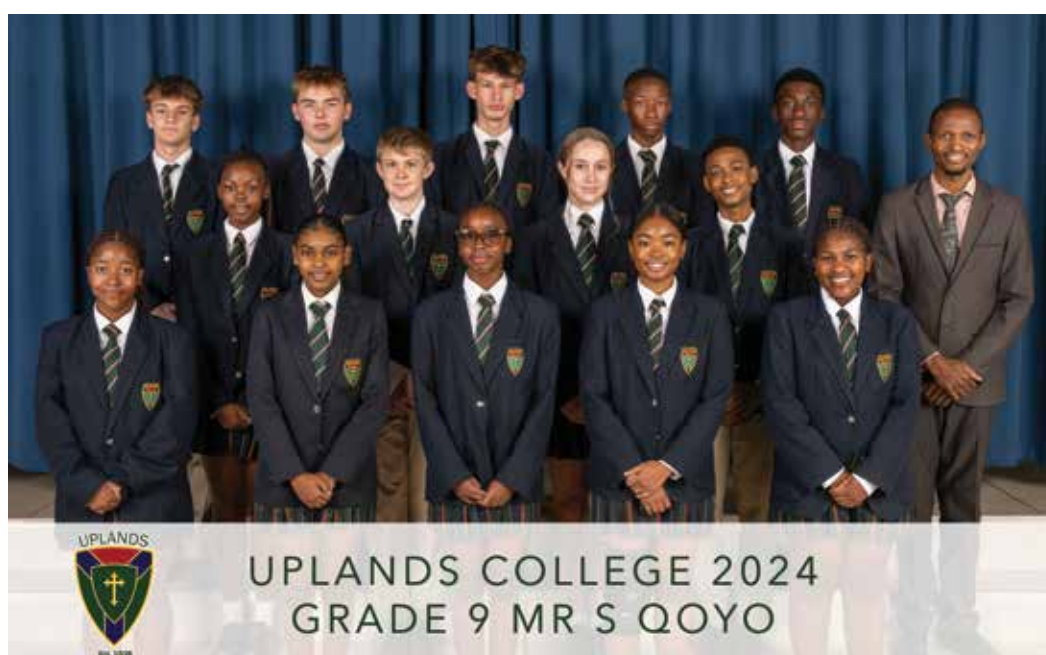


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Back Row: Oliver Hartnell, Azara Du-Pont, Tumisho Mogosti, Keagan Blaine, James Springorum

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Front Row: Masedi Kekana, Daniara Tajú, Kemi Mandlate, Malea Dlamini, Kathy Mkhwanazi

Middle Row: Sarona Boiteto, Michael Wilson, Taylor Hulley, Ozarion Sammering, Mr Success Qoyo

Back Row: Daniel Erasmus, Liam Hilliar, Cullen Müller, Zenande Nxumalo, Siyanda Bhembe



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Back Row: Kate Rankin, Rachael McIntosh, Tumelo Ratshitanga, Oliver Goodison, Luyanda Ngutshani

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Middle Row: Arielle Mandlate, Marley De Aguiar, Mr Andrew McArthur

Back Row: Sierra Du-Pont, Christiaan van Rhyn, Thato Ratshitanga, Elishua Zumbika



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Back Row: Lefa Matsane, Quintin Swanepoel, Ross Maude, Menzi Khoza.

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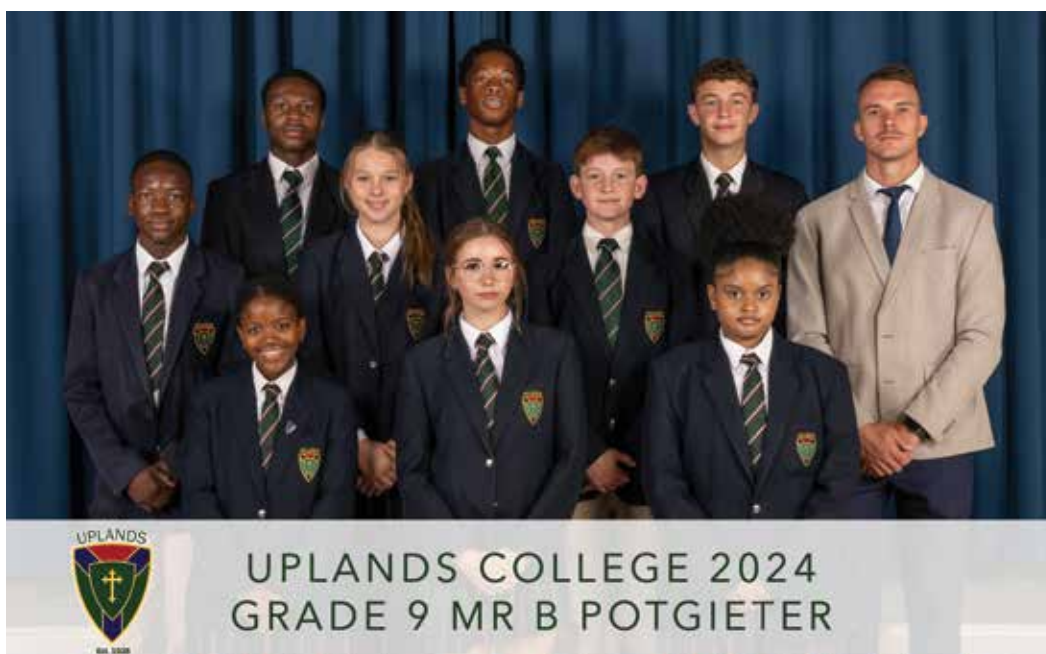


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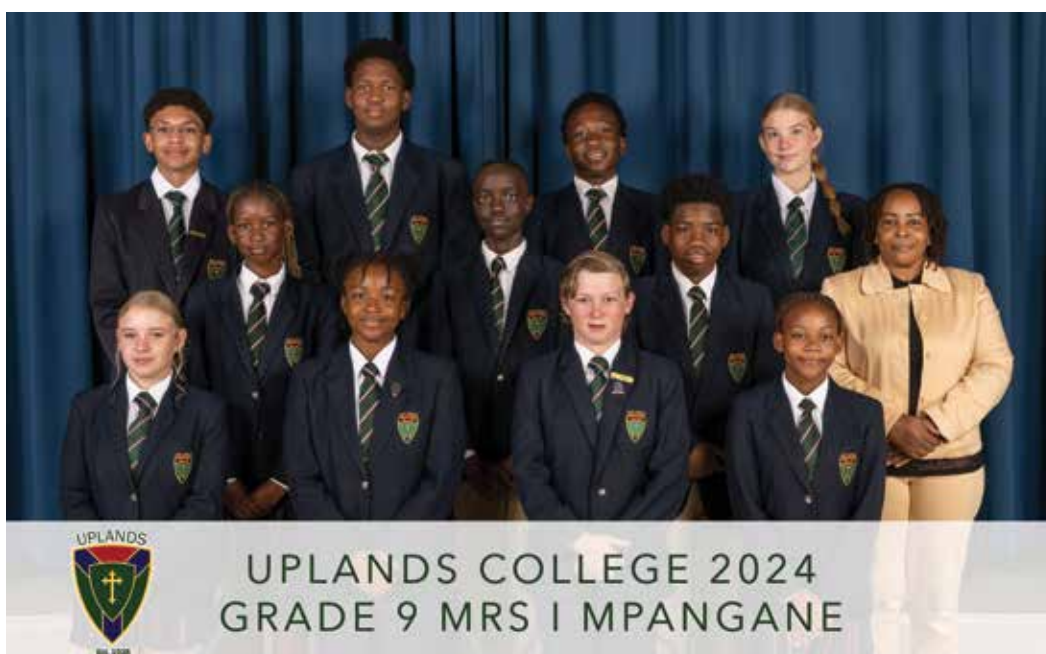
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Front Row: Anne Bray, Oanda Macatsha, Phoebe Garrell, Tshiamo Theledi.

Middle Row: Kayla Masereka, Joseph Magnus, Dominick Mahanhe, Ms Ivy Mpangane

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Front Row: Nseketelo Mkohonto, Khanyisilie Dube, Mbako Chengeta

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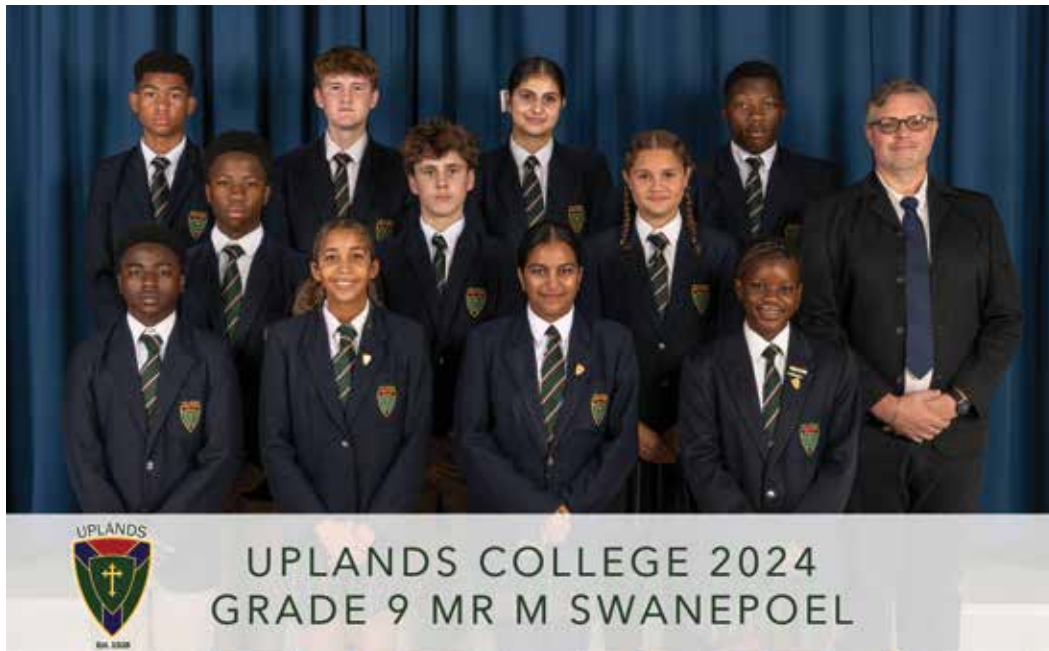


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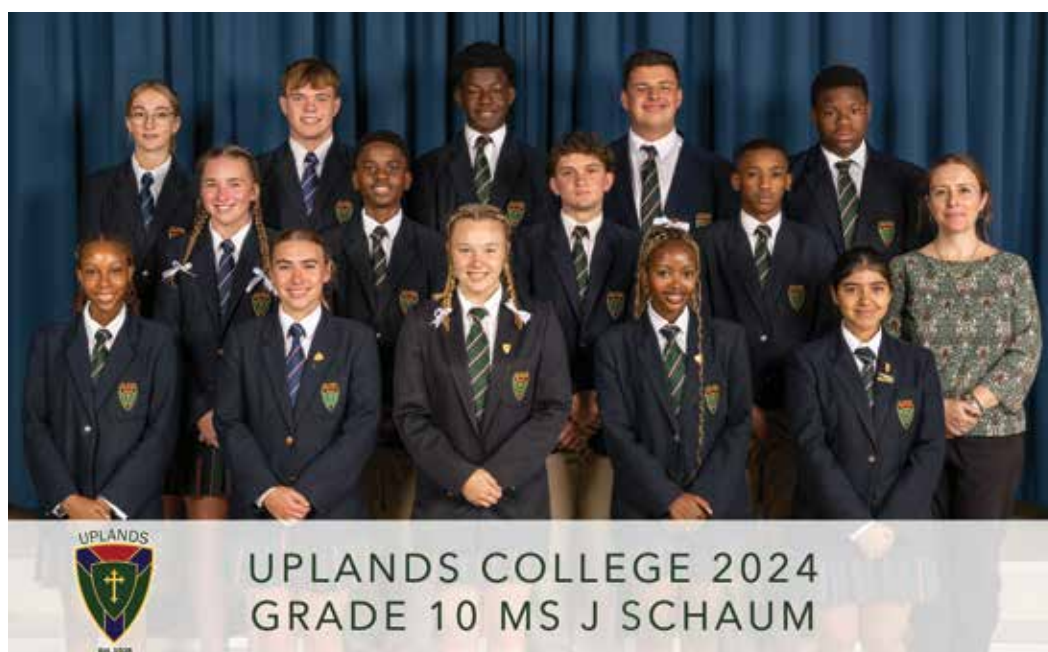
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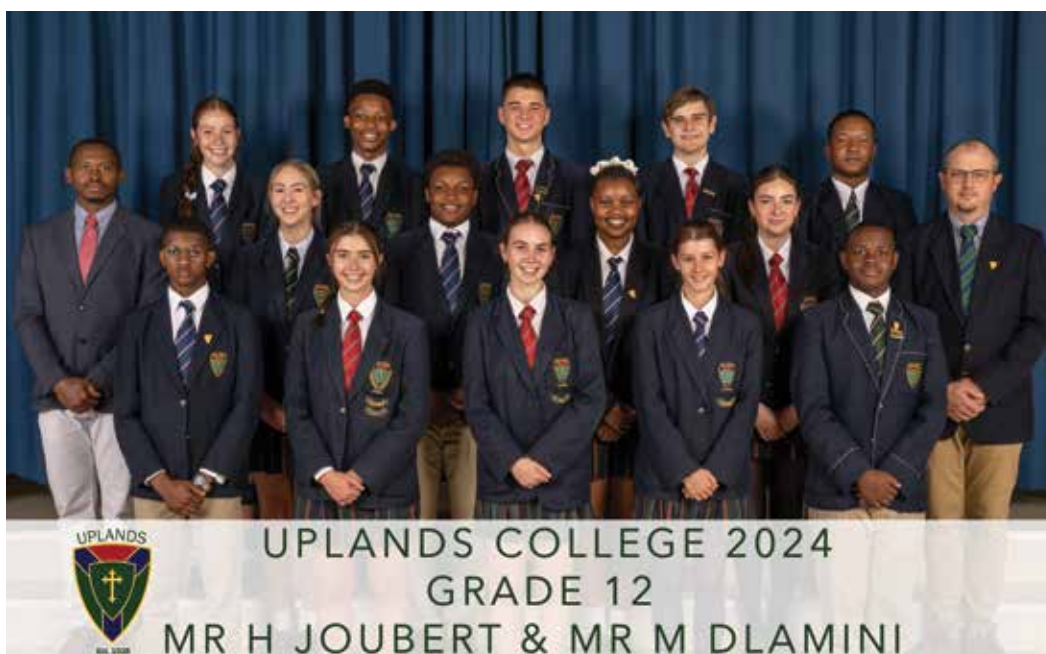


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Middle Row: Mr Martin Dlamini, Megan Breet, Lad Mnisi, Olwami Maliba, Nicole Woodrow, Mr Hendrik Joubert
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Culture



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Middle Row: Litsako Chitambira, Sienna Mason, Bruce Nel

Back Row: Elishua Zumbika, Joshua Zumbika, Mr Matthew Jennings (Chaplain)



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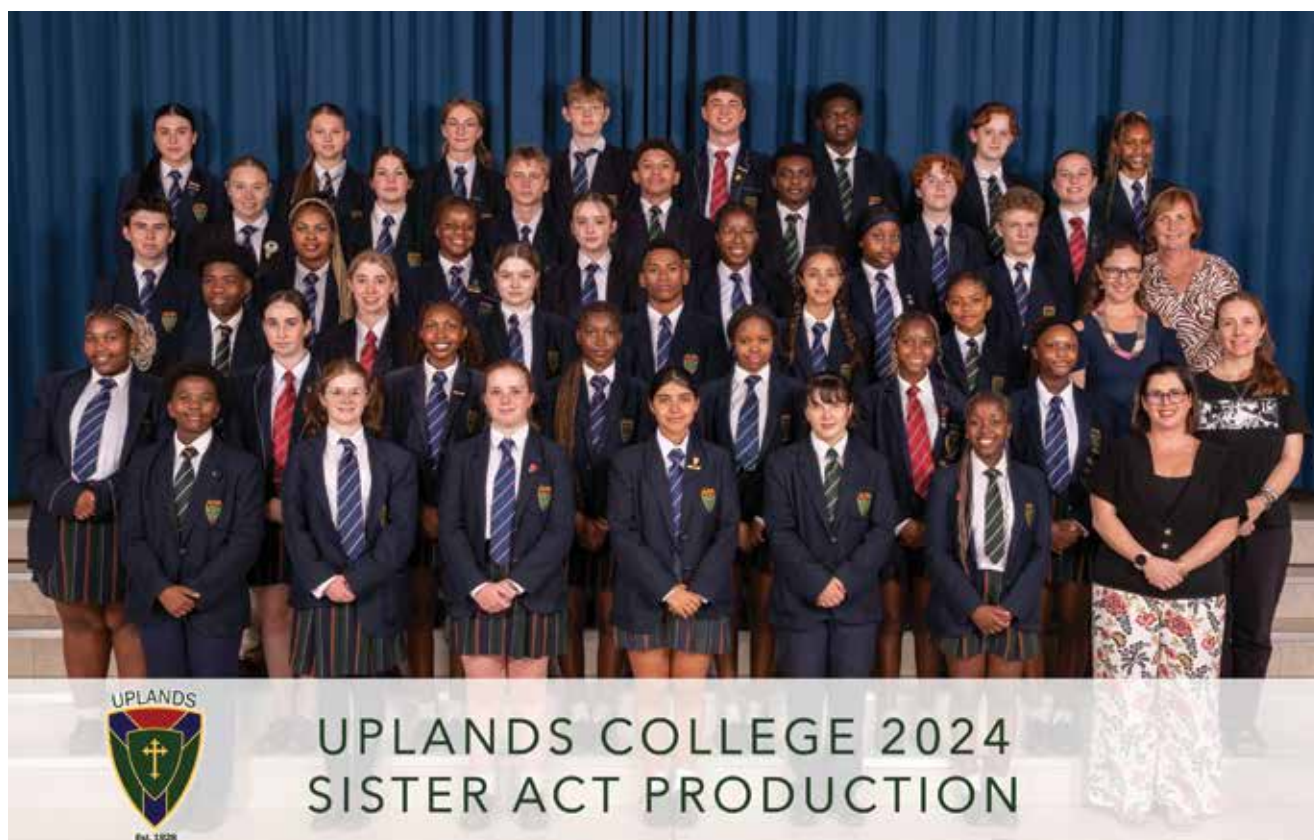


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Third Row: Dominick Mahanhe, Katie Mills, Caitlin Jenkins, Lwakhe Mbokane, Leylah Bülter, Shanique Dube, Mrs Janette Rottcher

Fourth Row: Matthew Storm, Amaya Masha, Rhulani Chitambira, Jessica Desmond, Litsako Chitambira, Omphile Masuleka, Tyler Spencer, Mrs Nicole Combrink

Fifth Row: Jordin Abroms, Jessica Knott, Daniel Ciuchini, Daniel Waring, Éric Cardoso, Helen Combrink, Natasha Bourdin,

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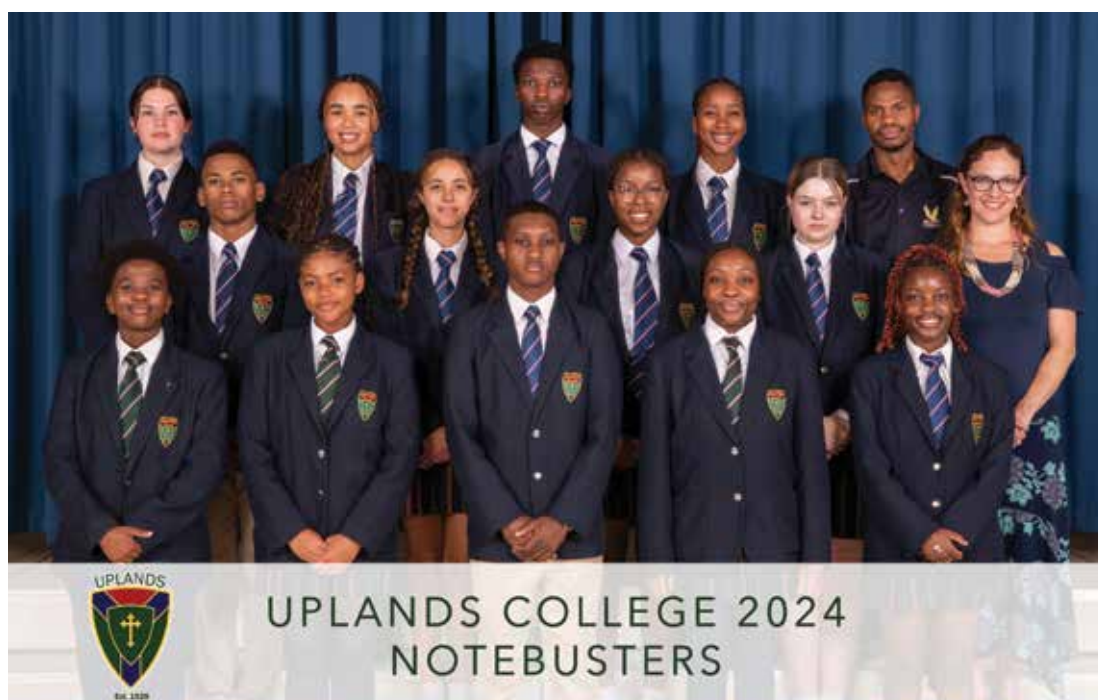


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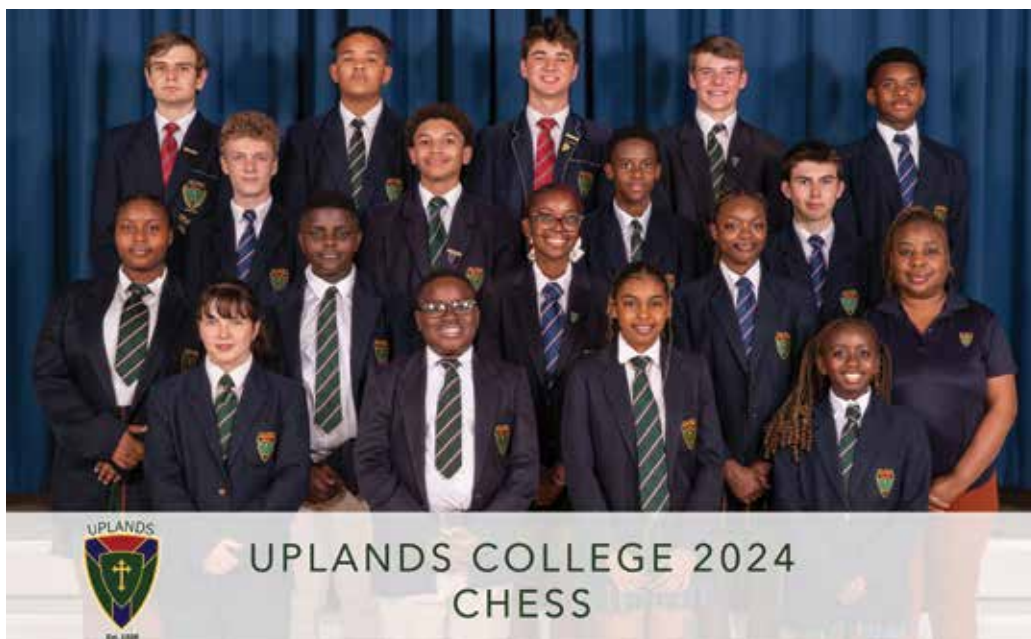
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Community Service

A Year of Giving Back

2024 has been a year of remarkable community engagement for Uplands, with students embracing a wide range of opportunities to connect with and serve the wider community. These initiatives have not only enriched the lives of those they touched but have also fostered a deep sense of responsibility and a commitment to positive change within the student body.

From supporting children at Millennium Home of Hope and Lula Orphanage Centre, to teaching pupils from Maqamela Primary School through the SMILE programme, Uplands students have been actively involved in outreach activities. Interactions with children at St Michael's Village and students from Vulindlela Secondary School further

broadened their understanding of the diverse community around them. The school also demonstrated its commitment to service with two dedicated Service Days during away derbies. These whole-school events saw students engaged in a variety of activities, from cleaning the school grounds and creating teaching aids, to participating in the "Power of 8000" initiative, a community clean-up effort in White River.

The school's ongoing support for Lula Orphanage Centre has been particularly noteworthy. Fundraising initiatives, such as the successful Tutor Orphan Project, enabled the provision of essential groceries and heartwarming early Christmas celebrations for the children at both Lula Orphanage and Millennium Home of Hope. These festive events brought joy

and a sense of connection to the children, thanks to the generosity and dedication of the Uplands community.

The driving force behind these impactful initiatives has been the unwavering commitment of Uplands College staff and students. Their dedication to community service serves as an inspiring example, highlighting the importance of active citizenship, kindness and compassion in building a better future for everyone. This year's activities have not only made a tangible difference in the lives of others but have also instilled invaluable life lessons in the students of Uplands, shaping them into compassionate and engaged members of society.

Mrs Ivy Mpangane



Front Row: Lesedi Shakwane, Ayira Baloyi, Lomantjolo Mnisi, Luqmaan Adham, Brunielle Broadwell

Middle Row: Bohlale Choeu, Kamogelo Thobejane, Kaila Boltman, Mrs Ivy Mpangane

Back Row: Zenkosi Thwala, Bongwiwe Khoza, Amihle Pulumo, Alexis Jones, Sinelitsemba Dlamini

Community Service



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Sports Report

At Uplands, we have fostered a unique sporting environment where pupils from all backgrounds come together to participate in a diverse range of sporting pursuits. In an era where specialisation dominates youth sports, we proudly offer pupils the freedom to either hone their skills in their chosen discipline or engage across multiple sporting codes throughout the academic year.

Our sporting calendar began with a vibrant summer season featuring numerous swimming competitions, including the prestigious Inter-High Swimming event and multiple galas that showcased our swimming talent. Simultaneously, our athletes represented Uplands with distinction in weekly athletics meets against various schools. The cricket programme flourished, culminating in our participation at the annual Independent Schools Cricket Festival hosted by St Alban's

College, where our cricketers demonstrated remarkable skill and sportsmanship.

The transition to our winter programme brought heightened energy to campus, with the majority of our pupil body participating across Rugby, Netball and Hockey. The 1st Team Hockey boys proudly represented Uplands at the Bishop's 150th Sporting Festival, measuring themselves against top schools nationwide. We had the honour of hosting this year's Independent Schools Rugby Festival, which proved to be an outstanding success by all measures.

Our traditional derby matches against Cornwall Hill, Penryn, Trinity House, Heronbridge and St Peter's continued to provide intense competition and strengthen our sporting relationships with these like-minded schools. The year's sporting calendar concluded with a soccer season that has witnessed

significant growth in recent years. Our expanded fixture list now includes matches against Stanford Lake, St Peter's and our newest competitor, Beaulieu College. The St Peter's College Soccer Festival served as a fitting finale, where our boys' team advanced to the cup quarter-finals – a testament to their dedication and improvement throughout the season.

Particularly noteworthy this year was the impressive number of provincial representatives across the various sporting codes. These pupils have brought great pride to our school, demonstrating that Uplands not only provides broad participation opportunities but also nurtures sporting excellence at the highest competitive levels. We look forward to what the future has in store for Uplands Sports.

Mr Michael Gill
Head of Sport



Athletics

The 2024 Athletics season has been nothing short of spectacular for Uplands College. Our athletes have demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication and sportsmanship across multiple competitions, setting new records and bringing home numerous accolades.

Our annual Inter-House athletics competition once again showcased the fierce competitive spirit that defines Uplands. In a remarkable display of athleticism, our students broke an astounding 15 records this year! The four houses - Bishop, College, Founders and Goss - battled intensely on the track and field, with Goss House ultimately claiming victory with 1062 points. Founders House secured second place with 993 points, followed by Bishop House (937 points) and College House (833 points).

The success of this event would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our coaches, teachers and support staff working behind the scenes. Equal appreciation goes to our parents for their unwavering support and, most importantly, to our pupils who participated with determination and supported their peers with enthusiasm.

Our athletes continued to excel beyond the classroom, representing Uplands in several prestigious competitions:

Lydenburg Athletics Meet (10 February)

Competing against formidable schools like HS Ben Vorster, HS Rob Ferreira, and the hosts HS Lydenburg, our athletes claimed an impressive 28 top-three finishes, including 11 gold, 7 silver and 10 bronze medals. Special recognition goes to Newton Ojo (Junior Victor Ludorum and Best Junior Male Field Athlete), Katelyn Kotze (Best Junior Female Field Athlete), and Mickal Bakker (Best Senior Long Distance Athlete) for their individual awards.

Hoërskool Hoogenhout Top 15 (7 February)

Our athletes navigated stiff competition with skill and determination. Notable first-place finishes included:

Newton Ojo
(Boys' U15 Long Jump)

Barack Massam
(Boys' U16 Long Jump)

Princely Mhangana
(Boys' U16 800m)

Nseketelo Mkhonto
(Girls' U14 200m & 400m)

Katelyn Kotze
(Girls' U15 100m & Long Jump)

Luyanda Mbatha
(Girls' U15 High Jump)

Megan Lintvelt
(Girls' U17 800m)

Lily Rose
(Girls' U19 200m)

Speed & Relay at HS Rob Ferreira (13 February)

Our athletes continued their winning streak with 12 top-three finishes, including six gold, two silver and four bronze medals.

Bergvlam Athletics Meet (16 February)

Competing against HS Barberton, Curro Academy, Curro Nelspruit, Penryn College and hosts HS Bergvlam, our athletes secured an outstanding 31 top-three performances (16 gold, six silver and nine bronze). Special congratulations to Katelyn Kotze who was recognised as the Best Track Athlete for her impressive 100m sprint time of 13.24 seconds (758 ASA Points).

Mpumalanga Championships

Six of our athletes qualified for the Mpumalanga Championships in Secunda on March 9:

Katelyn Kotze
Lily Rose
Mickal Bakker
Newton Ojo
Nseketelo Mkhonto
Princely Mhangana.

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... These are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

- Confucius

Mr Michael Gill
Head of Sport



Athletics



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Emma Cruickshanks, Mr Michael Gill

Third Row: Lily Rose, Marley Waspe, Neo Mohuba,
Calla Harman, Lesihle Fakudze

Fourth Row: Mr Gavin Stratford, Romeo Manzini, Siyanda Ochan, Barrack Massam,
Harry Speer, Mr Brandon Potgieter.

Back Row: Joshua Zumbika, Joshua van der Merwe, Tumisho Mogotsi, Mickal Bakker



Uplands vs Penryn Derby

The annual Uplands vs Penryn College Derby was a vibrant day, with supporters coming out in their numbers to support their respective schools. The camaraderie and skill on display exemplified sportsmanship, and everyone involved in the fixtures should be proud of their performances both on and off the field.

Mr Michael Gill
Head of Sport



Cricket Teams



Front Row: Benjamin Kazandjis, Marley Waspe, Graeme Spear, Bruce Nel, Aiden van Zyl

Middle Row: Mfundo Mthimunye, Gregory Kazandjis, Luke Johnstone, Toby Smith

Back Row: Mr Martin Dlamini, Kai Naylor, Rex Notten, Leam van Zyl, Mr Neil Carter



Front Row: Ashley Shaw, Livia Daykin, Khwezi Ndlovu, Kate Howe-Dreyer, Sveva Moore

Middle Row: Jessica Stäubli, Kate Rankin, Emma Cruickshanks, Keegan Janse van Rensburg

Back Row: Mr Martin Dlamini, Hayley Cope, Aiza Raja, Lily Rose, Mrs Genevieve Gill

Cricket Teams



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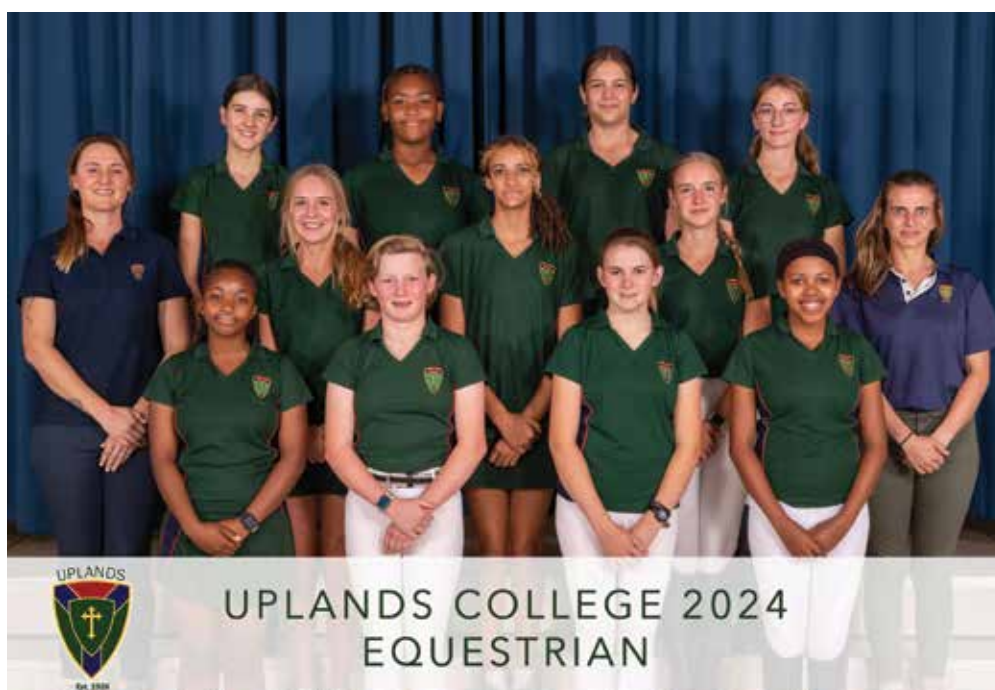


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Equestrian



Front Row: Inam Moalusi, Phoebe Garrell, Jennifer Fawcett, Khetsiwe James

Middle Row: Mrs Carla Gerdes-Steward, Megan Lindtvelt, Azara Du-Pont, Keira Knight, Miss Celia Sutton

Back Row: Rachel McIntosh, Alécia Noé, Zahara Pitzer, Calla Harman

MTB Team



Front Row: Cole Boyd, Paul Coetzee, Erin Durek (Vice Captain), Noah Albrecht

Middle Row: Emma Boyd, Andrew Drinkwater, Liam Hilliar, Mr Greg Gibbs

Back Row: Adam Jack, Joshua van der Merwe, Samuel McIntosh, Jacques Diedericks (Captain)

Hockey Teams

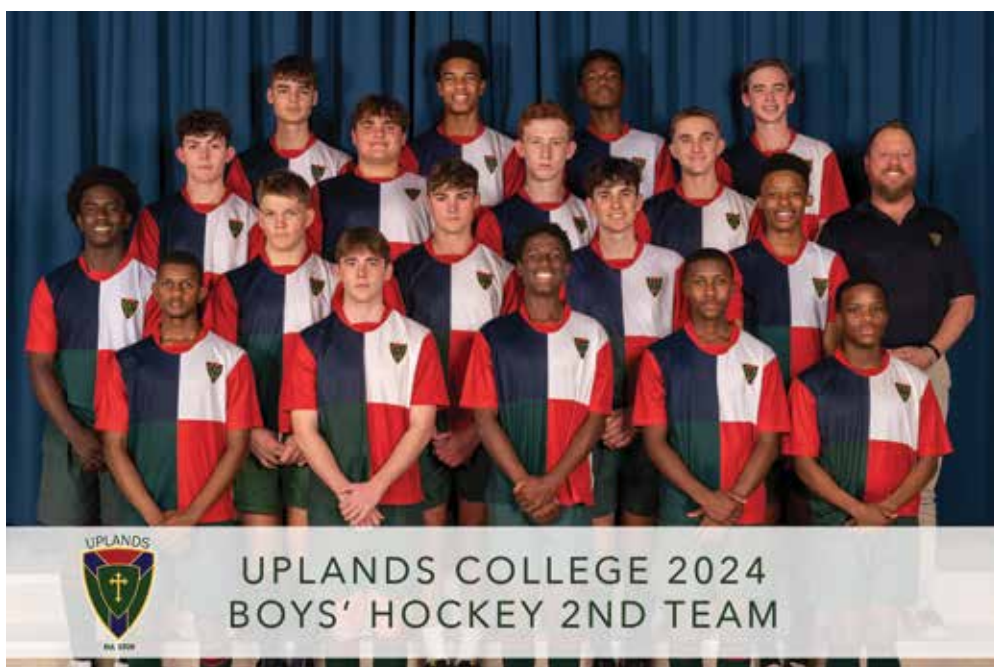


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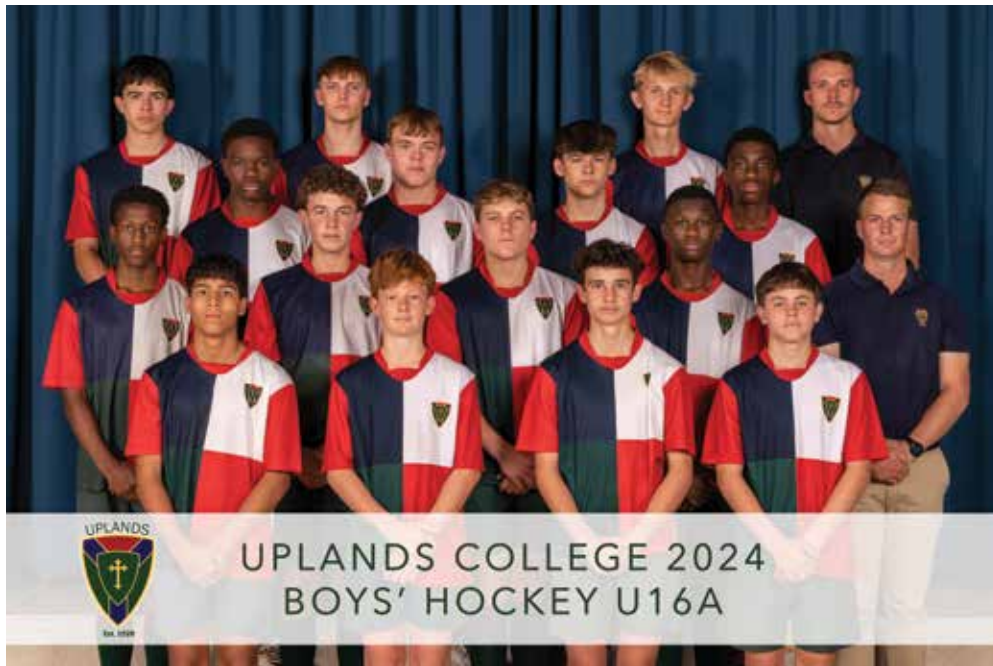
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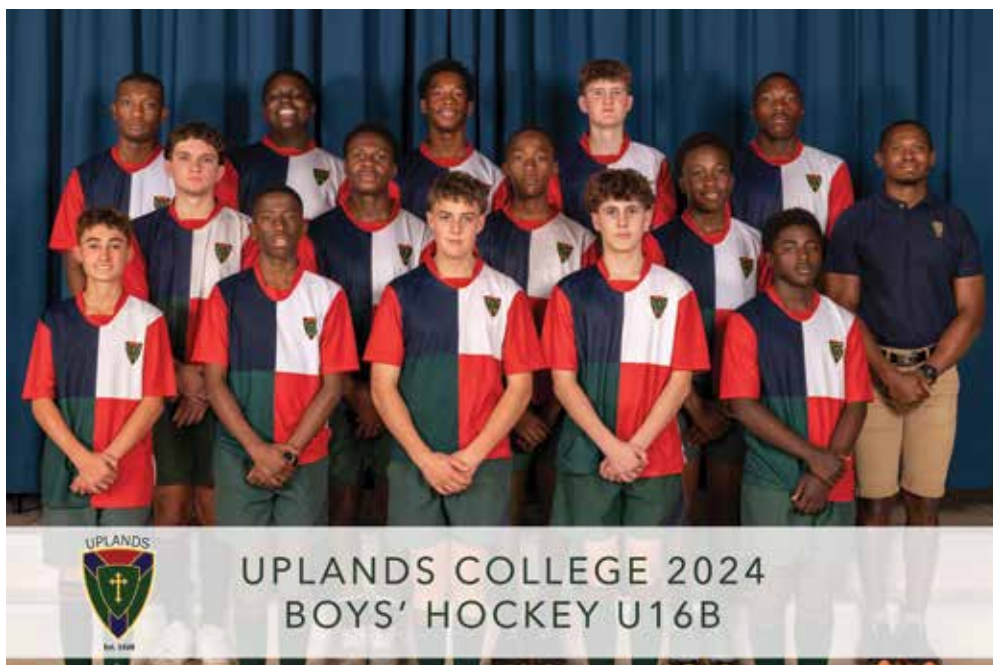


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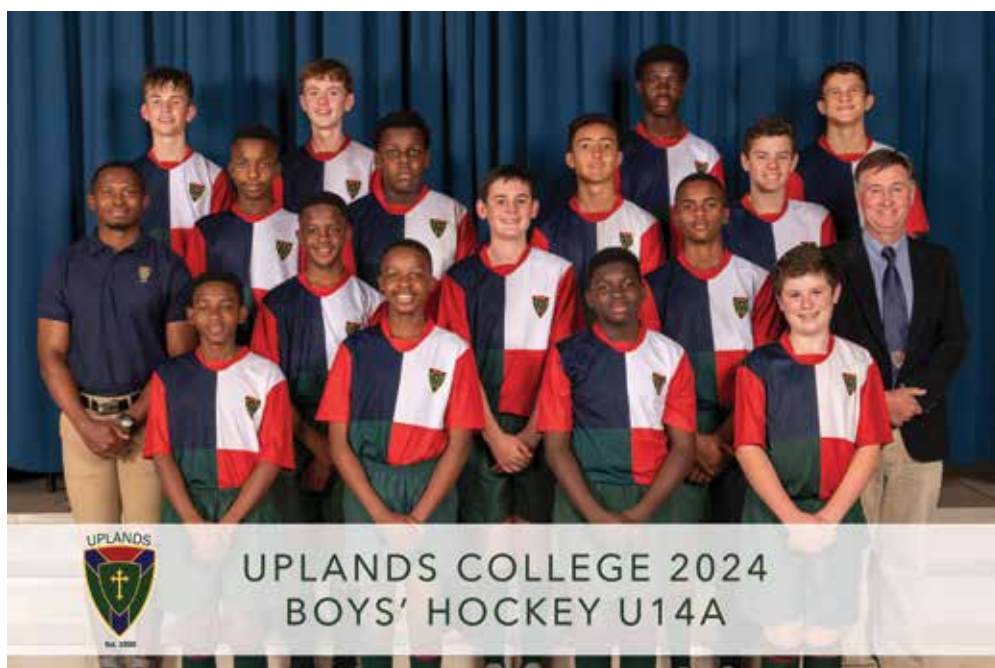


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Back Row: Lefa Matsane, Nkazimulo Zitha, Kizua Tomás, Rory Thompson, Siphesihle Marule

Hockey Teams



Front Row: Avela Mabuza, Wayne Gotosa, Tlurisani Ngwenyama, Luke McArthur

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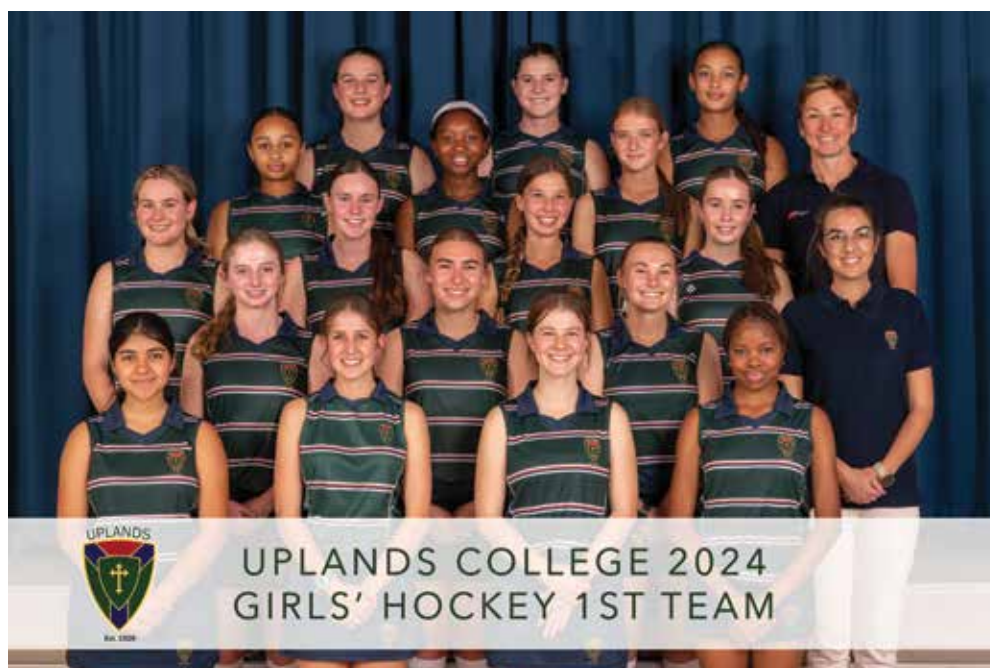
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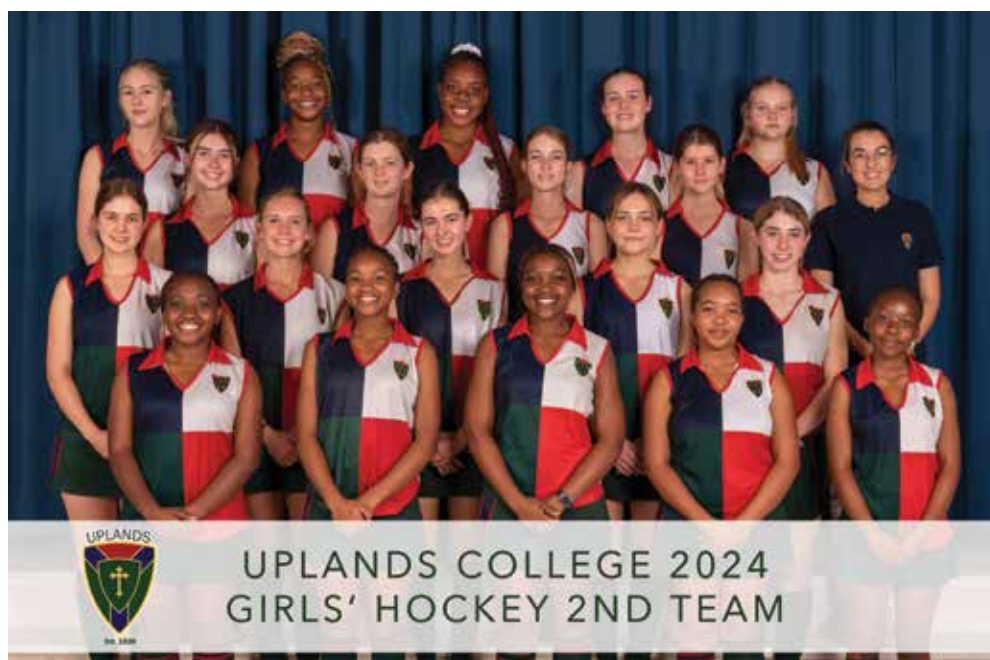
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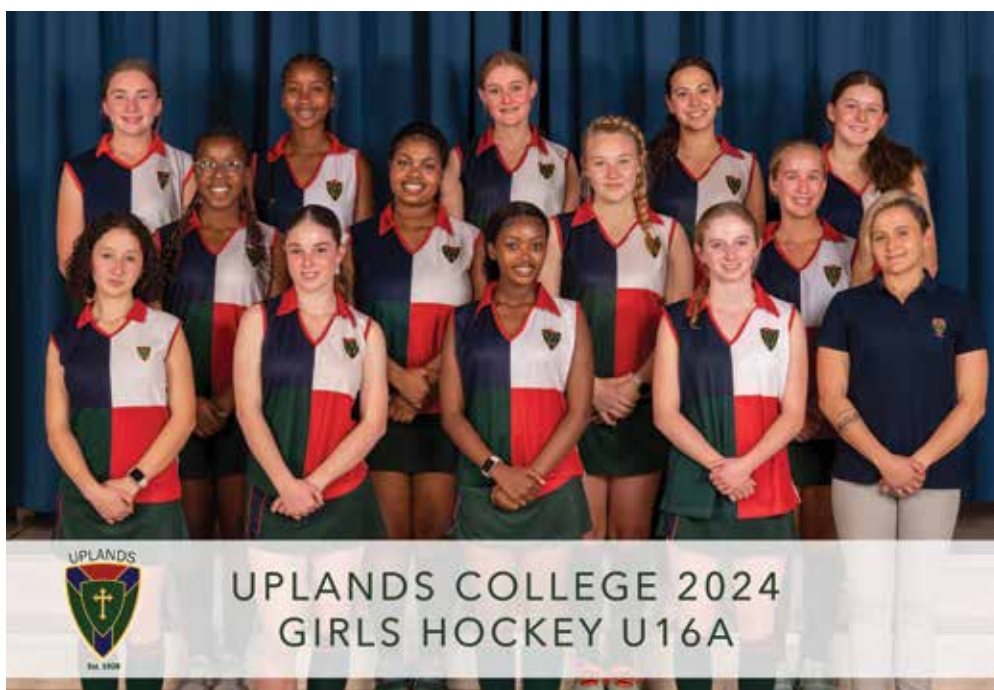
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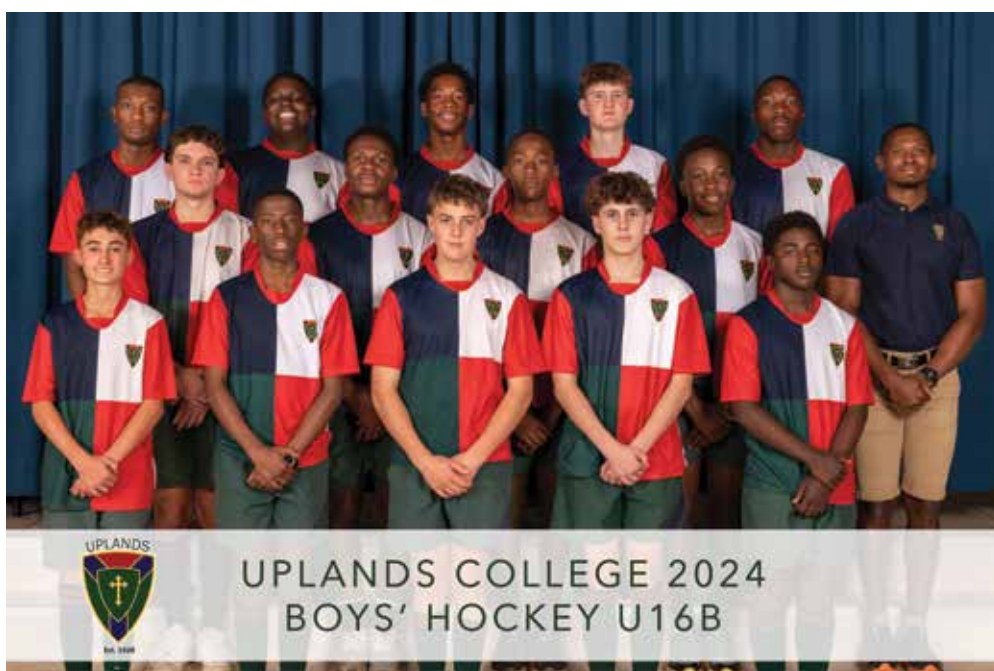
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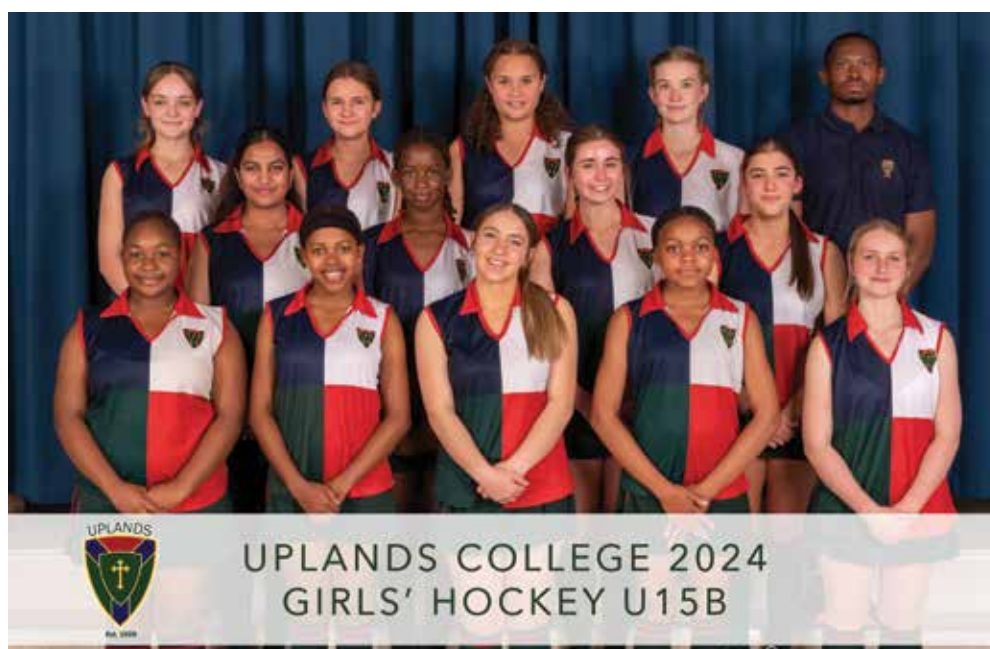


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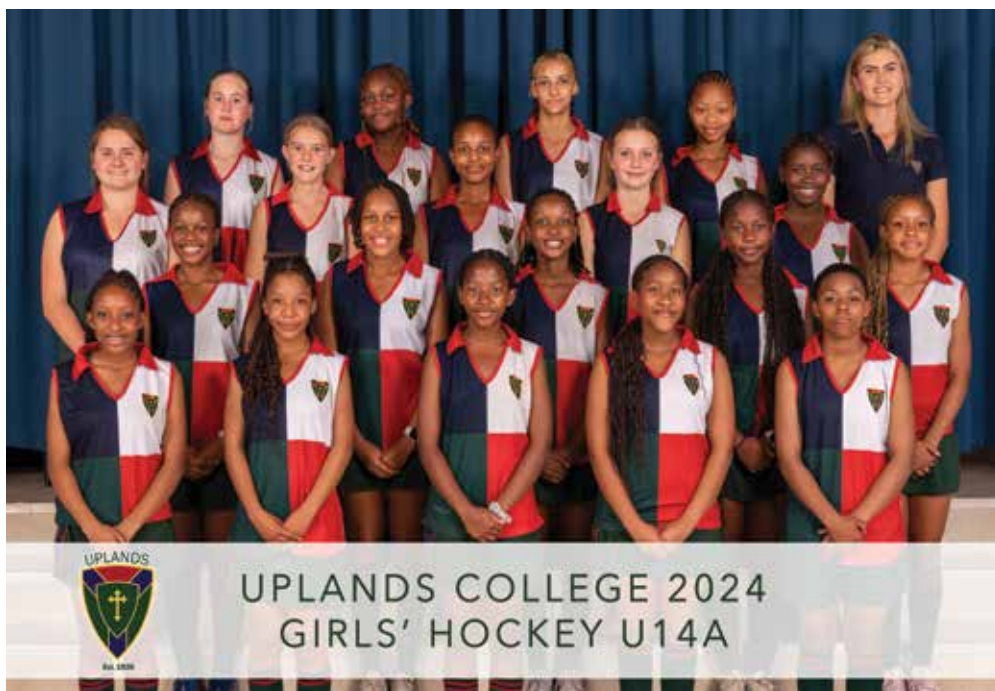


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Netball Teams



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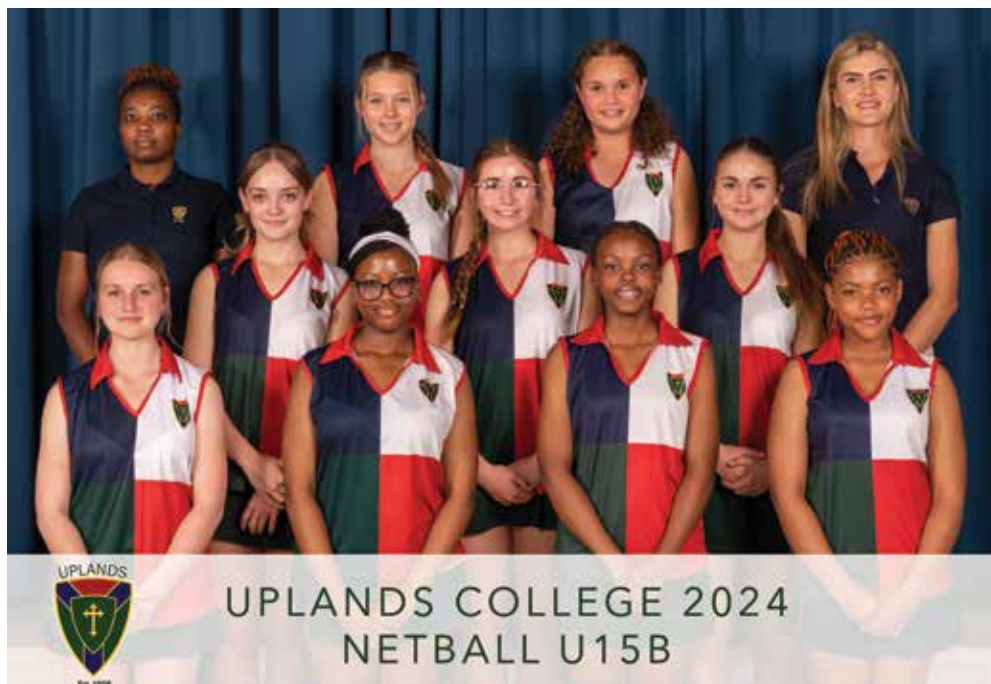
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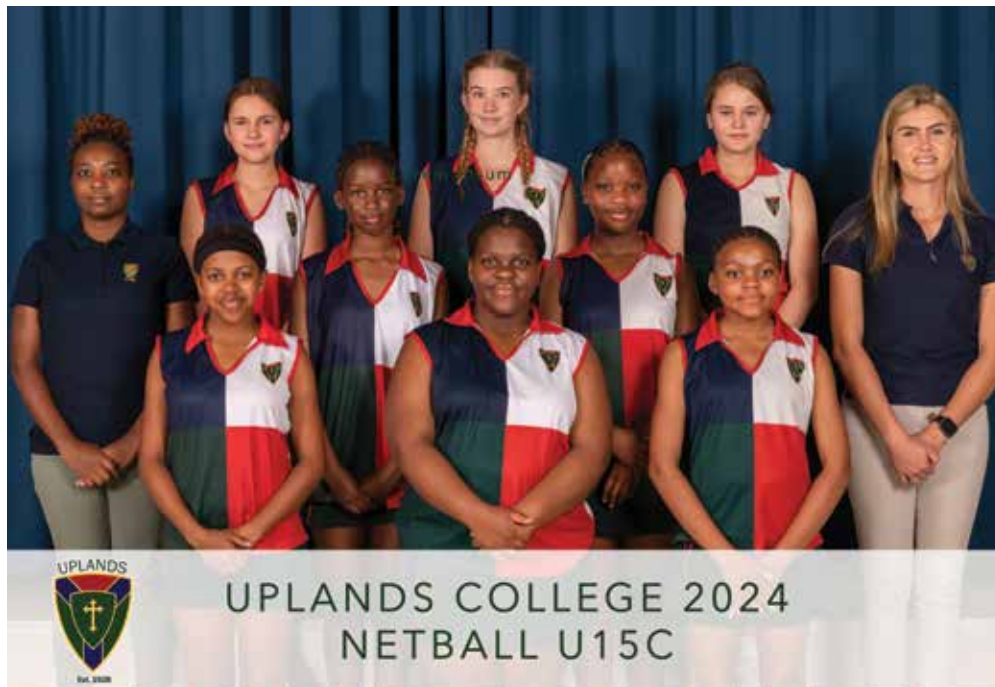


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Netball Teams



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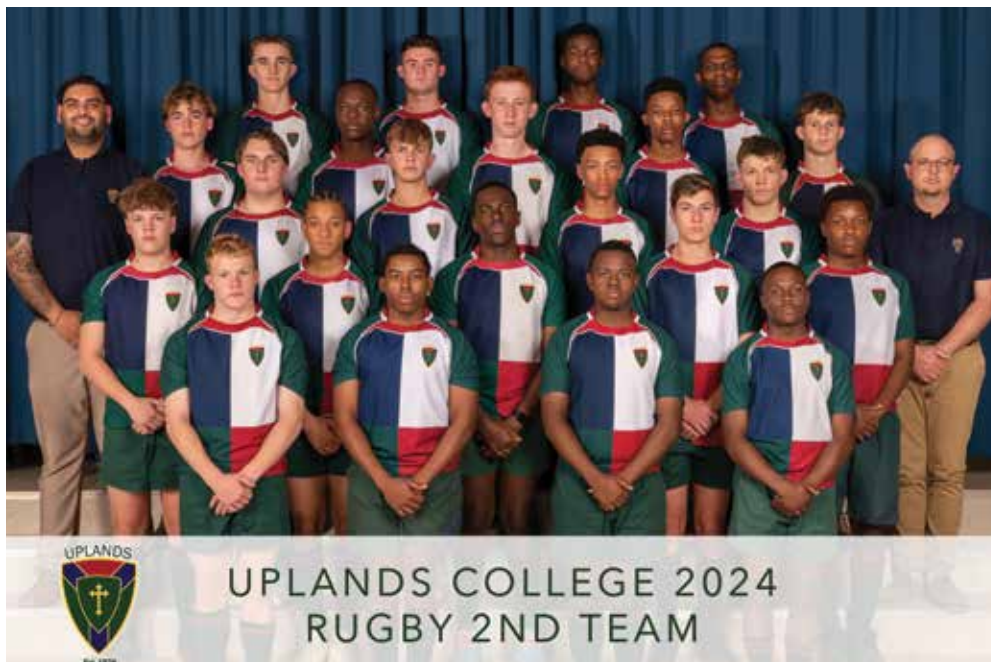
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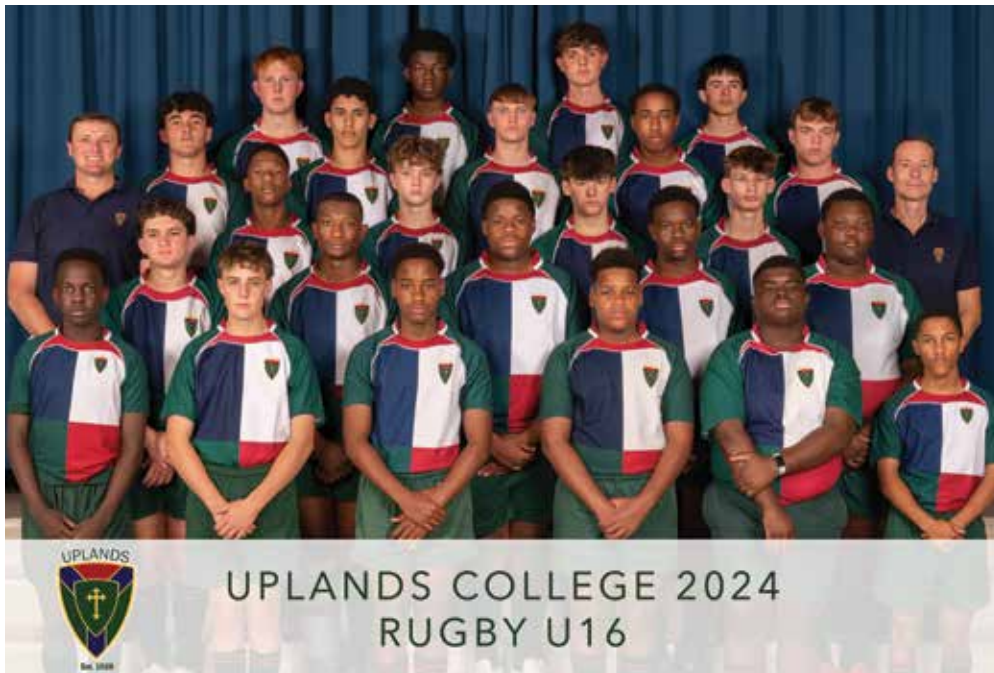
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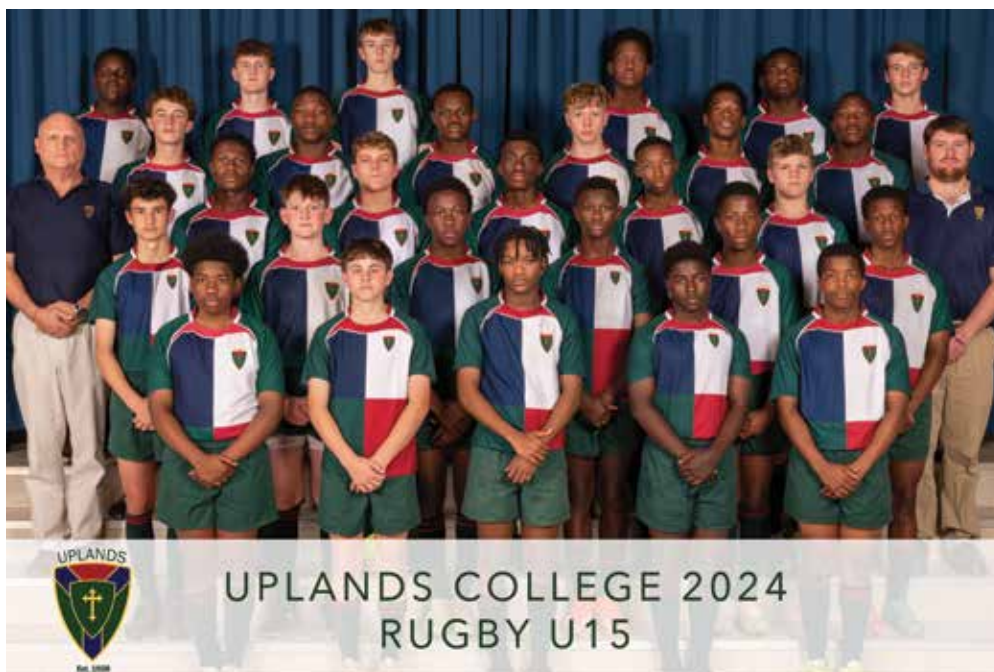
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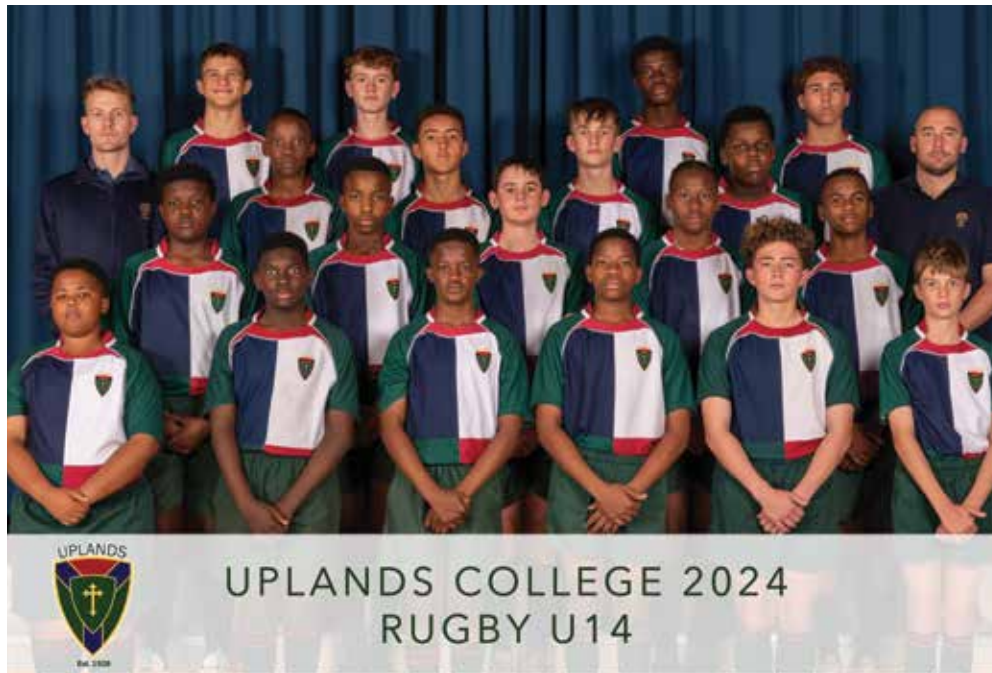
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Rugby Teams



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Nicholas Rayner Akhona Lumphoko

Second Row: Uyathandwa Sithole, Nyiko Ndlovu, Guy McCarthy, Mālik Come, Jaden Nogueira

Third Row: Mr Graham Wiggill, Thobo Thothe, Tarique Bülter, Ryan van der Hout, Khulubuse Sigudla, Mr Mark Blew

Back Row: Micah Waspe, Aiden Berry, Tumisho Mogotsi, Keagen Blaine



Soccer Report

The 2024 soccer season was filled with new experiences and remarkable achievements for our teams. Some highlights included trips to Beaulieu College and Stanford Lake College, where our players competed against multiple teams. This provided our players with valuable game time and opportunities to play against new opponents. Notably, this also marked our first big soccer derbies, travelling with both boys and girls.

Throughout the season, our teams also competed against local schools, achieving impressive results.

Our Junior teams displayed remarkable strength, giving us

great optimism for the future of the sport. Meanwhile, our 1st Teams demonstrated determination and grit during the St Peter's Festival, proving that their hard work throughout the season paid off.

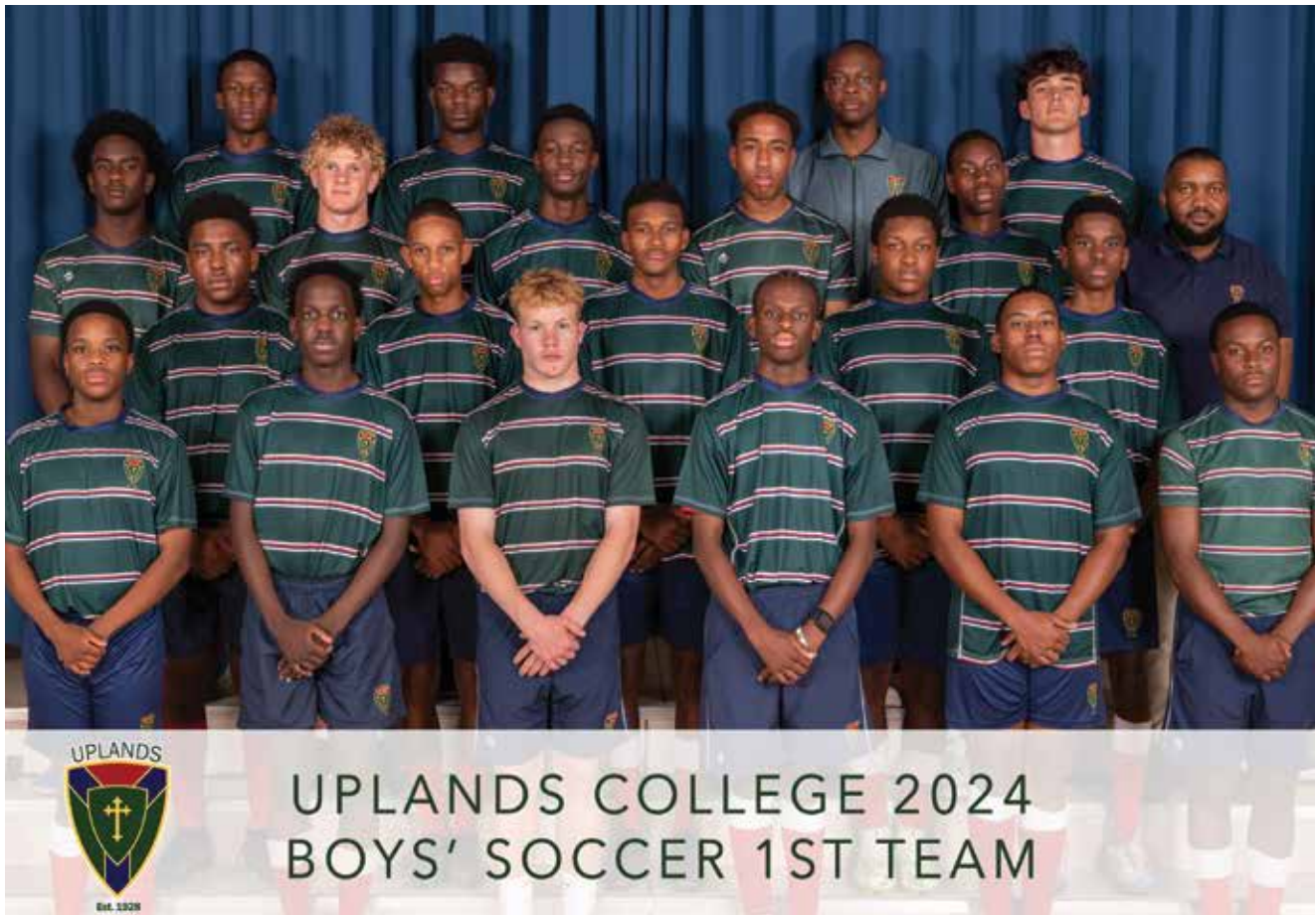
Looking ahead, our soccer teams are eager to become even more competitive. This will include hosting Derby weekends similar to those of the winter season. The players' dedication and effort during training sessions were evident in their performance, game after game. Our coaches are equally enthusiastic about the upcoming season and the future of the sport. They are committed to contributing to the growth

and development of our teams, aiming for a more competitive and successful season.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the players that participated in external club fixtures and tours to improve their skills. We applaud our players and coaches for their sportsmanship and dedication.

A special thank-you goes to the parents for their unwavering support and encouragement for our players and staff.

Mrs Monette Stratford



Front Row: Khumo Motlhodiemand, Benjamin Ouko, Tristan Rijkenberg, Lwazi Khoza, Dante Mahanhe, Leo Mashiri

Second Row: Lethani Ndzabandzaba, Will Manonga, Lesihle Fakudze, Lad Mnisi, Bokani Chengeta

Third Row: Darrell Awogu, Marley Waspe, Rolando Pereira, Barack Massam, Yan Gonçalves, Mr Bobby Ndebele

Back Row: Romeo Manzini, Chukwuemepe Umeano, Joshua Zumbika, João Harburn

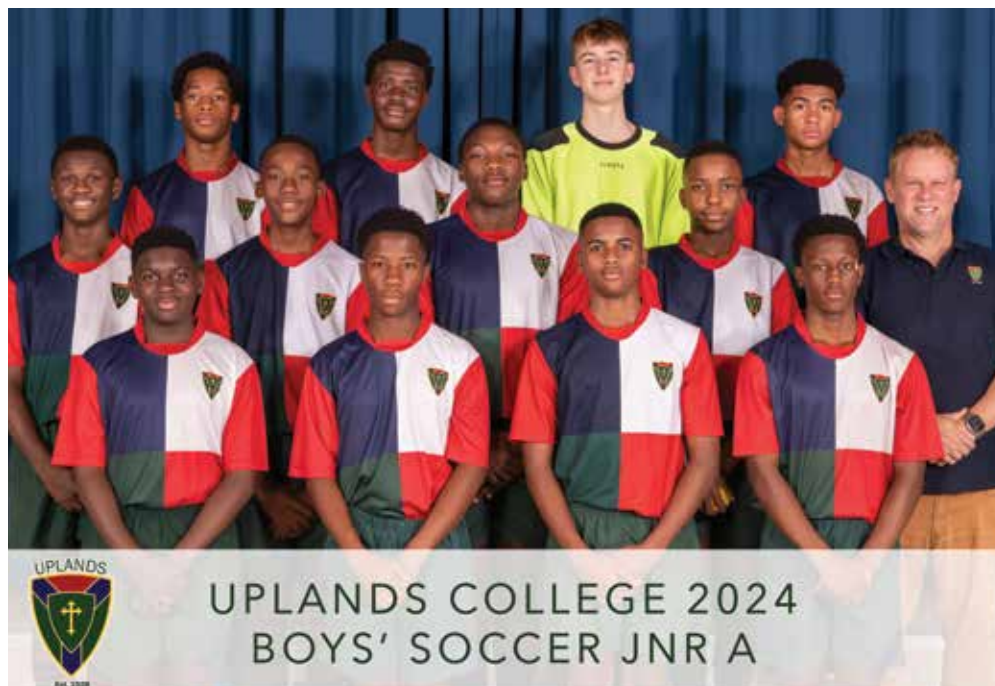
Soccer Teams



Front Row: Blessing Monareng, Tinashe Mbayi, Lwazi Khoza, Akhe Shongwe, Owethu Nkosi

Middle Row: Fábio Jeque, Kananelo Masilo, Darrell Manuel, Mr Lovers Chauke

Back Row: Amani Búzi, Shaun Balogun, Jayden Marsh, Gael Gasparini (Captain), Tlalusani Ngwenyama

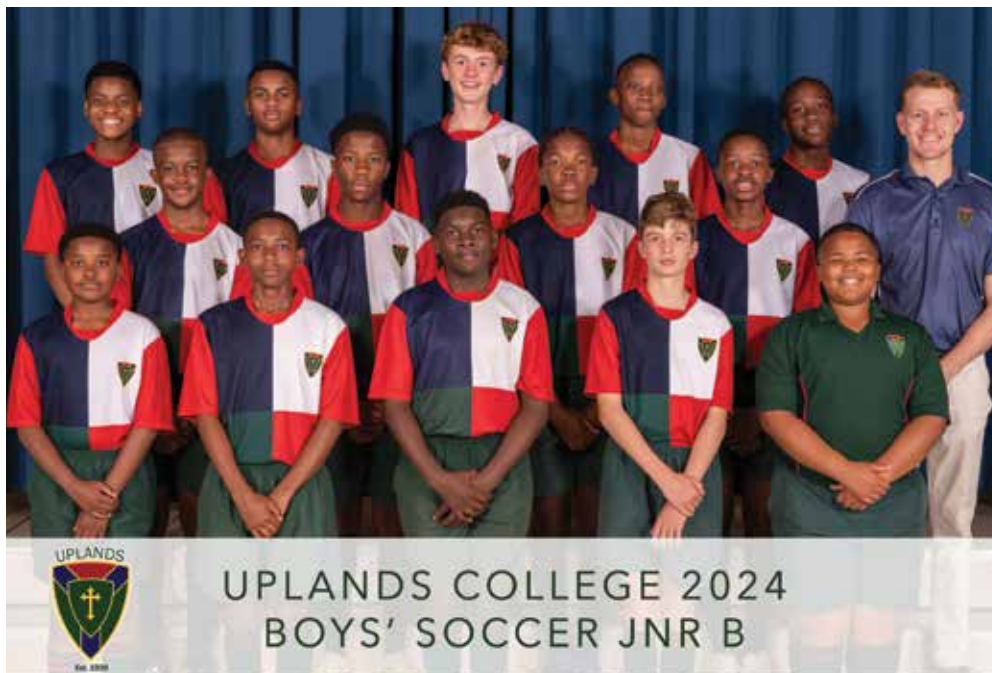


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Middle Row: Akhona Mkhonza, Tumelo Ratlabala, Siphesihle Marule, Nyiko Ndlovu, Mr Shaun van der Merwe

Back Row: Kizua Tomás, Tumisho Mogotsi, Duncan Ross, Linoson Massicane

Soccer Teams



Front Row: Mbako Chengeta, Avela Mabuza, Tlurisani Ngwenyama, Nicholas Rayner, Collin Lin

Middle Row: Akhona Lumphoko, Shaquille Alafo, Diwani Búzi, Wayne Gotosa, Mr Graham Wiggill

Back Row: Khaya Myakayaka, Jaden Nogueira, Aiden Berry, Thobo Thothe, Nare Sebopele (Captain)



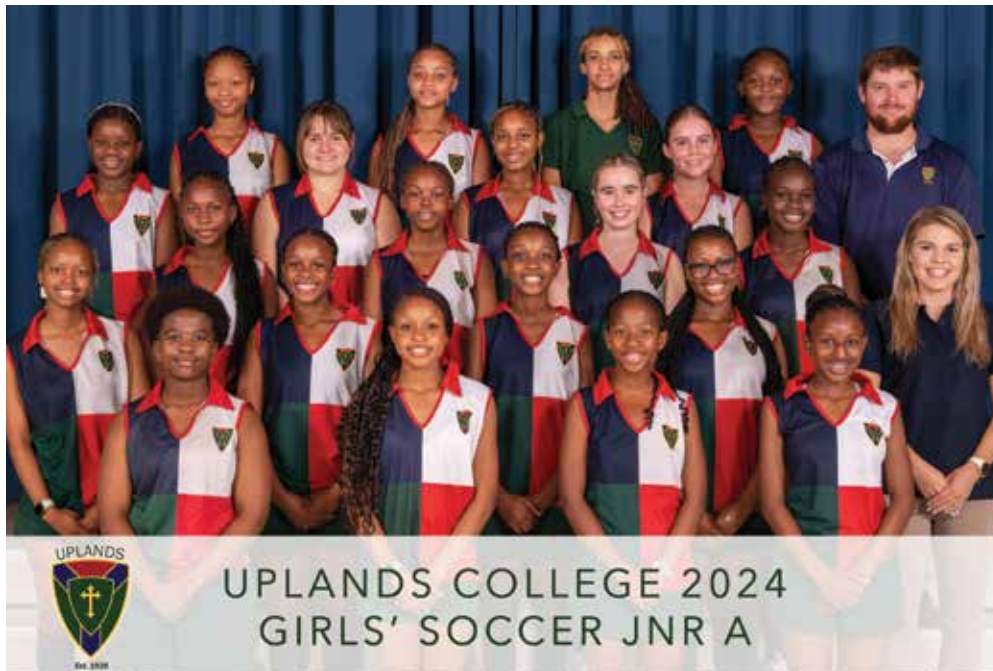
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Second Row: Kate Howe-Dreyer, Xitiko Myakayaka, MaryAngel Leopeng, Zoe Zitha, Kamogelo Thobejane

Third Row: Ms Hanieh Rahimi, Samara Mazik, Chloé Warren (Captain), Jordin Abroms, Leoma Ngwenya, Mr Graham Wiggill

Back Row: Samantha Codd (Captain), Lily Rose, Emma Jackson, Hayley Cope

Soccer Teams



Front Row: Nolwazi Mntambo, Nseketelo Mkhonto, Peo Mbayi, Nahla Mbatsane

Second Row: Tiyani Nyathi, Luthando Mlombo, Piwa Difele, Sedilame Moloko, Mrs Megan van Aardt

Third Row: Claire Manonga, Sarona Boiteto, Caitlyn Gardiner, Kayelle Cossa

Fourth Row: Khwezi Ndlovu, Keegan Jansen van Rensburg, Obakeng Manana, Megan de Swart, Mr Gavin Stratford.

Back Row: Thembisile Mncina, Indiphile Mashiteng, Azara Du-Pont, Whitney Moyo

Squash Team



Front Row: Livia Daykin, Kayla Masereka, Charlie Foss, Mrs Karen van Wyk

Middle Row: Jessica Knott, Matthew Holing, Olivia Ralfe

Back Row: Edwin Ferreira, Jacques Diedericks, Travis Dunshea, Kaden Taylor

Swimming Team



Front Row: Anne Bray, Larona Tlhasi, Mia Osbourne, Sarona Boiteto, Luqmaan Adham

Second Row: Jessica Dos Santos, Emma Roberts, Matthew Josten, Milan van der Nest, Shelby Trollip, Mrs Megan van Aardt.

Third Row: Yenzokuhle Mnisi, Liza Victor, Azara Du-Pont, Kate Rankin, Natasha Bourdin

Fourth Row: Kayla de Beer, Lucy James, Oliver Goodison, Marley Waspé, Moya Felix, Shea Roach

Back Row: Yan Gonçalves, Joshua Zumbika, Rory Thomson, Harry Speer

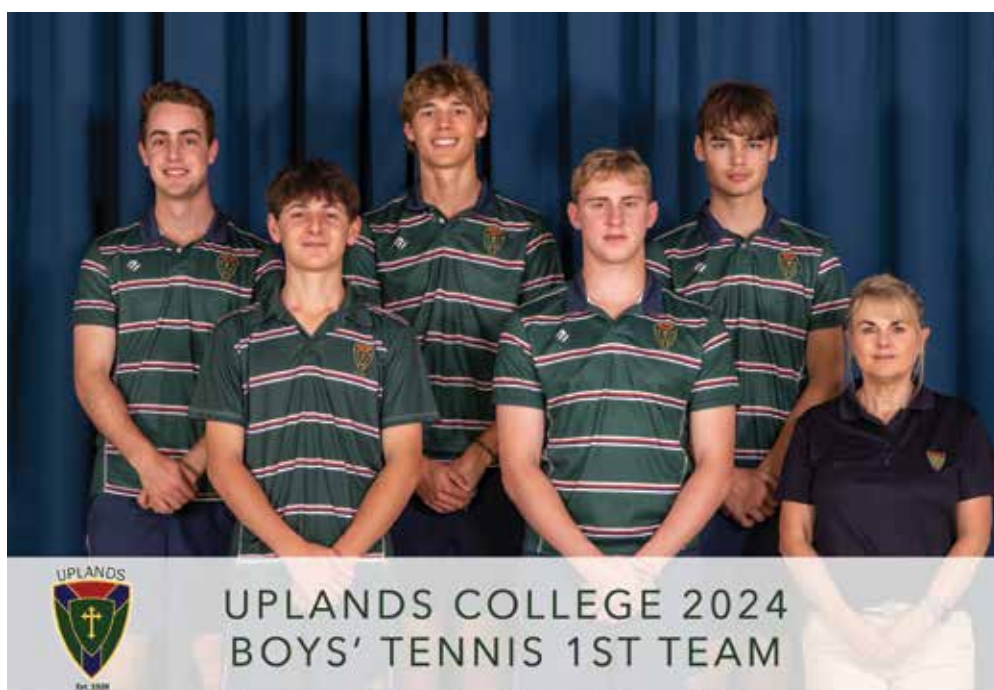
Tennis Teams



Front Row: Cassandra Mitani, Jessica Stäubli, Miss Ronel Kolbe

Back Row: Kate Rankin, Sage Tod, Faye Tod

Tennis Teams



Front Row: Jake Bolingbroke, Gabriel Buchanan, Ms Ronel Kolbe

Back Row: Guy Dupont, Jamie Tinker, Connor Watson



Front Row: Tinashe Mbayi, Tlakusani Ngwenyama, Mrs Ronel Kolbe

Back Row: Darrell Awogu, Quintin Swanepoel, Mickal Bakker



Grade 8 Camp

Uplands College Grade 8s enjoyed an adventure and fun-filled camp at Sugar Bay from 11th to 15th February. The weather was sublime and allowed the pupils to enjoy all that Sugar Bay has to offer with numerous beach, land and adventure activities. The camp is superbly well-run by Wendy and her

team of staff and counsellors, who care for the needs of the campers so well. The food was excellent, the games fun and the pupils had a wonderful time. We look forward to our return next year.

Mr Mark Blew

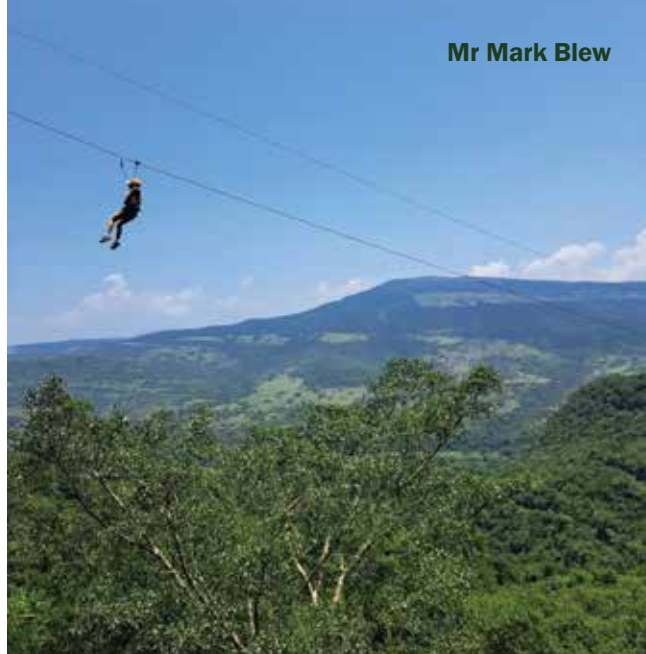




Grade 9 Camp

The Grade 9 pupils of Uplands College enjoyed four days at Mankele just outside Mbombela in February. The focus of the camp was to prepare them for their Grade 10 Journey and so over the four days, they completed hikes of varying distances in the mountainous area. The pupils also enjoyed fun-filled activities such as swimming, land-based activities and games, and a whole lot more which strengthened their bonds as a group.

Mr Mark Blew





Grade 10 Journey



We felt an overwhelming sense of achievement as our Journeying Grade 10s returned to the fold safely in August. The Grade 10s walked, climbed, hobbled and snacked their way over, not one, but two magnificent mountain ranges (admittedly they are only magnificent once you're over them). Those 130kms were no small feat.

We are especially grateful to all the group leaders who gave their time, energy and emotional support to mentor our Journeyers. It is not their Journey, but without these

special men and women, it cannot be anyone's.

While our students were out in the 'wild', they learned what is valuable to them, how strong they actually are and who they might want to be. They are brand-new after this

experience and have 'war stories' to regale to anyone who will listen. Over the next few years, everything will be exaggerated and you will argue amongst your friends over who had it the hardest. The point, however, is that this is a great part of the story of your lives and it should be told for a long, long time.

The Grade 10s have become part of an exclusive club of people who have completed this rite of passage to ring the bell and sign off on this lifetime milestone.

Mrs Sharon van Reenen





Grade 11 Camp



The Grade 11 pupils of Uplands College spent the week at the mountainous Queen's River Adventure Camp near Barberton. The purpose of this camp was to enhance already established friendships and, more importantly, to build leadership skills amongst the group as they near their final year of formal schooling. Facilitated

by the A.N.T.S, the pupils engaged in a myriad of fun activities and leadership sessions in which they discovered unique aspects of themselves and their peers.

They enjoyed hikes surrounding the camp, visits to waterfalls, attempting a challenging obstacle course, and so much more.

Thankfully, the weather played ball, and some of the pupils even swam in a mountain river, despite it being the middle of winter. Much fun was had, and a great deal was learnt, leading to a very successful camp.

Mr Mark Blew



Signing of the Pledge

On Monday the 26th of February, the Grade 8s of Uplands College were inducted into the school through the signing of the school pledge. They have completed their orientation period and are now fully-fledged members of the school. The Grade 8s rang the school

bell, collected their house badges from their house staff, and were then given their school ties by their Matric buddies before the school welcomed them by singing, *Come The Day*.

Mr Mark Blew





Orientation Day

On Tuesday the 16th of January 2024, Uplands College welcomed all new pupils to the school by hosting their annual Orientation Day. The new pupils had fun

on the sports fields, getting to know each other and completing various sports activities whilst their parents were introduced to the school by the Uplands College

Head, Mr Allan Laing, and the two College Deputies, Mr Dean Forward and Mr Mark Blew.

Mr Mark Blew





Uplands College Open Day

Uplands hosted its annual Open Day to provide prospective pupils and their families with an opportunity to learn more about our school before making a decision as to their choice of high school. This event began with multiple interviews and scholarship assessments being completed on Friday morning, before those wishing to try out boarding were

given an opportunity at the Boarding Experience to spend an afternoon and evening in boarding.

Much fun was had by the prospective boarders as they played games, enjoyed various activities and got to experience the thrill of a Friday evening sports fixture. The following day, the school opened its doors to

interested families who heard more about the school through various speeches from school management. Families were taken on tours of the school grounds, showcasing the various facilities on campus at our school.

Mr Mark Blew





Arrival of New College Boarders

On Monday the 15th of January 2024, the new Grade 8 Boarders of 2024 arrived at Uplands College with much excitement. They and their parents were officially welcomed by the Head of Uplands College, Mr Allan Laing, and the Deputy Head of

Boarding and Pastoral Care, Mr Mark 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

Uplands School is thrilled to share the highlights of our Annual Founders Evening Celebration, a cherished tradition that takes place every May. This traditional event not only pays homage to the visionary founders of our institution but also showcases the exceptional talents of our current students.

The centrepiece of the evening is the revered Candle-Lighting Ceremony, symbolising the

transmission of knowledge from Uplands to the broader world - a poignant embodiment of our school's commitment to nurturing and enlightening young minds. The night comes alive with captivating performances across various categories, including music, dance and drama, where Uplands students grace the stage with confidence and artistry. From mesmerising violin solos to dynamic dance routines and breathtaking

choir performances, the array of talent on display never fails to leave our audience spellbound.

Founders Evening is not just an occasion to honour our school's rich heritage but also a celebration of the vibrant community that defines Uplands. The Uplands Family joyfully embraced this tribute to our past while eagerly embracing the promise of our future.

Mrs Debbie van Rooyen





ISLS International Schools' Leadership Symposium: Gender Equality

From 20–27 March 2024, a group of our Grade 11 pupils attended the ISLS International Schools Leadership Symposium held in Brussels. This prestigious event brought together schools from all over the world to discuss the important topic of Gender Equality, one of the United Nations' sustainability goals. The conference provided a platform for young leaders to engage in meaningful discussions, share diverse perspectives, and broaden their understanding of global issues.

Throughout the symposium, pupils had the opportunity to attend insightful lectures presented by esteemed educators, including our own teachers. These sessions deepened their knowledge on gender equality and inspired them

to think critically about its impact on societies worldwide. Beyond the academic discussions, our pupils showcased confidence and maturity in their presentations, impressing their peers and educators alike with their well-reasoned arguments and thoughtful contributions.

A highlight of the trip was the cultural exchange experience. Pupils were hosted by local families, allowing them to immerse themselves in Belgian culture while also sharing their own traditions. This experience fostered cross-cultural understanding and strengthened international friendships.

In addition to the symposium, the trip included sightseeing opportunities. Pupils explored

Brussels' historic landmarks, including magnificent old churches, and indulged in authentic Belgian chocolate. From there, the journey continued to Paris, where they marvelled at iconic sights both during the day and beautifully illuminated at night.

The ISLS International Schools Leadership Symposium was an enriching experience for all involved. It not only expanded our pupils' global perspectives but also strengthened their leadership skills and cultural awareness. This unforgettable trip will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on their personal and academic growth.

Mrs Lindie van der Merwe
Mrs Unenceba Magagula

IsiZulu Cultural Evening

The air crackled with excitement on September 17th as Zulu students prepared for their highly anticipated IsiZulu Cultural Evening, hosted by the school's Zulu Department. Donning their vibrant traditional attire, they eagerly awaited the opportunity to share their heritage with a hall packed with proud parents and fellow students.

The evening was a tapestry of captivating performances. From the soulful melodies of traditional songs and the rhythmic beauty of poetry to the dramatic storytelling

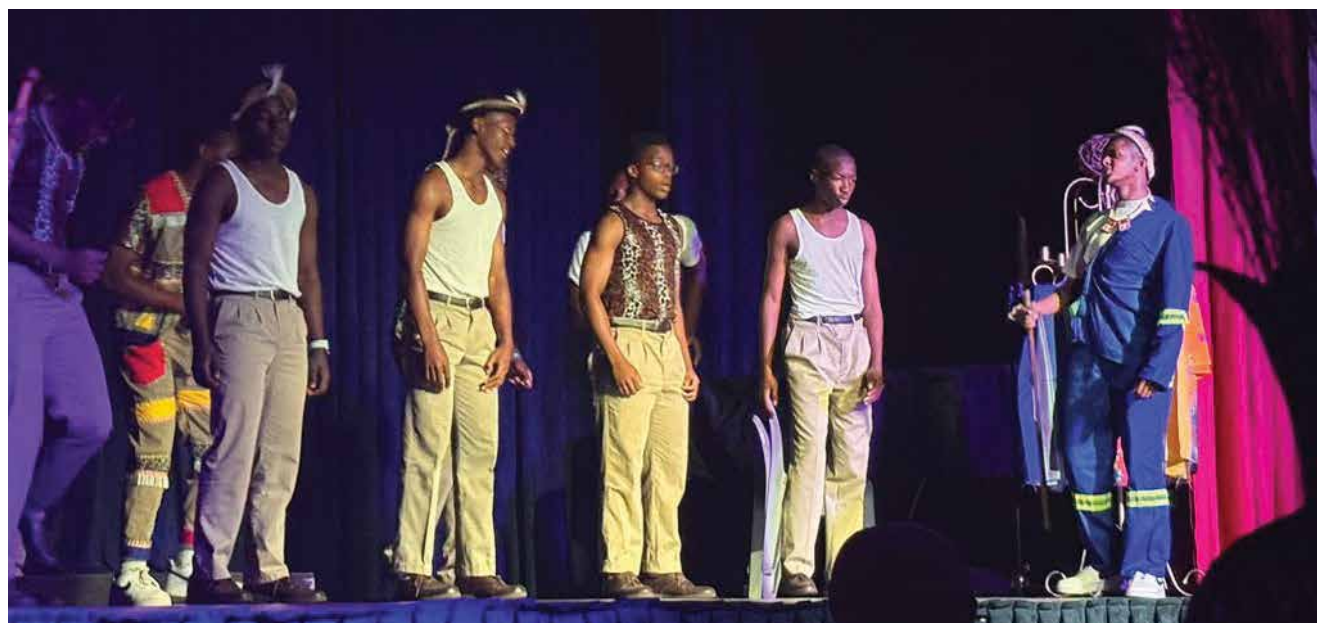
of plays and the insightful reflections of prose readings and speeches, the students showcased the richness and diversity of Zulu culture. Energetic gumboot dances and other traditional dances added dynamic and vibrant energy to the celebration.

Following the performances, attendees were treated to a feast of traditional Zulu dishes, lovingly prepared by the parents. The delicious spread included tripe, chicken, samp, flavourful stews, refreshing ginger (gemmer) drinks, and a variety of other culinary

delights. It was a perfect ending to a perfect evening, a true taste of Zulu heritage.

The IsiZulu Cultural Evening was a resounding success, a memorable experience for everyone involved. The school extends its sincere gratitude to the parents, students and Uplands staff for their tireless work and dedication, not only in preparing the spectacular stage performances, but also in creating the incredible array of traditional food that made the evening so special.

Mrs Ivy Mpangane



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services were held for both the Prep school as well as the College pupils. The service was a time for confession and seeking repentance. 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 the 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 Nortje
School Chaplain



Ascension Day

Thursday 9th of May was celebrated by Christians worldwide as Ascension Day. It is a reminder of the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection. Here at Uplands we celebrated with our special combined Uplands Preparatory Senior Phase and Uplands College Eucharist service held on Webster lawn. Through the readings and prayers, we were reminded that “while he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.” (Luke 24)

Rev Bronwyn Nortje
School Chaplain



Celebrating Unity in Diversity: African and Global Heritage Day

In September 2024, Uplands School came alive with vibrant colours, music and cultural pride as pupils and staff celebrated African and Global Heritage Day. The event was a beautiful showcase of traditions, storytelling and attire that reflected the diverse backgrounds within our school community and beyond.

From cultural headdresses to traditional dances, global cuisine tastings and thought-provoking

discussions on cultural identity, the day reminded us of the richness different heritages bring to our shared humanity and colourful campus. Pupils proudly wore attire representing their cultural roots, sparking meaningful conversations about history, belonging, and respect for one another's traditions.

More than just a celebration, African and Global Heritage Day reinforced the importance of

embracing our differences while recognising the threads that connect us all. It was a powerful testament to the beauty of unity in diversity, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who participated.

Mrs Unenceba Magagula

Head of Transformation
and Inclusion



Grade 6 pupils visit Uplands College

On Monday 2 September, the Uplands Preparatory School Grade 6s visited the College for a “College Experience Day”. There was great excitement as they crossed the field and met with the 2025 Mentors, their hosts for the day.

The Grade 6s were exposed to some examples of High School classroom activities. These ranged from dissection of eyeballs in the Life Sciences laboratory to racing a 3D printer to build a complicated 3D shape in Engineering Graphics and Design. There were also highly enriching Drama and Music experiences, not to mention creating some chaos (and explosions) in the Physical Sciences laboratory.

The Uplands College Sports Department also created activities which enabled the Grade 6s to experience the High-Performance Centre. Over the course of the day, the Mentors also ran some teambuilding and ice-breaking games with the Grade 6s on the field.

The Uplands College staff and mentors were impressed (and exhausted) by the boundless energy of the Grade 6s, and we are looking forward to welcoming this fabulous group of pupils to the College in 2026!

Mrs Kerry Dewar



Grade 10 International Student Exchange

Uplands College was buzzing with excitement as they welcomed their exchange students from Perth, Germany, Italy and Finland. These bright, curious minds have arrived to immerse themselves in our vibrant South African culture and create lasting connections with our Uplands College pupils.

Over the next few months, our global guests will have the opportunity to learn about our school's rich heritage, explore

the breathtaking landscapes of this remarkable country, and engage in meaningful dialogues that transcend borders. Most importantly, they'll create cherished friendships that will enrich their lives long after they depart. This cultural exchange is a powerful reminder that when we open our hearts and minds to others, we unlock a world of possibilities. Let's show our visitors the warmth and hospitality that the Uplands Community is known for.

Our exchange students are:

From Hale, Perth:
Alex du Preez, Leo Woods and
Cooper Wallace Walker

From Gauss School, Worms,
Germany: Felipe Cartoni, Anna
Heimann and Laura Ellermann

From Rotary Exchange: Ermione
Zanca (Italy), Sofia Somenzi (Italy)
and Lina Lavonen (Finland)

Mrs Sharon van Reenen



Exploring France:

A Journey of Language, Culture and Adventure

In 2024, a group of eager students embarked on an unforgettable French Tour, immersing themselves in the language and culture of France.

The adventure began in the stunning Côte d'Azur, where students attended immersive French lessons at the renowned Centre International d'Antibes. Beyond the classroom, they explored the charming towns of Antibes, Juan-les-Pins, Cannes and Nice, practising their French in real-world settings. They also had the opportunity to engage with international students, adding a global dimension to their learning experience.

No visit to the South of France would be complete without a touch of art and perfume. A highlight of the trip was visiting the Musée Picasso in Antibes, where students admired the works of the legendary artist and gained insight into his

creative journey. This was followed by a sensory experience at the Fragonard Perfume Factory in Grasse, where they learned about the intricate art of perfume-making and discovered the region's rich olfactory heritage.

From the French Riviera, the group made their way to Paris, where four exciting days awaited them. Their itinerary included everything from the thrill of Disneyland Paris and Walt Disney Studios to the artistic wonders of the Louvre Museum, where they stood in awe of masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa. A visit to the Palace of Versailles provided a glimpse into the opulent world of French royalty, while iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, and Arc de Triomphe showcased the city's timeless grandeur.

Adding a dash of contemporary flair, the students also enjoyed a rare glimpse into Paris Fashion

Week. One unforgettable moment was witnessing a paparazzi frenzy outside the Ritz Hotel, where none other than the iconic Anna Wintour was spotted. This exciting encounter allowed them to experience firsthand the glamorous pulse of Paris's fashion scene.

Throughout the trip, our students embraced every moment, seizing opportunities to experience French culture firsthand. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to step outside their comfort zones made this tour truly special. A heartfelt thank-you to the 25 students who made this journey so memorable, as well as to Mrs Maude and Miss Cerisier who brought it to life. This experience was more than just a trip - it was a celebration of learning, adventure and the magic of France!

Ms Johanna Cerisier
Mrs Hilary Maude





Licensing of the New Chaplain

The Service was packed, starting off with the licensing of the Chaplain, Mr Matthew Jennings, by Archdeacon Mark Spratt, awarding prestigious awards at the end of the Eucharist Service, and bidding the Grade 7s farewell in a special way. At the end of the Service, the Grade 7s came up and lit a candle to

exemplify the light they have shone at Uplands Preparatory. Mr Scott Hauptfleisch read out the meaning of the candle and Chaplain Matthew prayed for and blessed the 7s. They then processed out with their candles as a sign that they would leave their legacy light burning, and also go to College and shine their

light there too. They have run their race well and have had a blessed time at Uplands Preparatory. It was a special way to conclude the term for our Grade 7s and the whole community.

Mr Matthew Jennings



Matric Class of 2024 Tree-Planting Ceremony

On the warm winter's morning of Thursday 06 June, the Class of 2024 had the privilege of planting three Wild Pear (*Dombeya rotundifolia*) trees into the Pump Track which has been demarcated as the Matric Indigenous Forest. The drinking water fountain close to the start of the pump track pays tribute to the very first Class of 2021 who established this legacy.

Each year, the Matric Class plants indigenous trees into this area in an effort to create an indigenous forest which is integral to the rewilding of the Uplands Campus. This rewilding is part of the 2028 strategic plan for Uplands and we are proud to be associated with this project. Forever thanks go to the Class of 2021 and the van der Westhuyzen and Alberts families – without whom none of this would have been possible.

Mrs Sally Greathead



The Polar Plunge

On Tuesday 6 August, the annual Polar Plunge took place at the Uplands Dam. A total of 70 pupils and 6 staff braved the cold water this year, which is the highest number of participants we have had since the Polar Plunge started. Ella Mills and Oliver Goodison were this year's winners. Many congratulations go to all involved. The atmosphere and spirit on the day was tangible - a special Uplands tradition indeed!

Mr Dean Forword



Lulafest Rocks for Lula Orphanage!

Lulafest, a vibrant day of music and community spirit, proved to be an incredible success! Held on Sunday August 6th, from 12:00 to 16:00 at the Uplands College Cabbage Patch, the event raised much-needed funds for the Lula Orphanage, while bringing joy to many.

The day was filled with fantastic performances, headlined by the energetic NoteBusters, with talented performers from Uplands adding to the musical magic. Delicious food stalls kept everyone energised, and the atmosphere was one of fun, togetherness and goodwill. Attendees not only enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon but also made a real difference in the lives of the children at Lula Orphanage.

A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who contributed to Lulafest's success! Special appreciation goes to Mr Magagula

and the NoteBusters for their captivating performance, the generous raffle sponsors, the hardworking food stall owners and, of course, all the volunteers and attendees. Your support was truly invaluable - we couldn't have done it without you!

The overwhelming generosity of the community will have a lasting

impact, helping provide for the basic needs of the children at Lula Orphanage. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support. Thank you once again for making Lulafest such a memorable and meaningful event.

Mrs Ivy Mpangane



Uplands Christmas Market

Uplands Christmas Market 2024 was held within the College classroom area. We had stalls on the verandahs and under the beautiful, shady trees. With more than 80 interesting and unique gifting stalls and 12 food stalls, there was something for everyone.

The PTA sold refreshing ice-cold drinks and their lovely supporters' merchandise. The kids' entertainment area kept them busy while their parents browsed for gifts.

The stallholders loved our market, saying they made good sales. They always compliment our team on the organisation and smooth running of the market.

Thank you to all who supported this Uplands Foundation fundraising initiative!



Mrs Tracey Russell





Honours Evening

The Uplands College Honours Evening is a celebration of excellence, dedication, and the remarkable contributions of our pupils. This special occasion not only recognises outstanding achievements but also honours

the commitment and passion that enrich our school community.

We were privileged to have Mark and Dot Tecklenburg, founding members of the College, join us for the evening, and we extend our gratitude to Mrs Tracey Russell for

presenting the special awards.

Congratulations to all our award recipients - may your accomplishments inspire you to continue striving for excellence.

Mrs Kerry Dewar

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 Katie Mills

The Hyson Trophy for Endeavour

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

Awarded to Natasha Bourdin

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 displayed outstanding interpersonal skills, concern for fellow pupils and those less fortunate, and the promotion of cooperation within the College community.

Awarded to Amy-Jane Maré

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 Sibani Lukhele

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 Cate Storm

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 Bruce Nel 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 Lily Rose

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 Edwin Ferreira

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 Chloe Brandt

Academic Honours

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

Edwin Ferreira, Chloe Brandt, Max Östlind, Natasha Bourdin, Ntsako Khosa, Amy-Jane Maré, Cate Storm, Erin Bell, Sulinka van Stelten, Tristan Walker, Guy Dupont, Chloé Warren, Faith Nyamaka, Katie Mills, Xiluva Wate

Academic Colours

were awarded to the following Grade 12s who attained an average between 75% and 80%:

Ximene Nhaúle, Nicole Woodrow, Samantha Codd, Reese Manowe, Lesaya Harri-Calaca, Cassandra Mitana, Lomantjolo Mnisi, Caitlyn Nel, Kinza Bangish, Jenna Viljoen, Sveva Moore, Tanya Delpont, Jack Robson, Diara Cumbi

Academic Tie Awards

were awarded to the following Grade 12s who attained an average between 70% and 75%:

Zenkosi Thwala, Laila Hamilton, Olwami Maliba, Tumisho Mosehla, Charlie Foss, Griffin Jones, Franciely Samo Gudo, Lindsay Stratford, Sameeha Jooma, Blessing Monareng,

Special Awards

**Marley Waspe, Rhulani
Chitambira, Lesedi Shakwane**

Culture 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, and their interpretation and characterisation is always accurate, appropriate and justified.

Awarded to Katie Mills

Nella Coetzer Trophy

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

Awarded to Cate Storm

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 Macayle Visagie

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 Siyanda Ochan



The Founders Award
Katie Mills



The Hyson Trophy for Endeavour
Natasha Bourdin



Dux Trophy
Edwin Ferreira



Proxime Accessit
Chloe Brandt



The Best All-round
Sportswoman Award
Lily Rose



The Best All-round
Sportsman Award
Marley Waspe

Special Awards



The Sportswoman of the Year
Sveva Moore



The Sportsman of the Year
Bruce Nel



Arthur Gaydon-Connock Trophy
Marley Waspe



The Tecklenburg Award
for Good Fellowship
Amy-Jane Maré



The Marisa Longuinho Award
Sibani Lukhele



The Thomson Cultural Award
Cate Storm



Nella Coetzer Award
Cate Storm



Karin Reum Trust
Katie Mills



The Devin Möller Trophy
Siyanda Ochan



The Halifax Trophy
Macayle Visagie

Subject Awards



Accounting
Jack Robson



Afrikaans
Tanya Delpoit



Business Studies
Erin Bell



Computer Applications
Technology
Amy-Jane Maré



Dramatic Arts
Cate Storm



Engineering Graphics and Design
Edwin Ferreira



English
Chloé Warren



French
Chloé Warren



Further Studies English
Chloé Warren

Subject Awards



Further Studies Mathematics
Edwin Ferreira



Further Studies Physics
Edwin Ferreira



Geography
Chloe Brandt



History
Natasha Bourdin



Information Technology
Edwin Ferreira



isiZulu
Blessing Monareng



Life Orientation
Amy-Jane Maré



Life Sciences
Ntsako Khosa



Mathematical Literacy
Ximene Nhaúle

Subject Awards



Mathematics
Edwin Ferreira



Music
Blessing Monareng



Physical Sciences
(Shared)
Ntsako Khosa



Physical Sciences
(Shared)
Edwin Ferreira



Spanish Additional Language
Xiluva Wate



Sport and Exercise Science
Katie Mills



Visual Arts
Chloe Brandt

Sports Awards



Athletics -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Lohan van Antwerpen



Athletics -
Most Improved Athlete
Mickal Bakker



Athletics -
Best Male Athlete
Princely Mhangana



Athletics -
Best Female Athlete
Lily Rose



Swimming -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Rex Notten



Swimming -
Most Improved Female Swimmer
Emma Roberts



Swimming -
Most Improved Male Swimmer
Sonney Waspe



Swimming -
Best Male Swimmer
Yan Gonçalves



Swimming -
Best Female Swimmer
Ella Mills

Sports Awards



Netball -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Mathlatsi Thabane



Netball -
Most Improved Player of the Year
Faith Nyamaka



Netball -
Player of the Year
Ivy Ikekuah



Tennis - Boys
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Guy Dupont



Tennis - Boys
Most Improved player
Mickal Bakker



Tennis - Boys
Player of the Year
Jamie Tinker



Tennis - Girls
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Faye Tod



Tennis - Girls
Most Improved player
Kate Rankin



Tennis - Girls
Player of the Year
Jessica Stäubli

Sports Awards



Cricket - Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Boys
Luke Breero



Cricket -
Most Improved Boys
Luke Johnstone



Cricket -
Player of the Year Boys
Bruce Nel



Cricket - Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Girls
Jessica Stäubli



Cricket -
Most Improved Girls
Kate Howe-Dreyer



Cricket -
Player of the Year Girls
Sveva Moore



Hockey - Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Girls
Livia Daykin



Hockey -
Most Improved Player
Achel Sawunyama



Hockey -
Hockey Player of the Year Girls
Holleigh Johnstone

Sports Awards



Hockey - Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Boys
Marley Waspe



Hockey -
Most Improved Player
Caleb Erasmus



Hockey -
Boys Hockey Player of the Year
Bruce Nel



Squash -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Kaden Taylor



Squash -
Most Improved Boys
Matthew Holing



Squash -
Boys Player of the Year
Edwin Ferreira



Squash - Girls
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Olivia Ralfe



Squash -
Girls Player of the Year
Charlie Foss



Squash -
Girls Most Improved
Kayla Masereka

Sports Awards



Soccer- Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Boys
Will Manonga



Soccer -
Boys Most Improved
Joshua Zumbika



Soccer -
Boys Player of the Year
Rolando Pereira



Soccer - Sportsmanship
and Endeavour Girls
Samantha Codd



Soccer -
Most Improved Girls
MaryAngel Leopeng



Soccer -
Girls Player of the Year
Chloé Warren



Rugby -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Nyiko Silinda



Rugby -
Most Improved
Leam van Zyl



Rugby -
Player of the Year
Lethani Ndzabandzaba

Sports Awards



Mountain Biking -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Noah Albrecht



Mountain Biking -
Most Improved
Paulus Coetzee



Mountain Biking -
Rider of the Year Boys
Samuel McIntosh



Mountain Biking -
Rider of the Year Girls
Sierra Du-Pont



Equestrian -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Megan Lintvelt



Equestrian -
Most Improved
Phoebe Garrell



Equestrian -
Rider of the Year
Ellen Holland



Chess -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Edwin Ferreira



Chess -
Most Improved
Karen Wate

Sports Awards



Chess -
Player of the Year
Thuray Matsinhe



Debating -
Sportsmanship and Endeavour
Siyanda Laphoko



Debating-
Most Improved Speaker Senior
Hendrik Greyling



Debating -
Most Improved Speaker Junior
Anele Mahlalela



Debating -
Best Speaker Senior
Diara Cumbi



Debating -
Best Speaker Junior
Tshiamo Theledi

Matric Art Exhibition

On Friday morning, the 2024 Matric Final Art Exhibition was opened by our top Visual Arts Student, Chloe Brandt. We were delighted to be hosted in the Uplander – a fitting venue that will welcome our class of Matrics back one day as Uplands alumni.

Over the past year, the Matric art students have engaged with the

IEB theme of Truth and Fiction, exploring it through their individual and unique interpretations. This is a group that celebrates diversity in a wide range of media, subjects and styles. Images range from nostalgic memories of home and family where truth can be found, to explorations of fantastical stories. The exhibition reflects some wonderful talent and months of dedication.

Congratulations to Chloe, Luke, Livia, Charlie, Lesaya, Sameeha, Dante, Lad, Ximene, Aluta, Lindsay, Annabel, Macayle and Matthew. We are proud to celebrate your talent and hard work today!

Ms Jennifer Schaum



Matric Dance

A Summer Night's Dream

On the enchanting evening of March 20th, 2024, elegance and grace converged at Whispering Thorns in White River for Uplands College's "A Summer Night's Dream" Matric Dance. The serene atmosphere was imbued with sophistication, as the Class of 2024 graced the occasion in their stylish attire, emanating both timeless charm and contemporary flair. Memorable Matric Dance entrances added to the allure of the evening, etching indelible impressions in the minds of all attendees.



The venue, with its tranquil ambiance, rustic charm and modern design, provided a picturesque backdrop of elegance and breathtaking beauty. Each pupil exuded confidence and poise, epitomising a seamless blend of modern fashion and classic sophistication. From flowing dresses that swayed with every step to impeccably tailored suits that commanded attention, every detail contributed to an unforgettable evening.

In a world where style speaks volumes and sophistication reigns supreme, the Class of 2024 set a new standard of excellence. The night unfolded as a magical celebration of youth and friendship, leaving everyone with cherished memories to carry forward. As the pupils departed, their hearts



overflowed with gratitude for the long-awaited evening.

Uplands College extends sincere appreciation to the management of Whispering Thorns, the Rock Solid Sound team, Photographer Amy Ballantyne from Ballantyne Film and Photo, and especially the Uplands College Matric Dance Committee for their dedication and efforts in making this event a resounding success.

Mrs Megan van Aardt



Matric Boarder Leavers' Dinner

On Wednesday 9th October, the 2024 Matric Boarders were honoured at a special formal dinner – a chance to reminisce and celebrate their time in boarding. The evening was filled with warmth, laughter and reflection as the Head Boarding Mentors delivered heartfelt speeches, expressing gratitude

to the house staff, mentors, and friends who shaped their journey. Mrs Une Magagula also shared a thoughtful message with the outgoing class, offering words of wisdom and encouragement as they prepare to embark on their next chapter. The dining hall was beautifully set for the occasion, and

the delicious meal, shared stories and strong sense of camaraderie made for an unforgettable evening. A truly wonderful night of celebration, and a special thanks to all who contributed towards making it so memorable!

Ms Johanna Cerisier



The Grade 12 Valediction Service

On Friday 11th October, Uplands College hosted its annual Valediction Service in the school hall. The event was a special service, led by our new chaplain, Mr Matthew Jennings, who spoke on the value of

setting the example. The ceremony gave an opportunity for the Head School Mentors to pay tribute to their classmates and teachers, and Mr Allan Laing led a symbolic procession with the four Head

Boarding Mentors. The Matrics left the ceremony to the applause of parents and peers before ringing the school bell for the final time.

Mr Mark Blew



Congrats, Matric Class of 2024!

TOP ACHIEVER 10 DISTINCTIONS



Edwin Ferreira



CONGRATULATIONS UPLANDS MATRIC CLASS OF 2024

**100%
PASS
RATE**

- Average of 2 distinctions per candidate
- 95% Bachelor Degree Pass
- 28% of all subject results above 80%
- 60% of all subject results above 70%

7 DISTINCTIONS



Natasha Bourdin



Chloe Brandt



Max Östlind

6 DISTINCTIONS



Ntsako Khosa



Amy-Jane Maré



Ximene Nhaúle



Sulinka van Stelten



Tristan Walker

5 DISTINCTIONS



Samantha Codd



Laila Hamilton



Lomantjolo Mnisi



Faith Nyamaka



Cate Storm

4 DISTINCTIONS



Erin Bell



Guy Dupont



Katie Mills



Cassandra Mitana



Jack Robson



Zenkosi Thwala



Jenna Viljoen



Chloé Warren



Xiluwa Wate



Nicole Woodrow

3 DISTINCTIONS



Livia Daykin



Tanya Delport



Charlie Foss



Lesaya Harri-Calaca



Griffin Jones



Sameeha Jooma



Omphile Masuluke



Blessing Monareng



Sveva Moore



Akani Sibuyi



Marley Waspe

TOP 1% OF CANDIDATES PER SUBJECT

Business Studies:

Tristan Walker

Dramatic Arts:

Cate Storm and Katie Mills

Engineering Graphics & Design:

Chloe Brandt

IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVEMENT LIST

Amy-Jane Maré

Class of 2024



Akani Sibuyi



Alicia Dauane



Aluta Shai



Amy-Jane Maré



Annabel Victor



Blessing Monareng



Boitumelo Moele



Bongiwé Shabangu



Bruce Nel



Brunielle Broadwell



Caitlyn Nel



Cassandra Mitana



Cate Storm



Charlie Foss



Chloe Brandt



Chloé Warren

Class of 2024



Chukwuemepe Umeano



Daniela Toti



Danny Snyman



Dante Mahanhe



Darrell Manuel



Diara Cumbi



Edrich Kõltzow



Edwin Ferreira



Emile Kõltzow



Éric Cardoso



Erin Bell



Etomchukwu Umeano



Fábio Jeque



Faith Nyamaka



Franciely Samo Gudo



Gontse Shaloane

Class of 2024



Gregory Kazandjis



Griffin Jones



Guy Dupont



Holleigh Johnstone



Jack Robson



Jacques Diedericks



Jamie Viljoen



Jason Dolloway



Jenna Viljoen



Josh Puttkammer



Joshua Zumbika



Katie Mills



Keagan Rodseth



Keegan Fouché



Kinza Bangish



Kyra Whyte

Class of 2024



Lad Mnisi



Laila Hamilton



Lauren Hulley-Miller



Lesaya Harri-Calaca



Lesedi Shakwane



Lesihle Fakudze



Lethani Ndzabandzaba



Lily Rose



Lindsay Stratford



Livia Daykin



Lohan van Antwerpen



Lomantjolo Mnisi



Luke Breero



Lwandle Pilson



Macayle Visagie



Makayla Reilly-Warr

Class of 2024



Marley Waspe



Matthew Müller



Matthew Watson



Max Östlind



Megan Breet



Nandile Mkhwanazi



Natasha Bourdin



Nhelety Magane



Nicole Woodrow



Ntsako Khoza



Olivia Ralfe



Olwami Maliba



Omphile Lamola



Omphile Masuluke



Onthatile Manaka



Reese Manowe

Class of 2024



Rhandzu Nkosi



Rhulani Chitambira



Ryan Tilly



Samantha Codd



Sameeha Jooma



Shaun Balogun



Sibusisekile Sithole



Sulinka van Staden



Sveva Moore



Tanya Delport



Tariro Nyamuzihwa



Tristan Walker



Tumisho Mosehla



Tyron Small



Vuyiswa Thabethe



Will Manonga

Class of 2024



Xiluva Wate



Ximene Nhaúle



Xongi Ngobeni



Zenkosi Thwala

Prayer for the Class of 2024

*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