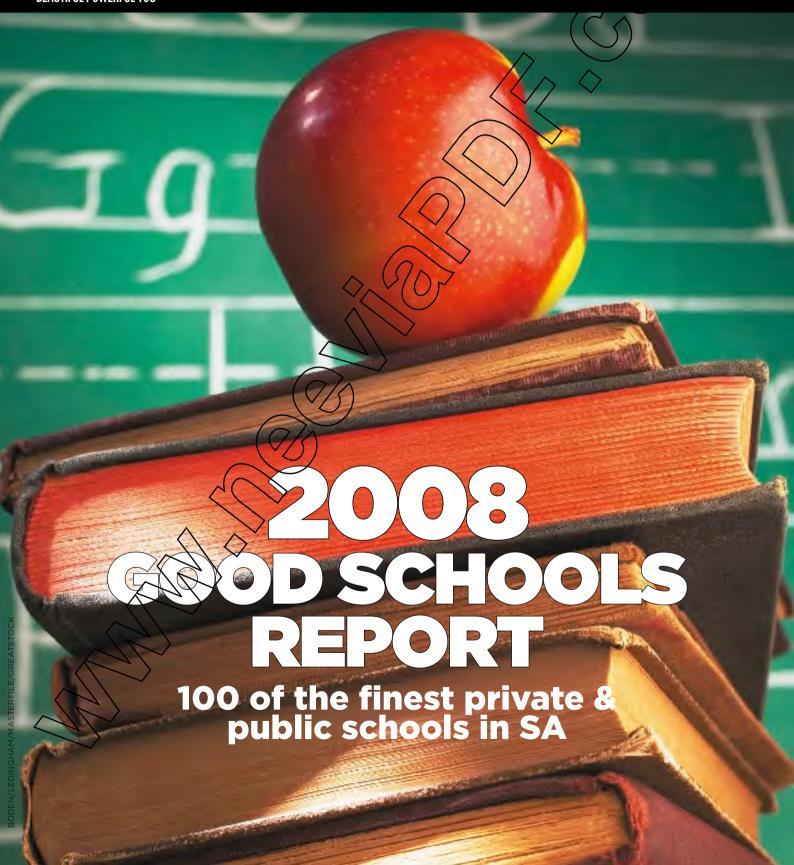
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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

e hear a lot of rumblings about the state of education in South Africa - for example, how the national matric pass rate for 2007 was a lowly 65,2% - 1,4% below that of 2006. How we desperately need to push maths and science at school level. How good teachers are hard to come by, and even harder to retain. And how violence is a new and disturbing trend in our country's schools.

What struck us, however, while editing DESTINY's inaugural Good Schools Report was the wonderful diversity and excellence of so many of our educational facilities. Yes, SA faces an uphill battle to elevate all our schools and raise the overall bar in education, but the obvious comparison between independent, private schools listed in these pages and the public schools shows not only a surprisingly narrow gap (in some instances) on the fees front, but also a tradition - across the board - of excellence in terms of academic and sporting prowess, as well as cultural pursuits.

To this end, journalist Laura Twiggs has compiled a comprehensive and compelling guide of 50 of the best private schools, and 50 of the best public ones, in SA. We took a conscious decision early on in this process to steer away from ranking the schools. Rankings would have been achieved through a comparison of matric results, but the methodology, the education experts told remembered that no school in the world us, would have skewed the results purely



towards academic-orientated institutions and would have ignored other somplexities in our society and education system, such as upliftment and remedial programmes. Our change of tack has, we believe, seen a diverse and well-rounded list take shape. But, with only 100 places to fill, this guide is by no means exhaustive and we admit that there are many other excellent schools in SA which have not been included.

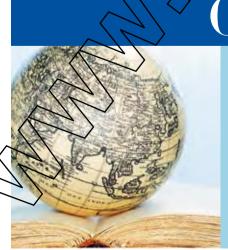
Since the issue of education is a serious one, we've also opted to look at preparing your child for school - a feat no parent es lighely and which, from a psychologiperspective, is increasingly a factor in odern-dayeducation. Research shows that school a child attends from the age of 11 as a significant effect on his or her chances of syccess in life after leaving the institun. Having said that, though, it must be - however lavishly equipped, well staffed

steeped in traditions of academic excellence – can replace the solid, moral values that come from a stable and loving home background. This, after all, is where education truly begins.

While many in our country don't enjoy the luxury of shopping around for the correct scholastic fit for their child, a growing amount of people do - and these numbers are increasingly being swelled from the ranks of the Black Diamonds, the burgeoning black middle class in SA.

This guide is aimed at equipping you with all you need to know in order to make an informed decision about your children's education - it's a resource we plan to pro-vide every year for years to come.

Cara Bouwer and Masego Lehihi **Project Editors**



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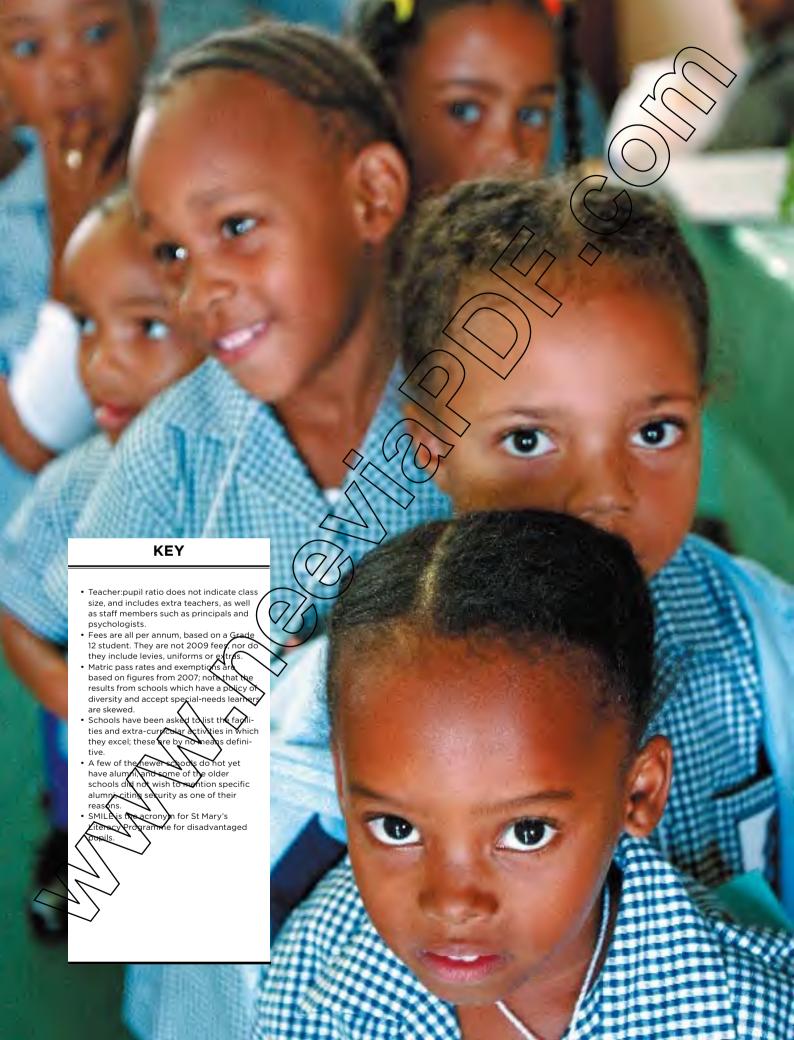
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LOOKING AT SELECTIVE STATISTICS, THE STATE OF EDUCATION AS A WHOLE IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD SEEM ROSY. WITH A SPEND OF 5,4% OF GDP ON EDUCATION (AMOUNTING TO OVER R105,5 BILLION IN THE 2007/2008 BUDGET), SOUTH AFRICA IS WELL ABOVE THE WORLD AVERAGE OF 4,5% OF GDP

(WRHTEN BY LAURA TWIGGS

f South Africa's 13 million children between the ages of six and 18, 93% are enrolled in an educational institution. According to the 2007 school Realities published by the Department of Education (DoE), this means that in 2007, South Africa had 12,41 million learners, being taught in 2009 ordinary schools by 395 452 educators: 2,04 million of these learners were enrolled in 24,074 ordinary public schools and 370 000 learners in 125 ordinary independent schools (60% of which have been established since 1990).

However, according to the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA), the number of registered pre-primary, primary and secondary private or independent schools in South Africa is higher than the figure given by the DoE: they estimate there to be around 2 000, the majority charging less than R8 000 a year and, contrary to dominant perceptions, having over 70% of black learners, of which 58% are African.

Where non-public schools were once called private schools, the official term is now "independent schools". And, although the percentile of children enrolled in independent schools may seem extremely low, independent schooling in South Africa has a long history. Today, only 14% of independent schools charge annual fees of more than R20 000. Religious schools, at 43% of the sector, are the largest

sub-category of independent schooling.

Also, where there was once a perception of independent schools being "white, affluent and exclusive", this is no longer the case, say Jane Hofmeyr and Simon Lee in The New Face of Independent Schooling. They contend that there's been a great deal of change in the independent schooling sector since 1990, driven primarily by "differentiated demand in black communities for better and different schooling". They quote English education expert James Tooley, who's written extensively on the growth of a worldwide scale of independent education over the past two decades, most dramatically in developing countries. So great is this growth that Tooley calls it "an educational revolution", with the vast majority of poor urban and peri-urban children now in "budget" private schools in countries such as Somaliland, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Malawi, India and the Caribbean.

BLURRING OF THE LINES

There are many who reject old-fashioned notions of any "opposition" between independent and government schools at all. Dr Anil Kanjee, Executive Director of the Centre for Education Quality Improvement of the Human Sciences Research Council, says South Africa actually has a dual schooling system, and that there are "elite" schools in both sectors. And Mark Henning, publisher of *Independent Education* and >

Education Africa Forum, says: "Such comparisons between public and private schools are odious, because in some perceptions they're seen as polar opposites."

Quoting from a pamphlet released by the National Association of Independent Schools on the myths and realities around private schools in the US, Henning explains the perception of these polar opposites: the one as "havens of wealth and privilege", the other as the "institutional embodiment of democratic pluralism itself", which, says Henning, "a quick glance at schooling in South Africa will show to be nonsense. In fact, both serve the same role in society and are complementary."

In essence, there's been a blurring of the traditional differences between public and independent schools. "Instead of a neat dichotomy between public and independent, there's now a continuum. Some wellestablished, ex-white, self-governing public schools are more like high-fee independent schools than under-resourced public schools serving disadvantaged black learners. The ex-white suburban public schools that charge high fees and still get at least half of their staff paid for by the province arguably have the most discretionary income of any school," say Lee and Hofmeyr.

This means that when competing for learners, the dice may now be loaded in public schools who're able to provide learners with facilities out of the reach of most "privileged" independent schools. On the other hand, poor independent schools share the problems of poor public schools, but because their maximum state subsidy is limited to 60% of an equivalent public school, and many of these schools rely almost entirely on the subsidy to survive, their financial position is always precarious

THE BIG DUFFERENCE

So what's the real difference? Public schools tate controlled and managed, whereas independent schools are privately managed. Though many think of former "Model C" schools as "semi-private", they're actually public schools - even though they're Section 21 schools and, as such, have a degree of budget autonomy. And a great many independent schools are recipients of

government subsidies, granted on a sliding scale with schools which charge the lowest fees receiving the highest subsidy. State subsidies to independent institutions are permitted, but not guaranteed. Independent schools don't have to write government examinations, but must meet the criteria outlined in the National Curriculum Statement in terms of curricula and examina tions. Some do follow the state curriculum others follow the Independent Examinations Board curriculum, and a small number

According to Kanjee, diversity And schools need to dapt to the changing nature of South Africa. For him, there's no single issue greater than quality teaching. Kanjee says schools across the board are experiencing the same pressures manifest in ociety as a whole: HIV/Aids, violence, drugs and sexual abuse, among others. "These are simply the reflection of our society," he refregates. And they're not the sole province of poor public schools.

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opt for Cambridge or International Baccalaureate curricula.

Going back to the generous R105,5 illion spend on education, it's difficult to exactly how this is paying off. Based on MAS 2004 and AMPS 2005 (provided by favour of well-established, subur an Eighty20), the proportion of South African adults with a matric has increased from 25% in 1996 to 35% in 2007. However, of those who successfully obtain a matric pass, 28% are nevertheless unemployed, as opposed to just 3,2% of those who go on to obtain a university degree or higher.

> And therein lies the rub. The idea that South African education is in "crisis mode" is gathering momentum. A Finweek report published in February 2008 points to "the failure of the education system to face up to the challenges of global competition in the 21st century". Clearly, there are serious issues in education as a whole, and tough challenges facing both government and independent schools. And, overwhelmingly, a chorus of voices is raising the crux of this "crisis": the absence in quality, particularly of teachers, coupled with a basic lack of discipline, insufficient respect for authority and the absence of accountability.

Ultimately, the focus comes back to good-quality teachers. According to Henning: "At the very centre of good schooling are relationships between children and teachers, and between pupils of positive attitude and desirable behaviour. The challenge facing

South African schools is the recruitment and retention of teachers who can serve as models for children to look up to and want to emulate."

Yet, despite the many similarities between challenges facing schools of the same calibre within the independent and private sectors, there are some issues which are unique to independent schools.

One of these has its roots in our history. Hofmeyr and Lee quote from P Randall's book, Little England in the Veld: A Study of the Private Protestant Schools in South Africa, explaining that because traditional independent schools in South Africa took their lead from the British public schools system, they were "a little England in the veld" and mainly reproduced "a white, elitist, conservative capitalist system". They further cite P Christie's book, Open Schools: Racially Mixed Catholic Schools in South Africa, 1976-1986, which argues that despite admissions being opened to black learners, the logic has been one of "assimilation to white Western and largely capitalist dominant values". It's a criticism independent schools can't afford to ignore. As a result, the authors note: "Many schools are making efforts to change their cultures to become more affirming of the heterogeneity of South African society."

A further issue in independent schooling, say Hofmeyr and Lee, is that "economic class has replaced race as the determinant of who goes where".

An offshoot of this is that since the birth of democracy in South Africa, good public schools provide independent schools with far more rigorous competition. "This, in turn, has forced many high- and averagefee independent schools to examine closely the value for money they offer," they say. "ISASA schools regularly testify to the fact that their strongest competition

ent schools, as well as so-called "Model C" schools. Black Diamonds 2007: On the Move. a study by the University of Cape Town's Unilever Institute of Strategic Marketing and TNS Research Surveys, shows that the black middle class has grown to 2,6 million, with a combined annual spending power of R180 billion. It's likely that this group will become the main client of tradi tional independent schools. The "pull" & independent schools, hypo-thesise Hofmeyr and Lee, could be that they have smaller class sizes, "and the perception of greater accountability and better quality of schooling in these schools".

Prof John Simpson, who led the Black

Diamonds 2007 tudy,/agrees, saying this group prioritises educaon as a stepping stone to jobs and life tyle. "They're buving t h e future," he says, "and an investment in children's education is seen in these terms."

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comes from the Section 21 self-governing public schools."

registration and hostility towards independ ent schools from provincial education departments, as well as increased legislative demands and volumes of paperwork facing independent schools over the last 18 years. Lee and Hofmeyr note that these and related factors frequently cause huge administrative injustice" that can lead low-fee independent chools to collapse. What's more, independent schools are now liable to pay property rates, set in accordance with nearby commercial and residential properties which drastically affects the schools' prospects of economic sustainability.

THE BLACK DIAMOND FACTOR

Despite these (and other) issues confronting independent schools in South Africa, there can be no doubt that, increasingly, our emerging middle class is prioritising education for their children, and increasingly enrolling at traditionally white independ-

eption that elite, independent schools ill give more than an education also comes Then there are the issues of conditions of \(\left(\)into\(\)play. Says Lee: "Why parents choose independent schools varies from person to person, but the single biggest attraction is probably 'choice itself' - the fact that these schools allow parents to choose from among a wide range of cultural, religious, academic, sporting and other qualities for their child. The sector's real strength is its variety."

> Might they also give children access to entrenched "old boys" networks? One father who was quoted in the Mail & Guardian article, Hey, Black Spender in December 2007, said of high-fee independent schools: "A lot of the parents are wealthy and own companies, and their kids are born into that. Middle-class kids born into middleclass families lead middle-class lives. And, as an employer, it's, like: 'Oh, you went to Michaelhouse - good school.' People know what kind of breed comes from that school."

> But Henning cautions: "Black diamonds will see the articulateness, confidence,

self-esteem and competence of children coming out of school hear what colleagues and parents have to say, and make their own choices. It's not as if attending one school or another gives one entry to an elite, as was the case in the UK in years gone by. What is sought after are schools that are value-driven caring, well-managed and safe places."

Selecting 50 of the best government and 50 of the best independent schools in South Africa has been no easy task. In the absence of research and qualitative data, any such list is bound to be extremely subjective and imminently fallible. Our list does not claim to be definitive and we acknowledge that many schools are not included in it.

The following have been used to draw up these lists: Africa's 100 Best Secondary Schools - a survey produced on 1 October 2003 by Africa Almanac research; top feeder schools to prominent universities; waiting lists; entry requirements; fees; visible achievements (sports, debating, chess, Olympiads, etc); the schools' history and reputation; alumni networks; school facilities; matric results. Where initially we intended to select schools purely based on their matric results, it became apparent that this criterion was not supported by those in education. It was pointed out that matric results on their own are no reliable yardstick, it being relatively easy for schools to "gate-keep" (ie, deliberately keep back learners unlikely to pass so that they don't write finalyear exams).

Guidance has also been taken from experts in the sector, notably Tim Gordon, author of What Makes a Good School? and former headmaster at illustrious schools in both the public and private sectors. Gordon was also a senior official in the Western Cape **Education Department before becom**ing the Business and Administrative Manager at a top-performing government school.

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

16 Worcester Street. Grahamstown Principal: Mrs Shelley

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Motto: En Avante (We

Will Go Forward) Medium: English

Sex: Girls (Grades 10-12 co-ed, co-instructional with St Andrew's Colleae)

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10

Grades: 4-12

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

100%

Extra-curricular:

Mainstream sports; debating; clubs, including arts and crafts, bridge,

Xhosa

conversation; societies Facilities: Three-level design and technology centre, music school with recording studio computer laboratories dance studio, gymna

Fees: R45 609. Boarding: Additional R45 441 Entry requirements; School reports, inter-

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: March prior

Waiting lists: By application date CSH-President's Award Alumni: Poppy Ntshongwana (radio DJ), Marissa Fassler

(Rhodes Scholar, economist), Caroline Southev (former Financial Mail editor and **Director of Standard** Bank), Nicky Turner (advocate) Feeder school: St Andrew's Preparatory School

Contact: Tel: 046 603 4300. Fax: 046 636 2363. Email: office@ dsgschool.com. Web-

www.dsgschool.com

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

Burton Street. Grahamstown Principal: Mr David

Arguile Motto: Stug

Proveniunt (With Enthusiasm Undertak ings Forge Ahead) Medium: English

Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 90%

Extra-curricular:

Standard sports, rockclimbing, concert band, surfing, Integrated Community Development Programme Facilities: Astroturf, Olympic-size waterpolo pool, music school, art laborato-

ries, IT laboratories Fees: R47 835. Boarding: Additional R47 310

Entry requirements:

Satisfactory report and interview with assess ment, when necessary

When to apply: At least one year prior to

Waiting lists Siblings and children of forme pupils given preference

once criteria are met CSI: Through the integrated Commy nity Development

Prøgramme, a house was bought for Little Red Diagon Pre-School for Disadvantaged

Children: Love to Read project;

after-care for HIVnfected and -affected children

Alumni: Graham Beck (wine estate owner and entrepreneur), Tom Ansley (Chairman: Elliott International), Brian Stocks (Chairman: Sun International Vacation Club & Brian Stocks Properties), Luntu Ntloko (hockey-player) Contact: Tel: 046 603 6627. Fax: 086 685 3857. Email: a.long@ kingswoodcollege.com.

ST ANDREW'S

COLLEGE Somerset Street, Grahamstown Principal: Mr David Wylde; 2009: Mr Paul Edev

Website: www.kings-

woodcollege.com

Motto: Nec Aspera Terrent (Difficulties Do Not Dismay Us)

Medium: English Sex: Boxs (Grades 10-12 eq-ed, co-instructional with Diocesan School for Girls)

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: **Roth**

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Exploration society (includes wildlife, canoeing, cycling, etc), clubs (includes

current affairs, design and technology, robotics), closed societies (includes astronomers) Facilities: Three-level design and technology centre, music school with recording studio, computer laboratories Fees: R45 720. Boarding: Additional R56 800

Entry requirements: School reports, inter-

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: March prior vear

Waiting lists: By application date CSI: President's Award Alumni: Jacko Maree (CEO: Standard Bank), Ryan Kankowsky (Springbok rugby/ Sharks player), Nick Mallett (former Springbok rugby coach), David Hall-Green (SABC personality) Feeder school: St Andrew's Preparatory

School

Contact: Tel: 046 603 2300. Fax: 046 603 2381. Email: contact@ sacschool.com. Website:

www.sacschool.com

THEODOR HERZL HIGH

Cnr Church Rd and 14th Ave, Walmer, Port Elizabeth

Principal: Mr Stephen

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Motto: Goelet (Redeemeth) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio:

1:20

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 100%

Extra-curricular: Tertiary education preparation programme, debating, drama, hockey, soccer, forums

(eq Judaica) Facilities: Tranquil environment, updated computer facility

Fees: R43 200 **Entry requirements:**

Report, interview. competency tests in English and mathemat-

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: 31 May of prior year Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and children of former pupils, Theodor Herzl

GLYNN/SUNDAYTIMES/PICTURENET **FOTAL EXPOSURE. JEREMY**

Primary School Grade 7s and Jewish children CSI: Interact. President's Award Programme Alumni: Alan Demby (Chairman: SA Gold Coin Exchange), Barry Trink (Associate Professor: Johns Hopkins University), Mick Davis (CEO: Xtsras Plc (Zuy)) Feeder school: Theodor Herzl Primary School Contact: Tel: 041 581 4244. Fax: 041 581 2067. Email: kennedva@ theodor.co.za. Website:

WOODRIDGE COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

www.theodorherzl.

co.za

Old Van Staden's Pass Road, Witteklip area, Thornhill Principal: Mr Craig **Donald Neave** Motto: Fideliter (Faithfully) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:15 **Grades: 00-12** Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Outdoor education, steel band, horse-riding Facilities: Astroturf.

three swimming pools two squash courts, eight tennis courts, three computer laboratories

School Rest R40 815. Boarding: Additional R25\245

requirements: ound academic history, interview

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: Year prior to entry

CSI: President's Award Alumni: Mark Rushmere (cricketer), Martin

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME







Maths Olympiads,



FROM LEFT: Jacko Maree, CEO, Standard Bank: St Andrew's College; Poppy Ntshongwana, 5FM DJ: Diocesan School for Girls; Michelle Garforth, media personality/Redhill High School; Nerine Kahn, Director, CCMA: Kingsmead College

Dreyer (adventure athlete), Rikki Wessels (cricketer) Colin Ingram (cricketer). Loyiso Jiya (economist and

businessman) Contact: Tel: 041 956 6200. Fax: 041 956 6202. Email: gwen. massyn@woodridge. co.za. Website: www. woodridge.co.za

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AMERICAN INTERN TIONAL SCHOOL OF **JOHANNESBUR** Scorpion Thail, Plot 160 Diepsloot, Johannes burg Principal: Ms Maddy Hewitt Mediums English Pupikteacher ratio: 1:15 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Day school Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: Graduating class too small for ranking Extra-curricular: Swimming, basketball, volleyball, hockey, horse-riding, yearbook, teacher's aide, independent study and resource Facilities: Basketball courts, international

baccalaureate pro-

gramme, access to equestrian centre Entry requirements: New Grade & students: evaluation test When to apply: Open application proces CSI: Outreack programme involves students in various South African development and service projects/ ees: R100 895

eder schools: Other American International Schools throughout the world Contact: Tel: 011 464 1505 ext 218. Fax:

011 464 1327. Email: eparkes@aisj-jhb.com. Website: www.aisj-jhb.com

BRESCIA HOUSE SCHOOL

14 Sloane Street, Bryanston, Johannesburg Principal: Ms Marilyn **Bothma** Motto: Serviam (I Shall Serve) Medium: English Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Grades: R-12 Boarding/day school: Day school Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: Extra-curricular: UN

debating, English and

aquatics, hockey, tennis, squash, netball, soccer, athletics, fitness conditioning, spinning Fees: R48 804 When to apply: ASAP. Waiting lists: Up to five years. Preference given to Catholics, siblings. daughters of Old Girls and previously disadvantaged groups CSI: Refilwe and the Trust Foundation (working with residents of Diepsloot and Cosmo City informal settlements) Alumni: Cecilia Kwei (Top 50 IEB Matriculant 2002, with seven distinctions), Lauren Liebenberg (author), Catherine Hopkins (actress and performer), Jessica Sterenborg (UK delegate: Universities World Medical Conference 2007, Leicester, UK, organiser), Megan Small (TV producer, journalist, winner of Vodacom Journalist of the Year 2007 for investigative journalism) Feeder schools: **Brescia House Primary** School, Bryandale Primary School, Bry-

aneven Primary School, Montrose Primary School.

Rivonia Primary

School, Bryanston Parallel Medium School. **Grayston Prep-aratory** School Contact: Tel: 011 706 7404. Fax: 011 706 7446. Email: info1@ brescia.co.za. Website:

CRAWFORD COLLEGE, PRFTORIA

www.brescia.co.za

555 Sibelius Street, Lukasrand, Pretoria Principal: Mr André Botha

Motto: Tutum Te Robore Reddam (Let Us Make You Safe by Our Strength) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemption: 99% Extra-curricular: Soccer, swimming,

basketball, cycling, Grahamstown Festival, sky-diving, scuba-divina, aolf Facilities: Sports

grounds, tennis courts, swimming pools, basketball courts, kosher canteen, music studio, art studio, auditorium Fees: R52 080

Entry requirements: Must pass English and maths admission tests and have above-average previous reports When to apply: Beginning of year prior to admission Waiting list: According to date of application. Siblings and children of past pupils given preference **CSI:** Several charities and outreach programmes, including Ray of Hope (feeding and clothing people living on rubbish dumps) Alumni: Lureshan Naidoo (TV presenter),

Debbie Vierva (ac-

tress), Cameron van

swimmer), Gerit Zond-

berg (Olympic swim-

mer). Donette Dumar

den Berg (Olympic

(model) Feeder schools: **Crawford Preparatory** School. Waterkloof Primary School, Constantia Primary School, Laerskool Anton van Wouw Contact: Tel: 012 343 2257. Fax: 012 344 1624. Email: ccpadmin@ crawfordschools.co.za. Website: www.crawford.

CRAWFORD COLLEGE, SANDTON

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Waterstone Drive Benmore Gardens, Sandton, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Deon Visser Motto: Tutum Te Robore Reddam (Let us Make you Safe by Our Strength) Medium English Sex: Co-kd

Teagher:pupil/ratio: 1:12 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Day school

Metric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 100%

Extra-curricular: Standard sports, cultural activities, photography,

drama, theatre, video, design, art clubs, touch

rugby Facilities: Indoor/outdoor basketball courts. theatre, soundproof music practice rooms, art studios with darkroom, ceramics and print-making facilities, audio-visual rooms, Nino's canteen Fees: R58 790 **Entry requirements:** Good behaviour and academic record at previous school When to apply: At least a year or two before admission date Waiting list: Arranged according to merit. Siblings and children of past pupils given preference, once criteria are met **CSI:** Orange Farm partnership school (Leshata High), Interact club, Habitat for Humanity, collections for various homes. shelters and victims of xenophobia, recycling programme Alumni: The late Brett

Goldin (actor), Shan non Esra (a ctress John

Trengove (producer) Feeder schools; Crawford Preparatory School, Montrose Primary School Wendywood

Primary School, Grayston Primary School Contact: Tel: 011 784 3447. Fax: 011 784 3458/9. Email: sandtoncollege@crawfordschools.co.za. Website: www.crawfordschools. co.za

DEUTSCHE SCHULE. **JOHANNESBURG**

11 Sans Souci Road, Auckland Park, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Dieter Jacob Medium: German and

English

Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Grades: RRR-13 (postmatric) Boarding/day school: Day school Matric pass rate: 100% Extra-curricular: Music, standard sports, theatre

Facilities: Open and

covered sports complex, swimming pool, workshop and art centre, two IT centres, library with Internet Café, amphitheatre Fees: R25 668 Entry requirements: In

terviews, reports, tests Alumni: Sven Lünsche (journalistl), Andrea Stelzer (Miss South Africa 1985) Cøntact: र्जाः 6229/1. Eax: 01148

3188. Emails dsj dsimail.co.za. Website: www.dsj.co.za

DEUTSCHE SCHULE, PRETORIA

Simon Vermooten Road, The Willows, Pretoria

Principal: Mr Helmut Kuehnle Medium: German and

English Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:13 Grades: RRR-13 (post-

Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 94.3%

Extra-curricular: Standard sports, cultural group, school orchestra, musical workshop Facilities: Music centre, computer centre, 25m pool, four tennis courts Fees: R21 000

Entry requirements: Interviews, reports, tests Waiting lists: By application date CSI: 36 partner schools in Mamelodi and Eersterust townships,

workshops for teachers, exchange visits for pupils, extra maths and physics lessons at Mamelodi High Contact: Tel: 012 803 4106. Fax: 012 803 4109. Email: dsp@dsp. gp.school/sa. Website: www.ds/p.g/p.school.za

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL, LINKSFIELD Bedford Road, Linksfield, Johannesbyrg Principal: Nr Marc alconer Motto: Building a Community Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:14 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 97%

Extra-curricular: Cricket, rugby, soccer, netball, tennis, music. drama, dance, art, cross-country, debating, public speaking Facilities: Israel Centre, sports pavilion, media centre

Fees: R49 000 **Entry requirements:** Acceptance of Jewish ethos. If not Jewish, an interview with the General Director of the SA Board of Jewish Education When to apply: Before

end of August in prior year CSI: Eastbank, Turning Point, Impilo, Interact. **Outreach Committee** Alumni: Adrian Gore (CEO: Discovery Health), David Frankel (CEO: Internet Solu-

tions), Brett Levy (CEO: Blue Label), Oscar Goldstuck (CFO: Macsteel) Contact: Tel: 011 480 4500. Fax: 011 640 1649. Email: lhadmin@ sabje.co.za. Website:

www.kdhl.so.:

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Craighall Road, Victory Park Johannesburg Pyingipal: Mr Joseph Gerassi Motto: Integrity,

Tolerance and Respect Medium: English Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school:

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 90%

Extra-curricular: Cricket, rugby, soccer. netball, tennis, music, drama, dance, art Facilities: Extensive Arts and Culture Department, swimming pool, tennis courts.

sports fields Fees: R49 000 **Entry requirements:**

Acceptance of Jewish ethos. If not Jewish, an interview with the General Director of the SA Board of Jewish

Education When to apply: By mid-year prior to year of admission

CSI: Twin with

Pholosho Primary School, Alexandra Alumni: Taddy Blecher (CEO: CIDA Campus), Lael Bethlehem (CEO: Johannesburg Development Agency), Noah Greenhill (Senior General Manager, **Marketing and Business**

Development: JSE) Feeder schools: King **David Victory Park** Primary School, King **David Sandton Primary** School

Contact: Tel: 011 446 7860. Fax: 011 888 7405. Email: hudsond@ sabie.co.za. Website: www.kdvp.co.za

KINGSMEAD COLLEGE

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132 Oxford Road, Melrose, Johannesburg **Principal:** Mrs Lisa Benning

Motto: Franc Ha Leal (Freedom With Loyalty to the Highest Good) Medium: English

Sex: Girls
Teacher:pupil ratio:

1:20

Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school:

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100 % Matric exemptions:

95%

Extra-curricular:
Athletics, diving, horseriding, hockey, netball, squash, swimming, tennis, water-polo, golf Facilities: IT facilities include Apple Mac laptops, Astroturf, two swimming pools, outstanding music department

Fees: R61 650
Entrance requirements:
Reports and referrals
When to apply: Before
end of the first term in

prior year

Waiting lists: By application date. Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls CSI: Interact, President's Award, Aurora Project (hosting girls from Soweto high schools), Puchelik **Project (Soweto Grade** 12s exposed to drama, art or music), service staff skills programme Alumni: Justice Makgaret Marshall (Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court: Massachusetts, US), Norme Kahn (Director, CKMA), Irene Menell (phlanthropist), Denise Scott Brown (aichitect) Contact: Tel: 011 731

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399. Email: contact@

kingsmead.co.za. Web-

site: www.kingsmead.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME











FROM TOP LEFT: Dion Chang, trend analyst: Stalban's College; Nick Mallett, former Springbok rugby coach: St Andrew's College; Jeremy Cronin, politician and poet: St Joseph's Marist College. FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Angel Jones, Creative Director and Foundar, Morrisjones&co advertising agency: Roedean School; Carrol Boyes, artist: St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls; Helen Zille, politician: St Mary's School

LORETO CONVENT

135 Skinner Street, Pretoria

Principal: Mr Stuart Neville Shillinglaw

Motto: Maria Regina Angelorum: Cruci Dum Spiro Fido Mary (Queen)

of Angels: While I Breathe.

I Trust in the Cross)
Medium: English
Grades: RR-12
Sex: Girls only from

Grades 4-12
Teacher:pupil ratio:

1:25 Boarding/day school:

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 75%

re-curricular: Tennis, swimming, netball, hockey, athletics, choir, debating, drama Facilities: School chaplain, chapel, computer centre, hall, pool, tennis and netball courts, music centre, biology (life

sciences) laboratory, science laboratory Fees: R19 250 Entry requirements: Interviews, tests

When to apply: May of

primor year CSI/ Each class has individual project, Catholic ethos strongly maintained, whole school involved in making duvets for Holy Cross Home, donations to victims of xenophopic violence Alumni: Mavis Seseko Director: Seshamay **Events/Tours Compa**ny), Irene Costa (journalist/magazine editor), Dominique Drake (magazine editor), Kelebogile Gina (CA: PWC), Audrey Mokhari (fashion designer) Contact: Tel: 012 326 6342. Fax: 012 324 2780. Email: loretoskinne@ telkomsa.net. Website:

REDDAM HOUSE

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www.loretoskinner.

28 Smith Street, Bedfordview, Johannesburg Principal: Mrs Dalene Quayle Motto: We Shall Give Back

Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:15 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 80%

Extra-curricular:
Academy period, golf,
mountain biking, cycling, swimming, rugby
Facilities: Four computer centres, The Zone
canteen, professional
occupational therapists, speech therapy,
educational psychologists

Fees: R44 690 Entry requirements: Exam

When to apply: ASAP Waiting lists: February of year prior to admission. Siblings and children of past pupils (internationally) given preference CSI: Daily/weekly interventionist charity

drives, weekly optional visits to a local HIV/ Aids children's home, hands-on assistance to disadvantaged schools Alumni: Daniela Louriero (Shukokai karate double world champion), Taryn Right-

ford (Kumite karate double world champion), Graeme Moore (Protea swimmer) Contact: Tel/Fax: 011 615 6710. Email: admin@reddamjhb. co.za. Website: www. reddamhouse.org.za

REDHILL HIGH SCHOOL

20 Summit Road, Morningside, Sandton, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Mike Russell Motto: Free to Build

Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:8

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100%, Matric exemptions:

97%

Extra-curricular:
Standard sports, UN
debating, Science,
English and Maths Olympiads, drama club
Facilities: Outspan
Sports Centre, design
and technology laboratory, whiteboards
Fees: R53 044
Entry requirements:
For Grade 8: exam,
report

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and interview When to apply: Before March of Grade 7 year Waiting lists: From Grades 9-12, entrance dependent on space availability and applicant's profile CSI: Partnership with **Riversands Primary** School and LEAP (Alexandra), Interact and Social Awareness Committee Alumni: Mark Gevisser (author of Thabo Mbeki: The Dream Deferred), Sarah Britten (author and journalist), the late Kabelo "Sello" Duiker (author of Thirteen Cents), Michelle Garforth (media personality) Feeder schools: **Grayston Preparatory** School, Wendywood Primary School, Montrose Primary School, Rivonia Primary School Contact: Tel: 011 783 4707. Fax: 011 883 9652. Email: highschool@ redhill.co.za. Website: www.redhill.co.za

ROEDEAN SCHOOL

Princess of Wales Terrace, Parktown, Johannesburg

Principal: Mrs Mary Williams

Motto: Honneur Aux Dignes (Honour to the Worthy)

Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratios

1:22 Grades: 0-12 Boarding/day school:

Both - boarding from Grade 4

Matric pass rate 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curicular: Public peaking, squash, equestrian sports, debating, President's Award

Facilities: Sports

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME













FROM TOP LEFT: Sandile Zungu, Executive Chairperson, Zungu Investment Company: Hilton College; King Leruo Molotlegi of the Bafokeng tribe: Hilton College; Lerato Mbele, TV journalist: St Mary's School. FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Khanyi Dhloryo, DEST V Founding Editor and businesswoman: Durban Girls' College; Justice Arthur Chaskalson, President, Sonstitutional Court: Hilton College; Mike Pfaff, CEO, RMB: Hilton College

centre, heated pool, Astroturf, multi-learning enrichment centre Fees: R59 040. Boarding: Additional R45 873 Application form, farn-

Entry requirements/ ily interview, question naire, latest school report.

Place secured by ing letter of offer and payment of one term's

in advance When to apply: ASAP Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and dayghters of Old **Ġ**įrls

CS); Christchurch Care and Support Centre, literacy and numeracy skills development for Agape, Nkosi's Haven and Noah's Ark Alumni: Maud Sumner (artist), Sheena Duncan (former Black Sash

leader). Angel Jones (entrepreneur), Cheryl Gillwald (MP) Contact: Tel: 011 647 3200. Fax: 011 643 1484. Email: roedean@ roedeanschool.co.za.

deanechool.co.za BAN'S COLLEGE

Wobsite: www.roc

110 Clear water Road, Lynnwood Glen, PretoNia

Principal: Mr Tom Hamilton

Motto: It Takes a School With Vision to Prepare a Young Man for Life

Medium: English Sex: Boys

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:11 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions:

92% Extra-curricular: Rockclimbing, scuba-diving, Form 3 Journey, rowing Facilities: Music school, auditorium, IT centre, Astroturf, water-polo pool, rock-climbing wall, chapel Fees: R57 450. Boarding: Additional R41 850

Entry requirements: Exam and/or primary school referral

When to apply: No

later than March of Grade 7 year. Normally accepts no more than 60% of applicants per year

Programme (Grade 12), Retsweletse Literacy Programme (Grades 4-7). Interact. community service portfolio Alumni: HHP aka Jabulani Tsambo (rap artist), David Rattray (historian), Dion Chang (trend analyser and fashion writer), Vusi Mahlangu (entrepreneur and businessman)

CSI: Bursary Pro-

gramme, Top Matric

Feeder schools: Waterkloof House Preparatory School, The Ridge, St Peter's Preparatory School, St Paulus School, Pridwin

Contact: Tel: 012 348 1221. Fax: 012 361 1917. Email: secretarv@ stalbans

college.com. Website: www.stalbanscollege.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL **FOR GIRLS**

St Andrew's Ave,

Senderwood, Bedfordview. Johannesburg Principal: Mrs Pauline Jackson

Motto: Per Angusta Ad Augusta (Through Trials Unto Triumph) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed pre-school. Girls: Grades 0-12

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Both (boarding from Grade 8)

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Standard sports, rowing, music, drama, public speaking, writers' club, film-making

Facilities: Educational technology and computer facilities, excellent sports facilities, Olympic water-based hockey Astroturf, special grounds

Fees: R52 450. Boarding: Additional R41 850 **Entry requirements:** Written assessment, interview

When to apply: At

CHRISTIAAN KOTZE/RAPPORT/ IMAGES24.COM.HENNER NICK BOULTON. RITA MARIE DUPLESSIS/IMAGES24. FRANKENFELD/PICTURENET



birth or ASAP Waiting lists: By application date. Siblings and children of past pupils given preference CSI: Saturday School, Ubambiswano, Meals on Wheels, the Cancer Association, crisis assistance Alumni: Cathy O'Dowd (Mt Everest climber). Nthati Moshesh (actress), Tumi Maropeng (CEO: Focus Kamoso), Anne de Fredericks (fashion designer) Contact: Tel: 011 453 9408. Fax: 011 453 1112. Email: andrew@standrews.co.za. Website: www.standrews.co.za

ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE

Harcus Road, Bedford-

view, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Andre Oosthuysen Motto: Veritas in Caritate (Truth in Charity) Medium: English Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: R-12 Boarding/day school: Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 95% **Extra-curricular:** Rugby, hockey, rowing, basketball, pipe band, drama Facilities: Gymnasium with indoor 10-lane heated swimming book Astroturf Fees: R44 880 Boarding: Additional R27 720 (weekly) R33 220 (texm boarder) Eptry requirements: Exam When to apply: At least two years before draissten Waiting lists: By application date. Pref-

erence given to siblings

and sons of Old Boys

CSI: Voluntary handson service over weekends and school holidays at local institutions, including Little Eden (home for physically and mentally disabled), Johannesburg Home for Orphans, Sacred Heart Aids Home, Avril Elizabeth Home Alumni: Hugh Baiocchi (professional golfer), David O'Sullivan (radio personality), Terence Creamer (editor) Feeder schools: Surrounding area's primary schools Contact: Tel: 011 455 1906/7/8. Fax: 011 455 6519. Email: head@st benedicts.co.za. Website. www.stbenedicts.co.za

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

St John Road. Houghton Principal: Mr Roger Cameron Motto: Lux, Vita, Caritas (Light, Life, Love) Medium: English Sex: Boys - post-n is co-ed Teacher:pupil_ratio Grades: 0-13 (post-matric)

Boarding day school: Both Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 94%

Extra-curricular: Nater-polo, rugby, chicket, hockey, soccer, basketball Facilities: Science centre, media centre, computer centre, auditorium, heated

water-polo pools, Astroturf Fees: R64 725. **Boarding:** Additional R36 330 (weekly) or

R44 535 (term boarder) **Entry requirements:**

Assessment, interviews, reports When to apply: At

least two to five years cation date. Preference Waiting lists: Sibilings and children of Old Boys given preference, once all criteria are met

Masibambane College in Orange Farm, Presiprogramme in four dent's Award, Habitat for Humanity, Noah's Ark, Nazareth House Alumni: Sir Alistair Morton (Euro Channel). Clive Rice (cricketer), **Prof Robert Charl-**(designer)

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ARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Duxbury Road, Hillrest, Pretoria Principal: Mrs Ciska

Terhpest Motto: Filiae Regis

(Daughters of the King) Medium: English

Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 0-12

Boarding/day school: **Roth**

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 95%

Extra-curricular: Choirs, squash, Discovery Club, débutantes' programme

Facilities: Auditorium, multi-purpose hall, performing arts centre Fees: R48 980. Boarding: Additional R39 260

Entry requirements:

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: By March of prior year

Waiting lists: By appli-

given to siblings and sisters of Old Girls and to pupils at Waterkloof **House Preparatory** School and St Albany College CSI: A literacy Atteridgeville primary schools: training given to numerous Grade 1 educators who implement the programme Alumni: Sarrol Bøyes Contact:)Tel: 012 362

stmarys.pta.school.za. Website: www.stmarys.

pta.school.za

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

55 Athol Street, Waverlev. Johannesburg Principal: Mrs Meg Fargher

Motto: Candida Rectaque (Pure and Upright)

Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 000-12

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 100%

Extra-curricular: Digital photography, music, jazz band, hockey, global

connections, writing circle, current affairs club

Facilities: Science laboratories, aquatics centre, performing arts centre (being designed), Astroturf Fees: R54 600. Boarding: Additional R38 940 (weekly) or R42 465 (term boarder) **Entry requirements:** Assessments, English and maths competency

tests, interview When to apply: From

birth or ASAP. Senior school has applications to 2017 Waiting lists: Siblings and daughters of Old Girls given preference SI: Community affairs project (students from Alexandra attend extension classes), SAMS - charity work supervised by a teacher and run by the girls. Interact club Alumni: Helen Zille (politician), Prue Leith (chef), Lerato Mbele (TV journalist and new anchor), Fiona Ramsay (actress)

land Park Preparatory School, St Katharine's School, Rivonia Primary School Contact: Tel: 011 531 1861. Fax: 011 786 9652. Email: marketing@ stmary.co.za. Website: www.stmarysschool. co.za

Feeder schools: Auck-

ST STITHIAN'S BOYS' COLLEGE

Peter Place, Lyme Park, Sandton, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Dave Knowles Motto: One and All Medium: English

Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:15

Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Both - boarding from Grade 8

Matric pass rate: 98% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Round Square organisation. all standard sports. cultural programme including debating, drama and music Facilities: Six turf cricket ovals, five rugby fields, eight tennis courts. Astroturf, two hockey fields, two basketball courts; aquatics centre with 50m Olympic pool,

water-polo pool, eight-

heated

lane 25m pool, heated diving pool, modern resource centre. IT network, computer laboratories, PCs in each classroom Fees: R58 149. Boarding: Additional R43 088 **Entry requirements:** Interview, reports and Hurdle When to apply: ASAP Waiting lists: By application date. Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys, once all criteria are met CSI: Twananani Nurserv School, Leeuwkop Medium B Juvenile Prison School, Casa do Sol School, Ubombo Community Project, Round Square international projects
Feeder schools: St
Stithian's Boys' Preparatory School, primary
schools in Randburg/
Sandton, Johannesburg
Contact: Tel: 011 577
6000. Fax: 011 789
4665. Email: admissions@stithian.com.
Website: www.stithian.com.

ST STITHIAN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE

Peter Place, Lyme Park, Sandton Principal: Ms Ivanka Acquisto Motto: One and All Medium: English Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:15 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 98%

Extra-curricular: Round Square organisation. all standard sports, cultural programme including debating, drama and music Facilities: Eight tennis courts. Astroturf. two hockey fields, two basketball courts, aquatics centre with 50m Olympic pool, heated, water-polo pool, eight lane 25m pool, heated diving pool, modern resource centre. IT network, computer laboratories, PSs in each classroom Fees: R58 149 Entry requirements:

Interview, reports and Hurdle When to apply: ASAP Waiting lists: By application date. Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls once all criteria are met CSI: Refilme Community Project, Ikageng Itiraleng/Setlano Centre for Education, Koningsdal Children's Home, ARANI Diepsloot, Round Square international projects Feeder schools: St Stithian's Girls' Preparatory School, primary schools in Randburg/ Sandton, Johannesburg Contact: Tel:011 577 6000. Fax: 011 789 4665. Email: admissions@stithian.com Website: www.stithian.

WOODHILL COLLEGE

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De Villebois Mareuil Drive, Pretoria East Principal: Mr Sitche Tol Motto: Crescamus Floreamus (May We Grow, May We Flourish) Medium: English

Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:24

Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 89%

Extra-curricular:
Cricket, equestrian
sports, golf, hockey,
rugby, swimming
Facilities: International
Computer Driver's
Licence Centre, Smart
Board Education,
sporting academies
Fees: R47 943
Entry requirements:

Entry requirements:
Academic assessment
by principals
When to apply: ASAP

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: Two years prior to entry

Waiting lists: Two lists:

"confirmed list of applicants to be assessed vho have lodged a debenture or deposit, nd a "reserved list" of applicants to be assessed who are due to lodge a debenture or deposit CSI: Glenhaven Home for the Aged, Paul Jungnickel Home, Wetnose Animal Rescue Centre Contact: Tel: 012 998 1774. Fax: 012 998 2507. Email: principal@woodcol.co.za. Website:

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www.woodhillcollege.

DURBAN GIRLS' COLLEGE

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586 Musgrave Road, Durban **Principal:** Mr Kenneth

P Elliott
Motto: Nisi Dominus
Frustra (Without God,

All is in Vain)
Medium: English
Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:11 Grades: 0-12

Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100%
Matric exemptions:

99%

Extra-curricular: Mainstream sports, cultural activitiies, outstanding art department, strong orchestra, music department

Facilities: Historic buildings, Astroturf, spacious art studio, auditorium with excellent acoustics

Fees: R44 500. Boarding: Additional R32 300

Entry requirements: Written entrance test or assessment

When to apply: From birth, or Grade 6 for high school only Waiting lists: By



FROM TOP LEFT: Nazmeera Moola, economist: St Dominic's Academy;
Andile Mazwai, CEO, Barnard Jacobs Mellet Securities: Kearsney College;
Nicky Newton-King, Deputy CEO, JSE: Herschel Girls' School. FROM BOTTOM
LEFT: Raymond Ackerman, founder, Pick 'n Pay: Bishops; Karen Short, CEO,
Word of Mouth: St John's Diocesan School for Girls; Herschelle Gibbs, Protea
cricketer: Bishops

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entrance test results. Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls **CSI:** Supports two township nursery schools founded by the school, various charities, outreach portfolio, community work Alumni: Khanyi Dhlomo (editor and businesswoman). Prof Elizabeth Sneddon (dovenne of the arts), Renée Schuurman (tennis player), Gaynor Young (actress) Contact: Tel: 031 268 7250 Fax: 031 208 5916. Email: info@dqc. co.za. Website: www. dac.co.za

EPWORTH SCHOOL

95 Golf Road, Scottsville. Pietermaritzburg Principal: Mrs Liz Klug Motto: Fida, Humana, Fortis (Faith, Compassion, Courage) Medium: English Sex: Girls (pre-primary). Co-ed from primary Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:26 Grades: RRR-12 Boarding/day school: Both - boarding from Grades 5-12 Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 91,2% Extra-curricular: Adventure sports. canoeing, Earth Active (eco-project), Live Art Dance Company, Vogue programme (Grade 10) Facilities: Astrolurf, five glass-backed squash courts, secure 16ha campus, lecture

R39 000. Board-

ing: Additional R36

Entry requirements:

(R600), scholarship/

entrance exam, last

Application fee

When to apply: Before 1 May of prior year Waiting lists: According to application date. Siblings, children of past pupils and from **Epworth Primary** School given preference CSI: Outreach programmes, "special davs". voluntary charity work Alumni: Joan Metelerkamp (author, poet), Sanani Mangisa (Olympic hockey-player), Suzy Brokensha (magazine editor), Dr Colleen Adnams (Springbok swimmer, **Developmental Paedia**trician: UCT) Feeder school: Epworth Primary School Contact: Tel: 033 846 2548. Fax: 033 386 2147. Email: marketing@epworth.co.za.

HILTON COLLEGE Hilton College Road, Hilton Principal: Mr Da Lovatt Motto: Orando et Laborando By Work and By Prayer Medium: English Sex: Boys Teacher: pupil ratio: 1:9 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: 3oarding Matric pass rate: 100% Maric exemptions:

Website: www.epworth.

co.za

Extra-curricular: All standard sports, squash, golf, basketball, canoeing, rowing, tennis, athletics, a wide variety of clubs and societies Facilities: 1700ha estate, Astroturf, heated pool, indoor sports centre, library, computer and audio-visual centres, counselling rooms, lecture theatres, art gallery, 500-seat theatre Fees: R129 580 **Entry requirements:** Entrance test in Grade

When to apply: ASAP. Latest: March of the prior year Waiting lists: Siblings and sons of Old Boys given preference CSI: The Vula Programme, a service provider to underresourced schools and disadvantaged communities in the region focusing on maths physical science and technology, outreach projects Alumni: Gary Teich mann (rugby-player), Mike Pfaff (CED; Rand

Merchant Banky, Justice Arthur Chaskalson (President: Constitutional Court), Sir Terence English (heart surgeon), Leruo Tshekedi Molotlegi, 36th King of the Bafokeng noe, Sandile Zungu, businessman Contact: Tel: 033 3830100. Fax: 033

383 0080. Email: hc@ hiltoncollege com Website: www.hiltoncollege.com

KEARSNEY COLLEGE Old Main Road, Botha's

Hill, near Durban

Principal: Mr Elwyn

David van den Aardwea Motto: Carpe Diem (Seize the Day) Medium: English Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:11 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Both Matric pass rate: 100%

Matric exemptions: 94% Extra-curricular:

Rugby, hockey, cricket, swimming, tennis, choir, gumboot dancing, drama, orchestra, Students' Christian Association, chess, debating, surfing, body boarding Facilities: Highperformance indoor sports sentre (including 280m2 weights gym), science laboratories, whiteboards, modern dining and kitchen facilities Fees: R74 400. Boarding: Additional R83 600 Entry requirements: Reports, confidential reports from previous school, entrance exams, interview if required When to apply: No later than Grade 6 year. Applications close in February of Grade 7 year Waiting lists: By application date. Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys CSI: Partner with Education Africa, Hillcrest Aids Centre, iThemba Foster Care Home, Ethelbert Home, SA National Blood Service Alumni: Brad Barritt (rugby-player), Andrew Hudson (cricketer), Andile Mazwai (businessman), Kevin Harris (documentary filmmaker) Contact: Tel: 031 765 9600. Fax: 031 765 5381. Email: kearsney@

MICHAELHOUSE

www.kearsney.com

R103 Midmar dam turnoff, Balgowan Principal: Mr Guy Pearson Motto: Quis ut Deus? (Who is as God?) Medium: English Sex: Boys Boarding/day school: **Boarding** Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10

kearnsey.com. Website:

Grades: 8-12 Matric pass rate:/100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Many

clubs and societies (4g Toastmasters, jazz band, business), mainstream sports, golf, canoeing Facilities: Visual arts department, 11 playing fields, human kinetics

centre, heated swimming pool, golf driving range, bunker and putting greens, indoor sport

centre, 300ha Oribi endangered species reserve

Fees: R117 660 **Entry requirements:** Interview and visit, headmaster's report When to apply: From birth to March of year prior to admission Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys CSI: Daily academic and sports tuition to disadvantaged students of local schools, championing of Khazimula (Aids Orphanage), recycling Alumni: Sir John Craven (Director: Reuters), Chick Henderson (sports commentator),

De Beers), John van der Ruit (author) Contact: Tel: 033 234 1153. Fax: 033 234 4611. Email: info@michaelhouse.org. Website:

Gary Ralfe (former MD:

www.michaelhouse.org ST ANNE'S DIOCESAN COLLEGE

Hilton Avenue, Hilton Principal: Mr David Wilkinson Motto: Res Non Verba, Crux Non Vis (Deeds. Not Words; the Cross, Not Violence) Medium: English

Teacher:pupil ratio:1:10 Grades: 8-12

Sex: Girls

report

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 96%

Extra-curricular: All standard sports, drama, music, social responsibility Facilities: Six boarding houses, theatre, synthetic hockey field, wetlands, 30ha campus with

historic buildings Fees: R48 780. Boarding: Additional R40

Entry requirements: Interview, exam, reports

When to apply: From birth. Latest: May of prior year

Waiting lists: By application date. Siblings and daughters of Old Girls given preference CSI: Education in Partnership Programme, Mountain Home Pre-Primary School, Umgeni Hospital, Sweetwaters Crèche

Alumni: Nicola Hadfield (founder of Decorex), Jenny Hobbs (novelist), Meryl Harrison

ist), Meryl Harrison (humanitarian), Celia Bobak (Oscar nominee for

set design) Contact: Tel: 033 343 3300. Fax: 033 343

1623. Email: mist@ stannes.co.za. Website www.stannes.co.za

ST DOMINIC'S ACADEMY

148 Murchison Street, Newcastle Principal My John Douthweite Medium English

Sex: Co-ed
Teacher pupil ratio: 1:15
Grades: 000-12

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 79% Extra-curricular: All standard sports, triathlons, arctic seal, UN debating, annual school dramatic production, choir, Science Expo, Olympiads, Technology Challenges

Facilities: Two modern IT centres, swimming pool, six tennis courts Fees: R32 285. Boarding: Additional R30 250

Entry requirements: Exam

When to apply: Before 17 June of prior year Waiting lists: By application date - reviewed every six months. Preference given to siblings and children of past pupils and staff CSI: Regular visits to local home for physically challenged, SPCA, local hospitals, farm schools

Alumni: Nazmeera Moola (economist), Lily Irvine (pilot)

Contact: Tel: 034 312 8316. Fax: 034 312 7342. Email: sda@ stdoms.co.za Website:

www.stdoms.co.za

ST JOHN'S DIOCESA SCHOOL POR CIRLS New England Read, Scottsville, Pietermaxitzburg Principal: Mys Linda Stoffberg Motto: Poborare Est

Motto: Voborare Est Orare (To Work is to Pray)

Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 00-12 Boarding/day school:

Both
Matric pass rate: 10

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 90%

Extra-curricular: Interact, music, hiking club, adventure club, youth forum, Students' Christian Association Facilities: Wonderful buildings, indigenous gardens, sports facilities (including indoor sports centre and squash courts), Astroturf, classrooms in senior school have sliding doors leading to indigenous gardens
Fees: R38 900. Boarding: R76 000
Entry requirements:
Tests

- by 13 June of Grade 7 year for Grade 8 Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls

When to apply: ASAP

CSI: Outreach programmes include Sal-vation Army Children's Home and Ashburton Farm School

("Winks") Greeh, ("horse whicperer"), Greek Stevens (Windledon tennis Charleion), Jackie Cameron (chef), Ipeleng Mkhari (business-

woman)
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za. Website: www.
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dsg.com

ST MARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

30 St Mary's Road, Kloof

Principal: Mrs Tyna Charter

Motto: Service Before Self, God Before All Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:16 Grades: R-12

Boarding/day school: Both - boarding from Grade 8

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 100%

Extra-curricular: Mainstream sports, leadership programme, debating, culture club, SMILE

Facilities: Learning resources centre, drama complex with studio and amphitheatre, science centre, matric boarding house with single

accommodation, Astrotur, indoor sports centre, two swimming

Fees: R44 800: Boarding: Additional R85 380

Entry requirements:

When to apply: By May of prior year
Waiting lists: Shortlist applicable from May until the next April.
Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls, once all criteria are met
CSI: SMILE, SPCA,
Browns School,
Thokhomala Children's
Crèche, St Mary's Hos-

pital; Interact
Alumni: Prof Diane
Grayson (physicist), Dr
Christina Lundgren
(Chief Specialist and
Head of Department
of Anaesthesia: Chris
Hani-Baragwanath Hospital), Angela Stevens
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(CEO: By Word of Mouth) Contact: Tel: 031 764 9800. Fax: 031 764 0011. Email: admin@ stmarys.kzn.school.

of Music), Karen Short

za. Website: www. stmarys.kzn. school.za

THE WYKEHAM COLLEGIATE

100 Villiers Drive, Clarendon, Pietermaritzburg

Principal: Mrs Judith Brown

Motto: Forward in Faith Medium: English

Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:13

Grades: RR-12 Boarding/day school: Both - boarding from Grade 3

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 98,6%

Extra-curricular: Music: wind ensemble/competition choir/jazz band, canoeing, sports science, hockey, water polo

Facilities: IT department, International Computer Driver's Licence Testing, sports centre, sports science school, Astroturf Fees: R37 880. Boarding: Additional R38

540 Entry requirements: Tests

When to apply: For Grade 8, by end of first term in Grade 7 Waiting lists: Siblings and daughters of Old Girls given preference, once all criteria are met CSI: SPCA, Aids Babies, old age homes. Interact Alumni: Welile Tembe (actress), Princess Tirelo Molotlegi (Princess of Bafokeng nation), Candice Smith (Starfish Foundation), Khwezi Magwaza (magazine editor)

Contact: Tel: 033 342 0752. Fax: 033 394 5589. Email: admin@ twc.org.za. Website: www.twc.org.za

TREVERTON COLLEGE

R103 Old Main Road, Mooi River **Principal:** Mr Graham

Nolan
Motto: Super Astra
Spero (Reach for the

Stars)
Medium: English
Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:11 Grades: 8-13

(post-matric)
Boarding/day school:

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Matric pass rate: 100%

Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: **Outdoor pursuits** programme (including hikina. rock-climbing, kayak-

ing), adventure racing,

equestrian events, canoe polo, flying, microlighting, parachuting, Toastmasters Facilities: Astroturf. equestrian centre, dam, airstrip, heated pool, theatre, rock-climbing walls, squash courts, chapel

Fees: R39 600. Boarding: Additional R43 800

Entry requirements: School reports, interviews

When to apply: January-March of Grade 7 vear

Waiting lists: According to application date. Siblings and children of past pupils given preference CSI: ABET and computer training, fundraising for local community clinics, food parcels to community organisations, joint

community projects Alumni: Dr Sven Jonson (medical specialist), Dr Laas Svenson (heart surgeon), **Duncan Souchon** (mountaineering author), Susan Thompson (musician and artist) Feeder school. Trevelton Preparatory School

Contact: Tel: \03\3 263 1251. Fax: 033 263 2689. Email admin treverton co.za. Webwww.treverton.

93%

and White River Principal: Mr Greg Theron Motto: One and All

Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio:

Grades: 00-12 Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: LEAP project of 50 intramural activities, including public speaking, chess, arts

and crafts and scubadiving, all standard sports, adventure walking and running, cross-country, Chrysalis Christian Camp

Facilities: 40ha campus, chapel, computer hub and centre, media centre, five boarding houses, two cricket ovals, hockey field,

soccer field, four tennis/netball courts, 25m heated swimming pool Fees: R30 800. Boarding: Additional R26 200

Entry requirements: Assessment, interviews When to apply: By February of prior year. Assessments in March and interviews April-Mav

Waiting lists: Siblings and children of Penryn past pupils and other IEB schools alumni given preference CSI: The Penreach Whole Schools Development Programme Feeder schools: Summerhill Preparatory School, Nelspruit Pri mary School, St Peter's School Contact: Tel: 013 9000 00095. 0(3 758 9Q10. Email: admin@penryn.co.za. www.penryn. Web3ite\

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UPLANDS COLLEGE

The Farm, White River, Mpumalanga Principal: Mr Austin Clarke

Motto: Today's Thinking Child is Tomorrøw's Achiever Medium; English, Afrikaans, Zuly and French second lan-

Sex: Co-ed Teacher; pupil ratio: 1:12 \$rades: هُ٠

Boarding/day school: Roth

Matrix pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions: 93%

Extra-curricular: Hockey, rugby, tennis, netball, cricket, swimming, music, horseriding, golf, sailing, mountain biking Facilities: Astroturf, equestrian centre,

music centre, art centre

Fees: Once-off refundable deposit of R53 000 + R38 000 fee, or nce-off effundable eposit of R25 000 + R43 100 fee Boarding: Additional R34 500 or R43/000

Eptry requirements: Assessment and interview

When to apply: Before February of prior year Waiting lists: By availability of space CSI: SMILE, Millennium Home of Hope, SPCA, Lula Daycare Centre, Inkanyethi Primary School

Alumnus: Buyisiwe Shongwe (member of MPower FM) Feeder schools:

Uplands Preparatory School. Riverview School, St Peter's School, Summerhill School

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FROM TOP LEFT: Natalie du Toit, Olympic swimmer: Reddam House; Justice Kate O'Regan, Constitutional Court: Springfield Convent Senior School; JM Coetzee, author and Nobel laureate: St Joseph's Marist College. FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Ipeleng Mkhari, Chief Operations Officer, Motseng Investment Holdings: St John's Diocesan School for Girls; Dr Renée Hirschorn, Oxford University lecturer: St Cyprian's School; Sarah Poewe, Olympic swimmer: Deutsche Internationale Schule, Cape Town



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WESTERN CAPE

BISHOPS (DIOCESAN COLLEGE)

Camp Ground Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town

Principal: Mr Grant Nupen

Motto: Pro Fide et Patra (For Faith and

Country)
Medium: English
Sex: Boys; co-ed

post-matric
Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:10

Grades: R-13 (post-matric) Boarding/day school:

Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Music, drama, 22 sports (notably rugby and exicket)
Facilities: Two shapels, music school with Sound House digital composing program, art centre, 11 centre, 10 rugby and cricket fields, sports hall

Fees R5X 120. Boarding Additional R42

Entry requirements: Interview at pre-preparatory and preparatory levels, written entrance exam in Grade 7 for Grade 8

When to apply: At birth

Waiting lists: By registration date. Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys, then to boarders

CSI: Twin with four disadvantaged schools Alumni: Gareth

Penny (CEO: De Beers)
Raymond Ackerman
(founder of Pick 'n
Pay), Richard Cock
(Director: SA Youth
Music), Mark Shuttle
worth (entrepreneur
and space yourist), lieschelle Gibb (Protea
cricketer)

Freder schools:
Western Province
Preparatory School,
Welgemoed Primary
School, Sweet Valley
School, St George's
Preparatory School,
Namibia

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DEUTSCHE INTER-NATIONALE SCHULE,

CAPE TOWN
28 Bay View Avenue,
Tamboerskloof,
Cape Town
Principal: Mr Hermann
Battenberg

Medium: German and English

Sex: Co-ed
Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12

Grades: 1-13 (postmatric)

Boarding/day school:/ Both (boarding for overseas learners only) Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Sxtra-curricular: Dragon boating, marimba band, music centre, chess, standard sports Facilities: Whiteboards in all classrooms, sports fields, IT centre, music centre, art de-

partment Fees: R19 600. Boarding: Additional e10 000 (about R121 300) Entry requirements:

German for Grade 1; entrance exam for Grade 5 (no German required)

When to apply: August of prior year CSI: KIDS (Rotary Youth Group), Eco-Rangers

Alumni: Derek Hanekom (former Minister of Agriculture), Anna Seeliger (Head: Cape Town College of Education), Christoph Köpke (Head: Daimler AG, Germany), Sarah Poewe (Olympic swim-

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3830 Fax: 021 480 3863. Email: info@dsk. co.za. Website: www. dsk.co.za

HERSCHEL GIRLS'

21 Herschel Road, Claremont, Cape Town **Principal:** Mr Bruce Probyn

Motto: Learning to Make a Difference Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:18 Grades: 00-12 Boarding/day school:

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular:
Water-polo, indoor
hockey, orchestra,
chorale, horse-riding
Facilities: 300-seat
theatre, indoor sports
centre, heated waterpolo pool

Fees: R45 360. Boarding: Additional R42 600

Entry requirements:
Assessment test, interview

When to apply: At least 18 months in advance CSI: Red Nose Chicken Club (care clowning at children's hospitals), Jump Hi (maths literacy programme for disadvantaged pupils taught by Herschel girls), SMILE Alumni: Dulcie Howes (ballet doyenne), Sue MacGregor OBE (BBC presenter), Nicky Newton-King (Deputy CEO: JSE) Contact: Tel: 021 670 7500. Fax: 021 674 2575. Email: info@herschel.org.za. Website:

HERZLIA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

www.herschel.org.za

MH Goldschmidt Avenue, Highlands Estate, Cape Town

Principal: Mrs Marianne Marks

Motto: Im Tirzu Ein Zo Agadah (If You Will It, It Is No Legend) Medium: English

Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:18 Grades: 10-12 (also Developmental Education Unit and Work Skills Unit)

Boarding/day school:Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 93.6%

Extra-curricular: Debating, surfing, golf, girls' soccer, squash Facilities: Interactive white boards, heated swimming pool Fees: R40 956 Entry requirements: Jewish community

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school, but open admissions policy When to apply: By September of prior vear

CSI: Interact, Solomon's Haven, Tutor Outreach Programme, Treatment Action Campaign. Environmental Association

Alumni: Justice Dennis Davis, Lisa Chait (radio personality), Aaron Turest-Swartz (Freshlyground), Prof Michael Hayden (geneticist), Sir Peter Henry Gross (High Court jurist, UK) Feeder schools: Herzlia Primary Schools (Constantia, Sea Point and Highlands), Herzlia Middle School Contact: Tel: 021 464 3300. Fax: 021 461 8834. Email: smorris@ herzlia.com. Website: www.herzlia.com

REDDAM HOUSE

Reddam Avenue. Constantia, Cape Town Principal: Mrs Sheena Crawford-Kempster Motto: We Shall Give Back Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Day school Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 96,5% Extra-curricular: Water-polo, netball hockey, surfing, cycling (mountain biking), photography, drama, music, dance Facilities: Fall-size indgor hockey half, Olympic size, heated

adlo station, professional occupational and speech therapists Fees: R46 400

water polo pool,

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teen with student-run

Entry requirements: Examination When to apply: Applications are ongoing Waiting lists: By date of application. Siblings and children of past pupils given preference **CSI:** Compulsory Alumni: Natalie du Toit (Olympic swimmer). Jade Lidell (waterpolo champion), Daniela Joffe (Harvard scholar), Sarah Harris (water-polo champion), Adam Kajee (water-polo champion) Contact: Tel: 021 702 2322. Fax: 021 702 2364. Email: info@ reddamhouse.org.za. Website: www.reddamhouse. org.za

SOMERSET COLLEGE SENIOR

Bredell Road. Somerset West Principal: Mr Dave Campbell Motto: Pietas

(Duty and Service/to the Community) Medium: Englisk Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupi(ratio Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Rot

Matrid pass rate 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: All mainstream sports, rowing, rock-climbing, drama, visual arts, music, clubs, outdoor education programme Facilities: Sports fields, squash courts, 1000seat multi-purpose hall, chapel

Fees: R48 100. Boarding: aAditional R40 900

Entry requirements: Interview, reports where applicable

When to apply: ASAP Latest: Beginning of prior year (cut-off date Waiting lists: Average waiting time of six months. Siblings and

- 1 June)

children of past pupils given preference, and diversity considered CSI: Outreach programme (support to

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 99%

Extra-curricular: Swimming, hockey, waterpolo, visual arts, drama, Facilities: Chapel, art school, music school numerous sports fields,

in SA). Justice Kate O'Regan (Constituional Court), Quanita Adams (actress), Prof be Harrisøn (winner of Distinguished Woman Scientist Award in 2007), Wendy Trott (Olympic swimmer)





FROM LEFT: Makhaya Ntini, Protea cricketer: Dale College Boys' High School; كزيره Beda, Miss SA Teen 2007: Clarendon High School for Girls; Graeme Pollook, former SA cricketer: Grey High School

local schools, charities, bospitals, community thoirs and homes for the elderly), hockey academy Feeder schools: Somerset College Preparatory School, Somerset House School, Rhenish Pri-

mary School Contact: Tel: 021 842 3035. Fax: 021 842 3908. Email: info@ somcol.co.za. Website: www.somersetcollege.

SPRINGFIELD CON-VENT SENIOR SCHOOL

St John's Road, Wynberg, Cape Town Principal: Mrs Melanie Bruce Motto: Veritas (Truth) Medium: English Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:12 Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school:

Day school

swimming and diving pools, IT centre, beautiful grounds and gardens Fees: R28 200 **Entry requirements:** Application form, copy of birth certificate, baptism certificates (where applicable), copy of most recent school report, parent and daughter interview prior to entry assessment exam When to apply: At

least two years prior to admission date Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls, and to Catholic applicants CSI: Habitat for Humanity, SMILE, CHOC, Project 90 x 2030 Alumni: Judith February (Head of Political Information and Monitoring Service:

Institute for Democracy

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ST CYPRIAN'S SCHOOL

Gorge Road, Oranjezicht, Cape Town Principal: Mrs Susan Redelinghuys

Motto: Timor Domini Initium Sapientiae (The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom) Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:24

Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day school: Both - boarding from

Grade 4

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

92.7%

Extra-curricular: State President's Award, music, several sports, drama, ceramics

Facilities: Chapel, beautiful grounds at base of Table Mountain, drama department, music department, ceramics studio. whiteboards in some classrooms

Fees: R45 210. Boarding: Additional R46 980

Entry requirements: Assessment test, inter-

When to apply: ASAP Waiting lists: By application date. Preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls CSI: Habitat for Humanity, Maitland Cottage Home, Sakhumzi Children's Home, TAP (school HIV/Aids project)

Alumni: Janice Golding (botanist, Oxford University), Dr Renee Hirschorn (Oxford University lecturer), Justine Drake (celebrity cook), Ncebakazi Mnukwana (African music expert)

Feeder schools: Micklefield School, Oakhurst School, Greenfield School

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www.stcyprians.co.za ST GEORGE'S **GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Bloemendal, Richmond Road. Mowbray, Cape Town Principal: Mr Barry Hart Motto: Virtuite ex Valore

(The Courage What is Right) Medium: English Sex. Co-ed

Teacher:pupil vatio: 1:12 Grades:\R-12

Bearding day school: Nay school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 75%

Extra-curricular:

Badminton, squash, tennis, hockey, soccer, netball, athletics Facilities: Squash courts, pool, fitness track, option of Portuguese, Spanish, German, Chinese and Japanese in final external exams for foreign students

Fees: R39 070 **Entry requirements:** Tests, reports, inter-

When to apply: Early in year prior to entry Waiting lists: By application date **CSI:** Round Square Committee (includes an adopted Aids orphanage), owninitiative weekly soup kitchens

Alumni: Kurt von Schirnding (former SA UN Ambassador), Robert Rusconi (actuary) Contact: Tel: 021 689 9354. Fax: 021 689 9361. Email: info@sggs. co.za. Website: www sggs.co.za

ST JOSEPH'S MA COLLEGE

Belmont Road, A bosch, Cape Town Principal: Mr Hugh

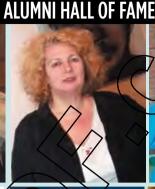
Motto Fides et Justitia (Falth and Justice) Medium: English Sex: Ço-ed Teacher pupil ratio:

Grades: 000-12 Boarding/day School: Day school

Matric pass rate: 97% Matric exemptions:

60% Extra-curricular: Marimba band, jazz band, soccer, cricket, tennis, water-polo, volleyball, golf, chess, touch rugby, hip-hop dancing, art, drama, debating, choir Facilities: Music centre,

special needs unit,









M TOR LEET: Diana Tilden-Davis, former Miss SA: Bryanston High School; lene Dumas, artist: Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof; Bruce Fordyce, multiple omrades Marathon winner: Bryanston High School, FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Pain Oolding, property doyenne: Collegiate Girls' High School; Morné du Plessis, former SA rugby-player: Grey College Secondary School; Sir Laurens van der Post, author: Grey College Secondary School

chapel, sports fields,

Fees: R29 268 Entry requirements: School report, assessment and interview When to apply: First and second terms of prior year, or earlier CSI: Bread Buddies, Catholic welfare and development

Alumni: John Maxwell (JM) Coetzee (author and Nobel Prize laureate), Jeremy Cronin (politician), Crispin Sonn (CEO: Africa **Group Corporation)** Feeder schools: Golden Grove School, St Anne's Primary School, Rosebank Junior School Contact details: Tel: 021 685 6715. Fax: 021 689 1205. Email:

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Website:

ALEXANDER ROAD HIGH SCHOOL

Alexander Road. Newton Park, Port Elizabeth

Principal: Dr Peter Manser

Motto: Nil Sine Labore (Nothing is Achieved Without Labour and our ALtogether Experience)

Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:19 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 99,5% Matric exemptions: 88.1%

Extra-curricular: Concert band, wind band, jazz stage bands, drama, rugby, boys' and girls' hockey, water-polo, cricket, netball, golf, soccer, tennis

Facilities: Music auditorium with recording studio, Olympic-size water-polo pool, drama studio, five computer laboratories Fees: R9 990

Entry requirements: Grade 7 certificate When to apply: By 31 May in prior year CSI: Interact, Young Animal People, Masakhane, Al-Ishaan Alumni: Chad Alcock (rugby-player), Robin Peterson (cricketer). Claire Terblanche (cricketer), Brett Schultz (cricketer) Feeder schools:

Herbert Hurd Primary School, Sunridge Primary School, Erica Girls' Primary School, Cotswold **Primary School** Contact: Tel: 041 365 1270. Fax: 041 365

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CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Union Avenue, East London

Principal: Mr Owen Nel Motto: Fac et Spera (Work and Hope) Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:17 Grades: 00-12

Boarding/day school:Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 87.3%

Extra-curricular: Seen as co-curricular: swimming, water-polo, rowing.

tennis, hockey, netball Facilities: Shared Astroturf, squash courts, swimming/water-polo pool, computer centre Fees: R13 750. Boarding: Additional R15 600 (weekly) or R20 400 (term boarder)

Entry requirements: Above-average performance in English and mathematics, full involvement in cocurricular activities

When to apply: May/ June of prior year. Latest: Last (school)

Monday of second term in prior year

Waiting lists: Applica-

tions for Grade 8 only; short waiting list (approx 10) maintained in case of withdrawal CSI: Interact, Cares

CSI: Interact, Cares Club, a variety of charities, Xhosa society supports an Aids orphanage and an old aged home, SRCA

Alumni: Zizo Beda (Miss SA Teen 2007), Tarryn Hosking and Marcelle Keet (hockeyplayers), Joan Harrison (Olympic gold medal-

Feeder schools:

list)

Clarendon Girls' Primary School, Komgha Primary School Contact: Tel: 043 722 4887. Fax: 043 722 5308. Email: secretary@ chsg.co.za. Website: www. clarendon-

COLLEGIATE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Kestel Street, Parson's
Hill, Port Elizabeth
Principal: Ms Pam
Cameron Ellis
Motto: Facta Non Verba
(Deeds, Not Words)
Medium: English
Sex: Girls
Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:18
Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 89.5%

Extra-curricular: Hockey, squash, swimming, water-polo, netball, music

Facilities: Swimming pool, water-polo/syn-chronised swimming pool, Astroturf, squash courts

Fees: R12 000. Boarding: Additional R20

Entry requirements:
Grade 7 certificate
When to apply: By end
of Aprilin prior year
Waiting lists: Preference given to feeder
area, siblings and
daughters of Old Girls
and applicants of academic merit

demic merit

CSI: Interact, charity
bazaar, annual carol
service for Community
Chest, donations
Alumni: Molly Blackburn (anti-apartheid
activist), Susan van
der Merwe (MP), Pam
Golding (property doyenne), Jenny Wilson
(hockey-player)

Feeder schools: Col-

legiate Junior School,

Erica Girls' Primary School, Clarendon Park Primary School, Herbert Hurd Primary School

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DALE COLLEGE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Queens Road, King
William's Town
Principal: Mr Michael
Richard Eddy
Motto: Per Ardua ad
Astra (Through Endeavour Reach for the
Stars)

Medium: English
Sex: Boys
Teacher:pypil ratio:

1:23 Gyades: 8-12 Boarging/day seriogi

Both
Matric pass rate: 90%
Matric exemptions:

#6% Extra-curricular: Rugby, cricket, hockey, squash, water-polo, lennis,

debating
Facilities: Six rugby
fields, 50m pool, Astroturf, cinder track
Fees: R9 800. Board-

Fees: R9 800. Boarding: Additional R15 000

Entry requirements: Grade 7 certificate When to apply: From 1 March in prior year. Latest: Before 31 July in prior year

Waiting lists: Preference given to feeder area

CSI: Interact, support for the KWT Children's Home

Alumni: Makhaya Ntini (Protea cricketer), Prof Andy Andrews (Head of Wits Business School), Keegan Daniel (rugby-player), Monde Zondeki (cricketer), Gcobani Bobo (cricketer) Feeder schools: Dale Junior School, Central Primary School Contact: Tel: 043 642 1968. Fax: 043 645452 Email: office@dalecolege.co.za. Website www.dalecollege.co.za

GREY HIGH SCHOOL
College Prive Mill Pack,
Port Elizabeth

Principal: Mr.Neil R Crawford

Motto: The Juncte in Uno (Three Joined in One: Body, Mind and Spirit)

Medium: English Sex: Bøys Teacher:pupil ratio:1:16

Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 99,4% Matric exemptions: 82,8%

Extra-curricular: Three bands/orchestras, over 30 clubs and societies, Robert Selley Memorial Concert, quad races (à la Chariots of Fire) for charity

Facilities: Astroturf, heated indoor pool, heated water-polo pool, fully-equipped gymnasium with resident biokineticist, physiotherapist and gym manager, professional coaches in cricket, rugby, hockey and rowing Fees: R19 440. Board-

Fees: R19 440. Board ing: Additional R22 440

Entry requirements: Interviews, reports, assessments When to apply: April of

prior year
CSI: Night/Saturday
school, outreach bursary programme, community service collections,
blood donation drives
Alumni: Graeme
Pollock (cricketer),
Sir Raymond (Bill)

Sir Raymond (Bill) Hoffenberg (medical researcher), Geoff Budlender (lawyer),
Vincent Mai (businessman)
Feeder schools: Grey
Junior School
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com. Website:
www.greyhighschool.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

16 Berry Street,
Queenstown
Principal: Mr Christopher Paul Harker
Motto: Esse Quam
Videri (To Be, Rather
Than to Seem)
Medium: English
Sex: Boys
Teacher:pupil ratio:1:

Teacher:pupil ratio:1:17 Grades: 8-13 (postmatric in certain circumstances) Boarding/day school:

Both
Matric pass rate: 98%
Matric exemptions:

60%
Extra-curricular: All standard sports, cadets (trooping the colour parade), Interact, a range of societies (eg

first aid) and cultural activities Facilities: Astroturf, cinder 400m athletics track, seven rugby fields, three grass hockey fields, large bank of turf cricket

courts Fees: R13 500. Boarding: Additional R19 000

nets, eight tennis

courts, two squash

Entry requirements: English-speaking, good academic background, good behavioural report

When to apply: By last week of June in prior

Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys

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CSI: Interact, SOS Children's Villages, SPCA, local old aged homes and Tape Aids for the Blind

Alumni: Tony Greig (English cricket captain), Rob Kempson (rugby-player), Dick Muir

(rugby-player), Daryll

Cullinan (cricketer)

Feeder schools: Queen's College Boys' **Primary School** Contact: Tel: 045 839 4188. Fax: 045 838 1162. Email: headmaster@queenscollege. co.za. Website: www. queens

QUEENSTOWN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

college.co.za

18 Frost Street, Queenstown Principal: Mr RS Edkins Motto: Veritas et Virtus (Truth and Courage) Medium: English Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:23 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: **Both** Matric pass rate: 100%

Matric exemptions: 80%

Extra-curricular: Hockey, netball, squash, tennis, cross-country, public speaking, chess, debating, first aid Facilities: Library, Internet room, science **laboratories** Fees: R8 120. Boarding: Additional P/8 800 Entry requirements: Grade 7 certificate

When to apply: By 30 Jung in prior year Waiting lists: B) application date CSI:\Interact, old age hemes, child welfare, two rural school librar-

Alumni: Sheyyan Bodington (MD: Tesa Palisade Fencing), Leonie

Joubert (author), Liesel Nienaber (Discovery Health)

Contact: Tel: 045 839 4160, Fax: 045 839 3596. Email: admin@ gtghs.co.za. Website: www.qtghs.co.za **SELBORNE COLLEGE**

Dawson Road, Selborne

Principal: Mr Alan H Gunn

Motto: Palma Virtuti (The Reward is to the Brave)

Medium: English Sex: Boys

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:16 Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Archery, rugby, hockey, water-polo, rowing,

Facilities: Upgraded and modernised mathematics department museum, memorial grandstand, Astrocurf Fees: R15 455. Board ing: Additional R16 150 Entry requirements Current report, birth certificate, good record at previous school, application fee When to apply: By

June in prior year Waiting lists: Once criteria are met, sibings and sons of Old Boys given preference CS): Interact Club -Love Sandwiches, Jersey Week, Children

4 Children Alumni: Prof John O'Dell (Head of Cardio-

Thoracic Surgery: Mayo Clinic, USA), Toys Norton

(VC, WWII), André Vos (rugby captain), Prof Saul Teukolsky (Head of Astro-Physics: Cornell University, USA)

Feeder schools: Selborne Primary School, Gonubie Primary School, Crewe Primary School, Komga Junior School Contact: Tel: 043 722 1822 Fax: 043 743 7746. Email: info@

selborne.co.za. Webwww.selborne.co.za

site:

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ing: Additional R10 200 + R350 p/m last

term **Entry requirements:** Afrikaans-speaking When to apply: Jany ary in prior year CSI: OVV, Tswellang School forthe Deaf Alumni: Justice Leo van Heerden, Dene Smuts (politician), Gladv

Medium: English Sex: Girls eacher:pupil ratio: 1:21 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Both Matric pass rate: 100%

Matric exemptions: 93%

Extra-curricular: Swimming, hockey, tennis, netball, squash, regular musical productions Facilities: Theatre, As-

Steyn (advocate)





FROM LEFT: Joan Joffe, SA IT doyenne: Parktown High School for Girls; Sasha Artinengo, 5FM DJ: Hyde Park High School; Honourable Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, Constitutional Court: King Edward VII School

GIRLS' SCHOOL, **ORANJE**

7 Harry Smith Street, Arboretum, Bloemfon-

Principal: Miss Mariehetta Matthee Motto: Vooruit (For-

ward) Medium: Afrikaans

Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:28

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Both

Matric pass rate: 98% Matric exemptions: 79.7%

Extra-curricular: All standard sports, drama, art. music

Facilities: Astroturf, netball courts, tennis courts, whiteboards, IT centre, projectors Fees: R7 500. BoardPietie Coetzee (hockeyplayer)

Feeder schools: C&N National Primary Girls' School, Oranje, Wil**lem Postma Primary** School, Universitas Primary School, Koot Niemann Primary School

Contact: Tel: 051 447 4681. Fax: 051 447 3083. Email: admin@ oranjemeisies.co.za. Website:

www.oraniemeisies. co.za

EUNICE HIGH SCHOOL Jock Meiring Street, Bloemfontein Principal: Mr Paul Cassar

Motto: Vincit Qui Se Vincit (She Conquers Who Conquers Herself) troturf (2009), squash courts, pool, netball courts, tennis courts Fees: R8 800. Boarding: Additional R16 000

Entry requirements: Feeder school has preference: limited intake from elsewhere When to apply: By 31 July in prior year CSI: Leader projects, local crèche, local high school, hospice Alumni: Millie Krause (trail-blazing doctor). Justice Leonora van den Heever, Maureen Quin (sculptress), Sandra Reynolds (Wimbledon finalist)

Feeder school: Eunice **Primary School** Contact: Tel: 051 444 1765. Fax: 051 444 1760. Email: mail@ehs.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME







FROM TOP LEFT: Honourable Mr Justice Edwin Cameron, judge, author and former Rhodes Scholar: Pretoria Boys' High School; Thuli Zulu, TV personality and entrepreneur: Hyde Park High School. FROM BOTTOM LEP Sir Aaron Klug, scientist and Nobel laureate: Durban High School John Smit, Springbok rugby captain: Pretoria Boys' High School

co za Website: www eunice.co.za

GREY COLLEGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Jock Meiring Street. Bloemfontein Principal: Mr Johan Volsteedt Motto: Stabilis (Stand Strong)

Medium: Dual Sex: Boys

Teacher:pupil ratio:

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both

Matric pass rate: 99,4% Matric exemptions:

84%

Extra-curricular: Rugby, hockey/cricket, squash, table tennis, tennis, golf

Facilities: Astroturf, gym, library coffee shop, Grey Almour

clothing shop Fees: R9 800. Board-Additional R12 500 Entry requirements:

School reports, all-round ability When to apply: Before 31 May in prior year Waiting lists: Prefer-

ence given to siblings

and sons of Old Boys CSI: Bartimea School for the Blind and Deaf Alumni: Sir Laurens van der Post (author), President MT Steyn, Morné du Plessis (rugby-player) Feeder school: Grey College Primary School Contact: Tel: 051 44 1513. Fax: **0**51(44 5012. Email; post@ gc.co.za. Website: www.gc.eo.za

AFRIKAANSE HOËR NEISIESKOOL

Bond Street, Clydesdale, Pretoria Principal: Ms Marna

Motto: Ek Sien Haar Wen (I See Her Winnina)

Medium: Afrikaans

Sex: Girls Teacher:pupil ratio:

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra/curricular symphonic orchestra string quartet, choir festivals and in-house art festival (Affie-Artes), most standard sports, softball, chess Facilities: Astroturf. humerous sports figlds and swimming pool, music block, art studios, facilities for hospitality studies Fees: R12 595, Boarding: Additional R12 100 **Entry requirements:** Grade 7 certificate, Afrikaans-speaking When to apply: By September in prior vear CSI: Clothes, food

and blankets donated each year to a home in need (eg PEN, Mohau Centre, Harmonie Old Aged Home) Alumni: Nellie du Toit (opera singer), Rina van Zijl (hockeyplayer), Aryna Edwards (hockey-player) Contact: Tel: 012 344 3811. Fax: 012 344 3813. Email: ahmp@ ahmp.co.za. Website: www.ahmp.co.za

AFRIKAANSE HOËR SEUNSKOOL

1 Lynnwood Road, Pretoria

Principal: Dr Pierre **Edwards**

Motto: Laat Daar Lig Wees (Let There Be Light),

Medium: Afrikaans Sex: Bovs

Teacher: pupil ratio: 1:25

Frades: 8-12 Boarding (day school: Both

Matric pass/rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Two orchestras, swing ensemble, choir, rugby, tennis, chess

Facilities: Museum, electronic whiteboards, computers, data projectors, 850-seat concert hall, Astroturf, gymnasium

Fees: R13 600. Boarding: Additional R14 400

Entry requirements: Grade 7 certificate When to apply: Before 31 August in previous

vear

CSI: Fund-raising for schools and charities. adventure club (in conjunction with De Wildt Cheetah Foundation), active involvement in conservation and empowerment of rural teachers

Alumni: Pierre Spies (rugby-player), AB de Villiers (cricketer), Ben Schoeman (pianist) Contact: Tel: 012 344 3805. Fax: 012 344 3709. Email: affies@ affies.co.za. Website: www.affies.co.za

BRYANSTON HIGH SCHOOL

7 Tramore Road, Brvanston Principal: Mr David Robinson

Motto: Veritas Fidelitas Justitia (Truth_Faith Justice) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed eacher:pupil ratio:

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 98% Matric exemptions: 90%

Extra-curricular: Swimming, athletics, rugby, hockey, netball,

dramatics Facilities: Pavilion, media centre, computer centres, sports fields

Fees: R14 870 **Entry requirements:** Reside in the area; interview

When to apply: By end of September in prior vear

Waiting lists: Two waiting lists: A list for in-area; B list for out of area

CSI: SPCA, Animal Anti-Cruelty, Avril Elizabeth Homes. Johannesburg Child Welfare, SA Guide Dogs, St Mary's Children Home, Woodside Sanctuary

Alumni: Bruce Fordyce (Comrades champion), Lorna Potgieter (Miss SA), Diane Tilden-Davis (Miss SA), Irvin Kratz (swimmer)

Bryanston Primary School, Bryandale and **Bryneven Schools** Contact: Tel: 011 706 6010. Fax: 011 463 1408. Email: bryhigh@ bryanston.com. Website: www.bryanston. com

Feeder schools:

DIE HOËRSKOOL MENLOPARK

Atterbury Avenue. Menlo Park, Pretoria Principal: Dr Carel van der Merwe

Motto: Excelsa Petamus! (Pursue the Highest Values!)

Medium: Afrikaans Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:20

Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Day school

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

80%

Extra-curricular: Standard sports, water-polo, horse-riding, cycling,

golf

Facilities: Squash courts, 50m Olympic standard swimming

pool

Fees: R10 560 (R1 000 registration)

Entry requirements: Application with ID and copy of previous academic report

When to apply: Before end of September in

prior year

Waiting lists: By date of application CSI: Charity week in which pupils bring donations (including money and food), selected

charity organisations (eg Heart Beat) Alumni: Jana Cilliers

(actress), Calie Pistorius (Rector: University of Pretoria), Amalia Uys (actress), Danie

Marais (poet)
Contact: Tel: 012 361
7738. Fax: 012 348
6827. Email: info@mer-lopark.co.za. Website:

www.menlopark.co.za

HOËRSKOOL OOS-MOOT

1120 Haarhoff Street,
Villieria Pretoria
Principal McSean
du Preez
Motto: Werk en Wen
(Work and Win)
Medium: Afrikaans
Sex: Co-ed

1:32 Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Teacher:pupil ratio:

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME





FROM TOP LEFT: Paul Harris, Founder and EO, FirstRand: Maritzburg College; Grethe Fox, actress: Rustenburg High School for Girls; Debora Patta, TV journalist and media executive: Rustenburg High School for Girls. FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Jim Stateliffe CEO, Old Mutual, UK: Westcliff Boys' High School; Andrew Feinstein, politician and author: Wynberg Boys' High School; Johann Rupert, Executive Chairman, Richemont: Paul Roos Gymnasium

Matric pass rate: 98,2% Matric exemptions: 47.36%

Extra-curricular: Athletics, rugby, netball, hockey, cultural activities, cricket

Facilities: Athletic field, three rugby fields, two hockey fields, five netball

Fees: R5 150
Entry requirements
Grade 7 sertificate
When to apply: July
to September in prior

Waiting lists: Learners from reeder area placed on waiting list A; others on waiting list B

est: Outreach, together with various churches, provide food and homes to children in need Contact: Tel: 012 332 0601. Fax: 012 332

Contact: Tel: 012 332 0601. Fax: 012 332 2456. Email: oosmoot@global.co.za. Website: www.oosmoot.com

HOËRSKOOL WATERKLOOF Cnr Hans Strydom &

Boeing Avenues,

Erasmusiand, Pretoria Principal: Dr Christo Becker Motto: Oas Bou in Gelook (We Build in Faith) Medium: Afrikaans Sex: Co-ed

Grades: 8-12 **Boarding/day school:**Both (privatised boarding)

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 74.7%

Extra-curricular: International student exchange programmes in academics, culture and sport, expos and Olympiads, Sports Academy, Aviation Academy,

Dance Academy
Facilities: Gymnasium,
dance studios, music
centre, IT centres,
language laboratory,
learner support centre,
sport and culture
bureau

bureau
Fees: R10 967. Boarding: Additional R19 500
Entry requirements:
Grades 9-12: interviews
When to apply: From
30 July in prior year

CSI: Animal welfare projects, environmental projects, disability projects, old-age homes, special projects, Aids awareness programme
Alumni: Wikus van
Heerden (rugby-player), Gary Botha (rugby-player), Rian van Heerden (sports commentator),
Barbara-Marie Venter (actress)

Feeder schools: Elardus Park School, Monument Park School, Constantia Park School Contact: Tel: 012 347 0277/8. Fax: 012 347 0279. Email: admin@ klofies.co.za. Website: www.klofies.co.za

HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

107 3rd Road, Hyde Park, Johannesburg Principal: Mr Matthew Davies Motto: *Fidei* (In Faith) Medium: English Sex: Co-ed Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:25 (including non-

1:25 (including nonteaching staff)

Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school:

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions: 94%

Extra-curricular: Swimming, athletics, hockey, netball, annual major musical production, plays

Facilities: Three computer laboratories, two kitchens where 60 Hospitality Students run professionally presented restaurant evenings

Fees: R17 650 (new pupil); R15 650 Entry requirements: Live or work in feeder area, as per GDE requirements

When to apply: By July in prior year Waiting lists: As per GDE specifications, A and B waiting lists CSI: Interact, Christians in Action Alumni: Jimmy Cook (cricketer) Sasha

Alumni: Jimmy Cook (cricketer), Sasha Martinengo (radio presenter), Thuli Zulu (presenter and entrepreneur), Carol Ralafeta (radio presenter) Feeder schools: Feeder area more relevant Contact: Tel: 011 447 LEIGH BENSON, M24/SARIE/IMAGES24,COM, M24/YOU/IMAGES24,COM, AUBREY JOHNNSON/MY WEEK/IMAGES24,COM, REUTERS/THE BIGGER PICTURE, BLOOMBERG, IMAGES 24,COM



2281. Fax: 011 447 2915. Email: info@hydepark. gp.school.za. Website: www@hydepark. gp.school.za

KING EDWARD VII

44 St Patrick Road, Houghton, Johannes-

burg

Principal: Mr Mike

Fennell
Motto: Strenue
(Strength and Perseverance in All We

Undertake)
Medium: English

Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio:

1:28

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both

Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions:

76%

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Extra-curricular: Cricket, rugby, hockey, water-polo, athletics Facilities: Three cricket turf wickets, 12 turf nets, Astroturf nets, heated pool, gymnasium, computer centre Fees: R18 700. Boarding: Additional R23

Entry requirements: Testimonial, latest school report, interview

When to apply: By 1
March in prior year
Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings
and sons of Old Boys
CSI: Representatives
on the Johannesburd
Junior Council Insluding three past Junior
Mayors) Councillors
on the
Johannesburg Storent

welfale bodies (KES-PAMand KESCO) Atumni: Justice Richard Goldstone, William Kentridge (artist), Dr All Bacher (former SA cricket boss), Bryan

Habana (rugby-player)

Council, two outreach

Contact: Tel: 011 551 5800. Fax: 086 601 6632. Email:admissions@ kesnet.co.za. Website: www.kesnet.co.za

NORTHCLIFF HIGH

Mountainview Drive, Blackheath Ext 3, Johannesburg **Principal:** Mr Walter

Essex-Clark
Motto: Nihil Tam Altum

(Nothing So High)
Medium: English
Sex: Co-ed

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:16.5

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 99,2% Matric exemptions:

77%

Extra-curricular: Athletics, swimming,

rugby,
drama (musical production performed at
the Natal Playhouse
for 10 years running),
hockey (boys' and
girls'), cricket (boys'

and girls')

Facilities: Two IT centres, science centre lecture theatre, heated pool, spinning studie, weight resigned gymna.

weight-training gymnasium, squast courts Fees: RIS 500 Entry requirements:

Grade 7; reside in natural feeder area When to apply: 14 July

to 50 September in prior year Waiting lists: By ap-

plication date
CSI: Ongoing support
of Firlands Children's
Home, Refilwe Community Project, Rotary
Interact, MIB (Making It
Better)

Alumni: Clive Eksteen (cricketer), Geoff du Plessis (CEO: Man Bus & Truck Africa), Neil Froneman (former CEO: Uranium One), Sharne Bailey (hockeyplayer)

Feeder schools: Northcliff Primary School, Cliffview Primary School, Risidale Primary School, Northwest Christian School Contact: Tel: 011 476 1544. Fax: 011 476 2585. Email: info@ porthcliffhigh.co.za.

PARKTOWN BOYS'

cliffhigh.co.za

Website: www.north-

Wellington Road, Parktown, Johannes-

Principal: Mr Ton

Clarke Motto: Arise

Medium: English
Sex: Boys

Teacher: hupil ratio: 1: Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100%
Matric exemptions:

78% Extra-curricular:

Brigby, hockey, rowing, cricket, water-polo, shooting

Facilities: Three computer centres, Astroturf, auditorium, electronic teaching aids, indoor sports facility
Fees: R18 700. Boarding: Additional R24

Entry requirements:
Grade 7 certificate,
willingness to be involved in whole school
programme and attend
school on Saturdays
When to apply: March
to August in prior year.
Waiting lists: Two waiting lists - one for those
in the area and another
for those outside it
CSI: "Heart of the Lion"

raises funds and visits orphanages, old age homes, etc Alumni: Eric Sturgess

(US Open winner), John Webb (Mayor of the
borough of Windsor),
Prof Norman Jacoby
(Royal College of
Surgeons, London),
Meyer Feldberg (Dean
Emeritus: University
of Colombia Business
School, USA)
Contact: Tel: 011 642
4531 Fax: 086 613
4461. Einail sandy@
parktown.za.net. Website: www.parktown.
za.net

PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

55 Tyrone Avenue, Parkview, Johannes-

burg

Principal: Mrs Anthea

Cereseto

Motto: Scientiae at Veritas (Knowledge and Truth)

Medium: English

Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:18

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Day school

Matric pass rate: 100%
Matric exemptions:

99%

Extra-curricular:
Debating, hockey,
swimming, tennis,
touch rugby, drama
Facilities: Dance
studio, multi-purpose
space for drama and
other large group

activities
Fees: R16 105
Entry requirements:
Grade 7 certificate,
family interview
When to apply: Attendance at Open Day
(February or March) in
prior year recommended; applications from
first day of third term
Waiting lists: Learners from feeder area
placed on waiting list

placed on waiting list A; others on waiting list B - accepted on the basis of proximity to the school. Siblings and daughters of Old

Girls get preference

CSI: Feeding scheme in Claremont Newands, a children's harity, weekly visits old-age home and children's home A(unni: Joan Joffe (doyenne of SA's IT industry), Dawn Lindberg (entertainer) Contact: Tel: 011 481 5900. Fax: 011 486 1828. Email: postmaster@parktowngirls. co.za. Website: www. parktowngirls.co.za

PRETORIA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Roper Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria

Pretoria

Principal: Mr William Edward Schroder

Motto: Virtute et Labore (By Honour and

Work)

Medium: English

Sex: Boys

Pupil:teacher ratio: 1:20

1:20

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both

Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions:

86%

Extra-curricular: Cricket, hockey, rugby,

music Facilitie

Facilities: Cricket and rugby fields, Astroturf, tennis and squash courts, computer centre

Fees: R16 000. Boarding: Additional R23 100 Entry requirements: Grade 7 certificate When to apply: Day boys: April of Grade 7 year. Boarders: January of Grade 7 year Waiting lists: Siblings

of Grade 7 year

Waiting lists: Siblings
and sons of Old Boys
given preference, subject to consideration

CSI: "Adopted" schools
in previously disadvantaged communities,
"handmany" projects,
collections, visits to
and interaction with

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street shelters, Aids

orphans' homes, children's homes

Alumni: Dr Max Theiler (Nobel laureate), Peter Haines (former Labour Cabinet Minister, UK). Honourable Mr Justice Edwin Cameron, John Smit (Springbok rugby captain)

Contact: Tel: 012 460 2246 Fax: 012 460 1507. Email: info@boyshigh.com. Website: www.boyshigh.com

PRETORIA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Park Street, Arcadia, Pretoria

Principal: Mrs Penny

McNair

Motto: Prosit Spes Labore (We Work in Hope)

Medium: English Sex: Girls

Teacher:pupil ratio: XXX????

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Both (weekly boarding) Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions:

87,3%

Extra-curricular: Choirs, musical productions, over 20 clubs and societies, all standard sports and basketball golf, lifesaving, volleyball, water-polo. diving, equestrian sports, water aerobics, power-walking

Facilities: Two boarding houses set in beautiful grounds, 25m pool, three hockey fields, 10 tennis courts, two glass backed squash cou four basketball court six netball co gymnasium, oux science laboratories, five sciences laboratorie two consumer

nologycentre entre (including erv studio and oom), three puter centres,

sentre Fees. R11 160. Boarding:

R16 8000 **Entry requirements:**

GDE regulations When to apply: Day girls:

<u>ALUMNI HALL OF FAME</u>









FROM LEFT: Bryan Habana, Springbok rugby-player: Ring Edyland VII School; Dr Ali Bacher, former SA cricket boss: King Edward VII School; Gcobani Bobo, Springlok/rugby-player: Rondebosch Boys' High School; Tammy-Anne Fortuin, TV personality: Paarl Qirls' Nigh School

Dependent on GDE regulations, usually from June to September of prior year Boarders: April until end May in prior vear

Waiting lists: Applications for Grade 8 only; short waiting list (approx 10) maintained in case of withdrawal CSI: ABBA House, adult literacy classes, Amnesty International, blood donation clinic. Lerato House, various char ty events, contact club, Students' Christian Association club, child welfare Alumnus: Maxgaret Roberts, Lava Pooton (playwright and director), Jeanne Zaidel-Rudolph (musicologist), Magda Zierzycka Contact: 10/: 012 430 7341**/**Fa**>**: 012 342 1955. mail: info@phsg.org. za Website: www.phsq.

DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL 255 St Thomas' Road.

Durban

Principal: Mr David

Magner

Motto: Deo Fretus (In God We Trust)

Medium: English

Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:15

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Both Matric pass rate, 98,5% Matric exemptions:

86%

Extra-curricular; ricket, rlugby, baske ball, aquatics, hockey, music, drama

Facilities: Media centre, professional theatre, Astroturi, Olympic-size 1000

Pees: R19 250. Boarding: Additional R24 150 Ėntry requirements: Preference given to feeder area; interview When to apply: Before end of March prior year (late applications accepted)

Waiting lists: Preference given to siblings and sons of Old Bovs. once all criteria are met CSI: Interact, Carter Foundation building project at Sherwood in Durban

Alumni: Stephen Saad (CEO: Aspen and entrepreneur), Sir Gavyn Arthur (former Lord Mayor of London), Sir Aaron Klug (Nobel laureate), Roy Campbell (poet) Feeder school: Durban

Preparatory High School

Contact: Tel: 031 277 1500. Fax: 031 277 1555. Email: magner@ durbanhighschool. co.za. Website: www. durbanhighschool. co.za

GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

1 Nicolson Road. Glenwood, Durban Principal: Mr Trevor M Kershaw

Motto: Nihil Humani Alienum (Nothing That Concerns Humanity is Unimportant to Me) Medium: English Sex: Boys

Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:25

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: **Both**

Matric pass rate: 99% Matric exemptions: 70%

Rugby, cricket, hockey,

Extra-curricular:

water-polo, swimming, squash, tennis, drama club, history society, music, wildlife society, band, sailing, fly fishing Facilities: Science centre, swimming pool, rugby fields, synthetic Tigerturf hockey facility, tennis courts, squash courts, soccer fields

Fees: R17 500. Boarding: Additional R23 000

Entry requirements:

Academic and extramural involvement and excellence, thereafter interview

When to apply: By 31 March in prior year Waiting lists: Oversubscribed - excellent marks and good commitment a recommendation

CSI: SMILE literacy programme, maths and science outreach (GAMES) programme for less advantaged primary school pupils Alumni: Warren Clewlow (former Chairman: Barloworld), John Allan (former SA and Scotland international rugby-player)

Feeder schools: Glenwood Preparatory School, Penzance School, Manor Gardens School, Umhlali Primary School, Durban **Preparatory High** School

Contact: Tel: 031 205 5241. Fax: 031 205 5838. Email: postmaster@glenwoodhighschool.co.za. Website: www.alenwoodhighschool.co.za

KLOOF HIGH SCHOOL

34 Emolweni Road, Kloof, Durban (Acting) Principal: Mrs



Dawn Lefort
Motto: In Hoc Signo
Vinces (In This Sign
We Conquer)
Medium: English
Sex: Co-ed
Teacher:pupil ratio:
1:28
Grades: 8-12

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school: Day school

Matric pass rate: 99,5% Matric exemptions:

Extra-curricular: Fishing, adventure sports, rock-climbing, surfing, body-boarding, swimming, cricket, Toastmasters, chess, netball Facilities: Auditorium, indoor sports centre, indoor rock-climbing walls

Fees: R15 450 Entry requirements: English-speaking, Grade 7 certificate, interview

When to apply: By July in prior year
Waiting lists: Prefer-

Waiting lists: Preference given to feeder area
CSI: Thokozamganga

School (teach during holidays), Interact, Teenagers Against Drug Abuse Alumni: Gareth Fowler (swimmer), Simon Lessing (triathlete), Shelley-Ann Gosher (fencer), Brendan

Botha (rugby-player)
Feeder schools: Kloof
Senior Primary School,
Forest View School
Winston Park School
New Germany School,
Lyndhurst School

Contact/Tel-031 764 0451. Fax: 051 764 2919. Email: admin@ kloof-high.co.za) Website: www.kloof-high. co.za

NANTZBURG COLLEGE College Road, Pietermaritzburg Principal: Mr Ron Jury Motto: Pro Aris et Focis (For Hearth and Home) Medium: English Sex: Boys Teacher:pupil ratio:

Grades: 8-12 Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100% Matric exemptions:

86%

1:28

Extra-curricular: All standard school academic, sporting and cultural activities, mountain biking, judo, equestrian sports, Olympiads, JSE Challenge, Formula 1, Concert in the Park Facilities: The OIivier Cultural Centre, modern theatre, media centre, heated pool, high-performance centre (resident biokeneticist), indoor shooting range

Fees: R16 100. Boarding: Additional R25 000

Entry requirements: All-round assessment When to apply: Before end of February in Grade 7 year Waiting lists: Ranke according to assess ment - moderate preference given to siblings and sons of Old Boys CSI: Interact, outreach programme, weekly "Bread Buddies" programme Alumni: Alan Paton (hu)man rights activist and author), Paul Har-

pris (CEO: First Rand), Joel Stransky (rugbyplayer), Jonty Rhodes (cricketer) Contact: Tel: 033 342 9376. Fax: 033 394 2908. Email: headmaster@mc.pmb.school.za. Website: www.maritzburgcollege.org.za

NORTHWOOD SCHOOL 140 Kensington Drive, Durban North Principal: Mr Tony
Jordan
Motto: Quisque Sibi
Verus (To Thine Own
Self Be True); Acquit Ye
Like Men
Medium: English
Sex: Boys
Teacher:pupil ratio: 1:16
Grades: 8-12

Boarding/day school: Both Matric pass rate: 97%

Matric exemptions: 76%
Extra-curricular: All

standard sports, brass band Facilities: Water based hockey Astroturf Indoor Cricket Academy Fees: R17 750. Boarding: Additional R24

Entry requirements:
Interview
When to apply: By end
Marchin prior year
Waiting lists: Feeder
area, then feeder
schools given prefer-

SI: Interact, Afritwin Jink to John Dube High School Alumni: Shaun Pollock (cricketer), Andy Marinos (rugby-player), Mark Lowe (politician), John

Ellis (musician and member of Tree 63) Contact: Tel: 031 563 6501. Fax: 031 564 1898. Email: nwood@ nwood.co.za. Website: www.nwood.co.za

PIETERMARITZBURG GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

REALS' HIGH SCHOOL

186 Alexandra Road,
Pietermaritzburg
Principal: Mrs Susan
Elizabeth Allison
Motto: Cheerfulness
With Industry
Medium: English
Sex: Girls
Teacher:pupil ratio:1:20
Grades: 8-12
Boarding/day school:

Matric pass rate: 100%

Matric exemptions: 97.4%

Extra-curricular: Swimming, hockey, netball, basketball, music (including choir, chamber choir, gospel choir, wind band)

Facilities: Large all-purpose community

centre with specially designed sports floor surface, seven white-boards, squash courts, pool, tennis courts, three computer laboratories, two physical science laboratories, five life science laboratories

Fees: R9 800. Boarding: Additional R17 000

Entry requirements: Applications in writing, interviews, recent reports

When to apply: For Grade 8, before mid-March in prior year Waiting lists: Oversubscribed - preference given to siblings and daughters of Old Girls, as well as pupils from area and feeder schools

CSI: Interact, collec-

tions for child welfare.

SPCA, Cancer Association, Hospice, Rape Crisis Centre
Alumni: Allyson Lawless (first woman President of South African Institution of Civil Engi-

neering)

Feeder schools: Scottsville Primary School, Bisley Primary School, Pelham Primary School. Contact: Tel: 033 386

Contact: Tel: 033 386 9271. Fax: 033 386 9273. Email: admin@ ghspmb.co.za. Website: www.ghspmb.co.za

WESTVILLE BOYS'
HIGH SCHOOL
Wandsbeck Road,
Westville

Principal: Mr Trevor
Hall
Mo(to: Incento Ne
Desistam) (Slay
the Course)
Medium: English
Sex: Boys
Jeacher: pupil ratio: 1:17
Grades: 8-12
Boarding/day school:

boarding)
Matric pass rate: 100%
Matric exemptions:

Both (privatised

93% Extra-curricular: 21 sports including swimming, rugby, cricket, hockey, golf, squash, tennis,

water-polo, athletics
Facilities: Large indoor
multi-purpose centre,
drama centre, three
computer centres,
gymnasium Fees: R18
500. Privatised boarding: Fees on request
Entry requirements:
Grade 7 certificate
When to apply: February to end of April in
prior year
Waiting lists: Prefer-

ence given to feeder and siblings and sons of Old Boys; parents' work address also considered. Thereafter, by application date CSI: Open Door Crisis Centre, TAFTA, Down's syndrome children, East Coast Toy Story, Host Black Clinics, St Martin's Children's Home, Feed the Babies Fund, Wyllie House, Horizon Trust, St Philomena's, Kashirba Gandhi Primary School, Streetwise, Highway Hospice, Horizon Trust, Habitat for Humanity Alumni: Jim Sutcliffe (CEO: Old Mutual, UK), Alan Ezekowitz (physician and scientist: Harvard Medical

School), Gareth Mor-

gan (Rhodes Scholar

and MP), Mickey Arthur



Preparing Your Child Sor

A CHILD'S FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DAYS IN A PARENT'S LIFE: EMOTIONS RANGE FROM PRIDE AND JOY TO ANXIETY. WHILE THE OCCASION MAY BE CAPTURED FOREVER AS CAMERAS CLICK AWAY, THERE'S A GREAT DEAL THAT'S LED UP TO IT. CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL, THE RIGHT FOOD AND SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD EMOTIONALLY

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CHOOSING A SCHOOL

Johannesburg-based educational psychologist Melanie Hartgill says factors such as common values convenience and academic focus are more important than the school's proximity. Consider the following:

- Interests: What are your child's interests and strengths?
- Ethics: What are the morals and values you want the school to nurture in her
- Academics: Are yould oking for a school that demands academic excellence? Some schools put all the focus on achieving good marks to this your priority and your child's strength?
- Social activism? Does the school participate and encourage community involvement projects? Is this important to ou?
- Religion: What are your religious beliefs and does the school uphold them?
- Spot: How big a role do you want sports to play in your child's life? How big a role will *she* want it to play? Is this more important than academic development?
- **Reputation:** Look into written material about the school. Magazines, newspapers and the Internet offer a wealth of information. Ask current and former pupils and their parents what their experiences have been.
- First-hand experience: Visit the schools you're interested in and take a tour of the facilities. Peep through classroom windows. Try to picture your child in that environment. Do the children look happy? Are the teachers yelling? Does the environment seem overly strict or too permissive?
- Teachers: Find out how high the staff turnover is.

This is important, as children need a certain amount of stability and a high staff turnover could indicate serious problems.

- Remedial help: What is offered for children who're struggling? Parents don't want to think their child might have learning problems at school, but the reality is that many of them do in fact, some figures suggest that as many as 25% of school-going children experience academic challenges. What's available at the school in terms of extra assistance and therapists?
- Parents' body: How much communication is there with the parents and how is this done through meetings or newsletters? How much parental involvement is encouraged? Are you able to pop in for a chat? Can you walk your child to her classroom?
- Instincts: Trust your gut when talking to people and looking around the school if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.
- Keep an open mind: Once your child's in the school, talk to her about her feelings regarding the place. Don't dismiss her concerns out of hand.

TESTING TIMES

Many schools these days require prospective pupils to take tests, as well as looking at their academic record. Here are some tips:

- If the school requires your child to write a pre-enrolment test, take time off work to personally take your child there the day she does so. It's normal for the child to be anxious, but be comforting and don't overload her with too much information.
- After the test, be reassuring and tell her you're sure she performed to the best of her ability. While you wait for



the results, remain calm and don't show her you're anxious. Above all, if she failed, don't castigate her or load your own expectations onto her shoulders. You'll achieve nothing but further stress and fear.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

During school holidays, especially the long summer breaks, children often forget about school until the last minute – so it's up to the parents to keep everything under control. It's wise to plan and budget for school during the holidays, so that everything's ready for a smooth transition.

- Check all communication from the school in advance, such as the school's reopening date, to avoid being caught unprepared.
- Help her choose extra-mural activities and ensure she isn't overloading her schedule.
- Update all stationery, label it and ensure the necessary uniforms and sports equipment are ready and in a good condition.
- Ask your child for healthy lunch box ideas. She might be yearning for a variety, but explain to her the importance of nutritious food.
- Check the school calendar for upcoming events and diarise them so that you can attend as a family to support your child.
- Keep the school informed of any chang-

es that took place over the holidays which affected the family. Also inform them of any traumatic events your child might have experienced so she can get support from counsellors and teachers. The same goes for good news: allow her peers and teachers to celebrate with her.

CHANGING SCHOOLS

Des Hugo, Headmistress at St Mary's Junior School in Waverley, Johannesburg, advises parents, teachers and students to communicate openly. Here are her pointers when changing to a new school:

- Arrange for your child to meet her teacher and fellow pupils before the school opens.
- If you're anxious about the move, don't show it to your child, as that might rattle her even more. Instead, be cheerful, reassuring and calm.
- Listen and support your child when she shares her fears, even if you think she's being unrealistic.
- Identify and discuss with your child any problems that existed in the previous school and what can be done to prevent a recurrence in the new one.
- Discuss the child's previous experience at school with the teacher. If there are areas where she might need extra help, don't be

shy to let the teacher know. If the shild's starting high school, she'll have more than one teacher, so try to meet all of them.

- Make sure your child knows what you've discussed with the teachers and that they'll be supporting her, so that she doesn't panic about not doping.
- If you can't transport your child to school daily, find out from the school office about existing lift clubs or form one yourself. Try to arrange one with children in the same grade as her, who can possibly befriend her.
- Arrange collection points and times and assure your child that should you be late, she can go to the school's office and ask to use a phone to check your whereabouts. Above all, insist that she never accepts lifts home from people she doesn't know, and agree on a secret "password" trusted individuals must use when arriving to fetch her.
- It's important to attend all school meetings to be updated on your child's progress. You should also ensure that you have an open communication with the school. When you're concerned about something, arrange to speak to the teachers. D

READY OR NOT, HERE COMES GRADE I

How important is Grade 0 (or Grade 00 for that matter)? According to Pamela Diesel, Pre-Grade Head at Boksburg's Christian Brothers' College (CBC): "School readiness is a continuous process from birth, and teachers and parents must work together to help our children learn with ease"

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"If a child learns competently in all aspects of her development (physical, intellectual, perceptual, social and emotional) in her early years and continues to reinforce these skills and build out to them, she'll succeed every year as she matures," say! Diesel, who holds parent workshaps at CBC.

According to Diesel, the earlier your child starts learning, the better. "A child who attends a Grade O class will be at a definite advantage. A Grade O class follows a specific programme that covers all the development areas which will hopefully prepare the children for Grade 1," she says. "Another great advantage for Grade O pupils is being affiliated to a primary school. The Grade O teachers have a close relationship with the Grade 1 teachers, so they can liaise on a child's development and what

interventions are needed to benefit her." This also reduces the stress on your child when she finally enters primary school.

How to prepare your child for school:

- Read to your child every day including stories about school.
- Play games with your child and build puzzles together.
- Listen to your child.
- Teach your child to be independent.
- Help your child extend her vocabulary, which will make conversation and communication easier.
- Allow your child to mess occasionally.
- Lessen the amount of time spent in front of a TV, computer or PlayStation – instead, encourage her to play outside.
- Encourage your child to help with daily tasks, such as setting the table she can

count the knives and forks and discuss food colours with you.

- Sing songs and recite poems.
- Ask your child questions to stimulate her thinking. For example: "Why do we wear clothes? Why do we live in houses?"
- Encourage her to play with other children and to share toys and games.
- Teach her to stand up for herself when bullied and to be kind to others.
- Keep reinforcing her self-confidence by telling her she's clever, good, pretty and loved. Never mock her or belittle her, even if you're exasperated.
- Teach her appropriate ways to express anger. The best way to do this is by example: don't yell at your partner or other family members in her presence, and never display physical violence in front of her.