

THE GREEN MACHINE

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Message from the Principal, Mr Marwick

As we reach the end of the first term of 2026, it is an opportune moment to pause and reflect on what has been a full, demanding and deeply eventful start to the year at Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School.

The beginning of a new academic year always brings fresh energy and renewed purpose. For me personally, this term has marked the start of my first full calendar year as Principal of GHS, and it has been immensely encouraging to see the school community embracing both continuity and forward momentum.

Our theme for the year, 'MyGHS ❤️', has been deliberately chosen to foster a deep sense of belonging and shared ownership within our school community. It calls on every girl, staff member, parent, and alumna to see GHS as their own community, to which they contribute, take pride in, and serve. At its heart, the theme speaks to connection, responsibility and the quiet but powerful idea that each of us helps to shape the character and spirit of this school.

Encouragingly, the tone set by our learner leaders has been excellent. Under the capable guidance of Head Prefect Olona Duze and her team, our schoolgirl leaders have approached the year with energy, responsibility and a clear sense of purpose.

At the governance level, the relationship between the School Executive and the School Governing Body has continued to strengthen over the past 10 months. With SGB Chair Mr Renzo Hamblin and Deputy Chair Mr Thobiyisi Mchunu leading the way, along with the dedicated efforts of the Finance Committee led by Mrs Ingrid Glass (CA)(SA) and the Physical Planning Committee led by Miss Lee Khumalo, the school has confidently worked on several important plans together.



Among the SGB's primary ambitions for the year are improvements to campus security through the long-awaited expansion of CCTV coverage, as well as the strategic purchase of a dwelling alongside the school in Alexandra Road, which will support the school's longer-term planning and development.

Since January, the school has expanded its Executive Committee to include seven members, including the Acting Bursar, Mrs Gail van Veenendaal. In her short time at GHS, Gail has already proven to be of immense value to the school, bringing with her considerable experience and wisdom. In addition, the EXCO now meets regularly with all school managers at least once every four weeks, ensuring that "more people know what is going on in the school". This initiative has already contributed, I'd like to believe, to improved communication, stronger alignment, and greater efficiency in the workings of management.

A number of physical improvement projects were also completed this term. The upgraded staffroom and boardrooms are now quite lovely and worthy of GHS. Further attention will be paid to enhancements in the tuckshop precinct (the 'Elly Deli'), boarding staff accommodation, and the accommodation used by our estates staff. These initiatives form part of a broader commitment to ensuring that the GHS campus reflects the pride we have in our school.

I would also like to acknowledge the strong support shown by parents at the start of the year through the early payment of school fees. The school finds great encouragement and deep appreciation in this level of commitment to the school's financial sustainability, which empowers us to plan confidently.

On the staffing front, we have welcomed Mr Jared Maistry as our new Head of Discipline, a key appointment that will strengthen our systems of accountability and pastoral oversight. In addition, Old Girl Mrs Kate de Goede has bolstered GHS's recruitment efforts as our new Recruitment Officer, while the recruitment process for a new Head of Marketing is complete and that for a Finance Manager well advanced. Both these latter roles will be central to strengthening the school's operational effectiveness and public profile.



At the same time, we bid farewell at the end of the term to our Marketing Manager, Dr Melba Nzimande, who leaves GHS after just over a year on the staff. Dr Nzimande is an old colleague of mine, and it has been a pleasure to work alongside her once again. Her impact on the school's marketing and communications has been clear for all to see, with significant growth and engagement across all our social media platforms during her tenure. We thank her for her contribution to GHS and wish her every success as she takes up her new position at Cowan House Preparatory School.

Another exciting development has been the introduction of limited scholarships for learners entering in 2027 and beyond, aimed at recognising and attracting young women of outstanding ability who will contribute meaningfully to the continued growth and excellence of GHS.

The term has also been rich in sporting and cultural activity. Among the highlights was our Annual Prize-Giving, at which we had the pleasure of welcoming Old Girl and former Acting Principal Mrs Catherine Trodd as our guest of honour. It was a fitting celebration of achievement and a reminder of the enduring legacy of the school.

Our Inter-House Gala, held on Friday 6 March, was a vibrant and memorable occasion, marking an important step in revitalising the school's House system. In addition, I had the pleasure of attending my first GHS Championship Swimming Gala at the Bev Shuttleworth Pool on Friday, 20 March. The noise, enthusiasm and spirited support on display were truly a joy to behold and spoke volumes about the pride our girls take in their Houses.

This term also marked a significant and long-awaited development in the life of the school: the formal introduction of rugby at GHS. We were delighted to play our first junior fixture against Grosvenor High School on the Bluff in Durban on 14 March, followed a week later by the debut match of our 1st XV against Kokstad RFC. These are exciting and pioneering times for GHS rugby, and my sincere thanks go to Coach Liv Mudimeli and Mrs A-M Snyman for their enthusiasm, commitment and drive in establishing the programme.

On the sports fields more broadly, our 1st XI, U16A and U14A hockey teams enjoyed a successful and character-building tour to Bethlehem in the Free State, while our cultural programme flourished through our collaboration with Maritzburg College in the production "Spotlight", featuring 26 talented GHS performers. The production was a dynamic celebration of music and dance and a fine example of partnership between two of Pietermaritzburg's leading schools.



Amidst these many achievements, however, the term also marked a moment of profound sadness with the passing of Grade 11 learner Anathi Mjware. Her death touched the entire school community deeply. The memorial service held in the Norma Burns Hall was a poignant reminder of the strength of the GHS sisterhood and of the importance of kindness, empathy and care for one another.

Finally, I wish to record my sincere thanks to the staff of GHS, whose dedication and professionalism make the daily life of the school possible. The commitment shown by our teachers in the classroom, on the sports field, on tour, and behind the scenes is quite exceptional.

My gratitude also extends to our parents, whose loyalty and support underpin the work of the school, and to our girls themselves, whose energy, spirit, and potential continue to inspire us all.

As we conclude the first term of 2026, we do so with gratitude for our achievements and determination for future success. The year has begun with purpose, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the months to come.

Matthew Marwick

Principal

Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School



Sports

Term 1 has set a remarkable and energetic tone for the year, with learners embracing a full and demanding schedule of extracurricular activities and sports.

We took great pride in celebrating Mika Khumalo, who received her Sports Honours. This is an outstanding achievement that reflects her exceptional dedication, commitment, and passion for her sport. We congratulate Mika on this well-deserved recognition.

Preparation has been key this term, with multiple high-performance camps and training opportunities for our athletes. These included a swimming camp, hockey camps, rugby “hell week”, and comprehensive fitness testing. These initiatives have ensured that our teams are well-prepared for the busy season ahead.

By the second week, we successfully concluded all Grade 8 sports trials. We commend our Grade 8 learners for embracing this opportunity to explore the wide range of sporting codes our school offers and for their willingness to get involved from the outset.

Our swimmers have had an exceptional term, participating in a number of competitive galas, including the Epworth Sprints, Dimont Gala, Howick Gala, Great 8 Gala (where we achieved an impressive second place), and the Epworth Champs Gala. Our annual Night Gala was once again a highlight, with strong support from our school community. The energy brought by our Grade 8 and 9 learners, alongside the cheer squad, created an electric atmosphere at the pool.



A particularly historic moment for the school was hosting the Inter-Schools Gala at the new Olympic-standard AquaPark pool. This was a major step, as we became the first participating school to host this prestigious event at the venue. Competing at a facility of this calibre in the same pool used by Olympic champion Tatjana Schoenmaker was a proud moment for all involved. Our swimming programme is clearly thriving, and we extend our gratitude to both our swimmers and coaches for their unwavering dedication and hard work.

Pre-season hockey and netball fixtures have provided valuable preparation for Term 2. Our U19 netball team has also taken a positive step by joining the uMgungundlovu Netball League to further strengthen their competitive readiness.

Our hockey teams travelled to Bethlehem for a tour, where they delivered commendable performances:

- U14A: Won 2, Lost 2
- U16A: Won 1, Lost 3
- 1st Team: Won 2, Drew 2

We are proud to announce that Jade Gobey and Mika Khumalo were selected for the All Stars Team, which is a fantastic achievement. Additional fixtures against Maris Stella yielded the following results:

- U14A won 4-1
- U16A drew 2-2
- 1st Team drew 1-1

Tennis teams have competed in league matches this term, despite challenging weather conditions that resulted in several postponements. We entered three teams of four layers each, and they consistently performed well, often securing victories in their matches.



Our squash players have been actively participating in the Monday Schools League, continuing to build both skill and competitive experience.

In athletics, our athletes competed in all five meets of the aQuelle Schools Night Series at the uMsunduzi track. A standout performance came from Natania Ssekayita, who placed third out of 412 athletes at the first meet, which is an exceptional accomplishment.

We also successfully hosted our fourth Annual Junior Schools Festival this term. Hockey and netball teams from various junior schools participated in this festival. Each team had a minimum number of matches to play. They all enjoyed a lovely day at GHS and got firsthand experience of what our school has to offer when they consider their high school paths.



We close the term on a truly historic note. For the first time in our school's history, we participated in a rugby match. Our junior team travelled to Grosvenor Girls' High School on 14 March, where they narrowly lost 10–20. Despite the outcome, we will remember this moment as a milestone, as Lereece Manning scored the first-ever try in our school's rugby history. Our First XV travelled to Kokstad on March 21 for their inaugural match, which was another exciting step forward for the programme.

As the term concludes, several teams will be embarking on tours during the holiday. We wish all players and staff involved safe travels and every success.

- 1st Hockey – St Mary's Waverley
- U16A Hockey & Netball – St Mary's Kloof
- U15A Netball – St Mary's Waverley
- U14A Hockey – St John's DSG

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the increased and highly valued support from our parents this term. Your presence on the sidelines has not gone unnoticed. We strongly encourage continued support, as we work together to elevate our sports programme and strive for excellence.



Academic Awards Ceremony

At our Academic Awards Ceremony, we celebrated the achievements of our Grade 8 to 11 learners for 2025. The event was filled with pride and encouragement as our students were recognised for their hard work, dedication and growth throughout the year.

We were honoured to welcome our guest speaker, Mrs Catherine Trodd, a proud GHS Old Girl with nearly 40 years of teaching experience, much of which she devoted to our school. She reminded our learners of the importance of perspective, resilience, and gratitude, and she encouraged them to see challenges not as obstacles but as opportunities to learn, grow, and become stronger.

A key message shared was: "When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at really do change... and slowly, quietly, powerfully, you change too." Her words inspired all our learners to approach every challenge with a positive mindset.

The ceremony highlighted not only academic success but also the values of determination, perseverance, and self-belief that our school strives to nurture. It was a wonderful celebration of our Grade 8 to 11 learners' achievements and a reminder that growth often begins with the way we choose to see the world.



100% PASS RATE (NSC Results)

The National Senior Certificate Excellence Awards recognised our outstanding educators, and we take great pride in them. We celebrated their exceptional dedication and hard work for achieving a remarkable 100% pass rate across their subjects for Matric 2025.

Their passion, commitment, and perseverance have not only driven academic excellence in our school but have also had a profound and lasting impact on our learners. Beyond grades and results, these educators inspire curiosity, confidence and resilience in every learner they teach. By encouraging learners to think critically, embrace challenges and believe in their potential, they help form well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the next steps in their academic and personal journeys.

The influence of a great teacher extends far beyond the classroom. Our educators model values such as perseverance, integrity and compassion, creating an environment where learners feel supported, motivated, and empowered to strive for excellence. Their guidance and mentorship leave a lasting impression, influencing not only the academic success of our learners but also their character, confidence, and aspirations.

This achievement stands as a testament to the dedication, skill and care of our teaching staff, whose influence continues to foster a culture of learning, growth and aspiration throughout the school community, inspiring learners to reach their full potential and dream boldly about the future.



100% Pass



100% Pass in English



100% Pass in afrikaans



100% Pass in History



STEM Fair

The top 10 academic achievers from each of our local junior schools, along with their parents, were warmly welcomed by our Principal, Mr Marwick, for an exhilarating morning full of discovery and excitement. The Science and Technology Fair came to life as learners immersed themselves in hands-on experiments, explored interactive displays, and participated in lively discussions, igniting curiosity and wonder at every step.

The atmosphere buzzed with energy as learners asked questions, tested ideas and explored new concepts, developing a genuine passion for STEM subjects. The fair encouraged critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving, showing that learning can be both fun and inspiring.



It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate young talent, engage parents in the learning journey, and nurture a love for discovery. The morning highlighted how exciting science and technology can be, and it left everyone inspired about the possibilities that lie ahead for the next generation of innovators, thinkers, and problem-solvers.



Valentine's Day



Careers Fair



Book Week

Our open mic session highlighted the excitement and creativity of Book Week.

Our girls took to the stage to share poetry, sing, perform recitals and present their own written pieces. The talent, courage and confidence on display made it an unforgettable experience.

The library's Book Week celebrations continue to honour stories, imagination, and the pure joy of reading. Staff and girls dressed up as their favourite literary characters to enhance the fun.

We were especially delighted to welcome author and educator Laurel Britz, a proud Old Girl from the Class of 2004. Laurel shared her journey to becoming a published author and spoke about her book, "Simon the Sloth's Secret Strength", emphasising the importance of self-belief, resilience, and embracing one's unique strengths.

Laurel, the founder of FundaMentals, inspired our girls to find their voices, think creatively, and approach their ideas with confidence and purpose. Her passion for education and storytelling generated lasting memories, and we were truly grateful for the time, wisdom, and inspiration she shared with our school community.



Grade 8 Bell Ringing Ceremony

At the close of the first term, we proudly celebrated the Grade 8 Bell ringing ceremony, a special tradition that marks the official welcome of our newest learners into the Green Machine. This event symbolises the transition of our Grade 8s from newcomers to fully-fledged members of the GHS community.

During the ceremony, the learners received their name badges and rang the school bell, a timeless symbol of their passage into this new chapter of school life. The bell will continue to mark their journey, from this first step to the completion of their time at GHS.

While the wind band played in the library quad, the rest of the school lined up to celebrate the Grade 8 learners, welcoming them into the GHS sisterhood. The community, united in support of its learners, filled the atmosphere with excitement, pride, and warmth.

We take tremendous pride, not only in honouring our traditions but also in watching our learners develop and grow year after year. The Grade 8 Bell ringing Ceremony is a meaningful rite of passage, one that reminds us of the energy, promise and spirit our newest learners bring to the school.

A warm and heartfelt Green Machine welcome to our Grade 8s! We are certain that the best is yet to come.



Societies

Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir enjoyed an exceptionally busy and successful term, marked by growth, dedication and inspiring performances. Following enthusiastic auditions at the beginning of the term, the choir was delighted to welcome many talented new voices. Their enthusiasm and commitment quickly became evident as they embraced rehearsals and prepared for various important occasions.

One of the highlights of the term was the opportunity to perform at the annual Academic Awards ceremony. The choir's uplifting music added a special atmosphere to the event as the school community gathered to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our learners. Later in the term, the choir also provided stirring musical support at the memorial service for a beloved learner, offering comfort and reflection through the power of song.

The choir further extended its reach beyond the school by visiting Sunnyside Retirement Home as part of its outreach programme. Their joyful and heartfelt performance brought warmth and encouragement to the residents, demonstrating how music can bring communities together.

The term concluded on a high note with a memorable performance at the Gospel Festival held at St Nicholas. This event gave the choir the opportunity to showcase their talent alongside other performers and celebrate the vibrant spirit of gospel music.

Adding to the excitement of the term, the choir proudly wore their newly purchased scarves for the first time. The choir has incorporated these scarves into their attire and plans to wear them at future events and performances.

Congratulations to all the choir members for their dedication, enthusiasm, and for sharing the joy of gospel music so beautifully throughout the term.



KZN Battlefields Society

The KZN Battlefields Society began the year with a strong level of interest and participation. Learners demonstrated enthusiasm for exploring the rich and complex history of the KwaZulu-Natal battlefields, engaging thoughtfully with key historical events and discussions.

In March, the society conducted a quiz and then a long discussion about the Battle of Isandlwana (1879), which was a significant event in history. This session provided learners with valuable insight into one of the most notable battles of the Anglo-Zulu War, encouraging reflection and meaningful discussion.

As the term progressed, attendance gradually declined due to clashes with other academic and co-curricular commitments. Consequently, it was decided that the society would be discontinued. Despite its short run, the society offered a meaningful opportunity for participants to engage with an important part of South African history and to develop a deeper appreciation of the events that shaped the region.

The Rugby Referees' Society

The Rugby Referee's Society began the year with much excitement, as 60 girls registered in January. By mid-March, a dedicated core of 30 girls were regular attendees at the fortnightly coaching sessions, the monthly Midlands Society meetings at St Charles, and the weekend duty sessions at various boys' schools.

Becoming a referee involves more than simply signing up; it requires physical preparation, learning the laws of the game, attending workshops, understanding the roles of touch judges and assistant referees, passing the annual laws examination and completing the fitness assessment. Only after completing these steps are referees appointed to officiate matches, usually alongside a more experienced official.

For many of the society's members, this journey is already well under way. By the end of April, around 20 girls will have officiated their first matches, an impressive achievement at a time when fewer people are taking up refereeing. The inaugural group of trainee touch judges officiated their first match at Goldstone's, Maritzburg College, on Saturday, 7 March. Their dedication and commitment reflect both the discipline required and the high standards upheld by the Rugby Referees' Society.



Envirocare

The Envirocare Society recently welcomed many new members to its committee, all eager to learn more about the natural world and to play an active role in caring for the environment. Their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved have already made a positive contribution to the society's activities.

As part of their commitment to environmental responsibility, the learners participated in a litter clean-up around the school grounds and in Morningside Park. This initiative encouraged the girls to take pride in their surroundings while working together to make a meaningful difference to our community.



GHS Awake

The start of the year presented a slight challenge, as learners were unable to attend our weekly after-school meetings. However, once we returned to our usual Monday break-time sessions, participation improved significantly, and the numbers reflected a much stronger engagement.



This term, our discussions have been both varied and meaningful. Topics explored ranged from the controversial issue of chemicals in sanitary pads to media literacy, morality within religion, and the death penalty. True to our ethos, engaging in critical thinking and courageous conversations remains our guiding principle.

It is truly inspiring to witness our girls embrace these discussions, demonstrating a commitment to becoming active agents of change. Their enthusiasm and thoughtfulness are a beautiful testament to the values we aim to cultivate.



Table Officials

The Table Officials had a remarkably busy and successful start to the year, proudly representing GHS at numerous internal and external events.

The term commenced with a flourish as the learners officiated at the Jenny Orchard Basketball Tournament, held at both GHS and Maritzburg College. Just a week later, the top 14 officials were selected to officiate at the KZN Top 10 Basketball Tournament, also hosted at Maritzburg College. The hours were long and the pressure from coaches and players was real, yet the girls rose to the occasion, delivering outstanding performances and ensuring that every game ran smoothly and professionally.

Beyond these prestigious tournaments, the officials continued to serve the school with dedication. They were actively involved in weekly tennis, netball and hockey fixtures, as well as assisting at the annual Junior Schools' Netball and Hockey Festival. Their commitment, focus and professionalism were exemplary, reflecting the high standards and spirit of GHS. Their dedication, professionalism and willingness to serve behind the scenes played a vital role in the success of the school's sporting programme. The school is immensely proud of the way they represented GHS.

Wind Band

The Wind Band had an energetic and fulfilling Term 1, keeping both musicians and audiences thoroughly engaged. From the very first weekend, the band worked diligently to prepare for the term's concerts, rehearsing, participating in team-building games and strengthening camaraderie among its members. Early in the term, the band performed at the Information Session and the Academic Awards Ceremony, showcasing the musicians' talent and commitment. The band was also honoured to perform at this year's NSC District Awards, a prestigious event that recognises excellence within the teaching community.

A particular highlight was the Valentine's event with Hilton College, where various music groups from both schools performed for one another while enjoying refreshments in the Norma Burns Hall. The Wind Band further contributed to school life by providing background music at the Grade 8 Badge Ceremony, adding a celebratory and memorable atmosphere to the occasion. The band continues to work with enthusiasm and dedication, with performances scheduled for almost every week of next term, ensuring that their music remains a vibrant and integral part of school life.



First AID

The First Aiders have begun the year with impressive dedication, immediately showing their commitment to the society by volunteering at the Night Gala. This fun-filled event provided an opportunity for our first aiders to demonstrate their willingness to serve the school, even outside of normal school hours.

Their service continued throughout the term, supporting various sports matches, including major events such as the Inter-House Gala and the Inter-Schools Gala at AquaPark. Beyond GHS events, the first aiders also contributed at the Junior Schools' Netball and Hockey Festival, exemplifying their dedication to the wider community and not just to the school.



Towards the end of the term, on 14 March, many learners participated in a practical first aid course to achieve their certifications. This reflects the current first aiders' commitment to improving their skills while also welcoming many new and enthusiastic Level One first aiders into the society.

Finally, we extend our warm thanks to all involved in first aid, from learners to teachers. Your dedication and willingness to serve do not go unnoticed. Through your efforts, our society runs smoothly, and we look forward to next term, aiming for even higher levels of service, commitment, and GHS spirit.

SAICE Water Competition

On Saturday, 14 March, two teams of three learners from GHS took part in an engaging water engineering competition hosted at St Charles College and promoted by the South African Institute of Civil Engineers (SAICE). The event brought local schools together for a day of innovation, collaboration, and practical problem-solving centred around real-world engineering challenges.

Participants were tasked with designing informative posters on aspects of water engineering, as well as constructing pipe systems capable of filling three one-litre containers positioned at different points simultaneously. The learners rose to the occasion, demonstrating impressive creativity, teamwork, and analytical thinking. Their projects were carefully assessed based on both the efficiency of their water flow design and the quality of their poster presentations. The day concluded with a lunch and prize-giving ceremony, celebrating the girls' commendable efforts and achievements.

Recycling

The Recycling Society is made up of a group of committed and passionate members who continue to dedicate their invaluable time to making a difference to our environment. These members ensure that the society remains active and grows from strength to strength.

The society encourages not only its members but also attempts to involve the whole school community in reducing their environmental impact. In the mornings, the recycling village buzzes with activity as numerous enthusiastic learners sort their recyclables. Classes have responded very enthusiastically to the class competition designed each term to encourage recycling. The classes compete fiercely, and we reward the winners with a floating trophy and a class party. This term, 12E, Mr Reddy's class, were the winners. Congratulations to them on putting the environment first.

A large number of recyclable materials were brought in, which shows how much recycling can be done at our school and how ready the girls are to make a difference. RecycleM, the recycling company the society uses, continues to serve the recycling village, removing the material on a weekly basis; we are so grateful for their amazing service to our school. We hope that our learners and the community as a whole will start to see the need for recycling as a way of life.

String Ensemble

This year, the String Ensemble has grown into a vibrant group of 30 dedicated learners who have shown commendable commitment and enthusiasm throughout the term. Through consistent effort during weekly rehearsals, the ensemble has continued to refine their musical skills and strengthen their cohesion as a group. A highlight of the term was their performance at the Valentine's event in collaboration with Hilton College, where they showcased both their talent and the results of their hard work.

In addition to rehearsals and performances, the learners benefited from a valuable workshop held with both the String Ensemble and the Orchestra. The inclusion of wind and brass players has enriched the overall sound, adding greater depth and dimension to the ensemble. The group also had the rewarding opportunity to present an instrument demonstration at Longmarket Primary School. Sharing their love of music with younger learners remains a meaningful experience, inspiring the next generation while reinforcing the ensemble's own passion for performance.



Muslim Students' Association

What a busy and fulfilling term it has been for the society. The year began on a warm and welcoming note with the annual bonding event, where the new Grade 8 learners were officially introduced to the group. This year, the activity took on a unique and creative form as the girls crafted their own tasbihs (prayer beads used for counting recitations), carefully selecting and threading different coloured beads. It was heartening to see the learners' joy and connection in this hands-on activity.

Weekly meetings have taken on a fresh and inspiring format. This year, the society introduced online guest speakers who deliver short motivational talks each week. We deeply appreciate the dedication of the group of women who generously give their time to prepare and present these meaningful lectures. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and value the insight and encouragement they receive.

The term concluded with the Ramadaan programme, which brought the society together for reflection and spiritual growth. The society was honoured to host two guest speakers who led the completion of the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by a collective prayer. The programme also included a Zikr session, where specific prayers were recited in remembrance of and praise of God. It was a deeply spiritual and memorable afternoon, which had a lasting impact on all who attended. Finally, our end-of-term bring-and-share lunch reinforced our supportive and communal spirit.

Interact

The Interact Society has been buzzing with activity this term, showing tremendous enthusiasm and a spirit of service. The term began on 12 February with Orientation Day, where members were welcomed with cupcakes and fun games and introduced to the main projects for the months ahead.

A highlight was the sandwich-making initiative on 26 February, where the girls worked together to prepare nearly 500 sandwiches. These were collected by the outreach foundation from God's Family Life Church in Boshoff Street and distributed to a new feeding scheme at Injoloba Secondary School in Howick. The children were overjoyed, with some of them even taking extra sandwiches home to share with their families. The impact of our effort was deeply moving.

The society also contributed to other outreach efforts. Educational toys made from recycled materials were donated to Siphakeme, soft toys and storybooks to Peter Pan Special Needs School, second-hand clothing to the Salvation Army, and snacks and Easter eggs to H.S. Ebrahim School.

It has been inspiring to witness the members' dedication and compassion. The Interact Society looks forward to continuing its work and making an even greater impact next term.

Hindu Students' Society

The Grade 8 HSS Orientation took place on Friday, 13 February 2026, after school. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the girls to spend time together in a relaxed and welcoming environment. During the afternoon, the learners enjoyed baking cupcakes and participating in various fun games. The activity created a cheerful atmosphere and allowed everyone to get to know one another better, making it an enjoyable and memorable afternoon for all who attended.

This spirit of community and cultural celebration continued with the Annual Cultural Show, a lively, well-attended event that showcased the diverse talents of the learners through an engaging and colourful programme. The evening brought together the school community for a celebration of creativity, cultural expression, and enthusiastic performances.

Thanks to the girls for contributing to another outstanding and culturally enriching production. Their enthusiasm, creativity and commitment ensured that the event was both inspirational and memorable for everyone who attended.



Girls For God

Girls for God is a religious society dedicated to fostering a more profound understanding of the Christian faith, with a strong emphasis on community and sisterhood. Every Monday morning, from 07:05 to 07:30, members gathered in Mrs Chetty's classroom to pray for the week ahead and share personal prayer points.

The committee met each Wednesday during lunch, from 13:10 to 13:35, also in Mrs Chetty's classroom. Early in the term, the committee decided to prioritise small group discussions, beginning with a series on the Personhood of Jesus.

Weekly meetings were held on Monday afternoons, from 14:45 to 15:45 in the McDowell Centre. These sessions focused first on discussion and reflection, followed by worship, providing each member with the opportunity to strengthen her personal walk with God.

The term's highlights included a session on 2 March, led by guest speakers from GFLC, which focused on motivation and proved highly successful. On 23 March, the society led an Easter assembly, presenting the true meaning of the Passover and the Resurrection. Later that afternoon, members of the society hosted an after-school meeting with guests from the Schools Ministry at Onelife Church, which received a warm reception. The Ministry has agreed to lead a session at the end of every month moving forward.

Throughout the term, members actively engaged in discussions, fostering a safe environment for vulnerability, fellowship, and spiritual growth.



Marketing Society

This term, the Marketing Society has been actively involved in covering a range of important school events, capturing special moments through photography and creating engaging reels for the school's social media platforms. The girls began with the Academic Awards Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of the Grades 8 to 11 classes of 2025 and highlighting the school's strong commitment to academic excellence.

They also played a valuable role at the STEM Fair, assisting with ushering, preparing and distributing refreshments, and welcoming learners from local primary schools. Other highlights included covering the GHS Night Gala, the Senior Girls' Relay Gala, the Champs Gala and the Hockey and Netball Junior Festival, where primary schools from across the region were warmly welcomed.

The society also covered the Morningside Boarders' Picnic and took photographs during Book Week, capturing both school spirit and memorable moments. In addition, the society documented the Grade 8 Badge Ceremony for the 2026 learners, marking their official welcome into the GHS community.

The recent launch of the school's TikTok page has added another exciting dimension, with the girls actively creating and contributing content. Through these experiences, the members continue to develop skills in communication, teamwork, and content creation. The girls actively share and celebrate the many achievements and special moments within the school.



Staff News

Farewell



Dr Melba Nzimande
Marketing Manager
(18 Months service)

