



The Elephant's Belt

Newsletter

20/10/2021

Academics

Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. With the start of the 4th Term, there is loads going on as always! The Matrics will start writing finals on Wednesday, the 27th October 2021, and not the 1st of November as originally scheduled – the changes were necessitated by the local government elections on the 1st November which has been declared a public holiday. Learners who are eligible to vote will now be able to cast their ballots. We wish all our Matrics good luck as they prepare for their final exams.

Focusing on Physical Science

This week our focus is on Physical Science.

Physical Science is divided into two sections: Physics and Chemistry. With Physical Sciences you can further your studies into the following fields – Medicine, Engineering, Commercial Pilot, Education and the Science Field, just to name a few. Physical Science introduces the learner to investigative thought processes, mathematical problems, abstract thought and advanced problem-solving. It has theoretical and practical components. It covers a very broad range of topics within these two learning areas. Our Head of Physical Science is Mr Aphane.

Sport

Interhouse Sport

Sport continues this term with hockey, rugby, tennis, cricket, netball, chess and debating on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Coaches are focussing on getting fitness levels back for sport matches in the new year.

Rugby Festival March 2022

Due to the rapid growth of sport in KZN and South Africa, we are contributing to this growth by offering a rugby festival in March 2022 for U13, U14 & U15. Our focus is to give young players as well as coaches the opportunity to develop their talents as future 1st team players from an early age. Due to Covid19, a lot of schools have not played sport for a few years and our focus will be on development and not high performance. The Sharks Academy Development Junior teams will participate in the festival, playing rugby matches and coaching participants between games. We look forward to this very exciting programme.

Greytown MTB Bike Festival & Run

This past Sunday, the 17th October, the annual Greytown Mountain Bike Festival and fun run took place at Wembley College. One of our GHS runners participated in the 5km cross-country run and despite the cold, he had an enjoyable run.

Nkazimulo Mzolo shattered the competition by crossing the finish line first. Well done, Nkazi!



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Pastoral Care

Leadership

Head prefects for 2022 will be announced at the prize giving on the 5th of November 2021. The staff and prefects will vote and the final decision will be made by the SMT.

GHS in Action

School Magazine

We are excited to be compiling a school magazine towards the end of the year. Class and sport photos taken on Thursday and Friday the 14th & 15th October will appear in the magazine.

Matric Farewell

On the 1st of October we hosted a matric dance for our Grade 12 learners.

Our Grade 12's entered a beautifully decorated hall which was decorated by Maphi Sibiya - a parent of one of the Grade 12 learners. They were treated to savoury starters and a buffet style main meal with their evening ending with various desserts. The Greytown High School boys and girls hostel staff prepared the food for the evening which was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank the following people who made this event a success:

- Maphi Sibiya – Décor
- Plennegy Printing – for the Invitations
- The GHS hostel staff – catering
- The GHS Grounds Staff – draping and cleaning up
- The Matric farewell committee – Mr Zondi Jnr, Mr Ntsele, Miss Mzila and Miss Wheeler Jnr

Well done to all involved for a very well organised event and enjoyable event.

GHS Personalities

Mr Aphane

I am a quiet hard-working, light-hearted, self-driven and loving person. I have been teaching at GHS for almost three years now. I find that GHS allows me to be honest, to be myself and learn a lot from the different teachers as we help each other to grow in the field of education. I studied PGCE, majoring in FET Mathematics and Physical Sciences. I graduated with BSc Honours Chemistry, Cum Laude and PGCE Cum Laude. I received an award from SACI as the best Chemistry student for my Honours year. At the moment I am teaching Physical Sciences Grade 8 to 12.

I grew up in the small town, Wonderboom (Pretoria North) and that is where I learnt how to play cricket and soccer. I am always willing to assist learners to develop their skills on and off the sports field.





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Old Scholars

Aman Balwanth – Former Head boy - 2004

We interviewed Aman Balwanth - another old scholar who is making his mark in our province.

Good memories of Greytown High



I look back fondly at my time in Greytown High School and I am very grateful for the role that the school and teachers played in shaping who I am today. My favourite time during the school day was break time, and 'Snapper' chips used to be the staple to supplement what was in the lunch box.

I distinctly remember those early mornings scrambling to get to school on time for morning assemblies in the school hall. Mondays and Fridays were the teacher's assembly and Wednesdays used to be the Prefect's assembly.

Doing experiments in Physics class was always exciting, as was getting lost in the new worlds introduced to us in English class through poetry and literature.

I also have great memories of attending and participating in weekend sports. This includes travelling around the province in the 'yellow submarine', which everyone was embarrassed of at the time, but which has now come to symbolise the fortitude and tenacity that Greytown High School ascribes to.

Studies after school

I obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree in 2008, as well as a Master of Laws degree in Company Law this year. I also attended the Accelerated Leadership Development Programme at Wits Business School in 2019.

I have been admitted as an attorney of the High Court since 2011.

Your current occupation and where you stay

I live in Johannesburg with my wife and 2 children. I am currently employed as Senior Legal Counsel at the Telkom Group, responsible for Group Litigation.

I also sit on the boards of the Telkom Retirement Fund and Telkom Pension Fund, where I am chairman of the Legal Committee.



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Some good advice for matrics of 2021

My advice to matrics is to work hard, persevere in everything you do and to always give everything you do your best effort. Don't be afraid to tread where others have not tread before you. Strong leaders need to have the vision and ability to see things not as they are, but as they could be.

