DURBAN GIRLS' COLLEGE

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2021 NSC IEB Results

Dear Parents

144 years of Academic Excellence

The Class of 2021 has done themselves proud; the outstanding performance of these students is testament to their hard work and dedication. These girls have performed exceptionally well whilst navigating the difficulties of living through a pandemic. As Anne Oberholzer (CEO of the IEB) mentioned in her press release: *"The journey for Grade 12 candidates of 2021 was somewhat different with school closures from as early as March 2020 and then sporadically throughout the year, continuing right through their Grade 12 year. They experienced disruptive change of an unprecedented nature within a relatively short space of time…The class of 2021 had to find new ways to deal with the challenges they were served, and build the resilience, courage and persistence to overcome them. We cannot underestimate the impact of disappointments of missing out on key social events that are key in a matric learner's life, the important social experiences that are fundamental as they grapple with young adulthood, and the frustration of uncertainty that COVID-19 brought to almost every facet of their lives. All of these struggles form part of the iceberg that lies out of view. Overcoming these difficulties has been the true achievement of the class of 2021, and this experience can only benefit them on their path of lifelong learning."*

It is well known that parents suffer the same anxieties as their children during Grade 12: sleepless nights, worrying if the content is understood and will the marks reflect the hard work and ability of their child. Parental input also plays a major role in determining a child's success. Congratulations, parents, on these excellent results.

Excellent performance in Grade 12 is a cumulative effort and relies on the building blocks prepared in lower grades too. A special congratulations and thank you to all the staff who have prepared the Class of 2021 to get them to this high end point. To the Grade 12 teachers, thank you for the hours of hard work you have put in, to develop these women of significance.

As Oberholzer comments: *"We must acknowledge the tremendous work of our teaching community and school management teams. Society cannot ignore the professionalism and commitment of teachers shown in developing a new way of teaching as demanded by the pandemic, and the tightrope walked by school managers in managing the protocols demanded by the pandemic and the justifiable fears and tensions of staff, learners and parents. Despite the naysayers who were prepared to write off the academic year, the people directly facing the challenge did not flinch. The fact that the examinations for the NSC 2021 took place during the fourth wave is testimony to the strength and capacity of our education community. We commend the candidates, their teachers and parents for a job extraordinarily well done."*

Once again, we are pleased to announce a 100% pass rate, with 97% Bachelor's Degree pass.

There were 237 subject As (41% As) and 193 subject Bs (34%Bs) which equates to 75% A or B symbols.

Outstanding: achieved within the top 5% in 6 or more Subjects and achieved a rating level of 7 in Life Orientation.
Jenna Pearson

Outstanding achievers top 1% IEB
In 3 subjects:
Jenna Pearson (English, Life Sciences and Mathematics)

In 2 subjects:
Grace Maitin-Casalis (Consumer Studies and Geography)

In 1 subject:
Phoebé Mattison (Mathematical Literacy)
Mikhaela Odayan (AP English)
Jamie Rowe (Geography)
Talia Schneiderman (Business Studies)
Olivia Sharratt (Life Orientation)

8 Distinctions
Leah Kiratu
Jenna Pearson

7 Distinctions
Julie Blevin
Melissa Githinji
Dhiya Maharaj
Grace Maitin-Casalis
Jamie Rowe
Olivia Sharratt
Luca Tarboton
Josephine Zietkiewicz

6 Distinctions
Zuhairaa Ally
Keara Dunford
Kiara Jeewan
Kasmir Pillay
Mila Rezac
Ciarla Scheepers
Talia Schneiderman

5 Distinctions
Julia Burnett
Amy Honeywell
Mia Paton
Jodie Smart
Layyah Timol

Recognising the pupils who performed well is important, but acknowledging that pupils have achieved the goals they set for themselves is also vital. Our mission is to provide a unique educational journey, to inspire girls to realise their potential. Many of these girls have attained personal bests in the marks which they have achieved; we are proud of you.

We wish the 2021 Matrics well as they disembark from the Galleon, and we look forward to watching their progress as they go forth and enrich our world.

Warm Regards

Jennifer Harrison

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