College Chatter

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DURBAN GIRLS' COLLEGE

From the Helm

It is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your daughters' remarkable achievements in the 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.

As we reflect on the academic journey that your daughters have undertaken at Durban Girls' College, we are proud to witness the culmination of their hard work, dedication, and perseverance. The results of the 2023 NSC examinations are a testament to their exceptional abilities and commitment to academic excellence.

The Class of 2023 has truly distinguished itself, and we are delighted to share that the overall performance of our students has once again surpassed expectations. The outstanding results achieved by your daughters reflect not only their efforts but also the supportive environment provided by you, the parents, our dedicated educators and the collective ethos of our school community.

We wish the Class of 2023 well as they disembark the Galleon, and we look forward to watching their progress as they go forth, empowered to make their mark on the world. Thank you for being an integral part of the Durban Girls' College family.

Mrs Heidi Rea – Executive Head & Head of High School
Ms Jennifer Harrison – Deputy Head: Head of Academics

College Moment

Outstanding in Every Way!

Zoë, Yasti & Nicole
Your achievements shine and your characters glow. We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to the DGC Class of 2023

Going beyond since 1877

Top Achievers

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on yet another year of outstanding IEB Matric results.

100%
PASS RATE

100%
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PASS RATE

The Class of 2023 has done themselves proud; their excellent results are a testament to their hard work and dedication. We commend the commitment and devotion of our staff, without whom these results would not have been possible. We look forward to seeing the mark these 84 young women will make on the world and wish them every bit of success in their onward journey.

83%
ACHIEVED EITHER AN A OR B AVERAGE

49%
OF ALL SYMBOLS WERE As

3.6
As PER PUPIL
304 DISTINCTIONS

37
TOP 1% OF CANDIDATES PER SUBJECT

43%
ATTAINED 5 OR MORE As

3 IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS

3 IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVERS

FURTHER STUDIES SUBJECTS: 13 As, 8 Bs, 7 Cs
TOP 1% OF CANDIDATES PER SUBJECT: 1

Top Achievers

1ST

ZOË PEARSON
9 Distinctions
96%
IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER

2ND

YASTI SUBRAMONEY
8 Distinctions
94%
IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER

3RD

NICOLE GLENDINING
9 Distinctions
92%
IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER

ZOË GRINDROD
8 Distinctions
92%

ABIGALE GUYE
8 Distinctions
89%

SONALI MAHABEER
8 Distinctions
86%

ESIHLE NTONGA
8 Distinctions
89%

JULIA SNEDDEN
8 Distinctions
92%
IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVER

ELEANOR ALSEN
7 Distinctions
90%

ZARA JACKSON
7 Distinctions
89%
IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVER

YAN NI LI
7 Distinctions
89%

WELLILE MAZIYA
7 Distinctions
89%
IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVER

ARYA MEHTA
7 Distinctions
88%

TAYLA ALLEN
6 Distinctions
84%

KIRA ALTSHULER
6 Distinctions
86%

MEGAN AMBROSE PILLAY
6 Distinctions
86%

ADILAH BAIN
6 Distinctions
85%

JENNA DE JONGH
6 Distinctions
82%

VICTORIA PARKES
6 Distinctions
87%

CAITLIN SANDLER
6 Distinctions
84%

LISA JANSE VAN RENSBURG
6 Distinctions
82%

LAUREN WALSH
6 Distinctions
85%

5 DISTINCTIONS: Fatimah Ahmed, Courtney Bell, Jaime Cockcroft, Mahek Gandecha, Jenna Reardon, Grace Rebelo Georgina Stephenson, Roxy-Leigh Utermark

Matric Results Tea

Class of 2023 Memories

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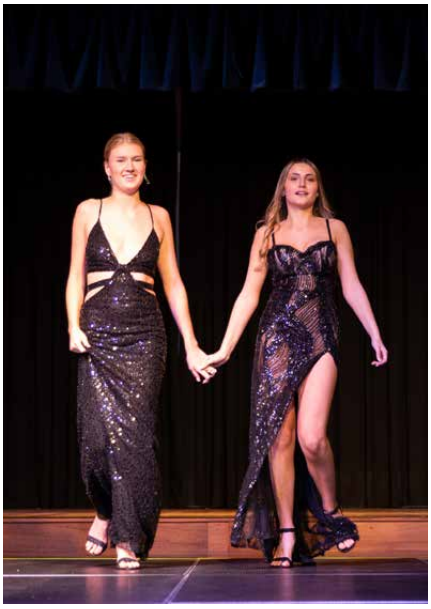

Class of 2023 Memories

The Matric Class of 2023 came together for their Final Assembly on Friday, 13 October 2023, It was a day filled with both nostalgia, reflecting on their College journey, and eager anticipation for the new adventures that lay ahead.

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The Matric Bell-Ringing is a cherished tradition, that marks a significant milestone for DGC girls. It signifies the conclusion of their time at College and the start of an exciting new journey. As the bells chime, they carry with them the memories, friendships, and lessons that will forever shape their future.

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Our Matrics ended their final day by bidding farewell to this chapter of their lives with a joyful splash in the sea at Addington Beach.

From Our Chaplain

Michelle Edgcumbe

Just as I am, young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth and righteousness and Thee
Lord of my life I come.
Amen – From 'Just As I Am', our school hymn

DGC is a busy place. The first few days of school are always a blur of new faces and rites of passage and learning new names. But even with all the newness, especially for those staff and pupils who have just arrived, it's amazing how quickly things settle into a routine. The same white hats are seen bobbing along above the fenceline at the beginning of the day, the same collection of book bags and sports equipment line the corridors, the same squeals of delight echo through the building as friends are reunited after the long holiday. Those who walked through the doors on Tuesday join generations of College girls who went before them. There is a certain comfort in that knowledge and tradition, and of joining something solid and tested and time honoured. So we pray for the year ahead and for every member of the extended College community, that we will all be the 'best that we can be', and that we will stand for 'truth, and righteousness and Thee' throughout 2024.

Calendar

Monday 22 January - Sunday 04 February 2023

Monday 22	**Day 1** PS: 07h30-08h05: Chapel HS: 13h00-16h30: Inter-House Gala: DGC HS: 17h30-19h30: Grade 12 Parent Information Evening: Lecture Theatre
Tuesday 23	**Day 2** HS: 07h35-08h05: Pledge Assembly: Centenary Hall PS: 17h00-18h00: Grades 00 & R Parents Evening SP: 15:30-16:00: Grade 5 Marimba Band Auditions (SP Marinmba Room) SP: 16:00-16:30: Grade 6 Marimba Band Auditions (SP Marimba Room)
Wednesday 24	**Day 3** HS: 14h20-15h20: 1st Team Water Polo depart for PE Kingswood Tournament HS: 15h00-17h00: Friendly Gala: Maris Stella SP: 15:30-16:00: Grade 4 Marimba Band Auditions (SP Marimba Room) SP: 16:00-16:30: Grade 7 Marimba Band Auditions (SP Marimba Room)
Thursday 25	**Day 4** HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: Grahamstown WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House HS: 15h10-15h40: U14A Indoor Hockey: St Mary's Kloof HS: 15h50-16h20: U16C Indoor Hockey vs Durban North College: Maris Stella HS: 16h30-18h00: Open Indoor Hockey vs Danville: Danville Parks Girl's High WS: 17h00-19h00: DGC PA Meeting: Trust House Boardroom HS: 17h00-17h45: U16A Indoor Hockey vs Danville: Danville Girls High
Friday 26	**Day 5** HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: Grahamstown JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly HS: 13h15-14h45: Maths Club onboarding and training SP: 14h00-16h30: Orchestra Workshop: Music Hall

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Monday 22 January - Sunday 04 February 2023

Saturday 27	HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: Grahamstown HS: 09h00-13h00: Marimba Workshop HS: 09h15-10h00: U14B Indoor Hockey vs Durban Girls' High School: Kloof High School HS: 10h00-10h30: U16C Indoor Hockey vs Thomas More College D: Hillcrest High School HS: 10h30-11h00: U16B Indoor Hockey vs Our Lady of Fatima: Reddam House Umhlanga HS: 11h00-12h00: U18B Indoor Hockey vs Kloof High School: Durban Girls High HS: 11h20 -12h00: U16C Indoor Hockey vs Thomas Moore College E: Hillcrest High HS: 12h00-12h45: U18B Indoor Hockey vs Our Lady of Fatima: Durban Girls High
Sunday 28	HS: 1st Team Water Polo Tournament: Grahamstown
Monday 29	**Day 6** PS: 07h35-08h05: Hymn Practice: Lecture Theatre HS: 14h30-15h45: Life Sciences Grade 12 Population Ecology Test HS: 17h30-18h30: Grade 9, 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening: Centenary Hall
Tuesday 30	**Day 7** HS: 07h30-08h30: Prize Giving (Grade 8-11 2023) WS: 18h00-20h30: Launch of The Anele Tembe Library
Wednesday 31	**Day 8** PS: 07h30-08h30: Liaison Mums' Coffee Morning SP: 15h00-16h30: A Gala: Glenwood Junior Primary SP: 15h00-16h30: B Gala : Maris Stella HS: 15h30-17h30: Independent School's Gala: DGC
Thursday 1	**Day 9** WS: 07h15-07h45: DGC Moms' Who Pray: College House PS: 07h30-08h30: Grade 4 Muffin Morning (Assessments) HS: 09h00-14h30: SA Blood Drive: Miller Grove HS: 15h00-16h00: U14A Indoor Hockey vs Reddam House: St Mary's HS: 15h00-16h00: U16A Indoor Hockey vs Reddam House: Maris Stella HS: 16h30-17h30: 1st Team Indoor Hockey vs Marias Stella: Danville Girls' High
Friday 2	**Day 10** HS: 08h00: IEB Staff National Conferences: Johannesburg JP: 08h05-08h35: Assembly WS: 08h30-14h30: Head Hunter Class & Individual Photos SP: 09h35-10h00: Assembly
Saturday 3	HS: 08h00: IEB Staff National Conferences: Johannesburg HS: 08h40-09h40: U16B Indoor Hockey vs Thomas More College: Thomas More College HS: 12h00-17h00: Choir Rehearsal HS: 12h40-13h40: U14B Indoor Hockey vs St Henry: Danville Girls' High
Sunday 4	

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

- Malala Yousafzai