



# Newsletter



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## General School News

### NEW HEADMISTRESS

The Parktown High School for Girls' community welcomes Mrs Megom, the new Headmistress as from January 2017. We wish her much success in her tenure as the 9<sup>th</sup> Headmistress, of the school.

### WELCOME

A warm welcome back to all our learners and staff and a special welcome to our new learners and teachers: Miss Hassain, Miss Morulane, Miss Osato, Ms Ngidi (Social Worker) and Mr Darrington (School Engineer). We would also like to welcome Mrs Rens and Mrs Rodrigues (Admin) who have re-joined the staff. We wish them all a long and happy stay.



Mrs Tracey Megom

### 2016 MATRIC RESULTS

**100% PASS** (226 girls)

**466 DISTINCTIONS** (more expected after re-marking process)

**96% BACHELOR DEGREE ENTRANCE**

### OVERALL AVERAGES

16,4% A average

31,4% B average

37,1% C average

14,2% D average

0,9% E average

### 9 DISTINCTIONS

Milica Zdravkovic

### 7 DISTINCTIONS

Kaylene Gounden

Ifechukwu Mbajiorgu

Rafee'a Solomon

### 6 DISTINCTIONS

Robyn Adam

Kasia Marais

Salehah Moola

Tasneem Seedat

### 8 DISTINCTIONS

Urvi Patel

Perusha Gounder

Clare Rigney

Zahraa Essa

Tanielle Michaels

Nomzamo Ntuli

Zakiyyah Seedat

Ilhaam Manack

Nabeelah Seedat

Amaarah Garda

Zakiyya Mohamed

Unathi Ntuli

Nameez Vilbro

**5 DISTINCTIONS**

Aamina Kimmie-Ismail  
Tertia Naidoo  
Sameera Reid

Ammaarah Lavangee  
Amanda Nkabinde  
Clare Ssemwogerere

Aaliya Madhi  
Mia Penn

**4 DISTINCTIONS**

Hetal Bhika  
Jordan Franks  
Kerry McArthur  
Tshiamo Moretlwe  
Yashwi Pattni  
Jead Stehr

Katherine Brokensha  
Makaziwe Kone  
Layyah Mohamed  
Aaliya Noorbhai  
Lavonne Peterson  
Star Thornton

Rebecca Conradie  
Tshegofatso Kungoane  
Zakiyyah Mollagee  
Hannah Pasques  
Sophia Sideras-Haddad  
Leilah Wiese

**SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS AND AVERAGES 2016 (BEFORE RE-MARKS)**

	<b>NO. OF ENTRANTS</b>	<b>NO. OF DISTINCTIONS</b>	<b>SUBJECT AVERAGE</b>	<b>DISTINCTIONS %</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>8.41</b>
<b>AFRIKAANS</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>21.02</b>
<b>IsiZULU</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>36.17</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>18.56</b>
<b>MATHEMATICAL LITERACY</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>10.17</b>
<b>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>30.77</b>
<b>LIFE SCIENCES</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>21.98</b>
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>24.64</b>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>53.70</b>
<b>ACCOUNTING</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>45.07</b>
<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>CONSUMER STUDIES</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DRAMATIC ARTS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>20.93</b>
<b>FRENCH</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>27.27</b>
<b>PORTUGUESE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GERMAN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>GREEK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>LIFE ORIENTATION</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>68.58</b>

# New Website Launch

The new Parktown High School for Girls' website has gone LIVE! Newsletters and Upcoming Events are added weekly. [www.parktowngirls.co.za](http://www.parktowngirls.co.za).

Going forward Newsletters will be handed out every two weeks on a Monday morning during Registration. The next newsletter will be on 23 January 2017. Alternatively, they can be viewed or downloaded on our d6 Communicator (under resources) or on our website.



The following information for 2017 has been given to your daughter/ward separately with this Newsletter. Please keep this information in a safe place as you will need to refer to it throughout the year.

- School Year Plan
- Extramural Timetable Term 1
- Grade 8 – 12 Assessment Schedules
- Cycle Test Timetable

Please understand that dates/times are subject to change and further events may be added. Check our *d6 Communicator* regularly.

## INFORMATION UPDATE FORMS

An information update form has been handed to your daughter/ward today. Please confirm the details or correct it and then return the form to the Register Teacher by Friday 20 January 2017.

## MEDIA PERMISSION FORM

This is a form where parents/guardians sign given permission that photographs of learners may be used on the school website/Facebook page. Some photographs could be sent to the newspapers. All new learners for 2017 have been given these forms. If you would like to change/alter the permission given to us in 2016, please complete a new form which can be found on our website or *d6 Communicator* and return it to Mrs Liss in Office 11 by Friday 20 January 2017.

## PUNCTUALITY

The school gates will be closed at 07:40 sharp. All late-comers must enter and finger-print at the Main Gate. Please ensure that your daughter/ward arrives at school in time to have finger-printed by 07:40 as she is required to be in registration by 07:45. If she only gets to the school gate at 07:45 she will be registered late.

## RECEPTION

Please do not leave articles for learners to collect at Reception and learners are not to leave anything to be collected by parents/guardians. Mrs Thomas, the Receptionist, cannot be expected to facilitate this as she does not have permission to call learners out of class. The school will not take responsibility for the loss of such items.

## LOCKERS

Lockers will be available from Monday 16 January 2017 from the Finance Office for R30. Please ensure you bring your own sturdy lock and two keys. One key must be left at the Finance Office as a back-up if needed. If the lock is a combination lock, the combination must be given to Finance. Learners are encouraged to get lockers as the school cannot be held responsible for stolen items.

## COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

We ask all parents/guardians to kindly note the following points:



- Always quote the learner's Grade, Academic Class, House and Family Number:  
e.g. Grade 8B/A1 (Grade 8B Academic class, Alseids House, Family 1);  
Grade 12G/N1 (Grade 12G Academic class, Nereids House, Family 1)
- For all **personal and general** matters contact the **House Head**. Unless this is an emergency situation, please do this in writing.

### HOUSE HEADS

Ms Moreira	Alseids
Mrs Tweedy	Dryads
Mrs Roos	Hesperides
Ms Singh	Nereids
Ms Jurgens	Oreads
Mrs Carstens	Pleiades

- For **academic** matters contact the **Academic Head**. Unless this is an emergency situation, please do this in writing.

### ACADEMIC HEADS

Mrs Fourie	Grade 8
Mrs Linde	Grade 9
Mr Lezar	Grade 10
Mrs Bouwer	Grade 11
Ms Knöbel	Grade 12

- For requests to leave early on a particular day a letter must be placed in the House Head's drawer in the Reception Office **before 07:45**.
- For matters concerning absence from school because of holidays in school term time, long illness and any unusual circumstances, please contact the **Headmistress, in writing**.
- Letters concerning withdrawing girls from the school must be addressed to the Headmistress.
- The Headmistress and Deputies will assist with urgent issues and matters of a general nature.
- Should you wish to have a meeting with any staff member (including the Headmistress and the Deputies) it is necessary to make an appointment.
- Please note that all the Academic Staff members are Subject Teachers with classes to teach during the school day and will not be able to respond immediately to emails and messages. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response.

# Dates to Diarise



18/01	PA Meeting
18/01	Grade 12 Rocking Future Road Show
23/01	Matric Information Evening
26/01	Academic Awards Evening

## Academic News

Tanika Zeidler entered and was chosen to participate on the MNET Game Show Spellbound. She came second and won money as well as other prizes for herself and money for the school. Tanika represented the school with confidence and competence, a true Parktown Star. Well done Tanika.

## Cultural News

*A note from our Head of Culture, Miss Coxon...*

Taking part in an extra-mural teaches invaluable skills and makes special bonds and happy memories. This is especially true of Parktown's cultural activities. With a variety of activities, there is something for every girl. Some activities will be holding auditions, and others just require attendance at the first practice. The girls are encouraged to get involved in culture, in what will be an exciting and successful year!

### **DEBATING**

It is true that Parktown debating never ends. But mostly, it is true that Parktown debating success never ends. It's for this reason that we had two of our speakers represent Gauteng in Limpopo for the National Schools' Debating Championship during the holidays.

Rheyna Pattni, who spoke for the Junior Gauteng delegation, performed exceptionally well. Her team ranked first in the preliminary rounds within the junior division and spoke in the semi-finals. Based on her achievements, Rheyna was also selected as a reserve SA Junior Trialist.

Neha Prag spoke on the Senior Gauteng delegation with a powerful team that moved on to rank first in the preliminary rounds within the Senior division. Her team later went on to speak in the Finals. Neha was also selected as one of 24 South African team trialists in the country that will go on to speak internationally, representing South Africa during the 2017 World Schools' Debating Championship.

These achievements are a testament to the standard of Parktown coaches and Parktown debaters at large; without successful teams, there cannot be individual success.

## Sport News

*A note from our Head of Sport, Miss van Eyk...*

Sport has already started, with no time to waste as we have fixtures starting next week. Parktown has so much to offer and there is an opportunity for all girls to participate.

All girls are welcome to try a new sport even if they have not played it before, with the exception of Water Polo and Swimming where the learner must be able to swim confidently.

To start a new sport all you have to do is arrive at the first practice and you will be included. Commitment is very important at Parktown; if you start an extra-mural you must continue with it until the end of the season unless you are injured.

All girls at Parktown High School for Girls have to do at least three extra-murals throughout the year, two of those have to be physical.

This term the following sports are available; Tennis, Squash, Diving, Water Polo, Swimming Team, Social/Beginner Swimming, Canoeing, Touch Rugby, Cross Country, Social Running and Yoga. There is also an extra fitness session on a Wednesday morning and afternoon which is open to anyone who would like to improve their fitness. This session is compulsory for First Team players who must attend one of these fitness sessions per week.

If you have any questions about sport please do not hesitate to contact Miss van Eyk via email, [vaneyk@parktowngirls.co.za](mailto:vaneyk@parktowngirls.co.za). We look forward to our girls getting stronger, fitter and having fun on the sports field.

## *Uniform Shop Times:*

### **MONDAY:**

1st break (10:40 – 11:05)

### **TUESDAY:**

07:15 - 07:45

### **WEDNESDAY:**

14:30 - 15:15

### **THURSDAY:**

1st break (10:40 – 11:05)

UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST 2017	
ITEM	PRICE
BADGE	R 50.00
BLAZER	R 460.00
CAP – NAVY (STAR)	R 45.00
COSTUME - BLACK	R 120.00
COSTUME - TEAM	R 290.00
DRAMATIC ARTS T-SHIRT	R 65.00
HOCKEY SOCKS	R 45.00
HOODIE	R 435.00
HOUSE T-SHIRT	R 50.00
JERSEY	R 150.00
TRACKSUIT PANTS ONLY	R 160.00
PA SUPPORTER TOPS	R 233.00
SCARF - NAVY	R 75.00
SCARF - WHITE (MATRIC)	R 75.00
SHORTS	R 110.00
SOCCER SOCKS	R 65.00
SPORT SHIRT (TEAM)	R 160.00
SPORT SHORTS (TEAM)	R 135.00
SPORT SKIRT (TEAM)	R 110.00
SPORT SKORT (TEAM)	R 145.00
STAR TOP NAVY	R 150.00
STOCKINGS (WINTER)	R 45.00
SWIMMING CAP	R 60.00
TIE - MATRIC (WINTER)	R 35.00
TIE - NAVY (WINTER)	R 35.00
TOGBAG LARGE	R 155.00
TRACKSUIT	R 380.00
TUNIC	R 185.00

# Parents' Association News



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## **PARKTOWN GIRLS' SOCIAL – FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2017**

*Watch this space for further details!*

## **FUN DAY – SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2017**

Your daughter/ward's Register Class needs parents/guardians to assist as the class coordinator and others to support the girls with the food and games stalls.



Please contact the Register Teacher for details on how you can help.

The Parents' Association needs parents/guardians to help with cold drink sales, security and traffic control. Please contact Lizelle Winter 079 8825 542 for further information.

# SAVE THE DATE

## **PA ACTION DAY - SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2017**

*Watch the Newsletter and d6 Communicator for details.*

Our school gets some tender loving care on this Saturday morning. Help can be in the form of time, cash donations or other maintenance related items e.g. paint, plants, garden tools, lawn dressing, etc.