

Welcome, Grade 8s!



For our Matrics, this marks the beginning of their final year, while for the Grade 8s, an exciting new journey is just starting. Welcome, Grade 8s! Discover more about their first few days in this edition of the *Rhenish News*.

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Grade 8 Orientation Week

Xenia Mclachlan and Nikita Barker

Grade 8 Orientation was so exciting as we got to welcome all the new learners to our sisterhood.

As mentors, we spent the first few days of school before their Grade 8 camp with them. This was our opportunity to bond with them and help them become more familiar with the school. During this week, the Grade 8s really settled into the Rhenish spirit. We are so proud of them!

A big thank you to Paul Roos Spar, who welcomed our Grade 8s with surprise doughnuts.



This year's Grade 8 Camp was an unforgettable experience, from the lively bus ride to Bergkroon Faith Centre to singing the school song way too early in the morning.

As mentors, we're so grateful to be part of the start of this important chapter in our new Rhenishers' journey. The camp was filled with fun, laughter, energy, and plenty of 'gees' as we taught them our favourite cheers, truly bringing the Rhenish spirit to life (even though we lost our voices along the way!). We're so proud of how the Grade 8s have embraced Rhenish culture, forming new bonds and learning some of our school's key values (I'D CARE – Integrity, Diversity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence).

It was so rewarding to get to know their unique personalities and watch them step out of their comfort zones. We're excited to see what this special group will achieve in the year ahead!



Grade 8 Camp

Nicolette De Lapelin Dumont



During the Grade 8 camp, the Grade 8 learners had the opportunity to participate in various activities that allowed them to bond and get to know each other better. These activities included an obstacle course, swimming sessions, field games, icebreakers, and learning a dance routine from Ms. Conchar, with the assistance of two members of the 4M dance team. Each of these activities brought immense enthusiasm and excitement among the Grade 8s.



As members of the Learner Council and Mentor Body, we had the privilege of getting to know the Grade 8 learners on a deeper level and to form stronger relationships with them. Through singing sessions, friendship-bracelet-making, aerobics, sharing dorms, and simply spending time together, we were able to understand and appreciate them for the unique individuals they are. Additionally, we witnessed the incredible bond that the Grade 8s have already formed at such an early stage in their journey.

This camp not only highlighted the great potential of the Grade 8s as a cohesive unit but also emphasised the importance of teamwork, adaptability, and embracing each other despite our differences.



I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this experience. The Grade 8s demonstrated remarkable compassion and commitment to building lasting friendships and embracing the sisterhood that our school values so deeply. Being part of Mrs. Smith's final Grade 8 Camp made this experience even more special. None of this would have been possible without her dedication and passion for ensuring a smooth and enjoyable orientation for the Grade 8s.

A Special thanks to the staff at BergKroon for their incredible hospitality, the Rhenish staff for their care and support, and Rhenish for providing us with this wonderful opportunity. It was truly an unforgettable experience that allowed us to connect with the Grade 8s on a meaningful level, and we will cherish these memories forever.





ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF ACADEMICS, DR RIKA KROON

Welcome to a new academic year! This marks a fresh start filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Whether you're beginning Grade 8 or preparing for Grade 12 exams, this year promises discovery and achievement.

Let's reflect on three key ideas: purpose, perseverance, and potential.

Purpose

Each of us has a purpose—excelling in academics, mastering skills, pursuing passions, or building friendships. Purpose gives meaning to our efforts and motivates us during challenges.

Perseverance

Success requires persistence. Challenges like tough subjects or self-doubt are opportunities to grow. Lean on teachers, friends, and mentors, and believe in your ability to overcome obstacles.

Potential

Each of you has incredible potential. The history of the world is shaped by individuals who dared to dream big, worked hard, and believed in their ability to make a difference. Don't limit yourself this year by thinking, "I can't." Instead, ask yourself, "What can I achieve if I try my best?"

ACADEMIC BADGES

Celebrating Academic Excellence

Academic House Badge Recipients Shine Bright

Congratulations to the following Rhenishers who have been awarded academic badges for their exceptional achievement.

These badges represent not only your dedication to academic excellence but also your commitment to upholding the values of perseverance, hard work, and a passion for learning. Your accomplishments inspire us all and set a shining example for your peers to follow.

Criteria

Grade 8 & 9

Learners must obtain a level 7 for 4 subjects, with all other subjects at a level 6, and a minimum of two subjects at a level 5.

Grade 10, 11 & 12

All subjects must be at a level 6 or 7 with a maximum of two 5s allowed on the report.

GRADE 9 2025 – Based on Term 4 of Grade 8



Hannah Arangies, Grace Cooper, Rachel Dekker, Lara Flack, Taylin Hilliard-Lomas, Hannah Isaacs, Alexandra Niesler, Vuyokazi Phamane, Jessica Smuts, Leah Stofberg, Nina Watts, Sophia Wegierski



Holly Adamson-Kain, Megan Bennie, Gabriella Benvenuti, Abigail Blake, Emily Botha, Christy Brand, Lilitha Dlikilili, Emma Harper, Jessica Hodsdon, Kathryn Hodsdon, Jennah Isaacs, Lila Isaacs, Eden King, Garcelle Le Roux, Ariel Miller, Adison Nelson, Reiley Ransom, Megan Waters, Elisabeth Wilson



Nikita Bodenham, Madison Bourne, Megan Bourne, Alison Cruickshank, Isabella Garces, Hannah Hackland, Jorja Hugo, Melissa Karsen, Mikalla Laubscher, Julia Paynter, Zara Ruthford, Cassidy Scrace, Jada Sobotker, Anya Swartz, Jade Tarboton, Mila Woermann, Ellie Yip

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GRADE 10 2025 – Based on Term 4 of Grade 9

Olivia Agar, Riley Barrett, Emma Brooks, Keira Campbell, Keyuri Chetty, Alice Durrant, Gemma Griffiths, Frankie Henn, Karoline Holm, Yumna Joseph, Yanling Liu, Mikhaila Mendes, Rebecca Parish, Sandatia Ralaivaosaona, Annabella Savage, Nicola Van der Merwe, Tessa Van Olst



Hannah Booysen, Erin Botha, Alexia Couvaras, Isabella Delplanque, Emma Donald, Charlotte Hut, Jemma Johnson, Kirsten Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Eva Miller, Alveca Pietersen, Rachel Reid, Naylan Saaiman, Gabriella Van Wyk



Peyton Arendse, Isabella Beaumont, Madison Buchanan, Layla Fernandes, Rebecca Flier, Charissa Hendrikse, Joah Heymans, Fabia Hollander, Nicola Muller, Jodi Petersen, Mina Prinsloo, Dayita Ramjugernath, Aryanna Rooke, Isabella Turner, Ava-Loren van Galen, Stephanie van Woudenberg, Layla Williams



GRADE 11 2025 – Based on Term 4 of Grade 10

Nuha Arnolds, Megan Baxter, Robyn Baxter, Tylo Bergstedt, Meghan Boshoff, Marcelle Brits, Emma Campher, Anna-Sophia Combrink, Samantha Currie, Jemma-Jayne De Kock, Kelly de Wet, Julia Fink, Amy, Leigh Gibson, Leah Gordon, Sarah-Ellen Groenewald, Grace Hobbs, Sadie Jooste, Haajar Khan, Lilli Kleinert, Peyton Kleynhans, Mayah Landman, Kaylee Le Roux, Zoe Marchinkowski, Rebecca Morgan, Katharina Moss, Lilly Newton, Rebecca Niesler, Jenna Pettipher, Daniella Potgieter, Marie-Elizabeth Roos, Harriet Smit, Sarah Stenslunde, Emma van Almenkerk, Kharsin van der Walt



Sienna Beffa, Isabella Benden, Issataya Bredell, Cara Brink, Ali Mae Brown, Danielle Cronje, Isabella de Vries, Niki De Waal, Amy Evans, Caris Griffiths, Sarah Hodsdon, Emma Jansen van Rensburg, Larissa Louw, Anothando Matheza, Zia Meyer, Zoe Michell, Sarah Oscroft, Matilda Smith, Emily van der Merwe, Emily van Niekerk, Phillipa Viljoen, Samaya Yusuf



Grace Blignaut, Zoie Cloete, Layla de Kock, Gianna Forssman, Amelia Hadlow, Olivia Hagen, Errine Hodges Mariam Janelidze, Mivuyo Kiva, Danielle Krige, Sonya Ligthart, Emma Lurie, Grace Morris, Caitlyn Perch, Zoe Pretorius, Claudia Snyman, Lauren Stoms, Mbali Tatana, Lana Van der Linde, Claire Van Wyk, Raquel Wentzel, Chrissa Worship, Emma Yip



ACADEMIC BADGES

Celebrating Academic Excellence

GRADE 12 2025 – Based on Term 4 of Grade 11

**Qadikazi Antoni, Robyn Armitage, Puck Bakker, Anu Bohmer,
Tyra Cillie, Danielle Currie, Aashiq Dale, Montana de Kock,
Sophia Fitzhenry, Hannah Gultig, Georgia Hobbs,
Dannika Holtmann, Jeanne Jordaan, Hannah Knight,
Ella Lederle, Lara Maritz, Xenia McLachlan, Tayler Morton,
Hannah Oelofse, Katie Pratt, Jaeda Pyke, Isla Rodrigues,
Ayomide Simelane, Kirsten Snell, Juné Theron,
Annabelle Van Almenkerk, Morgan Van Wyk**



**Jasmine Aitken, Caitlin Bennie, Kristin Botha, Mea Botha,
Ashleigh Briers-Danks, Melissa Bruce, Shiloh Daniels, Ingrid du Plessis,
Leah du Plessis, Chloe Farrell, Hayley Grant, Layla Jappie,
Amelia Kilpin, Juliet Mackinnon, Emily Maggott, Isabella Mansfield,
Caitlin Michell, Sara Rawoot, Tallulah Reyneke, Amber Turner,
Sofia Walker, Sienna Wilk, Kristin Williamson, Kelsey Zaphi, Oyisa Zibi**

**Abigail Amner, Nikita Barker, Mischa Bosch,
Nicolette de Lapelin Dumont, Shené Du Plessis, Kaitlin Ernstzen,
Arabella Fernandes, Anouk Fourie, Tamryn Fry, Mia Jacobs,
Asemahle Khumalo, Tilly Lambrechts, Maya Laubscher,
Kendra Michael, Chloe Milton, Jade Mulder, Gabrielle Munro,
Lakhanya Peter, Jemima Schipper, Anwen Schulz, Mia Schulz,
Victoria-Lynn Seyffert, Simone Singe, Jade Te Roller,
Emily van Galen, Ankia Venter**



ACADEMIC COLOURS

Full & Half Colours



Junior Half Colours

Learners who attain an average of 75% or above in four consecutive examinations (Grade 8 June and November exams, and Grade 9 June and November exams) will be awarded Half Junior Academic Colours.

To be awarded Full Junior Academic Colours, learners must achieve an average of 80% or above across the last four consecutive examinations: Grade 8 June and November exams, and Grade 9 June and November exams.

Junior Full Colours

Senior Half Colours

Learners must have attained an average of 75% or above in the last FOUR consecutive examinations (Grade 10 June and November exams and Grade 11 June and November exams) to be awarded Half Senior Academic colours. The scrolls will be awarded at the first academic assembly of their grade 12 year.

Learners must have attained an average of 80% or above in the last FOUR consecutive examinations (Grade 10 June and November exams and Grade 11 June and November exams) to be awarded Full Senior Academic Colours. The scrolls will be awarded at the first academic assembly of their Grade 12 year.

Senior Full Colours

JUNIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Half Colours



Isabella Beaumont



Emma Brooks



Madison Buchanan



Alexia Couvaras



Emma Donald



Olivia Eggers



Lois Essien



Kirsten Johnson



Aqhama Kwayimani



Mikhaila Mendes



Zeekuh Smith



Gabriella van Wyk

Congratulations

JUNIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Full Colours



Olivia Agar



Peyton Arendse



Riley Barrett



Hannah Booyesen



Keira Campbell



Isabella Delplanque



Alice Durrant



Rebecca Flier



Gemma Griffiths



Charissa Hendrikse



Frankie Henn



Joah Heymans



Fabia Hollander



Karoline Holm



Charlotte Hut



Jemma Johnson



Yumna Joseph



Yanling Liu



Eva Miller



Nicola Müller

JUNIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Full Colours



Rebecca Parish



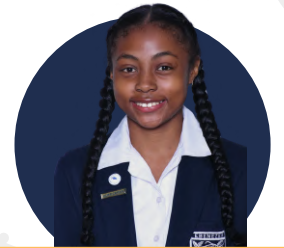
Jodi Petersen



Alveca Pietersen



Mina Prinsloo



Sandatia Ralaivaosaona



Dayita Ramjugernath



Aryanna Rooke



Naylan Saaiman



Annabella Savage



Isabella Turner



Nicola van der Merwe



Tessa van Olst



Stephanie van Woudenberg



Layla Williams

Congratulations

SENIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Half Colours



Tyra Cillie



Georgia Hobbs



Tilly-Tallulah Lambrechts



Isabella Mansfield



Caitlin Michell



Jade Mulder



Hannah Oelofse



Lakhanya Peter



Kate Purves



Sara Rawoot



Jemima Schipper



Ayomide Simelane



Simone Singe



Kirsten Snell



Ava Stemmett



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Sienna Wilk

Congratulations

SENIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Full Colours



Jasmine Aitken



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Caitlin Bennie



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Kristin Botha



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Ingrid du Plessis



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Arabella Fernandes



Sophia Fitzhenry



Dannika Holtmann



Layla Jappie



Amelia Kilpin



Hannah Knight



Xenia McLachlan

SENIOR ACADEMIC COLOURS

Full Colours



Kendra Michael



Chloe Milton



Tayler Morton



Katie Pratt



Jaeda Pyke



Tallulah Reyneke



Mia Schulz



Victoria-Lynn Seyffert



Juné Theron



Amber Turner



Kristin Williamson



Kelsey Zaphi

Congratulations

New Staff



Ms. Heather Ortelee Mathematics

Matriculated: Pretoria High School for Girls.

Favourite food: Curry- or anything delicious- I love food.

Hobbies: I collect hobbies - cooking, sewing, crochet, knitting, birding, and a few others.

Quotes that you live by? "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Favourite series?

Agent Carter.

Favourite movie?

Love Actually.



Ms. Willow van der Berg French

Matriculated: La Rochelle GHS.

Favourite food?

Pasta and watermelon.

Hobbies: Tennis, hiking, reading, and watching movies.

Quotes that you live by?

None.

Favourite series?

Parks and Recreation.

Favourite Movie?

Amélie, Les Quatre Cents Coups (The 400 Blows).



New Staff



Ms. Busisiwe Maphumulo

Dramatic Arts & Creative Arts

Matriculated: Muizenberg High School.

Favourite food: Pizza.

Hobbies: Reading, Theatre, and Acting.

Quotes that you live by? "One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching."

Favourite series?

A Gentleman in Moscow.

Favourite movie?

Me Before You.



Ms. Katherine Stewart

English

Matriculated: St Stithians College.

Favourite Food:

Two poached eggs, red pepper, and hummus on rye toast.

Hobbies: Running, yoga, reading, HIIT, and hiking

Quotes that you live by?

"Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end." And "All we have to decide is what to do with the time given to us."

Favourite series?

Friends.

Favourite movie?

Live-action Beauty and the Beast.



New Staff



Ms. Yvonne Makwara Life Sciences & Maths

Matriculated: Rhenish Girls' High School.

Favourite food: Butter chicken.

Hobbies: Knitting, exploring small towns by foot, mindlessly scrolling through Pinterest, playing chess and watching cat videos.

Quotes that you live by? Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, meow - Billie Eilish

Favourite series? Most murder mysteries and crime shows.

Favourite movie?
Akeelah and the Bee.



Ms. Jess van der Merwe ROGU & Communications

Matriculated: Rhenish Girls' High School.

Favourite food: Steak.

Hobbies: painting, reading, playing with my dogs.

Quotes that you live by? "Normality is a paved road: It's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it."

— Vincent van Gogh

Favourite series?

Any documentary.

Favourite movie?

Eurovision.



New Staff



Mrs. Monica Ratcliff

Admissions and Administration officer

Matriculated: Milnerton High.

Favourite food: Avocado on toast.

Hobbies: Gaming, crafting, cooking and reading.

Quotes that you live by? Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. - Henry Ford

Favourite series?

My current list: Friends, The Nanny, The Simpsons, Doctor Who, Fawlty Towers, and Violet Evergarden.

Favourite movie?

My top favourites: Vir die voëls, Spirited Away, Goodfellas, and The Ocean's Film series.

Welcome to Rhenish!

2024 MATRIC RESULTS

Friday, 17 January

STATS

- 100% pass rate
- Five candidates achieved an average of 90% or above
- 57 candidates achieved an A average (39% of the class)
- 99.3 Bachelor's Pass
- 520 subject distinctions

"Matrics of 2024, you can be so proud of your achievements in the final exams. It took lots of hard work, determination and resilience, and we, as a Rhenish family, wish you every success in the future"

Mrs Megom
Principal



INTERHOUSE GALA

24 JANUARY



Junior Victrix
Ludorum
Keandra Jardim



Senior Victrix
Ludorum
Grace Morris



HOUSE POINTS

WEBER: 203

TERLINDEN: 154.5

VAN DER STEL: 89.5

INTERHOUSE GALA



INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

21 JANUARY



HOUSE POINTS	
TERLINDEN	887
VAN DER STEL	806
WEBER	551

Junior Victrix Ludorum: Ashleigh Thomas (Van der Stel House). ABSA Points: 1550.
New records in the u15 Long Jump and Triple Jump.

Senior Victrix Ludorum: Kristin Williamson (Van der Stel House). ABSA Points: 1780
New record in the u19 Triple Jump.

Amy Evans: New record in the u17 100m Hurdles (14.19s) - the record stood for 20 years!

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS



Senior Victrix Ludorum



Junior Victrix Ludorum



INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS





1ST TEAM

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY

WATER POLO: NIGHT LEAGUE

VS HERSCHEL B: WON 8-1

VS FISH HOEK: WON 9-2

Count on Us: 2025 Maths Support at Rhenish!



Maths Support: What It Means

- **Homework Help:** Receive guidance from Maths teachers on homework, redoing tests, catching up on missed work, or completing worksheets.
- **Individual Assistance:** While no formal teaching takes place, personalised support is provided as needed.
- **Open to All:** Learners can attend these sessions whenever they require extra help.

Your Maths Success Starts Here!
The responsibility for seeking support in Maths, such as attending a session, lies with you.

Take charge of your success—do what you know needs to be done!

Grade 8 & 9 Post-Test Maths Intervention

Following the completion of a test, learners identified by their teachers will be required to attend a compulsory support session.

Teachers will coordinate and inform learners of the scheduled time.



14h30 – 15h30



Monday

Ms Robinson (B08)
Grade 8 – 12

Ms Oosthuizen (C05)
Grade 8 – 11

Wednesday

Ms Ortelee (B09)
Grade 8 – 10

Ms Liebenberg (B12)
Grade 8 – 12

Ms Fanton (D06)
Grade 8 – 9

Thursday

Ms Adonis-Maarman (B11)
Grade 8 – 12

Ms Makwara (A04)
Grade 8 – 9



RHENISH NEWS

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A-Candidates Assembly
Boland Gala

Water Polo vs St Cyprians
1st Team Water Polo Tour

u16A Water Polo Tour

Rhenish Stars

Culture Feature

Meet the Media Services Team

Grade 8 PJO Art Day

Rhenish u14 Water Polo Tournament

National All Girls' Aquatics Festival

Swimming Camp

Orange River





Remember!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

30 JANUARY

PJO Creative Arts Day - Grade 8A & E

30 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY

National All Girls' Aquatics Festival
(Clarendon Girls', East London)

30 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY

Alex Water Polo Festival
(Alexander Road High, Gqeberha)

31 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY

Rhenish u14 Water Polo
Tournament (u14A & B)

31 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY

Hockey & Netball Pre-Season U14,
U16 & U18 (1 session per week)

4 FEBRUARY



Individual & 165 Photo Day



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