



CLIFTON

HEADS UP!

News and Memorable Moments *worth celebrating*

AUGUST 2026



FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADMASTER, MR ADAM ROGERS

At the beginning of this term we launched an important campaign, but more than that, we reaffirmed an important promise: that Clifton will always be a place where every boy feels safe, respected and valued. Bullying has no place at Clifton.

Why? Because bullying is the opposite of everything we stand for. It replaces courage with intimidation, respect with disrespect, kindness with cruelty, and strength with weakness. Real strength is never found in making someone else feel small. Real strength is found in lifting others up, standing up for what is right, and having the character to treat every person with dignity.

Bullying hurts not only the victim, but the entire school community. It destroys trust, creates fear, and prevents people from becoming the very best version of themselves. We cannot build a great school on fear; we build it on respect, kindness, honesty and trust.

We are proud to be a boys' school because we believe that boys thrive when they are challenged to become men of integrity, honour and compassion. Our responsibility is not merely to prepare them for university or for a career. It is to prepare them for life - to become potential husbands, fathers, colleagues, leaders and citizens who make South Africa a better place.

Our country faces an epidemic of gender-based violence. That is why we also reaffirmed our School's stance against gender based violence in commemorating Women's Month. Every act of violence against women and girls is an attack on the values that we hold dear as a school. It contradicts everything that Clifton seeks to develop in each one of our boys.

At Clifton, we are committed to developing good men, not simply successful students. Good men are compassionate. They include others. They look after those who are vulnerable. They have the courage to speak up when they see something that is wrong, even when it is uncomfortable.



FROM THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MR ALAN ANGEL

At Clifton, we believe every boy deserves to feel safe, valued and known - surrounded by teachers, coaches and friends who believe in him. Before a boy can grow in confidence, character and purpose, he must first know that he belongs.

We want our boys to recognise the best in one another and to build each other up rather than criticise, exclude or bring others down. Each day, we encourage them to ask two important questions: How can I become a better version of myself? How can I make Clifton a better place?

The answers are often found in simple choices - kindness over nastiness, inclusion over exclusion, respect over ridicule and leading by example. Kindness is not weakness - it is strength. It creates a school where every boy can thrive and where character is valued alongside achievement.

Bullying and hurtful behaviour have no place at Clifton. They go against who we are and what we stand for. We expect our boys to have the courage to support those who need help, to speak up when something is wrong and to ensure that every boy feels respected and valued.

As parents and educators, we share the responsibility of shaping young men who care for others and understand the impact of their choices. When our boys lift one another up, everyone grows stronger.

This is the Clifton we want to build together - a community built on respect, compassion and the belief that we are at our best when we help others become their best.

Clifton boys do not break each other. They challenge, support and inspire one another to become the very best they can be.



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COLLEGE MOMENTS



MATRIC DANCE: AN EVENING AT *The Palm Royale*



DERBY DAY vs St Charles

Our 1st XI Soccer gents put on a stellar performance against our respectable school rivals, St Charles, and produced a hard fought 1:0 victory.

Miguel Suarez (pictured left) clinically converted his spot kick. As the clock ticked down, St Charles were awarded a penalty kick in the final minute of the game which demanded a heroic save from goalie, Shiloh Green to secure the win.



HILTON ARTS FESTIVAL

It was an honour to showcase the talents of our Clifton College Choir, musicians and teachers in the Hilton College Chapel (pictured), and on the main stage at the Hilton Arts Festival this year



67 MINUTES FOR MADIBA DAY

Our Grade 11 and 12 boys, and staff prepared over 220 sandwich loaves, our Grade 10 boys packed 15 000 meals for Rise Against Hunger, and the Grade 8 and 9's created 100 activity and puzzle packs for under-resourced pre-schools. This is the Clifton way. Pictured (from left to right) Michael Elliot, Matt Apsey, Veer Nunan, Mohamed Suliman (Grade 10).

COLLEGE IN *Numbers*

15 GRADE 10-12 BOYS COMPETED IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE ACCOUNTING OLYMPIAD.

1 SA U18A OUTDOOR HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE & PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT AT THE 2026 U18 IPT (RYDE BRISSET).

3 CLIFTON WATERPOLO PLAYERS IN THE SA U16 WATER POLO TEAM (MAXWELL FOWLDS, JOSH WATSON & CARTER SEILER) WHO RECENTLY PLAYED IN CROATIA AT THE WORLD AQUATICS U16 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

50 COLLEGE BOYS REPRESENTED CLIFTON ON STAGE AT THE 2026 HILTON ARTS FESTIVAL.

PREP SCHOOL MOMENTS



THE 2026 PREP ARTS TOUR

Incredible performances, wonderful audiences, super supporters and unforgettable experiences. From visiting three schools and performing at the Ambers, to taking the stage at the Hilton Arts Festival, as well as enjoying a fantastic drama production at the festival, it was a truly memorable celebration of music, friendship and the arts for the 66 boys and 7 staff members who made magic Midlands memories!



'TREASURE ISLAND'

Ahoy! Adventure awaited as our Grade 6 and 7 boys brought their imaginative take on 'Treasure Island' to the Sutcliffe Theatre stage. From swashbuckling pirates and buried treasure to plenty of humour, they entertained the delighted audience from beginning to end. It was a wonderful showcase of creativity, confidence and collaboration. Well done to every member of the cast and crew for bringing this much-loved story to life!

DGC INTERACTIVE DAY

The young ladies from DGC visited our Grade 00 and Grade R boys to enjoy shared playtime - and even a hip hop dance class! - during one of our regular Interactive Days.

Our longstanding partnership with Durban Girls' College creates opportunities for our Clifton gents and their little sisters to connect, collaborate and grow together from a young age. Whether through cultural events, leadership initiatives, social occasions or shared experiences, these interactions help develop confidence, respect, empathy and the interpersonal skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. Pictured (right) Langa and Lwandle Zulu.



JARS OF HOPE

Celebrating the legacy of Nelson Mandela, the Grade 2 and 3 boys spent their 67 minutes making soup jars for Servings of Grace. We know that in these cold winter months, these jars will be a blessing to the families who will receive them. Pictured (from left to right) Hasnain Khan, Luke Swales, Matt Linderboom, and Khanya Mkhize (Grade 3)

PREP IN *Numbers*

121

FOUNDATION PHASE BOYS ARE PARTICIPATING IN HOCKEY THIS TERM.

60

FOUNDATION PHASE BOYS ARE LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT THROUGH PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS HELD ON CAMPUS.

9

FOUNDATION PHASE CLASSROOMS ARE EQUIPPED WITH INTERACTIVE PANELS TO ENHANCE LEARNING.

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GRADES WORKING TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN A CULTURE OF KINDNESS AND RESPECT.

CLIFTON COMMUNITY

'Canapes & Conversations'

The Clifton team has been on a wonderful roadshow of late, hosting 'Canapes & Conversations' events at Selbourne Country Club, Mt Edgecombe Country Club, Harrington House in Hilton (pictured), and the Simbithi Country Club. We look forward to visiting the Umhali Prep School High School Open Evening on 19 August. Our 'Canapes & Conversations' moves to Kloof on 3 September, and to Mtunzini on 9 September. Please email bmezher@cliftonschoo.co.za should you wish to attend these events, or invite a prospective family



WELCOME BACK, MIKE HOWIESON

Some Clifton connections endure long after the final school bell, and we are delighted to welcome Mike Howieson back to our school in his new role as Commercial Manager.

Mike is a familiar face to many in our community, having spent 18 years here as a teacher, coach and Director of Sport. His return brings not only a deep knowledge of the school and its people, but also valuable commercial experience gained in the energy and logistics sectors. Mike's focus will be on building relationships and partnerships that benefit the Clifton community, while creating sustainable opportunities for the school's future. Reconnecting with our Old Boys and the wider Clifton family will also be an important part of this work.

MOMS WHO *Pray*

Group Prayer meetings,
Every Friday Morning
at 06h45 - 08h00 in the Prep Drama Room

All Welcome



From our Chaplain - Reverend Kevin Robertson

A message of *Gratitude*

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Gratitude isn't a feeling we wait for - it's a discipline we practise. Even in seasons of loss or waiting, we can choose to name what is good: a friend's voice, bread on the table, breath in our lungs. Thankfulness reorders our hearts, turning our gaze from scarcity to grace. The Psalmist didn't wait for perfect circumstances before singing praise; neither must we. So today, name one gift - however small - and thank the Giver. Gratitude doesn't deny hardship; it simply refuses to let hardship have the final word.

CAMERON MAINGARD (Class of 2015)



Congratulations to Clifton Old Boy, Cameron Maingard (Class of 2015), on an exciting new chapter as he heads to the Texas McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin to pursue an MBA from August 2026.

After spending the past two and a half years at Deal Leaders International, where he worked alongside founder-owned businesses and some of South Africa's leading entrepreneurs, he leaves with a wealth of experience in mergers and acquisitions and business advisory.

His acceptance into a leading business school marks the fulfilment of a long-held dream to study in the United States. Looking ahead, he is excited to embrace new friendships, broaden his global perspective, and continue growing within the fields of private equity, investment management, and family office capital.

As he begins this exciting international adventure, the Clifton community wishes him every success. We look forward to following his journey and celebrating all that lies ahead.



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