## RIDGEWAY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils
"A tree has roots in the soil yet reaches to the sky. It tells us that in order to aspire, we need to be grounded and that no matter how high we go, it is from our roots that we draw sustenance."

This is my final missive to Ridgeway College. It is a bitter-sweet thing to write those words. Bitter, in that I leave behind a school I have (and always will) love; sweet in that I take memories and friendships with me as well as a thousand images of pupils I have laughed with and loved. I shall miss my pupils and the staff very much and thank them sincerely for the last two years.

It seems fitting that at our final assembly we planted three new trees at the front of the school to replace the one we lost with the building of the bigger entrance.

The poet E.E Cummings wrote:
i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

Since I read those lines many years ago, I have never passed a beautiful tree without recalling them. Trees are symbols of life... symbols of growth and renewal. They are visible reminders of the cyclical nature of our time as humans as we witness fresh spring buds, the lushness of summer leaves, the autumnal colours of russet and gold and the threadbare branches of winter.

And so, as we planted those new trees for new beginnings, pupils were given small slips of paper, one which their aspirations were written, to "plant" too. As the trees grow, so to shall their dreams. Perhaps, one day when I am very very old I shall pass this way and see those trees again, far taller than the saplings we planted, and recall all that was Ridgeway in my two brief years here.

Goodbye to you all and may you be blessed.
yours in education
Dionne Realfern


## GEOGRAPHY CLASSROOM UPGRADE



We recently upgraded the Geography classroom with some wonderful images. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Eugenie de Beer and her team.

We even have a compass on the roof pointing to True North ©


IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 12022
WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY ADMIN OFFICE OPENS
Reports will be available from school between 10 and 2 pm this Friday for collection. If you are unable to collect, please inform the Front Office and the report will be emailed. Please ensure fees are paid up in full before Friday.

| WEDNESDAY | 5 JANUARY ADMIN OFFICE OPENS |
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| MONDAY | 10 JANUARY ACADEMIC STAFF RETURN |
| TUESDAY | 11 JANUARY NEW PUPILS ORIENTATION DAY |
|  | [GRADE 8-11] |
| WEDNESDAY | 19 JANUARY RELEASE OF MATRIC RESULTS |
| WEDNESDAY | 12 JANUARY SCHOOL OPENS; ASSEMBLY IN <br>  <br> CYCLE TEST SLOT |
| FRIDAY | 18 MARCH SCHOOL CLOSES |


1.Tinotenda Kujinga
2.Saffiya Saib
3. Unarine Netshitangani
4. Mary Chilliya
5. Sara Khan
6. Anesu Kamera
7. Ripfumelo Baloyi
8. Marilyn Munyoka
9. Annie Chakwizira
10. Kabeer Yusuf Omar


1. Charity Mashigo
2. Anesu Mapfumo
3. Mokgadi Thosago
4.Nduvho Mulaudzi
4. Lufuno Magada
5. Palesa Choabi
6. Cleopas Thosago
7. Dziphathutshedzo Mabilo
8. Dakalo Tshisimba
9. Kuitakwashe Shateyi

1.Nicole Muleya
2.Stanley Chabalala
10. Tanatswa Mapfumo
11. Tshinakaho Malitsha
12. Pascal Bessong
13. Rofhiwa Nethononda
14. Andani Raphalalani
15. Mncedisi Ndlovu
16. Betelhem Shleso
17. Ndivho Mukoma

1.Zwothe Thothori
18. Ronewa Ramulongo
19. Vhukhudo Ratshitanga
4.Sana Sithole
20. Ayesha Dawood
21. Matodzi Mukwevho
7.Lindelani Nembelwe
22. Beauty Sikhubuni
9.Safvan Patel
23. Ndiene Nemaranzhe
