



# RIDGEWAY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

21 January 2022

Yet another busy week at Ridgeway College has almost concluded. As my own first full school week also comes to a close, it has become very clear to me that this is a school filled with supportive parents, committed pupils and enthusiastic staff. This is indeed a recipe for success, and I feel fortunate to be a part of the celebration of our pupils' achievements.

### Grade 8 & New Parents' Meet and Greet Evening (Monday 17 January)

On Monday evening this week I was able to engage briefly with the parents of our Grade 8 newbies and some parents of new pupils to the College in the higher grades. A sincere vote of thanks to all the parents in attendance, your time is valuable, and we really appreciate your commitment to working with us for the benefit of your child.

Our parents had the opportunity to meet and chat with their child's tutor and subject teachers. As a staff, we look forward to assisting your child to settle into life at Ridgeway College and we trust that the association with the College will be a long, happy one. I have attached the presentation covered during the evening for the convenience of those parents who were not able to attend the meeting.

### Inter House Athletics (Tuesday 18 January)

What an awesome display of athletic prowess.

It has been many years since I last saw pupils display such talent, enthusiasm, enjoyment and for some, sheer grit on the athletics track. Our pupils gave their best to earn valuable points for their House. While the College had a super day on the field, there can only be one winning house – and this year, by a very narrow margin, Earth came out on top. Congratulations to the athletes from all houses, thanks must go to Mr. Viljoen and the staff for a well-orchestrated event and a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The Spirit Cup, a most coveted trophy was awarded to the house that kept their athletes motivated from the stands all day – this year our most 'spirited' house was Earth.

- 1st place – Earth
- 2nd place – Fire
- 3rd place - Water



## Matric Results (2021).

Ridgeway College once again celebrates outstanding performance from our Matric Class of 2021 in their National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations written with the International Examinations Board (IEB).

Despite the continued challenges of the pandemic, the pupils of Ridgeway once again produced some excellent results. Our over all pass rate came in at 97,22% with 75% of our pupils achieving a Bachelor Degree pass. A testament to the hard work of our teachers, the diligence of our pupils and the focused support from our parents.

Our Top Achiever (Dede Bessong) achieved 7 distinctions: Accounting, Afrikaans (FAL), English (HL), Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

Tendani Sinyosi and Tinashe Kujinga each received 6 distinctions. Tendani achieved distinctions in Accounting, Afrikaans (FAL), Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physical Sciences. Tinashe achieved his distinctions in Accounting, English (HL), Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

Nyikwana Baloyi achieved 5 distinctions – Accounting, Afrikaans (FAL), Life Orientation, Life Sciences and Mathematics.

Nsovo Marivate, Risuna Shivambi, and Bella Ntini each achieved 4 distinctions.

In addition, Ridgeway College had three candidates placed in the Top 1% of Candidates Nationally:

- Tendani Sinyosi – Advanced Programme Mathematics (AP Maths) and Physical Sciences
- Dede Bessong – English (HL)
- Mashudu Tshibudzi – Xitsonga (FAL)

To these, and all pupils from the Class of 2021, Ridgeway College congratulates you on your achievements and we look forward to hearing of your continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS



**Dede Bessong**  
7 Distinctions



**Tendani Sinyosi**  
6 Distinctions



**Tinashe Kujinga**  
6 Distinctions



**Nyikwana Baloyi**  
5 Distinctions

## Ridgeway Athletes take on Louis Trichardt High School (Friday 21 January).

Our athletes and staff have been hard at work this week in preparation for today's athletics meet. It promises to be a long, gruelling day in the sun – and I imagine that the pupils and staff will be looking forward to some well-earned rest this weekend. We apologies to our parents for the change in starting time for this event that resulted in late notice yesterday afternoon.

## New Appointments

We are happy to announce the following additional appointments within the College staff.

Mrs E Pretorius has been appointed as the Head of Phase (GET).

Mrs S Rasool has been appointed as the Head of Phase (FET).

Mr C Viljoen has been appointed as the Head of Sport and Discipline.

Our Tutor Teachers, Grade Heads, Heads of Phase and Heads of Department will continue to work towards enhancing our delivery to your child and to you our clients.

YOURS IN EDUCATION

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*Believe In Yourself....*

*Upcoming Dates*

·THURSDAY 27 JANUARY –  
INTER SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE  
VENUE FOR THIS EVENT  
HAS BEEN MOVED TO  
STANFORD LAKE – SADLY,  
SPECTATORS ARE NOT  
PERMITTED TO ATTEND.

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