

# RIDGEWAY COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER



### FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE

*Matric Results 2020*  
*Valentine's Day*  
*Grade 11 Prac*

**IN THE END WE  
ONLY REGRET  
THE CHANCES  
WE DIDN'T TAKE**

Dear Parents

With a year thrown into disarray by COVID and the closing of schools for months, we always knew that the matrics of 2020 had a Herculean task on their hands in sustaining an academic momentum and finding the will to work against the odds. From a very small cohort of students, we achieved 32 subject distinctions and 42 B symbols.

We could not be more proud of Ayesha Chhaya, our Dux and top candidate in the IEB examinations and of Rizka Aboobaker who was placed second in the grade.

Both girls achieved a full house of A symbols, with aggregates of 93% and 90% respectively. In addition, Ayesha was placed in the top 1% of candidates nationwide for Accounting, Life Science and Physical Science. She was also placed on the IEB Outstanding Achievements List for achieving within the top 5% of candidates in 6 or more subjects, with a rating level of 7 for Life Orientation. This is an exceptional achievement. She is one of 82 candidates out of more than 13 000 who wrote the IEB examinations to attain this accolade.

Ayesha has always been a driven and motivated person and this has spilled over into her work. She has a deep love for learning and has always pushed herself, going the extra mile not only with her work but with all she does, be it community engagement or running a race for her school. She has chosen a competitive field of study to get into and I am sure she will succeed. She used the lockdown to her advantage and used the extra time to hone her skills and study further. This work ethic and positive attitude is typical of her. She is a credit to her school and to her family. Rizka achieved in the top 1% of candidates for Life Orientation and Life Sciences- also exceptional results from a dedicated and committed academic.

I also want to acknowledge every matric who had to change subjects, who fought personal circumstances and who worked with their teachers instead of against them. It all paid off. Finally, what the staff achieved in a truly horrible year was miraculous. I salute your dedication to your pupils and the genuine care you showed to each of them. Thank you!

19 February 2021



## VALENTINE'S DAY



We celebrated Valentine's Day last Friday in fine style. The quad looked spectacular and we thank Mrs. Kujinga, Mrs. Shaw, Ms. Gupta and the Grade 11's for their sterling efforts. Our school needs some fun and laughter to brighten the start of the year under COVID restrictions and this event did just that.



## Practical

THE GRADE 11'S RECENTLY COMPLETED A BREAD MOLD PRACTICAL. WHAT BETTER WAY TO LEARN A CONCEPT THAN TO PHYSICALLY SEE IT IN ACTION?

YOURS IN EDUCATION

*Dionne Redfern*

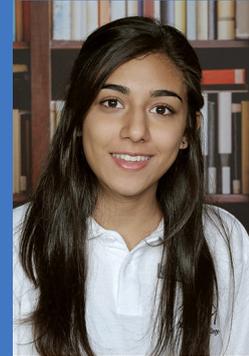
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### FIRST IN THE GRADE

**Ayesha Chhaya**

Accounting, Afrikaans First Additional Language; English Home Language; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics and Physical Sciences  
Ayesha wants to study Medicine at the University of Witwatersrand.

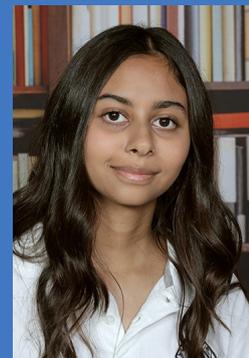


### SECOND IN GRADE

**Rizka Aboobaker**

Accounting, Afrikaans First Additional Language; English Home Language; Life Orientation; Life Sciences; Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Rizka will be studying Business Science, specialising in Actuarial Science, at UCT



### OTHER TOP TEN

Candidates in rank order:

Ndoswika Lusunzi  
Isaac Masindi  
Nompumelelo Mabhena  
Pratham Patel  
Kashvir Shah  
Amber Smit  
Mixo Nkwinika  
Tafadzwa Nhundu