



April 2026

WESTVILLE OLD BOYS' NEWSLETTER

A message from Michael Falkson, Chairman of the Westville Old Boys' Association

To the Mighty Griffin Tribe

And so another year has begun with force, and once again, we look forward to continuing our upward trajectory not just as a school, but as an old boys body. It has also been a time for us to take stock and look back at what an incredible year 2025 was for us as a school. Last year, Westville Boys High School continued to break new ground, achieving great results in both the classroom and on the sportsfields, and continued to build on its already stellar reputation as a school of renown and choice, not only in KZN, but nationally.

As your Old Boys team, we are aiming for nothing less than global domination and ensuring connection with our brotherhood from all over the world. This we will do by building our special tribe one Griffin at a time. We have also been busy with some projects that have added great value to our school, namely, the upgrading of the foyer in the Roy Couzens Theatre, as well as the way overdue revamp of the Bowdens stands. Special thanks must go to those 550 Old Boys who have bought their plaques that have made the first phase of the Bowdens revamp possible. We are still looking for 450 Old Boys to buy their plaques to complete this project, so please see further details in this newsletter on how you can get involved.

We would also like to say a massive thanks to those Old Boys who have invested into the lives of learners through the Tracked Learnership Programme. It is a true gift to be able to change the course of a young man's life by seeding into their future in this way, and so if any of you would like to consider being part of this noble cause, please get in touch.

We are currently planning your Old Boys weekend, which if you do not already have diarised, is on the 4th to the 6th June 2026, where we will be hosting the lads from Michaelhouse and introducing them to the daunting task of playing in our back yard! If last year is any indication, this will be a weekend of legendary proportions.

So get ready Gents!

Thinking about the wonderful reminiscing and interaction that happens over our Old Boys weekend sparked a poignant thought for me. School life may have been an indifferent experience for many men for a myriad of reasons, but the simple fact is that by being a scholar at Westville you are a Griffin, and have received a brotherhood of quality. This truth became clear to me as I read some of the conversations and connections happening across the various Old Boys year-groups as we build momentum toward our founders weekend. Yes there is the usual colourful banter, but what struck me more powerfully, was the care, love and support that men, going through hard times, whether financial or physical, received from their brothers all over the world. This made it very clear that one of the great things this institution has done is create a brotherhood of belonging that stands the test of time, and see us through all of our days. A tribe of brothers who would always be at our side. A tribe that hems us in, and where we are never alone. This is truly the great legacy of this place that we must celebrate and hold dear.

Leading on from this is a significant moment on Old Boys weekend, and that is the school assembly on the Friday morning. It is where the young men of Westville get to see this brotherhood walk amongst them. It is a truly special, emotional time. Having as many of us as possible there, decked out in our Old Boys blazers, would be a powerful and symbolic sight, as we stride into the MPC to face our young brothers and show them the friendships forged in the same corridors and classrooms they currently occupy. I call on every man who is able to attend, to make an effort to be there. Not only will you be greatly impacted by the energy, life and passion in that moment, but the effect on the current school boys, as they watch their tribe of proud older brothers gather to celebrate our common bond, cannot be underestimated.

Lastly, I would just like to say how much we appreciate you all, and the momentum that gathers year upon year because of you. We look forward to establishing this tribe that will continue to strengthen the foundations of this damn fine institution into the future.

Love and brotherhood

Jubala!!!

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Connecting Old Boys **Around the World!**

If you're keen to connect with your local Chapter Chair or are interested in becoming one, please get in touch with Robyn Beck at rbeck@wbhs.co.za

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Class of '87

WESTERN CAPE:

BOBBY DIXON

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GAUTENG:

ANDREW WAINWRIGHT:

Class of '95

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UNITED KINGDOM:
STEVEN PAYNE
Class of '93



AUSTRALIA:
CHRIS YOXALL: Class of '88
TIM KNOX: Class of '91



USA:
SHAYNE STOKES
Class of '92



NEW ZEALAND:
ANDREW LOGAN
Class of '91

ECR in the MPC

We kicked off the year in spectacular fashion, welcoming East Coast Radio to the MPC for a morning filled with energy, school spirit and celebration.

Our Head of School rose to the occasion on Darren Maule's Breakfast Quiz, delivering a flawless 10/10 performance and securing the grand prize of R10 000 towards his studies — a remarkable achievement we are incredibly proud of.

Adding to the excitement, Old Boy Dani Gazellie showed his Griffin pride by wearing his Westville blazer and joining the boys in their spirited war cries. The momentum continued on the court, where our first basketball captain, Luseko Sikhulume, ended the morning on a high note by defeating Darren in an entertaining 1v1 shootout. To round off a memorable visit, boys and staff enjoyed fantastic prizes and delicious treats generously provided by Krispy Kreme.

It was a wonderful showcase of school pride, camaraderie and community spirit. We look forward to welcoming the ECR team back to the home of the Griffin in the near future





Global Conflict, Local Impact: **Navigating Uncertainty in a Time of War**

On 28 February 2026, the United States and Israel launched coordinated airstrikes against Iran in a military operation designated “Operation Epic Fury.” The strikes targeted Iranian nuclear facilities, military infrastructure, and senior leadership, and resulted in the death of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Iran has since responded with sustained waves of missile and drone attacks across the Middle East, striking US military installations, Gulf states, and commercial shipping routes. At the time of writing, the conflict is entering its third week with no clear resolution on the horizon. This did not occur in a vacuum. The strikes followed months of escalating tension — large-scale civil unrest inside Iran, the collapse of nuclear negotiations that had appeared close to a breakthrough, and a substantial build-up of US military assets in the region.

The conditions for confrontation had been developing for some time.

The most immediate economic consequence has been a dramatic spike in global oil prices. Iran’s closure of the Strait of Hormuz — through which approximately 20% of the world’s daily oil supply normally passes — has prompted the IEA to describe the disruption as the largest in the history of the global oil market. Brent crude surged from roughly \$70 per barrel before the strikes to over \$100 within days. Drone and missile attacks have further disrupted production infrastructure across Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. IEA member countries have agreed to release 400 million barrels from strategic reserves — a meaningful but temporary measure. Higher oil prices feed directly into broader inflation, affecting transport, manufacturing, and food production.

For South Africans, the consequences are particularly direct. South Africa imports most of its fuel, meaning every increase in the global oil price translates almost immediately into higher domestic costs. The rand has compounded this challenge — weakening from approximately R16 to the dollar to over R17 at the time of writing. The fuel price adjustment expected on 1 April is projected to be the largest single-month increase ever implemented in South Africa.

The interest rate outlook has shifted materially as well. Entering 2026, markets anticipated at least one or two SARB rate cuts over the year. That outlook is now far less certain. Governor Lesetja Kganyago has confirmed that the bank’s previous risk scenarios must be entirely redrawn ahead of the MPC meeting on 26 March. Should oil prices push toward \$130 per barrel, the SARB may find itself considering rate increases rather than cuts — a significant reversal of what many South Africans had been counting on.

The duration of this conflict matters as much as its intensity. A short, contained confrontation is something markets and currencies can absorb. A protracted war is an altogether different proposition. Each additional week of hostilities deepens the inflationary impulse working through the South African economy — into petrol prices, food costs, and the price of virtually everything that moves by road or sea. Should the conflict extend into the middle of the year, the prospect of rate cuts could disappear from the horizon entirely.

That said, a powerful countervailing force exists. At \$100 per barrel, economic pain is significant. At \$130, it becomes politically intolerable. Every oil-importing nation — which is to say, most of the world — has a compelling interest in seeing the Strait

of Hormuz reopened. That pressure will mount with every passing week, bearing down on belligerents and the broader international community alike. A long war is the worst plausible outcome for South Africa. It is also, for the reasons above, one that much of the world has a shared and powerful incentive to prevent.

It would be understandable to look at current conditions with anxiety. Diversified portfolios have, in most cases, declined in value this month. But it is important to place this in its proper historical context. Markets have weathered profound disruption before — the dot-com collapse, the 2008 financial crisis, COVID-19, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, rising interest rates in 2022 — and at each juncture, those who held their positions and maintained discipline were significantly better off than those who sold and waited on the sidelines.

The data supports this. An analysis of 20 major post-World War II conflicts found that markets declined by an average of approximately 6% at the onset of hostilities — but subsequently recovered in full, delivering double-digit gains in the three to six months after both Gulf Wars. The true risk for investors is not the downturn itself — it is selling during the downturn and failing to re-enter in time to capture the recovery. Those initial recoveries tend to be swift and missing them carries a cost that can prove both substantial and permanent.

The Iran conflict is serious, its economic consequences are real, and further near-term volatility cannot be ruled out. But uncertainty has always been the backdrop against which long-term wealth is built. What separates those who succeed is not the absence of difficulty — it is the discipline to stay the course through it.

Those of us fortunate enough to have been educated at Westville Boys' High were taught that character is revealed not in moments of ease, but in moments of adversity. The same principle applies to sound financial stewardship. Stay diversified. Stay disciplined. And resist the temptation to allow the headlines of today to determine the financial decisions that will shape your tomorrow.

These challenging periods will pass.

Written by Andrew Padoa
Class of 2004



Summer Sports Wrap-Up

Tennis

Our first tennis side took part in the Gerrie Berner Tennis Tournament held at Paul Roos. The boys played exceptionally well, only dropping one fixture during the group stages and advancing on to the semi finals. Unfortunately, they lost their semi final fixture against Paarl Boys' High, who then went on to play Paul Roos in the final with the hosts claiming the title. WBHS did secure 3rd place however against Affies in the playoff match.

The following boys made KZN sides for their respective age groups:

19A

Lindokuhle Gcwensa
Daniel Naidoo
Sean Wilson
Rhys Vorwerk

19B

Banele Mnyukela
Yashendran Pillay

15A

Nicholas Ulliyett
Eli Bedderson



In addition to our KZN reps, we also had a few SA reps. Lindokuhle Gcwensa and Nicholas Ulliyett both made the SA Schools sides, while our youngster, Cameron Kock, made the SA u14 boys side as well.

Volleyball

Westville Boys' High wrapped up a strong pre-season volleyball campaign, highlighting the hard work of players and staff.

The U14s showed great heart in their first competitive outings, while the 15A team dominated to win the pre-season cup, with the 15B side also impressing.

The U16 teams showed promise and will look to build momentum ahead of the April league.

The 1st and 2nd teams met in a competitive semi-final, underlining the school's depth, with the 1st team advancing. In a high-quality final against Northwood, both sides delivered an exciting contest, with Northwood narrowly taking the win.

Well done to all players and staff—we look forward to the season ahead.



SWIMMING

Westville Boys' High School Swimming has done it again! The team claimed victory at the DnD Gala for the 19th consecutive year and soon after delivered an outstanding performance at the Top 10 Gala, firmly cementing their position as the number one swimming school in the province.

We are incredibly proud of our boys and commend them for the discipline, humility and sportsmanship they have displayed throughout the season. Their dedication and teamwork continue to uphold the proud swimming legacy of Westville Boys' High.

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WHERE POTENTIAL MEETS PURPOSE

CRICKET

u14A and u15A 100 Ball age group champions.

Westville Boys' High enjoyed further cricketing success at the Hundred Ball Tournament held at Kingsmead Cricket Ground. Our U14A and U15A teams were crowned champions after impressive victories over Durban High School (U14A) and Kearsney College (U15A) respectively.

It was a fantastic way to conclude what has been an exciting and highly competitive cricket season. Director of Cricket Wayne Scott expressed his sincere gratitude to his coaching staff for their dedication and support, and shared his excitement about the bright future of cricket at Westville Boys' High.

Congratulations to the players who earned Man of the Match honours:

U14: Dylan Kidgell

U15: Cameron Rudolf



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TRACKED LEARNER

PROGRAMME



Mr Wade Paton has taken over the mentorship of the Tracked Learner Programme since joining WBHS, bringing immense value to our Griffins. With a decorated career as one of South Africa's most capped hockey players, including experience as captain, Wade offers invaluable insight into what it takes to achieve excellence. His leadership reinforces a powerful lesson: success is earned through dedication, discipline, and consistent hard work.

The first term of the programme began with a group session where expectations were clearly outlined, including the standards required from each boy in terms of commitment, behaviour, and performance – both academically and in sport. Wade also introduced himself and shared his personal journey, helping to establish credibility, build trust, and create a meaningful connection with the boys. This session set a strong tone of accountability and ensured that every participant understood the purpose and structure of the programme.

As the term progressed, individual one-on-one sessions were held with each learner, focusing on their sporting involvement, academic progress, and overall well-being. These engagements allowed for personalised support, honest reflection, and goal setting. The term has proven highly valuable in building strong relationships, reinforcing expectations, and identifying both strengths and areas for continued growth.

This impactful initiative continues to grow, and with it, the opportunity to change lives. We are incredibly grateful to the 19 Old Boys who are currently supporting the programme through mentorship and financial assistance. Their involvement is making a tangible difference.

We warmly invite more Old Boys to consider joining this meaningful journey — whether through mentorship, financial support, or both. Your contribution has the power to shape a young man's future and open doors that may otherwise remain closed.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact robyn@wbhs.co.za



OLD BOY CASHES IN MKUZE CRICKET CLUB

Late last year, Westville Boys' High School had the unique privilege of playing a supporting role in Kevin Pietersen's exciting switch cricket production.

Our Director of Cricket, Wayne Scott, was invited to assist Kevin Pietersen with the latest instalment of his Switch documentary series—this time featuring none other than AB de Villiers.

The challenge was as thrilling as it was unconventional: AB was tasked with scoring 100 runs in 50 BALLS or less, starting against a bowling machine set at 50 mph. With each ball faced, the speed increased by 1 mph—under the watchful eye of fast-bowling legend Dale Steyn, who ensured the pressure never let up.

To raise the stakes even further, a local Mkuze XI took to the field, determined to prevent AB from reaching his target. Adding a competitive edge, Pietersen offered a \$1,000 reward to any fielder who could hold onto a catch during the challenge. Unsurprisingly, AB rose to the occasion in spectacular fashion, reaching the 100-run milestone in just 30 balls. However, the true moment of magic came in the field. The only catch taken on the day—described by Pietersen as one of the greatest he has ever seen—was claimed by none other than Westville Old Boy, Orton Bosman (Class of 2007).

In a fitting conclusion to an unforgettable moment, Orton is pictured receiving the ball he caught, signed by AB himself.

It was an extraordinary experience for all involved, and a proud reminder of the remarkable connections and moments that continue to link Westville Boys' High School to the global cricketing stage.



[Click here to see full video](#)

CONNOR DOIG

From WBHS to the world stage, Connor Doig continues to make us immensely proud. Recently crowned Junior Doubles Champion at the Australian Open, Connor's achievement is a testament to years of dedication, perseverance, and sacrifice.

His success reflects not only his talent, but also the commitment and resilience developed during his time as a Griffin. Competing — and winning — on one of tennis's biggest stages is no small feat, and this milestone marks just the beginning of what promises to be an exciting journey ahead.

The future is bright for this young Griffin — watch this space.





REUNION WEEKEND 2026
SAVE THE DATE

BONDED

Thursday 4th June - Memorial Service

BY

**Friday 5th June - Old Boys' Assembly, School
Tour & Old Boys Dinner**

BROTHERHOOD

6th June Saturday - Sport vs Michaelhouse

PAUL LITCHKUS

We bid farewell to a true Westville Legend.

There are teachers... and then there are icons.

For generations of boys at Westville Boys' High School, Mr Paul Lichkus has been something far greater than a teacher. Since 1982, he has been a force — a vibrant, expressive champion of the visual arts whose passion has left an indelible mark on every student who passed through his classroom.

Paul didn't simply teach art. He lived it. With an encyclopaedic knowledge of art history and an instinctive understanding of creativity, he opened minds, challenged perspectives, and inspired young men to see the world differently. For those who went on to careers in art, design, and creative industries, his influence is unmistakable — a guiding hand that helped shape their journeys. For those who didn't, his impact remains just as profound, instilling a way of thinking that values curiosity, creativity, and bold problem-solving. What made Paul truly exceptional, however, was not just his knowledge — it was how he delivered it.

His classroom was never predictable. Lessons were alive with energy, humour, and a sense that anything could happen. His wonderfully unconventional style kept students engaged, alert, and often amused — but always learning. What some may have seen as eccentricity was, in truth, a rare brilliance: the ability to connect, to inspire, and to make learning unforgettable.

Beyond the art room, his presence was felt across every corner of school life. On Bowdens Field, his unmistakable voice and charismatic delivery brought the cadets programme to life. And on the sidelines — often with camera in hand — he was instrumental in building a culture of photography at the school. Whether capturing the intensity of sport, the spirit of cultural events, or the everyday moments that define a school journey, Paul gave boys a new lens through which to see their world. Many discovered a lasting passion for photography under his guidance, spending weekends alongside him documenting the life and energy of the school.

Humble to his core, Paul never sought recognition. Yet his legacy speaks volumes. In his early years, while furthering his own studies, he was already laying the foundations of a thriving art department — one that would go on to nurture countless young talents over decades of dedicated service.

His connection to the school extends beyond his own remarkable career. His son, Peter, matriculated in 2006 and later returned to Westville Boys' High School as an educator in 2018, continuing the family's contribution to the school until his departure at the end of 2025 to pursue new opportunities.



It is no exaggeration to say that Paul Lichkus has helped shape not just artists, but people. In recognition of his extraordinary service and lasting impact, Paul was deservedly made an Honorary Old Boy — a fitting tribute to a man who has given so much to this institution and its generations of Griffins.

Paul, as Westville Old Boys, we are deeply grateful for the colour, character, and commitment you brought to our school. You reminded us that creativity is not confined to a canvas — it is a way of thinking, a way of living, and a way of seeing possibility where others may not.

Thank you, Paul, for your brilliance, your passion, and your unwavering belief in the potential of every student.

May this next chapter be as rich, inspiring, and well-deserved as the legacy you leave behind.

Enjoy your retirement as an Honorary Griffin, and remember that you will forever be part of the fabric of this Damn Fine Institution.

Written by Andrew Maccallum



SAVE THE DATE

UK REUNION 18TH JULY

**GAUTENG GOLF DAY FRIDAY, 17TH
APRIL**

JEPPE EXCHANGE 17TH/18TH APRIL

**KZN GOLF DAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB**

**WESTERN CAPE GOLF DAY -
OCTOBER WESTLAKE COUNTRY CLUB**

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS – A TRANSFORMATIVE DECEMBER AT WESTVILLE BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL

December proved to be an exceptionally productive period at Westville Boys’ High School, with significant progress made across campus immediately following the close of the academic year. No fewer than seven major projects commenced—many of which were proudly driven and supported by our Old Boys community.

Among the highlights:

- The upgrade to the Roy Couzens Theatre was successfully completed by Brandon Barnes (Class of 2002), with generous contributions from the Classes of 1975, 1985, and 1995.
- Two Mathematics classrooms were refurbished through the efforts of Travis Benschop (Class of 1999), made possible by a generous donation from legendary teacher Terry Nevin.
- The development of 10 new Grade 8 classrooms was completed by David Hindmarch (Class of 2013), enhancing our capacity to welcome future Griffins.
- The impressive new gym on Bowden’s was generously sponsored by Yasheen Modi (Class of 2003), marking a significant investment in our sporting infrastructure.
- The extension of the Long room balcony and pavilion, donated by Dave Keal (Class of 1976), has further elevated the match-day experience.
- The Bowden’s stands project, completed by Dave Scates (Class of 1973), has added valuable seating and spectator facilities.
- Lastly, the installation of aggregate floor coverings in key corridor areas was completed by Glenn Hatch (Class of 1975), improving both aesthetics and durability across the campus.

A substantial portion of these developments have been made possible through the remarkable generosity of our Old Boys, alongside funds raised by the Old Boys’ Committee through various initiatives—including merchandise, supporters’ kit, and other initiatives.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support. Westville Boys’ High School is truly privileged to have such a committed and generous alumni network. Your contributions play a vital role in ensuring that the school remains a leader in education, tradition, and excellence.



Phase 1 and 2 of the Bowden's Stand Project have now been successfully completed — a proud milestone for our school. This would not have been possible without the incredible support from our Old Boys and current Griffins.

Your contribution is helping build a lasting legacy that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Phase 3 will commence after the rugby season. If you would like to be part of this journey and leave your mark, plaques are available for purchase via www.woba.co.za





THANK YOU



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Old Boys' that have contributed toward the upgrade of the Bowden's' stands.

“Our alumni are not just our past - they are the heartbeat of our future.”

Damon Adendorff	Rohan Boer	Brett Claassens	Neil de Goede	Craig Findlay
Joshua Adendorff	Brandon Bothma	Ian Claassens	Joe De Wet	Graeme Findlay
Anthony Adkin	Andrew Boucher	Brett Clark	Rowan Dibb	Joshua Findlay
Hilton Adkin	Kelvin Boucher	Gareth Clark	Shaun Dibb	Kevin Findlay
Michael Adkin	Philip Boucher	Murray Clark	Warren Dietrich	Rob Folpini
Martin Akker	Andrew Bourne	Sam Clark	Malcolm Dignon	Russell Foord
Dean Alcock	Myles Brackett	Stuart Clark	Alan Dives	Sean Forbes
Gavin Allison	Trish Bright	Tim Clausen	Craige Dixon	Rowan Forster
Troye Allison	Matt Brooker	Peter Clemmett	Matthew Dixon	Richard Forster
Rob Anderson	Duncan Brown	Scott Clemmett	Patrick Dominy	Robyn Forster
Graham Aschmann	Fayleen Browne	Roger Close	Grant Dormer	Kai Franken
Travis Austin	Shaun Bruwer	Guy Cluver	Brett Dorney	Neil Fraser Mackay
Jonathan Bailey	Michael Bryer	Ben Cobbold	Neville Dredge	Bernard Freakes
Francois Barbeau	Vernon Bubb	David Cobbold	Tish Dredge	Dave Frow
Jean-Marc Barbeau	Geoff Bull	Brendon Cockerell	James Drew	Connor Gannon
Brandon Barnes	Patricia Bullimore	Kaden Coetzee	Wikus du Rand	Stuart Gannon
Dean Barnes	Bruce Burnett	Ethan Coombe	Michael Du toit	Kian Garnham
Marc Barnes	Hayden Burnett	Guy Coombe	Vincent Duggan-Jones	Mark Garnham
Charles Barth	Joshua Burnett	Dylan Coombe	David Dunderdale	Linton Geach
Kelvin Basson	Nathan Burnett	Antony Cousens	Grant Durose	Kent Gibson
Greg Bauer	Michael Bush	Chris Cousens	Jethro Durose	Grant Goldstone
Laurence Bauer	Gareth Calvert	Byron Cowie	Pieter Duys	Marc Goudge
Gordon Beattie	Andrew Camp	Andrew Crofts	Blake Edy	Garth Gower-Jackson
Linton Beattie	Carrick Campbell	Mike Cross	Jimmy Eichelgruen	Graham Gower-Jackson
Dylan Beavan	Nicholas Carter	Anthony Crosskill	Craig Eldridge	Keith Gower-Jackson
Gareth Beavan	Seb Carter	Duncan Crosson	James Erasmus	Frank Graham
Kurt Beckley	Mitchell Cason	Matthew Crosson	Cameron Essers	Fred Graham
Vernon Besselaar	Spencer Cason	Craig Curtis	Daryl Essers	Willox Gregory
Warren Beuster	Richard Cawood	Chris Da Costa	Gareth Evans	David Grobler
Sanjeev Bhana	Murray Chabant	Rick Da Silva	Michael Falkson	Paul Grobler
Peter Bird	Andrew Charnaud	Mark Dahl	Adrian Farrar	Grant Hall
Jacques Bleeker	Chris Charter	Rhett Dahl	Mike Faurie	Nathan Hall
Tiaan Bleeker	Divyan Chetty	Graham Davel	Curtis Fenton	Brendan Hampton
Stephen Blewett	Ronan Chetty	Dane Davies	Richard Fenton	Stephen Hampton
Peter Blofield	Caleb Clare	Matthew Davies	Graham Field	Brett Hardie
		Ryan de Beer		

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Denis Harel	Mbuso Mancotywa	Brian McGroarty	Chris Ridl	Adrian Skea
Patrick Harel	Nqaba Mancotywa	Stuart McMillan	Gregg Ridl	Brian Skea
Billy Harker	Bruce Mann	Jimmy Melville	Jeremy Ridl	David Skea
Calvin Harris	Justin Mansfield	Paul Milburn	John Ridl	Mark Skea
Graeme Harris	Kim Mansfield	Andrew Miller	Justin Ridl	Neil Skea
Jonathan Harris	Lance Mansfield	Brett Mitchell	Lance Ridl	Owen Slack
Rob Harrison	Mark Mansfield	Travis Mokawem	Lloyd Ridl	Kevin Slaney
Darren Hatch	Gavin Marks	Caleb Mokawem	Mark Ridl	Kevin Slaughter
Glenn Hatch	Trevor Marks	Noah Mokawem	Peter Ridl	Anthony Squires
Dean Hayden	Jono Marsden	Maiendra Moodley	Alisdair Robertson	Mark Squires
Nigel Henderson	Richard Marsden-King	Jaswin Moodley	Darren Robertson	Calvin Stanley
Stuart Henderson	Sebastian Martegoutte	Andrew Moon	Glenn Robertson	Kevin Stanley
Trevor Henderson	David Martin	Nick Moon	Iain Robertson	Trevor Stapelberg
Adrian Henning	Kenneth Martin	Gareth Morgan	Matthew Robertson	Nicholas Stead
Bernd Hillermann	Robert Masson	Peter Morley	Max Robertson	Bruce Stephen
Nicholas Hillermann	Liam Mayo	Keagan Morris	Grant Robertson	Paul Stephens
David Hindmarch	Cole Mayo	Nic Morris	Wayne Robertson	Kevin Stevens
Castro Hlongwane	Iain Mc Gregor	Rod Motyer	Zachary Robertson	Mark Steyn
Marc Hoar	Peter Mcculloch	Octo Mpanza	Paul Rose	Bryce Stiebel
James Hodge	Anthony Kruger	Ntobeko Mthembu	Chris Ross	Guy Stiebel
Seaton Hodge	James Kruger	Grant Muirhead	Ed Rothwell	Kim Stiebel
Wayne Hodgson	Andre Lagesse	Keith Muirhead	Mark Rothwell	Ryan Stiebel
Justin Houareau	Michel Lagesse	Stuart Muirhead	Mike Rowe	Simon Stiebel
Bruce Howard	Douglas Lambert	Kevin Muller	Bradley Rowlett	Shayne Stokes
Mark Howell	Peter Larsen	Guy Mumford	Ian Russell	Tom Stokes
Marc Humphries	Andrew Le Roux	Joel Munemo	Dylan Rust	Clinton Stoltz
Dave Hutchinson	Justin Le Roux	Andrew Munro	Shaun Ryan	Casimir Storm
Michael Hutchinson	Owen Le Roux	Sharan Munsamy	Thomas Sage	Ayrton Sutcliffe
Thomas Hutchinson	Brett Lee	Tyhil Naidoo	Errol Salimane	Brendan Sutcliffe
Steve Isaacson	Christopher Lello	Sipho Ndimande	Fred Salimane	Jim Sutcliffe
Neil Isdale	Graham Lello	Jarryd Nieuwenhuis	Michael Sand	Carl Suverkrop
Gregg Jackson	Michael Lello	Tim Noble	Doug Sanders	Chris Sweidan
Matthew Jackson	Sebastian Lengyel	Andile Ntanjana	Graham Sanders	David Sweidan
Robert Jackson	Adrian Lindsay	Mark Olivier	Kyle Saunders	Aidan Taft
Thomas Jackson	Grant Lindsay	Dave Orchard	Adrian Saville	Daniel Taft
Dane Jakins	Nicholas Lindsay	Kent Orchard	Jeremy Saville	Greg Tarpey
Justin Janse van Rensburg	Russell Liss	Matthew Orchard	Kearon Scarrott	Steve Tarpey
Alan Jeffries	Josh Lockwood	Yusuf Osman	Fred Scheepers	Gary Templar
Sean Johnston	David Long	Mark Pape	Byron Scott	Ryan Templar
Garrick Joubert	Mike Long	Lawrence Payne	Sheldon Scott	Simon Templar
Simon Joubert	Richard Long	Richard Payne	Allan Shedlock	Blake Tooley
Sean Joyce	Shaun Lotter	Stephen Payne	Clive Shedlock	Peter Tooley
Clyde Kemp	Mike Love	Gary Phillips	Ryan Sheperd	Reece Tooley
Lance Kemp	Michael Luck	Dean Pitt	Roy Shotland	Dale Toy
Neil Kemp	Paul Lyes	Denham Pitt	Red Shuttleworth	Ryan Truter
Paul Kemp	Brent Maartens	Jordan Pitt	Brett Simmons	John Tunmer
Adrian King	Jordan Maartens	Andrew Quinlan	Wayne Simmons	Stephen Van Collier
Ant King	Angus Mac Lennan	Reuben Ramkumar	Josh Simpkins	Oli Van Der Merwe
Stephen Kitching	Andrew Maccallum	Quinton Reed	Liam Simpkins	James Van Der
Gareth Kitto	Keagan Maccallum	Julian Rennie	Jonathan Sinden	Meulen
Tim Knox	Keith Mackenzie	Mark Rennie	Yesthiel Singh	Michael Van Der
Bjorn Kriese	Andrew Mcglone	Adrian Ridl	Yetheen Singh	Meulen
Dieter Kriese	Michael Mcglone	Andrew Ridl	Anthony Singleton	Michael Van
Sven Kriese	Graeme McGregor	Anthony Ridl	Luke Singleton	Heerden
			Wesley Singleton	Graham Vaughan

Andrew Velleman
Chris Vet
Jayson Vowles
Kevin Wade
Caleb Wadsworth
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ETHAN HOOKER - JERSEY HANDOVER

We are incredibly proud of Old Boy Ethan Hooker who was recently nominated as SA young player of the year. He has been a true role model and hero to the junior griffins showcasing exactly what hard work, determination and humility gets you.

In the weeks leading up to this incredible achievement, we were honored to have him join our summer sports assembly where he encouraged our boys to go after whatever it is that they are passionate about and not let anything get in their way. "Give your best everyday, you have everything you need to make it happen right here at the Ville, the only thing that is stopping you, is you."

These words deeply resonated with a lot of our boys. Mr Mike Falkson soon after presented him with an Old Boys' Blazer as a token of appreciation.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Lorraine, Ethan and Josh on the loss of their beloved husband and dad, Craig Hooker.

Please know that you are in our thoughts during this incredibly difficult time. May you find comfort in the love of family, the support of friends, and the many cherished memories you hold close.

The Westville family stands with you, sending strength, care, and heartfelt support.



Stephen Blewett - Class of '86

CEO of MTN Ghana

Thomas: When you think back to your time at school, what stands out most to you?
(A moment, a tradition, a friendship?)

Stephen: The friendships I made that have continued over decades and across the world.

Thomas: How do you think being a Westville Boy has shaped the way you approach business today?

Stephen: I feel that WBHS helped me to believe that I can do the extraordinary. You may enter WBHS thinking you are "ordinary" but when you leave you know that you can go on to do extraordinary things in your life. That self-belief is vital. It allowed me to inspire others to go further than they first believed they could. Its been at the core of my business and personal life. Nelson Mandela said "It always seems impossible until its done." That's the ethos of a Westville Boy!

Thomas: Were there any teachers, mentors, or coaches who had a lasting impact on you? In what way?

Stephen: Mr Robinson who was my English teacher in Matric and my home room teacher for 10B. He really inspired me to love reading and writing. To this day, I read a book every night and listen to an audio book every morning. It has been a big part of my development. I even started a book club at MTN! I also went on to write 3 books of my own. Some of the 86's in Mr Robinsons class will remember how we laughed when he would read to us from the Diary of Adrian Mole.

Thomas: What skills or values you learned at school have been most valuable in your career?

Stephen: Discipline, commitment and integrity. These were shaping me during my time at WBHS and manifested themselves strongly as my career progressed.



Thomas: Was there a leadership role, sports team, society, or activity you were involved in that helped prepare you for the business world?

Stephen: I played Hockey, Rugby and was part of the school athletics team. I also was part of the Business Team that participated in a competition run by JSE. Each of the activities taught me that no matter what level your team was and how you were performing you show up and give your best. Not just for you but for all of your team mates. This principle is key in leadership. You need to show up every day and give your best no matter how you feel on that day, that week or that year. That's what servant leadership looks like.

Thomas: What has been a defining moment in your business journey so far?

Stephen: My first leadership role was at age 26. It was given to me by a former WBHS old boy. I vividly recall him calling me into his large and expansive office and telling me that he was promoting me to a leadership position. After the usual summary of reasons for my selection he paused and said " I also attended WBHS and I know that you will bring integrity and a good work ethic to this position". That was the first time I knew that we had attended the same school.

Thomas: What does being an Old Boy mean to you now?

Stephen: Its a band of brothers that goes beyond generations and knits us all together through our common passion for our school. It been a constant theme across my life to look for other Old Boys at any company. There is an instant connection when you reach that moment with someone who grew up in KZN and you ask the question. "Where did you go to school?"

Thomas: What advice would you give to current learners who are interested in business or entrepreneurship?

Stephen: Absorb everything you can from your time at WBHS. As Thoreau said in his seminal work Life in the Woods "I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life." (Its beautifully read in the movie Dead Poets Society)
You might not realise it now but one day you will look back and see the profound impact that your time at WBHS had on your life.
Most importantly develop perseverance as you will need it on your business our entrepreneurship journey!

Thomas: If you could speak to your schoolboy self today, what would you say?

Stephen: I would remind myself not to wish away the days at school but rather to take time to pause, reflect and enjoy the moment.



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14 March 2026	FIXTURE 1	Hilton College	Away
21 March 2026	FIXTURE 2	Maritzburg College	Home
11 April 2026	FIXTURE 3	Northwood	Home
18 April 2026	FIXTURE 4	Jeppe Winter Exchange Fixture	Away
2 May 2026	FIXTURE 5	Kearsney College	Home
9 May 2026	FIXTURE 6	Northwood (Excludes A-Teams)	Away
16 May 2026	FIXTURE 7	KES Winter Exchange Fixture	Home
23 May 2026	FIXTURE 8	Glenwood	Away
30 May 2026	FIXTURE 9	DHS	Away
6 June 2026	FIXTURE 10	Old Boys'Weekend - Michaelhouse	Home



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