



WESTVILLE OLD BOYS' NEWSLETTER

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

To the mighty Griffin tribe

I am not sure about you, but it is been a couple of months since our Old Boys weekend, and the afterglow is still burning bright! Social media is still ablaze with images and stories of a powerful weekend of stories and friendship. Of old friendships rekindled, and new brotherhood bonds forged, and the feedback from Old Boys far and wide was that this year's gathering has raised the bar. A significant momentum is gathering gents. Because of you, we are growing into a significant tribe of strength and reach, moving forward with a unified resolve.

This was possibly the largest gathering of Old Boys in our history. The physical impact this has had on the current crop of youngsters cannot be underestimated, and will be something they will never forget. Seeing over three hundred Old Boys walk into assembly on Friday to an ovation from the boys that never seemed to end, was a powerful moment for me, and I am sure there were a few teary fellows in the audience. It was a special moment, and many gents commented on it over the weekend.

To every single old boy who took the time to attend Old Boys weekend and celebrate this unique brotherhood of ours, we salute you. To those who were unable to join us, we missed you and cannot wait to welcome you home next year. It is a weekend not to be missed.

From my perspective, and looking to the future, I truly hope that this weekend will not be seen as one just reserved for milestone years, but one that Old Boy's who are able to, and from every year would attend simply because it is good to return home and reconnect with your Griffin family.

The truth remains, that there is a direct correlation between how a school performs, and the strength of its alumni body, and we want to honour you all because of this. Westville is in good hands.

From the committee and I, we are privileged to serve this school and you, our fellow Griffins, and we are excited about the impact that we, the old boys will have on this 'damn fine institution' going forward. Here's to taking over the world one Griffin at a time!!

Much love to you all

Jubala!!!!!!!

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8 June 2026

A Letter of Respect and Love for the brotherhood of W.B.H.S after the Old Boys Weekend

I wanted to write down my thoughts to remember and share some of the observations and discussions I was a part of during the 4-day visit to WBHS from 3 – 6 June 2026.

Starting with the 1300+ young men on your journey entering adulthood:

When walking around the school, I observed a lot of teenage banter, laughter and obvious enjoyment you have growing up with your mates. This was not a surprise to me. I was however pleasantly surprised observing the respect shown to an old man walking around, the very mature and meaningful conversations I had with some of you fine young men, and the committed passion that I observed on the hockey and rugby fields over the weekend. As you take your place in the communities you serve in your adult life, may you keep demonstrating those qualities highlighted above. Thank you!

To the 1st team Hockey & Rugby Players:

You must have experienced a lot of emotion building up to your fine performances.

The emotion of it being your last game of the year and for some of you, your last games in the jersey. The emotion of the Old Boys assembly (more on that later) and the emotion of the crowds cheering you on must have been tough.

Well done managing that emotion, probable stress and expectation you may have felt stepping onto the field. You made yourselves proud and lifted the hearts of those who came to watch you perform.

As you enter a life after school, you may not always have so many people physically supporting and cheering you on as you take on other challenges, and that's when your character will continue to be tested. From what I observed, you young men have character... please keep demonstrating that character as you pay forward your learnings with those who are coming through after you in your final few months.

To all the leadership and staff of WBHS:

Thank you for guiding the young men through this phase of their life. Your job and the impact that you have is probably not celebrated well enough. Speaking with educators, boarder masters, old boys' association leaders, committee members and a few parents, I was truly uplifted listening to how the focus is on integrity, discipline, respect & brotherhood. Often these are just words on a wall. To me, it appeared more than that. Example of the Tone at the top matters – THANK YOU

Finally, to that assembly:

You pupils may only realise the emotion you evoked cheering and applauding those 'old ballies' like me, when you one day walk in and experience the emotion of the day for yourself in years to come.

I loved Stephen Blewitt's message.

'We are all ordinary, but we have the possibility to be extraordinary.'

Then there was the jersey hand over. From Old Boys to Current Boys, from big Brothers to little Brothers, and from Fathers to Sons.

That entire experience just reminded me of the roles we are called on to participate in our journey of life. Whether we are the one passing on responsibility, or receiving responsibility, we all have the responsibility to do our best with that privilege and set an example for those who are still to come. If we as individuals stop trying, we break that chain. If we do keep trying, we can build our brotherhood. That might just help us achieve the extraordinary that our communities so desperately need.

May we all, pupils, educators & Old Boys alike continue striving to be extraordinary, and may we keep helping, encouraging and supporting our fellow brothers in our communities to achieve 'extraordinary-ness' in the years to come.

For me, that's what it means to be a Griffin. It was humbling to be reminded of it this weekend.

Thank you all

-Anonymous



Forty Years On: The Class of '86

In 1872 Edward Bowen, a Harrow schoolmaster, wrote a school song of unusual power, and the power lies in its subject: the future. "Forty years on, when afar and asunder, parted are those who are singing today," it begins, asking a hall of eighteen-year-olds to imagine themselves old, scattered by life and drawn back by memory to the school that made them. Nobody understands those words at eighteen – I didn't. The song knows this and it does not mind. It is less a song than a letter posted forty years ahead, written to be understood on arrival.

Last week, forty years on, my letter arrived. I walked back through the gates of Westville Boys' High School. The occasion was my 40-year reunion, and the arithmetic of the visit deserves a pause.

I matriculated from Westville Boys' High in 1986. When I walked through the gates as a Standard Six boy in 1982, the school was 27 years old. This year it turns 71. The school has now added more years since I left than it had accumulated before I arrived. Somewhere inside that span, a school became an institution, and the difference between the two is the difference between a building and a foundation. A school is bricks, timetables, and teachers. An institution is a set of principles, values, and beliefs that outlasts every individual who carries them. Walking back in, I felt the institutional weight immediately and physically: an inescapable sense of belonging, of being anchored to something larger than any name on any honours board – and an overwhelming sense of pride.

Institutions of this kind are built by custodians, and I can name mine. Roy Couzens took the headmastership in July 1983, my second year at the school, and I grew under his eye and hand until I matriculated. The school later converted its old hall into a theatre and named it after him, and his passing has not dimmed what he built into the boys of that era. In Roy Couzens' words we were the members of a "damn fine institution". Trevor Hall, the first Old Boy to lead the school, carried the headmastership for more than two decades before retiring in 2019, and the student centre now bears his name. A school that names its buildings after its headmasters is telling you something about how it keeps score: not in trophies, but in builders.

Last Friday morning the school cheered the returning old boys into the assembly hall. Thirteen hundred boys and young men, on their feet, applauding men they had never met, on the understanding that one day the applause will be for them. I found it profoundly moving, and I was not alone. Then, somewhere in the proceedings came the jest that needed no explaining: "this is our house" because teams from a rival school Michaelhouse would be arriving to play rugby the following day.

Reconnecting with the people who were foundational to my own making felt like drinking from a fountain. Old bridges were reinforced, new bridges were built, and a few bridges that had sagged over four decades were quietly repaired. That is what a reunion is for, though nobody prints it on the invitation. And none of it happens by gravity. The Class of '86 gathered because our classmate Billy Harker galvanised it, tracking down matriculants scattered across four decades and several continents, and the reunion stands as his handiwork.

After the assembly was opened with welcoming words, Stephen Blewett from the Class of '86 addressed the hall. Stephen now runs MTN Ghana, having earlier led MTN's businesses in Cameroon and Benin, which is to say he has spent his career building connection across a continent. He stood in front of the school and promised the assembly one piece of shocking news, one piece of good news, and four choices.

Stephen delivered the shocking news first: "You are more ordinary than you think." Imagine landing that on thirteen hundred boys who have just spent the moment cheering. "You may not feel ordinary," he told them, "but right now you are, and so was every man you have just applauded into this hall." He went on: "The good news hides inside the word itself. Extraordinary is just ordinary with something added, and the something is not issued at birth or handed out with the blazer. It is chosen, daily, long after the school gates close behind you." The proof was sitting in the hall: every old boy present, he said, is extraordinary, even if they do not look it from the outside (a decent jab is tradition). Don't judge a book by its cover, or, for this generation, an app by its icon.

Then Stephen's four choices, and each one is a fork in the road.

You can choose discipline as the guiding principle in every activity you undertake, or you can wait for motivation, which keeps no appointments. You can choose to pursue passion, anchored not to where you are now but to where you could be, or you can let the fires die. You can choose perseverance, holding to words attributed to Nelson Mandela, that it always seems impossible until it is done, or you can take impossible at its word. And you can choose connection, letting the connections formed at school become the template for deeper and wider bonds through life, or you can let it thin into an annual handshake.

Blewett (as schoolboys we generally used last names or nicknames) closed with an invitation: "We look forward to welcoming you on the other side of ordinary." After the assembly, I tested his fourth choice against the evidence. I went looking for my Standard Six desk and found it with Charl Tostée – my friend of forty-four years who sat beside me in 1982. Two boys assigned adjacent seats by nothing more deliberate than an alphabet and a timetable, still standing side by side in the same room four decades later. Stephen's argument, proven at a wooden desk.

As the gathering broke up, Stephen left the boys with a final charge. Thrive. You will experience wins and losses. There will be lessons learned. This is your history. Your story. What will you do with it?

That evening I had the chance to speak with Graham Steele, the school's tenth headmaster, who arrived from Kimberley Boys' High in 2019 and now adds his own layer to the institution that Roy Couzens and Trevor Hall built before him. Our conversation kept circling a single question: what does it take to build a school? Not to run one, which is administration, but to build one. The answer, we agreed, is the answer the reunion embodied. You inherit something you did not create; you tend it as though it were your own, and you hand it on stronger than you found it, knowing the dividends will be collected by boys you will never teach. A headmaster is a custodian with a deadline. The institution is the compounding.

The next day, the first XV took the assembly's jest literally and beat Michaelhouse on Bowden's. I promised not to gloat, so I will simply record that the house held.

Which brings me back to the song, because the song is a question, and forty years is how long it takes to earn an answer. If I could find the boy sitting at that desk in 1986, in the weeks before he stood in the hall at his final assembly, I would tell him this. The school is not behind you; it is beneath you. The four choices are real, and you will make them daily, mostly without noticing. The losses will teach you more than the wins, though you will only agree with this much later. And the friendships forged in that room are not the warm-up act for your life. They are the load-bearing structure.

I celebrate every member of the Class of '86 who made the journey back. Those of us fortunate enough to be in the room salute those who could not be, absent from the hall yet resident and ever-present in our lives. And we remembered the men, in some cases still boys, whom life has taken too soon. Bowen wrote it into the song's first line a century and a half ago: afar and asunder, parted are those who are singing today. Some partings are geography. Some are not. Our connection holds across both.

In November, a new matric class will stand in that hall. Bowen's words hold – even if the boys understand almost none of them. That is exactly as it should be. The song is patient. It will wait forty years for each of them, the way it waited for me, and when they walk back through those gates in 2066 the school will be 111 years old, the applause will rise to meet them, and the question will still be standing there, fresh as the day it was written. What will you do with it?

-Dr Adrian Saville



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Class of '91

On the other side of ordinary

Good morning, Headmaster Mr Graham Steele, teachers, boys and my fellow Old Boys. Today, I want to leave you with one piece of shocking news, one piece of good news, and four choices that I believe can change your life.

The shocking news...

You are more ordinary than you think.

That may sound harsh, but right now, sitting in these classrooms, wearing the same uniform, playing on the same fields and following the same routines, you're much like everyone around you. At this stage of your lives, there isn't much that separates one of you from another.

Now for the good news...

You don't have to stay ordinary.

When you walk through the gates of this incredible school for the last time, you have the opportunity to become extraordinary.

As I look around today at the generations of Old Boys gathered here, I see men who have become leaders in business, education, medicine, law, engineering, sport and countless other fields. They may not all look extraordinary on the outside, but don't judge a book by its cover—or, for your generation, don't judge an app by its icon.

What makes them extraordinary isn't luck. It isn't talent alone. It isn't where they came from. It's the choices they made.

If you can take these four choices with you when you leave Westville Boys' High School, I genuinely believe you can build an extraordinary life, whatever path you choose.

Choose Discipline

Make discipline the guiding principle in everything you do.

There will be days when you don't feel motivated. There will be times when it's easier to take shortcuts or settle for "good enough". That's when discipline matters most.

Talent might get you noticed, but discipline will keep you moving forward long after talent alone has reached its limit.

Be disciplined in your studies. Be disciplined in your relationships. Be disciplined in your work ethic. Above all, be disciplined in your character.

The habits you build today will become the foundation of the man you become tomorrow.

Choose Passion

Passion isn't determined by where you are today—it's driven by where you believe you could be. Every great achievement begins with someone who cares enough to chase something bigger than themselves.

Find what excites you. Find what gives you purpose. Don't be afraid to dream bigger than your circumstances.

Your future will never be limited by where you started, only by how passionately you're prepared to pursue where you want to go.

Choose Perseverance

Nelson Mandela once said:

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Those words couldn't be more true.

Life will challenge you. You'll experience disappointment. You'll fail at things you desperately wanted to succeed in.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary isn't avoiding failure—it's refusing to let failure have the final word.

Keep showing up.

Keep learning.

Keep believing.

Keep going.

The people you admire most aren't those who've never been knocked down. They're the ones who kept getting back up.

Choose Connections

One of the greatest gifts this school gives you isn't found in a classroom.

It's the brotherhood.

The friendships you build here are unlike any others. Some of the boys sitting beside you today will become your closest friends for the rest of your life. Others may become your business partners, your mentors, your supporters and the people who stand beside you during life's greatest triumphs and toughest challenges.

Treasure those friendships.

But don't stop there.

Continue building meaningful connections wherever life takes you. Success is rarely achieved alone. The relationships you invest in will often prove more valuable than any title, qualification or accolade you collect along the way.

So embrace the change that lies ahead.

Walk confidently into the next chapter of your life knowing that this school has given you far more than an education. It has given you values, friendships and a foundation on which to build something extraordinary.

We, your extraordinary brothers, look forward to welcoming you on the other side of ordinary.



REUNION WEEKEND



Charles Webber 1986



Grant Hill 1976 Captain
Lwandile Mlaba 2026 Captain



Dean Hayden, Rhett and Mark Dahl



Ryan de beer, Ian Robertson
Pam Hayward, Richard Payne



'The Legend'



Curt Stefano & Andy Mackay



Class of '76

SPORTS WRAP UP



2026 Winter Sports Season Report By Pam Hayward, Director of Sport

The 2026 winter sports season has been an outstanding one for Westville Boys' High School. Across our sporting codes, our boys have competed with pride and distinction, producing excellent results while continuing to build the depth, character and culture of excellence that define Westville sport.

Rugby

Westville established itself as one of the leading attacking forces in South African schoolboy rugby, with all four A teams making their debut at the prestigious Wildeklaar Tournament.

All four elite teams finished inside the national top 15, while our U14A, U15A and U16A teams each lost just one KZN fixture. The programme produced 21 provincial representatives and two SA Schools players, with First XV captain Lwandile Mlaba named SA Schools captain.

The First XV remained unbeaten at home on Bowdens for the second consecutive year and maintained its unbeaten record at the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. The Griffins scored an impressive 517 points, averaging a 34–18 scoreline across the season.

Hockey

The 1st XI enjoyed a memorable season, winning all four matches at the KES Easter Hockey Festival on their return to the tournament for the first time since 2019. At the Hibbert Shield, Westville achieved its best-ever finish of sixth place, finishing as the highest-ranked KZN school. Highlights included a 2–2 draw against nationally top-ranked SACS and victories over Garsfontein and St Stithians.

The wider programme also enjoyed tremendous success, with U16 recording a 73% winning percentage and U14B completing an unbeaten season with 14 wins and two draws from 16 matches.



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Volleyball

It was a fantastic season for volleyball, with the 15A, 2nd and 1st teams all crowned League Winners, reflecting the continued growth of the programme.

Tennis

Westville achieved a clean sweep in the KZN Schools Tennis League, with Teams 1, 2 and 3 all winning their respective divisions.

Squash

Squash recorded seven wins from eight matches, while producing six KZN representatives. We also welcomed High Performance Coach Chris Moody to the programme.

Golf

The 1st Golf team were crowned KZN Inter-Schools Champions at Victoria Country Club. At the Sun City Festival, both our A and B teams finished inside the top six of 32 schools.

Badminton & Chess

Our 1st Badminton team were crowned SA Inter-Schools Champions, while our Chess team were crowned KZN Champions at the Alex Forbes Provincial Tournament.

Growing Our Sporting Offering

This year also saw the addition of Mountain Biking and Padel to our sporting offering, providing our boys with even more opportunities to participate, compete and discover new passions.

A Season to Celebrate

The 2026 winter season has showcased the incredible strength, depth and ambition of sport at Westville Boys' High School.

While the trophies, rankings and representative honours are certainly worth celebrating, our greatest achievement remains the development of young men who demonstrate resilience, discipline, teamwork and character both on and off the field.

Our sincere thanks go to our coaches, managers, medical and support staff, parents, sponsors and, most importantly, our players for their commitment throughout the season.

Congratulations to every boy who represented Westville this winter. You have done your school proud and continued to build on the proud sporting tradition of the Griffins.

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WOBA Chairman Mike Falkson



Thomas Rist and Dieter Kriese



Chad Lee 1st Hockey



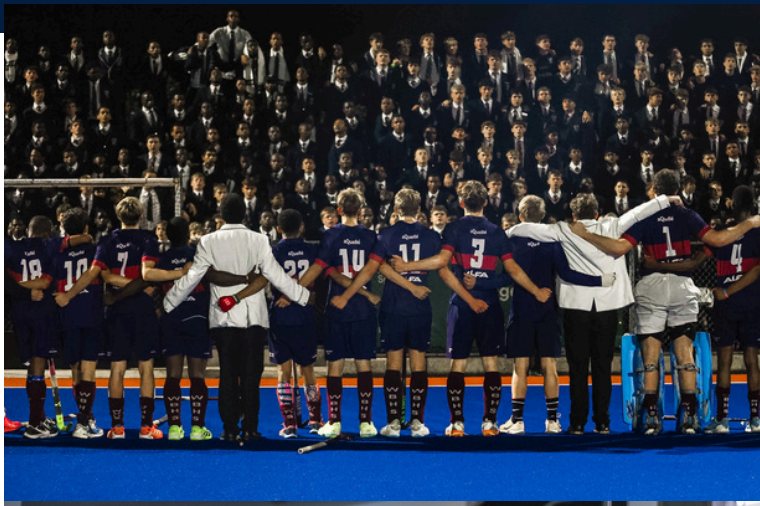
**2026 Craven Week & SA Schools Captain
Lwandile Mlaba**



Top Try Scorer: Jadrian Afrikaner



1st XV 2026



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From Westville to Fulham: The UK Old Boys Come Together

On 18th July, a corner of Fulham became, for a few hours, a little patch of Westville. Some 60 Old Boys gathered in a London garden setting for our annual UK reunion — and by every measure, it was one to remember.

What struck us most this year was not just the size of the turnout, but the distances some of you covered to be there. While the majority made the short hop from in and around London, we were humbled by Old Boys who travelled from the Isle of Wight, from Scotland, from Ireland, and even from Germany, to spend a day with fellow Griffins. That is no small effort, and it speaks volumes about what this school continues to mean to so many of us, decades on and thousands of kilometers from home. To all of you: thank you for making the journey, and for reminding the rest of us what real commitment to the old school looks like.

A particular highlight came when Mark Dahl (Class of 1986) took to the floor to share his experience of attending the reunion back in South Africa in June. Mark brought a piece of home to us in the most fitting way — by reading from Dr Adrian Saville's letter reflecting on 40 years on, and on what Westville has meant to him and his classmates across the decades. It was a reminder that whether you're standing on the fields at Westville or gathered in a garden in Fulham, the bond forged in those school years doesn't fade — if anything, it deepens.

There was, too, a quieter and more reflective moment, as we remembered those Old Boys who are no longer with us. It is never easy to hold both celebration and remembrance in the same space, but it felt right that we did — a testament to the fact that once a Griffin, always a Griffin, and that those who have gone before us remain very much part of this community.



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Lawrence Payne then read out a message from past Headmaster and Old Boy Trevor Hall, who spoke warmly of his gratitude to the UK contingent for continuing to support their alma mater from so far afield. Coming from a man who led the school, that message landed with real weight, and it's a sentiment we know is shared by everyone back at Westville today.

And then, in true Old Boy fashion, Simon Stiebel (Class of 1992) brought proceedings to a close the only way we know how — with a spirited, perfectly timed Jubala, much to the bewilderment (and, we'd like to think, delight) of the hotel guests peering down from their rooms above the garden. If nothing else, London now knows a little more about Westville spirit.

To everyone who attended, who travelled, who spoke, who remembered, and who sang — thank you. Days (and evenings) like this don't happen by accident; they happen because people choose, year after year, to show up for each other and for the school that shaped them.

We look forward to returning to Fulham next year, and we hope — as we always do — that the support, the numbers, and the Griffin spirit continue to grow.
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Westville Boarding on the Move

We are extremely excited - and immensely proud - to announce a major milestone in the future of boarding at Westville: the school has acquired No. 2 Dunbar Road from Old Boy Leo Kroone.

The Kroone family have been neighbours to Westville for more than 50 years. It is a measure of their deep affection for this school that, understanding the value and importance of boarding to Westville and the ever-growing demand for it, they chose to sell to us. On behalf of the entire Griffin community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Leo and the Kroone family for their generosity of spirit and their faith in what this school is building for the boys who will come after us.

In the short term, the property will become home to an additional 30 boarders from 2027 - welcome breathing room for a boarding community that has simply outgrown its current footprint. But the real vision extends further. The plan is to develop No. 2 Dunbar Road into a 100-bed boarding establishment that will meet demand through to 2030, growing our total boarding numbers to approximately 300 - a scale that would have been unimaginable to many of us in our own school days.

The development won't stop at boarding. It will also include a dedicated learning space for the Brave Generation Academy, accommodating 100 students on a daily basis. Demand for this online Pearson-curriculum offering has grown significantly in recent years, and it complements and strengthens Westville's overall offering to the greater community - another way in which this school continues to open its doors wider, without ever losing sight of who we are.

This is, without question, one of the most significant developments in Westville's boarding history in a generation. We will communicate further as the project takes shape - and we will say plainly now: we are going to need as much help as possible from our Griffin community to bring this project home.

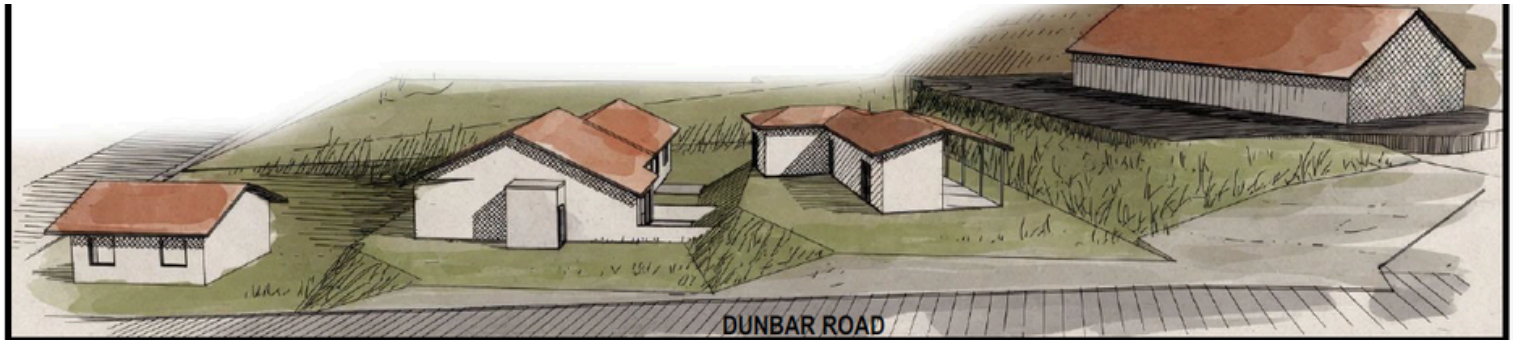
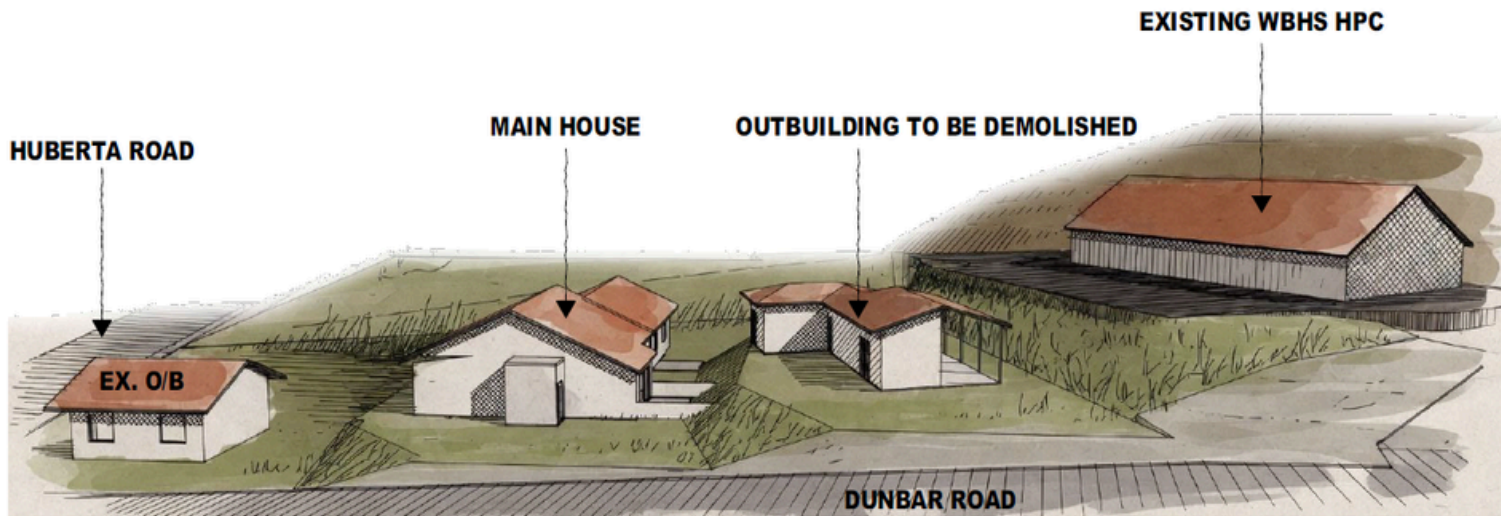
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SCHEDULE OF ACCOMODATION ACHIEVED

- 98 Total New Boarding Beds [76 on Ground Floor - Lower Floor may be reduced]
- 5 x Boarding Masters
- 1 x New Staff Flat (2 Bedroom)
- 1 x Refurbished Staff Flat (2 Bedroom)
- WC & Showers
- Common Room
- Kitchen
- Brave Generation Academy Venue
 - 528m² Total Floor Area inc. Ablutions, Kitchen & Office. Approx. for 100 students.
 - Bridge Access to School



Griffin Pride: SA Schools Honors



We are incredibly proud to announce that our First XV Captain, Lwandile Mlaba, and Vice-Captain, Luxolo Sonkononkono, have been selected to represent SA Schools in 2026.

Following a standout 2025 season, Lwandile's exceptional performances and leadership saw him named Captain of the SA Schools team — a tremendous honour and a fitting recognition of his dedication, character and commitment on the field. Luxolo has also earned his place in the SA U18 team following a stellar performance on tour, further highlighting his talent and potential at the highest level.

We look forward to watching both of our Griffins represent their country as they take on Wales at the end of August.

Congratulations, Lwandile and Luxolo! We are incredibly proud of you both. Well done, men!

First Hockey Captain Tyhil Naidoo has been selected for SA U18B for the second year in a row. Tyhil will be touring to Zimbabwe at the end of August. We are incredibly proud of you, champ!





Slade Young
SA Junior Boxing Champ
75kg category



Scott Clemmett has been selected to represent Triathlon SA at the World Champs Age Group Category in Pontevedra, Spain in September this year.



Everraud Raynard. South African Waterpolo vice-captain for the U16 World Championship taking place in Zagreb, Croatia.



Luke Lambert and **Ahluma Stefane** have been selected for SA U16 Hockey, they will tour to Zimbabwe at the end of August.

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SA MASTERS

Old Boys in Action: Dolphins Claim Over-50s Crown

There are few things that make us prouder than seeing Griffins out on the field of play, and this May gave us plenty to celebrate. Four Old Boys — Charles Webber (Class of '86), Andrew Maccallum (Class of '90), Grant Durose (Class of '92) and Murray Clarke (Class of '93) — were all selected to represent their province at the Over-50s Inter-Provincial Tournament, held in Gauteng.

It was a campaign to remember. The Dolphins made light work of the group stage, seeing off Western Province, the Lions and Eastern Province in turn to book their place in the final. Waiting for them there were last year's champions, a formidable Border side.

Set 262 to chase in 45 overs, the Dolphins kept their composure when it mattered most, getting the runs down with five wickets in hand and 19 balls to spare. It was a fitting way to cap off the tournament, and a proud moment for all four Old Boys who played their part in bringing the trophy home.

The story didn't end there. Charles Webber and Grant Durose have both been selected to represent South Africa at the upcoming African Cup in Zimbabwe this October, where they'll take on England, Wales, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

From all of us at Westville: congratulations to our Old Boys on a superb tournament — and to Charles and Grant, the very best of luck in Zimbabwe. We'll be watching the scores closely and cheering you on from home.



A Flying Start to Term 3 for Football

Term 3 has kicked off in spectacular fashion for our football teams, with the U14A and U15A teams both claiming victory in their respective age-group tournaments. The First XI capped off an outstanding start to the term by winning the prestigious 'Big 10' Tournament at Hilton. This is a fantastic achievement for the team and marks the first time Westville has won this tournament.

We are incredibly proud of our boys and coaches, whose discipline, character, teamwork and determination have been on full display throughout these competitions. Their performances are a true reflection of what it means to be a Griffin.

Congratulations to all involved — we look forward to seeing what the rest of Term 3 has in store!



Thank you

We extend our sincere thanks to the Wessels Trust for their generous contribution towards the development of six new science laboratories at Westville Boys' High School. Following a successful application process, we are incredibly grateful for the Trust's support and investment in our boys' education. This generous donation will help us create modern, purpose-built spaces that inspire curiosity, innovation and a love of science for generations to come.



A heartfelt thank you to the Class of 1986 for their generous contribution towards the renovation of our breezeway. This beautifully renewed space provides a fitting home for our Honours Boards, ensuring that the achievements and legacy of generations of Westville boys can be proudly displayed and remembered. Your continued connection to the school and commitment to leaving a lasting legacy is deeply appreciated.



Class visits to the WBHS Archives and the Old Scorebook.

'Doc Collier speaks about the pleasure of introducing his grade 8(standard 6) boys to the WBHS Archives and explaining some of the exhibits and features to youngsters. Most of them found the material fascinating, as suggested by their questioning and lingering on afterwards. The history of the archives comes in so many different forms, via documents, photos , honours boards, trophies, past uniforms, badges and so many more items which represent the short history of "the best young school in the country!"

One of the more recent items was big and heavy! No not a new generation rugby forward but the impressive WBHS 1st XI cricket scorebook covering the period 1988 to 1994. This beautifully bound book contains the record of interschool matches between WBHS 1st XI and their local opponents and some illustrious cricketing schools from outside of KZN.

The scoring book is of a high quality, neat and very detailed. Perhaps the scoring in the book matches the quality of scoring out on the cricket field.

Half of this scorebook records the performances of Westville's best cricketers during those years.

The book has all the details of great batting partnerships, hundreds scored, wickets taken, ducks, wides bowled and a lot more. The first entry in this scorebook, lists Ryan Hathrill and Keith Horne opening the WBHS innings and later Gareth Scott and Darryl Harding leading the bowling attack. It matters little that the latter conceded 44 runs off his 16 overs for his one wicket.

WBHS has produced many fine cricketers, but what of the opposition at the time? The old scorebook includes L. Klusener (DHS), D. Bekenstein(Michaelhouse), S. Pollock (Northwood), J. Kallis (Wynberg), M. Ntini(Dale College) and B. Dippenaar (Grey College) all to become international cricketers later in their careers.'

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FRIDAY, 9 OCT 2026



08H00 - 10H00



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THURSDAY 27TH MAY – MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY 28TH MAY – OLD BOYS' ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL TOUR, OLD
BOYS' DINNER, HOCKEY VS GLENWOOD

SATURDAY 29TH MAY – RUGBY VS GLENWOOD

The **Griffin Legacy Network** was established in 2023 with the aim of providing support to the WBHS Foundation in its efforts to enhance the school's Boarding facilities. Originally conceived as a network exclusively for Old Boys, it has evolved to encompass the participation of current students' parents and the parents of former Old Boys.

To join the #GriffinNetwork, simply visit www.woba.co.za and follow the instructions to choose from the available options. For as little as R50 per month, you can help the Westville Boys' High School Foundation accomplish its Boarding Establishment and Campus enhancement objectives. If you wish to include your business in this network, kindly reach out to business@wbhs.co.za. The process takes less than 2 minutes and is managed by a reputable and trusted online payment service.

All legacy donors will receive a #GriffinNetwork card, which will serve as your gateway to accessing numerous benefits offered by our partners including free entry to our annual Old Boy dinners. Once processed online, your card will be promptly made up either for collection or delivery no matter where you are in the world.

At the end of each year, every month or new Old Boy is gifted membership for 5 years. We trust that they will, thereafter, support this initiative and become Legacy Donors themselves. YOU can help us achieve a sustainable, annuity driven source of much needed income to keep our beloved school in demand and the leader in its class!

"What we do matters"



Old Boys' who sign up before the end of October get a **free AI course**, courtesy of **Netelligent**.



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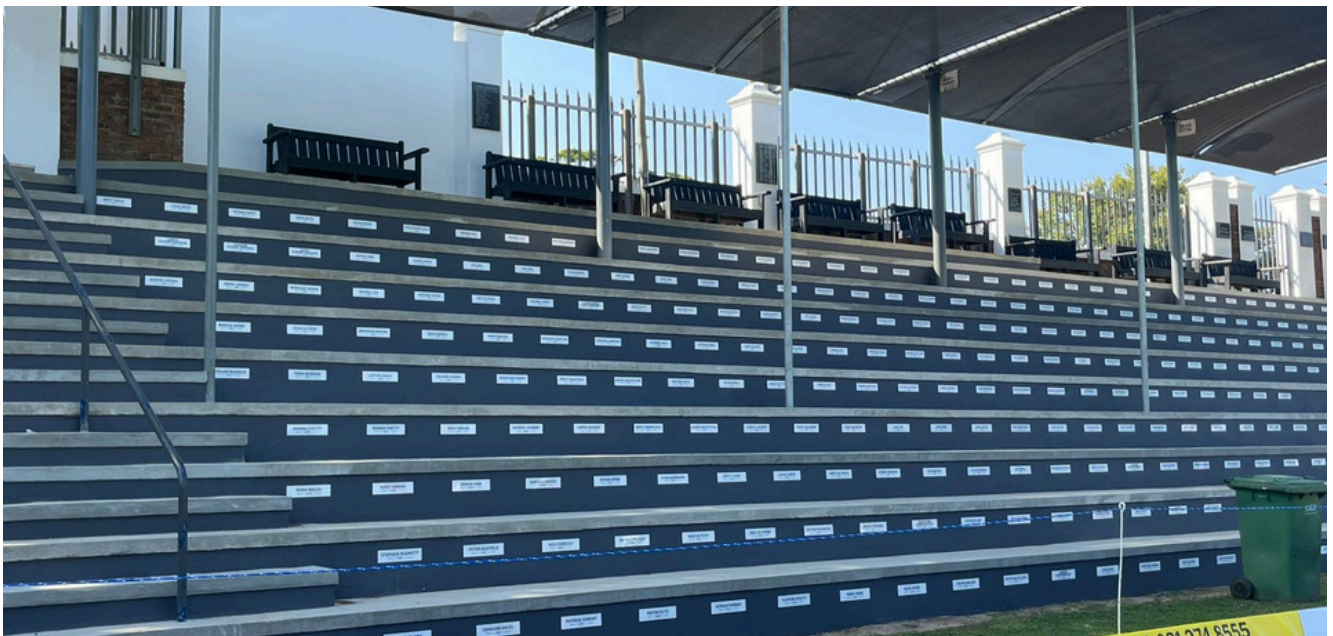
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Phases 1 and 2 of the Bowdens Stand Project have been successfully completed, marking an exciting milestone in the continued development of our school. As we move into the next stage, Phases 3 and 4 are now underway, bringing us closer to the completion of this exciting vision.

This progress would not have been possible without the incredible generosity and support of our Old Boys and current Griffins. Every contribution has helped create a lasting legacy for our school community — one that will be enjoyed by generations of Griffins to come.

If you would like to be part of the journey and leave your mark on Bowdens, plaques are still available for purchase via www.woba.co.za.

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