



Welcome to 2023

Academic excellence is our goal at Jeppe High School for Boys and we celebrate the achievements of our top scholars in 2022

It is hard to believe that we are already well and truly into the new academic year and yet it's easily believable when one considers all that has already happened.

It has been a hugely productive time at the school with various events, milestone moments and great opportunities having been available to our boys and the community as a whole.

As we began our 133rd year we welcomed a wonderful group of new Grade 8s, an impressive collection of new staff and many excited familiar faces back to Good Hope Street.

The holistic programme at school has been relentlessly busy with the various activities all kicking into gear from the outset of the year.

The primary focus of this newsletter is of course around the academic start to the year – featuring, in particular, the prize winners at the 2022 Academic Prize Giving ceremony, the Matric results and more on the opening of the Innovation Hub.

The Academic Prize Giving, a hallmark occasion in any school's calendar, was a celebration of outstanding achievement and a special occasion for our boys to be addressed by Mr Paul Edey, an educational leader within

South Africa – having spent 24 years as a headmaster at St David's, St Andrew's College and St John's. Well done to all those who took home subject and other prizes – may it inspire you and others to even greater heights moving forward

On Friday 3rd February, the Johannesburg East District held their awards ceremony – celebrating the top achieving learners and educators in the district in 2022. Our congratulations and appreciation to three educators – Mrs Kemp (HOD Dramatic Arts), Mrs Theunissen (HOD Geography) and Mr van Dorp (Visual Arts) on being the Top Achieving Educators in the District for their respective subjects. Jason Bailie received the top student award for both EGD and Visual Arts, while Devon Lacy was the top achieving learner in Life Orientation.

We were able to officially open our academic Innovation Hub on Wednesday, 8th February. This has been a clear case of a long held dream becoming a reality.

The academic development of our school over the past 15 years has been nothing short of outstanding - raising standards across the board and developing a culture of both academic excellence and respectful appreciation. This

improvement, driven by great educators and leaders over two decades, and ultimately spearheaded by Mr Dale Jackson's own conviction and the support of a wonderful old boy community, saw the bringing to life of a multi-million rand, multi-purpose and state-of-the-art building.

A culture of progress and continued growth needs to be fed and maintained - such a building and, as importantly, what it represents to the boys and the school, is a five-star serving in this regard.

We are currently fully into the Cycle Test Programme and I want to encourage all our learners to manage their time, prioritise effectively and to communicate when they feel they are under increased pressure. There are many support structures and resources available to assist you in achieving your academic goals. Ultimately, as a learner in my Grade 11 FND (Forti Nihil Difficilius) class - leadership and discussion - pointed out, learners must also take responsibility for their own learning and habits. He mentioned, in particular, his own unhealthy relationship with his phone and its distractions, leading to incomplete work and increased tiredness.

While at Jeppe we are unapologetic in our goal to

help young men become the best version of themselves and good, all-round people, there is no doubt that one of the cornerstones of any great school should be to give learners the opportunity to perform to their best academically and to open as many doors as possible for them in their future. The school, old boys and parents have all invested heavily in this – be sure to play your part, too, gentlemen!

Lastly, I want to reiterate my welcome and our excitement regarding the new academic educators who joined us at the start of the year. The energy and impact of the new staff has been tangible.

As many know, one of the increasingly unique factors of our school is the holistic involvement of our staff. The ability of educators to wear different hats is crucial to the building of relationships and community within our school.

Through this we foster an environment where our boys are genuinely cared for by their educators, as boys, too, come to genuinely appreciate their educators.

All our new educators have thoroughly leaned into this expectation and privilege at Jeppe High School for Boys and we are better for it.

**- Mr Peter Murison,
Acting Headmaster**

Academic Prize Giving Assembly

The annual Academic Prize Giving Assembly was held on the morning of 2 February. It was staged during the school day instead of in the evening so that the entire school could be present, with the aim of emphasising that the academic programme is the most important thing that happens at school.

It was hoped that the boys will be inspired by seeing what the top learners in each grade have achieved.

Certificates were presented to the top three boys in each subject throughout the grades and the top 10 lists at the end of 2022 were announced.

Mr Paul Edey, former headmaster of St John's College, was the guest speaker, and Devon Lacy, Jason Bailie, Calvin Stevens, Ethan Naidoo and Jordan Eshen, the top achievers in the 2022 Matric examinations were present.

Five subject prizes, or more

Grade 8

Jaiden Taylor -7|
Adam Lacy - 9

Grade 9

Damon Elgar - 5
Thomas Baigent - 8
James Babcock - 9

Grade 10

Yusuf Syed - 7

Grade 11

Zaeem Fakir - 5
Raees Hassen - 5
Gianni Roman - 5



Colours Awards

Half Colours Re-awards

Connor Wait
Fortune Phiri
Praise Machonisa
Thembani Shabangu
Ushdir Singh

Full Colours Re-awards

Abraham Potgieter
Antheo Naidoo
Dylan Steenberg
Ethan Serra Coelho
Gianni Roman
Pule Langa
Raees Hassen
Tsepiso Tsotetsi
Zaeem Fakir

New Half Colours Awards

Miguel de Jesus
Thendo Ndwamise
Garrett Pahl
Daniel Zanninello

New Full Colours Awards

Connor Bell
Garon van der Merwe

New Half Colours Gr 10

Jake Franken
Kai Fynn
Joshua Gashawbeza
Christopher Habig
Foaz Mahomed
Nathan Newete
Muhammad Surtee
Luca Trevisan

New Full Colours Gr 10

Seth Fabry
Yusuf Syed
Cameron Webb



GRADE 8

10th	Daniel Bray	8G	80,42%
9th	Carter Lindsay	8G	81,56%
8th	Joshua de Saldanha	8F	82,46%
7th	Daniel Grace	8G	83,70%
6th	Sphosethu Nhlengethwa	8F	83,86%
5th	Oarabile Mbaba	8F	85,91%
4th	Jason Pressly	8G	86,21%
3rd	Cian Pather	8E	87,58%
2nd	Jaiden Taylor	8G	89,34%
1st	Adam Lacy	8G	92,77%

Most improved Grade 8 learner:

Joshua de Saldanha improved his average by 11,5%

GRADE 9

10th	Tshiamo Molefe	9G	85,23%
9th	Luke Gray	9G	85,35%
8th	Daniello Agrizzi	9G	86,08%
7th	Rhys Robinson	9G	86,62%
6th	Kevin Ngumi	9G	86,63%
5th	Aidan De Koning	9G	87,74%
4th	Chidubem Obiedelu	9G	88,02%
3rd	Damon Elgar	9G	89,56%
2nd	Thomas Baigent	9G	90,08%
1st	James Babcock	9G	94,41%

Most improved Grade 9 learner:

Luke Pearson improved his average by 7,46%

GRADE 10

10th	Muhammad Surtee	10G	80,38%
9th	Nathan Newete	10G	80,75%
8th	Foaz Mahomed	10G	81,32%
7th	Luca Trevisan	10G	81,70%
6th	Joshua Gashawbeza	10G	82,23%
5th	Kai Fynn	10G	83,53%
4th	Jake Franken	10F	83,83%
3rd	Cameron Webb	10G	84,36%
2nd	Seth Fabry	10G	85,41%
1st	Yusuf Syed	10G	88,24%

Most improved Grade 10 learner:

Matthew Mendoza improved his average by 7,23%

GRADE 11

10th	Tsepiso Tsotetsi	11G	86,64%
9th	Garon Van Der Merwe	11G	87,14%
8th	Abraham Potgieter	11G	87,69%
7th	Ethan Serra Coelho	11G	88,08%
6th	Pule Langa	11G	88,51%
5th	Connor Bell	11G	88,69%
4th	Dylan Steenberg	11G	89,35%
3rd	Zaeem Fakir	11G	90,60%
2nd	Raees Hassen	11G	91,33%
1st	Gianni Roman	11G	92,10%

Most improved Grade 11 learner:

Kyle Jackson improved his average by 10,24%

The Matrics of 2022 did us proud

Our policy of placing academic excellence at the centre of everything we do at Jeppe High School for Boys continued to pay dividends in 2022. There was only one failure, the vast majority of the boys achieved Bachelor passes, and there were many distinctions earned.

Earlier this term we were delighted to welcome Devon Lacy, Jason Bailie and many of the 2022 matric class back to campus to receive the results of their final examinations.

As I have mentioned before, I have huge admiration for this group of Jeppe High School for Boys alumni.

The challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic for society were as unique as they were similar – with everyone facing the same pandemic but each within the constraints of their own unique circumstances.

With the Grade 10 and 11 years of the matric class of 2022 largely affected by the pandemic, the challenge of starting the FET phase of their three-year matric journey off-campus, in a largely remote learning world was not one which should be underestimated.

As a group, this class will always have my respect and appreciation – their example was second to none and their results, including a 99.5% pass rate, distinctions in both Further Studies Mathematics and English, as well as their behaviour and, most importantly of all, their great care and desire to leave a mark of significance on the lives of those who come after them, will have a legacy far beyond what they could imagine.

**– Mr Peter Murison,
Acting Headmaster**

Jeppe High School for Boys
2022 Matric Results

99,5% Pass Rate
74% Bachelor Pass Rate
169 Distinctions (including AP Maths & English)

Devon Lacy
9 DISTINCTIONS

Jason Bailie
8 DISTINCTIONS

Jordan Eshen
7 DISTINCTIONS

Calvin Stevens
7 DISTINCTIONS

Omphile Mogaki
5 DISTINCTIONS

Realebho Marake
5 DISTINCTIONS

Ethan Naidoo
5 DISTINCTIONS

Tristin Smith-Harding
5 DISTINCTIONS

James Snyders
5 DISTINCTIONS

David Williams
5 DISTINCTIONS

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[Devon Lacy](#)



[Jason Bailie](#)



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The Innovation Hub has propelled Jeppe into the future

The Jeppe Innovation Hub was officially opened on Wednesday evening by the headmaster, Mr Dale Jackson and Mr Attiene Williams, representing the Gauteng Education Department.

Present was an audience including former headmasters Messrs Kevin Tait and Anton Dempsey; Mr Rob Katzen, the chairman of the Jeppe Boys Association; the major donors to the project and other supporters of the school.

The Innovation Hub is a multi-media resource centre, incorporating the old school library, but it has also been designed to follow the latest learning methodologies and will include distinct zones for collaborative learning, social learning, and individual study. The latest technology has been incorporated, there is a fibre network, video conferencing equipment, temperature control, acoustics, and modern furniture. It includes an advanced technology lab for computer-based learning.

The concept was the dream and brainchild of Mr Jackson, who said at the opening that the Innovation Hub is the physical manifestation of the school's determination to put the



academic programme at the centre of everything that it does. "We have other iconic buildings which are the homes to our various educational offerings, now there is one that is wat the heart of our academic activities," he said.

Mr Derek Cooper, one of Jeppe's most illustrious old boys, and a Foundation Diamond Donor to the project, along with

the Edgar Droste Trust, addressed the gathering and he stressed the importance of education in preparing young men to go out and meet life's challenges. "That has been happening at Jeppe for over 130 years now," he said. "This hub will allow to school to continue that in a rapidly changing world. It allows the school, and the boys, to step into the future."

Also at the event was Mr Brian Cheyne, a Jeppe old boy and former teacher at the school, who was largely responsible for overseeing the move of the library from its previous site in the War Memorial, to this location, which was then a metal and woodwork centre, in the 1980s. "It's so exciting to see the next step in that evolution. This centre firmly puts the school in the forefront of modern educational practice," he said.

"There is still work to be done," Mr Jackson said. "There is some tweaking and reshuffling to do, and the bookshelves need to be filled, and then it is on to the next phase of this project – the building of an Art Centre to provide a home for the Visual Art department that was evicted from this site when construction began. We hope to break ground on that within a few months."

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