



Front office

Absent from school?

Please email: secretary@westerford.co.za



Please see [this link](#) for all other Westerford email addresses

You can send achievements to be included in the Newsletter to: webteam@westerford.co.za

Congratulations



Left to right: Arran Wade, Clare Floweday, Nathan Floweday and the rest of the Floweday Clan.



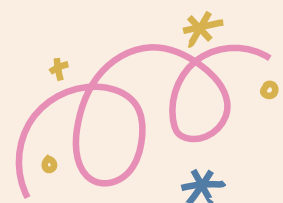
Left to right: Johan le Roux, Kelly Paxton, Emma le Roux and Karl le Roux ('92)

Well done to Kelly Paxton (9C), Johan le Roux (9F), Nathan Floweday (11F), Arran Wade (9D) and Emma le Roux (11C) who competed in the Cape Town Cycle Tour, on Sunday 10 March. After several weeks of early morning training sessions, they completed the gruelling 109km despite the brutal headwind on the way out to Simonstown.

Yaseen Arendse (8B) participated in the Black Belt 1st Dan Shodan competition at the JKA Karate Western Province Championship on 9 March, and received double gold for Kata and Kumite. He qualifies for the SA Champs in Johannesburg in May 2024.



Congratulations to Mika Marais, who took part in the Majorettes Senior SA colours trials on 3-4 February 2024. Mika will compete at the Majorettes World Championship in September 2024 which is being held at GrandWest Casino in Cape Town. We wish Mika best of luck for this prestigious event.





TOP ACHIEVERS 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS WHO HAVE, BASED ON THEIR FINAL YEAR MARKS FOR 2023, EARNED A POSITION IN THEIR GRADE TOP 20. NAMES ARE PUBLISHED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

GRADE 8

SCARLET CELLIERS	LUJA MARX
TESSA DONNELLAN	GEMMA MEYER
EEFA FERRIMAN	AMAAL MUKADDAM
LEILA FOX	THEMBI NDINGANE
RIVER GILBERT	KELLY PAXTON
MAX HARPER	NUHA SALIE
SAMARA	ABIGAIL SIMPSON
HEATHCOTE-MARKS	EMILY SMITH
CONNOR HOUSTON	GRACE STOCKS
VIDHYA JERAM	SASHA SWART
TAYLA MAIN	JULIA WEBB

GRADE 9

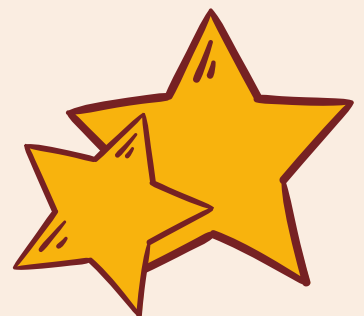
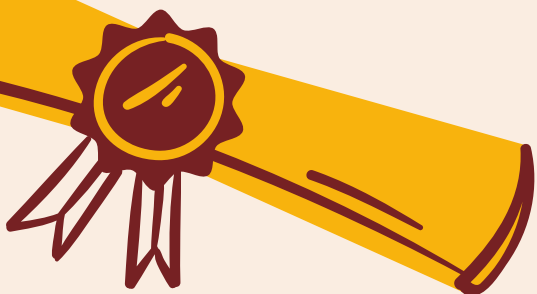
ELLA BURROW	JORDAN POWELL
TIMOTHY D'ALTON	ONIKA QABAKA
OLIVIA DUNBAR	ERIN ROSS-GILLESPIE
SAFFAH FAKIER	KATE SINCLAIR-SMITH
KELLEN HOAD	NOAH STOLOFF
MALAIKA KAZADI	BOAZ STOLOFF
JODI LOUW	FREYA TOWNES
BEN MAREE	OLIVIA VAN SCHALKWYK
EMILY MEIRING	SUZANNA WALSH
ALEXANDA PETERSEN	ANNA WEGE

GRADE 10

ZAKARIYA ABDULLA	JASPER HAMER
TARYN BARNES	ROBERTO HEITOR
JULIA BOULLE	GINA IVEY
MILANI BUTI	NICOLA JOBLING
NIYAZ CASSIEM	EMMA LE ROUX
JONATHAN CLOGG	JODI MARK
MAX CRADDOCK	ALEXANDER MCIVOR
MIA ENGELBRECHT	LIKHONA TEYISE
ALEXANDER EVERATT	RUBEN VAN DER MERWE
ELLEN GRANT-SMITH	ANNA VAN WYK

GRADE 11

JENNA BOERLAGE	CHRISTINA PAPAVALACHOPOULOU
JOSHUA BRÄSLER	LEON PATERNITI
LILY CALLAGHAN	MADISON ROSSELET
LIAM COETZEE	LELIA STARKEY
AMBREEN JASSIEM	SELMA THOMAS
CHRISTINE MITCHELL	CASEY TOWNES
HERO O'FARRELL	LIAM VAN DER RIET-FIELD
TEMITAYO OLALEYE	LILY WHITMILL-NEL
TOMAS OLIVIER	JAMES WOOD
JONATHAN OWENS	ANGELA ZINI



Farewell

Farewell to Louise Berry

By Delilah Stoloff

Ms Berry, Mr Smith's Personal Assistant and Admissions Administrator, will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term.

While some pupils may not know it, she has affected every life at Westerford during her time here. As Admissions Administrator, she is an integral part of the admissions process, one of the people responsible for choosing new Westerfordians to grow the Westerford family.



She is the quiet voice behind so many administrative decisions, and she has undoubtedly helped every pupil at one point or another.

It is with a heavy heart that Westerford says farewell to Ms Berry, an incredibly valuable member of the Westerford family and a compassionate and essential member of the administrative team.

Question and answers with Ms Berry

What has been your favourite memory from Westerford?

What has always amazed me is the 'helping hand' of this community. Whenever there was a call for help, no matter what, from water for firefighters when the mountain was burning, to food parcels for those in need, a cellphone for a child less fortunate than another, the response was always overwhelming.

What is your happiest place at Westerford?

In my corner with my blue/green eyed dog looking over me! This is a happy school, so there is no particular place to find that happiness.

What will you miss most about being at Westford?

The busyness of each and every day. My colleagues in the office. We have had such a good working relationship - there was never the attitude of 'that's not my job". You helped where you could when the going got tough.



Farewell



Farewell to Ms Keren Setton

Thato Gillespie-Naidoo and Delilah Stoloff

Unfortunately, one of our beloved Visual Arts teachers, Ms Setton, will be leaving us as she returns to Cape Town's art industry.

Ms Setton has been at Westerford for three years, helping head the Visual Arts department. She and her art team helped develop the beautiful set of last year's musical, *District Six*, and she is an integral part of Bonne Cuisine, the ProWriters team and the Westerford Newsletter.

It was best put by one of her pupils: "*Ms Setton is endlessly kind and compassionate, supportive and encouraging, and a brilliant teacher.*"

On behalf of Westerford we would like to thank Ms Setton for the service and wisdom she has imparted during her time here, and we wish her the best for this new chapter.

Question and answers with Ms Setton

What has been your favourite memory from Westerford?

One of my most cherished memories from my time at Westerford is being in the Art room with the pupils, watching them learn to use different art materials and feeling proud of the beautiful, creative work they have made. Another favourite memory of mine was standing with the Set Design team in 2022, admiring the beautiful set we made for the District Six play.

What is your happiest place at Westerford?

Being in the art room is definitely my happy place at Westerford.

What will you miss most about being at Westford?

I will miss the pupils and the fun we have together in the classroom. I will also miss the beautiful campus, and all the staff who are so passionate, friendly and welcoming. I have loved my time at Westerford, and I feel very grateful to have spent the last few years here.



Ramadan Kareem!



The holiest and most significant month for many Muslims has finally come. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Hijri (Islamic) calendar.

This month, Muslims worldwide fast from sunrise to sunset every day, for thirty days. During this time, they cannot eat or drink (yes, not even water!) The goal of this is to work on resisting even the most primal and fleshly temptations and focus on strengthening our faith and belief in God.

To all our Muslim families: may the Almighty grant you ease and peace during this holy month, and may this year's Ramadan be one filled with blessings. Ramadan Kareem to all.

Founders' Day

By Ella Burrow

On 8 March, Westerford held its annual Founders' Day celebration and assembly.

This year marked the 50-year reunion of the class of 1974. Before the assembly, Old Westerfordians from this class and others were given pupil-guided tours around the school building. It served as a wonderful opportunity to show how the school has changed and grown over the years.

The assembly began with performances from the Marimba and Concert Bands. This was followed by the ringing of the Founders' bell. It tolled seven times, one for each decade since Westerford's founding.

As always, the celebration itself was beautiful. There were addresses from the 1974 matriculants, Mr Ian Jackson and Ms Cheryl Stevens, current matriculants, and the chairperson of the school governing body, Dr Solange Rosa.

This year's *Nil Nisi Optimum Award* was presented to Ms Yewande Omotso. It is awarded to the Old Westerfordian who has truly upheld the Westerford way of giving "nothing but your best". While Ms Omotso was, unfortunately, unable to attend in person, her virtual address was inspirational and certainly left a lasting impression.

Overall, pupils, staff, and Old Westerfordians alike enjoyed this year's Founders' Day.



Mr Ian Jackson



Ms Cheryl Stevens



Dr Solange Rosa

Intergenerational Conversation

By Kai Manie (he/him)

In preparation for Founders' Day on Friday, 8 March, individuals from the Matric classes of 1974 and 2024 hosted an intergenerational conversation about their experiences at Westerford High School. This event happened on Wednesday, 6 March.

Many topics were discussed, including corporal punishment, school life in the 70s, and fond memories each individual had of their time at Westerford. We learned to appreciate being able to make our own decisions about our future, as most of the Old Westerfordians on the panel were not able to do so.

An interesting point brought up by some of the individuals from the class of '74 was that, in history class, teachers would make an effort to educate pupils on what was happening in South Africa at the time, despite it not being part of the syllabus. Westerford has always made an effort to properly educate its pupils on current affairs, and has always encouraged pupils to engage in discussions regarding controversial or "taboo" topics, which is extremely admirable.

The class of 2024 learned a lot from the discussion, and many thanks go to the teachers who organised it, the pupil panel, and the class of 1974.

GSI Thrift Market

Samkelo Mafuya

Last year, GSI won a cultural award for hosting the event with the most attendees. This year, that same event, GSI's Thrift Market has only grown in popularity. The Noel Taylor Hall was bursting with pupils coming to buy their next pieces of clothing or jewellery. Some were looking to find things to upcycle.

A lot of preparation went into the event and it was a great success, and the vendors who sold their products learned important business skills. GSI had their own stall at which they sold all their products for R10. They are donating all the leftover items to charity and are looking to donate all the funds that they have raised.



Clue: A hilarious sensation that should grip the nation!

By Thomas Wege

When I walked into the Noel Taylor hall on Thursday, 7th of March for the second night of *Clue*, I had no idea what to expect. I knew adaptations of the play had been shown in New York and worldwide and that it had a good script, but I had no idea what to expect from the Westerford cast.

The few expectations I had were exceeded to the nth degree. With fantastic performances from every member of the cast, the seamless timing and smooth transitions displayed exactly how much work the cast and crew put into the production, and it paid off. The fantastic production and impeccable lighting also helped truly bring the production together. As the corpses started to comedically pile up, the audience's laughter did so even more. The brilliant directing from Mr Kingon-Daniels was evident throughout the play, with a consistent tone, good pace and a fantastic atmosphere.

By the end of the evening, as the cast took their final bows, they were treated to a standing ovation as the satisfied audience showed their appreciation after a fantastic night of mysterious fun.

After such an amazing evening, it is safe to say that the Westerford High School production of *Clue on Stage* was a success!



Westerford U14 Boys win Top Schools Tournament

The Westerford U14A Boys' Basketball team won their age group in the annual Top Schools Basketball Tournament, hosted by The Settlers High School, on Sunday. This completes a remarkable unbeaten term for the team.

The tournament, featuring the top basketball schools from around Cape Town, also featured our boys and girls U18A, U16A and U14A teams.

All of Westerford's teams performed admirably. The girls U16 and U18 teams were narrowly beaten in their respective semi-finals while the U14 girls lost a nail-biting final to Herschel 15 - 16.

The boys U18s lost to Wynberg in their quarter-final to Wynberg 21 - 23 while the U16s were disappointed to lose their semi-final to the Cape Town International School by one point.

The highlight was, undoubtedly, the U14 boys who beat the Cape Town International School 18 - 13 in the final. The final was the culmination of a superb unbeaten term in which they played - and beat - all the top basketball schools in Cape Town.

Congratulations to Zachary Petersen who was chosen as the Most Valuable Player in the boys U14 division.

Westerford basketball tournament

By Catherine-Njoki Ngongoi

Westerford hosted a basketball tournament last week, and competitive schools for both our first-team boys and girls were invited. The tournament featured schools such as Herschel, Pinelands and Wynberg Boys'.

From the start, both Westerford teams played well, winning almost all of their matches. They played each game with passion, determination and fierce competitiveness. This demonstrated the hard work both teams were putting in during their practices, as well as the guidance from their coaches.

However, as the tournament reached the end, both teams faced their toughest competitors of the tournament. They, unfortunately, did not manage to beat their opponents. The girls lost 32-14 to Herschel and the boys lost 23-19 to Wynberg. Nevertheless, both teams' final games were the most exhilarating games of the tournament. The teams gave it their all, with impeccable offence and defence strategy. They shot three-pointers, blocked some of their opponents' shots, and scored difficult layups. This left the crowd stunned and on their feet with thick tension in the air. This demonstrated the fierce competitiveness and entertainment both teams can produce.

While these may not have been the results the teams were hoping for, they managed to work together as a team by supporting each other both on and off the court, thus strengthening their bonds as teammates. This is a true win for the teams as they made their school proud by producing nothing but their best.

Cableway Charity Challenge 2024 - Westerford

Westerford Trail Running has entered a team of senior pupils to participate in the annual Cableway Charity Challenge.

This is a fundraiser event to support various environmental programmes around Cape Town. We will be competing in the schools' leg of the Challenge.

We would like to encourage the Westerford community to consider sponsoring our athletes. Our target is a minimum of R10 000 with each athlete looking to raise R2000.

Each athlete has pledged to complete four laps which consists of ascending Platteklip Gorge from Tafelberg Road and descending via the cableway. The event is planned to take place on 20 April.

Our team:

Jenna Ashworh

Selma Thomas

Lily Callaghan

Tomas Olivier

Luke Henderson

Follow the link ([Charity Challenge](#)) for more details of the event and to sponsor the Westerford competitors.



Classifieds...

This classified section is for current Westerford parents and Old Westerfordians. Advertisements are R200 per insert. Please contact info@westerford.co.za

Personalised Keychains

PRICE: R40 each

- Discs 5cm
- Phone Number 6cm x 1.5cm

To order please email craftboxct@gmail.com or whatsapp 0693664415 Colours will depend on stock availability. Please enquire



ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS TUTORING

I teach from home in Observatory. I am qualified (BA HDE TEFL) and have many years of experience both privately and in schools.

The focus is on grammar and literature.

All grades are welcome.

My specialty is preparation for Matric.

Aim for excellence!

Please contact me

Hildegard le Roux:

hleroux247@gmail.com

phone 0787556834

Need to improve maths or science marks?



Whiz Tutors is a highly-qualified team of UCT tutors specialising in maths and science for grades 8-12, with over 6 years of experience tutoring Westerfordians.

To find out more, please email us at whiztutors@gmail.com or contact 073 608 2783



The WHS Parents Prayer Group meet on Tuesday mornings from 07:30-08:00 with an extended period until 08:15. It would be wonderful to increase the group of those who can be present physically to pray. The Prayer Group is held in the First Aid Store Room down the passage from the Front Office, past the Lost Property room on the right and almost diagonally opposite the Bursar's office. Contact Lauren Rees for details.
laurenkay.rees@gmail.com or 083 384 5493

MySchool Card

Thank you to all parents and supporters for making use of the My School Card in support of Westerford High School. Your support has raised R106 604 in 2022, R113 726 in 2021 and R112 773 in 2020. This regular, passive income is welcomed towards the daily operations of the school.



Please click on this link to make WHS your beneficiary <https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/update/>

Should you not yet have a card, the My School App can be downloaded from Apple and Google App Stores and a virtual card applied for.

School Days

We encourage you to join the School Days programme, which runs in a similar way by shopping at Dischem and other stores. Click to join - <https://www schooldays.co.za/home>