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Dear Parents / Guardians

We are moving towards a cashless environment on the school premises. In order for you to assist us with this, we would like to encourage pupils and parents to make use of their Bank Cards and Snapscan when paying at the following areas around the school:

- Pupil Tuckshop during the break times.
- Second Hand Clothing Shop.
- Rugby Tuckshop at Imhoff on match days.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the school to arrange cash floats/change and so your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Chloë Thomas** (12B) played for the U18 Rebels team in the Cape Town Premier League Hockey tournament. The team fought hard, sometimes in terrible weather and came 2nd in their section.

**Amalia Alexander-Smit** (9A) played for the U16 Rebels team. This tournament occurs annually and this is the fifth one to be held. This franchise hockey league features the best players and coaches in WP and Boland at u12, u14, u16 & u18 level.



Amalia Alexander-Smit (right)

**Hanaa Fakier** (8A) has been selected to represent Western Province in the South African Gym Games National Competition from 27 September - 3 October, 2023 at the Old Mutual Sports Hall, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Hanaa has been selected to participate in three routines (Ball, Clubs, and Free Hand). The competition will be streamed live on Super Sport.

Congratulations to **Tristan Staak, Laura Hoffa, Emily Gilham, Ethan Gilham, Laura Owens and Julia Webb** who participated in the Gordon's Shield Scout Competition Event, hosted in the Helderberg mountains on 16 and 17 September 2023. 1st Claremont Scouts placed 2nd, 9th and 19th in the competition.



# THE UCT MATHS COMPETITION AND MATHS OLYMPIAD

Ben Maree (left),  
Eli Williams  
(center) and  
Simon Oosthuizen  
(right)



Simon Oosthuizen

The competition is written in two categories, pairs and individuals. Westerford was well represented, with six pupils getting Gold Awards for being placed in the top 10 in their category by Grade. They were:

**Yannan Ke** and **Olivia Dunbar** (2nd in the Grade 9 pairs)

**Jan Karsten** (8th in the Grade 9 individuals)

**Ben Maree** and **Eli Williams** (who tied for 1st place in the Grade 9 individuals - both achieving 100%)

**Simon Oosthuizen** (1st in Grade 11 individuals)

Gold award winners were also invited to take part in a second round of the competition, the UCT Mathematics Olympiad.

**Ben Maree** was awarded the UCT Mathematics Olympiad - Junior trophy for the best performance at the Olympiad by a grade 8 or 9 pupil.

The top three schools are placed from the cumulative scores of their entrants. This year Westerford was placed second after Bishops with only a half a percent difference in their scores.

## UCT Maths Olympiad:

We would like to congratulate **Jide Fernandes** and **Emily Smith** (Grade 8), **Yannan Ke**, **Kyle Pelander** (Grade 9) **Christina Papavlachopoulou** (Grade 11) for being invited to participate in the UCT third and final round Olympiad, and particularly, **Sasha Swart** (Grade 8) for winning a bronze award, and **Eli Williams** and **Ben Maree** (Grade 9) for winning gold awards.

South African Teams Competition: The above resulted in Kyle making the 3rd Western Province team for SAMTC, which ranked 13th, Yannan making the second team which ranked 3rd, and Ben and Eli making the first team, which was ranked first overall in the junior section.

In the senior section, **Caroline Cress** was chosen for the first Western Province team which was ranked first, **Simon Oosthuizen** for the second team which was ranked 4th, and **William Alexander** for the third team which was ranked 5th overall.

Congratulations to all of the participants for these very impressive results - we are extremely proud of you!

# ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR

BY DELILAH STOLOFF

On Friday night, 15 September, the Jewish community celebrated the birthday of the universe and the beginning of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, which also marks the start of the High Holidays, the Yamim Nora'im. Then came the 10 Days of Repentance, which ended with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, in which Jewish people all over the world fasted for 25 hours.

Rosh Hashanah is celebrated through acts such as blowing the Shofar, a ram's horn, and, my favourite, consuming sweet foods, such as apples dipped in honey, and pomegranates. Along with challah which contains raisins (and sometimes chocolate) and is baked into a round loaf during this period, it symbolises a sweet new year.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, took place from Sunday night to Monday night, from the 9th to the 10th of Tishrei. Many members of our Jewish community fasted from sunset to sunset, abstaining from food and drink and devoting the period entirely to G-d.

To the Jewish Westerfordians, Shanah Tovah and Yom Tov! I hope the year treats you well.

Happy  
New Year

# INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

BY THOMAS WEGE

On Friday 15 September, as the pupils of Westerford filed into the hall for what appeared to be just another assembly, they were met with a few unusual sights: Grade 11s in the front of the hall, certificates on the stage, and most concerning of all: parents in the audience. Either a cataclysmic event was about to occur, or it was a special event. Luckily, it was the latter.

The special event in question was the induction of the new school leaders for 2024. All the Grade 11s that had been chosen by the school to become the SGB Reps, Head Leaders, House Captains, Portfolio leaders, and Mentor Group Leaders of 2024 were to be sworn in, in front of the school.

Before the inspiring ceremony could take place, Mr Voerman, a teacher the Grade 11s have all come to respect through their Cabaret experience, delivered a heartwarming speech about the grade's development through the years which included a comment that garnered many chuckles as well as a few statements of "he's not wrong you know" when he expressed that he was "horrified by the grade's hormonal hubris in Grade 9."

After the speech all the leaders were finally announced and invited to collect their badges indicating their positions in the school. They were sworn into their leadership positions by reciting the leadership pledge together. This ceremonial moment signified the start of the Grade 11s of 2023's journey into Matric and marked the start of a new experience for them at Westerford. Once this was done, the new leaders and their parents were invited to share tea and cakes with the staff while the rest of the school enjoyed an extra ten minutes of break.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF 2024



## 2024 PORTFOLIO LEADERS



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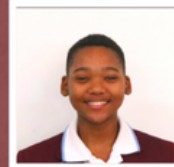
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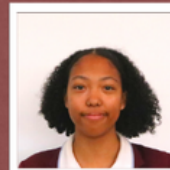
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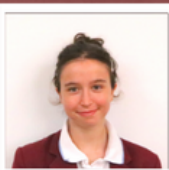
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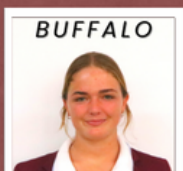
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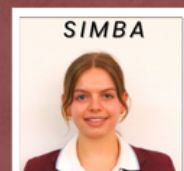
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## 2024 MENTOR LEADERS



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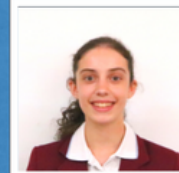
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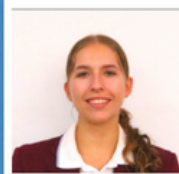
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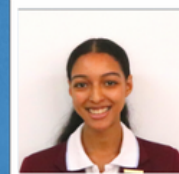
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DANIEL WILLIAMS



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SOPHIE CHAMES



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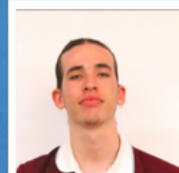
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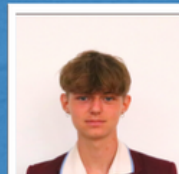
NIKITA JABE



SKYLAR JOHNSON



JAMES WOOD



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# HERITAGE DAY

BY DELILAH STOLOFF

This past long weekend we celebrated Heritage Day, a celebration of the cultural diversity of our nation, through an exploration of our individual heritage, and the weather celebrated with us, depending on how you look at it. The long weekend was much needed; Orange Level 9 weather warning not included.

To celebrate Heritage Day, which took place on Sunday, 24 September, Westerfordians came to school on Tuesday dressed in their traditional cultural attire or in the colours of their flag. Many rugby jerseys were worn. We South Africans will always show support for our Bokke, after all, especially after that Ireland game. We saw some beautiful displays of traditional cultural dress, complete with gorgeous jewellery and make-up.

We ended the day with a special Heritage Day Multi period. It began with an incredible fashion show, followed by Gumboot dancing and a beautiful performance by the Siyakhanya choir. We had several speakers, and then ended the Multi with another performance by Siyakhanya and a fashion line up.



Click Club has awarded the best-dressed to the following pupils, who are pictured.

## STEVE BIKO AND THE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT

BY DELILAH STOLOFF

On 12 September, many South Africans commemorated the death of Steve Biko, an anti-Apartheid activist and founder of the Black Consciousness Movement, who was killed in police custody in 1977 at just 31 years old. The anniversary of his death is now devoted to honouring his life and his contributions to the fight against Apartheid.

In 1969, during his time studying medicine at the University of Natal, he founded the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM), driven by his experiences in a racially segregated and oppressive society. The BCM aimed to empower black South Africans by instilling pride in their identity and heritage, aiming to inspire anti-Apartheid activism through the introduction of ideas of black pride, self-esteem, self-reliance, and black empowerment, and believed that liberating the minds of the oppressed was the key to liberating Black South Africans. His most recognisable quotation is as follows: "The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

In the aftermath of the anniversary of his death, colloquially known as Steve Biko Day, we encourage you to read up on his story in order to gain a deeper understanding of his life, Apartheid, and the ongoing struggle against racial inequality in South Africa. His commitment to justice and equality inspired so many, and continues to do so to this day. As we commemorate his death, remember to celebrate his life, his work, his legacy, and the progress he made in helping to build a better world.



# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Johann Vos Music Competition

The competition is in its 32nd year. Johann Vos is an attorney and music lover who has donated prize money to this competition for the past 32 years. Originally a piano competition, it has grown over the years to include categories for other instruments.

Prizes are awarded within categories (there is no overall winner, as the age range is too vast). Entries come from all over the country. The Junior Category is for Gr 8 - 10 pupils. The Senior Category is for Gr 11 & 12 pupils. The Open Category is for 18 - 28 year olds.

**Kian Goliath** won the Junior Woodwind category and **Alex Mclvor** won the Junior Piano category. A huge achievement for both!



Alex Mclvor with his piano teacher, Sandra Kettle-Loubser, after winning the Johann Vos competition.

## Pieter Kooij Competition

On Saturday 9 September, four Westerfordians were finalists at the prestigious Pieter Kooij Competition. The competition is in its 15th year. Entries are mainly from the Western Cape, but the competition is open nationally.

It was a truly spectacular evening. All four Westerford finalists played beautifully and we took home all the prizes (a fair amount of cash). The finalists were **Alex Mclvor**, **Emma Henshall**, **Kian Goliath** and **Vivianna Pearson**.

Prizes for overall winner, best pianist and best Romantic piece went to **Vivianna Pearson**. 2nd place and winner of the woodwind category went to **Kian Goliath**. Best string player and best performance of a Baroque work (shared) went to **Emma Henshall**. Congratulations Vivianna, Kian, Emma and Alex. We are so proud of you.



Pieter Kooij winners with the adjudicators.  
Front row: Kian Goliath (2nd left)  
Back row: Emma Henshall and Vivianna Pearson (2nd and 3rd left)

It was wonderful to see so many Westerford pupils in the audience, supporting their friends!

## Western Cape Piano Festival Competition

This is a new competition, in its first year. It drew pupils from all over the Western Cape.

**Alex Mclvor** won his age group and **Vivianna Pearson** won her age group. Both gave excellent performances in the Prize Winners' Concert.

Congratulations to all our wonderful music pupils, their teachers, and accompanists.



Vivianna Pearson with the adjudicator, Dr Ilse Myburgh, after winning the prize for best pianist 17 to 19 years at the Western Cape Piano Festival Competition.



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# GROW ABROAD

## Hosting opportunity

We are excited to inform you that from January 2024 Westerford High School is, in collaboration with GROW Abroad, welcoming Luisiana from Italy and Rodrigo from Brazil in grade 11 for their exchange program!

Therefore, GROW Abroad is looking for two host families, who would love to welcome these foreign pupils into their family! If your family enjoys learning about other cultures and have a fun approach to life, you could be the perfect host for one of them.

As a host family you would receive a monthly stipend to cover your costs.

Please find more information about Luisiana and Rodrigo in the info cards.

If you are interested in finding out more about the experience, please contact GROW Abroad directly on [hello@growabroad.co.za](mailto:hello@growabroad.co.za).

More info on [www.growabroad.co.za](http://www.growabroad.co.za)

## Become a GROW participant

If you are interested in taking part in the GROW program as a participant, please read the information below and contact Mr Anderson for more information:

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## Host Rodrigo

### Open your door to the world

- Grade 11, Westerford High School
- January 2024 - December 2024 (shorter-term hosting possible)
- Hosting stipend provided
- Continuous support from GROW Abroad

Rodrigo is a friendly and quiet 16 year-old boy from Brazil. As a high performance swimming athlete, he spends a lot of time training at home in Brazil. Rodrigo's favorite school subjects are mathematics and geography. In South Africa, Rodrigo would love to learn more about Rugby and he is also interested in playing soccer.

Rodrigo is more than excited to come to South Africa, to gain experiences, improve his English, meet new friends and gain a second family! He can't wait to share his culture with you and learn about yours! Are you ready to welcome Rodrigo into your family?

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## Host Luisiana

### Open your door to the world

- Grade 11, Westerford High School
- January - June 2024
- Hosting stipend provided
- Continuous support from GROW Abroad

Luisiana is an empathic and social 17 year-old girl from Italy. She enjoys all kinds of sports, especially soccer. In her free time, Luisiana likes to draw and also enjoys cooking different food. To wind down, Luisiana enjoys listening to music and drawing.

Luisiana is very interested in politics and looks forward to learn more about South African politics and culture.

Luisiana is more than excited to come to South Africa, to gain experiences, improve her English, meet new friends and gain a second family! She can't wait to share his culture with you and learn about yours! Are you ready to welcome Luisiana into your family?

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