



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The RHSian Matric class of 2017 sealed the decade with our tenth year earning a 100% pass rate.
- The debaters did us proud by becoming Pan-African debate champions for the second time.
- Twinkle Stars is under new management and ready to rumble.

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RHS at a glance

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi

The new year has started and RHSians are gearing up for yet another year of excellence.

With ten consecutive years of a 100% matric pass rate under our belts, we are one of the two top schools in the country. If this alone is not proof that we are indeed lions, the rest of our achievements ought to convince you. The matrics also continued the tradition of donating their uniform to lions in need. We plan to continue these proud traditions with the incoming 287 grade 8 learners.

Secondly, the debaters offered a splendid display of finesse at the Orate Africa Debate Championships and the trophy almost

fell into their hands. The two debaters who unfortunately could not attend were off representing our school at national level and we could not be prouder.

The RCL of 2018 is out in full force, ensuring a great year for learners. The matrics have been granted amazing privileges. Do not be disheartened, because, in addition, RCLs will be working with all the grade heads to ensure a great year lies ahead of us, and we fully intend to enjoy the ride.

The new laureates and TAC members have both a daunting and exciting year ahead of them with all the activities planned and the task of earning their



The grade 8s of 2018, with whom we plan to achieve great excellence, per RHSian tradition.

spots over and over again. The two societies are set for a strong revival in 2018 and we can barely wait to see what comes next.

All in all, 2017 was amazing for us and 2018 is only set to get better. Talent oozes from the pores of Randfontein High School and we are not afraid to show it. Let us raise a toast to one hell of a year.

CHEERS!



Above: 2017 Exco members donating uniform.



Left: Lurhan Maraba, who got 7 distinctions in matric.

Giving books with a smile

In the early days of January, the teachers and the RCL were at school handing out packs to learners. These packs consist of a book for every subject, a basic stationary pack (a pen, a pencil, a pair of highlighters, a ruler, a mathematical set, a sharpener, an eraser and a calculator) and book covers to ensure that learners have what they need when they start school. This

practice, while very rare, is essential to learning because it means they can begin learning from the first day of school so we can reach our targets, and even exceed them.

This also lightens the burden on the shoulders of parents so that children can have their support

when the wheels start rolling.

It is time to put those books to good use. Let's get cracking!

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi

Principal's Address



Dear Parents

Abraham Lincoln once said that, "The best way to predict the future is to create it". Critical thinking. Curiosity. Innovation. Emotional Intelligence. These are buzz words have become synonymous with Randfontein High School's motto of being trendsetters in motion and cementing our reputation as one of the premier Secondary Schools in the country. Our passion for high impact, innovative educational programmes; avant-garde, contemporary motivational strategies; unwavering commitment to teaching excellence; energetic, enterprising and compassionate staff as well as our tenacious insistence on a welcoming, progressive and vibrant teaching environment, where we endeavour to open a little bit of happiness every day, has truly propelled our school into the 21st century.

We have indeed taken Abe Lincoln's advice and have attempted to predict the future by creating new and exciting strategies for the next few years.

The 2018 Academic season is officially open and we are excited about and blessed with a brand new year, very special learners, a motivated and dedicated staff, supportive parents and a competent School Governing Body to join us on this journey.

A warm word of welcome to our Grade 8's and their parents as well as new learners and their families who have joined us in other grades this year.

We, as you will note on our calendar, are encouraging parent involvement and will host a number of parent's meetings this year. Our aim is to meet with smaller groups to ensure that parents are well informed and are active participants and partners in the education of our children.

I would however like to highlight some matters.

We wish to ensure that we create an environment in which our children will excel. We want them to look forward to coming to a school where they are cared for, protected and where every day is a blessing. We have therefore built in a number of exciting initiatives to ensure that they will experience a well-known Japanese expression translated: "School is easy, School is fun".

Randfontein High is an Academic institution and our core duty is ensuring:

CREATING A CULTURE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

TARGETS FOR 2018

60% SUBJECT AVERAGE
20% DISTINCTIONS
100% PASS RATE
70% BACHELOR PASSES

We will follow a focused approach to achieve specific goals set for each learner in each Department throughout 2018 to achieve the school targets. Again these will be discussed with you at meetings in more detail.

The RHS fundamentals will be the basis on which we achieve these targets.

We will be:

Innovative — looking at best practices from around the world to enhance our current systems

Creative — Revamp current practices

Digital — speaking the language of the 21st century

Accountable — At RHS learners will learn, educators will educate, parents will parent, managers will manage and governors will govern. We will all do what is expected of us, stay in our own lanes, and be responsible for our own well-being.

Disciplined — on time for school, submitting work timeously, adhere to our Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

Our Strategies include optimizing contact time, A No Homework Strategy and Flipping the Classroom. The Grade 12 Tourism class is a proud example of a “No Homework” Matric class who took top honours in the school with a 72% subject average and 10 Distinctions in the National Senior Certificate Examination. We will introduce our Bachelors’ and Distinctions Club, Numeracy and Literacy Initiatives, and a Math24 Math-a-Thon as well as the very exciting “Flipping the Classroom” strategy and our new Optimizing Contact Time strategy.

Our Sport and Cultural activities, as you will see in the newsletter, promise a great 2018.

Socially we can look forward to a Mr & Miss RHS, Valentine’s Celebrations and a Colour Run in August, we will celebrate laugh day on 19 March, enjoy Grilled Cheese day on 12 April, Pay it Forward day, Be Kind day, Amazing Kid day, National Hat day on 15 September...and the list continues.

2018 promises to fulfil the words of our School Song, “...the best years of my life, oh me oh my!”

Wishing you a 2018 filled with only the most special gifts and blessings.

Regards

The Principal
Mrs M Henning



2017 Matriculants Seal the decade with 100% Pass



2017 Chairman Lurhan Maraba with all the donated uniform

Randfontein High School once again proved to the world that it is in fact possible to achieve Excellence through hard work, dedication and perseverance. The 2017 matriculants of Randfontein High School gave it their absolute all, from preparing for the Prelims in September and, ultimately, for the Final Examinations in November. The matriculants had ground breaking targets set before them which were as follows: 1. 100% pass rate, 2. 60% Bachelors pass, 3. 60% subject average and 4. 20% Distinctions

We are proud to say that the 2017 matriculants met all of the above targets and more! We expected

nothing less from our RHSian Matriculants. Firstly, they achieved 100% pass rate, making it the 10th consecutive year RHS has achieved this accolade, which placed us in the top 2% of South African schools. Secondly the matriculants achieved 60% bachelor passes compared to the national average of 29%. Thirdly, the subject average target was reached. Lastly 66% of the matriculants got distinctions.

Yes, the results are quite astonishing but none of it would have been possible without the guidance and support that our dedicated teachers provided to the matriculants; all the hours the teachers put in to

ensure that the 2017 matriculants left a mark in this school like no other.

After all the hard work, it is safe to say that they embodied the ever vital Lion Spirit in a tenacious, proud manner that will never be forgotten. The hunt for good results is what made it possible for the matriculants to finally enjoy a satisfying feast! We wish all the 2017 matriculants the best of Luck with their new endeavors, the best is yet to come. With all that said, we say 'Keep Roaring!'

By Ruan Carlinsky and Reeb Bok



The Top Achievers of 2017

Grade 8

1. Unathi Solomon
2. Keabetswe Mphanyani
3. Khanyisile Mazibuko
4. Onthatile Mphatswe
5. Phiwokuhle Mbokazi
6. Mphumelelo Luthuli
7. Kgwadimabushi Mabelane
8. Rearabilwe Nqandela
9. Maleeq Francis
10. Hluvukani Manganya

Grade 9

1. Caren Ndawona
2. Thato Kwadi
3. Zinhle Mdlalose
4. Tina Manyeso
5. Amelia Choli
6. Noëilly Katambayi
7. Fezile Koom
8. Phemelo Mmola
9. Bohllokoa Machaha

10. Pheny Phithi



Grade 10

1. Ismaeel Essay
2. Ellen Nchabeleng
3. Panache Kamambo
4. Ruan Carlinsky
5. Imelda Luthers
6. Talliah De Waal
7. Damian Lin Goncalves
8. Mercedes Kock
9. Oteng Motsau
10. Kgatlego Menoe

Grade 11

1. Neo Oratile Tsotetsi
2. Nkgero Mabelane
3. Ashley Mabena
4. Jasmin Olivier
5. Tamsyn Adams
6. Mpendulo Nxumalo
7. Aobakwe Sephiri
8. Lebaka Tsotetsi
9. Karabo Ntoane
10. Mpumelelo Malejoane

Congratulations to all the learners who dominated the Legion of Eagles at the end of 2017. They are living proof that anyone can be an eagle, as long as they keep flying until they reach the top.

By Thato Kwadi



Making our mark nationally

In December 2017, two of our brightest debaters, Zinhle Mdlalose and Neo Tsotetsi set off with the Gauteng delegation on the (grueling) road to Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth to the most challenging and tightly-contested debating tournament in South Africa: Nationals.

With 8 provinces competing, the tournament had over 600 people competing for only four trophies in total.

Zinhle's team excelled and made it all the way to quarter finals but

lost to Western Cape in a highly-competitive match.

Neo's team won her senior division of the tournament, making her one of the few people to have ever won three out of the four trophies consecutively.

We wait with baited breath for the debating society's next achievement, which will succeed in making us proud.

By Jasmin Olivier



Neo Tsotetsi speaking in the finals for Nationals 2017.



It's more than just busting a move

At the Cultural awards evening, a new breed of laureates was born and showed that excellence, while achievable, requires the utmost work and dedication.

Among these Laureates were members of Blueprint and All-Stars who, after late nights and harrowing practice, were able to bag numerous accolades only in the space of one year. In fact,

the highest achieving laureate was Jomari Terblanche, who earned over 2800 points in only one year.

Such achievements remind us that all activities at this school are taken seriously and we are all able to excel in whatever discipline we choose. The laureate society looks forward to the activities that lie ahead and maintaining the prestige of this elite society.

As they say, once you go black,

you cannot even consider going back.

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi



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RHS crowned new African champions

During the December holidays, Randfontein High School was proud to host the Orate Africa debating championship, seeing delegates from all around Africa—Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Liberia, to name a few. The team had one goal in mind and that was to recapture the trophy after winning it in 2015. They soared to victory after breaking 1st and eventually winning the tournament. When interviewing Agisang Sibanda, he said that they secured the win through strategy and the home-field advantage, and

that he was proud of his teammates, who have grown into consummate debaters. In terms of awards, we saw past learners Rosemary Matabane and Ramasela Mashatola both get best adjudicator awards for debating and public speaking. Aobakwe Sephiri was ranked second in the competition with Agisang and Jasmin Olivier also ranking in the top 10 and, just for good measure, Jamie-Lee van Zeeberg got the award for taking the best pictures. There are truly no limits to what an RHSian can achieve.

A special mention to Mr. Fisher, the deputy principal, who was the convener of the largest African debate tournament ever and was pivotal to ensuring the success of the Orate Africa 2017.

By Molemo Maleaka



Matric 2k17 bids farewell

As the matriculants of 2017 slammed their pens down to celebrate the end of their high school journey, there was a buzz in the air about the upcoming matric dance. The school hosts the matric farewell to formally say goodbye. This prestigious event was held at the Usambara Lodge on the 30th of November.

Zodwa Maseko, former RCL and matriculant of 2k17, said, "The planning was really stressful but it

was worth it. The experience was truly one I wish I could relive." From all the grand entrances, vintage outfits and perfect makeup, they came to slay the night and they certainly did! The formal setting of the venue was something so extraordinary, it was almost magical. The food was mouthwatering and atmosphere was positively buzzing with excitement at the varsity journey that lies ahead of them.

The end of their schooling career was certainly memorable. They danced the night away and said their goodbyes with a song in their hearts and a vosho in their step.

By Lesego Mogorosi



Matric 2k18 says HI!

From the first day, it was clear as day who the matriculants of 2018 are, decked out in red pullovers and grey skirts or shorts they successfully showed that they are playing in a different league.

The matrics have a daunting task ahead of them, with an 11th consecutive year of 100% pass rate to secure, and the pressure is mounting.

However, with such great responsibility, comes awesome privileges. Matrics have an exclusive chill spot situated at the far end of UEFA and fitted with a carport to keep the spot in cool shade. Matrics also have a different uniform, their own line at the 10-11 Lounge and matric-only bathrooms (the new ones between room 8 and room 36).

The year ahead is intimidating, but we have no doubts that the matrics can rise to the challenge and surpass all contravening odds.

It also helps to surpass odds while chilling in the shade.

By Neo Tsotetsi



"With such great responsibility comes awesome privileges."

The matric Uniform
Left: The red pullover
Right: The grey skirt and socks



... and then stood 31 lions

It began with a large group of nominees and decreased to 31 students. They were selected to display leadership in the upcoming year and, on the 25th of August 2017, the committee was finalized. After a strenuous selection process including the RCL Camp at *Blyde Adventure Camp*, the Executive committee and the RCL structure for 2018 were set.

With the RCL inducted, it stands as follows:

Chairman: Lebaka Tsotetsi

Head Girl: Lesego Mgorosi

Head Boy: Mpumelelo Malejoane

Exec Member: Tamsyn Adams

Exec Member: Neo Tsotetsi

Exec Member: Mninawa Ntsepo

RCLs:

Basikana Mahache

Oratile Meso

Lebogang Modise

Katlego Masebe

Seokgo Makgalemele

Karabo Pitso

Karabo Ntoane

Annastacia Billings

William Mudila

Delmarie van Zyl

Fairlynn Olien

Ofentse Kwele

Keikantseona

Koapeng

Keletso Ditodi

Precious Mogwera

Reneilwe Oganne

Aobakwe Sefhiri

Ubuhle Mogase

Obakeng Madikwane

Vanessa Martin

Linden Watson

Londolozwa Mlawuli

Tyrell Anderson

By Rorisang Moeketsi



"THE ENTRY FEE IS R150 AND THE PRIZE MONEY IS TEN TIMES THAT!"

FIFA TOURNAMENT

The RCL Fundraiser for 2018 is going to be a FIFA Tournament hosted at the school in April, where you will be able to flex your PlayStation skills for the grand prize.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC so you can call you brother, your friend or even your 2nd cousin. They're all allowed to participate. Just make sure you're able to hold your own because it will be in-

sane!

The entry fee is R150 and the prize money is 10 TIMES THAT while second place gets R1000.

With R2500 up for grabs during the holidays, it's best to brush up on your FIFA skills and get ready for the game of your life.

Spots are limited so you need to book yours as soon as registration opens.

GAME ON!



Getting a running start



Sports in Randfontein High School is not just an activity; it is a discipline. Through hard work, immeasurable amounts of dedication and boatloads of time, our athletes were able to brand our school's name in the upper echelons of competition.

In 2017, we saw our athletes making it all the way to nationals as both coaches and players and we plan to continue that trend into 2018.

By Neo Tsotetsi



SPORTS DATES 2018

ATHLETICS – 2018

The dates are as follows

- 13 January - CGA Club Meeting
- 31 January - Puma Challenge
- 26 January - H/S Bekker
- 2 February - RHS Invitational Meeting
- 10 February - English Inter-High
- 19 February - Cluster meeting
- 24 February - D2 Championships
- 9 & 10 March - Gauteng Championships
- 21 – 24 March - National Championships

SPORTS DAYS - 2018

- 2 & 3 March - St Ursula's (Hockey & Netball)
- 10 March - Trinity House (Hockey, Netball, 7's Rugby)
- 10 & 11 March – Dainfern – (Senior boys hockey)
- 25 April - Waterstone College (Boys Hockey)
- 5 May - Alma Mater (Netball, 7's Rugby & Soccer)
- 5 May - Dainfern – (Jnr boys hockey)

SPORT TOUR

- 4 – 9 April 2018
- Netball, Hockey (girls & boys), Soccer and Rugby

CRICKET

- Johannesburg league (Johnny Wait Tournament):
- 27 January - Monument
 - 17 February - Florida
 - 24 February - Noordheuwel
 - 13 October - Dobsonville
 - 20 October - Trinity House
 - 27 October - Hyde Park
 - 3 November - KDVP



FLY REFRESH



A walk through RHS



- Since 2015, we have committed ourselves to being a digital school which equips your children for the 21st century society and workplace. This is why we are a digital school, which means that we use devices in everyday learning to make education more engaging for learners.
- Our tuck-shop, known as the Ten-11 Lounge, is a secure place for your children to purchase food, boasting a finger-print scanner for payments and the latest state-of-the-art equipment, as well as a dedicated staff who, to celebrate the opening of school, wore uniform along with the learners in the first week of school.
- Walking through our proud school, you'll see there are multiple red containers attached to the wall; these are our charging stations. After recognizing that digital learning can be quite *hard* on the battery, the school installed these stations to ensure learners have access to charging facilities for their convenience.
- By now, we all ought to have noticed that textbooks are no longer handed out here at Randfontein High. This is because all our school content is loaded onto a portal we call *Moodle*. On this platform, learners can access tests and everything they need for learning. Tests and examinations are conducted digitally and they'll be marked automatically by the system. For access to *Moodle*, the school provides an intranet wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) system so learners can access it for free and they can also access it from home (using their own data).



SAVE THE DATES

Term 1:

Academic Awards Evening:	1 February 2018
English Inter-high Athletics:	10 February 2018
Valentine's Week:	12-16 February 2018
Grade 12 Valentine's Ball:	16 February 2018
Legion of Eagles Excursion:	27 February 2018
Grade 8 Concert:	1 March 2018
Grade 12 Parents' Meeting:	6 March 2018
FIFA Tournament:	14 April 2018
Report Collection:	13 March 2018



Legion of Eagles (Top Achievers) Insignia

A graphic for Valentine's Week. On the left is a heart with "Happy Valentine's Day" and a South African 2 Rand coin. On the right is a black box with a red thought bubble containing "VALENTINES WEEK" and a list of announcements.

- ANNOUNCEMENT OF #RHSianLove IN FIRST ASSEMBLY.
- AS FROM 1ST FEBRUARY 2018 LEARNERS CAN START SENDING THEIR VALENTINE'S MESSAGES TO ME.
- #RHSianLove WILL BE PUBLISHED ON VALENTINE'S DAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018.



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Trendsetters in motion



Twinkle stars, little stars

Before a lion becomes brave and courageous, they must be playful cubs. Twinkle Stars is the home for children from the ages of 2 to 5 (we offer aftercare for older children). 2018 has already been quite eventful since the day care educational center opened their doors on the 15th of January.

The cubs participate in new activities, like yoga on a Monday morning, aerobics on a Tuesday morning, and many more interesting and enjoyable activities, thanks to the new principal, Mr. Rodney Nimmo.

Additionally, the children start changing classes from the age of 2 and learn subjects such as literacy, numeracy, life skills, technology and art. They are also taught the different art strands, so they have a music class, a design class, a dance class and a drama class.

In addition, themed days are used to help them learn: there's a market day where they can learn how to work with money, career day where they can dress up as what they want to be and Incredible Kid day, where they can dress up as superheroes.

In 2018, Twinkle Stars is bigger than it has ever been, with over 100 children attending the day care and even more at the aftercare.

It is clear to see that these kids are already stars in the making.

By Tamsyn Adams

