



Welcome to the 21st century school !

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The i#RHS Innovation is two years old. RHS is all about setting new records, trends and surpassing them. This school breeds innovation, leadership, accountability and most importantly a passion for excellence in every arena - ranging from academics to the customary UEFA match in the Quad. This passion is deeply rooted in our DNA- "in our blood". The year 2017 at RHS is all about improving and leaving behind your legacy. It is about never compromising on achieving 100% in every endeavour.

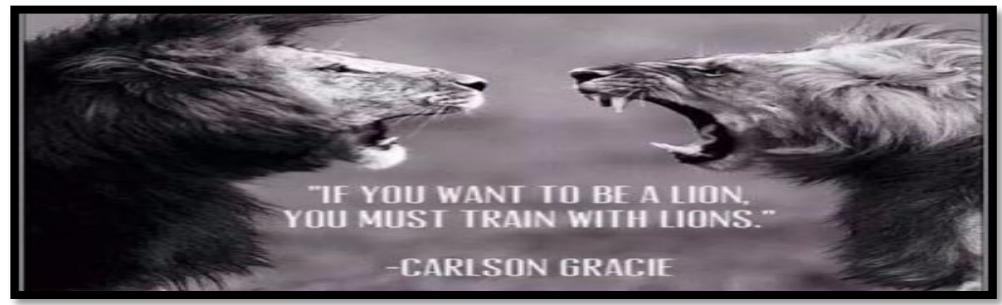
RHS has always attributed its excellence in academics, sport, culture and RACA (Randfontein Arts and Culture Association) to hard work. Burning the midnight oil and having an indelible lion spirit are what make you RHSian. Moreover, the ever-lasting persistence to attain your goals after experiencing many potholes on your journey, makes you earn the privilege of being a RHS learner.

With that in mind, a warm welcome is conveyed to all the parents, teachers and learners. We trust that the partnership between all the relevant stakeholders will ensure the academic and personal progression of every learner at RHS.

Have an excellent 2017 and manifest your inner lionhood!

In Bono Vince!

Lurhan Maraba



RHS in the big league!

In February 2017, Mrs M Henning and Mr Fisher entered a prestigious competition for the *Gauteng Premier's Service Excellence Awards* – one that really gave them more perspective on the brilliance and advancement of technology in South Africa. They competed against leading institutions and organisations like Uber! Interestingly, RHS was the only school invited to the awards ceremony and we won the award in the category of *Innovation in the Use of Technology!* This award is a testimony to the quality digital education that our school provides and will continue to provide. This just shows the great prospects that RHS has in store for us in digital pedagogy.

In fact, to show you the importance of this award, a team of officials paid us a visit for quality assurance in a blue-light brigade. A group of RHSians were selected to showcase how TYB and Moodle operate. They were completely impressed with the digital system and Bob's your Uncle, the *Premier's Award* is now on display at the front office.

Earlier this year, the staff also won the *National Teaching Awards* in the category of *Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning*. This is RHS' third consecutive award after Mr S Senoamadi's and Mr J Fisher's achievements in this competition.

Compared to other schools, we are in the most fortunate position inasmuch as how we have an award-winning digital system and dedicated teachers. It is up to us to make the best out of our situation by working hard, being perseverant in achieving our goals and being more disciplined learners. Ultimately it is up to you how clamorous you want your roar to be – make it a good one!

Lurhan Maraba



Photo submitted: Prestigious Premier's Award

Academics

2017 Academic Vision and Mission

Randfontein High has an incredible academic streak of 9 consecutive years of 100% matric pass rate. However, this year RHS is adamant about attaining enhanced quality for academic prosperity.

Gone are the days when we were content with anything less than the best. Gone are the days when we ascribe our academic failures to fatigue or lack of resources. You, alone, are responsible for your own life and success. Your primary function as a teenager is to become educated so that you can lead an independent life filled with success in the future. Therefore, I urge every single person reading this article to make a conscious decision to act now!

There are several targets outlined for this year, as a minimum, including:

GRADE 12

- 60% Subject Average
- 20% Distinctions
- 100% Pass Rate
- 70% Bachelor Passes

GRADE 8 – 11

- 50% Subject Average
- 10% Distinctions
- 90% Pass Rate
- 60% Bachelor Passes

Furthermore, RHS has prerequisites for attaining excellent results and the vital synergy between parents and teachers. These include:

the increased contact time between teachers and learners that will allow for a better integration of the digital system like Moodle-generated tests per subject in the classroom.

Moreover, the use of Learner Accountability Reports, Anonymous Teacher Evaluation Forms and Parent School Evaluation Forms will ensure that the learners remain responsible for their academic well-being. In addition, the teachers will know whether their pedagogical techniques are effective and the managers of the school will know if the parents are content with the school's state and prospects.

More importantly, it is imperative that the following non-negotiables are adhered to like:

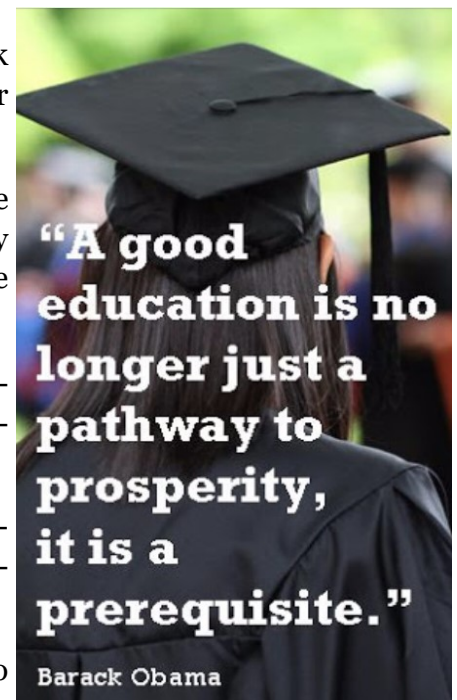
- 100 % SBA Submission
- One page of classwork and homework each per subject daily
- Every learner must have a daily planner in every subject pasted in the front on the workbook
- Educators are fully accountable for each learner
- SMT are fully accountable for each staff member
- Everything you need to

do your work will be given to you but you have to ask

- All due dates MUST be adhered to by learners and staff

Remember, you are the master of your own fate. For that reason, given the fact that mankind always seeks to attain his own pleasure, your pleasure lies in your academic well-being in the present and future. Achieve that pleasure now!

Lurhan Maraba



RHSians - scintillate at Randfontein Mayor's Awards Ceremony

On 26 January 2017, Randfontein High School was invited to the prestigious *Rand West City Mayoral Awards*' function. RHS was awarded the best-performing school in the district. Top achievers, Obakeng Seageng, Sechabeng Mabaso and Cleodene Isaacs, represented RHS well on the evening when Obakeng was awarded a bursary and a laptop. In addition, Sechabeng and Cleodene also received laptops for their sterling academic feats for 2016. The class of 2016 has made us proud and we hope that this year's matriculants will follow in their footsteps or even make greater leaps!

Lurhan Maraba



Photo submitted: Obakeng Seageng far on the right ; Sechabeng Mabaso on far left

Class of 2017 making a firm commitment towards academics

On the evening of 26 February 2017, the matriculants pledged to invest their laser focus on achieving academic prosperity this year. The teachers and parents also pledged to make every endeavour to assist them in realising the academic targets. It is not about the 100% pass rate anymore; it is the quality of the 100% that matters!

The Matric Commitment Ceremony made its second anniversary on the evening and it was a success. It commenced with beautiful orchestral music under the conduction of Ms Mailula. We had the privilege of listening to the motivating and enlightening sermons of Pastor Daniels, Pastor Billy and the Chairman of our SGB, Dr Mabuela. They told the matrics that it is imperative to have God be in their lives because He will assist them to succeed in their prospects. Furthermore, they highlighted the vitality of the matrics' efforts in doing well because God only helps those who help themselves.

The June, Preliminary and Final Exams are looming. They can seal the decade with excellent marks if they put in the work, prioritise their activities and manage their time effectively. The matriculants signed on the dotted line and in their hearts to remain dedicated towards attaining academic success. Stay true to that commitment!

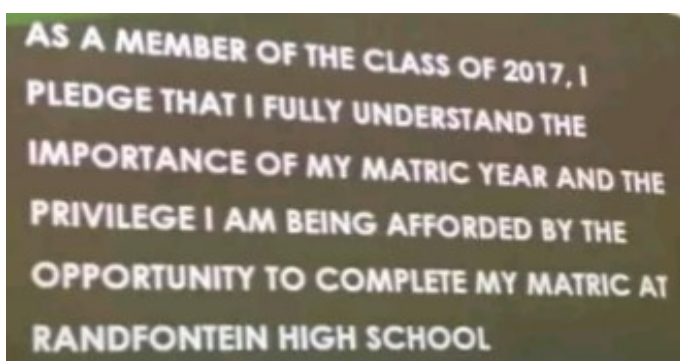


Photo submitted : Matric 2017 Pledge

Class of 2017



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**EDUCATION
IS OUR PASSPORT
TO THE FUTURE, FOR
T O M O R R O W
BELONGS TO THE
PEOPLE WHO PREPARE
FOR IT TODAY.
— Malcolm X —**

Decrypting Tshiamo Ntuli

I recently caught up with Randfontein High School dancing sensation, Tshiamo Ntuli, who is set to amaze the world with his glaring talent. Generally described as timid and reserved, the diminutive matriculant is a beast on stage and is heading off to the *Dance World Cup* finals in Germany this June - an opportunity he is excited about.

Tshiamo's break-dance ability was spotted by chance and it took an overnight change of mind back in Grade 7 to get him on stage for the very first time and, as they say, the rest is history. The humble dancer was diplomatic in answering: if he was either hard working or talented. In answering, he said: "both, because when I get to some competitions I have to compete with people who have been dancing for almost 12 years and I still overcome them" - that's talent. I'd say I work hard because I take the time to study new moves and those who have succeeded before me".

He also stated that his practice programme is rather rigorous. It involves 4 hours straight of intense practice and now that he will be going to internationals for the first time, he will be doing more cardio to acquire full strength and fitness. In addition, it is common knowledge that if you are committed to such an activity, you are going to need to maintain balance with other aspects of your life. Tshiamo tells us "to balance this with school, I sacrifice my sleep". His dedication to his work is admirable!

Only five in his category could qualify for the finals and when I asked him how it felt to be one of the five, I got a lesson in philosophy, "the feeling can't be expressed by the use of words as it covers every good emotion one can feel". He is clearly more than just a dancer. Although it's only his first international participation, he has set his sights firmly on a top 10 finish in Germany - a feat we all know he can achieve. The promising dancer went on record to state that he doesn't know his competitors well because he is only focusing on himself for now.

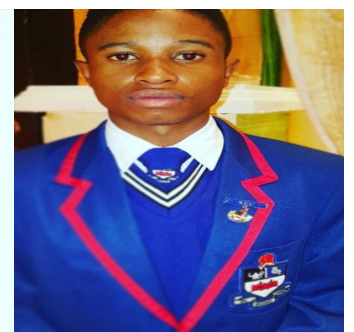
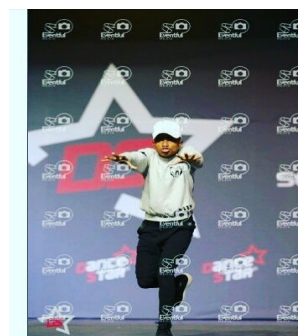
Crucially, he has some stern words of advice for anyone who aspires to match his standard, "my advice would be to do what you love, what you know you are good at and build on that. Carefully study those who have succeeded".

We can all draw something from his character and definition of being an archetype of a true champion.

We all should just sit down and take in the talent i.e. Tshiamo. His will and determination can only propel him to greater success within the global break-dancing circuit. The #RHSian clan wishes the philosophical, diplomatic and modest break-dancer well with his forage.

Kananelo Mphuthi

Photos submitted:
Tshiamo Ntuli



JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE MADE IT...

The debaters did it again! They are the ones, amongst many others, who are keeping RHSians proud and they are living up to #BrandRHS. The debaters went to New York City for a week! This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was seized by Nkanyezi Sikakane, Thabang Khumalo, Boitumelo Ramatlhape, Jesse Daniels, Temaswati Dlamini and Mr Fisher.

For us to get a taste of the 'Big Apple', I asked them a few questions:

1. How was NYC?
2. Did you enjoy the flight and why?
3. What did you learn?
4. Would you do it again?
5. What was the best thing ever?

These questions tapped more into how they felt throughout the experience and how they would view this as a learning experience for the future. Indeed, you would like to know why they went and how a trip to NYC is related to school. They went there because they won the SAASTA (South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement) Debate Competition. To enter this competition, they had to write an essay on Nanotechnology and water purification. The first round was a provincial round and the second was a national round where they had to debate about GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms) and food insecurity.



Photo submitted: From left to right: Nkanyezi, Lesedi, Temaswati, Jesse, Mr Fisher and Thabang. They are accompanied by tour guides, Ms Jessica and Dr Zamxhaca .

ANSWERS FROM THE DEBATERS

Nkanyezi Sikakane

1. It was quite a revolutionary experience for me. I feel like that trip increased my perspective and outlook on what life could actually be for someone like myself. I felt alive when I was there and I am happy that I was granted the opportunity to get to see the world and to get to live in a different place. To get to be in a different environment and see how they live and function made me realise that everyone is somehow exactly the same. There are a few fundamental truths about people in the planet whether they stay in New York or South Africa.
2. No. I don't like being in small spaces for too long and my feet were swollen.
3. This is awkward but I learned that I liked my own space. I'm not as cultured as I thought I was.
4. No, I don't like New York because there is too much people. They don't even talk to each other.
5. I felt short for the first time in forever. Other than that, it makes it really difficult to have fun because I was too focused on why I was there and I forgot to have fun.

Thabang Khumalo

1. New York was great, amazing and fantastic. I wish I could stay there and never come back home and just live the dream.
2. I enjoyed the flight because it was my first time flying and I saw that God is alive. I am referring to nature and the way I saw the world from that view from above and knowing that there are so much people living in hope. Knowing and believing that He has created the world and seeing His creation explained why it is that people hope.
3. I learned that there is life after high school. I've always known that but this time I got to experience it. I saw Ms Independent in Thabang who has always been there but this time she came alive!
4. I would definitely do it again!!!!!!
5. The food was the best thing ever and being alone. Making my own decisions and being able to spend my own money and being responsible while doing it. It was like seeing Thabang in the future.

Boitumelo Ramathape

1. It was great. It was a really cool experience. The tall buildings, to me, symbolised endless possibilities because there are no limits to where the top may be.
2. The flight was good because there were televisions at the back of the seat in front of me so I could watch movies. This was great because I never really get the chance to watch TV.
3. I learned that you can't limit yourself to South Africa. There are places out there that are doing so much more. We spent most of our time at the museum and I loved it there. We met a bunch of scientists. They told us about how the exhibits were made. For a change, they made conversations about the weather interesting.
4. Anytime!!!
5. The best thing was having my view of life brightened. Even though I went there for debating, I feel like I learned more than what I expected

Jesse Daniels

1. It was an amazing experience. Just walking around and seeing different people was really awesome. I know I see people every day but they are not the same that side. Their accents are different and the way they do your normal everyday things like greeting each other was also different.
2. The flight was cool but very long... but cool.
3. I learned that the universe is held together by dark matter. We saw the whole of New York on a boat ride.
4. Yes, I would. Only because I got to see things that I'd only see in pictures. Maybe if I got used to seeing things like the Statue of Liberty then I would stop going.
5. The best thing there was talking to the Neil Tyson, the really famous physicist.

Temaswati Dlamini

1. New York was surrounded by a lot of people and there was always someone walking around and for me that was really something new.
2. The flight was too long! I enjoyed it in the beginning but then it got to a point where I just wanted to go home and turn back because I didn't know how much longer I would have to wait to finally get to our destinations.
3. I learned that there is so much more out there. We are always told that there is a bigger world out there but when you actually see it then you see that what you thought was big is actually really small.
4. Yes, I would.
5. Going to different places for educational value was the best thing because it was exciting to learn new, important and useful information.

Nokwazi Dlamini



Victorious at English Inter-High!

RHS retain their Inter-High title at an intense meeting.



Photos submitted : The RHS Athletic giants including Mrs Smith and Mrs Bradford

RHS walked into Vereeniging as defending champions and – as usual – we had a massive target on our backs. The athletes worked tirelessly to ensure that we remain champions and their work paid off with a staggering victory in the age old competition.

A massive aid to our success was our numbers. We had a vast number of participants in virtually every event. However, Mrs Henning has clearly stated that we should take the Louis Vuitton approach of prioritising quality over quantity. The athletes did just that on the day.

Our best performances arguably came at the long jump and triple jump events with matrics, Bianca and Agisanang, racking up gold for fun.

We had stern competition, particularly from General Smuts who desperately wanted us to lose. They amongst other schools made a frightening push in the track events. Mrs Smith even claimed that she was apprehensive, especially before the 100 m, because we were only edging the win by a point. We eventually created an unsaleable, unassailable lead. She was relieved and raised the trophy with the team, whilst Smutties were left licking their wounds.

We're all immensely proud of our athletes for upholding #BrandRHS.

Agisang Sibanda

Twinkle Twinkle little star, run quite fast but don't go too far.

Twinkle Stars held what could go down as the most adorable Athletics meeting ever!

Parents flocked to the RHS sports grounds to capture one of those moments you will completely disown as a teenager but never forget and will fondly remember as you grow older. Our babies had their very own mini-Athletics. It might not have the thrills and spills of the Olympics or the Inter-High, but it certainly was a blast for the kids and everyone else who was a part of it.

"Run, baby, run", was a frequent phrase. There was mass support from the parents, teachers and even Mrs Henning who was in attendance, beaming with pride due to the children's enthusiasm and energy.

We hope to see many more of these meetings in the future.

Agisang Sibanda



Photos submitted: Twinkle Stars athletes

A Talk With Our Athletic Gurus

At RHS, sport activities are known for being a fraction of the various leading ways of improving one's strength, confidence and skills. Several RHSians have continually made us proud over the years and their persistence has certainly put our school on the map. Agisanang Pule (grade 12) and Lesego Mokoena (10) are two of our participants that have soared to National level in athletics. They expressed that they draw their inspiration from the cheering crowds, fear of failure and stars such as Usain Bolt and Itumeleng Sesiko.

Agisanang stated that although entertaining the crowds is one of the things that keeps him going, he does see himself having a professional athletic career in the future. His love for athletics is beyond anything and he is also inspired by his "haters". However, Lesego stated that to him it feels more like a calling than just an activity. The motto that he lives by is "the body achieves what the mind believes in". Certainly some wise words from this young fellow! He explained that what keeps him going are the people he inspires, the medals and certificates awarded to him.

Your active participation in athletics can certainly provide you with essential life skills such as self-discipline, time management and teamwork — all of which you can apply to your academics.

Lesego Mogorosi



TEACHER OF THE TERM



It is with great pleasure to announce the teacher of the term and it is ...

Mrs Senoamadi

Learners were asked about teachers who they would nominate for this award, and your name always came up. As the Grade Head of the Grade12's, she said: "it's a challenge especially on Day 6." Term 1 was a very challenging term for all students and educators but through hard work and determination everything went well. The learners, particularly the Class of 2017, would love to thank her for always being there for them as an educator and as a mother.

Here are a few questions for you ma'am :

1. How does it feel to be chosen as the *Teacher of the term* ?

"Surprised ! I didn't know that I am recognised. I thought I was just helping out."

2. Who is your inspiration ?

"Mrs Henning and all the grade 12 learners."

3. Did you always want to be a teacher ? Was it always your first option ? And why ?

"Yes, I like working with children. I feel complete when I help someone"

4. What are your goals for the year ?

"To inspire all the learners to reach their goals. RHSian's goal is to obtain 100% pass rate and 80% bachelor's but what does the *Class of 2017* want ? "

5. What are your favourite memories of the term ?

- **26th of February, the Commitment Ceremony moved all parties that were present that day i.e. the parents, educators and learners. How successful that day was mmm..."**
- **Grade 12 photo shooting."**
- **Grade 12 assembly . We really showed the grade 8's who we are ! "**



Photo submitted: Mrs Senoamadi

RHS Management

The Grade Heads and Grade Administrators for 2017:

Grade 8

Grade Head: Mr R Nimmo
 Grade Administrator: Ms F Williams
 Senior Manager: Mr J Fisher

Grade 9

Grade Head: Ms A Jankowitz
 Grade Administrator: Ms G Daniels
 Senior Manager: Mrs S Smith

Grade 10

Grade Head: Mrs A J West
 Grade Administrator: Ms M Van Blerk
 Senior Manager: Mrs J Henning

Grade 11

Grade Head: Mrs Z Venter
 Grade Administrator: Mrs J Pretorius
 Senior Manager: Mrs A Appelcryn

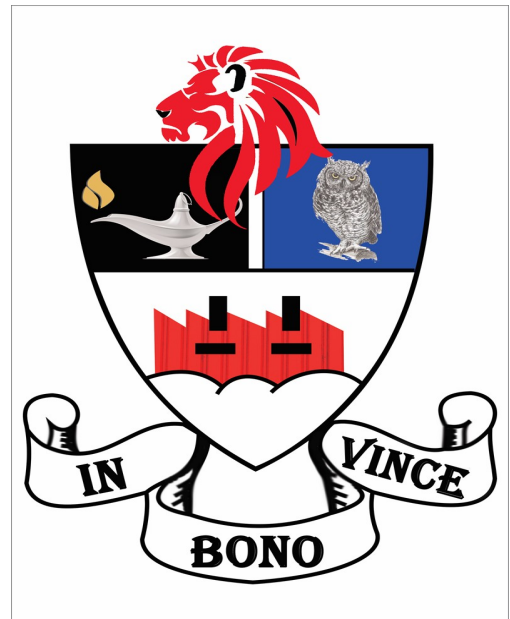
Grade 12

Grade Head: Mrs L Senomadi
 Grade Administrator: Mrs E Nicholson
 Senior Manager: Mrs M Henning

Grade Administrator Coordinator: Mrs N Zondi

School Based Support Team (SBST)

Coordinator: Mrs N Zondi
 Social Worker: Mrs E Nicholson



Breavement

Another great loss for RHS

The late Mrs T Ferreira was an excellent teacher and individual. Sadly, on 21 March 2017, she succumbed to a long struggle against lung cancer. This special person was a Tourism and Life Orientation teacher and she made a great impact on most of the people that she met and taught. Mrs Ferreira was a wise, amiable and trustful individual. You could confide in her and expect nothing less than honest and helpful advice from her.

We pray that her family and friends will surmount this tough loss and cherish the memories they have of her. Your RHS family will always love and remember you!



Photo submitted:
A mother-of-all at
work

Lurhan Maraba

Welcoming the unwelcome



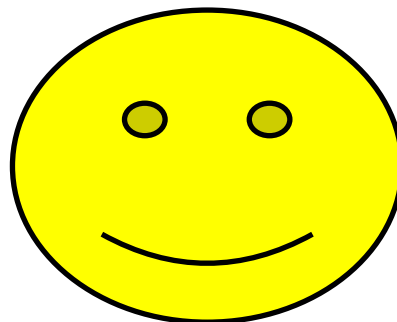
RHS did it again! What an experience the class of 2021 had as they were given a warm induction into the RHS pride at our school's annual Grade 8 Concert. This year's theme was "The Lion King", which is profound seeing that RHS is grooming its lion cubs into roaring lions, who will be responsible for sustaining the school's reputation and legacy with nothing but pride. We acknowledge the hard work that they put into the event from learning their lines for the play to mastering their dance routines. We trust them to uphold the school's name academically, athletically and culturally just like the many generations before them. Welcome Grade 8's!

Bontle Mfati

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

It fills me with immense joy to welcome our new educators:

1. Mrs Barnard
2. Mr and Mrs Kirton
3. Ms Meintjies
4. Mr Mohamed
5. Ms Mokone
6. Ms Ralephata
7. Mr Nkomo
8. Mrs Mekgwe



We hope that your teaching experience will be filled with excellence, knowledge and happiness! Being a RHSian rocks!

RHS cheerleaders lustrous at Randfontein show



Photos submitted: Overjoyed cheerleaders including Mr Nimmo with the cheque

On 2 March 2017, our cheerleaders swore not go down without a fight. Let alone go down! Jan Viljoen were, for many years, scintillating in their streak of winning the annual Inter-high Pom-Pom competition. The streak is over! They had nothing on RHS this time around. When our cheerleaders got onto that stage, the crowd already went ballistic for their amazing outfits! When they started performing those intricate, unique and awe-inspiring routines, the judges and crowd could not but be taken aback. Those after-school rehearsals clearly were not a waste of time. Apart from attaining bragging rights, they won R10 000 for their electrifying and superlative performance. #BrandRHS!

Lurhan Maraba

Writers' Credits



Lurhan Maraba

Academics' Journalist

Keep a lookout on what I have in store for you. Stay fly!



Nokwazi Dlamini

Sport Journalist

It's an absolute pleasure to be part of this team.



Limpho Thipane

Academics' Journalist

I strive to motivate the learners of RHS to work hard.



Bontle Mfati

Social Event's Journalist

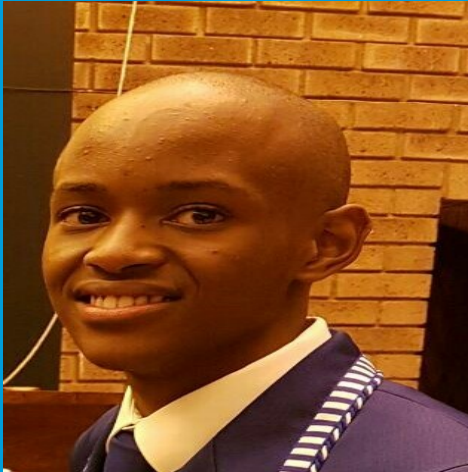
I interview learners and teachers and cover competitions.



Lesego Mogorosi

Sport Journalist

I conduct all the interviews with RHSian sport stars. I'm inquisitive and hardworking.



Agisang Sibanda

Sport journalist

A learner/debater/writer/humour philanthropist/ Liverpool fan.



Kananelo Mphuthi

Cultural Journalist

Bold, ambitious and firm in executing my beliefs. He also has a larger-than-life self-confidence.

Writers' Corner



*I write to live
and
I live to write*

i am
always
writing a story in my
head.