



# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE BOKSBURG

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Good Afternoon Parents/Guardians

“Dream Big. Expect Challenges To Pop Up Along the Way. Expect To Fall Many Times. Expect Your Mind To Doubt And Whisper, Give Up. In Those Moments, Recharge. Rethink. Replan The Best You Can. And Push Through Because Sometimes It's All You Can Do.”

The above quote says how many of your sons are probably feeling at the moment. As the second term draws to an end, be cognitive in allowing your son some downtime. Family times are the moments that are everlasting to young minds. Make this August holiday the best opportunity to recharge and rethink so that the planning is within reach of your son's goals.

Term 2 has always been an extremely busy time of the year for Staff and learners. School-life balance means that your son has managed to find that sweet spot where he is pushing himself at school, and then taking time off to recharge. We wish our seniors BON VOYAGE as they embark on their Trip to London. The itinerary is packed with fun but most importantly educational experiences. To our staff Mr Swart, Mrs Harris and Mr Blackbeard who will be accompanying our learners we thank them for giving up the holiday.

Our juniors went to the Blyde River Canyon during the April break. The photos and experiences that the learners are still talking about say it all. A huge thanks to Mr Swart, Mr Blackbeard and Mr Enslin who accompanied our learners.

Please note that reports will be available in the last week of school on the Edana App. Some reports will carry notice about compulsory academic support for boys who need additional support and we hope that parents will assist us in this regard. The Parents' Evenings and academic assembly for these reports will follow at the start of term 3.



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## CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Our cultural department has been very busy this term, with growing numbers of boys entering inter-school competitions, and achieving high marks and awards. We would like to congratulate all of our pupils who entered the Johannesburg Festival of the Arts and achieved extremely well in the different categories.

### INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL

Thapelo Mate: A+, Taye Hinson: A+

### POETRY WRITING

Sarcia Mafuta: A+, Biko Mngxitama: A, Thomas Patterson: A++,  
Bongani Twala: A+, Keyran Hutchinson: A++, Tlotliso Matekane: A,  
Cebisa Hlatshwayo: A, Duncan Bishop: A++,

### PROSE WRITING

Duncan Bishop: A+, Sebastian Hammond: A++, Biko Mngxitama: A,  
Liam Drummond: A++, Keyran Hutchinson: A+.

### PHOTOGRAPHY AS ART

Sarcia Mafuta: Four Photos: A, A+, A+ and A++

### DANCE

Luke Scrase: A++,  
Item winner for Individual Dance and Danny Pincus trophy for Drama in Action.

### PREPARED ART

Kabo Molope: A+, Lwandle Masanabo: A.

### DRAMATISED MONOLOGUE

Liam Drummond: A.

### SPOKEN POETRY

Kayden van Blommestein: A, Tlotliso Matekane: A+.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Luke Scrase: B+ for a prepared speech and A for an impromptu speech

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 writers and poets are currently compiling an online Anthology of Poetry and Prose, featuring their original work. We look forward to making this accessible through our website at the start of Term 3.



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Many of our learners entered the Afrikaans, Geography and History Olympiads in May. Their results were excellent. CBC Boksburg was placed first in the country for Independent Schools in the 2023 History Olympiad. Luke Scrase gained first place in Grade 11 for this olympiad and was the number one History student in the country. Liam Drummond came second in the country and was the top Grade 10 learner in the History Olympiad. Both boys received platinum placing, in the top 1% in the country. Mohlodi Masekoane was placed in the top 5% (Gold Award) and Thomas Patterson was placed in the top 15% (Bronze Award).

In the Geography Olympiad, Sebastian Hammond received a Gold Award, Cebisa Hlatshwayo and Sarcia Mafuta both achieved Silver Awards, and Alexander Benn gained a Bronze Award.

Ten of our learners participated in De Beer's National English Olympiad this year. Their performance was exemplary, with the boys obtaining awards in the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit Categories. Congratulations to the following boys:

Biko	Mngxitama	Silver
Thomas	Patterson	Gold
Keyran	Hutchinson	Merit
Liam	Drummond	Gold
Tshepang	Khanyi	Bronze
Tlotliso	Matekane	Bronze
Luyanda	Moyo	Bronze
Sebastian	Hammond	Silver
Sarcia	Mafuta	Merit
Kyle	Enoch	Participation

The Inter-House debate and chess competitions have just finished, with Revill winning the Senior chess and Edmund winning the junior event. Edmund was the overall chess winner. In debating, Edmund was victorious in the final senior round, and Aquinas in the final junior round.



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CBC's Marimba Bands recently participated in Education Africa's International Steelpan and Marimba Festival. All bands performed well and enjoyed the weekend of workshops and performances. We as cultural staff are encouraged by the motivation and enthusiasm that our boys are showing, and are excited to see our cultural activities growing.

## SPORT

Our sporting program has been very busy this term with many fixtures, tours and festivals taking place in the 3 different sporting codes: Rugby, Hockey and soccer. The rugby season came to an end at the end of term with our U14A and U16A losing out in the Quarterfinals of the Noordvaal tournament which brings together the winners and runners-up from the leagues from the Lions, Valke, North West and Pumas rugby unions. It's been great to see our boys performing so well in the leagues and we were very happy to see 3 out of the 5 main teams winning their respective leagues and 1 side unfortunately losing out in the semi-finals. This has been one of our most successful seasons to date and we will continue to build on this moving into 2024 and beyond.

On the hockey front, we had a mixed bag of results but one of our best performances was from the 1st team who drew to KES at the Aitken Competition. This was a truly great performance from a young side that has learnt a lot this year and will stand them in very good stead for next season. Despite a few struggles We had numerous provincial selections with 7 of our boys making their respective Easterns Squads. We will look to build on these successes to improve our structures so that our boys can have maximum benefit in years to come.

Soccer started after the rugby and hockey seasons and is the last sport of the term and will continue in the 3rd. We have seen some really pleasing results thus far, none more pleasing than the 1st team's superb win against St Benedicts. This is the first time a 1st-team soccer side has beaten St Benedicts and we are very proud of the performances of our boys thus far. We cannot wait to see what we have to offer in the rest of the games for the season and at the St Peters Soccer Tournament in September.

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From an organisational viewpoint, letters have been distributed regarding the change of the structure regarding team lists, calendars and the use of WhatsApp. Please be on the lookout for the email that has been sent to you regarding this. This letter also encompasses how we will be using the College website for fixtures and the closing down of the sports website.

Just a reminder that Sport is **COMPULSORY** for all pupils at the College and from the 3rd term we expect all boys to be participating in their respective sport for the duration of the term. I have attached a Google form link below for you to fill out for your sons to indicate what sport they will be partaking in, in the 3rd term.

<https://forms.gle/YustGUVcwepmoNYY8>

We hope you all have a fantastic Holiday and that your sons come back refreshed and ready for a busy sporting season.

I am sharing with you the following link to vote CBC Boksburg as the best school in Ekuhuleni

Please vote

<https://www.bestofekuhuleni.co.za/kidsandteens/>

We look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.