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“ A great education institution is not one that is not challenged, but rather one that rises to face these challenges, transforms itself to enable the social inclusion the society requires of it, and yet remains anchored in the academic excellence that has historically always defined it.

There is no better exemplar of this than Parktown Boys' High School, located opposite Wits, one of South Africa's great Universities, and remaining one of its main feeder schools for all of this century. Both enter their new century, wizened by managing recent social challenges, and full of hope for maintaining academic excellence and enabling social inclusion, necessary prerequisites for South Africa's collective success. ”

- Adam Habib, vice-chancellor of Wits University, 2013-2020

A. Schooling in South Africa today

South African education is in crisis. Less than half the children entering primary school end up finishing high school in the standard timeframe. Many never finish and even among those who do matriculate, the majority are poorly equipped for tertiary education or the job market.

Over the same period where academic outcomes have deteriorated, so too has the environment in which children must walk the path to adulthood. Rampant crime, unemployment, gender-based violence, substance abuse, malnutrition, xenophobia and cyber-bullying are issues most of us never had to contend with.

26,000 of the 30,000 schools in SA are state schools. Their challenges echo those of the larger society – in a world where they need to do more than ever to nurture children, their ability to do so is at a low point. With our schools placing 75th out of 76 in a 2015 OECD study, even the base numeracy and literacy outcomes are far below what is required. It is a massive concern for the future of South African society.

The 1,600 private schools cater for the wealthy. It is a privilege for parents to be able to send their children to these schools.

But this dichotomy unfortunately widens the gap between the haves and have-nots.

The 'ex-Model C' schools receive partial funding the state; the rest comes from School Fees paid by parents, overseen by School Governing Bodies (SGBs), and outside funding. At Parktown Boys' for example, the subsidy from the state pays for little more than the salaries of half of the Staff Complement – thus more than 50% of the staff are paid for by the SGB, with other costs such as security, maintenance, operations and capital expenditure also carried by the School. In addition, it is the SGB who provide the funding for skilled coaches across Culturals and Sport, to ensure we continue to offer a high quality, holistic education.

This results in higher educational standards and better facilities than most state schools. In some cases, these standards and facilities rival, and even surpass, the private schools.

Parktown Boys' High School is such a school. As has always been the case, it draws its pupils from all over Gauteng, and – with newly expanded boarding facilities – from all over the country. The School is also able to provide structure and accountability, which compromised domestic situations are not always able to do.





B. What Parktown Boys' High School represents

Parktown Boys' is seen by many as a private school; Parktown Boys' debunks the perception that it is only through choosing the independent schooling option that one is able to provide a quality education for one's children. The evidence tells a very different story.

As a flagship public boys' school, many parents choose Parktown Boys' as the school for their son, despite having the means to attend a private school. An example is previous Wits Vice Chancellor and respected educationalist, Adam Habib, who chose Parktown Boys' for his sons – both of whom excelled and went on to study internationally for postgraduate study.

They are drawn to our "Values First, Positive Attitude Second, and Commitment Third"

mantra. We are driven by our Core Value, **'Respect for All'**. The students are part of a values-driven experience that produces young men of sound character, with compassion, courage and grit, who can relate to our broader social problems, have the appetite to attend to these problems and who have acquired the skills to solve them.

They learn patience, dedication, respect, brotherhood, loyalty, respect for women, tolerance for others, and cultivate an optimism born of capability and self-knowledge.

You can still feel these values when you visit the school, meet a fellow Old Boy or talk to a current teacher. It is gratifying to walk through the corridors and have every boy you pass greet you, and stand up if they are sitting down.

Headmaster, Malcolm Williams, sums it up:

“ As we approach “Parktown 100”, our Centenary, Parktown Boys' High School continues to offer a high-quality, holistic education focused on excellence as it has done for the past 98 years. We, who carry the baton currently as the staff of the school, are proud of our heritage; we shall not be shaken from our course, of continuing to grow the values-based moral leaders of tomorrow. Student Leadership and Personal Development are key result areas for our school. We expect our Seniors to earn their respect; we expect our Juniors to give respect. Our young men are known for their excellent manners and their bearing, which reflects their strong sense of self-worth.

We are proud of our crest, our Rampant Lion and our school motto, ARISE! Our motto celebrates resilience: the 'grit' to face adversity, to dig deep and to overcome challenges. In this way our boys are prepared for life.

We are proud of our status as a Flagship Public Boys' School and being recognised as being amongst the top – public and independent – schools in the country. We have a passionate and involved Alumni Community. We expect the full involvement of our boys in Academic, Cultural and Sporting pursuits; we celebrate Excellence and Effort; we celebrate those who make the right choices and not the popular choices; we hold the boys accountable for their actions.

That's why Parktown Boys' High School is a “Great Place To Be”. ”

C. The Parktonian Foundation

Parktown Boys' has a proud history of producing men of influence and impact, instilled with values that gear them to use their talents, skills and resources to lead positive change and to be role models that inspire others.

The Parktonian Foundation exists for that sole purpose – to raise funds to augment what is raised by the School Governing Body, and sourced from state budgets.

If we believe that producing values-based moral leaders of character is essential for the betterment of South African society, then preservation of schools like Parktown Boys' High School becomes an imperative. The hard truth: this requires additional funding.





D. Structure of the Foundation

The foundation has existed as a trust since 1978.

After the tragic passing of the Foundation Chairperson, Rob Collins, in 2021, a number of new trustees were recruited and one of our first initiatives has been to reconstitute as a Non-Profit Company ("NPC"). The reason for registering an NPC is that the administration of an NPC is simpler than a Trust - but the benefits and objectives remain the same. In many ways these steps see the long-term vision of Rob Collins as Foundation Chair coming to fruition. This registration was finalised in September 2022.

Deloitte will serve as auditors, Webber Wentzel as legal advisors, and Melville Douglas as money managers. The following directors were appointed on incorporation:



Alastair Walker (1993), Foundation Chairperson. Alastair has been a member of the Parktonian Foundation since 2013. He joined after attending his 20 year reunion as he felt that the

Foundation represented a way of giving back to the school. He was previously the Treasurer and following the passing of Rob Collins, the former Chairman, he assumed the role of Chairperson. He is currently Chief Investment Officer of the New GX Group of Companies, an investment holding company focused on infrastructure including fibre (DFA & Vumatel) as well as renewable energy investments and water related platforms. He is a CA (SA) having qualified at Deloitte and he previously worked for Anglo American Corporate Finance Department and Brait.



Mark Botha (1985) entered the family Construction Business, and continues today managing a group of companies in the Real Estate and Construction industry. Mark joined the

Parktonian Foundation in 2018 as a trustee. Mark has a passion for the success of the School and the role that the Parktonian Foundation plays in creating our future leaders.



Brian Dennehy (1993) is a Tax Director at Webber Wentzel. As a CA(SA) specialising in private equity, M&A and corporate tax advisory, as well as structured equity and debt finance transactions,

corporate restructurings, derivative transactions, empowerment transactions, and incentive schemes, Brian has advised prominent South African and foreign corporate entities on numerous corporate transactions over the past 20 years.



Marc Desfontaines (1992) has been a member of the Foundation since 2019. Along with Mark Botha, he approached the Foundation in 2018 to try and re-ignite participation from Old Boys.

Rob Collins asked them to join the Foundation and bring back unity across all sectors of the school. Marc runs a few companies in the renewable energy space and is COO of Ditto Capital Solutions, which has investments in various companies operating in the financial services sector, leveraging the brightest minds in the South African Tax and Finance sectors, to help individuals and companies achieve the most streamlined and compliant structures, in line with current regulations and legislation.



Thuto Motsie (2007) joined the Foundation as a Trustee in 2022, after being involved in a subcommittee of the Foundation since 2019. Thuto is a CA (SA) by profession, having completed his articles

at Deloitte. He has, for the last 6 years, been

running his own professional services firm focusing on audit, advisory and tax services.



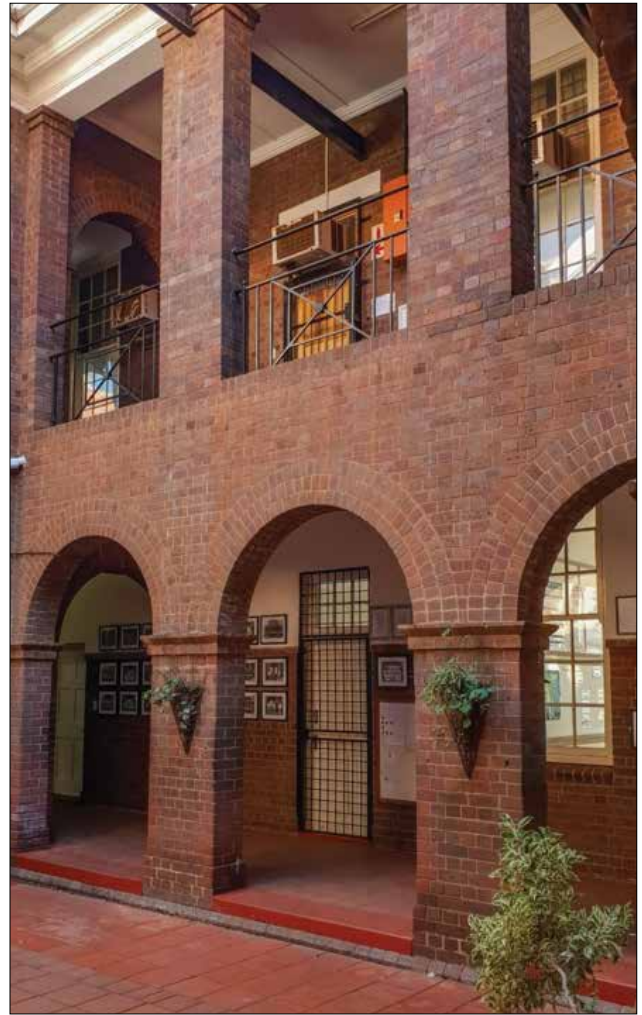
Gary Scott (1992) has been the CEO of KIA South Africa for 5 years. He is currently a Vice-President of NAAMSA | the automotive business council and an Executive Committee member of

Motus Corporation, a JSE-listed company. Gary qualified as a CA (SA) in 2001.



James Wellsted (1987) joined the Foundation as a Trustee in 2018, after organising his class's 30 Year reunion and becoming aware of the school's need for support from its Old Boys. James is

Executive Vice President: Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs at Sibanye-Stillwater, a multinational mining and metals processing Group. His family has a long association with Parktown and he is passionate about the school and the critical role it can continue to play in developing the future leaders of South Africa.





E. A Proud Legacy

Parktown turns 100 in 2023. It has a history of producing top sportsmen, entertainers, entrepreneurs and business leaders. Moreover, the School has regularly taken the lead and been trendsetters, often as a result of facing adversity and growing through it. Evidence which reflects this includes:

- Parktown Boys' was the first previously whites-only government school in South Africa to admit a non-white pupil during the transition to democracy in 1991. We continue to celebrate our diversity as one of our great strengths; we are a truly South African School.
- More recently, in late 2018, our boys took a public stand against all forms of gender-based violence and child abuse, holding a silent protest on Jan Smuts and Empire Rd. In addition the boys now visit Parktown Girls' on an annual basis to read out the 'Parktown Promise' at Assembly - where the boys again reiterate their stand against all forms of gender-based violence and child abuse.
- The School celebrates International Men's Day, focusing on the importance of our being 'good sons, good brothers, good husbands and good fathers', and through this, rejecting all forms of toxic masculinity.

The original school buildings are a National Heritage Site.

Notable alumni include:

John Varty (1968) - Wildlife conservationist and filmmaker

Neville Berman - Captain of the South African Hockey Team which beat West Germany (World No 1 at the time) in an 8 Nations Final played at the Wanderers in 1974. He is one of a long line of Hockey Springboks, including **Keith Jones, Noel Day, Kevin Rule**, and more recently, **Lance Louw, Miguel de Graca, Ricky West, Dylan Coombes** and **Justin Rosenberg**. **Cameron Le Forestier (2020)** was selected to The SA U21 Hockey Team For 2022 and **Thabang Modise**

(2014) was selected For The SA Men's Hockey Team, also in 2022.

Paul Bayvel - Springbok rugby player from 1974-1976 and a winner of the 'Young Player of the Year', in 1972. **Madosh Tambwe (2016)**, has played professional rugby for the Lions, Sharks and Bulls and won 'Back of the Year' in the 2022 URC Championship Awards. **Nkosikhona Masuku (2017)** was selected to represent the Junior Springbok Rugby team. **Max Perks (2020)** debuted for The Falcons U20 in a game against the Blue Bulls in 2022.

Trevor Rabin - Founder member of South African Band, Rabbit, and also of the internationally-acclaimed, Grammy-award winning rock band **Yes**, and prolific award-winning composer of movie scores. **Yes** were inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in 2017.

Graeme Codrington (1988) - Futurist and bestselling author of **Mind The Gap**.

Wayne Ferreira - A professional tennis player with a career-best ranking of 6, and who reached the semi-final of the Australian Open and quarter-finals of both Wimbledon and the US Open.

Craig Hinds (1990) - Founding member and lead singer of popular band **Watershed**.

Bradley Carnell (1993) - Retired professional footballer, who had a successful career in Germany and represented Bafana Bafana 42 times between 1997 and 2010. Bradley still holds the record for being the youngest debutant in the PSL, making his first appearance in the top flight when he was 16 years old.

Tabraiz Shamsi (2007) - Proteas cricketer who has topped the Global T20 rankings for bowlers.

Max Chaumeton (2019) - A sub-4 minute miler, becoming the first South African to break 28 minutes for a 10km road race on home soil.

Over the past year, we are very pleased to have had **Daniel Billings (2020), Dean House (2011)**



and **Dylan Cole (2010)** represent South Africa in Water Polo at Senior Level. In addition, **Junior Sibiya (2011)** is currently the SA U20 Water Polo National Coach.

Hasnayn Samrod (2019) took Silver and Bronze at the Taekwondo 'World of Champions' in two of his respective divisions.

Callan Barrell and **Cameron Taberer (Matric 2019)** were selected for the South African Schools Rowing Squad, and competed in the Junior World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, in August, 2019.

Parktown has produced many prominent business people over the years, including:

Bertie Lubner (1949), together with his brother Ronnie, turned a small family business into a building materials conglomerate we all know: PG Group. Internationally, they formed Belron, which is a leading glass repair and replacement company operating in 34 countries. Its offshore operations became Belron, one of the world's leading vehicle glass repair and replacement companies. It operates across 34 countries on five continents.

Eric Samson (1955) was the founder of MacSteel, the world's largest privately owned steel business and a significant South African philanthropist.



Parktown Boys' contributes to the tradition of healthy schoolboy rivalry, with longstanding competitive spirit, against notable opponents like Jeppe, KES, St John's, and St Stithians. As the smallest of these schools, we have certainly punched above our weight over the years.

Our sister school, Parktown High school for Girls, also celebrates its centenary in 2023. There is a long history of friendly association, including joint dramatic productions over the years. Over the past five years relationships have been strengthened on all fronts, and we are proud of our association with Parktown High School for Girls, recognised in 2021 as the top academic public school in the country.

Parktown Boys' High School has continued to enjoy success across the board; it remains one of the flagship public boys' schools in the country, and is recognised as a centre of



F. Holistic education: Academic and Cultural Achievements

excellence. This is evident from the sustained levels of top results achieved by our boys.

On the Academic front there is good reason why Parktown Boys' is recognised each year by the University of the Witwatersrand as one of its Top Feeder Schools.

Our top students are accepted into sought-after universities, both locally and abroad, and the School regularly receives recognition at District, Provincial and National level for individual and departmental achievements.

In recent years, our Top Academic Achievers include:

Irfan Habib (2013), 12 A's - first student ever to have achieved this at Parktown Boys. BSc (UCT)- distinction in Physics; BSc Hons (Wits) - distinction in Physics; MSc (Wits) - distinction in Physics; PhD - **Condensed Matter Physics with a special focus on Renewable Energy** (Oxford University, UK)

In addition, Irfan was awarded the following: **The Klaus Jurgen- Bathe Undergraduate Scholarship** (UCT); **The Investec Scholarship** (Undergraduate); the **Allan Gray Scholarship** (Undergraduate)

Zidaan Habib (2017), 10 A's

In Grade 11/12 - Selected to be part of the **Gibbs Spirit of Youth Leadership Programme** over one year. **Global Scholars Competition:** Zidaan was part of the PBHS team that went to Malaysia and Prague representing the school, where he won several medals in both competitions. BSc Engineering: **Electronic and Computer Engineering** (UCT); **Investec Scholarship Programme** (Undergraduate). Graduated March 2022. Currently a Software Engineer, **Investec Private Bank** in their **Graduate Programme**.

Moein Elzubeir (2018): 10 A's (91% Avg). Placed 3rd in District (over 200 schools). Currently studying in the United States of America.

Joshua Alexander (2018): 7 A's – Top Visual Arts Student in the District.

Muhammed Wadee and Ireton Liu (2018): Top 1% in South Africa for Advanced Programme Mathematics. This subject, run by the IEB, is the equivalent of A Level Mathematics.

Other 2018 Matric Achievers included: Mohammed Essop – 9 A's; Ihtishaam Adam – 9 A's; Muhammed Wadee 9 A's. Six boys achieved 6 A's; another 13 achieved 4 A's or



more in the 2018 Exams.

Michael Goldschagg (2019): 8 A's; two other boys with 8 A's, 3 with 7 A's, and 9 others with 4 A's or more.

Nasr Moolla (Matric 2020): 9 A's, 91% Avg – Placed 1st in the whole District.

Ihsaan Doola (Matric 2021): 8 A's, 95% Avg. Placed First in South Africa in IT (Information Technology); Top 1% in SA in AP Maths (across all IEB students, public and independent); Top 1% in the World in the American SAT Entrance Examinations. Accepted into Stanford University, Boston, September 2022.

Another 7 boys achieved 6 A's or more.

Parktown Boys' is consistently one of Gauteng's Top Performing Schools academically, especially in Core Mathematics and Advanced Programme Mathematics, achieving amongst the highest averages for Mathematics in the district and one of the highest distinction rates. Importantly, the School has over 77% of each Matric Group taking Core Mathematics, as opposed to Mathematical Literacy. There are few schools – public or independent – who can match this.

In addition, in external assessments like Advanced Programme Mathematics, our boys consistently achieve averages 7-10% above the IEB average, which indicates that our Academics are as good, if not better, than the vast majority of Independent Schools. Our boys also excel each year in key subjects like Information Technology (IT), and Accounting. We were the Top Accounting School in the District in 2021, for example.

In 2019, 4 students represented Parktown Boys' in the National Mintek Science Quiz – in the Team and Individual sections. Parktown Boys' placed 1st in Gauteng in the Team Event, while Mohamed Mosam placed 1st in the Individual Category, and went through to the National Finals.

Mkiva Mkiva (Gr 11 2019): Represented South Africa at Sage Entrepreneurship World Cup, in August, 2019 (**Students for the Advancement**

in Global Entrepreneurship). Mkiva performed with distinction in representing his country in the US.

We are very proud of how, in recent years, our students have continued to excel in Sport and Cultural activities during and after school, as well as in areas such as Community Service and Student Leadership, including taking a stand on key social issues.

Lufuno Matsile (Matric 2020): Band Captain 2020, currently studying at Stellenbosch University, Western Cape, has had the pleasure of being featured on the latest album of Spho 'Hotstix' Mabuse, a leading South African Jazz artist – a rare opportunity for someone who has just graduated from high school. Lufuno was scouted by Spho Mabuse while playing for the Stellenbosch Brass Band, the Trombone Ensemble and the Jazz band.

Pallance Dladla is an award-winning actor, currently on Netflix

In Chess, Parktown Boys' were the 2019, Central Gauteng A League Winners, with the A Team enjoying an unbeaten season, triumphing over schools such as King Edward, Jeppe, Roedean and St John's .





G. Schoolboy stories

To fully appreciate what a difference Parktown Boys' High School is making in the lives of the young men who pass through our doors, it is best to hear it in their words. Here are a few examples.



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Seth Scott

Grade: 12

Scholarship since: Seth is on a 50% scholarship

Current sponsor for scholarship: The Saville Foundation (2021)

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): Rowing: Captain; School Prefect; Transformation Committee member; Scroll for Academics

Before I came to Parktown, I attended Sharonlea Primary School. There I did no sports and only participated in Public Speaking. Upon my induction into Parktown Boys' High School I was introduced to a new mantra I had not yet known, one of dedication and respect.

If I were to tell you everything that Parktown has taught me, we would be here forever. However I will try and capture some of my 'most valued' values gained.

For a large portion of my childhood I behaved in a cowardly manner. I ran from my problems and hid from my challenges; Parktown Boys taught me courage. Parktown Boys' Rowing Club taught me to be brave; that even if my challenges were scary they were never going to go away unless I faced them. This was my most valuable lesson, because with courage I became accountable and that is why I was appointed Captain in my Open season.

Five years at Parktown are years I will never forget. Yes they were hard years, full of trials and challenges such as Covid-19 but my peers and I overcame them all, and we are here now through the help of Parktown Boys.

I came into this school a 13 year old boy with a head too big for my shoulders and nothing to back it up with. I am soon to leave this school an eighteen year old man, wisened and cultured with respect and dignity. I will never be able to thank Parktown enough for what they have done for me.





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Donga Makhoba

Grade: 12 / Matric

Scholarship since July 2022

Current sponsor for scholarship: PARKTONIAN FOUNDATION & RADA & FOUNDATION FRIENDS

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): 1st XV Rugby Scroll 2022

My Life at Parktown

Coming from an underprivileged family, I spent the whole of my Grade 7 year looking for a prestigious school for high school. I remember my mom and I waiting in a long line at the Department of Education because we were alien to technology and my mom believed the old-fashioned way was best. They gave me three schools to choose from: NSA, Barnato Park and Parktown Boys' High School.

I knew I was not going to get into NSA as I am not a talented musician and I could not envision myself thriving at Barnato Park. I was left with Parktown, I took a risk and applied only at Parktown. As the saying goes **"No risk, no story; no story, no glory"**. I was accepted into Parktown and that's when the real rollercoaster started.

I had a tough time adapting to the environment because at primary school every subject was taught in isiXhosa, including English. So it is totally correct to assume my marks were not great in the first year.

One thing I could not understand was the uniform culture. I never knew why I had to wear a blazer when it was 32 degrees blazing hot outside! But then again it all makes sense, as it promotes unity.

I had to motivate myself to be better and adapt to my environment. In my broader community you often see kids are smoking, women being cat-called and parents 'losing' their kids but at Parktown we are united, we protect women and get rid of toxic masculinity.

Every memory is a great one but one that surpasses them all by far is our 'do or die' mentality. I came up with this idea for my last English speech of my high school career. The deeper meaning of this is embroidered on our blazers: the Rampant Lion unlike other lions. A Rampant Lion arises to show courage, determination and wisdom against the challenges and obstacles it is faced with.

As I near the end of Matric, I realise more and more that time really does fly. Each of us must enjoy the Saturday support, enjoy being the rampant lion and enjoy the time we spend here because 5 years is equivalent to 5 minutes. We need to make the most of it and enjoy it while it lasts.

I learnt something else about the 'Heart' of Parktown Boys' High School a few weeks ago. My family and I were shaken out of our humble, but satisfying world when for some unknown reason our accommodation was targeted and it was burnt down - we lost virtually everything. The School and the Parktonian Foundation became aware of this, and Foundation Coordinator Mrs Karen van Huyssteen sprang into action. Within what seemed only a few hours our despair was lifted. The response from Old Boys to Mrs van Huyssteen's appeal for support was immediate.

Not only were our immediate needs like food sorted; within days plans were in place for the materials to be sourced so that our accommodation could be re-built. My family and I have been overwhelmed by these spontaneous and selfless acts of kindness. I would like to thank each of those who contributed so willingly, in whatever small way, to enable us to get back on our feet as a family. You have made such a big difference.

I often wonder where I would be if I never chose Parktown, I guess I will never know. I am proud of the gentleman that the Parktown Family has prepared me to be and as I enter into the 'real world' I will carry on the lessons I have learnt in my time at Parktown.

Most certainly I shall carry with me the powerful concept of 'Brotherhood' - which I now understand more - and the need to be ready to help others when they may be at their lowest.

Parktown Boys' is certainly "A Great Place To Be".

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Yours sincerely

Donga Makhoba





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Madiwa Ethan Mawema

Grade: 12

Scholarship since 2018

Current sponsor for scholarship: Parktown Boys' High School

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): School Prefect; Executive Member, Johannesburg Junior City Council; Drama - Full Colours; Photography - Half Colours (Re-Award).

"Perhaps I am stronger than I think."

-Thomas Merton

In 2008 my mother and I came to South Africa from Zimbabwe. I don't remember us ever having much but she brought us here with very little to her name and aspirations to find work. From a young age the only memories I have is of me staying at multiple relatives' houses for months or years at a time without my mom; I understand now she was getting enough money and resources to take care of me. I would spend the odd birthday or the odd Christmas with her; my first few memories of such celebratory events was with relatives, but without her. By the time I finished primary school she was able to take care of me, had a secure job as an office secretary in Rosebank and we lived together in a small two bedroom flat with my Arabic stepfather.

Coming into Parktown I hadn't accomplished much in primary school. I did the bare minimum and never lived up to my potential. I was never selected for any leadership roles and the only awards I received was a loyalty scroll for Football and a diploma for a drama competition in Grade 5. At the end of my Grade 7 year I had a horrible incident that put me into a coma and fractured my skull in half. I've always felt as though this was my second chance to try again and to not waste my opportunities but take advantage of them. I was lucky enough to enter a school such as Parktown Boys where I could create a vision for my future and all the resources felt like they were at my disposal to become the man I wanted to become.

In the time I spent recovering from my injuries I participated where I could in the school and found myself in the Choir, Drama Major Production and Photography Club. Coming to the end of my Grade 8 year I was almost fully recovered from my injuries and was able to participate in contact sports again. It was there where I began to explore a range of sports such as Football, Rugby, Rowing and Athletics. It was in Rowing where I have made some of my closest friends and people I am proud to call my brothers.

By 2019 the company my mom was working for fell on hard financial times and had to retrench her. I feared we wouldn't be able to afford Parktown school fees on my father's salary alone so I was looking for a new school closer to home or more affordable. We shared these worries with Mr Stippel and he said some of the best words he has ever spoken to me, "You are not leaving Parktown." He offered me a scholarship that I gratefully took with both hands; this support has enabled me to finish my schooling at Parktown Boys.

Thanks to this opportunity he had given me I have been able to explore my potential more than I would begin to imagine. I was selected to row in the 2019 U/19 opens boat race at the age of 15 in grade 9 where I was able to proudly represent my school in our Parktown Tri-suit in Port Alfred. In the next few months I was able to participate at the 2020 South African Schools Rowing Championships where the four I stroked set the fastest time in the country and moved onto the A final in the fastest lane whereas in U15 when I joined we weren't able to make a single final for any boat. We landed up placing 4th with less than 1 and a half seconds separating us and 2nd place. Regardless of the result it was the best race of my life. I have been able to explore my leadership skills and was elected as an Executive Member of the Johannesburg Junior Council for 2020/2021 and Student Executive Councillor for 2022 at Parktown. I have received Half Colours in Photography twice over, been able to assist the Marketing and Social Media Department with various pictures and promotional videos, and received Full Colours in Drama. I was honoured this year also to take leading roles in the Brescia House Major Production, along with the School's Major Production, 'Robin Hood'.

These are just some the highlights of my achievements and there are so many more to list. At the end of the day it was never really about the title or achievements for me but the recognition from the school and the contributions I was able to make. Parktown Boys has shown me I am capable of everything I put my heart into and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity I had to stay. Again I would like to thank Mr Stippel, and the School, for his immediate support for me, and my mom, at a most difficult time in our lives.

My name is Mudiwa Ethan Tremayne Mawema and this is my story. I owe it all to Parktown.

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Tawana Sibanda

Grade: 12

Scholarship since January 2018

Current sponsor for scholarship: Parktown Boys' High School

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): School Prefect; Full Colours for Academics

I am a Proud Parktown Boy. My name is Tawana Sibanda.

Parktown is not just any school, it is one of those schools that consumes every aspect of your being. Being a Parktonian becomes part of your identity. Now you can either embrace this or fight it. I chose to embrace it.

I remember sitting on the cold, history-laden floor of the Memorial Hall as a lowly Grade 8. Too afraid to speak. Too afraid to move. Life for the first few months of Grade 8 was bearable, but not much more than that as I grappled with 'big school' - and all these huge guys I passed in the corridors. I would constantly wonder why I found myself back at the looming gates the next day; but there was something different about Parktown. I had been an academic, however I found myself immersed in sports and culture at Parktown. During my time at the school I have done Rowing, Athletics and Heart of the Lion as well as playing Squash, Rugby, Hockey, Soccer and Chess. Parktown became my home and 'home' was a place where I visited my parents. The atmosphere of Parktown is like an energising 'black hole'; it sucks you in and once you're in, you're in.

The highs have been high and the lows have been low. Adversity is a word commonly associated with Parktown Boys' and we have learnt that life is never easy - we are a part of our society and we reflect our society. I had to adapt to continue being an A student and still be able to participate in my extracurricular activities. I had to adapt to working outside the school environment during the Covid-19 pandemic. The environment breeds young men with good character who are able to overcome adversity and the challenges thrown into their paths as they seek to reach their goals. Parktown Boys' has taught me to never give-up even when the score is 50-5, even when you got 30% but you need an 80 and even when you're not picked. Some of my highs include when we beat Jeppe and doing the House Plays in my Grade 8 year, playing U15As and going down to Durban during my Grade 9 rugby season. Being accepted to AP Maths in Grade 10 and Grade 11 was often little more than 'torture', but I always found something to smile about among my peers. Matric has been the hardest, but the best, time of my 18 years too; lots to do and even more to smile about. It is a great privilege for me to have served as a School Prefect this year; I treasure my Red Blazer - my Full Colours for Academics.

On home front, my family has not always had it easy, with the economic challenges of our country affecting us in the same way that so many others have been affected. It is only through the support of the School, that I have been able to continue at the School and realise my goals. I am going to make every effort to honour the trust placed in me by focusing on realising my goals of attaining excellence in the NSC Final Examinations.

I'm now in my final phase of my Parktown career, and the Final Exams loom. I'm about to close the page on this chapter in my life and start a new beginning.

I will forever carry the lessons, the memories, the laughs and the stories from this amazing place. At the beginning of my Grade 8 year Mr Furlonger said that Parktown is either the place for you or it's not. And I can definitely say Parktown is the place for me.

Parktown Boys' is, indeed, "A Great Place To Be"

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Charles Majongwe

Grade: 12

Scholarship since 2020

Current sponsor for Scholarship: Hot Cares 102.7 for Hostel and School

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): Full Colours - Basketball

I grew up in a stable environment. My parents were not very rich, but we were fine.

When I received the acceptance letter from Parktown Boys' High School, it was probably the first time I could say that my mom was proud of me.

I quickly embraced the Parktown Pride and really loved everything about the school culture. Besides being a place to learn and go home straight after, there was a strong sense of family. Then, when the global pandemic struck in 2020 my family could no longer support my education financially.

That time in my life was really dark and scary. I feared for the well-being of the people around me and worried about my future at the school.

Some of the former employees, especially the Hostel Directors, came to my aid when they learned of my family's misfortune. They were getting less sleep, looking for someone who could fund me and my education and help my family financially. I learnt that the staff members aren't just here to make an end to a 'contract' of education, with a Matric certificate. The same support has been provided by our current Boarding Director and staff. They care about this place and the welfare of each student.

Overcoming it all gave me perseverance and taught me life lessons that can only be learned in a loving environment like this institution, Parktown Boys.

So whenever you are feeling lost, remember that what you people do when you help others is important and valued.

I have been blessed with sporting ability, with my strongest sport being Basketball. I have played for the Parktown Boys' High 1st Team since the start of 2020. The COVID Pandemic was a huge setback for all of us, and I had no idea of how I would realise my dream of being in a position to be offered a Basket Scholarship for University. It was only in Term Three 2021 that we were actually able to play school sport with any consistency.

We soon got back into it, with my first goal being to make the starting five in the First Team and then keep my position. I was very pleased to be able to do so. Our focus was on building a strong sense of 'Team' as we set out to 'move up the ranks' in schools' Basketball. We have been pleased with our progress, securing good wins over some of the top schools. A fine win - away - vs Pretoria Boys' and pushing St John's all the way in a nail-biter are matches that stand out for me, and reflect the huge strides we have made. I should like to thank MIC Mr Hull and the coaching staff for the huge support, effort and encouragement for myself and the team on this journey.

It was a tremendous honour for me to be awarded Full Colours for Basketball at the end of the season. I wear my Full Colours with pride. I am also very excited that I have received various Basketball Scholarship offers from the top Universities in South Africa. This is the next step in my dream. I am determined to achieve the best results I can in the Final Examinations to enable me to take up one of these scholarships.

None of this would have been possible without the very generous support of my anonymous sponsors, and Ms Carmen Rocha from Hot Cares 102.7, who went out of her way to assist me in my time of need, and has continued to do so. Without their support I would not have been able to remain at Parktown Boys' High School; if I had not been able to continue as a boarder I would have had to leave the School because I live so far away.

It is difficult for me to put into words the deep sense of gratitude for the care and kindness I have been shown by the boarding and school staff, along with the sustained support from my sponsors and Ms Carmen Rocha and her team at Hot Cares 102.7. They have all made a difference to me and my family.

Thank you.

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Yours sincerely

Charles Majongwe





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Unathi Njenga – Head Prefect

Grade: 12

School Achievements (Sport/ Academic): Head Prefect: Academic Colours (Re-award); School Band –Vice Captain; School Band- Full Colours; 1st Team Hockey Scroll, Transformation Committee.

Coming from Panorama Primary School 45 minutes or so away from Parktown, I did not think I was going to get accepted to the school. To my pleasant surprise I was. If it were not for Parktown accepting me I would have had to go to one of the schools in my area, which did not provide the high quality boys' school education I was going to get at Parktown Boys'.

Parktown has taught me to stand up for myself, which was something I struggled to do in primary school.

Being at Parktown Boys has taught me what it feels like to part of something bigger than yourself. Being in the School Band, playing Hockey, staying in the hostel -all of these systems require you to interact and work with other people. In doing so you learn about your strengths and weaknesses, as well as the other people's strengths and weaknesses so that you are able to help each other where each of you struggle. You make bonds with people that are much stronger than the word 'friendship' encompasses.

I have become so accustomed to greeting adults when I am at school or in my uniform that I often forget that I do not have to greet everyone I see when I am in my casual clothes.

The school has provided me with many opportunities to be able to do more than I could have imagined in the sporting and cultural aspects, **such as being Vice Captain of the Band, playing Southernns Hockey as well as 1st Team Hockey**; I have been given the chance to be interviewed by WITS for a potential sports scholarship.

It has been a great honour and privilege to lead the School as Head Prefect this year.

Parktown Boys' High School has prepared me for the many challenges and opportunities that I no doubt will face in the future.



H. Taking stock

The School's journey over the past few years has required the School to draw heavily on its values, to show its mettle, and to focus on a path of renewal. It has not been an easy time.

In April 2018 a new SGB took office, and in August 2018, Mr Malcolm Williams joined the School as Headmaster, and focused on leading the school in refreshing and accelerating the changes required to the school's processes, structures and culture. The School Leadership Team was very clear in its resolve that the school would own its history and that it would never sweep any issues under the carpet. The school at the time was in the process of healing from the aftermath of the Rex case which saw the school's former water polo coach sentenced to 23 years, in 2018, for a series of assaults on children.

A range of actions were instituted, including the installation of cameras, and anonymous reporting apps, all focused upon ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students and all members of our community.

As we continued on this journey, at the start of 2020, tragically, the School suffered the loss of Enock Mpianzi at our Grade 8 camp.

We acknowledge that these events - though completely separate - rocked the School, and the School's reputation was severely affected. From these painful incidents in the past, the School is in a very different place today. Significant changes have been made in recent



years and the school is noticeably improved, spirit is high and pride has been restored.

These most difficult events have renewed our focus on our Values, and our determination that we continue to develop young men who espouse the qualities of empathy, of care and of compassion for the person next to them - a positive sense of meaningful camaraderie.

These challenging times highlighted that, as a collective (the School and Foundation), we lacked sufficient resources to keep all stakeholders regularly updated. We chose to prioritise the parents, who received regular newsletters and other updates. We acknowledge that many Old Boys had to rely on other sources for information and this created the wrong perception for many. Thus a Key Result Area for us is to improve our communications processes.

There is a treasure chest of inspiring stories that needs to be opened and shared with stakeholders and the public at large. Alumni in the marketing industry have pulled together to formulate strategies, frameworks and capability to ensure Parktown fully reclaims its position as an aspirational brand, a place to belong, and of proud association.

In order to continue its regrowth, to claim and reinforce its rightful place among the prestige schools and to do this in the most meaningful way to the most representative demographic - a microcosm of our greater SA society - Parktown must replace its current financial vulnerability with a stronger situation augmented by the Foundation.

I. The Action Plan

The most notable achievement of the Parktown Trust has been the development of the new boarding house, which was commissioned in 2015 and opened in 2016. The building has been valued at R44 million and is bonded to the tune of R10 million. The bond is serviced through hostel fees paid by boarders. Two personal sureties are in place, both Old Boys of the school. It was through the Foundation also that donor funding enabled the construction of the Sydney Klevansky Sports Centre, and the Surgite House/ Tom Clarke Suite building.

The NPC will now focus solely on fundraising and fund administration.

A stronger school will be able to plan confidently for more expansive investment.

With rejuvenated and ever-improving facilities, the school will be able to widen its base of full-pay parents.

The Foundation will selectively collect urgent funding for specific projects on a pass-through basis and also allocate funds to approved

projects recommended by the school's governance structures from an endowment fund, which we shall now begin to accumulate.

The funds shall always be applied for the furtherance of educational outcomes to the benefit of the pupils. Broadly speaking, this falls into three categories:

1. Maintenance: functional and aesthetic repairs and maintenance of the school buildings, equipment and grounds
2. Capital improvements: new or upgraded facilities required to adapt to the changing education needs of society, for example in robotics and digitisation.
3. Bursaries and Scholarships: financial assistance for pupils to cover school fees, transport, hostel board and lodging, sport and cultural tours.

The professionally skilled and diverse board has been formed in the first half of 2022; a full-time Foundation Coordinator has been appointed in August 2022 and the Foundation has officially





been relaunched in October 2022. We have the governance, communication and executive bandwidth to achieve our goals.

It must be noted also that there is now a strong sense of unity in the School. Contrary to the strong sense of division and mistrust amongst

all parties that prevailed in the first part of 2018, we now have a School where all key role players are aligned, viz: the Staff and various Parent Support Committees, the School Executive Management Team, the School Governing Body, and the Parktonian Foundation.





J. Closing

As Old Boys of the School who have benefited from the grounding and opportunities provided by the School and still feel a strong affiliation and affection and pride in the establishment, we have repositioned the Foundation and refocused fundraising efforts in order to provide necessary support to Parktown Boys' to restore its reputation and enable it to continue to compete with the best schools in country on all levels, over time. We are determined to ensure the long-term

sustainability of the School as a high-quality educational institution focused on attaining excellence.

We look forward to our next 100 years with confidence and excitement, as we build on the strong foundations of the past 100 years.

2022 Head Prefect Unathi Njenga reflects the energised mindset and expectations in the Student Body currently, in his message to the 2022 Grade 8 Group at their Induction:

“ Every Parktown Boy’s journey begins at this point that you are at: looking at this place that you know very little about, imaging the new strangers you will one day consider your friends. It is the ‘blank page’ stage; a stage where there is nothing to your name and you are yet to build a reputation for yourself. So, what you do here at our school matters. Take part in sporting activities; do a cultural activity; try hard at all that you do; all these things will help you write your story here at Parktown.

At Parktown Boys’ High School you will be pushed to achieve greatness. A greatness you may not even yet realise is within you. But you will not be alone. You will find yourself surrounded by other great young men, men you will call your brothers. Be there for your friends; support them; grow together with them. Here we are a pride of brothers and brothers are there for each other.

It all starts here.

Arise! ”



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