

DEAR PARENTS,

Ed-Admin's downtime and subsequent acknowledgement of the cybersecurity scare brought these realities far closer to home than we would have ever liked. The app is fully functional and we trust that you are all up and running once again.

ACADEMICS

We congratulate each of the following boys who placed in the Top 10 for Term 2.

TOP 10 – GRADE 10	
1	Yarshan Kumarasamy
2	Cohen Naidu
3	Nihal Krishen
4	Dael Human
5	Abhaye Ramroop
6	Ethan Graham
7	Olebogeng Mkhize
8	Banele Dimba
9	Matt Lucht
10	Lugmaan Mahomed

TOP 10 – GRADE 9	
1	Yusuf Osman
2	Yahya Moorad
3	Nathan Van Der Meulen
4	William Paterson
5	Veer Singh
6	Colin Martin-Mostert
7	Sayan Govender
8	Jaihaan Brijmohan
9	Alan Varghese
10	Umar Shaik

TOP 10 – GRADE 8	
1	Max Harvey
2	Jacob Lee
3	Humzah Bayat
4	Kyle Paul
5	Viljee Prinsloo
6	Yusuf Ahmed Timol
7	Rio Young
8	Ashton Singh
9	Uthandolwenkosi Xaba
10	Ryan Palmer

GRADE 8 – 11 TERM 3 CONTROLLED TESTS AND GRADE 12 TRIALS EXAMS

This is the final week before control tests and Trial Exams start. Please ensure that your son is focused and organised as we move into this time of assessments.

The Grade 8 – 11 Term 3 Controlled Test timetable, as well as the Grade 12 Trials Exam timetable and exam breakdowns can be found via the following link <https://linktr.ee/wbhsgriffins>.

The above documents as well as the Grade 12 2026 NSC exam timetable have been uploaded on the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal application.

Matric Speech Night will take place on the evening of **13 October 2026**, further details will be sent to Matrics as they are finalised.

PORTFOLIO EVENINGS – GRADE 8 & 9

At the portfolio evening parents can engage with the tasks done in each subject. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to gain insight into their son's work and to understand where the areas of improvement are. For Grade 9 parents, this is also an opportunity to gain insight into which subjects your sons enjoy. This information is useful when choosing subjects for Grade 10.

Grade 9 - Monday 17th August 2026 17:00 – 18:30

Grade 8 - Tuesday 18th August 2026 17:00 – 18:30

WHERE POTENTIAL MEETS PURPOSE



SUBJECT CHOICE EVENINGS – GRADE 9

The Grade 9 Subject choice information evenings will be held on **Monday 24th August** and **Tuesday 25th August 2026** at 18:00 in the RCT. The Google Form to RSVP has been sent out via notifications and is uploaded under Academics in the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal application.

EARLY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

School will close early on **Friday 21 August 2026** at **12:30** due to the teaching staff attending District NSC Invigilator training at 13:00 at WGHS. Please make the appropriate arrangements. Bus times will be communicated through the normal bus communication channels.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Academic Support Programme for **Term 3** is available via the following link: <https://linktr.ee/wbhsggriffins>. For more information, please contact Mrs. Roopram by email: roopsa01@wbhs.co.za

HOW NOT TO MESS UP ONLINE: A TEENAGER'S GUIDE

At the end of August, we will receive a progress report on each boy that signed up for the course, if your son has not started the course or is not progressing well we will inform you. Boys have 6 months to complete this course and will receive a certificate to show completion. Please could you encourage him to work through these courses. The total time needed for the full course is 3 hours.

LOCKERS

We are finding that a large number of learners are either forgetting or losing the keys to their lockers each day. This causes unnecessary inconvenience for both the learner and the school.

Please ensure that your son has a spare key available in a safe place. Locks will no longer be cut during the school day. A staff member will only be available before and after school should locks need to be cut.

EXEATS

A reminder that NO learners will be allowed to leave school during the first 3 lessons or the last lesson of the school day unless there are exceptional circumstances. We would like to encourage parents where possible, to make appointments in the afternoons and not during academic time.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Ashton Singh** who placed 8th overall in the Senior Category of the Inaugural Spelling Bee World Cup held in Shanghai, China in July 2026. The competition featured 11 countries and the senior category comprised of almost 40 competitors. Ashton will be representing South Africa once more at the Spelling Bee World Cup to be held in Beijing, China in 2027.

Congratulations to **Scott Clemmett** on being selected to represent South Africa at the Triathlon World Championships taking place in Pontevedra, Spain this September.

Everraud Raynard has been appointed Vice-Captain of the South African U16 Water Polo Team ahead of the 2026 World Aquatics U16 Men's Water Polo Championships in Zagreb, Croatia.

Congratulations to **Slade Young** on an outstanding achievement in the ring. After winning his South African category in the 75kg division at a tournament in Cape Town, Slade has earned the title of South Africa's No. 1 boxer in his weight class. His victory also secures his place representing South Africa at the upcoming tournament in Mozambique this December.

Connor Hawkins was selected to represent South Africa at the CAC African Continental Track Championships in Nigeria. On Day 1 of competition, Connor and his teammates delivered a phenomenal performance to claim the Junior Continental Team Sprint Championship title. Adding to this incredible accomplishment, Connor is currently ranked 25th in the world for track sprinting.

Congratulations to **Lwandile Mlaba** and **Luxolo Sonkononkono**, who were officially capped as SA Schools players following their selections at the 2026 FNB U18 Craven Week.

Wishing **Luke Lambert** and **Ahluma Stefane** all the very best as they head to Zimbabwe to represent South Africa in the SA U16A and SA U16B Hockey teams at the Zimbabwe Junior Hockey Series 2026.

ED ADMIN MULTI-PORTAL

Please ensure you have downloaded the Ed-Admin Multi-Portal application, this can be activated by using the code: **462557**. Important school and sport communication is sent out via this app.

KARRI APP

The Karri Application helps with the management and ease of payment for tours, lockers, bus and art fees as well as other collections. School Fees and Boarding are excluded at this stage. Follow the instructions for downloading and installing the App by clicking on the following link: [Karri](#)

LOST PROPERTY

There is a significant amount of lost property, including items from the recent Youth Camp. Please ask your son to check with Reception if they are missing items.

INTERACT COLLECTION

The Interact Task Team is running a Baby Drive during Term 3. All donations will go directly to support Baby Hope House, The Baby House, Westville and the Upper Highway Baby Home. Items can be left in the collection boxes located at Reception until 18 September.

Baby Formulas, Food & Snacks:

Novalac AR, Lactogen 1 and 2, Similac Total Comfort 2, Infacare 3, Purity / Squish pouches, Cerelac, Hey Baby teething biscuits & Flings, Apple juice & Oros.

Baby Hygiene & Nappy Care:

Pampers or Huggies nappies (Sizes 5 and 6), Bennetts Bum Crème, Epimax Baby & Junior Crème, Pure glycerine soap, Tissues & Earbuds, Hand sanitiser.

Medicines & Wellness:

Dactarin oral gel, Antepoel ointment, Probiotics, Vicks Baby Rub, Eucalyptus oil.

Clothing:

Tracksuits / clothes (Ages 1–2), Baby socks (Ages 0–2).

Household Cleaning & Laundry:

Milton, Sunlight 2-in-1 washing powder, Baby Sta-Soft, Sunlight dishwashing soap, Handy Andy, Dish cloths, Air freshener.

General Supplies:

AA batteries, D batteries.

Thank you for your support in making a difference for these homes!

IN CLOSING

The holidays are a distant memory, tests and Trial Exams are looming as we navigate this busy term. Good luck for the upcoming assessments.

Sincerely,

GRAHAM STEELE
HEADMASTER

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 2026		
22 August 2026	Maritzburg College	Away
28 August 2026	Northwood	Home
05 September 2026	St. David's	Home
	Reddam Umhlanga	Away
12 September 2026	Hilton College	Away

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

11 September 2026
24 Aug - 11 Sept 2026
24 Aug - 4 Sept 2026
16 - 18 September 2026

Westville Old Boys' Golf Day
Matric Trial Exams
Control Tests – Grade 8 - 11
Grade 8, 9 & 10 Leadership Camps
Grade 11 Shadow Leadership Camp
End of Term 3

23 September 2026