



Dear Curro Aurorians

A warm, heart-felt welcome to the 2017 academic year in this first CAB article of 2017. We wish our existing, new parents and learners true educational growth, success and a sense of personal achievement as the year unfolds. New learners and parents are accorded a special welcome as they become members of the Curro Aurora Family. We trust you will feel at home and grow with us as we tackle the year ahead.



STAFF MATTERS

A special, sincere welcome is extended to Curro Aurora's incoming Executive Headmaster in person of Mr J.C. Engelbrecht.

His reputation precedes him as an accomplished, knowledgeable educationalist and manager of note. His familiar face as a T.V. weather forecaster is most reassuring as he predicts and manages the looming horizons of the Aurora campus in the years ahead. On behalf of all Aurorians, I take this opportunity to welcome him to the Curro Aurora family and community.

Casting an eye on the reciprocal horizon, it is with gratitude and appreciation that we bid a fond farewell to Mr Johann Ueckermann who vacates the Executive Office as he relocates to the newly constructed Curro campus in Sandton to assume his new post, heading the Waterfall Tertiary institution. We wish him well and every continued success following his success at Curro Aurora.

On a sad note, it is my duty to inform parents and learners that our popular Deputy Principal of the GET Phase, Mr. Tyrone Easton has tendered his resignation for reasons of poor health. Mr. Easton's contribution in the classroom, on the sports field and in managing of Grade 8 and 9 matters will be sorely missed. On behalf of his colleagues, learners and parents, I wish him an expedited, full recovery so that the teaching fraternity may once again share the benefits of his experience.

It is my pleasure to announce the promotion of Mrs. Sarah-Jane Olivier to Deputy Principal: FET Phase, replacing Mrs. Kruger. Welcome also to Mrs. Belinda Gibson, Deputy Principal: GET Phase, in the wake of Mr. Easton's resignation. Strengthening and expanding the High School Management Team (SMT), I welcome Mrs. Donna van Dyk, Head of Learner Support; Mr. Jannie Viljoen who heads Curro Aurora's Cultural programmes and Mr. Adrian Ferreira who leads High School Sport. Congratulations to all as they throw their weight behind lifting the bar of service excellence, delivery and achievement.

At the beginning of the year during the first staff meeting, it was most encouraging to witness the almost palpable energy and sense of expectation as the High School staff ready themselves to tackle the year ahead. Contributing to this effervesce are Curro Aurora's newest High School appointments. Following extensive SMT searching and interview sessions, I am proud to introduce the following new members of the High School teaching staff:

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- **Mrs Mia Peyper:**
HoD Physical Sciences. She hails from RAU Call, Maragon and King Edward VII.
- **Mrs Tracy-lee Edwards:**
HoD English. Mrs. Edwards is a much adored and respected educator known to Primary School learners. She joins the High School relocating from the Primary School. She has previously taught senior, IEB matric English.
- **Mrs Susan van Dyk:**
Educator teaching Business Sciences and Economics. Previous posts include HoD of Economics and Business Sciences, Westridge and DoE.
- **Mr Frederick Muller:**
Educator joining Dr. Blieden's department. Previously he was HoD, CAT and I.T. at Lantern High School.
- **Mr Helmut Otto:**
Educator teaching Afrikaans. Mr. Otto has taught at Curro Aurora previously. Upon his return from teaching abroad, he once again joins the Aurora team.
- **Mrs Saskia Snyders:**
HoD Dramatic Arts. Previously the HoD, Dramatic Arts – Parktown Girls High School.
- **Miss Maria Chou:**
Educator of Natural Sciences. Miss Chou is a familiar face at Curro Aurora. Her exemplary teaching during previous practical training attracted our attention leading to her appointment.
- **Miss. Kayla Hayter:**
Educator Mathematics and Biological Sciences. Miss. Hayter holds an Honours Degree in Genetic Engineering and hails from the University of the Orange Free State.
- **Mr. Chris Watkins:**
English educator. As is the case with Miss Chou, he is a familiar face at Curro Aurora. His passion, love for children, unyielding investment in the future and progress of his charges impressed Curro Aurora's SMT.

We wish our new staff members the very best for a successful 2017!

Please take note of the new Grade Heads for 2017. A reminder that Grade Heads need to be informed should you be signing your child out of school early, and they are your point of contact after you have spoken to a tutor or subject teacher.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADE HEADS AND ASSISTANTS

	GRADE HEAD	ASSISTED BY
Grade 8	Mrs Estelle Trovato	Mr Helmut Otto
Grade 9	Mrs Judy Beeston	Mrs Christine Hazel
Grade 10	Miss Bianca Gouveia	Mr Freek Muller
Grade 11	Mrs Loutjie de Wet	Mrs Sindi Zwane
Grade 12	Mrs Karen Grose	Mrs Rialda J V Rensburg

**BEGINNINGS AND THEME**

As parents read this article, the High School is entering its 3rd week with one Cycle Test already under the belt. In an ever-increasingly competitive world, it remains imperative that learners make the best use of the opportunity to study at an institution of Curro Aurora's calibre. Following on 2016's academic successes, the following Aurora generations are expected to improve and lift the bar. To this end, educational management structures and internal policies or arrangements have been fine-tuned and tweaked to facilitate improved yields and results. The High School theme for 2017 is:

“MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

At present, these are merely words in an e-mail. Learners will very soon realize that they are about to exercise an indelible impact in their daily school careers and educational transactions should they opt to avoid or sublimate their academic responsibility and expectations. The Cycle Test- retest system is once more in place, this time as part of the timetable. Every learner who fails to obtain a 50% Cycle Test score automatically writes the retest and will attend compulsory extra lessons at which rollcall is taken. Irrespective of educator help and assistance on hand, the final responsibility rests in the hands of the learner who must assume final accountability for their results and studies. Success is a team effort when the precious triangle of Educator, Learner and Parent operates, functions, communicates and achieves in harmony and unison.

**“Coming together
is a beginning;
keeping together
is progress;
working together
is success. ~
Anonymous”**



NATIONAL CURRO AWARDS AND PRIZE GIVING AT EMPEROR'S PALACE

Curro Aurora was proud to be invited to attend the Annual National Awards Ceremony at Emperor's Palace in Kempton Park. It was personally most gratifying and a privilege to witness Curro Aurora stars and leaders achieving national recognition for academic successes attained. We are truly grateful to our superb staff who share in the success of these awards.

Congratulations to

Claire Rothero, Curro Aurora's top achiever who attained 6 distinctions, narrowly missing out on a seventh by 1%. Well done, Claire! We are indeed proud of you! Heiletjé van Zyl, in a similar vein, attained 5 distinctions and also placed in the Top 1% of the national IEB First Additional Language for Afrikaans. Well done, Heiletjé! Shayur Bagwandeem was not to be outdone achieving 6 distinctions followed closely by Aidan van Geest who earned 5. Well done class of 2016! You have clearly shown the way and laid down the gauntlet for the matric class of 2017. We keenly await addresses, talks and advice from you as you visit to share with the current learner group your experiences at tertiary level.

GRADE 8 INDUCTION

Grade 8 parents and learners are reminded of the Grade 8 induction on the 31st January 2017. It is at this ceremony, akin to a right-of-passage, that Grade 8s enter the Curro Aurora High School family. Concluding the induction ceremony, Grade 8 learners will have earned the right to don a High School blazer.

CURRO AURORA OPEN DAY

Prospective parents and learners of all grades are welcome to visit the Curro Aurora Open Day on Saturday 25 February 2017. We look forward to receiving and sharing our passion and Blue Pride with you

Keep an eye out for the special Grade 8 report in the next CAB, where you will hear about their exciting start to High School!

Be a **GAME/CHANGER**
Dream it. Embrace it. Live it.

OPEN DAY
25 February 2017

Visit us and find out how your child can be a gameCHANGER.

Grade 000 to Grade 12

Venue:
Taurus Road
Sundowner
Randburg

Time: 9:00

High School Scholarship Programme – OPEN
Closing date: 25 February 2017

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We are very proud of the Class of 2016 and of their outstanding Matric results. Congratulations to our top achievers:

M A T R I C R E S U L T S



Claire Rothero (6 distinctions)



Shayur Bagwandeem (6 distinctions)



Heiletjé van Zyl (5 distinctions)
Top 1% IEB (Afrikaans FAL)



Aidan van Geest (5 distinctions)

100% Pass Rate

94% Bachelor's Degree Pass

92 Distinctions



The following students are congratulated on their achievements during the December/January Holidays:

CRICKET

Caleb Probert represented the Gauteng u17B cricket team at the u17B Inter-Provincial Cricket Week. The team won 4, lost 1 and drew 1. Caleb finished with a batting average of 86 and took 5 wickets.

SOFTBALL

Robyn Zeller, Megan Arthur, Maddie Pestana, Shinead Promnitz, Micaela Pimenta, Amber Smaldon and Kaye Burgers represented the Central Gauteng District U17 team at the Inter-Regional Tournament held in Pretoria from the 6th to the 10th December 2016. The team finished 4th overall. In this tournament, Megan, Robyn and Shinead were selected for the All Stars Team.

Caitlyn Pimenta, Charlotte Arnold, Sara Dike, Kayla Nunes and Courtney Arthur represented the U15 team at this tournament and Dinika de Klerk the U13 team.

Megan, Robyn, Shinead and Maddie went on to play for Gauteng in the U18 team in the Provincial Schools Sports Championships held in Kempton Park from the 10th to the 15th December where they finished 4th overall. Danika also represented Gauteng at this tournament where she played in the U13 team.

GOLF

Woo-Ju Son (bottom left) won the Boland and Western Province Junior Championships. Cara Ford finished 6th and 8th. Kieron van Wyk finished 4th in the SA u15 Championship and Carl Mwale tie 8th. Keelan van Wyk (Captain) and Cole Stevens (bottom right) were part of the Central Gauteng u19 team that won the SA Inter-Provincial Championship. Cole was awarded the 'Most Valuable Player Trophy' of the Championship.





HIGHBOARD DIVING (Aquatics)

Kerryn Hundermark was placed 3rd in the Girls' Group B 1 Meter Final at the SA National Age Group Championships.



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Please note that sports practices are well under way for summer sports season. Pre-season training has also started for a number of the winter sports. We encourage all students to get involved in the sports programmes and to be part of Blue Pride on the sport's fields!



A word from our new Head of Culture, Mr Jannie Viljoen

“The only thing we have is one another. The only competitive advantage we have is the culture and values of the company. All we have is the relationship around the values of the company and what we bring to the customer every day. And we all have to own it.”

- **Howard Schultz, CEO, Starbucks**

The *Live Science* website describes culture as the characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, defined by everything from language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and arts.

Any school is a micro-cosmos that reflects the world outside the safe borders of the school premises and through participation in cultural activities, we foster individuals who can speak eloquently, argue a point with logical sense - if not for themselves, to help someone else - and display a character developed through practise, role-modelling, failure and determination to succeed.

Look at all the civilizations that have achieved in numerous spheres: economic, socio-political, religious, humanitarian, sport, corporate, agriculture and technology and you will find a common thread – they have a healthy and rich cultural heritage. Culture is the one aspect of the human experience that leads us to enlightenment through service to others.

At Curro Aurora this service can be seen in peer-coaching in debating, student-scripted work for productions and pupil-produced one act plays, but also in the work produced by all practical subjects like *Design, Consumer Studies, Information Technology* and *Computer Applications Technology*, where our students learn to produce work that communicates not only our African, but our global cultural achievements.

Currorians are well-versed in many fields and are nowhere more noticeable than in Public Speaking. Not only as a cultural activity, but as a real life skill, like Bavesh Padayachy, whom after a meeting with Minister Pravin Gordhan was invited to the offices of then mayor of Johannesburg, Mr Parks Tau and subsequently been appointed President of the South African National Youth Council; and our Grassroots team won the Inter-Curro Entrepreneurship Competition with exposure on SABC2’s “Teens on the Move”, “Tomz”, telephonic interview with YFM, a newspaper article in the Times Newspaper and a meeting with Vincent Bartes, a prominent figure in business entrepreneurship. This has led to possible investment opportunities for their product in the near future. These milestones were achieved through the hard work and excellent communication skills developed in our classrooms.

We will always strive to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will benefit them the most in their adult life, but moreover, we hope that they become the best version of themselves through the pursuit of the various cultural activities offered at Curro Aurora.

Please note that cultural activities are already well underway at school. Major Production rehearsals, debating and the speech teams are practising intensively in preparation for the season ahead.



Dear Grade 11 Students and Parents

Life Orientation: External Certificates

This letter serves as a reminder that, as part of a holistic approach in Life Orientation, **four External Certificates need to be completed between Grade 10 and Grade 12.** The purpose of these certificates is to expose students to skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values beyond the classroom environment. These certificate tasks will be required for the student's final Grade 12 portfolio. The certificates should meet the following criteria:

- Students should gain both skills and knowledge.
- Certificates for academic success and achievement in a school-run sport or cultural activity should **not** be included.
- Please note that Olympiads may **not** be used.
- Applications for ID books, gym memberships, passports and bank accounts are **not** acceptable. **Passing** of a learner's **OR** driver's license is acceptable.
- The Photographic Course, First Aid course, Dale Carnegie course, and Grade 11 Leadership Camp may also be used.
- Job shadowing will take place later in the year and may be used.
- Please refer to the information on the following page for certificate ideas.

One of the certificates has to be **Community Service**. A **minimum** of 10 hours of community service is necessary to meet the requirements of the community service certificate. These hours may be completed at any time from Grade 10 to Grade 12. This means voluntary involvement in a non-profit organisation, and does not include service to the school. Grade 11 students will be rewarded with 10 hours of community service for Legacy Camp 2016 (only those who attended).

Students are, however, encouraged to do other community service as well, especially when required for tertiary studies. Outside organisations providing courses or facilitating community service need to provide the student with a letter-headed and stamped certificate of completion, outlining what the student has done. Certified copies of certificates must be handed to Mrs van Dyk for safekeeping. Students must cover more than one field in the choice of external certificates.

Please feel free to contact Mrs van Dyk (donna.v@curroholdings.co.za) should you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs D van Dyk
HOD Life Orientation

Mrs SJ Olivier
Phase Head: Grade 10 - 12



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External Certificates Options

- CPR
- President's Award Certificate – one level only
- Round Square Initiatives
- Toast Masters – one level only
- Leadership courses
- Learner OR Driver licences
- Coaching and Umpiring certification
- Life Saving
- Exchange Programmes
- School camps with specific focus (E.g. Leadership camp)
- Religious Certification
- Self-awareness and improvement
- Peer tutoring (E.g. Thandanani Programme)
- First Aid
- Deportment
- Support Services
- Meals for families in crisis
- Sandwiches
- Knitting
- Personal Baking for community partnerships
- Visiting Children's Homes
- Outreach services
- Literacy and Numeracy Training
- SPCA
- Soup kitchens
- Guide dogs
- Police Stations
- Hospitals
- Retirement homes
- Residential Service
- Outreach programmes
- Smile Programme
- Habitat for Humanity
- Fundraising Initiatives
- Service Projects
- Holiday projects in disadvantaged areas
- Missionary Initiatives
- Physical Rehabilitation

Community Service Hours

- Please note that 2 hours of community service will be awarded per Legacy Camp attended.
- Other community service needs to be organised by the student.
- Community service opportunities or ideas will be communicated to the students during Life orientation lessons.



ACADEMIC AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

GRADE	DAY	TIME	TEACHER
AP MATHS			
10	Tuesday	16h00 – 18h00	Mr Phillips
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12			
AP MATHS EXTRA LESSONS			
12	Monday	17h00-18h00 (by appointment)	Mrs Kreyfelt
MATHS EXTRA LESSONS			
8	Tuesday	14h30 – 15:15	Mrs Kreyfelt
9			Ms Hayter/Mrs Beeston
10			Ms Gouveia
11			Mrs Pretorius
12			Mr Kotze
MATHS OLYMPIAD TRAINING			
8	Tuesday	15h20 – 16H00	Mrs Beeston
9			Mrs Kreyfelt
10			Ms Hayter
11			Mrs Pretorius
12			Mr Kotze
MATHS/MATHS LIT PROJECT			
12	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h40	Mrs Beeston
ENGLISH EXTRA LESSONS			
8	Monday	14h15 – 15h00	Mrs Grose
9	Wednesday	14h10 – 14:40	Mrs Gibson
10	Wednesday	13h30 – 14h15	Mrs Grose
11	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00	Mrs Edwards
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ENGLISH EXTENSION LESSONS (by invite only)			
8	Monday	14h30 – 15h15	Mr Watkins
9	Tuesday	14h30 – 15h15	Mr Watkins
10	Wednesday	13h30 – 14h00	Mrs Gibson
11	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00 (Week 1)	Mrs Olivier
12	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00 (Week 2)	Mrs Olivier
isiZulu EXTRA LESSONS			
8 - 12	All week	By appointment: Mornings, breaks, after school	Mrs Zwane
AFRIKAANS EXTRA LESSONS			
8	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00	Mrs Hazel
9	Tuesday	14h30 – 15h10	Mr Otto
10	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h40	Mrs Trovato
11	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h40	Mrs de Wet
12	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h40	Mrs Steyn
	Thursday	14h10 – 14h50	
NATURAL SCIENCES EXTRA LESSONS			
8 (NS)	Tuesday	14h40 – 15h30	Ms Chou
9 (LS)	Tuesday	14h40 – 15h30	Ms Chou
8 - 9 (PS)	Wednesday	13h30 – 14h30	Ms Patel
LIFE SCIENCES EXTRA LESSONS			
10	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h30	Mrs Reddy/Dr van der Merwe
11	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h30	Mrs Reddy/Dr van der Merwe
12	Friday	14h10 – 15h00	Mrs Reddy/Dr van der Merwe



PHYSICAL SCIENCES EXTRA LESSONS			
10	Wednesday	13h30 – 14h30	Mrs Peyper
11	Thursday	14h05 – 15h05	
12	Monday	14h15 – 15h15	
ACCOUNTING EXTRA LESSONS			
8 - 9	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00	Mrs van Dyk
9 - 12	Thursday	14h15 – 15h30	Mrs Lindeque
ECONOMICS EXTRA LESSONS			
10	Thursday	14h15 – 15h00	Mrs van Dyk
11 - 12	Wednesday	14h15 – 15h30	Mrs van Rensburg
BUSINESS STUDIES EXTRA LESSONS			
10 - 12	Wednesday	13h35 – 14h30	Mrs Bornman
BUSINESS STUDIES 8th SUBJECT			
12	Wednesday	13h35 – 14h30	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
8 - 12	All week	By appointment after school	Dr Blieden/Mr Appelman
10 - 12	All week	During break	Dr Blieden
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY			
10 - 12	All week	By appointment after school	Mr Muller

**Please note that all teachers are available by appointment, so should your child be unable to attend the scheduled lessons above, they are welcome to make a different arrangement with their subject teachers.

**All other subjects are by appointment only. It is the responsibility of the learner to approach the teacher to arrange these lessons.

During the first High School assembly, children from Grades 8 – 12 received the message to set and pursue their personal goals. Herewith one of those messages to set the tone for the year:

I'm not here to be average, I'm here to be awesome!

Wishing our High School learners a year filled with success and victory.

Blessings,

Dr. Richard Kieck
Operational Head
Curro Aurora
High School