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'Why, sometimes I've believed
as many as six impossible things
before breakfast.'
– Lewis Carroll
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Hermanus

HEAD BOY:
Marc de Villiers

I have really enjoyed my time as one of the leaders. This year was probably just as tricky as the previous year with COVID-19, lockdown and restrictions, but we were at least fortunate enough to still be allowed to take part in fun and important school traditions.

Of the things that I enjoyed most this year as one of the leaders, the Grade 8 orientation has to be at the top of the list. Everyone enjoyed the orientation, it went on quite smoothly, we had lots of fun and we ran A LOT with the Grade 8s, making sure they got plenty of exercise. We also enjoyed our 40 days a couple weeks ago; it was wild and even better than we had imagined it would be since Grade 8. Then there is still our matric dance that I've been looking forward to for the whole year. It took me a whole week to decide what I was going to wear, but I can promise you that I'm really dressing to impress (all that's left to do is to fix my terrible dancing).

Generally, as leaders we had to be a lot more careful with our time management and just make extra sure not to get overwhelmed with the Grade 12 work and prefect duties and responsibilities. I struggled to remember all the Grade 8s' names, but I would at least manage to remember the names of the learners who would greet me. Other than that, it was difficult delivering speeches, because I tend to get HUGE stage fright and it has often caused me to forget parts of my speech!

My advice and as a friend to our successors, the leaders of 2022:

- A lot of next year's Grade 8s will look up to you. First impressions are important!
- Learn to work together with your team and make sure that you guys get along with each other.
- Don't create too much extra work for yourselves – you're going to Grade 12 next year and it's crucial for you guys to be able to have enough time for all the projects, assessments and tests that you will have to do.
- Remember that it's your final year of school, so enjoy it as much as possible! Go on hikes with your friends, party responsibly and go to the beach in your free time. (You will have a 40 days to plan and a matric dance to look forward to as well!)
- There's no need to panic, the teachers will always be there to help you guys just as they helped us this year.

Lastly … remember to have some fun, stay true, humble, and kind.

HEAD GIRL:
Stephanie Hodson

My matric year

When faced with setbacks and challenges, we've all received the well-meaning advice to stay positive. The greater the challenge, the more this glass-half-full wisdom can come across as unrealistic. It's hard to find the motivation to focus on the positive when positivity seems like nothing more than wishful thinking, but it is important to focus on the things that bring us happiness.

During this year I came to realise the importance of focusing on the positive things that I experienced. No matter how small or insignificant it seemed at the time, these cherished moments are the memories I will hold on to when I leave at the end of this year. Whether it was dancing and singing during 40 days, music being played at break, or even a quick cup of coffee and a chat during Hospitality Studies.

One of the greatest experiences was how much our grade bonded this year. We came together and supported each other through the struggles we faced, both as a group and personally. We all developed in our own ways, becoming more of our true selves.

Our 40 days was the time when we were able to have fun and take a break from stressing about the upcoming exams. By incorporating the whole high school into our celebration, I feel that we brought learners closer together. It didn't matter what grade you were in. It gave everyone a much-needed outlet and because everyone was singing and dancing together, engendered a sense of unity, which is a memory that I will always treasure.

The Grade 8 orientation was a particularly special moment for me. We were able to connect with the Grade 8s and help them build a foundation that I hope they will carry with them over the next four years. You have great influence, matrics. Use it wisely.

Through all the challenges we faced, we persevered. A valuable lesson that I learnt during this year was how important it is to focus on the positive things that life has to offer. Cherish the happy moments, those will be the memories that stick with you. Just take it one day at a time. Matric is a marathon, not a sprint. I would like to leave you with this final thought: The most important power we have, is within ourselves.

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