

VG News

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Message From The Principal



Dear VG Community

As always, the third term is a busy one, and this year it has felt especially full. Yet, thanks to the efforts of our staff, the Rhodes student teachers, and the VG learners, we can look back with pride on what has been achieved.

Congratulations to everyone who has excelled – whether it be in academics, sport, culture, or service – this term. I certainly hope that your hard work has paid off.

A special word of thanks goes to our dedicated VG staff, whose commitment and time investment in the learners and the school, is central to our success.

As we close Term 3 and look ahead to the final exams and the exciting conclusion of the school year, we wish everyone a restful break. Stay safe, recharge, and return in Term 4 ready to finish the year with energy and purpose.

Sincerely

Mr Schmidt



PORTFOLIO HEADS 2026



Lusanele Kesa, Yakhanani Yapi, Tatum Jacobs
Lilitha Mbolekwa, Kwakhanya Nongubo



SPORT

Athletics Report

On the 17th of September, our athletes travelled to St Andrew's College (SAC) to take part in a triangular athletics meeting against Kingswood College and Diocesan School for Girls (DSG). The event brought together a wide range of track and field events, giving our athletes the opportunity to showcase their talent, commitment, and sportsmanship.

On the track, our athletes competed in hurdles, relays, and several sprint and middle-distance races. In the field events, our participants took part in javelin, discus, shot put, and high jump.

Throughout the day, our athletes represented the school with pride, not only through their performances but also in the spirit they showed the entire afternoon. The triangular was a valuable experience, allowing our athletes to test themselves against strong opposition while building confidence for upcoming events.



SPORT

Our squash team has had an exciting season, showcasing skill and determination both in league matches and during a competitive tournament. The school league saw the team put in strong performances, steadily climbing the rankings and securing a high position through teamwork and perseverance.

Although the tournament proved more challenging and the results didn't quite match their league success, the players gained valuable match experience. Their commitment and sportsmanship throughout the season have been outstanding, and we look forward to building on this in the sessions to follow.



SPORT

The annual Inter-House Cross Country was held successfully on 2 October 2025. Students from all houses demonstrated exceptional determination and sportsmanship in completing the challenging 4km course.

Congratulations to all participants for their commendable efforts and a special well done to Stella Mullin, Lithalethu Santi, and Liyakhanya Moyake for coming first in their age groups and a special well done to Stella for coming first overall.

Thank you to our teachers, marshals, and first aiders whose dedicated efforts ensured the event was safe, well-organised, and a great success.



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GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon 2025. Massive thanks to Ms Waka, Ms Kalipa and the VG girls for running their water table in the cold and wind! Runners could hear you cheering for them from the radio towers all the way down the mountain.



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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Moot court results:

- 1) VGHS ranked 2nd overall with 911 points in (argument 1 and 2 in the province)
- 2) VGHS made the EC Team to go to National.
- 3) VGHS essay ranked 3rd in the province
- 4) VGHS was the overall winner in the final rounds.

A big thank you to Ms Vlandir for accompanying our girls.

A massive thank you to some of the seasoned lawyers from the Legal-Aid office in Grahamstown for offering their time up in the next coming days to assist Zukhanye Ntlabati and Kholosa Waka as they prep for the National Moot Court Competition happening in Pretoria next week.

A massive thank you must also go to Ms Siphokazi Nogaya (VG Old Girl), Ms Lumka Languza and Ms Vlandir who assisted in making sure that this was possible.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

On Saturday the 23rd of August VG hosted the Eastern Cape round of the World Robot Olympiad Robotics competition. We had teams from 9 different schools and organizations from around the province competing across four different events.

Well done to all the girls who took part for their work leading up to the event and on the day. In the Explorer Prime event (for learners at the competition for the first time) Livelu Royi, Linomtha Kula and Inam Tsana ranked 3rd overall. In the Robo Mission Junior event (for learners up to 15 years old who have experience) Zothando Sibiya and Lihlumile Benya ranked 2nd and Sally Kadye and Mivuyo Ntlabathi ranked 1st - the same rankings these two teams achieved last year in the explorer category.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

This year, the journey of our chess players has been nothing short of inspiring — filled with growth, determination, and outstanding achievements. What began as a fun and enriching co-curricular activity quickly evolved into a rewarding pursuit for many of our learners. Some joined to explore the game, while others sought to sharpen their skills — and a number even continued to compete beyond school tournaments.

Our girls performed exceptionally well throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication lead to their selection to represent the Sarah Baartman District, where they competed in Port Elizabeth. There, they demonstrated true sportsmanship, resilience, and strategic brilliance. Win or lose, our learners remained committed — sacrificing their weekends, waking up at the crack of dawn to travel and compete, and always choosing chess over leisure. Their efforts have paid off: we are incredibly proud to announce that several of our learners have been selected to participate in the Open Chess Tournament this December, where they will represent the Eastern Cape.

This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their passion and perseverance. We at VGHS are extremely proud of them and wish them the very best in the upcoming tournament. We'll be cheering them on every step of the way — and remind them: always be ready to make your next move.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Inter-House Plays

This year offered an insight into myths and legends from around the world. With each IH Director offering showed dedication as each took on a myth with Dorset performing The Hole in the Wall; Graeme gave a twist on Pandora's Box; Ruthville a different telling of Medusa and Thursford's Persephone and Demeter. All directors poured their hearts out.

The winning house was Thursford.

A massive thanks to Mr Kenya Winn, Ms Bianca Cele and Ms Mtotywa for adjudicating the competition.

And also not forgetting Ms Vlandir for organizing the event, Ms van Staden and the Grade 10 Drama Class for working behind the scenes and everyone who was involved in this year's productions.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

On Saturday 30th August a group of top Grade 8 Academics went on an outing to Amakhala Game reserve. After an introductory ice breaker activity, the girls went on a two-hour game drive. Highlights of the trip were sightings of elephants, giraffes, lions and rhinos, as well as examining a giraffe skull, and elephant and zebra dung.



CAMPING CLUB ADVENTURE

The Camping Club went on a trip to the Ecoshire Camping Lodge from September 5th to September 7th. This trip was a test of doing things for themselves. Everyone had to set up their own tents and cook their own meals.

We had a great barbecue outside one evening. The cooking brought everyone together and made the trip fun. You could smell the food mixed with the fresh air from the trees. The best part was the hike deep into the forest. It wasn't an easy walk; the path was rough, and we had to be careful. That's where the real excitement happened. First, a puffadder — a type of snake — showed up quickly. It was a little scary, but it reminded us we were in the real wild.

Later, we saw a group of monkeys playing in the trees high above. They were noisy and fun to watch. Even with the brief scare from the snake, everyone agreed the trip was very fun and a true adventure. Doing everything ourselves and seeing the animals made it a perfect way to end the club's summer.

We would like to say thank you to Dr Hanton And Mr Stoloff for organising the wonderful camp.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Grade 9 Variety Show Report

The Grade 9 Variety Show took place on Friday, 5 September 2025, in the MG Richardson Hall. This event showcased the creativity, dedication, and teamwork of our Grade 9 Creative Arts learners. Each discipline – Drama, Visual Art, Dance, and Music – was represented, and the afternoon reflected the diverse talents of our learners.

Drama

Two performances were staged: Little Red Riding Hood and The Death of George the Budgie. "Little Red Riding Hood" was brought to life with humor and charm, offering a playful twist on the classic tale. "The Death of George" stood out as dramatic, witty, and captivating. The clever use of dialogue, timing, and characterisation drew the audience in, keeping them fully engaged from beginning to end. Both groups showed strong commitment and stage presence, creating memorable performances that balanced comedy with theatrical flair.

Visual Arts

The recycled fashion show was one of the highlights of the program. Learners designed and modeled outfits made entirely from repurposed materials, showing both creativity and environmental awareness. The audience responded with great excitement, and it was clear that the learners took pride in their innovative designs.

Dance

Two dance items were performed. The first, Old vs New, was presented as a dance battle between Michael Jackson-inspired moves and contemporary Amapiano. This piece was full of energy, rhythm, and attitude. The second performance was a more expressive piece, combining tradition, emotion, and energy to explore storytelling through movement. Both dances showcased the learners' physical commitment, creativity, and confidence on stage.

Music

The marimba ensembles performed two pieces, filling the hall with vibrant rhythm and harmony. The learners worked well as a team, maintaining timing and dynamics. These performances brought a joyful and uplifting spirit to the show, and the audience responded warmly. The Grade 9 learners showed impressive collaboration across disciplines, with many participating in more than one performance. The event highlighted not only their artistic skills but also their ability to work together, problem-solve, and support one another. The variety of performances ensured that there was something for everyone, and the audience was highly entertained throughout the 40-minute programme.

As teachers, we are extremely proud of the dedication, courage, and creativity shown by the Grade 9 learners. The Variety Show reflected the spirit of teamwork and artistic growth that we aim to cultivate in Creative Arts. This event has set a strong foundation for their future artistic endeavours, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to develop their skills in the years ahead.

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On Thursday 24th of September, the choir presented the highly-anticipated "Gospel Goes Classical" Concert at Rhodes University Drama Theatre.

They performed to a full house audience who thoroughly enjoyed the show. A big thank you to Mr Mkhize, Mr Khalanga, Dr Madiba, Mr Yendall and the entire team for their hard work preparing the choir for this event, and thank you to all who came to support!



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Heritage day is a day where we are reminded of the intricacies of each individual, that each individual has been wired differently but most importantly each individual has their own roots.

Our roots are a part of the many differences that make us unique and highlight our individuality. Heritage day is thus a day where we celebrate those differences by representing our heritage through our clothes, food, games and language. It is a day where we take pride in who we are



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Our staff and learners dressed up beautifully in celebration of the rich and diverse cultures that make up our school community.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday the 23rd of September the Carinus Art Centres Annual Art Exhibition took place, VG learners were selected to showcase their artwork in a variety of mediums including sculpture, textiles, ceramics, print making, and painting.

The hard work of all the students paid off and the exhibition received so much support. The guest speaker Dr X. Mayana was the spokesperson for the evening and awarded the prizes to the learners.



AWARD WINNERS 2025

VICTORIA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ART

GOLD

GR.8 Amila Mdingi
GR.9 Lelona Kuselo

SILVER

Maya Christian
Lukhangele Malgas

BRONZE

Ikhanyile Same
Tshepo Mkwanaazi

VISUAL ARTS: PAINTING

GR.10

GOLD

(Double Gold)
Davilyne Williams (VG)
1st Siyolise Boxana (VG)
(Gold)
2nd Brynique Ward (VG)

SILVER

1st Siyolise Boxana (VG)
2nd Owethu Mini (VG)

BRONZE

1 st Achumile Mpapela

GR.11

(Double Gold)
Hannah Stoltz (VG)
(Gold)
Kamva Mbube (VG)

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

GR.11 (Double Gold)
Danika Lensley (VG)

2nd Likhanyile Mtshemla (VG)

Gold)

1st Mairi Van Schoor (VG)

Best Painting Awards:

GR.10: Davilyne Williams (VG))

GR.11: Hannah Stoltz (VG)

GR.12: Danika Lensley (VG)

VISUAL ARTS: PRINTMAKING (VG)

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

GR.11

Rachel Mostert (VG) 1

Liyema Swartbooi (VG)

Claire Lobb (VG)

Esona Mnqinana (VG)

GR.12

Boitumelo Smith (VG)

Best Print Awards:

GR.10 Yamkela Booi (PJO)

GR.11: Claire Lobb (VG)

GR.12: Boitumelo Smith (VG)

VISUAL ARTS: SCULPTURE

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

GR.10

1st Rachel Mostert (VG)

2nd Kelly Thorn (VG)

2nd Sispho Macanda (VG)

Best Sculpture Awards:

Rachel Mostert (VG)

DESIGN: CERAMIC DESIGN

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

GR.10

Buthabile Gidana (VG)

Ovayo Gcwabe (VG)

Oyisa Fani (VG)

Mahle Duda (VG)

Zingce Mngxuma (VG)

GR12

Fazila Hilpert (VG)

Okuhle Gqamane (VG)

Alulutho Solani (VG)

Bunono Noqayi (VG)

Best Ceramic Awards:

GR.10: Hlombe Mvula (VG)

GR.11: Oyisa Fani (VG)

GR.12: Fazila Hilpert (VG)



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

GR.10	Zazi Giyose (VG)		Talia Kara (VG)
GR.11	1st Phillipa Weyl (VG) 2nd Lekeisha De Maar (VG)		Charde Grobbelaar (VG)
GR.12	(Double Gold) Azosule Kanana (VG) (Gold) 1st Jayda Kohl (VG) 2nd Amy Arends(VG) 3rd Sue-Ann Swanepoel (VG)		Sonique Israel (VG)

Best Textile Design Awards:

GR.10: Zazi Giyose (VG)
GR.11: Phillipa Weyl (VG)
GR.12: Jayda Kohl (VG)

DRAWING AWARDS:

GOLD

Davilyne Williams
VG 10

SILVER

Fazila Hilpert
VG 12

BRONZE

Claire Lobb
VG 12

CARINUS COLOURS AWARDS/ BADGES 2025:

Gr10: An average of 80% and above over 3 terms:

Gr.10 Design:

GOLD

Gr10. Visual Arts:

SILVER

Zazi Giyose (VG)*
Jade Jansen (VG)*
Khloe Thompson (VG)*
Brynique Ward (VG)*

BRONZE

Gr11 and 12: An average of 75% and above over 3 terms:

Gr.11 Design:

Gr.11 Visual Arts:

Gr.12 Design:

Gr.12 Visual Art:

Phillipa Weyl (VG) **
Claire Lobb (VG)**
Jada Kohl (VG)**
Khazimla Skele (VG)**
Azolsule Kanana (VG)***
Sue-Ann Swanepoel (VG)**
Amy Arends(VG)**
Danika Lensley (VG)***
Boitumelo Smith (VG)***
Mairi Van Schoor (VG)***

ACADEMICS

TOP TEN GRADE 8

1. Mclean Daniella
2. Nnadozie Ifeoma
3. Radovic Cassandra
4. Mushid Darissa
5. Christian Maya
5. Dyani Asakhanya
7. Fosi Qhayiya
8. Dayimani Amhara
9. Mullin Stella
10. Rizvi Manahil



TOP TEN GRADE 9

1. Ntlabathi Mivuyo
2. Kadye Sally
3. Moller Sarah
4. Ndamane Endinako
5. Ludwane Iminathi
6. Santi Lithalethu
7. Pikoli Iphendule
8. Rizvi Zehra
9. Marthinus Beyanté
10. Magutywa Angaka



TOP TEN GRADE 10

1. Giyose Zazi
2. Chikiwa Joylyn
3. Peinke Megan
4. Mamani Aqhama
5. Mbutye Liyabona
5. Mcophele Zizibele
7. Arries Taylor
8. Nxakala Iphendulwe
9. Maxhaulana Mbali
9. Stoloff Viola



TOP TEN GRADE 11

1. Kesa Lusanele
2. Yapi Yakhanani
3. Nojoko Olwethu
4. Wilhelmi Rachel
5. Tshete Asiyolise
6. Nongubo Kwakhanya
7. Nogqala Lyonke
7. Samson Thando
9. Rwanqa Manyathina
10. Moyake Liyakhanya
- 10 Oosthuizen Kimberly



TOP TEN GRADE 12

1. van Schoor Mairi
2. Mpama Kuhle
3. Chakona Rutendo
4. Mpambani Limise
5. Smith Boitumelo
6. Khumalo Siphesihle
7. Mali Aluta
8. Mandongana Mila
9. Mnqinana Esona
9. Mqokeli Uyathandwa

ENGLISH POETRY

Congratulations to Kwakuhle Ouya, Dimpho Ramusi, and Meekah Troskie who have all had poems selected to be published in the poetry anthology English Alive. This is an outstanding achievement! Well done!



WORLD ROBOTICS OLYMPIAD

On the 13th of September, Mivuyo Ntlabathi and Sally Kadye went on a trip to Pretoria to compete in the South African National Leg of World Robotics Olympiad. The competition was tough as their robot experienced a malfunction early in the competition and although they didn't win, they scored more points as opposed to provincial eliminations.



ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the following on their English Olympiad achievements. A special congratulations to Olivia Weyl for her Gold Award!

GOLD (80-89%)

OliviaWeyl

SILVER (70-79%)

Rutendo Chakona

Kuhle Mpama

Iyonke Nogqala

Mairi Van Schoor

Shiloh Du Plessis

Lusanele Kesa

Limile Mlonzi

BRONZE (60-69%)

Osisipho Goba

Esona Mnqinana

Qayiya Poto

Thando Samson

Rachel Wilhelmi

Okusha Dingani

Onelitha Gadu

Itumeleng Thobothobo

MERIT (50-59%)

Michelle Boadu

Onothando Mavumengwana

Yamkela Qhankqashe

Viola Stoloff

Sarah-Jane Bunde

PARTICIPATION (0-49%)

Joylyn Chikiwa

Kamva Mbube

Sambesiwe Xathe



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Dear Parents/ Guardians

Please join us to celebrate the achievements of the year at the following functions. All ceremonies are in the M. G. Richardson Hall.

Friday 17 October at 10:30 – Grade 12 Prize Giving, followed by tea and then the Valedictory Service at 12:15

Thursday 23 October at 13:00 – Grade 8 and 9 Prize Giving

Friday 24 October at 13:00 – Grade 10 and 11 Prize Giving

It would be wonderful if you could attend. It means so much to the learners to have their parents/caregivers present.

Please note the dress for learners for the relevant functions. For all events please ensure that your uniform is neat and clean, that your laces are tied and that your shoes are polished.

1. Your own Prize Giving: **Formal** uniform with either skirts with black stockings (non-shiny and not opaque, with no socks underneath the stockings) or pants with navy socks. Blazers must be worn. No jackets/scarves/beanies. (Grade 12s will be in formal uniform for their Valedictory Service as well.)
2. Grade 8-11s for other Prize Givings you are attending as a guest, and the Valedictory Service: **Summer** uniform (with skirts or pants) and blazers for **all** learners



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice of General meeting

Parents/Guardians are invited to the General Meeting planned for 22 October 2025 at 13:15 to be held in the AV Room Victoria Girls' High School.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed budget for 2026 to parents/guardians. These documents can also be viewed at school 14 days prior to the meeting. To arrange for a pre-view, please email bursar@vghs.co.za.

A quorum of 10% is required for this meeting. Both parents may vote. Should a quorum not be obtained a second meeting will be called for 5 November 2025 at 13:15 to be held in the AV Room Victoria Girls' High School.

Parents as defined by the South African School's Act will be admitted to the meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY CAPTAIN



Dear VG Community,

As Term 3 comes to a close, I can't help but look back on what has been a busy and challenging chapter in our school year.

Term 4 will be short but intense. For the Grade 12s, it's the final countdown to the end of our school journey. For the rest of the school, it's the last opportunity this year to push for excellence. My encouragement to everyone: finish strong, stay disciplined, and remember to celebrate the small wins along the way.

One of the most exciting moments this term was welcoming our newly elected 2026 leadership team.

To every portfolio head, committee member and leader chosen to carry our school forward. Congratulations!

As the 2025 leaders, we are proud to hand over the responsibility knowing that the school will be in such capable hands. We encourage you to lead with courage, kindness and integrity.

I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved as a school this term. Thank you to the teachers for their guidance, to parents for their support, and to my fellow learners for their determination and spirit. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our ground staff and hostel staff.

With Love,
Siphesihle Khumalo

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Dearest VG Community,

With the second half of term 3 now coming to an end, we finally find ourselves at the finish line of one of the busiest and most demanding terms of the year, and what a journey it has been! Packed full of activity, highlights, and various memorable events.

Despite this term's strong focus on prelim exams for the grade 12s, the VG spirit was indeed been alive and thriving as usual. Interhouse Plays lit up the stage with creativity and teamwork, while the Spring Play welcomed the new season in a vibrant and dynamic way. The school was treated to a wonderful surprise concert starring Amanda Black, and these are only a few of the moments that filled the term with joy and energy, before the time for test week dawned upon the rest of the school.

Heritage Day was yet another one of the event highlights that took place this term, reminding us of the rich cultural diversity that makes VG so special and unique.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Lastly, this term also marked a time of transition, as it saw the handing over of leadership, and the grade 11s beginning to step into their new leadership position. I wish them all the best and have no doubt that they will serve VG with passion, responsibility, and commitment. It is never an easy task to lead, but I am confident that they will rise to the challenges and continue to uphold the values of our school.

Now, as we close the final pages of Term 3, we are left with just one more term of the year to complete, and I believe that everyone should be proud of themselves for everything they have achieved thus far. It is with a heavy heart that I close this report, knowing it is my last one. It has truly been an honour to have had the privilege of being your School Captain for 2025. As we enter term 4, I wish everyone all the best in this final chapter and your future preparations for end of year exams. May your dedication and hard work shine through. To the matric class: may this last term be a time to push forward, to stay focused, and to give your very best in all that you do as we now prepare ourselves for our final exams.

May the short holiday ahead be a chance to rest and recharge for everyone, and may we all return to school ready to embrace the final stretch of the year with determination, positivity, and strength.

Yours Sincerely,
Rutendo.

NEWS FROM OUR BOARDING HOUSES

Barnard House

We had a movie evening at hostel where the girls enjoyed Popcorn and Milo. The girls enjoyed a colouring in evening at hostel where they also enjoyed treats. We had decorated the DH for Spring day for the girls to take photos etc. The girls enjoyed the day at hostel. The girls were treated to treats for test week too.

Most of the girls dressed up for Heritage Day at school. Lots of photos were taken after school. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff at BH to wish all our learners a well deserved break. They all need to come back refreshed to tackle the last term.

Ladies keep reaching for the stars. To our matrices we only wish you the best with your final exams.

Eleanor Brown and Renfrew House

The girls enjoyed a fun filled term with various outdoor activities and star gazing. Spring day and Heritage Day were enjoyed in style – special puddings and tasty snacks. The girls enjoyed dressing up for Heritage Day. The girls knuckled down for test week and showed their resilience in studying! Snacks flowed to help cope with the stress.

Wishing you all a restful holiday and looking forward to a busy and exciting term 4!

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