



Grade 4

"That boundless freedom of childhood is so wonderful."

Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark

Grade 4 profiles: our family tree

By Miss O. Mxoli

Ziana Accom
I am kind.
My world is: Swimming, Arts and Crafts
What the world need now is: RAIN

Reese Arries
I am helpful.
On top of the world: I've helped my mom carry shopping bags.
My world is: Junior Choir, Netball

Kaydon Basson
I am loving.
The centre of my universe: My mother because she does my nails for me.

Shellynn Bester
I am joyful.
My world is: Tennis and Dance Battles

Tamryn Biggs
I am caring.
Centre of my universe: My mother because she encourages and inspires me.

Esethu Bontsi
I am grateful.
My world is: Chess, Netball, Swimming.
Rocking my world: The Grade 4 Welcome because we got to dress as aliens.

Imange Bosman
I am trustworthy.
My world is: Ballet, Chess, Junior Choir, Gymnastics, Netball.

Lily Botes
I am strong.
My world is: Arts and Crafts, Ballet, Drama, Tennis.
My universe is: My parents because they give me love and lots of food.

Etaiya Briscoe
I am caring.
What the world needs now is: Rain and scientists.
Rocking my world: Trees and animals make the world special.

Alexis Bruiners
I am beautiful.
My world is: Swimming, Arts and Culture, Netball, Ballet.
Rocking my world: Afternoons at Arts and Crafts were lots of fun.

Tamsyn Charles
I am funny.
The centre of my universe: My brother because he makes me feel better.
Rocking my world: Making friends on the first day at school.

Lwahluma Dingane
I am playful.
On top of the world: I will act on TV one day.

The Riebeek 2020



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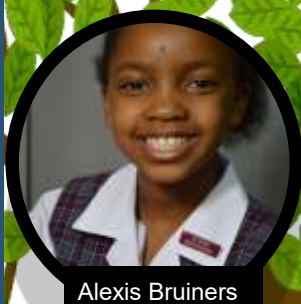
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Kholosa Doans



Naomi Ecaat

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I am pretty.
What the world needs now is: Good doctors for all the sick people.
Rocking my world: The soccer mascots at the Grade 4 Welcome.

Naomi Ecaat
I am quiet.
My world is: Netball.
Rocking my world: The treasure hunt at the Stay Awake.



Erin Evert



Amanda Feldmann



Shay-Lyn Forbes



Alina Fraser



Sesona Gawe



Skyla Gower



Giselle Griffiths



Kirsten Hahn



Asisipho Hempe



Sethu Hempe



Kamlan Jansen



Taytim Kombella



Jacque-Lynn Kurat



Indiphile Lamani

Erin Evert
I am intelligent.
The centre of my universe: My granny, she inspired my love of photography and cooking.

Amanda Feldmann
I am courageous.
The centre of my universe: Justin Bieber, he is too cute for words.

Shay-Lyn Forbes
I am wonderful.
Rocking my world: Meeting my new teachers and making new friends.

Alina Fraser
I am sweet.
Centre of my universe: Cardi B. She is just amazing.
What the world needs now: Friendship

Sesona Gawe
I am noble.
My world is: Swimming, Ballet.
On top of the world: Silver medal for ballet

Skyla Gower
I am friendly.
Centre of my universe: My mom inspires me every day.
Rocking my world: The love of my teachers.

Giselle Griffiths
I am humble.
Centre of my universe: My friends, Skyla, she helps with everything.

Kirsten Hahn
I am responsible.
My universe: Arts and Crafts and Swimming.
Wish upon a star: I want to be a famous singer when I grow up.

Asisipho Hempe
I am loving.
Rocking my world: Staying up all night at the Stay Awake

Sethu Hempe
I am bright.
Centre of my universe: Chris Brown because he raps nicely.
What the world needs now is: Faith

Kamlan Jansen
I am fun.
Centre of my universe: God and my parents because they keep everything together.

Taytim Kombella
I am creative.
Centre of my universe: My mother because she makes me feel special.
What the world needs now is: A cure to the corona virus.

Jacque-Lynn Kurat
I am bubbly.
My world is: Swimming, Netball
What the world needs now is: Friendship

Indiphile Lamani
I am responsible.
My world is: Swimming
What the world needs now is: Laughter



Amy Langeveldt
I am a helpful.
Centre of my universe is: Selena Gomez
because she is a great singer.

Kay Langeveldt
I am inspiring.
On top of the world: Last year I won a trophy
at karate grading.

Tazlyn Leibbrandt
I am sweet.
My universe is: Swimming and Arts and
Crafts.
What the world needs now is: Happiness

Meleah Lottering
I am gentle.
My world is: Tennis and Netball
Rocking my world: Eating junk with my
friends at Stay Awake

Zaaria Luyt
I am generous.
My world is: Swimming and Kickboxing.
What the world needs now is: Kindness

Thandokazi Mabaso
I am playful.
My world is: Swimming, Tennis and Arts and
Crafts
Centre of my universe: My friend, Lily, be-
cause she stands up for me.

Ovayo Majikazana
I am caring.
My world is: Tennis and Swimming.

Ibenam Mantewu
I am lovely.
My world is: Swimming and Netball.
Centre of my universe: My mother because
she is always proud of me.

Unakho Mantewu
I am brave.
Centre of my universe: DJ Zinhle because
her music makes me dance.

Busisiwe Mbhele
I am beautiful.
My world is: Swimming
Centre of my universe: Miss M because she
is funny and kind.

Sive Mbotshelwa
I am talkative.
Centre of my universe: My dad because he
is smart and strong.

Amahle Mdineka
I am peaceful.
Centre of my universe: My parents and Aria-
na Grande because they are amazing.

Lithemba Merele
I am faithful.
Centre of my universe: God because he
gives me every breath I take.



Amy Langeveldt



Kay Langeveldt



Tazlyn Leibbrandt



Meleah Lottering



Zaaria Luyt



Thandokazi Mabaso



Ovayo Majikazana



Ibenam Mantewu



Unakho Mantewu



Busisiwe Mbhele



Sive Mbotshelwa



Amahle Mdineka



Lithemba Merele



Thalitha Mjuza



Anda Mooi

Thalitha Mjuza
I am dramatic.
My world is: Swimming, Chess and Mini
hockey.
Centre of my universe: My parents and
the Kardashians because they rock.

Anda Mooi
I am smart.
My world is: Netball and Karate
Centre of my universe: My mom because
she bakes us muffins.



Liyema Mpati



Eminam Mplatyi



Sithisa Mpongoshe



Chelsea Musquin



Inam-Inkosi Ncana



Linathi Ngibe



Lelona-Xabiso Rolo



Laurel Runesu



Zizipho Sali



Safeenah Salie



Tamia Seconds



Arwaa Shaikh



Grace Siqwede



Gabrielle Snyders



Zifa Spiers

Gabrielle Snyders
I am responsible.
What the world needs now is respect and kindness.

Zifa Spiers
I am intelligent.
Rocking my world: Going to the tuckshop with my sister.

Liyema Mpati
I am happy.
What the world needs now is: God to help us heal.

Eminam Mplatyi
I am grateful.
My world is: Swimming, Gymnastics and Netball

Sithisa Mpongoshe
I am unique.
Centre of my universe: My mom who inspires me to be kind.
What the world needs now: Gratitude

Chelsea Musquin
I am hard working.
Centre of my universe: My friend, Alina, she cheers me up when I am sad.

Inam-Inkosi Ncana
I am hopeful.
My world is: Junior Choir and Netball.

Linathi Ngibe
I am friendly.
What the world needs now: More people recycling.

Lelona-Xabiso Rolo
I am funny.
On top of the world: Last year, I won the Town Library Read-a-thon.
What the world needs now: Less violence and pollution.

Laurel Runesu
I am patient.
Centre of my universe: My mom because she gives me all her love and kindness.

Zizipho Sali
I am happy.
Centre of my universe: My dog because it makes me laugh.

Safeenah Salie
I am cheerful.
My world is: Karate, Tennis and Swimming.
What the world needs now is: More caring people like Miss M.

Tamia Seconds
I am strong.
Rocking my world: Playing Hot Space Rocket at the Grade 4 Welcome.

Arwaa Shaikh
I am a hard worker.
Centre of my universe: My mom because she does all the work and cares for me.

Grace Siqwede
I am brave.
Centre of my universe: My dad who cares for me.



Sinoxolo Stokwe
I am clever.
Rocking my world: The Open Day was exciting, and we got sweets at the end.
What the world needs now: We must recycle more.

Vidhi Talati
I am respectful.
Top of the world: Last year I got the bronze award for drama and I won a trophy at the Indian dance competition.

Nusaybah Teladia
I am loving.
My world is: Tennis and Arts and Crafts.

Avuya Tobeko
I am friendly.
On top of the world: I donate all my old clothes.
What the world needs now is: To help the less fortunate.

Ayola Tobeko
I am joyful.
My world is: Swimming, Tennis, Arts and Crafts and Karate.
Centre of my universe: My mom because I can talk to her about my feelings.

Geneva Turner
I am kind.
My world is: Swimming, Tennis and Netball.

Layla van Dalen
I am helpful.
What the world needs now is: Patience

Naledi van Roodt
I am thankful.
Centre of my universe: My mom because she comforts me.

Zinathi Vela
I am kind.
My world is: Tennis.
What the world needs now is: To share.

Kwakho Vumazonke
I am lovely.
My world is: Drama, Arts and Crafts, Tennis and Swimming.

Claire Walsh
I am smart.
What the world needs now is: People to do more for the planet.
Rocking my world: All the yummy treats at the cake sales.

Sinenhlanhla Zengele
I am confident.
My world is: Swimming and Netball.
What the world needs now is: God's love.

Mrs Haynes-Africa
I am motivated.
My world is: Swimming and Mini Hockey.
Centre of my universe: My family and God. They are my treasures. They keep me grounded and centred.
Rocking my world: Making a new family, here at Riebeek. I felt their warm and welcoming embrace from the first day.



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Zinathi Vela



Kwakho Vumazonke



Claire Walsh



Sinenhlanhla Zengele



Mrs Haynes-Africa



Mrs Mukamuri

Mrs Mukamuri
I am dependable.
My world is: Arts and Crafts and Netball.
On top of the world: Last year I received my honours. This year I have enrolled for my masters in education at Nelson Mandela University. I've also welcomed

a new family member, our lovely dog, Lexis. She's been a wonderful addition to our family.
Centre of my universe: My husband because it takes a strong man to deal with a busy woman like me.



"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."

Nelson Mandela

Riebeek is truly blessed with amazing girls in Grade 4 that are defying the odds of COVID 19. They are unique and hard working learners who go the extra mile to learn despite all the challenges being faced by the world.

Their smiles and laughter can warm your heart even if you are having a difficult day. They give unconditional love and they show appreciation for the simple things. It is truly inspiring.

We welcomed these beautiful souls in January and they all looked nervous and scared because of the big school experience. At the same time, we also welcomed Mrs Haynes-Africa who joined the school. It was a great time to have such a great educator joining the team.

The Grade 4s were hosted by the prefects, as per the tradition, at a Grade 4 Welcome.

The Grade 4s could not wait to have their own share of the Stay Awake. They were all excited about the long night full of food and

activities. They competed and danced until the morning, when they couldn't keep their eyes open any longer. One Grade 4 asked if we could have Stay Awake every term because it was so fun.

We held the annual swimming gala and the Grade 4s experienced this annual event for the first time with great participation and showed off their skills in the pool. They were so competitive. The tuck shop made their day.

The Fruit of the Sprit for Grade 4 is "LOVE". This fits like a glove as the Grade 4s show much love by sharing even the smallest things. Every day is filled with gratitude and appreciation. Mrs Haynes-Africa was welcomed with a lot of birthday gifts. They also remembered Teachers' Day and teachers received roses and chocolates. Mrs Mukie received chocolates for her anniversary. What a blessing to have such generous girls.

The girls showed off their dancing skills doing the Jerusalema Dance Challenge wearing their school T-shirt with this year's theme.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic

this year did not have a lot of things on the school calendar. The lockdown took a lot of time and learners were learning from home. It was quite sad since some lost family members. Some parents were also infected with the virus and the girls were stressed when Grade 4s eventually returned to school once schools reopened for Grade 4.

We thank the principal and the School Governing Body for making the school a safe place during this pandemic. Their organisation made all the girls feel comfortable and secure enough to return to school and the Grade 4 attendance was the best when it was their turn to come back.

As I conclude, I quote these wise words from Margaret Mead, "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think." Due to Covid 19, our Grade 4 girls were exposed to virtual learning at an early age and this will help them to be independent learners who can learn by themselves without too much dependence on their educators.

By Mrs M. Mukamuri

The youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty..

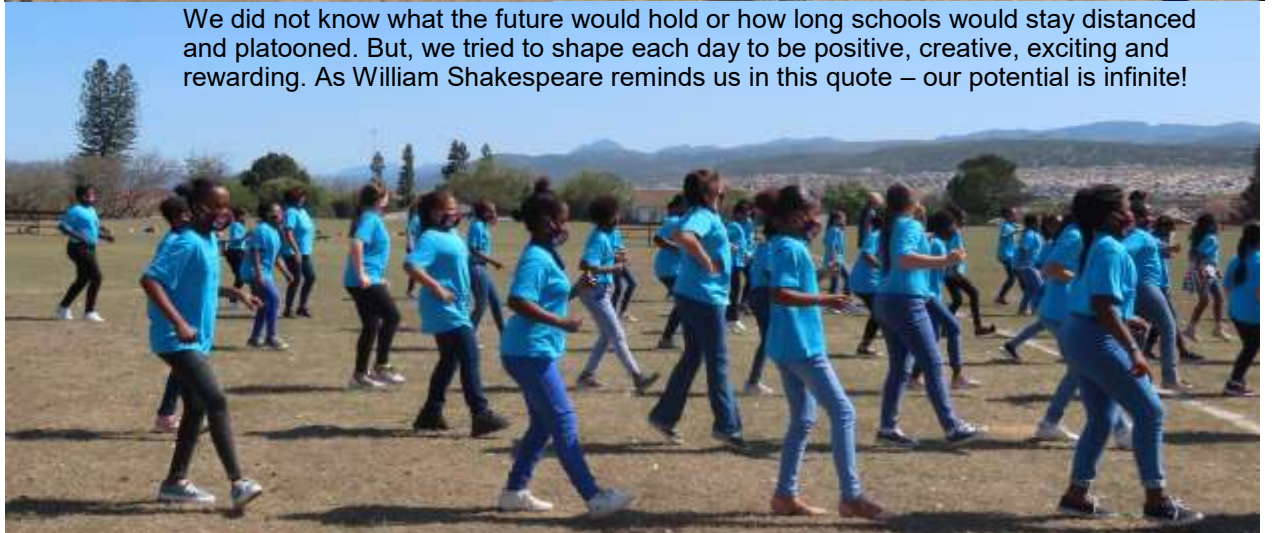




“The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude”



We did not know what the future would hold or how long schools would stay distanced and platooned. But, we tried to shape each day to be positive, creative, exciting and rewarding. As William Shakespeare reminds us in this quote – our potential is infinite!





Back row: T Charles, S Gower, E Briscoe, K Vumazonke, C Musquin, T Leibbrandt, G Griffiths, L Runesu, S Mpongoshe
2nd row: A Mdineka, L Ngibe, S-L Forbes, S Mbotshelwa, A Bruiners, T Mjuza, I Bosman, G Snyders, S Gawe, T Biggs, C Walsh
1st row: A Fraser, A Tobeka, E Bontsi, T Kombella, L Botes, A Langeveldt, K Doans, S Stokwe, S Hempe, N van Roodt, Z Accom
Seated: U Mantewu, K Jansen, Mrs M Mukamuri, Mrs S Haynes-Africa, L Mpati, A Shaikh

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Back row: S Zengele, Z Vela, A Feldmann, S Bester, J Kurat, L Dingane, I Mantewu, N Teladia, Z Sali, S Salie
Second row: I Lamani, L Merele, Z Spiers, B Mbhele, T-L Seconds, R Arries, A Tobeko, K Hahn, L van Dalen, O Majikazana
Front row: A Hempe, E Mplatyi, A Mooi, I Ncana, K Langeveldt, V Talati, G Turner, M Lottering, K Basson, N Ecaat, T Mabaso
Seated: Z Luyt, E Evert, Mrs Mukamuri, Mrs S Haynes-Africa, L-X Rolo, G Siqwede

4R



By Miss S. Arthur

Grade 5

At the beginning of the year an enthusiastic group of Grade 5s met at the prefabs feeling nervous, but also excited to start the new year. After a short time most had settled down well into Grade 5.

At the beginning of the term the Grade 5Rs were introduced to Coco Pops and the Grade 5Cs to Sweetie Pie. The girls took turns to take home the soft toys and wrote about their adventures with their 'new friend'.

Early in the term we had a very successful SPCA cake sale and the parents donated very generously to this worthy cause. A week later the girls, although bit nervous, showed much courage when the nurse came to give them their vaccinations.

The Stay Awake, always a highlight, was again enjoyed by all. Kelly-Anne O'Grady recalls, "The Stay Awake was the best. We all danced, enjoyed the midnight feast and quiz. We had a

treasure hunt and all the teachers were there to make sure we were safe." Iman Liberty said, "This year started off amazingly well and we had so much fun. We read 'Horrid Henry' with Miss Johnson and always enjoyed Miss Arthur's classes".

Term 2 was rudely interrupted by Covid 19 and we were all sent into lockdown. With lockdown came online schooling with Zoom lessons, D6 and WhatsApp groups.

Lulibo Sam recalls, "Home schooling was not easy, I missed my teachers as no one can explain the work like teachers do". After five months of home schooling the Grade 5's returned in August. Although feeling anxious, the girls were welcomed back with open arms and soon felt comfortable with the new routine. The grade was divided into three classes with a new timetable with the girls having to get used to wearing masks, sanitizing regularly and social

distancing. Qhama Tyaliti was excited to return and said, "We were fortunate enough to come back to school and see our friends and to have teachers to guide us again."

Work and assessments started in earnest, but there was still time to celebrate Heritage Day where everyone went all out and looked beautiful in their cultural dress.

Amy van der Brook sums up the year with the following, "I shall really miss Grade 5, we had so much fun, but besides Covid 19 we still made the best of 2020."

The Grade 5 teachers are very impressed with the maturity and responsible manner in which the Grade 5 girls handled a very stressful and disruptive year. Their excellent work ethic and behaviour are to be commended.





Back row: Y Appolis, A Masebeni, L Hempe, U Daniels, S Ngcuka, M Teyise, G Langford, T Jantjies, O Zilani
Second row: K-L Armoed, C Grobler, L Africa, R Evert, C van Rensburg, S Jansen, M van Jaarsveld, A van der Brook, Z Dantu, H Mkencele, C Arendse
Front row: A Antoni, J Mostert, R Patel, S Katshu, S Zeelie, S Charles, Z Wepener, J Sesar, B Blaauw, J Bentley
Seated: T-L Nel, Q Dollie, Miss S Arthur, T Shungking, Q Tyaliti, M Barnes



Back row: L Nqwelo, I Matana, A Mpi, S Tutu, S Tee, Q Fani, S Madwara, Y Maphondla, T Goeda, H Foxcroft
2nd row: P Klassen, Z Whitebooi, L Sam, L Ford, A Mapela, I Maku, L Lechesa, R Goeda, D Muller
Front row: I Majola, T Henman, H Basson, S Bush, A Mkoko, C-L Hurn, A Phillips, A Shaikh, A Nota, A Zinto, A Made
Seated: A Daniels, I Liberty, Miss A Johnson, Miss S Arthur, K-A O'Grady, G Dennis



The year started off like any other year with Grade 5 pupils excited to be in a new grade. They were a bit nervous of the unexpected, but eager to start a new experience.

We welcomed Aqhama Jauka, a newbie to the Riebeek Family. She soon became part of the family.

Because of the Olympics being scheduled to take place in Tokyo in 2020, the theme for Stay-Awake was **Go for Gold #letthegamesbegin**. From scavenger hunts such as find the flag, carbo-loading at midnight for the fun activities ahead and seeing the sunrise, to group dances, trivia and gold medals, Stay-Awake was truly a golden experience. It is the highlight of the year as the girls get to spend the night doing fun activities and, best of all, be with their friends.

The last school event before Lockdown was the Mini-Fun Gala. The girls enjoyed the event and participated in many of the fun races. This was also one of the last gatherings we had as a crowd.

The theme for our Grade 6 Assembly was 'Girl Power'. We collected 2 minute noodles and donated it to the Mula Shoppe in Uitenhage. Our Grade Assembly taught us much about our learners' hidden talents.

Term 1 ended, and off we went to enjoy our first holiday break of the year. The holiday break became a 5-month absence from school. Teaching as we know it was no longer the same. Online teaching was the new way of communicating with our learners. The new norm was introduced: Lockdown! Girls had to stay home and stay safe, as well as complete their school work via online learning. This was very challenging as they had to be disciplined and focused while being surrounded by family members and distractions like television, Wi-Fi, etc.

Returning to school after lockdown was unknown territory for all of us as we had to adhere to strict protocols implemented by our government. Wearing a mask, sanitizing and social distancing were the new concepts. This was not easy as it was a first for all of us.

Playing freely, hugging friends during breaks, buying sweet treats and drinks at the tuck-shop changed to wearing masks, sanitizing, and social distancing! Creating air hugs and air high fives were the Grade 6s' way of spreading their love to their friends.

It has also been a sad time for learners and staff as they lost loved ones to COVID-19. We, as the Grade 6 Class of 2020, wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family members of those who have succumbed to this deadly virus.

The rest of the year, as some of the girls have described it, was stressful, difficult and challenging, but also

one they would remember for the rest of their lives. This year was tough, but as a grade, we made it a fun, safe and positive experience. We hope that 2021 will go smoother.

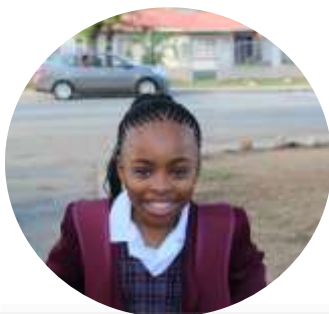
We wish everything of the best to the Grade 6s as they move to being the Grade 7s in 2021.





Back row: Z van Wyk, L Ntshiyane, M Lukuzo, N Human, H-K Brophy, M Jonas, M Bokoloshe, U Gazi, S Dondashe, A Jantjies, B Christians
 2nd row: Z Rockman, C Kent-Brown, L Boltina, F Afrika, J Robinson, M Ganjana, O Mdlalo, R Prince, A Goliath, C Meintjes, A Jauka
 1st row: S Stock, A Ndudula, C Bacon, E Thompson, Y Mqayise, M Kroutz, L Netnou, A Poyane, D Fritz
 Seated: N Mankayi, E Hiscock, T Salie, Mr B Jonas, L Lucas, S Dondashu

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Back row: N Ramsamy, S Ndzengu, A Matika, A Stuurman, A Leibbrandt, E Ruxwana, M Nkohli, A Hini, T Markom, A Mantambo
 Second row: S Moni, M-L Kilian, A Human, A Mandela, H Ruiters, K Willemsse, A Ravat, L Sigabi, K-L Armoed, T Erasmus Jones, L Philander
 First row: K George, C Doans, O Douws, N Petersen, Z Strydom, N Mankayi, Z Rasimeni, N Theron, C Maxegwana, S Butana, R Abrahams, S Merele
 Seated: M Jacobs, S Arries, Mr B Jonas, Mrs C Jonas, O Vumazonke, N Joubert

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By Mrs J. Bowles

Grade 7

"It is what it is" was the popular phrase that helped the Grade 7 class to make it through a rollercoaster experience. The year began with great excitement and expectation of a memorable final junior school year. Although the excitement dwindled and expectations were shattered, one thing remained - it was definitely a year that they will not easily forget!

When school started in January, the girls were oblivious to the fact that they would soon become the Queens of Quarantine, as quoted on their Grade 7 hoodie. They eagerly settled into their new classes, tried to adjust to the heavy workload, and moaned continuously about all their homework. Not only were they the Queens of Quarantine, but they were also the queen bees of their Stay Awake groups which was a dream come true for many of the girls. Anganathi Maku said, "The Stay Awake gave me the opportunity to be a leader which made me feel special because it was my first year as a Riebeek College learner."

The Mini Fun Gala saw the girls showcasing their talent as dancing queens in the house dances and as the cheerleaders for the day. It was the last time that our junior school was altogether at the same time and place, singing and dancing under the sun and so innocently carefree...

The months of lockdown were challenging as the

queens traded in their books and crowns for pyjama days, binge-watching Netflix and being permanently attached to their cellphones. The girls much preferred being at school with their friends instead of the constant boredom they experienced, wanting to eat snacks all the time, sleeping all the time or having to help clean the house. The months at home saw the girls turning into night owls, barely functioning during the day as their sleep cycles were completely out of whack! When they were awake, they tried their hand at baking, spent quality time with their family and slowly forgot what normal life was like.

Sanitize, masks and social distance...welcome to the new normal! The new structure and routine were daunting for the girls as they returned to school after 82 days at home. Many feared the dreaded walk through the temperature screening walkway and crossed their fingers that the warning signal didn't go off! The biggest adjustment was not being able to hug one another and that the tuckshop was closed. Paige Barnes admits that since she could no longer buy treats every day, she has learnt to eat healthily. Life at school wasn't all bad as the girls enjoyed a grade picnic on the hockey field and had a cellphone day where they could listen to music through their headphones while they worked.

Covid-19 did not steal all the fun from the year. Mr Maschaka's Creative Arts lessons were always filled with laughs and jokes and gave the girls the opportunity to be loud and express themselves through music. Callan

Elie explained that her favourite memory of the "OG" 7R class, was having Lunathuxolo Tys as class captain in the first term. The "OG" 7C class remembers when Jasmine La Bercensie and Kimi-Lara Erasmus were locked outside the class and had to sing *Happy Birthday* to be let inside again!

Although lessons in the classroom may have been cut short, there was still a lot to learn. Haniyyah Nathie said, "Despite this year being a tough one for everyone, it has also taught me to be appreciative of what I have." Teisha van Aardt also shared the importance of appreciation as she emphasised how amazing the school system has been! She explained, "When I went through a difficult time and struggled to come back to school, the teachers made me feel so special. The highlight of my year is how awesome the teachers were."

The Queens of Grade 7 were resilient in spite of everything they endured. They resigned themselves to the fact that they would miss out on the big moments that a Grade 7 should experience, such as the camp, Market Day, selling ice creams all year, shining on stage at prize giving or the iconic final assembly. They persevered and made the most of the time that they were able to spend together and learnt to be grateful for their family, friends, and health.

Although they felt that the world was against them, these queens stood tall and continued to shine in their own way every day, culminating in a radiant royalty last day of school!





Back row: J Daba, A Moolla, K van der Bergh, S Jonas, N Mitchell, A Maku, S Spiers, C Booysen
Second row: S Stuurman, J Swartbooi, J La Bercensie, U Ndiaye, O Jack, K-L Erasmus, C Sodien, P Barnes, D Dollie, L Dobha
Front row: D Rossouw, M Melville, S Daniels, N Clay, P Zondani, L Singeni, I Booysen, A Jappie, C Gwa Gwa, S Vuyelwa
Seated: K Thembani, V Mali, Mrs J Bowles, L Mbanga, C Jantjies, C Bhange
Absent: S Borstnar

7C



Back row: Y Cuba, C Elie, J-L Rheeders, O Bloem, K Anderson, T Ramasammy-Cook, B Paais, S Tyaliti
2nd row: Z Louis, O Dow, S Stuurman, A Tshunungwa, J Wicomb, A-Z Malgas, N Diniso, O Mqayise, K Grootboom, V Walton
Front row: S Mazosiwe, O Mgolodela, L Gitywa, R Mistry, A Douw, J Naude, A Tom, H Nathie, I Rune, T van Aardt, K Ngcingolo
Seated: V Hoffman, L Labercensie, Mrs T Bowles, Mr D de Beer, L Tys, G Govender

7R



Starting out the year in Grade 8, we knew it would be a year of plenty. The grade head hoped it would not be plenty of grey hairs though. Mr Maschaka had some of the new girls singing a song to the rest of the class in

Creative Arts and playing soccer was a favourite of the learners during Life Orientation.

In March, though, our year of 20-plenty was replaced with plenty of sanitizer and plenty of work that the learners needed to work on during lockdown.

It has been an exceptionally tough year on our Grade 8s being new to High School and only being able to have a short amount of time at school and with their new High School life.

I am sure the Grade 8R class missed the sweets they got from Mrs James during the Mathematics lessons, even though most of them usually only put up their hands to earn a sweet regardless of them not knowing the correct answer.

Before we knew it, the year came to an end and Miss de Beer issued a challenge to the Grade 8s to write a

comedy, drama or horror about a lesson they learnt in 2020. This made for some good reading especially the story of Isenathi Tom who chose to write a horror story: *The Legend of Covid*. Many lessons were learnt during this time, whether it was just appreciating being able to go grocery shopping with their parents or realising that they actually do enjoy going to school.

One lesson that many also learnt was that there is more to life, when at home, than sitting on your phone with TikTok and watching television.

Taytum-Paige Bosch said that one of the highlights of the year was to get to know the rest of the learners in her class better since they could not sit with their friends from other classes at break and spent break as a register class together when they returned from Lockdown.

The one thing that we all learnt plenty about this year was that we need to be kind to ourselves and to others. But, mostly, we need to be grateful for all that we have and can do, as we do, still live in a wonderful world!

As our year of Twenty-Plenty came to an end, the Grade 8s were challenged to write a story about a lesson they learnt in 2020. We thank the learners for all the wonderful stories and laughs and goose-

bumps. The main winners of the challenge were:

Best Cover: Darren Witbooi 8G - The Positivity of the Pandemic

Best Cover: Tatum Gray 8G – Stay Home 2020

Best Analogy: Angela Miles 8G – Wear your mask

Best Screenplay “rewrite”: Gabriella Hardman 8G – The dark castle

Best Lesson learnt: Akhanya Hote 8R – Difficult and Hectic year

Best B-movie Horror: Apelele Jack 8R – Far Right

Best Story: Isenati Tom 8G - The legend of Covid

Best Jokes in the story: Teshnika Lewis 8C – Repercussions

Best Horror: Celine Dinie 8R – This is why you can't trust free food

Best Drama: Lucy van Heerden 8C – The Last Stride

Best Comedy: Sigongile Mabope 8R – The boy who wanted Attention!!

Best Character Descriptions: Yolisa Hombile 8C – The love of a Township





Back row: P Ramsamy, F-L Swartz, C Kettledas, T-F August, J Afrikaner, A Goliath, C Dinie, A Mayi, A Cunningham
 2nd row: D September, S Zulu, O Ntshanyana, A Antonie, L Scott, S Mabope, I Befile, S Whitebooi, S Mzileni, J Mirams
 1st row: A Hote, K Roman, L Bosman, L Nkomo, A La Bercensie, A Jack, B April, I Festile, S Hena,
 Seated: K Qupe, T-P Bosch, Mrs J James, Miss L de Beer, A Mongo, K Lottering Absent: C Klue, E Claasen

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Back row: Y Hombile, S Noor, L Mandla, C Bhange, D Dennis, L Mtenganya-Blou, J Clarke, Z Gouws
 2nd row: L Ngqamfana, B Korkee, A Scharnick, K Munnik, L Cekiso, S Humata, E Gana, G Smith, A Norris, A Scott, N Kettledas
 1st row: C Gilbert, O James, K Nkombisa, C van Jaarsveld, S Dastile, T Lewis, C Butler, H Rawutini, A Matikinca, L Peters
 Seated: L Talamba, M Luke, L van Heerden, Miss L de Beer, S Zulu, S Baart

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Back row: B Vezile, U Mjoli, S Ngxenge, A Nogampula, I Mdekazi, S Tayi, Z Zinto, Q Kilani
 Second row: E Yondzi, T August, I Tom, R Wilkinson, C Lessing, B Wannies, T Brink, C Saaiman, N Ford, P Potgieter, D Lentoor
 First row: T Gray, O Ntshiza, A Kanise, L Jack, D Witbooi, H Lucas, O Zinto, G Hardman, K Draai, L Matiwane
 Seated: N Hendricks, A Miles, Miss C Oliphant, Miss L de Beer, K Lewies, S Wilson

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What a year! Covid 19 was a year of adaption.

The Grade 9s only returned to school on 7 September – alternating with the Grade 8s. When they were not at school, the girls were expected to work at home.

On their arrival at school, the girls received a starter pack with all the necessary information concerning Covid 19 such as arrival and departure times, the dress code, timetable and rules. This information would make our girls feel safe and at ease at school. In this starter pack were masks and optional safety glasses.

One of the main Grade 9 events is the annual Subject Choice Evening. Because of Covid, this event could not take place in its usual format. Plan B was a Subject Choice Booklet which was included as part of their starter pack. This booklet contained useful and essential information assisting girls to make an appropriate choice.

Riebeeck also provided optional testing by a psychologist, Miss Nerine Look, to assist our learners

in making wise subject choices. About 20 of our grade 9s made use of this opportunity and were tested in our school hall.

Mathematics, Science and Accounting Subject Teachers were asked to supply information regarding aptitude and ability in these subjects. This information was included with the Term 3 report, as an added guide to help in making suitable choices.

Because of Covid the normal extra mural programme could not be implemented. One of the events that did take place, however, was the English Olympiad. We are very proud of one of our Grade 9 learners, Samantha Seiffert, who entered the Olympiad. She achieved a Gold award, the highest achievement of Riebeeck's candidates across the grades. Well done, Samantha! We are very proud of you!

On 2 March the U/14 EP trials took place. Lindokuhle Gosani and Jade Zealand in Grade 9 were selected to compete in the second round.

Sarah-leigh Thompson and Cloe Lingham participated in the Online

Talent Africa Nationals and Chloe received a gold award. Sarah won three gold medals and was placed in the Top Ten. She also received the Best Senior Choreographer Award. Sarah also participated in the Move competition in Cape Town and received a gold award, obtaining 90%, and a silver award, obtaining 82%. Chloe and Sarah received their EP colours and qualified for their SA colours. Well done!

Tania Smith entered a writing competition in May for a learner lockdown book compiled by Professor Jonathan Jansen and Emily O'Ryan from Stellenbosch University. The book was published in August. Tania said she was so excited to see her name and essay printed in this book. She says she enjoyed learning at her own pace and in her home environment during the lockdown period. She said her faith kept her strong and motivated her to write the essay.

We are also proud of the Grade 9s as they had a high attendance rate and only two girls stayed at home. These two readily came in to do their assessment tasks.

By Miss H. du Preez

Grade 9





Back row: R Duniwa, S Mafani, L Kibble, I Salie, S Dyani, J Staltz, K Dinie, L Goqwana, A Ntshiza, C Godoma, E Sangotsha
 2nd row: S Seifert, L Tshozi, H Mali, A Mondile, F Africa, C George, C Klue, J Zealand, T Viljoen, L Kasibe, S Tshete, K Mali
 1st row: J Green, T Smith, S Scharnick, K-L Forbes, B Cuntu, D Minnies, M Hermanus, J de Vos, S Kefile, A Mzaza
 Seated: E Vumazonke, K Tebeka, Miss H du Preez, S Witbooi, L Jafta
 Absent: Mr B Maschaka

9R



Back row: T Andrews, S Sali, L Cuba, S Mongo, E Dube, A Gqubule, C Thomas, C Lingham, L Mtshikwana, Y David, A Mohamed
 Second row: L van Rooyen, K Mpolweni, S Jack, L Klassen, Z Kata, J Maart, J van Wyk, A Mbotya, A Lange, T Dolley, F Muller
 First row: A Manuel, L Gosani, S-L Thompson, B Jam, T Petzer, A De Vos, L Ngcongolo, J Ravat, S Somya, C Rensburg, L Nyakatya, K Matana
 Seated: T Jafta, N Mavata, Miss H du Preez, Z Gomomo (RCL), C Damons

9C



Back row: A Ferreira, M Clingen, T Jeeva, T Brown, E Nathoo, T Damons, R Richards, E Fani, S Moyake
 2nd row: C Daniels, J Hendricks, S Bucwa, L Tyhobeka, T Elie, L Roxa, S Jack, E Petersen, A Booysen, I Mlotana
 1st row: S de Kock, K Xego, K Mliwana, M Such, F Davids, T Allison, C Jaftha, S Saul, E Pezisa, C Nkohli, T Moyo, Z Craill
 Seated: R van Roodt, L Meke, Mrs C du Plessis, Miss H du Preez, A Fiyani, H Kariem

9G



The Riebeek 2020

For two years, I did not win any awards or pageants. Shocking, right? But, I never gave up! I kept working hard every year and pushed myself to be better. I kept practicing and practicing and practicing. I began to win competitions in 2017. This shows that hard work pays off and you can do anything you put your mind to.

On 3 March the u/16 hockey trials took place at Woodridge. Aphelele Toyis and Agcobile Gqubule went through to the next round.

Likhona Zonyane and Nobuhle Moyo in gr 10 were selected for the Eastern Cape Youth Choir.

We are pleased to announce that English Alive 2020, the anthology, will feature a poem by a Riebeek writer, Glass houses by Candice Rossouw in Grade 10.

The Grade 10s have learnt a lot during lockdown. They have learnt their teachers care. They have learnt that their potential is endless if they believe in themselves. They will now need to work on establishing an understanding of teachers' private time as they cannot Whatsapp at all times anymore.

We wish to thank the parents who perhaps undertook Mathematics and Physical Science teaching, provided data and perhaps listened to lots of complaining while offering lots of support and encouragement.

Grade 10s, as you go into Grade 11, please remember: "Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination and dedication. member all things are possible for those who believe."

It gives us great pleasure to report on the Grade 10s who certainly started the FET phase of their schooling in the most unusual way. They had barely started their newly-selected subjects, chosen with much care at the end of Grade 9, and were just getting used to their new subjects, new teachers and new subject methods, when the timetable was halted.

The Grade 10s needed to cope at home and did so with much guidance via the d6 and Whatsapp groups. If there was a prize for the most questions asked, it is possible that the nervous, uncertain Grade 10s would be selected. They asked questions, sometimes very insightful ones and sometimes ones that showed they struggled to read instructions and work independently. Sometimes, though, it was a sign of insecurity and doubting their potential.

On their return to school, they proved to be lively and loud. They struggled to adapt to our new normal and the self-discipline and alertness it required. Social distancing, wearing a mask over the nose as opposed to under it and not complaining about the windows being open for ventilation proved difficult for our girls. We are proud of their eagerness though and their willingness to adapt.

We have had a few learners participating in extra curriculum activities. Lynn-Marie Nel took part in WMG horse riding competitions. On 26 January she received first place for single stake and bi-rangle, and second place for quadrangle. On 23 February she received first place in 5 events.

Tristanne August participated in the Women Care Packages Project. The aim of the project was to collect toiletries for women at the Rape Crisis Centre. On 3 June Tristanne also participating in the GIF modelling competition and was placed 3rd in her age category. On 7 April she was selected as 1st princess in the Selfie Queen Competition.

Kay-Leigh Kloppe was crowned Miss Junior Teen Face of South Africa 1st princess and Eastern Cape Ambassador 2020. Her responsibilities included charity and community work.

Raylene Borchers received her EP colours in performing arts: Modelling and took part in Talent Africa Nationals Virtual due to Covid 19 and won gold in modelling casual wear, high fashion and formal wear. She also recently signed a 2 year contract with Multi Management Modelling Agency in Cape Town.

Aphelele Toyis was crowned Miss Petite Teen South Africa 2020. She qualifies for Miss Teen Universe/ Globe and for Princess of the World competition which will be held in Turkey in 2021. Aphelele wrote, "My path to Miss Petite Teen SA began in 2015 when I was 11 years old and started modelling at Sophisticate Modelling Agency. At first I was doing it for fun but, as the years went by, I realised that I was getting so much enjoyment and growth from it. Modelling has helped me in many different ways. I started to have more self-confidence and I grew to understand the importance of team work because we would practice in groups and help each other with routines. Every age group has different mentors, so I had various role-models and inspirations from the ladies who taught us."





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Back row: A Smith, M Biggar, T Theron, H Adams, C Rossouw, B Williams, S Yose, A Kilane, A Jikeka, K-L Wilmot, E Sandells, S Makalima, N Kasmed
2nd row: N Jonga, A Ndlovu, Z Daniels, A Nangu, A Ntabeni, J Sirkhotte, L Stuurman, S Moss, S van Heerden, I Majweta, L Banzi, L Sithathu, A Jantjies
Seated: K Ngcanga, L Thabatha, Mrs M Stark, Mr A Calitz, L-M Nel, E Nqayiza

Absent: R Phelan



10C

Back row: A Joseph, R Borchers, E Mends-Brew, L Mac Gorman, M Daweti, D January, C Castelyn, S Hena, L Zonyane, P Madlavu, R May, H Mjikwa, M Bantom, C Hanabe
2nd Row: M Williams, B Skippers, Y Tatu, M Gebrehiwoot, Y Nyati, G Human, A Reed, I Tyhali, P Potgieter, K-L Fick, N Matsuso, N Bezuidenhout
Seated: D Khoosal, T August, Mrs M Goeiman, Mrs M Stark, B Vawda, Q Sibidla.

Absent: M Potgieter.



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Back row: S Mc Farlane, Z Muller, A-L Kayster, F Mahouassa, C Mrelane, A Mali, A Nkumanda, N Moyo, S Ngxenge, C Haarhoff, G Ownhouse, K Minnaar, A Allie, A Toyis
Front row: H Bloem, M Stokwe, K Butana, A Kilane, A Sitole, K van Niekerk, M Natha, S Ngibe, M Tee, M Biggar, A Nxele, A Tshunungwa
Seated: C Erasmus, K-L Kloppe, Mrs M Stark, Miss N Tetani, R Akilo, I Hlulani

Absent: K Peter



"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow.' – Mary Anne Radmacher

Our courage was maybe not seen on a daily basis, neither did we vocalise our struggles to stay on top of masses of work being fed to us during the lockdown period. We dug deep... silently taking every day in our stride. However, one must not define 2020 by looking only at the slog, or the limitations enforced on all. The grade managed to keep busy and to create a few headlines along the way.

"It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed" said Doe Zantamata. Grade 11, like any other grade, came with its own set of challenges. This year, however, came with a pandemic too; something that none of us saw coming! From the highest of highs to the lowest of lows, we each put our best foot forward and committed ourselves to overcome every obstacle that came our way.

We were forewarned that Grade 11 would be a tough year. To no one's surprise, it started off with a busy schedule for every learner. The work load kept increasing and time seemed to fly by. Amidst balancing academics, sports and cultural activities, we kept trying to find our feet and become comfortable in what was going to be a tipsy-turvy year (at least in our opinion).

Just as we were starting to ease into the year by the end of Term 1, the Coronavirus pandemic put all of us into a nation-wide lockdown. This was saddening, upsetting and to a much larger degree- also very scary. Not knowing what is to follow, how the remainder of the schooling year would look like and most disheartening of all: when we would be able to see our friends again!

Our leaders for 2021 were named on 5 October and we cannot be prouder

of our prefects. We are confident that you will all lead us to greater heights in 2021. Congratulations to: Wade-Lee Müller (Head Girl), Kwakho Bisset (Deputy Head Girl), Kiara Brink, Neve Burness, Jade Damons, Bernice Donkor, Othandwayo Gaba, Sara Gopal, Elihle Jantjies, Erinn Kettledas, Sinobom Lupondwana, Inganathi Mantewu, Hasti Pansuriya, Caitlin Peters, Chanté Potgieter, Buhle Tshaka.

Not being at school certainly did not limit the opportunities to shine. Sara Gopal achieved first place in the WESSA YRE 2020 Competition, which encouraged young reporters to become active agents for environmental change. Sara's entry, 'Improve Waste Management to Improve Lives', caught the judge's eye and we cannot be happier for her and what she has achieved.

Chanté Potgieter also did not sit around idly during lockdown. She entered the Caltex Eastern Cape's Lockdown's Got Talent Contest and was placed in the Top 15. She showcased her vocal abilities, performing a rendition of 'Fly me to the Moon'. Chanté proved that glitz and glam is very much part of the Grade 11 make up.

The 11C's define themselves as "stars behind the scene" as their class consists of: fabulous dance moves, perfect harmonies, and Chanté Potgieter being the star of the show by breaking out into high jump splits. From talent shows to register class, the 11R's always had a good laugh with Mrs Kruger, however, exceeding the noise limit at times and thus having to line up for a second time. Fortunately, the 11R's were well-trained for lining up before screening which is our new norm now. For the 11G's, distance within the classroom and from each other could not stop them from being entertained by Owayo Boyce and Hlangoluhle Lungu who kept everyone's spirits high during this uncertain time.

The school and staff undoubtedly were the reason that through this time where the world was shaken by chaos and fear, we could have peace and assurance in knowing that we were safe and would still succeed academically. From the warm welcomes in the mornings to the consistent effort in abiding by the Covid-19 protocols, the Grade 11s are truly thankful and appreciative to the school's efforts and dedication.

Spraying hand sanitiser on countless hands and seats each day became a routine that all the teachers fell into swiftly. The shift from distributing work from class to online was certainly not easy, yet the teachers did so with much commitment and an infinite amount of love. The steady Mathematics PDF notes, the explanations of Accounting and Business activities, the History guidelines, the voice messages and consistent positive messages are merely just a few ways the teachers became a backbone to assist us in striving for excellence and motivated to keep us going. Numerous amounts of thank you's would fall short for the hardwork and diligence the teachers have shown during this time. But we acknowledge that with the support of our teachers' and all that they are willing to offer, it is possible for us to rise with resilience and overcome whatever life throws at us.

Even though the year was not what we had envisioned, we are grateful for the lessons it has taught us. We walk away from 2020 more patient, able and aware of our own strengths. Well done Grade 11s, we have made it! Although our time together as a grade was short; fun was had and memories were made even under the circumstances. One thing that remained certain was the unity and resilience among the Grade 11's. Our unity and resilience are qualities that we have always possessed but now have had the opportunity to nurture. For that very fact, the resilience we have grown this year, will only lead us to blossom in our matric year.





Back row: S Sikwebu, J de Beer, Z Ndamase, G Terblanche, T Cloete, L Ntliziywana, K Brink, T Cona, M Jacobs, S Kondile, B Kefile, S Makuluma, G Nell
Front row: S September, L Rensberg, N Mtwebana, S Gopal, O Gaba, T Ntshanyana, T Whitebooi, E Matyumza, U Jacobs, C Kilani, W-L Muller, K Esau, L Cakwebe
Seated: K Bissett, S Gingqini, I Mantewu, Miss K Potgieter, Mrs C Kruger, B Donkor, A Mbambani, B Ndumo

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Back row: M Clingen, K Mgobo, M Erasmus, C Peters, T Damons, S Coetzee, S Mbanga, M Majola, O Bokwe, S Lovemore, B Mtau, S de Long,
Front row: M Taai, E Nkombisa, J van Willing, K Manasse, J Assumption, L de Kock, C Potgieter, S Bagley, A Tiry, O Tube, I Konono
Seated: L Kula, S Adams, E Jantjies, Miss K Potgieter, M van Rayner, M Mtyapi

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Back row: N Burness, H Pansuriya, J Swanepoel, B Sakata, S Mallick, B Tshaka, O Boyce, H Lungu, S Nodongwe, T Jordan, D Pennacchini, A Toyis, O Mateza
Front row: E Kettledas, A Mhletywa, L Ntsele, J Damons, K Haynes, A Wesso, C Volanie, I Greeff, O Ralo, L Mboya, M Mafongosi, A Songwiqi
Seated: S Cekiso, S Lupondwana, Miss K Potgieter, Mrs H Ferreira, J Sellick, M Phongoma

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From what could only be seen as the ashes of our final year, the Matric Class of 2020 has risen far above all possible expectations. While noticeable changes have taken place, both within ourselves and what is clear to the eye, our high hopes for a remarkable year has only grown, as what anyone would expect from such a resilient Class.

After March, April and May passed with learning via Whatsapp and the d6, and a delay, we were welcomed to the “new normal” of our school life. Finally being able to step out of bed with an aim in mind – as opposed to our Lockdown routine consisting of waiting for just the right time to change out of our daytime pyjamas into our night-time pyjamas—we were given the opportunity to prove ourselves and make what was left of our year count more than ever before.

“I immediately started thinking about what I was looking forward to prior to the ordeal we are currently faced with,” says Robyn Minnaar, upon sharing one of her coping mechanisms on the first day back at school. “Thinking about putting my pen down for the last time after writing my final exam is what is driving me to do my best now.”

Others among us have a more long-term goal in mind. “I want to be able to tell my grandchildren that I passed Matric, even in the midst of a pandemic,” shares Anda Mbola, topping off her wish with a winning smile. “I think a bit of a bump in the road was just what we needed to remind us of how desperately we want the prize ahead of us.”

It becomes even starker, however, that this little bump has been a bit more wounding to some than it has been to others. Undoubtedly, many matrics were reminded of the uncertainty that had come along with the beginning the second volume of our academic year.

“This is, of course, the human response to anything that deviates from the normal,” Miss Potgieter offers. “Here we are in the midst of a situation that is novel as the coronavirus itself, and just by looking at my English class, I can tell that a new bout of worry resides in them that was never there before.” Miss Pot goes on by saying that she truly misses the homely atmosphere that pre-coronavirus English lessons with her class allowed. “I do know, however, that even through all of this, this year’s Matrics will rise to the occasion. I just hope that they realise their worth and understand that they have the ability to overcome anything that seems to be putting their progression on a standstill.”

And in the weeks that followed, we managed to prove Miss Potgieter’s theory to be correct. Even with ever-looming Trial Examinations at our doorstep, we seemed to have been able to more or less keep up with the influx of SBA tasks and control test dates. Mrs Gerber was even thrilled to announce that her Matric History classes have been doing exceptionally well with handing in outstanding tasks and projects, which surely leaves the impression that things are in fact looking up for us.

Stepping out of the academic spectrum of our school lives, our counselling psychologist, Miss Nerine Loock, visited our classes to ensure that our psychosocial well-being is being tended to as well. Adding our Matric 40 Days celebration to the list of things to look forward to also raised our spirits considerably.

As our days zoomed past us, however, it seems as if we became more and more aware of just how close the final chapter of school life was. Even with each passing day following the same routine as the next, each lesson learned was slightly different. I think that it is now more than ever, while reunited with the people we had previously been deprived from, that we have been able to learn more about ourselves and those around us. We have learned that our teachers have our backs more than we had ever believed possible. We have learned that be it a teacher or a learner, we all have fears, we all have things that bring us joy, and best of all, we all matter to someone else. And as Matrics especially, we have learned that, yes, it is okay to not be okay sometimes, but what matters is what we do about it and how we rise from the ashes to prove to ourselves that it is in fact possible.

I always like to remember Min Yoongi’s words upon addressing the Graduates of 2020: “One small person can dream the biggest dream, paint the largest picture, and make endless possibilities come true.” My fellow Matrics, I wish to offer you these words of comfort for you to keep close to your heart in times when you feel as if your situation makes you feel worthless. Although our troubles may not seem to size up in comparison to someone else’s, whether big or small, your experiences matter as much as you do. Because these are the experiences that continue to gradually shape you into the person of your near future, the person who will be painting her own story for others to marvel at years down the line.

Although the road is still bumpy, I know that we would have achieved ways to endure these hiccups in due time. Having endured these few months is a testament to that. Thanking all our parents for remaining by our side and being our first source of comfort when we need it most, and our teachers for easing us through these unforeseen circumstances with endless patience. As always, I would love to thank my Matric Class for making each day that passes another one to store in my memory. I look forward to learning more and more about you all, even if our days together are numbered. Remember that if ever we should look back, it should be to see how far we have come.

But for now, I look forward to standing with you all at the finish line.

Beth Cooper Howell, writer of the Woman on Top articles in The Herald wrote on 21 October 2020:

Protagonists in the gritty, hard-knock narrative that swept their final year of school into choppy, uncharted territory, they have dared to dream — despite the dream having the stuffing knocked out of it. Riebeek College Girls’ High School head girl Azraa Rockman wrote a reflective piece for her classmates and teachers shortly before the Grade 12 preliminary exams. One day, when Azraa returns to what she wrote, she will remember how brave she was; and how, if she and her peers could withstand this year, they are capable of the same again, and again — no matter how rocky the road travelled. A few scant months have passed since Azraa and over a million of her fellow Grade 12s across the country returned to a semblance of “new” normality. Things had changed; much was lost, including time and the precious memories made with friends as the countdown to the end of school began in January. But still, they rose. Azraa’s words of wisdom are recorded here for every matric pupil — and every parent, cheerleader and supporter behind each one — to remind us that we have already overcome so much; and remain standing. We salute you, Matric Class of 2020. You are, as author Mary McCarthy wrote, the heroes of your own story.



Back row: C Ludeke, A Douw, A Gobile, K-A Maritz, S Gadu, J Charles, Y Qoqo, N Dolley, M Jones, H Ngxoweni, J Oldham
Front row: B Kilian, J-L Adamson, N Gogwana, A de Boo, N de Boo, L Maseti, S Ketshengana, J Rudman, T Mandla, R Minnaar
Seated: M Natha, Z Isaacs, Miss S du Preez, Mrs L Stroebel, A Rafu, T Barry
Absent: Y Mjoli, S Madolo

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Back row: K Harvey, J Miller, J Craill, L Hopa, L Taylor, K Douse, O Manyandela, L Daniels, K du Plessis, L Ntshiyane, A Tiry, R Lambaatjeen, P Nelson
Front row: A Manuel, A Dennis, C Zeelie, O Maqula, S Nyschens, Z Hini, T Tshayana, N Fredericks, V Patel, S Mtyingizane, M Rasimeni, D Prag, F Salie, A Thompson
Seated: T Jam, A Mbola, Mrs L Stroebel, A Rockman, C Labercensie

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Back row: A du Plessis, S Vena, K Wildskut, J Matthys, U Lupondwana, O Mjuza, M Sataar, Q-L Davids, S van Jaarsveld, J Kayser, L Mbovane, U Butsaka, S Dili
Front row: Z Meintjes, O Sishuta, M Ngqondi, N Mac Kiedann, T Rudman, K Mtyingizane, A Bantom, L Nonjakazi, C Jackson, R Wesso, L Ingram, T Ntshanyana, S Vumazonke, S Tembani
Seated: R Muhammad, N Pepetha, Mr R Bowles, Mrs L Stroebel, K Kriega, G Sirkhotte

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Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Lisakhanya Daniels, Amber du Plessis, Melody Jones, Thimna Mandla, Mhlahli Rasimeni, Anabo Thompson

Merit Certificate for Computer Application Technology
Naseehah Dolley, Kyla Harvey, Zaraa Isaacs, Justine Matthys, Mahmoodah Sataar

Merit Certificate for isiXhosa Home Language
Lisakhanya Maseti, Mbali Ngqondi

Merit Certificate for History
Romesa Muhammad, Thulisa Jam, Jamie Kayser, Nicole Mac Kiedann

Third Position and Merit for History
Tarryn Barry

Merit Certificate for Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate for History
Sanelisiwe Dili

Second Position and Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Chevellé Ludeke

Third Position in Afrikaans First Additional Language
Merit Certificate for History
Robyn Minnaar

Second Position in Physical Sciences
Merit Certificate for Accounting
Phillipa Nelson

Merit Certificate for History Consumer Studies Practical Prize
Jordan Oldham

Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate for

Computer Applications Technology
Vishani Patel

Merit Certificate for History
Third Position in Geography
Thimna Thsayana
Second Position and Merit Certificate for isiXhosa Home Language
Merit Certificate for History
Unathi Butsaka

Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Third Position and Merit Certificate for Consumer Studies
Karena du Plessis

First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for isiXhosa Home Language
Ntombizine Goqwana

First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for Consumer Studies
Keely-Ann Maritz

Merit Certificate for isiXhosa Home Language
Merit Certificate
Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate History
Khanya Mtyingizane

Third Position and Merit Certificate for isiXhosa Home Language
Merit Certificate for History
Sibahle Mtyingizane

Merit Certificate for isiXhosa Home Language
Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate for History
Lisekho Nonjakazi

Second Position and Merit Certificate for Accounting
Third Position and Merit Certificate for Mathematics
Lethabeleng Ntshiyane

Third Position and Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Second Position in

Geography
Fidrows Salie

Third Position and Merit Certificate for English Home Language
Merit Certificate for History
First Position and Subject Prize for Geography
Chaneal Labercensie

Second Position and Merit Certificate for Computer Application Technology
Merit Certificate for Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate for Business Studies
Jade Rudman

First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy
Merit Certificate for History
Merit Certificate Business Studies
Cameron Jackson

Third Position and Merit Certificate for Accounting
Third Position and Merit Certificate for Business Studies
Merit Certificate for History
Danita Prag

Merit Certificate for Mathematics
Merit Certificate for Accounting
First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for Computer Applications Technology
Ganeefa Sirkhotte

First Position, Merit Certificate and the McDonald Dodds Subject Prize for Mathematics
Merit Certificate for History
Merit Certificate for Business Studies
Cameron Zeelie

Second Position and Merit Certificate for Life Sciences
Second Position and Merit Certificate for Consumer Studies

Third Position and Merit Certificate for Computer Applications Technology
Joanne Miller

Second Position and Merit Certificate for English Home Language
Merit Certificate for Mathematics
Third Position for Physical Sciences
Third Position and Merit Certificate for Life Sciences
Second Position and Merit Certificate for Business Studies
Alexandra Dennis

First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language
First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for History
First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize and Hutton Cup for Accounting
First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize for Business Studies
Subject Prize for the Best Performance in Commercial Subjects
Teneal Rudman

First Position, Merit Certificate and DE Bates Subject Prize for English Home Language
Second Position and Merit Certificate for Afrikaans First Additional Language
Second Position and Merit Certificate for Mathematics
Second Position and Merit Certificate for History
First Position, Merit Certificate and Subject Prize and Newcombe Floating Trophy for Life Sciences
First Position, Merit Certificate and Mary Minty Subject Prize for Physical Sciences
Azraa Rockman





The Riebeek 2020

I am older than you are

By Herman Charles Bosman

I am older than you are

In bitter knowledge

And knowing what it is to long -

Brush out of your hair that lost star:

You did not learn that from life but in college.

It always seems

That what you learn

From raw life is shameful and wrong.

But the truths I dream most clearly

Are what I paid more most dearly.

You reap the seeds you sow

And you get the pay you earn

And the gods desire it should be so.

I met in youth and in first love

In streaming passion

And gaudy power

One soft as a dove ...

What gaoler is there that can fashion

A chain as iron as the scent of a flower?





From an academic perspective, the Grade 12s have experienced some advantages in amidst the devastation of the upending of their matric dreams.

Much academic work had been achieved in Term 1 and the girls had past papers, notes and textbooks to continue with their school work independently during lockdown.

Matric resources abound on the internet. Those who had limited data could access work on zero rated sites. It became necessary to advise our girls to not go to every site but to follow the advice of their teachers as there was, in fact, too much.

While our girls slept late and then could not understand why they were struggling to keep up with the work, we gave them advice from successful 2019 matrics who indicated that 55 hours to 72 hours a week was needed. For the hard workers, though the advice had to be to pace themselves.

Given that the girls no longer had sport, cultural and other responsibilities, there was more time available to our girls to work. The cancelation of June examinations meant a month of extra time for working, but the girls did lose the necessary practice and discipline that these exams offer. This meant that the trial examinations would become even more important.

On return to school, every possible measure was put in place so that teaching could be done effectively to help learners catch up and excel. In some subjects, there was time for revision on a scale unknown before as the focus on matrics had created more time.

The matrics had done the exercises at home and so there was pre-knowledge, even if some had isolated from their phones to miss instructions. There had been reading and tasks done, so learners were more primed for the teacher lecturing on the work and clarifying the content more. This meant that the lessons were tailored a specific way and not presented in the same way as before.

Without the normal time thieves of register classes, assemblies, special occasions or meetings (as much fun as these are), the school day was

compact, functional and high impact.

Soon, Friday attendance became a problem and the matrics developed a habit of selecting which days to attend school based on what was on the timetable. This was unfortunate as the school days had already been reduced substantially and the feeling of in-this-together would become jaded if matrics were selected school days.

Wellness programmes helped our girls cope with anxiety, and girls were motivated and encouraged by the teachers on a daily basis. A wellness survey undertaken online by the matrics revealed that 56.5% were not coping. The matrics indicated that areas they needed help with were: the emotions that are felt due to the amount of pressure we are under, career guidance, over coming being easily irritated, to erase the feeling of wanting to give up. High up on their problem areas were procrastination, anxiety and a lack of motivation, they reported. They wrote about wanting to study but thoughts of what was happening around them took over. The uncertainty felt overwhelming.

While the online anonymous survey gave the matrics a chance to complain and bemoan how they believed the teachers should be and that the lessons were too long, there was too much work, there was not enough time to do the work, the teachers should not discuss the exams so much, and more, there were also those who recognised the staff: "I feel an immense gratitude towards my teachers for constantly putting us first in this time of uncertainty. It is extremely heart warming to know that there are people who do care a big amount for their learners, and who always make themselves available for our queries. Mrs Stear has been phenomenal in addressing us with the utmost love. Seeing her at the front gate in the mornings truly has me realising that our Headmistress is the one to beat! Thank you, Miss Look, for the greatest measures to ensure that our mental well-being is a matter to be considered and that it is possibly more important than our academic well-being. Your efforts will never be forgotten!" "I would

like to express my gratitude to the teachers who have been working non stop to make sure we are looked after and that we are doing well academic wise." "I would like to express my gratitude towards Mrs Stear and Miss Look for providing this platform to express my feelings thank you very much."

"The Riebeeek teachers are amazing and are dealing with a lot. However, the matrics have lost our whole matric year and spent so much money on a farewell that never happened and all everyone says is imagine telling your kids this. There's not much to tell except we did nothing the entire year except sit in class and do tests then go home. I think that is one of our biggest challenges, coming to terms with what should of been and what is. But the teachers have always listened to our long conversations about how we were feeling which helped in the moment."

Following the wellness programmes run, Mrs Strobel and Mrs Gerber met with the Grade 12s to practice singing the matric verse of the school song for Valedictory and to discuss finals and trials. This discussion covered all the important aspects of how to make sacrifices and how to keep the focus on academics to make sure the best results could be attained.

Though the marks for trials were lower, on average, than previous years; it was believed that remedial work undertaken would benefit the girls immensely.

Sadly, the time between trials and finals was very short. The CAT practical, LO final examination, queries about marks, low attendance and restlessness meant the trials were not fully a chance to trial the level of competence and learn from the mistakes. It fell to the girls to make the most of this window of opportunity to learn from the mistakes made in trials to make sure that they had trialled their methods and learnt new ways to approach the finals with aplomb!

It was hard for some of the girls to accept that they could not wait for an announcement that all matrics would automatically be passed.

In the end, the Class of 2020 will reap what they sowed in terms of how much they put in to succeed. The girls had to dig deep for strength and were blessed to have support structures. Some gained from anonymous staff donations. For many, the year showed them just what they are capable of doing!



Azraa Rockman



Chaneal Labercensie

By Azraa Rockman

Grade 12 profiles

The World is a better because: I have a twisted sense of humour that is understood by few, but appreciated by many. I am witty, poetic, and a strong believer in the Almighty and His wonders. I never miss a moment to share one of my exceptional "Dad Jokes" at the most inappropriate times.

My World is Head Girl, Cultural Board, Media Committee, Library Prefect, General Tennis, English Olympiad, and Afrikaans Olimpiade.

On top of the World: Singing *I Want It That Way* by the Backstreet Boys with Romesa Muhammad on our way to Afrikaans and always being late together for class. Almost losing my eyebrows during a Science experiment in Grade 11 will hold a dear place in my heart. Being placed second in the SACEE High Schools' Speaking Challenge for my speech, "Dear Mr Educator", was one of the most rewarding experiences. I am thankful to Mrs Peltason and Miss Mxoli for their guidance and for helping me overcome my fear of unprepared speeches.

The Centre of my World: My parents have helped me to see past my fears of adulthood and have nurtured me. My brother and sister have helped me to embrace my inner child. Mrs Gerber has showed me that underestimating myself will only ever limit me from growing into the best version of myself. Mrs Peltason has proven to me that human dictionaries do exist and that while birds have wings, humans have books. Romesa Muhammad has never failed to show me my worth even when I am blind to it and is always ready to paint a smile on my face.

Rocking my World: Kayla "Oppa" Kriega, Jodi-Leigh "Eomma" Adamson, Robyn "Chim-san" Minnaar and Naomi "TDK" De Boo – X5 Forever. My brother and sister are the colour to my canvas and are truly the most entertaining pair that I have ever come across.

World View: "The only time you should ever look back is to see how far you have come." – BTS, *Butterfly*.

My plan to change the World: I plan to take the pulse of the universe by tending to the wounds of the individuals within it, starting with my own.

World View: Be fearless in your pursuit of what sets your soul on fire.

What the World needs right now is: People who know their limits, but who are able to overcome those limits day by day. "Ordinary" should never be an option. Always strive to be a limited edition!

The world is a better place because I am: happy, outgoing, understanding, meticulous and motivated. I am an encouraging person by nature and I am always willing to lend a helping hand to those who need it most.

My World is: Deputy Head Girl, Elton Deputy House Captain, Cultural Board, 1st Team Hockey, Interact, Dance Committee(2019) and Swimming Team Vice Captain(2019).

The Centre of my World: I am very thankful to have my friends in my life as they have contributed so much to my existence and never fail to uplift me when I need it most.

Hello, World: I would love to study architecture after school find greater success overseas in the near future. I hope to grow to be an independent person on my path as well.

World View: We as humans should strive to be kind to everyone, because you may never know the circumstances, trials and tribulations that those you meet may face.

Rocking my World: Laughing about the weirdest things with my friends at break or even during class until our stomachs hurt.

What the World Needs Right Now is: For everyone to do their part in society by recycling and promoting a greener future for us all to share. We also need to make further efforts to raise further awareness about the situation that many women worldwide face.

My plan to change the World: I plan to speak out about worldly issues that others are too afraid to speak about. I want to be a voice for the voiceless in my community and for the communities who need it most.





Jodi-Leigh Adamson

The world is a better place because I am: loyal, supportive, honest, selfless and trustworthy.

On top of the World: General Tennis in Grade 11 and spraining my ankle on the tennis court, only for Miss Hattingh to come to the rescue. I am grateful that my friends were there for moral support and to laugh with me about my clumsiness.

The Centre of my World: I am grateful that I have such a supportive family. I am proud to call Kayla Kriega, Naomi de Boo, Azraa Rockman, Robyn Minnaar and Meledy Jones my second family.

Hello, World: I wish to study Culinary Arts at Capsicum and to pursue my dream of opening a restaurant or bakery with Kayla Kriega as my business partner.



Aphwe Banton

The world is a better place because: I care about those surrounding me and the problems they face. I also try to encourage my peers not to give up in any situation and to keep trying no matter what.

The Centre of my World: My mom and my brother are always willing to make sacrifices for me and never fail to lift me up. Mrs Ferreira is the teacher that inspires me the most because of her stylish clothing.

Hello, World: I would love to study Foundation Phase teaching. I would love to go to Dubai for a bit of sight-seeing.

World View: Nothing comes easy and that hard work will ensure a desirable outcome.

My plan to change the world: I plan to spread positivity with one good deed at a time.



Tarryn Barry

The World is a better place because I am: optimistic, bold and bubbly.

My World is: Prefect, Cultural Board, 1st Team Hockey, First Aid Head, Evolutio Head, SCA and Dance Committee

The Centre of my World: My parents are the reason why I am the person I am today. They effortlessly continue to support me in everything I set my mind to.

Hello, World: I hope to travel as much as possible. **Rocking**

My World: My parents, the Senior Prefect Body and my friend circle always have my back. I am a "stress ball" but those closest to me help me through my rough patches.

What the World Needs right now is: More people who are willing to lead South Africa.



Unathi Butsaka

The world is a better place because I am: philosophical, relatable and funny.

My World is: Prefect, Cultural Board, Debating Head, Drama Deputy Head, and Netball

The Centre of my World: My grandmother has raised me to be the best version of myself and always reminded me to never think of myself as inferior or unworthy.

Hello, World: I have hopes to travel the world, especially Africa. My dream is to become a public protector and to study philosophy, politics and economics.

World View: I believe that all girls should be feminists, because I had learned that well-behaved women never made history.

My Plan to Change the World: To be a superhero who is willing to serve and help.



Jayda Charles

The world is a better place because I am: Persistent, polite, humorous and caring.

On Top of the World: Best Player Award for Netball in Grade 9, Drama Productions since Grade 10.

The Centre of my World: My mother is my greatest inspiration as she is a strong woman who constantly puts herself aside to make her children happy. She is the true definition of a role model and always encourages me to work to my utmost best.

Hello, World: I wish to study Child Psychology or to become a Foundation Phase teacher because I have a passion for working with young children.



Jessica Craill

The World is a better place because I am: Diligent, compassionate, and responsible. I am well mannered, I love to spread kindness.

On Top of the World: three years in a row, Short Story Competition Finalist in Grade 11.

Hello, World: I have no idea what the great world has in store for me, but I know that whatever step I take in this journey will be worth it at the end.

Rocking my world: My friends, my family and my dogs.

What the world needs right now is: Less plastic and more kindness. As humans, we need to dedicate our time to hurting the world less and to rather uplift the people within it to make this planet a happier place to live in.



Lisakhanya Daniels

The world is a better place because I am: Loving, open-minded, cultured, ambitious and outspoken. I am able to offer peaceful, optimistic, unbiased solutions to social issues that can seemingly only be resolved through violence and conflict to the masses.

My World is: Prefect, Cultural Board Head, Debating Head, Drama Club, Dance Committee, Transformation Task Team.

On top of the World: Being announced as Head of Cultural Board was unforgettable. I felt proud as I had been working towards this goal since Grade 8.

Hello, World: I wish to study Law at the University of Cape Town to become an advocate and go into politics.

World view: Love has the potential to end wars and change the world.



Q-Lynn Davids

The world is a better place because I am: respectful. I believe in encouraging others and reaching for the stars.

My World is: Prefect, Senior Choir, First Aid Committee.

On top of the World: Almost sinking into the mud with Nichole Mac Kiedann on a rainy day after refusing to walk on the gravel at break.

The Centre of my World: My older cousin inspires me.

Hello, World: I wish to study Psychology, Nursing or Law at Stellenbosch University or the University of Cape Town. I plan to travel the world, particularly France and Egypt.

World View: Little girls with a dream will become great women with a vision!

My plan to change the world: I want to get involved in organisations that speak about the effects of drugs and violence in the lives of teenagers.



Andiswe De Boo

The World is a better place because I am: Ambitious, kind, reserved, witty and straight-forward. I spread love and positivity wherever I go.

The Centre of my World:

Antlahla Douw has taught me so much about myself in our 12 years of friendship. My great aunt continues to inspire me and taught me the importance of living my life to the fullest.

Hello, World: I plan to obtain my LLB degree and become an estate lawyer.

What the World needs right now: Free data!

My plan to change the World:

I plan to help the homeless and abandoned in finding shelters for themselves. I want to continue to stand up for equality in this beautiful land called South Africa.



Naomi De Boo

On top of the World: Mrs Gerber always did her best to make learning fun. I will never forget the songs we would sing during her lessons to understand our work.

The Centre of my World: My parents go to great measures to ensure that I am happy and my teachers have always been a great support system. My circle of friends make me look forward to school.

Hello, World: I plan on studying Intermediate Phase teaching and to teach in South Korea. I hope to attend a BTS concert in Asia.

What the world needs right now is: love, peace and serendipity.

My plan to change the world: I plan to bring about world kindness by being the initiator of good vibes and smiles.



Alexandra Dennis

The World is a better place because I am: dramatic, funny, passionate and spontaneous. I have a contagious laugh.

My World is: Prefect, Eleanor House Captain, Cultural Board, SCA Head, Senior Choir, Drama Club, Library Prefect, Dance Committee

On top of the World: The 'water scene' in *Across the Universe* in Creative Arts with Mr Calitz in Grade 8.

The Centre of my World: Gabrielle Ownhouse, Miss S. du Preez, Mrs Jonas and my SCA girls, for being my sisters in Christ. They continually motivate me to be the most authentic version of myself.

Hello, World: I aim to study Medicine at Stellenbosch University and settle down in Canada.



Saneliswe Dili

The World is a better place because: I respect the humanity and dignity of others.

On top of the World:

Achieving a Merit for History was very sentimental to me as History is my favourite subject.

Hello, World: I plan to study Film and Media at the University of Cape Town.

What the World Needs Now is: Women and men who are unafraid to take responsibility, accept accountability, and who are courageous enough to speak their truth.

My plan to change the World:

I plan to give back to the world, seeing that it has given me so many opportunities to become a greater version of myself.



Naseehah Dolly

The world is a better place because I am: I always count my blessings, no matter how small, and strive to make a bad situation into something more positive.

My World is: Computer Club Deputy Head, Technical Crew, 2nd Team Hockey

On top of the World: My whole experience at Riebeek has been unforgettable, as it had taught me so many lessons about sisterhood and standing together as a hive.

The Centre of my World: My friends and family have helped me grow as a person and are always willing to support me in my choices.

Hello, World: I plan to study at NMU. I would love to travel all over the world and face new challenges along the way.

World View: In order for a modern-day princess to live in a castle, she has to start from the bottom and work hard to make her way to the top.



Kelebogile Douse

The world is a better place because I: consider people's feelings in whatever I do. I am always available when someone needs a shoulder to cry on.

My World is: Prefect, Cultural Board, Drama Committee, Library Prefect, SCA Head, Dance Committee

On Top of the World: SCA Camp was the most memorable experience. Being elected as Prefect was my biggest high school achievement.

The Centre of my World: My mom is the strongest person I know and she never fails to inspire me.

Hello, World: I plan to study at the University of Johannesburg and obtain my PhD in Psychology.

What the world needs right now: Peace, unity, gender equality and the alleviation of poverty.



Antlahla Douw

The World is a better place because I am: always willing to bring laughs to those who need it.

On top of the World: I thoroughly enjoyed Ammaarah Tiry's company during Life Sciences as she always found a way to make our lessons unforgettable.

The Centre of my World: My family and friends never fail to make me smile and remind me of my worth. My mother is a great inspiration in my life and I hope that one day I can become the strong woman that she is.

Rocking my World: Quality time spent with my friends.

What the World needs right now is: More people who want to bring happiness and smiles to dark situations. In this way, we will be able to grow together as people through sharing smiles with one another.



Amber du Plessis

My World is: Prefect, Netball, Swimming Team

On top of the World: Starting at Riebeek in Grade 4 is a most cherished memory. I will remember my loving grade and all the sentimental moments we shared.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful that my parents will go to the ends of the Earth for me, and they push me to do my best at everything.

Hello, World: I plan to study teaching and to specialise in Special Needs. I plan to study in Europe at some stage.

What the World Needs Now is: People who care about the future of the Earth and who are willing to sacrifice their time to help bring positive change to the world and not to only to their own well-being.



Karena du Plessis

The world is a better place because I am: inventive, good-natured, objective, sociable and communicative.

My World is: SPCA Committee, Swimming Team
The Centre of my World: I am thankful for my parents. I would not be the person I am today without them.

Hello, World: I plan to pursue a career in Foundation Phase teaching and to teach in New Zealand or Australia.

World View: Allow prayer to be the remedy to all problems you face.

Rocking my world: My friends, family and the laughs.

What the World needs right now is: People who are willing to share their kindness with those around them, and who are willing to bring change to make this world a better place for everyone.



Neriah Fredericks

The World is a better place because I am: supportive and spontaneous. I always know what to say when someone is having a hard time and I give great advice in times of difficulty.

The Centre of my World: My family never fails to be by my side.

Rocking my World: My friends make every day at school exciting. Making new memories with them, in and out of class, always puts a smile on my face.

What the World Needs Right Now is: More laughs and more reasons for people to keep laughing.

My plan to change the World: I plan to display the best version of myself so that eventually, the chain of positivity can reach all corners of the Earth.



Sinespho Gadu

The world is a better place because I am: enthusiastic, confident, humorous, talkative and joyful.

The Centre of my World: My friends make every moment worthwhile.

World View: Live every day as if it is your last and take a moment to express your gratitude to those who have played an important role in your existence.

Rocking my World: Friends, family and the laughs we share!

What the World Needs Now is: People who are not afraid to express their feelings openly.

My plan to change the World: I plan to spread laughter on whatever path I choose to take.



Asemahle Gobile

The World is a better place because I am: friendly, polite, outspoken, open-minded and dramatic. I am conscious about the feelings of others and I allow those around me to be themselves instead of fitting into a mould.

On top of the World: Receiving a second place Quiz Afternoon Certificate in Grade 8.

The Centre of the World: My mom and my grandmothers are the most dramatic people I know and make my life so exciting. Their advice has helped me overcome a lot and I am truly grateful to have them as my prime motivators.

Rocking my World: Music and theatre!

What the World needs right now is: I believe that letting loose sometimes is a good thing.



Ntombizine Gogwana

The World is a better place because I am: hard working, very kind to those I meet, studious, assertive and polite.

On top of the World: Being awarded First Position for IsiXhosa and Third Position for Mathematics. I definitely felt like a Maths genius when I was awarded Gold for the Maths Challenge by Mrs Stevens in Grade 10.

The Centre of my World: My mom and siblings always show me their unconditional love and guide me.

Hello, World: I hope to study Medicine at UCT.

My plot to change the World: I plan to promote unity amongst everyone and to appreciate the diverse society that we live in. In this way, everyone will learn to love one another and take pride in their own beliefs.



Kyia Harvey

The World is a better place because I am: kind, patient, loyal, trustworthy and loving.

On Top of the World: Having to wash my hands several times with Joanne Miller after dissecting testicles for our Life Sciences practical.

The Centre of my World: My father will always be my first hero as he is always willing to put my mom and his three children before anything else. He truly is someone you could talk to in any situation.

Hello, World: I wish to become a veterinarian and open up a shelter for animals. I plan to travel around the world and leave my mark.

My plan to change the World: I plan to promote beach clean-ups and to go all the way with recycling. I believe that it is up to OUR generation to save the planet for generations to come.



Zizipho Hini

The World is a better place because I am: funny, energetic, friendly and loving. I have a unique soul, I am a day maker and a joy bringer.

On top of the World: Taking part in the Drama Talent Show and meeting my best friend, Anda Mbola.

The Centre of my World: My dad has made countless sacrifices to ensure that I have the luxuries that he did not have growing up. I am grateful for all his efforts towards ensuring that I am happy.

Hello, World: I plan to study psychology and to travel. My Plan B is to go into the Performing Arts. I wish to make my father proud in my endeavours.

Rocking my World: My father is hardworking, selfless, helpful and humble and I plan to follow in his footsteps.



Litha Hopa

The World is a better place because I am: loving, caring, graceful and bubbly.

Rocking my World: SPCA and Netball

On top of the World: Achieving a Merit Certificate for Consumers Studies for the first time in 2018.

The Centre of my World: My mother is a strong, God-fearing woman and she teaches me to never give up.

Hello, World: I plan to study Hospitality Management at the University of Pretoria or at Nelson Mandela University. My second option is to become a pastry chef. I plan to travel to America after my studies.

Rocking my World: My friends are always looking out for me and make every day special.



Lauren Ingram

The World is a better place because I am: loving, caring, silly and independent.

On top of the World: Every moment spent with my friends, Nichòle Mac Kiedann, Justine Matthys, Tatum Boswell and Q-Lynn Davids are special to me. The funniest moment was when Q-Lynn put her entire fist in her mouth.

Hello, World: I intend to follow my heart and live in the moment.

World View: High school has taught me that change, within people and externally, is inevitable, and that not everyone you know wants to see you prosper.

What the World Needs now is: More people who think like me, who dare to overthink situations and analyse them before handling them.



Zaira Isaac

The World is a better place because I am: reliable, observant, humble, realistic and affectionate. I care a great amount for my loved ones and for the environment.

My World is: Computer Club Head, 1st Team Hockey, RCL, Dance Committee

On top of the World: Being in the Computer Club since Grade 9 and becoming Head in my Matric year.

The Centre of my World: My mother does so much for me and constantly supports me in everything that I take on. My mother is the kindest and most caring person. Without her unconditional love and support, I would not be the person that I am today.

Hello, World: I wish to study IT Software Development at NMU.



Cameron Jackson

The World is a better place because: I like to help others and look after the environment. I am spontaneous, passionate and enthusiastic person.

The Centre of my World: My parents always push me to be the best person I can possibly be and I am truly grateful that they go to great lengths to ensure my happiness.

Hello, World: I plan on learning French, study Psychology at Nelson Mandela University and travel the world.

World View: Everything happens for a reason. You never meet a new person by accident.

What the World Needs Now is: People who care about other people and the environment.



Thulisa Jam

The World is a better place because I am: kind, shy, sweet and talkative. I have a bubbly personality that never fails to make people smile.

My World is: Library Deputy Head, Senior Choir

The Centre of my World: My aunt knows just how to make me smile. She is my light in dark situations.

Hello, World: I plan to study Criminal Law and travel the world after school. As a little girl, I had dreams of being a teacher but I have learned that it is okay to change your mind.

What the World needs right now: More kindness and more uplifting others.

My plan to change the World: While I cannot change the whole world overnight, I aim to act in kindness to one person until that kindness is spread.



Melody Jones

The World is a better place because I am: friendly, adventurous, considerate, faithful and determined.

My World is: Team Tennis, Library Prefect

On top of the World: Obtaining my Tennis badge was truly a great achievement for me. I will remember break times with my friends, Keely-Ann Maritz and Cameron Jackson and the strange but memorable antics that Cameron would get up to.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful to my parents for always offering me help and my sister for making me feel better when I am down.

Rocking my World: Friends, family and tennis (winning matches especially!)

What the World needs right now: More people who are willing to share love and affection, and more leaders who will act towards bringing our world's inhabitants together.



Jamie Kayser

The World is a better place because: passionate, confident, soft-hearted, committed and unique

My World is: Prefect, Elizabeth House Deputy Head, 1st Team Hockey, Interact, Swimming Team, SCA (2019 Deputy Head), Dance Committee

World View: I always wanted to become an "animal doctor" growing up. However, as time progressed, I learned a lot about myself and I learned that I am too sensitive to aid sick animals in need.

My plan to change the world: I plan to be a ray of sunshine in the lives of others daily.

What the World Needs Now is: Positivity before anything else. Most of the time, we find ourselves becoming so consumed in the negative aspects about the world we live in that we forget to be grateful for the awesome things that life gives us.



Sibisiwe Keshengana

The World is a better place because I am: talkative, friendly, loving, helpful and I have a great sense of humour. I show empathy towards others around me and I am hardworking in everything I do.

On top of the World: Receiving a certificate for the school talent show in 2019 even though I had never practiced my dance routine.

Hello, World: I plan to study LLB at Rhodes University, up to the level of Advocate.

Rocking my World: Dancing and singing.

World view: We make a living through what we get, but we make a life through what we give.

What the World needs right now: Justice, non-violent resistance to matters that people may not always agree on, freedom from discrimination and relief from poverty.



Brazil Kilian

The World is a better place because I: recognise the humanity of other people and I respect their dignity. I treat people as equals, no matter how I interpret their social standing.

My World is: Prefect, Elizabeth House Captain, 1st Team Hockey, RCL, Dance Committee

The Centre of my World: Although my mom is no longer with me, she continues to inspire me daily as she always made sure that I strive for greatness in everything I do. My dad was a great athlete, is now a brilliant teacher and he always teaches me good values and motivates me.

Hello, World: I plan carry on in my mom's footsteps and study nursing in Cape Town at Stellenbosch, UCT or UWC.

Rocking my World: My family and friends are supportive of me.

My plan to change the world: I plan to spread positivity.



Kayla Kriega

On Top of the World: Being selected to serve on the Library Committee in Grade 10 and be part of a team was great. It was also special as all of my friends were on the committee too.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful to have my mother in my life. Despite everything she and I have gone through, she still manages to be strong and caring.

Hello, World: I plan to enrol at Capsicum Culinary Institute. I would love to make the best pastries for the best restaurants of Switzerland or Italy!

World View: Food is one of the few things that make all people happy, regardless of their nationality.

Rocking my World: My friends of the elite group, X5.



Rozantè Lambaatjeen

Hello, World: I wish to study Medicine after Matric and to later on succeed in every possible aspect in my life.

The World is a better place because I am: selfless, vibrant, hilarious and graceful.

On top of the World:

Throwing a surprise party for Mrs Kruger during Science in Grade 11 and hearing her sincere thanks will always hold a dear place in my heart.

The Centre of my World: My aunt is very special to me. I call her my second mother.

She has taught me that regardless of your situation, you still have the power to do great things because where there is a will, there is most certainly a way.

Rocking my World: God making decisions to better my future and my loved ones who inspire me to be great.



Chevellè Ludeke

The Centre of my World: My mom and dad have showed me that no matter what happens in life, I am able to push through anything that comes along my path. They have proven to me that I am never alone.

The World is a better place because I am: passionate, independent, and determined.

My World is: Cultural Board, SPCA Head, General Tennis

On top of the World:

Obtaining Third Position in Maths Literacy and a Merit in Maths Literacy and History in Grade 11.

Hello, World: A career in Health and Safety.

World View: In every stone wall, there is a gateway to a brighter tomorrow. It is up to us to find that gate and want a brighter tomorrow hard enough for it to reveal itself to us.



The World is a better place because: I am humorous, honest, phenomenal and great at making people smile.

The Centre of my World: My parents and my family as they mean a lot to me and I do not know what I would be able to do without their constant love and support.

Hello, World: I plan to give back to my community and to build homes for the homeless.

World View: We should not be so expectant that the world will do us favours if we are not bringing favours to the world. As much as we want to take from any given situation, we must also be willing to give.

What the World Needs Right

Now is: More love and people who make an effort to understand others instead of breaking their confidence for being authentic.



Nichòle Mae Kriedann

The Centre of my World: My parents are my biggest **The World is a better place because I am:** empowered to give so much back to this great world. I am a God-fearing young woman who behaves according to the moral rules of my religion.

On top of the world:

Overcoming my shyness to model for Miss Riebeek and being in the Top 5! inspiration because they are prime examples that a person can still be successful despite past circumstances. They always put their family first and always try their utmost best to give their children what they need most.

Hello, World: I plan to study in the Health Sciences field, as I am passionate about helping others.



Siphokazi Madolo

The World is a better place because: I am polite. I try my best to make people happy and to help them forget about the troubles they may face.

On top of the World: Being accepted into the amazing sisterhood of Riebeek and growing and maturing at our phenomenal school.

The Centre of my World: Mrs Stear, Mrs Gerber, Mrs Stroebe and Miss Potgieter have been my super-heroes throughout my Matric year. I am truly grateful for their guidance and for simply sharing their time with me when I needed it most.

What the World Needs Right Now is: New, fresh leaders with a vision to bring the human race towards greatness. With proper grooming and a positive mindset, our youth will truly be able to accomplish anything.



Thimma Mandla

Rocking my World:

Listening to love songs in the car with my older brother.

The World is a better place because I am: attentive, respectful, easy-going, sensitive and supportive.

My World is: Senior Choir, Drama, Dance Committee

On Top of the World:

Memories made during drama and inter-house play rehearsals and laughing with my peers.

The Centre of my World: My mother is by far the strongest person I know. She does everything in her power to ensure that I am happy and safe, and I will forever be grateful for her endless love and support.

What the World Needs Right Now is: More people who care about the world.



Abigail Manuel

On top of the World: Making it to Matric and passing each year.

The World is a better place because I am: loyal, selfless, loving and honest.

The Centre of my World: My parents bring such joy to my life. They are always ready to share laughs and believe in me when I fail to believe in myself. I would not be the person I am without my parents.

Hello, World: I will study at NMU. I plan to live my childhood dream of travelling to Canada.

World View: Be prepared to constantly believe in yourself and love yourself without limits.

Rocking my World: My amazing friends and family.

What the World Needs Now is: Peace, unity and a cure for unhappiness.



Olweithu Manyandela

The World is a better place because I am: unique, perfect, outgoing, loud and kind. I am helpful to those in need of it most. I am myself and I do not try to be what I am not.

My World is: Senior Choir, Netball

The Centre of my World: My mom motivates me to be the best version of myself daily. She is truly special to me and I cannot imagine what my life would be like without her.

Hello, World: I plan to study Psychology at NMU and to become a Clinical Psychologist. I plan to successfully pursue every goal I have set for myself thus far.

What the World Needs Right Now: Open-minded people and those who have a vision for a greater world where all can prosper.



Okuhle Maqula

The World is a better place because I am: free-spirited and funny. I want to make sure that people are happy. I love helping people because of the joy it brings me to see a smile on someone's face.

On top of the World:

Obtaining a Merit Certificate for History at Prize Giving.

The Centre of my World: My younger twin sisters keep me sane and turn my sad days into bright days. They are my support system and without them, I would not be the person I am today.

Hello, World: I plan to study Environmental Graphic Design as I want to see the world as I would see it through a lens of colour and creativity.

World View: The World is a beautiful place, but it is society that takes advantage of it and makes it ugly.



Keely-Ann Martiz

The World is better place because I am: quick-witted, sporty, creative, amusing and energetic.

My World is: Elizabeth Sports Captain, Swimming Team Captain, Interact, SPCA

On top of the World:

Receiving my swimming badges and being placed 1st for all of my strokes.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful to have my sister, Alyssa-Jane, in my life as she never fails to make me smile and laugh and is always there for me when I am uncertain of something. I am grateful for my best friend, Cameron Jackson, who cheers me up when I do not feel well.

My plan to change the World: I plan to volunteer towards a cleaner world and to spread kindness.



Lisakhanya Maseti

The World is a better place because I am: philosophical, diligent, cordial, lively and humorous. I believe that the gift I was equipped with is to leave a good legacy.

My World is: Cultural Board, Senior Choir Deputy Head, Eleanor House Play Director, Drama, Dance Committee

Hello, World: I plan to become an influencer and work until my signature becomes an autograph.

World View: Everyone's life journey starts at the same point and they carve their own path. Like veins, we all start from the heart and continue our journey through the body we call life.

My plan to change the World: I plan to handle situations that come my way with the confidence that my mother taught me.



Justine Matthys

The World is a better place because I am: God-fearing, confident and free-spirited. My love for Jesus makes the world a better place because his light shines through me.

On top of the World:

Winning First Princess at Miss Riebeek in 2019.

The Centre of my World: My grandmother always prays for me and always wants the best for my future. I will always be grateful for her contribution to my life.

Hello, World: I plan to do a year in internship at Fathers House Church in 2021 and then study nursing in Cape Town in 2022.

What the World Needs Right Now is: People who care for children and those who are willing to love and protect children who do not have families of their own.



Anda Mbola

My World is: RCL Deputy Chairperson, Cultural Board, Media, Drama, Library, Netball

On top of the World:

Lighting up everyone's day with my humour during Physical Sciences and meeting my best friend, Zizipho Hini.

The Centre of my World: I appreciate my mom for never giving up on me and for making sure I am always at peace with the choices I make. Mrs James inspires me as she challenges me to set goals for myself so that I can be an even greater person than I was before.

Hello, World: I plan to enrol in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Johannesburg, travel the world and be happy.

World View: Never give up on yourself. The only person you should compare yourself to is the woman in the mirror!



Lutho Mbovane

The world is a better place because: I am funny, thoughtful and smart.

On Top of the World: Hiding our textbooks in Grade 9 to convince Miss Mintoor that we had all left them at home as we had grown tired of working. In spite of the funny situation, we were unsuccessful in our efforts to gain a free lesson.

Hello, World: My dream is to travel the world and preach the word of God while spreading his love across the whole world.

World View: Hard work requires commitment in order for you to meet greatness at the finish line.

What the World Needs Now is: I believe that the world needs truthful people who are willing to share their voices honestly without having to sugar coat what needs to be said.



Zhané Meintjes

The world is a better place because am: loving, spontaneous, helpful, hardworking and kind. I contribute positively to this beautiful world by giving back to the people within in through my acts of community service.

My World is: 1st Team Hockey, SCA, Senior Choir and Interact

The Centre of my World: My friends, family and everyone who has helped me in my journey of growth have played a thankful for the unconditional love and support.

Hello, World: I plan on studying nursing, specialising in midwifery.

What the World Needs Now is: People who stand up for what they believe in and who voice their opinions based on what they believe is right.



Joanne Miller

The World is a better place because I am: honest, organised, obnoxious and funny.

My World is: Computer Club Committee, Swimming Team
On top of the World: Having to clean up with Kyla Harvey after our testicle dissection during Life Sciences.

Hello, World: I plan to study Biochemistry for three years and to continue with my fitness routine to stay healthy. I plan to make a trip to visit my family in Cape Town after Matric.

Rocking my World: Fitness as it keeps me happy and healthy.

My plan to change the World: I plan to continue with Sunday school as to help strengthen young minds and hearts with the knowledge of God.



Robyn Minnaar

The World is a better place because I am: well-mannered, inquisitive, adventurous and joyful.

My World is: Prefect, Cultural Board, Library Head
On top of the World:

Entering the English Olympiad and obtaining Silver in Grade 10 and Bronze in Grade 11. I will remember the laughs we shared during Afrikaans with Miss Oliphant.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful for the lessons of my mother. She is my supporter and she inspires me.

Rocking my World: Music, particularly from BTS. My friends always manage to put a smile on my face and are always ready to help me.

What the World Needs Now is: For people to change their negative perceptions of others.



Ybanathi Mjoli

The World is a better place because I am: loving and different. I never try to hide behind a façade, as I know that being real is the best option for going through life as an authentic person.

My World is: Drama, Volleyball

On top of the World: Getting a standing ovation after my performance at last year's Talent Show.

Hello, World: I plan to study politics either in Durban or at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. By going into politics, I plan to make South Africa a better place for all people.

Rocking my World: My mom and FOOD!



Okunlekwehthu Mjiza

The World is a better place because I am: generous, selfless, spontaneous, authentic and kind-hearted.

On top of the World: Moments spent in Miss Potgieter's English Class with her sweet and bubbly personality.

The Centre of my World: My mother provides love and support when I need it most. I am also thankful for my best friend, Uyathandwa Lupondwana for being my support system.

Hello, World: I plan to study BCom Accounting

What the World Needs Right Now is: More people like me!
My plan to change the World: I plan to confront and combat poverty and to be a positive influence in the lives of the poor.



Khanya Mtyingizane

The World is better place because I am: authentic, supportive, funny, fearless and optimistic.

My World is: Hostel Head Girl, Hostel Prefect, Elton House Executive, Senior Choir
On top of the World: Our viral song with Lisekho, Sethu, and Sibulele in Grade 8 about the Pengos at the tuckshop.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful for my brother, Luntu, for stepping in as a parent and supporting me.

World View: I aspire to bring about political change in South Africa by studying Political Science at the University of Cape Town and becoming a member of Parliament.

My plan to change the world: Being politically active and involved to initiate change.



Sibahle Mtyingizane

The World is a better place because I am: independent, outspoken, hilarious, expressive, adaptable and loving. I live by the motto "Laughter is the best medicine" and I constantly encourage others to live by it too.

My World is: Prefect, Elton House Captain, Library Committee, Netball, Drama Deputy Head, Dance Committee

On top of the World: Being in the Academic Top 10 every time and enjoying the fruits of my labour on stage, even if it is just for a few minutes.

The Centre of my World: My mom is my biggest cheerleader and my prime advisor.

What the World Needs Right Now is: well-informed people who make wise decisions, and active teenagers and young adults.



Romesa Muhammad

The world is a better place because: I am loyal, supportive, funny, lively and friendly. I have a knack for standing up for those who cannot do so for themselves.

My World is: Prefect, Library Prefect, Cultural Board Deputy Head, Media Committee, Media Head 2019, Quiz Head 2018-2019, Team Tennis 2019

On Top of the World: Holding hands down the corridors with my Science Class as we went on "class outings" to the staff room. The memorable discussions took place during Library duty after school. I felt a great feeling of accomplishment when I was entrusted with taking photos or writing articles for Media.

What the World Needs Now is: A reason to keep everyone smiling. The world also needs a gadget to help people procrastinate less.



Musufeka Natha

The World is a better place because I am: affectionate, empathetic, trustworthy and considerate.

On top of the World: Learning life lessons by the dozen in Afrikaans with Miss Meyers and the class.

Centre of my World: My teachers are always willing to help and to go out of their way to ensure that I succeed and live up to my fullest potential. I will never forget the great efforts they took towards making me feel at home in their classes.

Hello, World: I am still uncertain regarding what I wish to study after school, but I plan to succeed on whatever path I take and travel to all corners of the world as I go along.

World View: Nothing is permanent, so love all that needs to be loved as if it is existing for only its final moments.



Philipa Nelson

The World is a better place because I am: comforting, loving and thoughtful.

Although, I have not completely contributed to the world yet, I do believe that I have the ability to bring positivity and great transformation.

On top of the World: Making it to Matric was an achievement on its own, but getting through 2020 is truly something that we can all congratulate ourselves on.

The Centre of my World: My parents and little brother make my life so much more colourful.

Hello, World: I plan to go to culinary school.

Rocking my World: The only things that keep me sane are music and painting. My family, especially my cousins also make my life interesting.



Mbali Ngqondi

The world is a better place because I am: ambitious, confident, beautiful and admirable. I give off positive energy wherever I go.

On Top of the World: LO lessons with Mr Calitz when he would pull out his phone and yell, "Timer!" to keep us quiet.

The Centre of my World: Thimna Ntshanyana and Hlumelo Ngxoweni never fail to make me smile, believe in my dreams and motivate me to be a better person.

Hello, World: My plan is to study Law at the University of Pretoria and to travel to Los Angeles once I have completed my studies.

My plan to change the world: I want to encourage young girls to believe in their dreams, because each and every girl on this Earth has what it takes to persevere.



Hlumelo Ngxoweni

The World is a better place because I am: a bringer of friendliness. I make constant efforts to spread love and happiness.

On Top of the World: Having sentimental conversations with Mrs Myburg during LO. These lessons allowed us to express ourselves in an environment devoid of judgement and were very therapeutic.

The Centre of my Universe: My older sister has always been my number one support system and is always celebrating my achievements.

World View: I grew up having a passion for dancing. I soon learned, however, that the things we are passionate in are not necessarily the things we are talented in.

My plan to change the World: I want to encourage human beings to be happy.



Lisekho Nonjakezi

The world is a better place because: I am kind, empathetic, passionate, funny and loyal.

On top of the World: When I participated in my first Drama Production in 2018 as one of the leading characters.

The Centre of my World: My mom is my Number 1 because she is supportive, kind and , hilarious.

Hello, World: I plan to study English and Journalism and to obtain a teaching Diploma. I know that through working hard, I will be able to reach my goals and to make not only myself, but also those around me proud.

What the World Needs Now is: for everyone to love and be kind to one another, regardless of any differences we may have.



Thimna Ntshanyana

The World is a better place because I am: ambitious, spontaneous, inquisitive and bold.

My World is: Cultural Board, Library Prefect, Drama Committee

The Centre of my World: Mbali Ngqondi and Hlumelo Ngxoweni make my days brighter. They inspire me to be courageous and they believe in my dreams and capabilities.

Hello, World: I plan to study Medicine at the University of Pretoria or Industrial Engineering at NMU. I plan to indulge in the exotic cuisines of Venice, Italy and meet the beautiful and passionate people.

Rocking my World: My mom, the smartest and wisest person I know. She has taught me amazing life lessons that I hope to carry with me and pass on to my grandchildren someday.



Lethabeng Ntsinyane

The World is a better place because I am: chilled, happy, sarcastic, funny and caring

The Centre of my World: My family make me smile. They are my main source of happiness when I need it most.

Hello, World: I plan to study Medicine at Stellenbosch University or the University of Pretoria.

World View: It is what it is. No amount of crying will change the outcome that has revealed itself to you.

Rocking my World: My family, friends and good food.

What the World Needs Right Now is: Less judgemental people.



Shinese Nyschens

The World is a better place because I am: talkative and bubbly. Since I am honest, people looking up to me will follow my example where we will all be able to speak out about our troubles.

My World is: Senior Choir, Volleyball

The Centre of my World: My mom constantly reminds me to never let anything get in the way of my happiness and that I am the star of my own show.

Hello, World: I wish to study teaching after Matric.

Rocking my World: My friends rock my world with their generosity and kindness, but mostly with their beautiful smiles.

My plan to change the World: Starting small to help where I can, before moving onto helping bigger areas in need.



Jordan Oldham

The World is a better place because I am: caring, responsible and organised. I am always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need.

My World is: Cultural Board Deputy Head, Phly Thread Head, SCA, Alpha Leo Club, Swimming Team, Netball, RCL

On top of the World: Gaining an All Rounder's award from Grade 9 to Grade 11.

The Centre of my World: I am very thankful for Mrs Gerber managing to make me laugh during History with a story about Bailey or Daniel. She constantly puts so much passion into everything she does and motivates me to handle every situation with an equal amount of passion.

Rocking my World: My two closest friends, Cameron Zeelie and Justine Matthys.



Vishani Patel

The World is a better place because I am: peaceful, inspiring and helpful.

My World is: Band Deputy Head, Computer Club Committee

On top of the World:

Obtaining First Position for Maths Literacy in Grade 10 and a merit certificate in Grade 11. Being responsible for sound and audio for school events gave me a great sense of purpose throughout my high school career.

The Centre of my World: My mother's positive outlook on life encourages me to do my absolute best in everything that I do.

My plan to change the World: I plan to help the elderly, abused women and children and to dedicate my time to aiding the underprivileged.



Nangamso Pepetha

The World is a better place because I am: funny, supportive, kind, honest and bubbly

My World is: RCL Treasurer, Drama, Interhouse Plays

The Centre of my World: My sister is always supportive of me and manages to make my stresses disappear when she is around.

Hello, World: I wish to study hospitality or go to culinary school in Cape Town. I would love to travel to New Zealand.

World View: In order to get somewhere in life, you have to put in the hard work and learn how to be independent of others.

What the World Needs Right Now: People who are genuinely kind to one another.



Danita Prag

The World is a better place because I am: passionate about service above self.

My World is: Cultural Board, Alpha Leo Club Head, General Tennis, Transformation Task Team (TTT)

On top of the World: Miss Oliphant bringing muffins to her Grade 12 Afrikaans class on Valentine's Day.

The Centre of My World: I am eternally grateful for my mom's support. She has motivated me to work hard, achieve my goals and live up to my expectations.

Hello, World: I plan to study Marketing or Data Analysis at the University of Stellenbosch or the University of Cape Town. I plan to travel to all corners of the earth to view the 8 Wonders of the World.

Rocking my World: My friends and #Matric 2020



Yonela Qoqo

The World is a better place because I am: spontaneous, extraordinary, ambitious, kind-hearted and bubbly.

My World is: Senior Choir, Drama Committee

On top of the World: Being a star as a main character of the Drama Production in 2018.

Seeing the group photo in the newspaper was amazing.

The Centre of my World: My grandmother encourages me to do my best in everything that I do.

Hello, World: I plan to travel the world as a flight attendant.

My plan to change the World: I plan to bring diversity to a world that constantly focuses on the importance of being considered normal.



Aseanathi Rafu

The world is a better place because I am: lovely, kind, quiet, hard-working and different. I love smiling and laughing and I love sharing my smiles and laughs with others around me.

My World is: Drama, Netball

On top of the World: Being called funny by Mrs Kruger in Grade 10.

The Centre of my World: I am thankful for my mother as she is always there for me, makes me happy and inspires me.

Hello, World: I wish to study Law at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

My plan to change the World: Dedicating my time to lending an ear to those who need to express their feelings and troubles.



Mithali Rasimeni

The World is a better place because I am: creative, optimistic, loud, kind and calm.

My World is: Library Prefect

On top of the World: Any moment spent with my register class managed to put a smile on my face. Receiving Second Position for Maths Literacy in Grade 11 truly is a cherished memory of mine.

The Centre of my World: My mom constantly reminds me of how much potential I have. With her by my side, I could never go wrong.

Hello, World: My number one goal is to be fully content with my spirit and with what I have achieved in life.

My plan to change the world: I plan to change the conventional thinking of others, simply because there is always good that comes from thinking outside the box.



Jade Rudman

The world is a better place because I am: thoughtful and I work hard.

My World is: Computer Club Committee, 1st Team Hockey, Swimming Team

The Centre of my World: My parents always encourage me to strive for excellence and always give me the best advice. I am grateful for all the sacrifices they have made to ensure that I am happy.

World View: Always work hard and strive to do your best. Never lose faith and never give up.

What the World Needs Now is: Positive and helpful people who are willing to make the World a better place for everyone.

My plan to change the World: I plan to have a positive outlook in life and to spread positivity wherever I go.



Teneal Rudman

The world is a better place because I am: eccentric, independent, ambitious and intelligent. I make people laugh with my unique sense of humour.

My World is: Cultural Board, SPCA Deputy Head, Team Tennis

On top of the World: Obtaining Academic Colours, Academic Honours and being in the Academic Top Ten consistently.

The Centre of my World: My mom has taught me to believe in myself and my abilities and has been my main supporter in everything I do. Mrs du Plessis has helped me to discover my passion for Accounting.

Hello, World: I plan to study BCom Accounting at NMU and to become an auditor.

What the World Needs Now is: More smiles and chilli cheeseburgers.



Firdows Salie

The World is a better place because I am: self-disciplined, reliable, kind, optimistic and tranquil.

On top of the World:

Obtaining First Position and a Merit Certificate for Technology in Grade 9, First Position for Geography in Grade 10 and Second Position and a Merit Certificate for Technology in Grade 11.

The Centre of my World: My mother is the strongest and most understanding person I know. She has shown me how to be resilient.

Hello, World: I plan to study foundation phase teaching at NMU.

World View: People come and go in our everyday lives. Nothing lasts forever.

Rocking My World: My brother, sister and kitten, who always cheer me up.



Mahmoodah Sataar

The World is a better place because I am: hardworking, optimistic and friendly.

My World is: Computer Club Committee, Media Committee

The Centre of my World: My mother is my superhero. Because of her unconditional love and guidance I have grown immensely and I am truly grateful.

Hello, World: I plan to obtain a BCom in Web Design and Management or in Hospitality Management

Rocking My World: Unforgettable memories of Kruger Tour and forming great bonds with the much loved "Room 99"

What the World Needs Right Now: Peace and a break from unrest.

My plan to change the World: I plan to assist in securing employment for all.



Ganeefa Sirkhotte

The World is a better place because I am: intelligent, witty, comical and gentle.

My World is: Senior Prefect, Cultural Board, Interact Head, Quiz Committee, Dance Committee, RCL

On top of the World: Being awarded Academic Colours and the All Rounder's Award. Taking part in the Enviroquiz in Grade 6 and going to Gariep Dam for the Finals with the Supertastic Super Six.

The Centre of my World: My father drives because of the values he upholds. He always strives to do his best and constantly motivates me.

Hello, World: I want to be an electrical engineer and to have many children and pets.

What the World Needs Right Now is: for people to become more accepting. Every single person has value.



Onesimo Sishuta

The World is a better place because I am: kind, curious, funny, adventurous and loving.

On top of the World:

Crossing paths with those who I have I learned from at Riebeek, including the friends that I have both made and lost along the way, as they have all contributed to my life.

The Centre of my World: My mom and dad are always willing to go the extra mile to help me with my academics. Mrs Bean always strived to make Geography enjoyable. Miss Potgieter made my high school experience so interesting and Mrs James was always willing to believe in me when I could not.

Rocking My World: The sound of my own laughter.



Lynn Taylor

The World is a better place because I am: talkative, loving, happy and unique.

My World is: Chess, Volleyball

The Centre of my World: My mother constantly inspires me to be myself and to always do my best. She lifts me up when I am down and is one of the best friends I could ask for.

Hello, World: I plan to be happy wherever I go and to always make people feel good about themselves.

World View: You need to be strong and independent in order to make it to success.

Rocking my World: My baby brother and my dad.

What the World Needs Right Now: Love and believers in the fact that love exists.

My plan to change the World: I plan to teach girls to love others, but to mostly love themselves.



Simamkele Tembani

The World is a better place because I am: generous, compassionate, considerate, reliable and bubbly. I am always willing to share what I have with those around me.

The Centre of my World: My mom always tries her best to ensure that I receive what I need most in life. She works hard to prevent me from going to bed without an evening meal.

Hello, World: I plan to be a pilot as I wish to travel.

What the World Needs Right Now: Love for both the environment and the people living within it.

My plan to change the World: I plan to give money or clothes to charity every year. I believe that the only way that we can receive things from others is if we try our best to open our hand to give as well.



Anabo Thompson

The World is a better place because I am: kind, funny, social, caring and amazing. I inform my family and friends of the harmful effect that litter has on the environment as a way of saving our beautiful planet for generations to come.

My World is: Netball, Senior Choir 2018

The Centre of my World: My mom and brother keep me sane and happy. They inspire me and remind me to always aim higher than my potential. They have taught me that although love is hard, it is also kind.

Hello, World: I plan to study psychology and teaching. My goal is to become wealthy so that I am able to visit Singapore, Las Vegas and the Bahamas.

What the World Needs Right Now: The world needs to hear my story. It needs to hear me.



Ammaarah Tiry

The World is a better place because I am: positive, determined, courageous, adventurous and optimistic. The world is a better place because I am in it!

My World is: Volleyball

On top of the World: Passing all of my high school grades.

The Centre of my World: My mom is always there for me when I need her most. She always gives me a reason to smile and to grow into a greater person than I already am.

Hello, World: I wish to study at UCT and major in Mathematics and Geography in order to study Geology. I plan on travelling the world after my studies.

Rocking My World: Matric and my friends.



Thina Tshayana

The World is a better place because I am: humble, vibrant, disciplined, persistent and outspoken.

My World is: Debating, Netball

On top of the World: Being awarded Best Speaker after my first debate at the Alex Debating Festival.

The Centre of my World: My mom inspires me as she is still studying and has proven time and time again that she is extremely hard working when she has a goal in mind. Her courage inspires me to follow in her footsteps one day.

Hello, World: My desire is to become the youngest parliamentary member in order to speak on behalf of my disadvantaged community.

World View: I dream of giving back to my community and encouraging teenagers.



Samantha van Jaarsveld

The World is a better place because I am: optimistic, loyal, responsible and ambitious. My morals mean a lot to me and I value them dearly.

My World is: Netball, Swimming Team

On top of the World: Being part of the Matric Class that is so special to me.

The Centre of my World: My family, my best friend, Kelly Wildskut, Miss Potgieter and God.

Hello, World: I plan to study intermediate phase teaching, as I believe that the world needs more educators who are willing to dedicate their time to help growing the young minds of those who will carry the future on their shoulders.

What the World Needs Right Now: God, peace and love.



Siphosethu Vena

The World is a better place because I am: thoughtful, enthusiastic and honest.

My World is: Elizabeth House Play Director, Drama, Senior Choir

On top of the World: Being announced as the Elizabeth House Play Director in assembly and becoming a member of the Senior Choir.

The Centre of my World: My sisters, Siya and Lulu, are my biggest supporters with their unconditional love.

Hello, World: I plan to study Media and Communication in Cape Town.

Rocking My World: My mother is my biggest supporter.

What the World Needs Right Now: More young people who are hungry for success and who are driven to transform our world.



Sisipho Vumazonke

The World is a better place because I am: loving and sensitive. I care about others' feelings and am always willing to comfort those who need it.

My World is: Senior Choir, Drama

The Centre of my World: My mom always goes the extra mile to make ends meet and tries her utmost best to ensure that her children are happy.

Hello, World: I plan to study nursing after Matric.

World View: There would be no doctors and nurses without the teacher who had first given them the opportunity to learn and reach for greatness.

My plan to change the World: I plan to be more involved in my community and help those who need it most.



Rowena Wesso

The World is a better place because I am: kind, fair, understanding and brave.

My World is: Volleyball

On top of the World: Meeting my best friend in the whole wide world, Ammaarah Tiry. I also cherish the wonderful people who shared amazing, challenging years with – the Matric Class of 2020.

The Centre of my World: My mother is my anchor and my strong hold. I love her to the moon and back. My greatest goal is to make her proud.

Hello, World: I plan to go to the South African Navy or to study Graphic Design.

World View: Make your own Magic – it's called memories in the Muggle world!

What the World Needs Right Now: A solution for global warming

My plan to change the World: I plan to show those around me that kindness is cool.



Kelly Wildskut

The World is a better place because I am: loving, funny, virtuous, divine-natured and unique. I am a child of God and I bring a sprinkle of happiness to the afflicted.

My World is: Volleyball

On top of the World: Meeting my best friend, Samantha van Jaarsveld, in Grade 7.

The Centre of my World: I am extremely thankful for Miss Potgieter, who never fails to make her students smile and to help us turn a bad day into an awesome day.

Hello, World: I plan to study teaching at NMU and to visit NASA someday.

Rocking My World: My niece and nephew

My plan to change the World: I plan to change the lives of children especially, as I believe that it is our younger generation that can bring success to this world.



Cameron Zeelle

The World is a better place because I am: hardworking, honest, dependent, energetic and interactive.

My World is: Interact Committee, SPCA Committee, Team Tennis, Netball

On top of the World: Serving on the Interact and SPCA Committees as I love helping people and animals. I cherish break times with my friends as they make me smile, especially when someone has food to share.

The Centre of my World: Jordan Oldham is the person I count on most to help me through a bad day and always motivates me to do my best.

Hello, World: I wish to study BCom Accounting at NMU and to work hard.

My plan to change the World: I plan to be loving, motivating, and to focus always on the positive.



Mrs Stroebel, Grade Head

The World is a better place because I am: passionate about the girls in my care and because I make sure I give 100%

My World is: my family and friends who love me unconditionally and support me wholeheartedly

On top of the World: I will be on top of the world when I get to visit New Zealand to see my brother and my favourite little humans. Sadly, my trip was cancelled due to Covid-19 and I cannot wait for the day I can re-book my trip!

The Centre of my World: My patient, generous husband **My plan to change the World:** I believe that each person must learn to show understanding and to let go of anger and hostility in order to interact meaningfully with others. If our girls do not love themselves, they will grow to hate us.