

Jeppe High School for Girls

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

“Control what you can” – a short story on building resilience while shooting for the stars and aiming for the moon.

Yesterday, Tshaamano Mabuba shared how the Matrics of 2021 tackled a Covid disrupted year. Her story flows from a place of reflection as Tshaamano and her cohort prepare for the final NSC examinations. This story echoes courage and encourages us to make the most of every moment as we go about re-imagining the possibilities in a disrupted world. For every Matric learner, it has been a zig-zag journey and here are a few salient points during Tshaamano's address to the Grade 11 learners:

“Today I would like to share a short summary of my matric year and share the one key attitude that helped me and my peers overcome the Covid-disruption. Are you all excited to be the matrics of 2022? Well the best way you are going to make the most of your matric year and if there's anything you remember from what I say today is: **“Control what you can”**. The only way we were able to lead during a pandemic this year was to make the most of our matric year by controlling what we could. At the beginning of 2021, we arrived here a month later than school was originally supposed to open, we were told we had 9 days to prepare for the flower show, which meant we had a week and a half to organize our houses. On top of that we had about 4 weeks to prepare for the swimming gala. When we were briefed on the swimming we were also told that we could not cheer at all, we had to be distanced, we would be the only spectators at the gala. Furthermore, the Councillors were assigned the task of planning a covid friendly Gr8 orientation day and party and then needed to keep the school connected. But how does one do this when we'd never be able to assemble as a school to introduce ourselves as the councillor team to the school? And a number of us had a host of other leadership roles too, like captaining a sport or cultural activity or serving in the library or computer centre.

Now at this point one could have simply given up. But in true Jeppe spirit, we didn't. We made a deliberate decision to control what we could. What does that mean? Well if we had 9 days to plan for flower show, instead of fixating on how little time we had, we asked Ms Goncalves how soon could we go and buy house flowers and call a house meeting. Instead of complaining that we couldn't scream and shout at the gala, we asked whether we could bring instruments, whether we could dance and whether we could learn sign language. When the councillors couldn't hold assemblies with the school in the Hall, we didn't cry about it. Instead we made skits using videos, we used the intercom to communicate, and we created Jeppe Radio. Do you see what it means to control what you can? You simply focus on solutions and not the problem. You are solution driven. My team imagined new possibilities and hence we made the most out of all last minute activities, we took videos, we danced, we had so much fun because we did not fixate on the problems. We enjoyed ourselves so much we made memes and we did what we could to enjoy the moment! We had 99 problems but enjoying our matric year was definitely never one. Being a high school student is a unique experience there's no other time in your entire life that you will be able to dance carefree as a class with your peers, participate and enjoy interhouse activities — it's all unique to being in high school and it becomes even more special when the Jeppe spirit is added on. It's been my absolute pleasure serving you, even in my mask, leadership is really about serving others. It's a service to your school and requires one thing only — and that's passion. So thank you so much, Ndo Livhuwa nga maanda. Have an awesome 2022. And always shoot for the stars and aim for the moon!” – Tshaamano Mabuba.

Last night President Ramaphosa introduced Alert Level 1 after which the heavens opened and the first spring rains have been soaking our land the whole night long. May you and your family have a most relaxing and safe holiday.

Miss Gonçalves

BRIDGE ACROSS ROBERTS AVENUE

It has long been the dream of the school to connect the upper and lower campuses of the school property by a bridge to ensure the safety of our learners and staff when moving from one campus to another.

We started raising funds for the building of the bridge and received the first architectural drawings 7 years ago!

Congratulations to the project team (Miss Gonçalves, Mr Jarvis and Mrs Schröder) who worked so hard up to 2018 to prepare the paperwork for the Joburg Council. A huge thank you to MDS and our architect Mr William Da Silva who together with Mr Jarvis worked from 2019 to 2021 to get the paperwork approved so that the plans could proceed. The Handover of the Site for the construction of the Bridge took place on



Friday, 17 September 2021. The bridge will be built off-site, and 2 cranes will be deployed at the beginning of December to assemble it on the abutments which will be built in the next 2 months. Roberts Avenue will be closed for one day for this major construction event to take place.

“The Bridge will be the school's biggest construction project since the building of the new block in 1986” says Miss Gonçalves,” and I am so excited that the bridge will bring us peace of mind as we walk across Roberts Avenue without fearing the traffic.”

TOUR DE MATHS FIRST PLACE

Jeppe Girls have been taking part in Tour De Maths for 13 years. The competition has moved from being a live event that was hosted by each competing school in rotation to an online competition with 30 schools instead of the initial 7.

Our top Grade 9 and Grade 10 maths learners have been working together as a team to face the maths challenges and having a lot of fun doing it. The girls were encouraged by Miss Goncalves to work smart at the beginning of the year, to improve our ranking in the competition. They have certainly done this, as Jeppe was awarded 1st place for 2021! Congratulations! St Stithians Boys came 2nd and Trinity House 3rd.



2021 Winning Tour de Maths Team

The grade 10 team members are Lamees Fick, Robyn Kamerman, Erin Kisten, Nomagugu Khumalo, Evelynne Mabussi, Vahini Naidoo, Zimasa Ngqawana, Esihle Nkwanyana, Margaret Peterson and Hannah Roberts and the grade 9 team members are Julia Davies, Taskeen Hamid, Hope Koho, Keabetswe Mokgatla, Sahitya Naidu, Jade Stevens, Candice Thabete and Ukamaka Uzoma.

VOICING CHILDRENS RIGHTS

16-year-old Mankgara Maime who is in Grade 10 was selected to participate in the [United Nations](#) Children's General Assembly in Billund, Denmark, this month.



Having been partially sponsored by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund to attend the convention, Mangkara says; "As a young person who contributed in crafting the message to the UN General Assembly, I really think that our plea can be heard and more young people can get recruited to bring their views forward across the globe so that the messages that we bring forward as young people can be heard and noticed."

Mankgara flew via Amsterdam to Denmark, arriving on 14th September. After 5 days of isolation as a covid precaution, she joined the

other delegates of the UN Children's Assembly on 19th September. The delegates were given training in communications and attended various functions with local politicians and a discussion on the Danish democracy process. The Children's General Assembly was live streamed on 21st September. We look forward to hearing about Mankgara's experience on her return.

CLASS SONGS

During Women's month, the Councillors launched a Grade 8 and Grade 9 class song competition. The theme of the competition was 'Strength during the covid pandemic'. The competition was inspired by the line "Never underestimate the strength that we can find" (from Martin Young's song for Mandela Day) and by a quote from Serena Williams "we are strongest when we cheer each other on".

Each class had to produce a poster showing the lyrics, the authors of the song and a photograph of each class member. There were 8 judges who rated each class on their lyrics, their poster, their performance and their overall creativity and participation.

When announcing the results to the school, Head Girl Tshaamano Mabuba had this to say: "I have seen how the junior classes have made these songs their own by not only including the Jeppe values of honesty, respect, teamwork, kindness, perseverance and gratitude - but by going beyond and also incorporating their teachers and friends!

I was impressed by how each class had their own unique twist to the song: some had poetry, others had raps, others had groovy dance moves and even drums. All the classes' beautiful posters were displayed on the councillors board for the school to see.

I am very proud of the resilience shown by our little stars, the eagerness that they have displayed has been heart-warming. It was a refreshing experience for the councillors and we hope all the classes learnt a lot from the unforgettable experience. Remember, you are all stars in our Jeppe galaxy!"

Grade 9 results: The 9c Army took first place, followed by 9t, 9a, 9u, 9e and then 9d.

Grade 8 results: 8e took first place, followed by 8a, 8d, 8u and then 8t.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



In September Kaylee van Rooyen was selected for the SA u21 ladies squad and the SA ladies senior squad for Indoor cricket. Congratulations Kaylee!

TOP 10

Congratulations to the following girls who achieved a place in the Top Ten this year:

1st Term:

Grade 12

Katja Clausen
Erin Dodgen
Jamie Ho
Kalista January
Kiara Johnston
Hannah Labuschagne
Naledi Lephuting
Tshaamano Mabuba
Ayabukwa Magocoba
Nicola Teixeira

Grade 11

Bessem Besong
Madison Dalrymple
Talia De Mello Koch
Lucky Geluk
Shreya Harry
Ika Maghoma
Zahrah Manack
Nissi Mukuna
Diya Narotam
Chiamaka Obi
Jenna Rodrigues Fernandes

Grade 10

Caitlin De Beer
Robyn Kamerman
Nomagugu Khumalo
Botshelo Modise
Katlego Mokgatla
Thiara Moodley
Vahini Naidoo
Zimasa Ngqawana
Margaret Peterson
Aastha Prajapati
Hannah Roberts

Grade 9

Chiara Como
Sagar Faye
Taskeen Hamid
Faatima Ismail
Hope Koho
Boitumelo Kunene
Sahitya Naidu
Favor Onyekwere
Makayla Ramdas
Jade Stevens
Ukamaka Uzoma

Grade 8

Nchongatakor Besong
Jodie Burne
Tana Burne
Ria Gokul
Amy Matthews
Kamogelo Moila
Sierra Mudangwe
Sheridyn Naidoo
Kelsey Pather
Sabrina Sheng

2nd Term

Grade 12

Katja Clausen
Erin Dodgen

Sarah Dubazana
Jamie Ho
Kalista January
Hannah Labuschagne
Tshaamano Mabuba
Jesse Platt
Nicola Teixeira
Jordan Van Aswegen
Aimee Van Der Plank

Grade 11

Charlene Bartlett
Bessem Besong
Madison Dalrymple
Talia De Mello Koch
Lucky Geluk
Shreya Harry
Ika Maghoma
Lesego Mashapa
Benzile Mgidi
Chiamaka Obi

Grade 10

Caitlin De Beer
Robyn Kamerman
Nomagugu Khumalo
Erin Kisten
Botshelo Modise
Thiara Moodley
Vahini Naidoo
Zimasa Ngqawana
Esihle Nkwanyana
Margaret Peterson
Aastha Prajapati

Grade 9

Chiara Como
Taskeen Hamid
Hope Koho
Oratile Moholo
Sahitya Naidu
Favor Onyekwere
Makayla Ramdas
Jade Stevens
Tyler Turner
Ukamaka Uzoma

Grade 8

Nchongatakor Besong
Jodie Burne
Tana Burne
Alicia Dicks
Ria Gokul
Aphiwe Gqweta
Amy Matthews
Kamogelo Moila
Sierra Mudangwe
Uzochukwu Okoye
Kelsey Pather
Sabrina Sheng

MATHS OLYMPIAD

58 029 learners from 793 schools participated in the first round of this year's South African Maths Olympiad.

Jeppe received a Best Participation certificate for the large percentage of our learners taking part in Round 1.

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

The 46th National English Olympiad took place on 16th March 2021. The theme for the exam was “**People and Personas**” and the prescribed anthology was entitled ***This is My Story***. Candidates enjoyed a short selection of interesting writings that included poetry, prose and a dramatic monologue.

The value of the Olympiad extends far beyond the actual writing of the examination, as the syllabus offers stimulation not found within the school syllabus and draws out creative thinking and writing. The learners are encouraged to explore the relevance of literature to themselves and the world around them.

36 Jeppe Girls wrote the Olympiad. Ms Goncalves congratulated each girl as she gave out their certificates in the hall. Thank you to Ms King for her Olympiad Tutelage and organisation.



Special congratulations go to Melissa Aitchison (11d) seen above, who was awarded Gold, meaning she received between 80-89%.

Additional congratulations go to 4 learners who achieved Silver awards, meaning they received between 70-79%: Lucky Geluk (11d), Jamie Ho (12d), Vahini Naidoo (10e) and Zimasa Ngqawana (10e).

The following learners received Bronze certificates: Kayla Auerswald, Sydney Bagley, Tahlia de Mello Koch, Kalista January, Jessica Lazarou, Caitlyn Macdonald, Enyonam

Moshikaro, Maravilha Ngando, Nandi Nkosi, Kaylyn Pop, Imaan Salim and Brooke-Lynn Thompson.

The following learners received Merit certificates: Wanique Adams, Cassidy Bagley, Bessem Bessong, Tshegofatso Chawasarira, Comfort Ihenacho, Thandeka Khumalo, Maroushka Maghoma, Siyambonga Magocoba, Reneilwe Mabuza, Zahrah Manack, Nikita Naidu, Jordy Van Aswegen and Sinenjongo Xenza. Participation Certificates went to Katarina De Freitas, Menaza Hassan, Thato Lebenya, Linky Nzuza, Kiara Pereira and Amy Wallace

GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

The online Geography Olympiad took place on 18th May 2021. It was the biggest Geography Olympiad yet with 2575 learners from 149 schools registering to take part. Jeppe had 35 learners writing the Olympiad.

Congratulations to the following learners:

Michelle Mabedhle who received a platinum certificate for being placed 20th overall in the whole of South Africa;

Nicole De Sousa, Aarifah Loonat, Taylea Gray and Andrea van der Bank who were awarded Gold certificates;

Snamile Mthembu, Diya Garach, Erin Brooke, Kerri-Lyn Claase and S'Bonokuhle Sokhela who were awarded Silver certificates;

Jacinta Gray, Kwanele Nkosi, Layla Fynn, Linky Nzuza and Alisia Naidoo who were awarded Bronze certificates.

The remaining 20 learners received participation certificates



Michelle Mabedhle with her Platinum Certificate

INTER HOUSE EVENTS

With the re-opening of sporting and cultural events without spectators from 1 August 2021 we were able to schedule the inter house athletics and reschedule the inter house hockey and netball events. Thank you to Mrs Costine and all the staff who assisted her in running both afternoons.

ATHLETICS

Jeppe's second inter house athletics took place on 17 August 2021. There were 28 events and each house participated in all of them. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

The winners of this year's competition were Harveya. They took first place in the junior long jump, the junior high jump, the grade 10 200m, the grade 11 and 12 400m, the grade 8 and grade 11 100m and the grade 11 and Grade 12 relay.



Swayde Lessing of Harveya clearing 1,58 m

Crassula came second, 50 points behind Harveya with firsts in grade 8 200m, grade 12 100m and the grade 8 relay.

Nerine was third with firsts in senior long jump, senior high jump, gr 9 200m and grade 9 relay.

Gerbera was fourth with firsts in the senior 1500m, grade 11 and grade 12 200m, grade 9 100m and the grade 10 relay.

Disa came in 5th place with firsts in the junior 1500m, the grade 8 and grade 9 400m and the junior and senior 800m.

Protea came 6th with first in the grade 10 400m and the grade 10 100m.

The final scores were as follows:

Harveya	254
Crassula	204
Nerine	193
Gerbera	190
Disa	185
Protea	145



Harveya house officials with the Athletics trophy
Tshaamano Mabuba (Captain), Miss Gonçalves, Swayde Lessing (Vice-captain) and Jade Murray (Secretary). .

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Great fun was had by all at the inter house hockey and netball festival held on 24 August.

The trophy for Junior Hockey was won by Harveya and the Senior Hockey trophy was won by Protea. Crassula showed their strength on the Netball court, winning both the Junior and Senior Inter house Netball competitions.



Crassula House Officials, Naledi Lephuting (Vice-captain), Kerri-Lyn Claase (Captain) and Dhiya Garach (Secretary) with the Netball trophies.

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to represent Gauteng this year:

Nissi Mukuna has been selected for u16 Gauteng Netball

Unathi Dishi has been selected for u18D Southern Gauteng Hockey

Kaylee van Rooyen has been selected for the Gauteng North Ladies A team for Indoor cricket.

Anastasia Judge, Madison Heystek and Eryn Preston will be competing at Gauteng Equestrian Finals in September

Khwezi Magagula is representing Gauteng in the Barrel category for Equestrian.

ATHLETICS

Jeppe has competed in two Athletics events this term. The first was against Holy Rosary on 16 September and Jeppe came second. The second competition was against Assumption, Holy Rosary, St Andrews and St Dominics. Our athletes fared much better at this event, receiving four 3rd places, five 2nd places and twenty five 1st places. Our athletes finished the day in style by winning the relay event for each age category - a superb achievement! Jeppe finished in second place overall, behind St Andrew's.

SOCCER

Our 1st team have played three games, winning 5-0 against Hyde Park and 4-2 against Greenside. They lost 1-2 to Parktown. The u15s played two games, losing 1-2 to Hyde Park and drawing 1-1 against Parktown.

TENNIS

Our tennis teams have played two matches this term and have done really well. Both were home games. The first was on 14 September against Holy Rosary. Our A team won 45 games to Holy Rosary's 18 and our B team won 42 games to their 19.



On 21st September Jeppe played against Kingsmead. Our A team won 29 games to Kingsmead's 34 and our B team won 28 games to Kingsmead's 35.

Congratulations to the six junior players, Gina Simpson, Liah Coaklin, Paige Loggenberg, Tinyiko Silinya, Bronwyn Makganya and Paige van den Berg, who have been playing well enough to move up from the C team to the B team.

CRICKET

Jeppe Cricket is on the path to success. Not playing cricket for a whole year was difficult but as Jeppe Girls we took the challenge on. We are fielding a first and a second team.

Our second team is filled with young girls who have raw talent. Most of them only started playing cricket at the beginning of the year and they have come a long way since then. They have played 4 games this season and they improve every week. Our highlight so far was when we played against a team from Steyn City school. We batted the full 20 overs and only lost 1 wicket to a very strong opposition.

The first team has played 3 games this season so far. We started off really well by winning our first match of the season against Orange Farm. Our highlight of the season so far, however, was also against a team from Steyn City School. We put up a tremendous fight and came very close to winning the game. We retired 16 runs short. The Jeppe team played their socks off and made our school very proud.

Jenna Searle (Coach)

PH MOORE MUSIC COMPETITION

2020 was a very difficult year for music worldwide. Due to the negative effects of the pandemic, music competitions were cancelled, concert venues closed their doors, walk-in examinations were replaced with recorded performances, and we had no choice but to cancel the 2020 P H Moore competition.

We were thrilled to be able to go ahead with the 2021 competition and to host it in the new Carolyn Steyn Performing Arts Centre. We were extremely pleased with the number of entries received and knew that the standard of the competition would be as outstanding as in previous years. To limit the amount of time contestants and parents had to be at the performance venue, we decided to cancel the second round of the competition. Strict Covid protocols were adhered to during our first and final rounds.

A variety of instruments were represented in all rounds. Our panel of adjudicators comprised Dr Tessa Rhoodie, Prof Waldo Weyer, Peta-Anne Holdcroft, Prof Wessel van Wyk and Prof Tinus Botha.



Jeppe old-girl, Lesego Molefe (saxophone) made us very proud when she was selected as the runner-up in Category F. The winner of PH Moore 2021 was Landi Schaap (piano).

We are thankful for the continuous financial sponsorship of the Moore and Bennett families.

Dr E Kruger (HOD Music)

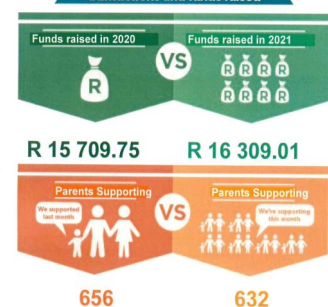
Thank you to all of the learners and staff who donated blood at the BLOOD DRIVE on 30 September. We had a phenomenal response and 39 pints of blood were collected.

MySchool FUNDRAISING

2021 Fundraising

MySchool- Jun 2020 to Aug 2020 to Jun 2021 to Aug 2021

Your Annual school pack transactions and funds raised



100+ Club funds raised approximately from Jun 2021 to Aug 2021 = R12, 225.00

Thank you to all Friends and Family for supporting Jeppe High School for Girls.

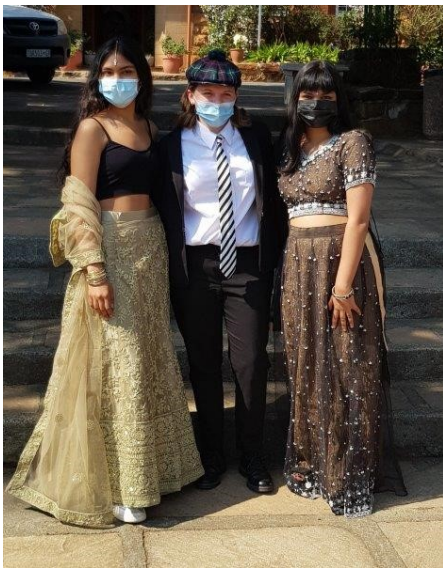
CELEBRATING HERITAGE DAY



Class Competition Grades 8-11

Each learner was given a white t shirt which she had to decorate to represent a country in Africa, depicting its culture, its emblems, its flag and important values. They then had to share with their class what they discovered about the country. Each class chose a winner and the winners competed against each other in the hall at break.

The t shirts were fantastic and the learners produced absolute works of art! Our 6 winners are seen here with their prizes. They are L- R Alex Okoye (8A), Anesu Dumburashee (8D), Katlego Mokgatla (10A), Nkateko Masiya (9U), Keabetswe Mokgatla (9C) and Alicia Dicks (8T).



The Matrics in their heritage attire.

