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## Dates to Diarise

- 24 Jun 2016 - School Closes
- 18 Jul 2016 - School Re-opens (Term 3 begins)
- 24-25 Jul 2015 - Matric Farewell
- 12-14 Aug 2016 - Sifunda Kunye Writing Camp
- 31 Aug 2016 - Grade 12 Trial Examinations Begin
- 23-25 Aug 2016 - Sifunda Kunye Writing Camp
- 30 Sep 2016 - School Closes (Term 3 Ends)

## Editorial

Dear Students,

### QUALITIES OF A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

School life is one of the most important times of our lives, where we are all striving to improve and achieve to the best of our abilities. To be successful at school, in essence, clears the path that will lead us to our dreams of the future. So how does one achieve success?

According to an article written by Dhaval Gajera, there are certain habits that successful students have:

1) **Be curious:** Curiosity about content taught, investigating and getting submersed in the subject leads one to discover more, be innovative and have the knowledge to critique with confidence. Gone are the encyclopaedias and reference books and say hello to "Google". Students in this era have information at their fingertips.

## From the Principal's Desk

We have once again reached the halfway mark. Learners should reflect on their progress in the past 6 months and ask themselves, "Have I done enough"? I am pretty sure the answer is a negative one for all learners.

This then means we must not relax. Let us use this holiday period to catch up on the content we did not master in the past 2 terms. Let us revise sections in

2) **Ask questions:** Curiosity and observation should lead you to ask questions about content learnt, skills required, habits observed and then what you can learn from it all. Seek clarification before it is too late.

3) **Observe:** Observe the behaviours of others, especially students that appear successful. Watch their habits, their work ethic and their dedication and make an effort to improve your own habits.

4) **Willpower:** Although at times we do not feel like working, there is no time like the present. Today is the day you have to get things done. Examination time demands the willpower to stay focused and on task, to learn and revise, and be proactive right to the last exam.

5) **Discipline:** Mastery will only come after persistent effort. Study plans and work schedules require discipline and dedication. Stick to your plan, and you will get through

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all the work. Be patient but determined.

6) **Take action:** Do something. Don't wait for others to get you to the end. The most effective way to get through examinations is to do something about them. Study, revise, practise and repeat.

7) **Remove distractions:** No matter what others believe, it is better to focus properly for a shorter period of time than to dedicate a long session to study, with distractions interrupting one's thoughts and activities.

It is so often said that "if you want the job done, give it to a busy person". So get busy, get focused and you will achieve.

Wishing you all a happy holiday period and may you come back refreshed and ready for Term 3.

Mr S.J. Adonis



Acting Principal - Mr Adonis

# Academics

## Subject Awards

The following learners were awarded subject awards for each of their respective subjects:

		Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10
IsiXhosa Home Language	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jijingubo Olwethu	Kalawe Siyamthanda	Nokele Onela
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Radoni Siyothola	Matiwane Nolipha	Peter Sisonke Badu Avuyisiwe
English First Additional Language	1 <sup>st</sup>	Xaba Sisanda	Kalawe Siyamthanda	Nokele Onela
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bevu Zandisiwe	Nggawana Asive	Tanale Someleze Ngwenya Cecilia
Life Orientation	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ngwenya Thandiwe	Hobe Asiphe	Jali Indiphile
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ngwenya Patience Xaba Sisanda	Duka Someleze	Mahe Alutha
Mathematics	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bevu Zandisiwe	Kalawe Siyamthanda	Nokele Onela
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monyane Mandlenkosi	Pono Uzigcine	Peter Sisonke
Mathematical Literacy	1 <sup>st</sup>	Witbooi Camagu	Vessel Siphosethu	Ntsaluba Sinovuyo
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Madolo Aviwe	Ntoni Thembinkosi	Mbinambina Ayabonga
Physical Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup>	Monyane Mandlenkosi	Gladile Solomzi	Nokele ONela
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bongoza Siwaphiwe	Blekiwe Mhlali	Jara Sihle
Agricultural Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dakuse Yamkela	Moyo Kenoni	Gladile Sakhumzi
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mbelekane Nangamso	Hobe Asiphe	Quma Ovayo
Life Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup>	Daweti Luyolo	Kalawe Siyamthanda	Gladile Sakhumzi
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dyonase Siyabonga	Mpumlwana Siziphiwe	Quma Ovayo
Accounting	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mzabane Xabiso	Kalawe Siyamthanda	Peter Sisonke
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Radoni Siyothola	Pono Uzigcine	Nokele Onela
Business Studies	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dlomo Kamvelihle	Mtana Evenia	Peter Sisonke
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mnyaka Zenande	Ngwenya Cynthia	Loli Sambeso
Economics	1 <sup>st</sup>	Nonjewu Zolani	Ngwenya Cynthia	Loli Sambeso
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Booyesen Liselihle	Mtana Evenia	Peter Sisonke
Geography	1 <sup>st</sup>	Qubungu Songezo	Beja Smurts	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nohayi Mziwozuko	Gladile Solomzi	
History	1 <sup>st</sup>		Dyanty Esethu	Mbinambina Ayabonga
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Ntoni Thembinkosi	Yeko Ayabonga
Tourism	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sana Nathiswa	Stefane Thembelihle	Vuma Sinesihle
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stali Sanelisiwe	Gqezengele Luyolo	Datini Esihle
Engineering Graphics & Design	1 <sup>st</sup>	Vuthula Thabiso	Gladile Solomzi	Xayiya Mbulelo
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zanekani Luthando	Mfenqe Ayanda	Cibi Siphamandla
Electrical Technology	1 <sup>st</sup>	Magwa Anathi	Mbango Luyolo	Gwayishe Simisa
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nkantini Mandlakhe Witbooi Anele	Blekiwe Mhlali	Matholengwe Sive
Mechanical Technology	1 <sup>st</sup>	Monyane Mandlenkosi	Bonani Valentine	Booi Anathi
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yamile Sesethu	Tonono Lindokuhle	Vuso Nkosiphendule Sigabi Litha Mhlabeni Mhlali
Technical Mathematics	1 <sup>st</sup>			Isaiah Thando
	2 <sup>nd</sup>			Cibi Siphamandla
Technical Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup>			Tokota Sinentlahla
	2 <sup>nd</sup>			Booi Anathi

# Staff News

## New Staff

We welcome the following teachers who joined us as the beginning of the term:

- Miss Makapela who will teach Tourism
- Mrs Qwemeshe-Ntsizakalo who will teach IsiXhosa and Life Orientation
- Mriss Mkapa who will teach Agricultural Sciences
- Mrs Ntsepe who will teach English and Natural Sciences
- Miss Madikane who will teach Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Natural Sciences

## Farewell, Teachers



*Mrs Memani leaves to take up an HOD post in East London*



*Mrs Konkwane leaves Richard Varha after 25 years of service at Richard Varha*



*Miss Mzimba leaves Richard Varha after 25 years of service at Richard Varha*

*Miss Khonqwana leaves Richard Varha after 25 years of service at Richard Varha*

# Choir

On 14 April 2016, the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod Circuit 6 Music competition took place.

The results were as follows:

- Afrikaans - Richard Varha (Position 1)
- Western - Richard Varha (Position 1)
- Vernacular - Richard Varha (Position 1)
- Tenor Solo - Richard Varha - Luxolo Toli (9C) - Position 1
- Tenor Solo - Richard Varha - Simisa Gwayishe (10D) - Position 2



On 30 April 2016, Richard Varha was selected to take place in the King William's Town District South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod Music Competition.

Luxolo Toli (9C) came first in the Tenor Solo section



On 14 May 2016 Luxolo Toli (9C) represented the King William's Town District in the Amathole Mega District South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod.

He came second in his category.

Thank you to Miss Ngoma and Mr Mqalo for directing the choir.

# Sifunda Kunye Journal Launch

On 13 May 2016 the Journal of the anthology of poems and short stories was launched. This journal is called *Izithole* and is a compilation of the poems and short stories of the learners who took part in the writing camp of 2015. It consists of over 40 poems and short stories from learners from Richard Varha, Xolani, ZK Matthews and St Matthews.



## Heritage

Heritage is what we Africans believe in  
Is where we find more about our religions, cultures  
Is where we find more about our background  
Our Identity and our traditions  
Our beliefs, what and why we believe  
Some say it's where we find more about our iMbo  
iMbo is where we come from  
What does it mean to you?

Some people are still trying to find  
Their identities, their backgrounds  
Some accuse many things  
And some accuse their forefathers  
Of not telling them more about their iMbo

Whose responsibility is that?  
Who's right to find someone who knows more about your background?  
Who is to blame?  
Who is to ask?  
Who is to collect information from?

Avile Jacobs  
*Richard Varha High School, Grade 8*



## Farewell Old Friend

My dearest friend!  
I wish you were here  
I wish you were alive again  
I never imagined life without you  
Is worse than living hell

I miss, love and still adore you  
I admire your bravery and courage  
Which I lack on daily basis

If you were here, life would be different  
It would have a meaning once more  
You left when times were hard  
But it was not you who choose it  
So farewell old friend  
And be the angel you are

(In Memory of Mhlali Filana)

Kamvelihle Ngabese  
*Richard Varha High School, Grade 9*

## Gaz' Lam

Ubudlelwane bam nezinyanya zam  
Bubomi bam, umama wam  
Ngumzali wam  
Utata naye ungumzali wam  
Kodwa amasiko aligazi lam  
Imvelaphi yam bubomi bam

Igazi lam livintsika yam  
Kaloku sithetha sophele  
Sicinga sonele  
Ukuze izinyanya zam  
Ziyazi ukuba ndonele

Hee...siko lam khaw 'guq' uqond' ukuba  
Ndizak'bhuc'ubomi bam bonke  
Ingqondo yam izakuhlupha  
Ngoba ubomi bam buzuza ulonwabo kuwe

Simisa Gwayishe  
*Richard Varha High School, Grade 9*

## Xenophobia

How, how do you feel?  
How do you feel when you beat a man to death?  
When you hear his cries and pleas?  
How do you feel?  
When you burn a man to ashes?  
How do you feel?  
When you beat your own kind with no sympathy?  
How do you feel?  
When you see another man's blood trickling down the drain?  
Flowing down the road like dirty water  
Why do you keep doing it?  
Disgusting and disrespectful to your own  
Brother from another mother  
This needs do stop because  
We are brothers, sisters and cousins of  
The same soil of Afrika

Misokuhle Vanda  
*Richard Varha High School, Grade 9*

## Singa ma-Afrika Sonke

Kwenzeka ntoni entliziweni yakho?  
Xauzakutshisa indon' ihleli  
Xa ubukele amadangatye omilo  
Nats' inyama yakhe ijika isiba luthuthu

Kwenzeka ntoni entliziweni yakho?  
Xa umbukele esopha esopha esiya ekufeni  
Kwenzeka ntoni entliziweni yakho  
Xa usiva umamele isijwili sentlungu  
Ikhe yathi qatha engqondweni ukuba lomtu unosapho  
Ingaba loThixo simkonzayo mnye  
UTHixo woxolo, wothando novelwano

Kodwa yhini maAfrika amahle  
Sixahaphazana sodwa  
Izizwe zith nqa lo mshologu wenzeka e Afrika  
Wenza xhaphazo ndini usisilingo esasivelaphi  
Esizokuxova siphuxanisa, sitshabalalisa isizwe sakowethu

Onela Nokele  
*Richard Varha High School, Grade 9*

## Youth Day Celebrations

On 15 June 2016 we celebrated Youth Day. This year was 40 years since the Soweto Uprising of June 16, 1976 and to commemorate this, Richard Varha staff members wore school uniform in remembrance of the students who protested against Education laws in 1976.



## Sifunda Kunye Writing Camp

On 22-24 April 2016, 10 Grade 8 and 9 learners from Richard Varha joined 60 other learners from Xolani SSS, Toise and St Matthew's High School for a weekend of intensive writing training. The camp was themed "We are young people, what does freedom mean to us?" They were taught writing skills on how to write poems, novels, short stories, personal narratives and biographies. And also did poetry and drama.



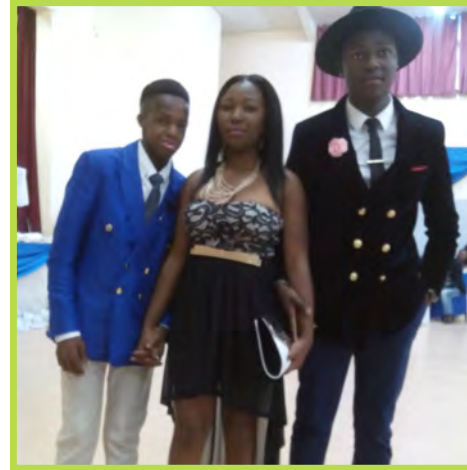
### **Mr & Miss Richard Varha/ Freshette**

The event took place on 15 April 2016. The event was very successful and we thank Miss Tola and Mrs Sikwebu for organising and Miss Toto and Miss Nombombo for judging.



## Matric Dance

The matric farewell dance was held on Friday 6 May 2016 at Moses Twebe Great Hall in DImbaza followed by a celebratory outing at Gonubie Resort in East London. Lots of fun was had by all and we thank Miss Tola and Mrs Sikwebu for organising the event.





## Grade 12 - NBTs

For our Matric students who are applying to universities, The Education Agency provides some information to assist with subject selection, tertiary studies and career choice. They recently released information regarding the writing of the National Benchmark Tests (NBTs). These are 2 separate tests that measure academic readiness of a student, specifically for University. These results, together with the results obtained from the National Senior Certificate (NSC), are used to aid universities in offering places within study courses and faculties.

Here is some information:

- They are written between May 2016 and December 2016 at various schools and tertiary institutions. To find a venue, go to:

<http://www.nbt.ac.za/content/test-dates-and-venues>

- These tests are multiple choice tests.
- There are two examinations, both 3 hours in duration:

The Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy test (**AQL**) – which measures one's ability to evaluate evidence, support claims, perform calculations with information from graphs, interpret quantitative information and discuss trends.

The Mathematics test (**MAT**) – for courses that require Mathematics, which measures pattern recognition, ratio knowledge, percentages, algebraic manipulation, equations, functions, graphs, trigonometric problems, shapes, analytical geometry, data handling and logic.

- No calculators are allowed for these assessments.
- Registration has to be done online at [www.nbt.ac.za](http://www.nbt.ac.za)
- Should a student be applying to more than one university, only one set of NBTs need to be written.

### MADAM & EVE

by Stephen Francis & Rico



Applications are now open at all tertiary institutions.

The following institutions can be applied for online:

- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (<https://applications.nmmu.ac.za>)
- University of the Western Cape ([www.uwc.ac.za](http://www.uwc.ac.za))
- University of Cape Town ([www.uct.ac.za/apply](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply))
- Stellenbosch University ([www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za))
- University of the Free State ([www.ufs.ac.za](http://www.ufs.ac.za))
- University of Pretoria ([www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za))
- University of Johannesburg ([www.uj.ac.za](http://www.uj.ac.za))
- Tshwane University of Technology ([www.tut.ac.za](http://www.tut.ac.za))
- Durban Universities—DUT, Magosuthu, UKZN, University of Zululand ([www.cao.ac.za](http://www.cao.ac.za))

### Grade 12 September Trial Examination Timetable

	09:00	14:00
Wednesday 31 August		English P3
Thursday 1 September	Electrical Technology	IsiXhosa P3
Friday 2 September	Life Orientation (DBE)	
Monday 5 September	Accounting	Agricultural Sciences P1
Wednesday 7 September		English P1
Thursday 8 September	Business Studies	IsiXhosa P1
Friday 9 September	Physical Sciences P1	
Monday 12 September	Physical Science P2	
Tuesday 13 September		IsiXhosa P2
Wednesday 14 September		Economics P2
Thursday 15 September	Agricultural Sciences P2	
Friday 16 September	Geography P1	Geography P2
Monday 19 September	Mathematics P1 Mathematical Literacy P1	
Tuesday 20 September	Life Sciences P1	English P2
Wednesday 21 September	Mechanical Technology	Engineering Graphics & Design P1
Thursday 22 September	Tourism	Economics P2
Friday 23 September		Life Sciences P2
Monday 26 September	Mathematics P2 Mathematical Literacy P2	
Tuesday 27 September	Engineering Graphics & Design P2	
Friday 30 September	SCHOOL CLOSES	



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