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Upcoming Events and Dates



- Prize Giving



- Valedictory
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- Santa Shoebox Drop-off Period



- Gr 9 WCED Systemic Tests



- Motto Assembly
- PTA Quiz Night

Music Academy Officially Opens



After years of dreaming, planning, and adjustments, Rhenish Girls' High School is proud to announce the opening of its very own Music Academy, which will now serve as the permanent home for the school's music department. The academy was built on the foundation of the former principal's residence, which has been transformed into a dedicated space that the music department can now proudly call home.

The Music Academy was the vision of the previous School Governing Body (SGB) and former principal, Ms Slabber, who recognised both the need and the opportunity to give the arts—particularly music—a more prominent and specific place within the school's culture. This dream became a reality with the official opening of the Music Academy on 3 October 2024, celebrated with an intimate and special ceremony.

“This Music Academy is a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision. And let it also serve as a reminder that the arts, in all their beauty, are not just an enrichment, but a necessity in shaping well-rounded, thoughtful, and creative young minds,” remarked Principal Megom in her welcome speech during the opening.

The evening included performances by some of the school's talented music students, who entertained the guests before the formal proceedings began. The event concluded with a beautiful performance by Sonja van Amstel, Head of Music, accompanied by two of her fellow staff members, marking a memorable end to the occasion.

A word of thanks to:

Christa and Danie Strydom from the Paul Roos Spar for being Rhenish's biggest supporters and for donating the platters for the evening's function.

MATRIC 2024 DANCE 24

On 20 September, the spirit of New York Fashion Week was brought to life as the Class of 2024 attended a spectacular soirée, celebrating an evening of high fashion, unforgettable moments, and undeniable glamour. Inspired by the iconic fashion event, the night was a true reflection of the chic and vibrant world of New York's renowned fashion scene.

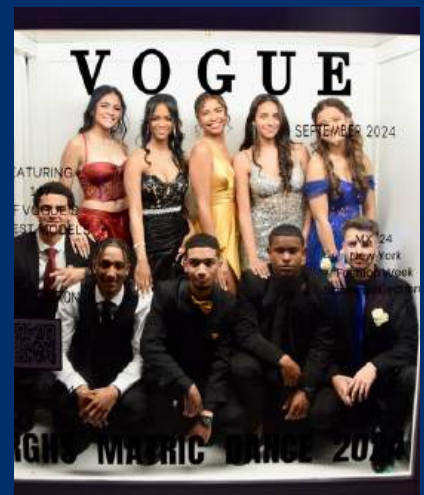
The venue was transformed into a dazzling fashion hub, adorned with sleek, modern décor, dynamic lighting, and stunning runway backdrops. Guests were greeted with an impressive red carpet upon arrival, setting the perfect tone for an evening of style. Attendees took the opportunity to showcase their carefully curated outfits, from daring haute couture to elegant evening gowns, each ensemble making a bold fashion statement. Friends and family, gathered in support and cheered as each matriculant made their grand entrance with the poise and confidence of a seasoned runway model.

The evening commenced with a warm welcome from our hosts, Jana Gouws and Kelly-Anne Langford, who applauded the gentlemen for their sharp, tailored suits and the ladies for their dazzling, show-stopping gowns. The individuality and creativity of each outfit reflected the diverse personalities of our matric class, making the night a true celebration of style. As the night progressed, the dance floor opened, and the festivities truly began.

Throughout the evening, guests were treated to a gourmet selection of food and beverages, keeping energy levels high as everyone took to the dance floor. The music, infectious in its rhythm, saw students and even a few teachers showcasing their best dance moves. Laughter, joy, and excitement filled the room as the Class of 2024 revelled in the moment, knowing this was a night they would cherish for years to come.

Behind the scenes, the evening's success was due in no small part to the hard work of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and the Matric Dance Committee. Their meticulous planning and attention to detail brought the essence of New York Fashion Week to life, ensuring a flawless event. From the chic decorations to the seamless organisation, their dedication was truly commendable, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts in making the evening an unforgettable experience.

The New York Fashion Week-inspired Matric Farewell of 2024 was a night of glamour, elegance, and lasting memories. Just as New York is celebrated for its iconic fashion shows, this event will be fondly remembered as a defining moment for our matriculants as they bid farewell to their school years and look forward to the next exciting chapter of their lives.



MATRIC DANCE²⁰

*Thank you's!*²⁴

Sponsorships and Discounts

Gino's

Leopard's Leap

Signs at Fynbos

Chill Beverages - Fitch and Leedes

Coca Cola

Kwikspar @ Paul Roos



NY FASHION WEEK

Rhenish Girls' High School Dominates at Paarl Boys' High Chess Festival

On 4 and 5 October, Rhenish Girls' High School significantly impacted the Paarl Boys' High School Chess Festival, which hosted around 50 teams from across South Africa. Amidst fierce competition, Rhenish sent not one but two exceptional teams, both ready to make strategic moves!

As Deputy Head of Chess, I, Faith Martin, had the privilege of competing in the A team alongside Mariam Janelidze, Naylan Saaiman, and Amy-Leigh Gibson. Our B team comprised Tumisang Dafeti, Isabella Turner, Layla Williams, Mia Serfontein, and reserve player Milani Ndwalaza.

This was no ordinary chess event. Imagine the intensity of playing two-hour games in a scorching 37-degree Celsius heat! Yes, you read that correctly - 37 degrees. But did that deter us? Absolutely not! Equipped with water bottles, determination, and plenty of sunscreen, we pushed through every match with unwavering focus.

The result? Our A team secured an impressive 3rd place in the girls' division, with Mariam and Amy earning board prizes for their outstanding performances. It was a fantastic achievement, and I could not be prouder of everyone who represented Rhenish. Every player demonstrated resilience, skill, and remarkable team spirit.

But this is not the end - far from it. The other schools should be on notice because we have our sights set on gold next year, and we will return stronger than ever!

Until then, stay tuned, stay sharp, and remember - checkmate is always just one move away!

Faith Martin



Sanitary Drive 2024

Amber Mendes



Rhenish was privileged enough to launch a sanitary product drive for the second time in 2024. The drive ran over term 3, and in a few weeks, we collected over 200 packets of pads and other sanitary items. The generosity displayed by the Rhenish community was overwhelming, and we would like to thank every learner, staff member or parent who contributed to this cause.

The items were donated to multiple underprivileged high schools in the Stellenbosch community to ensure their female learners can come to school feeling comfortable and supported at all times.

At the end of the 3rd term, our Rhenishers once again had the opportunity to visit the Usiko Aftercare, and as always, it was an experience well worth sharing.

Here are some reflections from our Grade 8 learners about the visit:

Lilitha Dlikilili: "It felt like a privilege to read to the children. You could see their faces light up with excitement as they engaged with the books. Their enthusiasm was truly the cherry on top, showing us how much they appreciated it. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience!"

READING @ USIKO

Emma Harper: "Reading at Usiko was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The afternoon was filled with smiles and plenty of books. It was incredible to read to children who were eager to listen and engage. We had a fun and educational outing, sharing the joy of stories. It was a privilege to participate in this opportunity."

See you on 16 October for another reading experience





Sign up on the sheet on the library board and look at the extra info!

When :

**WEDNESDAY,
the 16th of
October 2024**

14:30 - 16:00

Where :

Meet @ Rose
Garden for bus
transport to

Usiko Aftercare,
Stellenzicht Shool,
Jamestown

BOOK

DRIVE

RESULTS:

2024

Individual Prizes:

- 1. First Prize - sharing a R450 voucher from Wordsworth:**
 - Gabriella Martin Gr9D
 - Melissa Karsen Gr8B
- 2. Second Prize – R350 voucher from Wordsworth:**
 - Leah Stofberg GR8A
- 3. Third Prize – R200 voucher from Wordsworth:**
 - Rebecca Flier Gr 9C

Best Class: Gr 8D

St Anne's Water Polo Tournament - 2024

Sofia Walker



Over the first weekend of the holiday, from 20-24 September, just one week after our tournament at Reddam House Constantia, the Rhenish water polo 1st team participated in our first St Anne's Water Polo Tournament.

Upon our arrival at St Anne's in Hilton, we were greeted by a snowy surprise. A thick layer of snow had fallen just 20 minutes away from the pristine campus where we were staying. The thought of getting into a pool in such icy weather made many of us reconsider our choice to play the sport. After a long warm-up on Saturday morning and with positive affirmations being shared, we jumped into the pool and faced St Mary's Kloof in our first match, resulting in a 9-5 win. This lifted our spirits and set high expectations for the rest of the tournament.

On day two, we played three matches that became the talk of the tournament. Our victories against Westville, St Mary's Waverley, and Kingsmead resulted in Rhenish becoming the team everyone was talking about. Our day ended with a celebratory social event with the other teams in St Anne's Hall, filled with music, dancing, and food.

By day three, we were exhausted but still fought hard against one of our neighbouring schools, Herschel. The loss to Herschel in the quarter-final was extremely discouraging for our team, as we had seen the potential to reach the semi-finals. Although this game didn't go our way, we were incredibly proud to have made it to the quarter-finals, especially since we had gone into the tournament as a team that others hadn't expected to do well. However, the hard work was far from over, as we were not content with finishing in 8th place. Later that day, we faced the St Anne's junior team and beat them 6-3. This was another step in the right direction, and on our final day, we played St Stithians, a highly respected team, but unfortunately lost, placing us 6th overall out of 20 teams. This was just two places behind our rivals, Herschel, and an outstanding achievement for our first time attending the tournament.

The St Anne's Hostel was wonderful, with delicious food and lovely staff. The tournament was incredibly well organised and very accommodating to the cold weather. It was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to play against such strong teams and an overall enjoyable experience. We are so proud of our performance in the tournament and cannot wait for our next one in just a few weeks.

**Editor's Note: Congratulations to Sofia Walker for winning the Sportsmanship Trophy at this prestigious tournament.*

WATER POLO LEAGUE

- RESULTS -

RHENISH VS HMS BLOEMHOF

U14B

VS

BLOEMHOF U14A

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4-6

U16B

W

14-0

U16A

W

19-2





Colour Run 2024

Grace de Jongh participated in the recent South African National Short Course Championships and walked away with 4 medals:

- 3 bronze and 1 silver
- Placed in the finals of 2 of her main events



Grace Morris also participated in the SA National Short Course Championships and achieved the following results:

- 3rd place 200m backstroke
- 11th place 100m freestyle
- 9th place in 200m freestyle
- 5th place in 50m backstroke
- 8th in 50m freestyle
- 7th in 100m backstroke
- 3rd in the 4x100m freestyle relay
- 3rd in the 4x50m freestyle relay



Gabriella Martin finished 2nd in the National Championship finals of the "On The Tip Of Your Tongue" Public Speaking Competition.





Holly van Jaarsveldt, Grade 11, has been selected for the Western Province Touch Rugby Girls U17A Team.

The Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) was held in the Western Cape at the end of September (last weekend). Despite challenging weather conditions, Holly and her teammates fought hard through tough matches against other provincial teams such as KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Gauteng, Western Cape and Gauteng. Their resilience paid off as they advanced to the finals, securing a well-deserved silver medal. It was a great end to the touch rugby season.

Congratulations to her coaches, Aimee Barrett-Theron and Zaan Barrett-Theron, for their exceptional guidance and support throughout the season.



Congratulations to the U15A tennis team for their second place in the Pat Uys Tennis Festival hosted by Eunice High School. Also, congratulations to Ashley Taylor for winning her 50th Cap for the tennis team.

**FUN FILLED EVENING
FOR PARENTS AND STAFF**



WHEN: FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2024

WHERE: RHENISH HALL

TIME: 19:00

COST: R 100 PER PERSON

TO BOOK YOUR TABLE:

HAYLEY - 0827876387

OR

MICHELE - 0824132693