and beneficiation. CHAIRMA of the great South African schools attending our Water Polo and Rugby Festivals in 2025. You will read of the various completed projects, those in the pipeline and what has been achieved. You will read of the spirit of the Reunions, the celebration of Armistice Day and the school remembering our fallen heroes that paid the ultimate sacrifice. Ours is indeed a unique South African inner-city School, with a rich tradition and a proud heritage - and only getting better. May I take this time to thank all of you who support the Trust and the School and to wish you all that you wish for yourselves over the festive season. We need to make next year even better, so come back well rested and raring to go. Jonathan Gerber Come back safe and sound as we need you. Happy holidays, safe travels and Strenue.

CHAIRMAN entire King Edward VII School family.

As the Festive Season draws near, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes to the May this special time of year bring you joy, peace, and countless treasured moments with FROM THE HEADMASTER your loved ones. Amid the busyness of life, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and create lasting memories with those closest to you. For those travelling during this period, please prioritise your safety and take extra care on the roads. Your well-being is of utmost importance to all of us. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL Wishing you a joyous and safe Festive Season.

Mr David Lovatt We've got brains, creativity, and innovation bursting at the seams too!

People think we're all about sports, but guess what? King Edward VII School - proving we're more than just a jersey.

King Edward VII School is well-known for the sporting prowess of its Old Boys, from Malcolm Marx to Quinton de Kock and Lythe Pillay. Perhaps less well-known, though, is how well-prepared King Edward's learners are for academic life beyond school. KES boys thrive at university. By the time they leave school they have learnt the discipline and self-reliance that is essential at a tertiary level. As the achievements of this selection of top learners from 2019 show, our boys perform at the highest level: earning class medals for being first in class, and receiving scholarships to further their studies. Just as there is healthy competition on the sports fields at King Edward's, driving boys to be their best,

so too in the classrooms. Parents interested in sending their sons to King Edward's can rest assured that they will be given every opportunity to excel in whichever disciplines their passions lie, whether sporting, cultural, or academic. Below is a brief summary of the achievements of some of our learners from the class of 2019. (And this is no flash in the pan - follow-up articles

will reflect the performance of boys from other years as well.)

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depressingly jowly and sagging.

Vivien Leigh's Dresden-shepherdess beauty, I was damn good!)

2023 with the highest-ever marks in the 23 years the course has been running. He was awarded the Klaus-Jurgen Bathe Scholarship, for excellence in engineering, in 2023, and the EBE Faculty Scholarship in 2022 and 2023. PHILLIP ERASMUS came second overall in his BComm Accounting degree at UCT, obtaining the degree with distinction and winning several class medals. On the path to becoming a Chartered Accountant, he was first in class in his Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting at UCT, and eighth in the country for his ITC - the first Chartered Accounting board exam. OLIVER MARKETOS (left) studied a BSc at UCT, majoring in Computer Science and Molecular Biology. He achieved four class medals (as top student) in his undergraduate degree - across Computer Science, Molecular

Scholarship, the National Research Foundation Research Merit Scholarship and several Faculty Scholarships, amongst others, Oliver has since received an Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship to attend ETH, one of the top ten universities in the world, in Zurich, where he will be studying a Masters in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics. CRISPIN MCKENZIE, the Head Boy of 2019, (right) in the first year of his Aeronautical Engineering degree at Wits was invited to the Golden Key International Honour Society, for students in the top 15% in their

field of study. He was awarded the Adriaan Schaafsma Prize for the top third-year design student in 2022, and in 2023 he not only won the Aeronautical Engineering Design Prize for the top final-year design project but was awarded the Aerosud Prize for the top final-year Aeronautical Engineering student. MUHAMMAD RAWAT, the top student at KES in 2019, has continued his academic excellence at the Wits Medical School. He has achieved an A aggregate and been placed on the Dean's List for academic achievement every year of his degree. He has been invited to the Wits Golden Key Association and to enroll in the intercalated PhD programme for Wits Medical Students.

JOSH RUTHEL, studying a BSc in Information Engineering at Wits, obtained an 82% average with 31 distinctions, graduating cum laude. In 2022 he was in the top 5 academics in the Electrical and Information Engineering School and on the Dean's Merit List. Prize and the Anthony Sampson In-depth (Investigative) Reporting Prize.

SETH THORNE (left) After completing his BA in Media Studies and Film, Visual and Performing Arts at Wits with distinction, Seth was awarded a full merit scholarship to study for a BA (Hons) in Journalism and Media Studies at Wits. He was awarded this degree with Distinction, graduating top of his class. Seth won both the Patrick Laurence Student Journalist of the Year NICHOLAS WHITTAKER (right) attended Wits University where he completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Applied and Computational Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, garnering 21 distinctions in his 21 courses with an average of well over 90%. He continued on to an Honours degree in Applied and Computational Mathematics, with 11 distinctions in 11

Mathematics in 2022 and 2023, and the Samuel Goodman Memorial Medal in 2023. Nicholas submitted his first Master's degree at WITS, completed in the first eight months of 2024; this is currently being adjudicated. During this time he was awarded the Oppenheimer AfOx Scholarship 2024, enabling him to complete a second Master's Degree at the University of Oxford: a Master of Science in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing.

Please join us at the Roodeplaat Dam on 18 January 2025 to celebrate 65 years of rowing at King Edward VII School

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CLASS

EUNIO

Fiftieth Reunion this year. Yes, we were more bowed, more silvered, and more balding, but, without being blind or delusional, I must say that we still looked pretty good. The hunks of fifty years ago remained hunky (I will not be excessively flattering and name names!), and the swots (we did not use the word, "nerds" then) still looked appropriately scholarly and solemn. More pleasing was the fact that the defining qualities of the individual Matrics of 1974 were still evident. After all, the interior man is more significant than the exterior man. So, Peter Temlett arrived late for the opening assembly, and commented, with characteristically dry wit, that he saw no reason to break a long-standing personal tradition; Neville Wright was as quietly gentlemanly and dignified as he always had been; Aki Kalliatakis was as warm- heartedly ebullient as he always had been; Mervyn Dendy's argumentative skills were unaltered; Steve Levenberg was still the mordantly humorous Dark Lord of the group; and everyone agreed that Daniel Sandler, who had consistently won the Good Fellowship Award at KEPS, deserved to win it for every year of his life, for his kindness, courtesy, and sheer amiability could not be rivalled! Among the absentees who were greatly missed were, for me, wonderful friends, like Patrick Deane, Brian Bloch, and my 'oldest' school friend, whom I met on my first day in Grade I, Steve Savage. On the dark, sad list of those upon whom the Grim Reaper has preyed are the gentle, charming Al Taylor, a very close friend of mine in Form 4 and Form 5, the gifted, tragic Peter Lyons, and KES's own wunderkind in Mathematics and Science, David Elmes. Everyone present agreed that the fact that Simon Oakes's wife's operation prevented him from attending the event was such a pity, for we of the class of 1974 were really blessed to have benefited from his leadership as our Head Boy. A more gracious, sensitive, and impressive leader there could not have been!

destructive. In my speech at the reunion, I made a point of not singing the praises of the elegantly suited Jean-Brodie imitator (no names, no pack drill!) to whose flamboyant teaching so many of us were exposed. Rather, I celebrated the union of sporting prowess and intellect that was embodied in the unforgettable Norman McFarland, who genuinely personified the ideal of a strong mind in a healthy body: the ideal KES has always espoused. All of us elderly ones expressed the wish to remain in contact. I, for example, look forward to getting to know Richard Speechley better. We also felt the need to organise a sixtieth reunion. The generous, indefatigable Enzio will have to be exploited once again. And Simon will simply have to be present. We left, both inspired and saddened, for, though, in our lives, much has gone, much remains. And it is consoling to know that the heart of a great school still beats securely and strongly.

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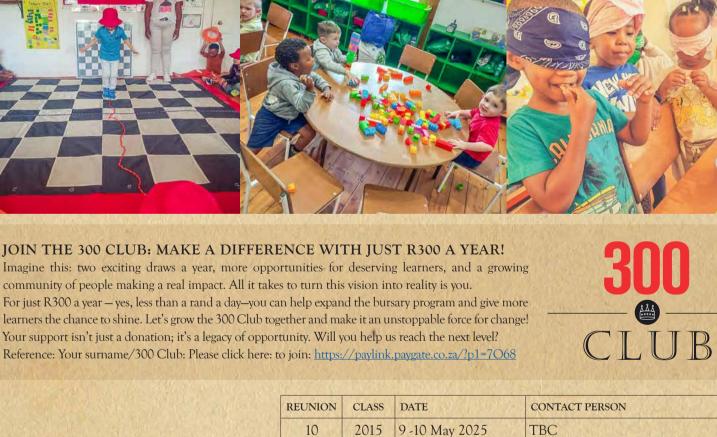




These learners started at KEPS and finished at KES

We have established a caring community by coming alongside several of the KEPS charity drives this year. Whether it be donating a teddy bear for a child at the Teddy Bear Foundation, or dog food for Woodrock Animal Shelter, it is important that our children learn the importance of

We have seen fantastic parent involvement in our Mini-Olympic Sports Day, Grandparents Tea and Concert. With many parents offering their time, expertise and finances to make each event





BENEFITS

I could, and I felt prepared. On the day of the exam, six other boys and I were called to the hall during break and instead of writing, we went to a different school. King Edward Preparatory School was unlike any other. I was impressed by the manners and cleanliness of the school. We wrote the test in my favourite teacher's classroom, Mrs Mamaregane. The test itself was not difficult but the pressure was unbearable, I was trembling. From

When I first joined the programme, I felt fear and excitement, but it was the first time I felt like I accomplished something significant. The Strenue Trust was there every step of the way, helping with stationery, uniform and books. Grade 6 was also the first time I had ever went on a tour, as the tours at Yeoville boys were too expensive; it was the best experience. Although I loved KEPS, I had troubles fitting in. Being the first person from

During that year I had started playing tennis again and I also tried sports like cricket, which I still love to this day, basketball and marimba. In grade 7, I played first team soccer, second team cricket and first team tennis. I got to try new sports and activities because of the generosity of the Strenue trust. Academically, KEPS helped me very much. This was the first time I had a seat in an Afrikaans classroom, and I loved it. My Afrikaans

In Grade 7, I was appointed as a prefect. The responsibility of the role challenged me into being the best version of myself. It was a difficult year

The learning experience at King Edward VII School is indescribable. The teachers are the best as they help us in achieving our goals. Strenue has helped me grow as a person significantly. My confidence has grown significantly as I try being the best version of myself. I can speak to crowds of people, and I have developed leadership skills. My tennis has improved significantly with the help of the Strenue Trust; the squads at The Old

then The Strenue trust has paid for my tuition at one of the best schools in South Africa, King Edward's.

Yeoville Boys, it was tough not having footsteps to follow, but with time and help from friends, I managed to adapt.

due to the pandemic. I struggled as I couldn't play tennis or access the internet during lockdown, because I had no resources.

improved significantly; I could form proper sentences. The level of education was world-class and beneficial.

For more information on how Strenue uses B-BBEE funding to transform lives, contact Paul Marketos - pmarketos@kes.co.za

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Edwardian Society have really improved my mentality and techniques. I would like to thank my donor, The Strenue Trust, the Tag Foundation, and every other person who changed a young boy's life and made them part of the King Edward's community. Your generosity has deeply impacted my life, I have had new experiences, new friends, new skills and most importantly a new family. I am truly honoured and grateful to be a beneficiary of the Strenue Trust. Your commitment to empowering students and investing in their education is making a profound difference in our lives. I will forever cherish the opportunities you have provided me, and I promise to make the most of them. I am determined to work hard, excel academically, and contribute positively to society, all thanks to your unwavering support."

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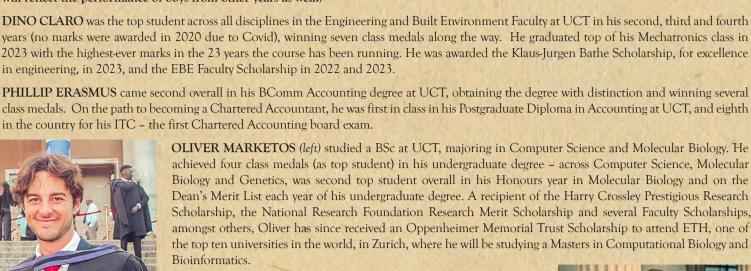
Paul Marketos Orrin Klopper Thabiso Madiba Wakule Tshabangu Founder & Trustee Chairman Trustee Class of 1986 The Strenue Trust has had a remarkable journey since being established in 2014. Redirecting B-BBEE spend into bursaries, internships and even mini-chess programmes, the Trust takes a holistic approach, supporting students from preschool all the way to university. Growth since 2022 sits at an impressive 413%. But the focus goes beyond the numbers - the well-being of all the beneficiaries is at the heart of what Strenue does. We have been fortunate to welcome as a Trustee Pumeza Mamaregane. Pumeza, as a teacher at KEPS and mother of two KES boys, is the perfect person to take on the pastoral oversight of the boys and girls funded by Strenue. Having taken to the role like a duck to water, she is making sure that every child's specific background and needs is well understood and catered for.

The Trust continues to support girls, primarily at Parktown Girls, disabled boys and girls, mostly at the Hope School and in partnership with Jumping Kids, and boys from KEPS and KES. Boys and girls at Baby Bears are also beneficiaries, through the very successful Mini-Chess programme which is giving them the basic understanding of problem-solving and coding, critical skills for the future. There are also a growing number of university students supported, young men and women who have matriculated from all the senior schools we support. Over 150 students are supported annually. The gift is often in the giving and we urge any Old Boys whose companies need to spend B-BBEE funds to contact us to see how we can help take this from being something that is potentially a grudge spend to being the catalyst for a partnership that is personal and heart-warming, and that will help to shape a positive future for our country. Any queries, please contact Marc Geldenhuys (mgeldenhuys@kes.co.za) – Paul Marketos, Chairman

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By the time you will be reading this it will be just about holiday time. What a year it has been, by any measure a very successful year for King Edward VII School and indeed for the Trust. The Trust currently sits on a record Balance Sheet and all of this while helping the schools fund projects, invest in

Teacher Education, upgrading of classrooms and shortly an upgrade of our World Class Library facility. This is in no small part thanks to our generous donors who continue to amaze us with their generosity In this edition you will read of the amazing KES class of 2019 that is achieving the most incredible academic results at their respective Universities (we are certainly not just a sports school). You will read





subjects, averaging over 95%. He also won the Best Project award. Nicholas was on the Dean's List every year of his studies and received the Starfield Prize for the best student in Mathematical Modelling in Computational and Applied





DIGBY RICCI REFLECTION OF THE CLASS OF 1974 REUNION The savagely witty American essayist and novelist, Gore Vidal, once observed that any man knows that he has grown old, when, on waking up one morning, he glances at the newspaper and wonders why a photograph of Ted Heath (Tory leader; British Prime Minister: 1970-1974) is on the front page. Then, he discovers that he is peering into a shaving mirror! Young people of today would probably fail to see how cruelly apt the allusion to Ted Heath is ("Who is he?", they would ask), for Heath in age really became Well, I am pleased to relate that I saw few Ted-Heath lookalikes at the KES 1974 Matric

Well, in spite of gaps and sorrows, a good time was had by all. In between eating, drinking, reminiscing, and wondering, with awe, where Brian Wilkinson (who taught me Latin in 1970!) kept the portrait that guaranteed his ageless good looks, we were all so touched by the unchanging loyalty and devotion to the school expressed by the KES boys of 2024. At a time when many a notable, traditional South African school has been scarred by vicious 'Identity' politicking, KES remains unscathed and mercifully free of conflict. Indeed, the unity of the boys, of all ages and races, when they chanted, or, rather, thundered out, the belowed war cries brought lumps to the throats of all of us oldies. We were privileged to receive an education both traditional and innovative. The experimental Project System of the mid-nineteen seventies enabled daring teachers to instruct us way beyond the confines of the then T.E.D. syllabus. Where else in South Africa could we have been taught Chekhov's "The Seagull" as a prescribed work? Or "Raka" and even some of Breytenbach's poetry as part of the syllabus for Afrikaans as a Second Language? Where else could the plutocrats of Houghton have been able to mix so cheerily with mere Yeovillites? Within the deplorable constraints of Apartheid, KES managed to display diversity, originality, and delightful oddity. After all, in this all-male environment, I had the opportunity to play the showgirl role, originally created by Vivien Leigh on stage, in Terence Rattigan's "The Sleeping Prince". (Although I decidedly lacked Well, we all linked arms and sang "Itchy Balla Goota" (I am still unsure of how to spell those words correctly). We even debated and criticised aspects of our schooldays, for an excellent education must also provide one with bones of contention. In our day, the teacher-fuelled conflicts

between jocks and nerds (let me use the contemporary terms) and between the Science boffs and the Humanities aesthetes were both silly and HOCKEY **GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** HOËRSKOOL ELDORAIGNE HOËRSKOOL WATERKLOOF





uncle Murray (1983) had also participated in the parade and were there to watch him. Tom's grandfather Alan Munro was celebrating his 70-year reunion, having matriculated in 1954. Alan first attended the parade in 1950 as a grade 8 but played in the pipe band in 1952/3/4. Alan's wife Merlyn Munro (nee Hofmeyr) is the daughter of the legendary Jan and Joan Hofmeyr who gave many years' service to the school. Merlyn remembers attending her first parade as a 10-year-old. To protect giving her age away, I won't tell you when that was. To commemorate 100 years since the start of World War 1, in 2014 Alan was part of the pipe band that played at the parade which he did every year up until 2018. I don't think there are many Remembrance parades that the Munros have missed since the 1950s. So this was indeed a very proud day for the whole family. THIRD GENERATION OF GUNNS Adam John Gunn is the third generation of Gunns to be part of the memorial parade. His late grandfather Hendry (1947), late uncle Andrew (1980), father Adam (1992) and brother Stephen (2023) were all involved in the parade. Here he is pictured with his mother Catherine Gunn (deputy principal of KEPS) and father Adam. - by Michael Faber

When you walk through the garden and

the classrooms at Baby Bears, it is hard to believe that the school is just under three years old. The beautiful classrooms and first-class resources give the school an established feel and many parents comment on how it feels like a "home away from

home". Our teachers are passionate about education, providing a creative and loving environment for our little ones to thrive in.

a success.

Our numbers have grown this year and we are delighted to post a profit at the end of this year. We have lovely families at Baby Bears and are already working hard

The matrics received their Old Boys Ties on 21 October 2024.

at instilling the values that make King Edward so unique.

BABY

BEARS

As the youngest member of the King Edward family, we feel the support of both the Primary and High Schools, as well as the TRUST. Our Learn to Swim programme has been a huge success and the children love running across the KES fields on their way to the Aquatic Centre. The Mini-Chess programme is bearing fruit with our children not only learning the joy of chess but important spatial and planning skills. Our Grade RR's enjoy their weekly visit to the KEPS library and we were even spoilt recently by having several Grade 3 learners visit Baby Bears to tell the children the story that they had prepared for their Term 4 speeches. Our little ones loved seeing their big brothers in action! The future is bright at Baby Bears, where mighty oaks, from little acorns grow.

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CLASS

REUNIONS

2025

The following reunions will be taking place in 2025,

if you are in a position to co-ordinate your reunion,

adopt- Classroom

King Edward VII School is continuously improving and upgrading our facilities in order to enhance the learning experience for students and teachers alike. The environment where our students learn is paramount to their success and therefore the time has come for us to upgrade our classrooms. We are appealing to our Old Boys, Parents and those that have a love for the School to consider Adopting a Classroom!

You will receive naming rights for your Adopted Classroom and the approximate cost per upgrade is Rl2Ok.

The upgrades include but are not limited to the following:

The upgrades include but are not limited to the following: Brand new desks for learners and facilitators, fresh paint, storage units for the teachers, new whiteboards and flooring.

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Richard Speechly & Ralph Heath

is the room for improvement!"

The School continues to strive for excellence, and we are continuing to upgrade classrooms to offer the learners and educators the best possible learning experience. We are appealing to our year groups to pull together and 'Adopt a Classroom'. Each class will be named after the donor/class

- Helmut Schmidt

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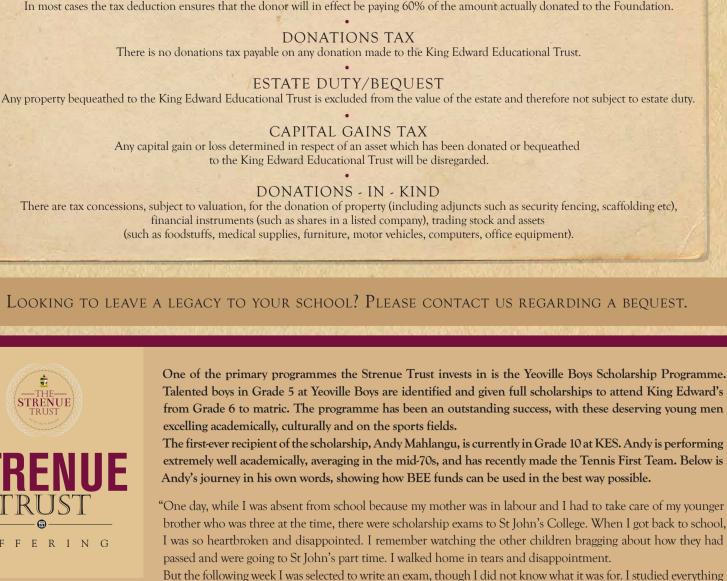
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