



HILTON COLLEGE

A letter from the Head

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations:

Teachers make up the fabric of a school.

Boys come and go but teachers often see many generations pass through their classrooms, their sports teams and their stages. Curricula change with the times and teachers often traverse these changes and remain as one of the constants in our world of school.

Significant schools achieve greatness on account of people of immense stature who love working with young people and who give selflessly again and again. A teacher's reward is enveloped in the oft muted responses from students who only realise the influence a particular teacher has had on their trajectory in life, long after they leave their school.

But we teachers know this, and we don't expect praise; it is our duty and our love to guide and grow those given us for a season. And we do this over and over, again and again. It is our joy.

One of Hilton's teachers who is a portrait of a great teacher is Ms Heather Peel and it is my privilege to report on an exceptional accolade conferred by the French Ambassador to South Africa on Ms Heather Peel, our HOD of French. Ms Peel has been awarded the French Academic Palms (l'Ordre des Palmes académiques) in recognition of her outstanding service to the teaching of French in South Africa over the past number of years. This award is no small feat and is awarded to a very select few:

"Napoleon I first created the *palmes académiques* as an honorary title to recognize members of the University in 1808. Under Napoléon III in 1866, the academic palms became a decoration. This, the academic palms, is the oldest non-military French decoration."

We teach our boys the practice of being and giving of one's best all the time regardless of the acclaim one may or may not receive. This practice is epitomised and modeled by great teachers - Ms Peel is such. We are delighted for Ms Peel and join the French in celebrating her achievement which is well-deserved.

We have many other teachers in this mold and greatness is within our reach.

Ramadaan:

To all our boys and staff who observe Ramadaan, we wish you a rewarding experience that will develop you richly.

Some house-keeping matters:

Air Travellers

To avoid future problems and delays for pupils who are regular air travelers we ask that, as per aviation regulations "...the name on the passenger's boarding pass shall be compared with the name in the passport/identity card or any other acceptable government issued identification document..." The airlines do not recognize copies of these documents that are stored on electronic devices. Your son should therefore have a recently certified copy (not older than 3 months) of his ID or passport if he does not have his ID or passport on him

Hilton vs Michaelhouse (return fixture): 17 June 2017

Arrangements as communicated from Michaelhouse are as follows:

- The booking of places at Michaelhouse can be done from 14H30 on the Friday. Miles Alexander will open the barriers.
- Parents can use blankets or others markers to indicate booked spots.
- There is limited space for gazebos.
- The price of tickets are as follows: Cars - R80-00 per car • Pedestrians - R40-00 per person

Sincerely
George
Headmaster

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