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“Building Hilton Together” - an update to all Hiltonians



At the start of this year, instead of hosting another Giving Day, we dedicated a day to giving thanks — recognising the extraordinary support our donors have shown Hilton College over the past year. Gratitude Day 2026 was conceived as a simple, sincere expression of appreciation, shifting the focus entirely from asking to thanking, and giving our boys the opportunity to connect directly with donors and say thank you.

This time last year, our supporters gave almost R8 million to the Endowment Foundation on our first Giving Day. This year, the aim was simply to recognise and acknowledge that generosity.

From early in the day, that intention came to life. Messages and conversations flowed between boys on campus and donors around the world, reflecting the strength of the Hilton network and the relationships behind it.

We were 90 minutes into Gratitude Day when more than 100 donor calls had

already been made by pupils, with boys actively reaching out to say thank you in real time.

As the day continued, students and staff engaged in ongoing conversations with donors, reinforcing the importance of community support and the impact it has on educational opportunity and the long-term sustainability of the school. Early data from the day reflected strong participation across the school community.

Gratitude Day 2026 highlighted the value of connection between the school and its supporters, and the shared commitment that continues to shape Hilton College.

We remain deeply appreciative of everyone who contributes to and supports our great school, and the role donors play in sustaining our future.



HILTON COLLEGE

Big Reunion Weekend 2026

A Weekend of Brotherhood, Tradition and Reconnection

The 2026 Big Reunion Weekend took place from 24–26 April and coincided with the school's inaugural rugby fixtures against Bishops Diocesan College from Cape Town.

The weekend was well attended by Old Boys from the matric classes of 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2016. Following tea on the Main Lawn and many memory-jolting reunions, the groups quickly settled into sharing stories from their school days while reconnecting with one another during campus tours and visits back to their old boarding houses.

Lunch was served in the dining hall before the Old Boys attended a school assembly on Gilfillan Field, where staff and the Head Boy welcomed everyone back to their alma mater.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the school song being sung in a large circle by both the boys and Old Boys together.

Afternoon drinks were enjoyed around a bonfire in the Nature Reserve at the Henley Lapa before everyone made their way up to the Fleur-de-Lys Club as the sun set over the Umgeni River.

The Hilton College Brass Band welcomed guests to an evening of drinks and dinner on Hart-Davis. The atmosphere throughout the evening was filled with friendship, storytelling, and plenty of laughter.

Old Hiltonian Day took place on the Saturday, with many more Old Boys and families joining the weekend festivities.

It was a memorable day of sport, with the Hilton boys delivering a number of impressive performances across the fields.

Tea was served in the new Draper-Gain Centre for Wellness and Performance, which also hosted the launch of the Hilton College Legacy Wine Collection.

Reserved seating at Gilfillan allowed guests to enjoy drinks and a meal while watching the rugby, before the Fleur-de-Lys Club once again hosted sundowners and live entertainment for Old Boys and their families.

On Sunday, a number of Old Boys and their families visited the Nature Reserve to picnic along the Umgeni River.

Overall, it was a superb weekend enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who attended, particularly those who travelled long distances to be part of it.

It was a special gathering of old friends spanning many decades of Hilton College history.

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OLD HILTONIAN NEWS

We would love to hear from you—please share your Old Hiltonian news, stories, and updates with us. Please email database@hiltoncollege.com. Please also post on [Hilton Ties](#). Thank you for the following contributions.

▶ Learnership Optimisation Model



Uploaded by Mzamo Khuzwayo

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Old Hiltonian **Mzamo Khuzwayo (1991, Ellis)** is involved in a learnership and skills development model designed to support South African businesses in training and upskilling their workforce through a self-funding approach.

supporting BBBEE skills development requirements. It allows businesses to avoid upfront payments and reduce risk associated with learner drop-outs, while also enabling claims for both employee salaries and training fees.

The model is aimed at tax-paying organisations and is structured to reduce training costs while

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We were proud to celebrate Old Hiltonian **Mmangaliso Nzuzo (2016, Lucas)**, whose work was exhibited at Southern Guild in New York.

Ballad of the Peacock was on show until 17 May, marking a significant milestone for an artist whose creative journey began at Hilton.

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Mitchell Green

Affiliation*
Old Hiltonian

[MESSAGE](#)

A message from **Mitchell Green (2017, Ellis)**:

"I'm starting a coffee meetup in Hilton for people planning or running a side hustle. We're going to share what's working, get feedback, and keep each other accountable. Message me if you're interested!"

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Old Hiltonian **Glen du Preez (2008, Churchill)**, co-founder of The Platform Gallery in Lions River, was once again involved in an initiative linking art and conservation.

On Friday, 1 May, The Platform Gallery, in partnership with The Boucher Legacy, hosted the 4th Art for Conservation Auction at Netherwood Farm in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

The event formed part of the broader Hilton v Michaelhouse weekend and was also livestreamed, allowing participation from a wider audience.

The auction brought together art and conservation interests, supporting initiatives aimed at strengthening cultural engagement and environmental awareness.

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Cattle Project Update

Sixteen years ago, the Hilton College Cattle Project began with 40 oxen and the long-term goal of building a herd of 1,000. That milestone has now been reached, with 1,020 oxen currently grazing across the school's pastures.

The project enables supporters to sponsor an ox, with proceeds directed to the Hilton College Endowment Foundation, which

provides financial assistance to families who would not otherwise be able to afford a Hilton education. As part of the sponsorship, each new owner also receives a handmade ceramic ox as a small token of appreciation.

The initiative continues to operate as a long-term funding mechanism supporting access to education and the development of future leaders.



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Upcoming OH Events

The following Old Hiltonian events are scheduled for the coming months across South Africa and the United Kingdom. Further details will be shared where indicated.

- **Durban, KwaZulu-Natal — Wednesday, 10 June 2026: OH Branch Event**
- Hilton, KwaZulu-Natal — Saturday, 13 June 2026: 50-Year Reunion, Class of 1976
- United Kingdom — Monday, 29 June 2026: Hilton vs MHS UK Golf Day (Hampton Court Palace Golf)
- Cape Town, Western Cape — Wednesday, 29 July 2026: Cape Town OH Event
- Stellenbosch, Western Cape — Thursday, 30 July 2026: Stellenbosch Student Event
- White River, Mpumalanga — Date TBC: Event details to be confirmed

Please note that some details remain subject to confirmation.

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uMngeni Day

Hilton College will once again host its uMngeni Day in 2026, following the success of the inaugural gathering held in 2024. It brings together Old Hiltonians, families, and friends of the school for a day at the river.

Guests have the option to camp out under the stars the night before, with a braai planned at the river's edge on the following day.

Further communication regarding the 2026 uMngeni Day programme will be shared in due course on Hilton Ties.

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Podium Finish For Lovemore

Hiltonian Claims bronze at Canoe Sprint World Cup.

Making waves internationally, Hamish Lovemore (2017, Churchill), recently claimed a bronze medal in the Men's K1 5000m at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup in Szeged, Hungary.

Competing against some of the world's top paddlers, Hamish delivered an outstanding performance while also securing valuable Olympic qualification points. Congratulations to Hamish on this impressive achievement.



Old Hiltonian Events (GAU)

The Old Hiltonian Gauteng branch events took place on Thursday, 14 May at The Milk Bar in Parkmore, Sandton, followed by the TUKS student event in Pretoria on Friday, 15 May.

Both events were well attended by Old Hiltonians and current students studying in Gauteng. The gatherings provided an opportunity for attendees to reconnect, meet newer members of the Hilton network, and spend time together in an informal setting.

The Sandton event brought together Old Hiltonians from a range of matric years, while the TUKS event focused on current university students and recent school leavers. Conversations covered university life, careers, current school developments, and upcoming Old Hiltonian activities.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of both events. It was encouraging to see continued engagement and support for the Old Hiltonian community in Gauteng.

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Woolworths MyDifference

Woolworths has officially replaced the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet programme with a new platform called **MyDifference**.

This means that all existing supporters are required to re-select their chosen beneficiary in order for contributions to continue. If no action is taken, your support may no longer be directed to Hilton College.

Call to Action

We kindly ask all members of the Hilton community to:

- Download or update the Woolworths App

- Navigate to **Loyalty** → **MyDifference**
- Search for and select **Hilton College** as your beneficiary
- Use your virtual card every time you shop

Your support makes a meaningful difference and helps continue important initiatives at Hilton College.

You can also manage your beneficiary online through:

[Woolworths MyDifference Portal](#)

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Old Hiltonian Club Network



The Old Hiltonian Club alumni network continues to demonstrate a strong and far-reaching global presence, with active engagement across South Africa and key international regions.

Within South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal remains the largest Old Hiltonian base with 2,092 alumni (15.62%), followed by Gauteng with 1,395 (10.42%) and the Western Cape with 572 (4.27%). Additional representation spans the Eastern Cape (128), Mpumalanga (83), Free State (45), Northwest (36), and Limpopo (26), reflecting a broad national footprint.

Internationally, the alumni community remains highly active across multiple countries. The largest cohorts are in the United Kingdom (530), Australia (266), and the United States (222), followed by Canada (72) and New Zealand (67).

Strong engagement is also evident across Africa, including Zimbabwe (56), Zambia (48), Malawi (47), Botswana (37), and Kenya (32). This distribution highlights the enduring global reach of the Old Hiltonian network and the continued strength of its connections across continents.

HILTON COLLEGE LEGACY COLLECTION

volume 1

Limited Edition
Unlimited Tradition

Magnum | Case 4 x 1,5l



Additional 100 Cases Released

The Hilton College Legacy Collection, created in partnership with La Vierge Winery, was launched earlier this year as a fundraising initiative in support of the Hilton College Endowment Foundation (HCEF).

The first release of 100 cases sold out and raised R40,000 for the Endowment Foundation. Following interest from Old Boys and Hilton College's parents, an additional 100 cases have now been released for sale and will be available until 31 August.

Each case contains four individually boxed Burgundian Magnum bottles, with a portion of proceeds from every sale directed towards the HCEF.

The collection was developed to reflect the shared connection many Old Hiltonians have with Hilton College and to provide an additional way for the community to support the school and future generations of Hiltonians.

In a recent update to the community, the La Vierge team thanked supporters for the response to the project and encouraged continued participation in the initiative.

Old Hiltonians interested in securing a case can do so by clicking the link below.

[LEGACY COLLECTION ORDER FORM](#)

Hilton Boys Run for Palesa

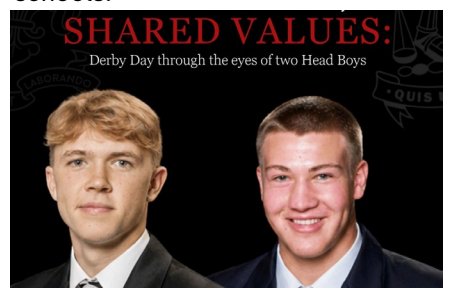


Hilton College Grade 11 learners **Zachery Ichikowitz** and **Knox Rutherford** recently initiated a 24-hour run on campus in support of Palesa, a courageous nine-year-old girl from Howick who faces significant physical challenges. Beginning at 3:00pm, the boys were joined by fellow Hiltonians running laps on Circular Drive continuously for 24 hours to raise awareness and funds for Palesa's medical care, mobility equipment, therapy, and educational support. Palesa is currently being cared for by Angel's Care. Supporters were invited to contribute through once-off donations or by pledging per lap completed, helping provide essential care and opportunities for her future.

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DERBY DAY REFLECTION

In their own words, the head boys of Hilton College and Michaelhouse reflect on the meaning and significance of a rivalry that has shaped generations of boys at both schools.



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Hilton College
in collaboration with Epworth
Presents a production of...

Disney
Aladdin Jr.

Book by
CHAD BEGUELIN

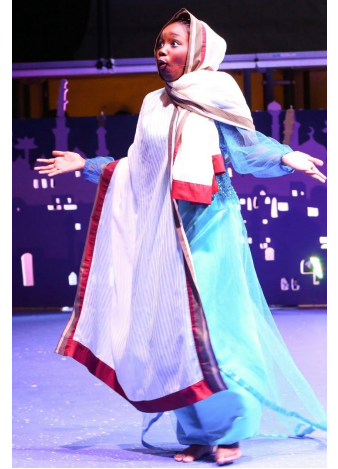
Based on the Disney film written by Rob
Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Ter
Rossio and directed & produced by Rob
Clements & John
Musker

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN, TIM RICE
and CHAD BEGUELIN

Hilton College Theatre
27-30 April

Presented by arrangement with DALRO (Pty) Limited, representing Music Theatre International



Production: Aladdin Jr

Hilton College and Epworth High School for Girls presented Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* at the Hilton College Theatre from 27–30 April. The production included both a matinee and evening performance on 27 April, followed by additional shows on 28, 29, and 30 April.

Audiences experienced a lively and colourful production featuring well-known songs, humour, and key moments from the original story. The show was directed by Mason Campbell, produced by Joshua Boudan, and choreographed by Fiona Barnes.

A notable feature of the production was the full live orchestra, made up largely of pupils from Epworth, Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School, The Wykeham Collegiate, and Hilton College, performing alongside professional musicians.

The performances took place in the Hilton College Theatre and were attended by families, learners, and members of the wider school community. The production formed part of the schools' cultural programme and highlighted collaboration between the participating schools in music, theatre, and performance.

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Say Hi to Billy...



Only on Hilton Ties



Beyond the Black & White Podcast

@BeyondtheBlackWhitePodcast

The *Beyond the Black & White* podcast on Hilton Ties continues to grow as a meaningful platform for honest dialogue, reflection, and connection within the Old Hiltonian community.

The series brings together voices from across generations to explore identity, leadership, privilege, and the evolving meaning of belonging at Hilton College and beyond.

In the most recent instalment, we heard from Motheo Makwana (Churchill, 2020), who shared powerful insights into several important themes shaping the school and wider community. The conversation explored the shift from “transformation” to “belonging”, offering a thoughtful reflection on how language and intent influence culture and inclusion.

Motheo also unpacked how *Hard Talks* began at Hilton, highlighting the importance of creating safe yet challenging spaces for dialogue among pupils. A key focus of the episode was the design of the new Africa-inspired school uniform, symbolising identity, heritage, and a renewed sense of pride. The discussion further touched on learning to embrace privilege responsibly and

thoughtfully, encouraging deeper awareness and accountability.

Please enjoy the episode and join the conversation as we continue to reflect on what it means to grow, lead, and belong.

[▶ Watch on YouTube](#)
[🔊 Listen on the go.](#)

We also encourage you to explore previous episodes of the series, which continue to build a rich archive of stories, perspectives, and lived experiences within the Hilton community. [Click here to watch.](#)

If you would like to share your own story, or showcase your business or industry, please send a message to Awela or Alunga Madala on Hilton Ties. This platform is built on community voices, and every contribution helps it grow stronger.

We also invite you to support the Hilton College Endowment by [becoming a monthly donor](#) and helping ensure the long-term sustainability of the school:

Let's continue building this platform together—one conversation at a time.



HILTON TIES

Old Hiltonians • Boys • Parents

Hilton Ties is Hilton College's online, community platform that connects Old Hiltonians, current parents and staff.

It enables connection, recruitment, and mentorship by sharing opportunities, experiences, and support across the network.

At its core, it strengthens belonging and keeps the Hilton community engaged and connected for life.

[JOIN HERE](#)

Simple Actions, Lasting Impact

The “one thing” campaign

The “One Thing” campaign invites Old Hiltonians to consider a single meaningful action they can take to strengthen their connection with Hilton College and help shape its future. The idea is simple: small, intentional contributions—when multiplied across a global network—create lasting and transformative impact.

For some, that “one thing” may be giving time. Visiting campus, engaging with the boys, and sharing personal journeys helps bring lived experience into the classroom and boarding houses. Mentorship, career guidance, and life advice continue to be among the most powerful ways Old Hiltonians can support current pupils and younger alumni as they navigate their own paths.

Others may choose to share professional expertise through talks, panels, workshops, or networking evenings. Supporting internships, job shadowing, or workplace exposure opportunities further extends Hilton beyond the classroom and into real-world experience.

Financial support also remains a vital contribution. [Becoming a monthly donor](#) ensures sustained, long-term impact, while including Hilton College or the HCEF in estate planning creates a legacy that supports future generations. Connection is equally

powerful. Attending [Old Hiltonian events](#), returning for Old Hiltonian Day, and supporting Hilton-connected businesses help keep the network strong and active. Staying engaged through [Hilton Ties](#) ensures the alumni community continues to grow, while keeping contact details updated helps the school maintain meaningful communication and connection.

We also encourage Old Hiltonians to [visit campus](#) more regularly—join us for lunch in the dining hall, walk the grounds, and reconnect with the traditions that shaped your Hilton experience. These moments matter, not only for nostalgia, but for strengthening the living fabric of the school community.

[Merchandise](#), including the [Old School jersey](#) and [Old School quarter zip jersey](#), [Sealand bag](#), and upcoming exclusive OH shirt, also offers a way to show pride while contributing to the HCEF.

Ultimately, the “One Thing” campaign is about participation at every level. Whether large or small, each action strengthens Hilton College’s future. Update your details on the database, join [Hilton Ties](#), and stay connected—because even one thing, done consistently, makes a difference.



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