

Message by Mrs Achary

As we conclude another busy and rewarding term, we give thanks for the many opportunities our learners have had to grow academically, spiritually and personally. At Veritas College, our purpose extends beyond academic achievement. We strive to nurture young people who live the message of Jesus through lives of integrity, compassion and service, developing their God-given gifts while making a positive contribution to the world around them. This remains at the heart of everything we do.

The experiences of this term have once again reflected our Catholic identity and the values that define our College. They remind us that true education is not measured only by knowledge gained, but by the character formed, the relationships strengthened and the willingness to serve others with humility and generosity.

Examination season has brought its challenges, and our learners have approached them with determination and resilience. I trust that the holiday will provide an opportunity to rest, recharge and focus on both physical and mental well-being. To our Matrics, I encourage you to use this time wisely as you prepare for your Preliminary Examinations.

Thank you to our parent community for your continued partnership and for supporting the many successful fundraising initiatives this term. Your encouragement and involvement remain an invaluable part of the Veritas family.

As we look ahead to the final term of the year, I wish all our families a safe, peaceful and restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready to finish the year with purpose, commitment and hope.

Celebrating Long Service to Catholic Education



Congratulations to Mrs Nina Raouna and Mrs Irina Pellizzon, who were honoured with Long Service to Catholic Education certificates in recognition of their 20 years of dedicated service.

The awards were presented at the annual Catholic Schools' Gathering held on Saturday, 6 June, at De La Salle Holy Cross College.

Leadership Council 2026/27

Congratulations to the newly elected 2026/27 Leadership Council members who have officially assume their responsibilities. A Leadership Workshop will be held on Wednesday, **12 August** from 08:00 – 12:00. The Leaders are expected to play a significant role in promoting learner leadership, service and school spirit.



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Wits Integrated Experience Programme

Five Grade 11 learners proudly represented Veritas College at the prestigious 2026 Wits Integrated Experience, a programme for high-achieving learners from 54 of South Africa's top-performing schools.



After attending faculty lectures at Wits University, the team researched the complex issue of *Zama-Zama* and artisanal small-scale mining, examining its social, environmental, economic and health impacts before presenting their findings in the final competition on 24 July.

Drawn in a highly competitive group, our learners delivered a polished and insightful presentation, earning certificates and commemorative gifts in recognition of their outstanding effort.

Although only one school could progress, Veritas College showcased the calibre, diligence and confidence to compete with the very best.

Photography Club



The Photography Club has been actively exploring seasonal photography techniques during the winter months. Using autumn leaves as creative subjects and photographic props, learners experimented with various artistic approaches to capture the beauty of the season.

The initiative encouraged creativity, collaboration, and practical skill development in photography.

Bottle Cap and Bread Tag Drive



The bottle cap and bread tag drive is gaining momentum. **Edmund** leads with two wins, **Dominic** has one.

Who will take the next round?

So far, 90 kg of bottle caps have been collected for wheelchairs.

Keep them coming!

Crocheting Initiative

Every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, this term a group of dedicated staff members and enthusiastic learners gathered in the chapel to learn the art of crocheting or share their skills and experience with others. Through their teamwork and creativity, several blankets were produced and donated to the SPCA as part of the school's Mandela Day initiative. This wonderful initiative was also supported by parents who generously contributed to the project. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated wool, crocheted squares, or gave their time to help create these blankets. Your kindness, generosity, and commitment have made a real difference.



Mandela Day Outreach

In celebration of Mandela Day, our learners embraced the spirit of giving by dedicating their 67 minutes of service to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The initiative provided learners with a valuable opportunity to experience servant leadership and witness the transformative impact of generosity and compassion. It reinforced the values embodied by Nelson Mandela and aligned strongly with the College's Catholic ethos of service to others.



Grade 8 – Rus ‘n Bietjie Old Age Home

Learners personally delivered thoughtfully prepared goodie bags containing soap, deodorant, shampoo, biscuits, a warm fleece blanket and a prayer card to residents with little or no family support. Beyond the donations, they spent time talking and sharing special moments with the residents. One resident encouraged learners to value education, complete their studies and participate in sport, leaving a lasting impression.

Grade 9 – Nokuphila Community Services

Learners were warmly welcomed at Nokuphila Community Services before dividing into groups to assist where needed. Some helped serve meals and clean up in the kitchen, while others tidied the play area. Many also spent time playing games and interacting with the children, bringing smiles and laughter throughout the day.

Grade 10 – SPCA

Learners spent time caring for animals and donated pet food, treats, and blankets. The Crochet Club contributed 16 handmade blankets.

Grade 11 – East Rand Children's Home

Learners donated cleaning supplies and toiletries to the home, while the children received a McDonald's meal and sweets. The highlight of the visit was spending time with the children, getting to know them, playing with them and showing them love and attention.

Grade 12 – Parish Food Drive

Grade 12 learners contributed monetary and food donations, which will be distributed through Catholic parishes in Springs and Boksburg to support families in need.

***"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others."** – Nelson Mandela*

One-Act Plays

Congratulations to all our young actors who embraced the magic of live theatre at our Inter-House One-Act Play Festival on Friday, 10th July. Our invited Adjudicator, Ms Bianca Botha, had quite a task ahead of her to choose the very best from three diverse plays and so many talented actors. After much applause and cheering, the results were as follows:



Best Set: **Catherine**

Best Costumes: **Edmund**

Best Cameo: Shared between Ayanda Ndlela (**Edmund**) and Kgothatso Mathe (**Catherine**)

Best Supporting Actress: Mbali Sibeko (**Dominic**)

Best Supporting Actor: Tadiwanashe Murewi (**Catherine**)

Best Actress: Shared between Mia Dhlamini (**Edmund**) and Naledi Kutoane (**Catherine**)

Best Actor: Ndiwanu Mathada (**Edmund**)

Best Director: Aphelele Mlangeni (**Catherine**)

Best Play: **Catherine** – *Bad Auditions By Bad Actors*

Special mention must go to our three Grade 12 directors: Makanaka Jovo (**Dominic**) *My Dinner With AI*; Botle Mokoena (**Edmund**) *How to Get Away With A Murder Mystery*, and Aphelele Mlangeni (**Catherine**) *Bad Auditions By Bad Actors*. These young thespians demonstrated superb leadership in directing their cast (while navigating their May examinations) and an insurmountable passion for performance and perfection. Thank you, ladies!

Johannesburg Festival of the Arts 2026

Veritas College achieved exceptional results at the Johannesburg Festival Gala Event hosted at CBC Boksburg on Saturday, 20 June. Approximately 2500 entries from 38 schools were adjudicated.

Outstanding achievements included:

- Yuvarajh Muthraparsad – Best Novice, Item Winner for Poetry and Photography.
- Ofentse Olifant – Overall Trophy Winner for Prose Writing.
- Ompile Mamakoko – Overall Best Art Trophy.
- Marnus Steyn – Item Winner, Photography.
- Dimphe Maledimo – Item Winner, Poetry Writing.
- Aphelele Mlangeni – Item Winner, Poetry Writing.
- Keira-Lize Martins – Item Winner, Prose and Poetry.
- Machaella Westley – Item Winner, Prose Writing.
- Rebecca Westley – Item Winner, Prose Writing.



These accomplishments demonstrate the depth of talent and creativity within our learner body.

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Course Through Public Speaking



We have finalised the selection of the Grade 11 learners who will participate in the six-week Toastmasters Course, conducted by Dr Ian Bratt, which begins on **Wednesday, 9 September**, at 15h00 in Mrs Pellizzon's classroom. Please refer to the Grade 11 Communications WhatsApp message sent on Friday, 24 July, or our previous newsletter, for further details about the course, dates and times.

Red Carpet Event



Our Grade 11 learners will enjoy their annual Red Carpet Day on **Tuesday, 22 September**, as part of the English Department's Film Study Research Task. *During this dedicated programme, they will watch their two Grade 12 set films back-to-back and receive their Research Task packs.*

As always, our learners will bring a touch of Hollywood glamour, dressing as movie stars and making their entrance along the Red Carpet. Our Grade 10 learners will take on the role of the paparazzi, photographing and interviewing the "celebrities" to gather material for their Transactional Writing pieces.

Inaugural Inter-House Chess Tournament

On Wednesday, 15 July Veritas College hosted the first-ever Inter-House Chess Tournament, bringing together the Preparatory and the Senior School players for an exciting day of strategy and friendly competition.

In the Preparatory, **Catherine** took top honours with 7 points, followed by **Dominic** and **Edmund**. The Senior School competition was incredibly close, with all three Houses finishing on 6 points. With the overall Tournament Trophy at stake, the Organising Committee resolved to award points based on performance on the higher boards. **Catherine** was crowned the overall winner, ahead of **Dominic** and **Edmund**.

Congratulations to **Catherine** on winning both the Preparatory and the Senior School titles. After such a successful debut, the Inter-House Chess Tournament is sure to become a much-anticipated annual event on the Veritas College calendar.



Springs Cluster Chess Tournament



Veritas College proudly hosted the Springs Cluster Chess Tournament in our Pavilion on Saturday, 01 August. Our teams performed exceptionally well, with the U19 Girls crowned champions, the U15 Girls and U19 Boys finishing second, and the U15 Boys securing third place.

Congratulations to all our players for representing the College with excellence and sportsmanship. Our U15 Girls, U19 Boys and U19 Girls teams have qualified for the D5 Teams' Tournament, which will take place on **15 August** at Die Anker.

Choir Workshop at St Dominics



On Saturday, 01 August, our choir attended a Choir Workshop at St Dominic's, where learners participated in specialised vocal training.

The choir was divided into voice groups, allowing each section to receive focused instruction from experienced facilitators.

The workshop proved to be a valuable learning experience, equipping our singers with new techniques and skills while strengthening their confidence and teamwork. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, grow and prepare for future performances.

The Choir Festival will be taking place on **Friday, 11 September** at Holy Rosary.

Matric Dance Invitations



During a formal College assembly, Grade 11 learners presented the Grade 12 learners with their Matric Dance invitations. Each invitation was accompanied by a flower that reflects the event theme through thoughtful design and presentation. The initiative was well received and generated significant excitement and anticipation for this important milestone in the matric year.

National Benchmark Test (NBT) Preparation

A number of Grade 12 learners participated in an NBT preparation session during this term. Some of our learners will be writing during August and September. Learners engaged positively with the preparation programme which was held over the Mid-Term break.

Grade 12 Consumer Studies Practical Examination



Grade 12 Consumer Studies learners successfully completed their final Practical Assessment Task (PAT). Learners produced an assortment of choux pastries with six sweet and savoury fillings.

The assessment extended beyond culinary skills and included entrepreneurship components such as recipe sourcing, logo design, product labelling, and the development of innovative upcycled packaging. Learners demonstrated commendable creativity, planning, and practical competence.

Grade 8 – 11 Mid-Year Examinations

The Grade 8 –11 Mid-Year Examination cycle commenced on Monday, 20 July.

Comprehensive preparations ensured the smooth administration of the examination process, and the examinations were conducted successfully.



English Winter School

Our English Department is delighted to welcome back Mrs Patrizia Fanucchi, who will present a one-hour lecture on *Othello* for our Grade 12 learners on **Tuesday, 18 August**. This engaging final overview of their Shakespeare network promises to be insightful, thought-provoking, and filled with practical wisdom to support their examination preparation.

Mrs Fanucchi is an experienced English specialist and the retired Head of English at St Dominic's, Boksburg. Renowned for her fresh and perceptive literary insights, she is highly sought after for her English Olympiad and IEB Poetry courses and has built a strong online following through *4Muse*.

Please note that the cost of the lecture is R120 per learner, which will be charged to each learner's school fees account.

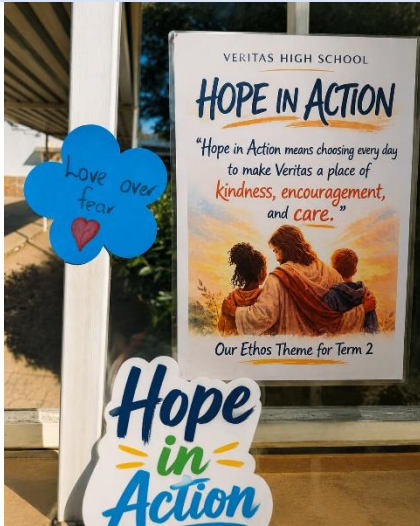
Matric Preliminary Examination

The Matric Preliminary Examination timetable is attached. As our Class of 2026 begins this important milestone, we wish every matric learner success in the weeks ahead. Use the time available to prepare thoroughly, revise consistently and approach each examination with confidence and determination. Every study session brings you one step closer to achieving your goals.

Work hard, stay focused and give your very best. We believe in you. *Good luck, Matrics!*



Hope in Action – Term 2 Ethos Tsheme



Throughout Term 2, we embraced the theme "**Hope in Action**," encouraging learners and staff to recognise that hope is more than optimism—it is expressed through compassion, service, justice and everyday acts of kindness.

The theme was woven into all aspects of College life through Religious Education lessons, assemblies, prayer, and the work of the Edmund Rice Society. Learners explored Christian hope through Scripture, reflected on practical ways to live out their faith, and actively participated in charitable outreach and social justice initiatives.

One of the highlights of the term was the “Hope Wall”, where learners shared messages of encouragement, gratitude and inspiration, celebrating the kindness shown by fellow learners and staff. Across classrooms, staff reinforced the theme by promoting respect, perseverance, inclusion and positive relationships.

The theme helped strengthen our Christian identity and reminded the entire Veritas community that authentic hope is revealed through our actions.

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HEAD: SENIOR SCHOOL

MR D. CONNORS
HEADMASTER



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2 – TERM 3

Thursday, 6 August	Gr 12 CASS Reports issued
Friday, 7 August	Gr 8 – 11 Exams end Gr 12 Block Teaching ends School closes at 12:00
Monday, 17 August – Friday, 21 August	Gr 12 Winter School
Wednesday, 2 September	Gr 12 Prelims commence
Wednesday, 9 September	School re-opens for Term 3 Learners check exam scripts 13:30 – 14:30 Start of Toastmasters Course at 15:00
Thursday, 10 September	Gr 8 – 11 Day Outings
Friday, 11 September	Choir Festival – Holy Rosary
Saturday, 12 September	Inter-Catholic Chess Festival – St Benedict's Open Day Inter-House Basketball and Tennis
Monday, 14 September	Inter-House Athletics 11:00 – 14:30
Tuesday, 15 September	Inter-House Junior Quiz Swimming Gala
Tuesday, 15 September – Friday, 18 September	Gr 10 Outward Bound Camp
Thursday, 17 September	Tour De Maths – St Stithians
Friday, 18 September	Inter-Catholic Athletics
Tuesday, 22 September	Gr 10 & 11 Red Carpet Day Swimming Gala Gr 9 Subject Choice and issue Aptitude results 16:00 – 17:00 Gr 8 – 11 Parents' Evening 17:00 – 19:00 (Issue reports)
Wednesday, 23 September	Gr 9 Relationship Talk 11:00 – 14:30 Gr 10 Culture Day
Thursday, 24 September	<i>Heritage Day</i>
Friday, 25 September	<i>School holiday</i> Prelims end
Friday, 2 October	Inter-House Netball & Soccer Inter-House Poetry Slam Inter-House Senior Quiz
Monday, 5 October	Gr 11 Retreat
Tuesday, 6 October	Gr 10 Retreat
Wednesday, 7 October	Gr 9 Retreat
Thursday, 8 October	Gr 8 Retreat Valedictory Awards in Trinity Hall – 07:45

Friday, 9 October	Valedictory Mass – 07:45 at the Church
Tuesday, 13 October	NSC Finals commence Swimming Gala
Friday, 16 October	Issue Exam Timetable and Exam content to Gr 8 – 11 learners
Tuesday, 20 October	Swimming Gala
Wednesday, 21 October	Toastmasters Dinner
Thursday, 22 October	School closes at 12:00 for Mid-Term break
Tuesday, 27 October	School re-opens Awards Assembly
Wednesday, 28 October	Sports Dinner
Friday, 30 October	All Souls and Exam Mass in Trinity Hall
Monday, 2 November	Gr 8 – 11 Exams commence
Wednesday, 4 November	<i>Voting Day</i>
Friday, 20 November	Gr 8 – 11 Exams end
Monday, 23 November	Gr 8 – 11 Learners check exam scripts 08:00 – 09:30
Wednesday, 2 December	Matric Dance
Thursday, 3 December	Collection of reports 08:00 – 10:00 School closes

Please note that these dates are subject to change.



Veritas College Springs

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GRADE 12 PRELIM EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2026

VENUE: Pavilion

DATES: 2 September – 25 September 2026

DATE	SUBJECT/S	
Wednesday 2 September School Holiday	Physical Science P1 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00 OR Maths Literacy P1 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Thursday 3 September School Holiday	Further Studies Algebra - 2 hours 08:00 - 10:00 OR History P1 - 2 hours 08:00 - 10:00 AND Further Studies P2 Statistics Module - 1 hour 11:00 - 12:00	
Friday 4 September School Holiday	CAT Practical - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Monday 7 September School Holiday	Mathematics P1 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Tuesday 8 September School Holiday	Afrikaans P1 - 2½ hours 08:00 - 10:30 OR IsiZulu P1 - 2½ hours 08:00 - 10:30	

DATE	SUBJECT/S	
Wednesday 9 September	English P2 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
School reopens		
Thursday 10 September	Business Studies - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
CLUSTER PAPER		
Friday 11 September	Life Science P1 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
CLUSTER PAPER		
Saturday 12 September	CAT Theory - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Monday 14 September	Life Science P2 - 2 hours 08:00 - 10:00	
CLUSTER PAPER		
Tuesday 15 September	LO CAT B (IEB) - 2 hours 09:00 - 11:00	
IEB PAPER		
Wednesday 16 September	Life Sciences PAT IEB - 2 hours 10:00 - 11:30 (30 mins for cleaning up)	
IEB PAPER		
Thursday 17 September	English P1 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Friday 18 September	Consumers Theory - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00 OR Geography P1 - 2½ hours 08:00 - 10:30 AND Geography P2 - 1½ hours 11:30 - 13:00	
Monday 21 September	Mathematics P2 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	
Tuesday 22 September	Afrikaans P2 - 2½ hours 08:00 - 10:30 OR IsiZulu P2 - 2½ hours	

DATE	SUBJECT/S	
	08:00 - 10:30	
Wednesday 23 September	History Paper 2 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00 OR Accounting P1 - 2 hours 08:00 - 10:00 AND Accounting P2 - 2 hours 11:30 - 13:30	
Thursday 24 September	Study day - Public Holiday	
Friday 25 September School Holiday	Physical Science P2 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00 OR Maths Literacy P2 - 3 hours 08:00 - 11:00	