



FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE AS I FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST



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CHRISTIAN SCHOOLING - THE KING'S SCHOOL AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

One of the key aspects of our mission as a school is Spiritual Formation of students. What characterizes our efforts in this regard?

Firstly, it involves developing a clear understanding at the time of what Spiritual Formation is, among teachers, students and parents. For his disciples at the time when Jesus walked as God incarnate on this earth, spiritual formation meant being with him, learning to be like him. They were his students or apprentices in kingdom living. They heard what he said and observed what he did, and then, under his direction, they simply began to do and say the same things. Imperfectly, yes, but progressively.

Today, we want the same thing to take place. Jesus the resurrected Lord still walks throughout the world through the Holy Spirit and he invites us to walk with him. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls' (Matt 11:29). We teach our student that taking Jesus' yoke means joining him in his work, making our work his work. It means learning to rely on him to show us how to live while he pours his life into us.

Secondly, we teach our students that the goal of Spiritual Formation is not preparation for some special religious activity but it is learning to live moment-by-moment from the reality of God's Kingdom. We want to teach our children to translate the reading and understanding of God's Word into a moment-by-moment practical outworking of this knowledge. The outcome will be that we are increasingly able to do all things, speaking or acting, as if Christ were doing them (Col 3:17). Spiritual Formation is learning to live my actual life as Jesus would if he were me.

Thirdly, whether our students become lawyers, architects, cashiers, CEO's or bank managers, they must know that they are just

as much in 'full-time' Christian service as a pastor or missionary. Jesus stands beside me and teaches me in all I do to live in God's world. As I grow as his disciple, I am increasingly able to find the reality of God's world everywhere I may be and my life becomes a constant testimony of his abiding presence. Students should be led into an understanding that serving in the area of their calling in a corporate world can be integrated into the Kingdom of God as much as someone attempting to win another to Christ or preparing a sermon. Unless we succeed in this. graduates will miss Jesus' connection between life and God and will automatically exclude most of their everyday lives from the domain of faith and discipleship.

Lastly, we are a discipleship school and this relates to our Spiritual Formation philosophy. In Matt 11:29, the 'learning from him' is meant to occur under the oversight of his people. We view our teachers as commissioned to make disciples, to surround them with the reality of God's kingdom, and to teach them to do 'everything I have commanded you' (Matt 28:20). The disciples we make are his disciples, not ours. We are his apprentices along with our students and we can only echo Paul when he says 'Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.' (1 Cor 11:1)

In summary, then, The King's School espouses a programme of Spiritual Formation of students which:

Promotes a progressive, incremental growth in 'Christ-likeness'.

 Encourages the evaluation of our moment-by-moment existence against the life and teachings of Christ,

Sets a goal of living and thinking 'Christianly' in every profession or activity, and

 Bears fruit in students under the mentorship of mature Christ-followers, their teachers.

Mr. Ken Langley - Executive Principal

The Blessing of the Cloak

A Sacred Tradition at The King's School West Rand

Each year at The King's School West Rand, we mark the beginning of the Grade 12 journey with a deeply symbolic and heartfelt tradition: the presentation of the matric jackets. This is no ordinary rite of passage; it is a moment rooted in scripture and steeped in prayer.

Inspired by 1 Kings 19, where Elijah places his cloak upon Elisha, this tradition reminds us of the sacred calling and responsibility placed upon each student. As teachers, we have the profound honor of placing the matric jackets onto the shoulders of our Grade 12s. This act is accompanied by prayers, asking for God's wisdom, strength, and guidance over them as they step into their final year of schooling and prepare for the journey ahead.

But the blessing doesn't stop there. In a beautiful act of unity and mentorship, the Grade 12s take their place as leaders by placing blazers on the Grade 8s, symbolically passing on the same blessing. This moment serves as a reminder of the community we share and the responsibility we have to lift each other up in faith and encourage-

Through these gestures, we affirm that each student is not only supported by their peers and teachers but also by God, who goes before them in all things. This tradition reflects the heart of our school's mission: to raise young men and women who will walk boldly in their God-given purpose.

May this act of blessing continue to inspire and unite us as a school community, reminding us that we are all part of a greater story—one of faith, hope, and love.



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Intermediate Phase learners received certificates for 100% school attendance for 2024.









PRESCHOOL NEWS:
OUR LITTLE ONES AT THE PRESCHOOL ARE HARD AT WORK.











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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FOOTBALL CLUB



We are thrilled to announce that four of our High School Soccer players will participate in the UK Football Tour in April 2025!

This incredible opportunity has been arranged by SwitchedOn Education UK, providing our U18 boys with four elite coaching clinics led by none other than Premier League Football Club, Tottenham Hotspur. This partnership underscores our commitment to showcasing the power of ambition and excellence—living by the motto: "To Dare Is To Do."

The tour's primary focus is on player development, offering our athletes invaluable experiences to hone their skills and broaden their horizons

Tour Highlights:

- Coaching Clinics: Exclusive sessions with Tottenham Hotspur's world-class coaches.
- Competitive Fixtures: Matches against top-tier Premier League Football

Education Programs, English Football League teams, or Elite Non-League opposition teams.

- Premier League Match: A chance to witness a live Premier League game featuring either Tottenham Hotspur or West Ham United.
- London Excursion: A full-day trip to explore the historic and vibrant city of London.
- Professional Gear: Each player will receive a complete football match kit, training gear, and a tracksuit.

We are incredibly proud and grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity granted to our players. We wish them every success as they embark on this exciting and transformative journey.

Let's cheer them on as they represent our school and showcase their talents on an international stage!

Congratulations to Dr. Shannon D'Oliveira-Cruz!

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Shannon D'Oliveira-Cruz, a former student of TKSWR who joined our school in 2002 and matriculated in 2016.

Shannon pursued her passion for oral health at WITS University, where she successfully completed two degrees:

Bachelor of Oral Health Sciences (Oral Hygiene)

Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS)



In December 2024, Shannon proudly graduated as a qualified dentist and is now set to complete her Community Service year in Swartruggens in 2025. We thank the Lord for giving Shannon this opportunity and know that she will honour the Lord in all that she does.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of Shannon's dedication and hard work, and we wish her continued success and fulfillment in her career as a dentist. She is an inspiration to us all



CLUSTER DATES / ROODEPOORT CHAMPS / D12 AND GAUTENG

| | PRIMARY SCHOOL | HIGH SCHOOL - u15 / u17 / u19 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fri - 31 Jan | | @ HS Bekker Friendly |
| Sat – 1 Feb | @ Crawford Friendly | |
| Fri - 7 Feb | | @ HS Florida Friendly |
| | | |
| Thur – 6 Feb | Cluster A @ Ruimsig Stadium | |
| Roodepoort | Thursday – 13 Feb | Friday – 14 Feb |
| Champs | @ Ruimsig Stadium | @ Florida HS |
| D12 | Tuesday – 18 Feb | Friday – 21 Feb |
| | @ Ruimsig Stadium | @ Florida HS |
| Gauteng | TBC | Friday & Saturday – 14 & 15 Mar |
| Champs | | Venue TBC |
| SA's | 2-5 April (Wed – Sat) | 2-5 April (Wed – Sat) |
| | Eastern Cape | Free State |

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Primary School Swimming Galas

DateGala venueAway/ Home07 February 2025The King's School west randHome21 February 2025Le SalleAway28 February 2025The King's School west randHome

High School Swimming Galas

| Date | Gala venue | Away/ Home |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 23 January 2025 | Allen Glen High School | Away |
| 30 January 2025 | The King's School west rand | Home |
| 6 February 2025 | Allen Glen High School | Away |
| 13 February 2025 | Crawford Ruimsig | Away |
| 20 February 2025 | Reddford House | Away |
| 27 February 2025 | Peacan Wood | Away |
| 6 March 2025 | Interschool Gala at De La Salle | Away |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday Thursda | | Friday | Saturday | | |
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| Ja | NUa | ery | 1 New Year's Day | 2 First day cleaing staff | 3 | 4 | | |
| 5 | 6 Staff Conference | 7 Staff Conference Meet the Teacher - ECD & FP Gr 8 Orientation | 8 School starts Term 1 Gr 8 Orientation | 9 LRC nominations Gr 8 Orientation | 10 New staff training Annual assessment & year plans due Gr 8 Orientation | 11 Gr 8 Orientation | | |
| 12 Gr 8 Orientation | Extra Murals start 100% Attendance certificate assembly Gr 8 concert | 14 PS New parents information evening | 15 | 16 Term Plans due LRC Voting HS New parents information evening | 17 Google calenders due FP Athletics & parent mingle | 18 GR12 Physical Science Workshop | | |
| 19 | 20 Class visits & book control begin LRC Announcement | 21 Photo Day LRC Training | 22 | 23 HS Evening of Excellence | 24 Markbooks Finalised | 25 New Mom's Tea GR10 - 12 History workshop Gr 10 Hike | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 IEB Principal's Meeting | 29 FP Parent workshop | 30 GR7 Sexuality talk | 31 Prefect Training Bekker HS Athletics | Parent's Workshop for Foundation Phase moved from 29 Jan to 8 Feb | | |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday 1 IEB Gr 12 Conference PS Athletics Crawford GR12 Math Workshop | Sunday | Monday Monday | | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday 1 Open Day IEB GR12 Conference |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | GR10 Elevate Study skills GR7 Sexuality talk GR9 Subject choice evening | 7 Phase meetings HS Athletics Florida Class visit reflection due | 8 IEB GR12 Conference GR11-12 Hike | 9 | 10 GR5-10, 12 Camp | 11 GR5-10, 12 Camp | 12 GR5-10, 12 Camp | 13 Festival of Fame | GR8 2028 Open Day HS Prefect Training 14 Festival of Fame | Netball / Soccer / Hockey festival 15 SACSSA Volleyball |
| 9 | Fun week Netball Soccer HS Hookey PS Cluster Athletics | 11 Fun week Board Meeting | 12 Fun week | 13 Fun week | 14 Fun week Mini Netball Clinic HS Athletics Roodepoort Champs | 15 Mini Netball Clinic Physical Science workshop GR4-7 Study skills workshop Agape Ball | 16 GR11 Camp | 17 GR11 Camp | 18 GR11 Camp | GR4 Day Camp | 20 School closes Term 1 | HS Athletics Gauteng Champs 21 Human Rights Day | HS Athletics Gauteng Champs |
| 16 | 17 New Learners progress report out PS Athletics Roodepoort Champs | 18 | 19 Individual photo update on Adam (Register teachers) | 20 PS D12 Athletics | 21 Staff meeting FP Moonlight picnic JTT U13 Soccer Tournament HS D12 Athletics | 22 IEB GR12 Conference JTT U13 Soccer Tournament Board Meeting | 23 | Festival of Fame 24 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12 | Pestival of Fame 25 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12 | Pestival of Fame 26 Drakensburg Hike- GR10-12 FP & GR12 Final report marks due Final comments | Festival of Fame Bapong outreach 27 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12 | Bapong outreach 28 HS Netball clinicitour Socoer / Hockey Clinic ISSA u19 Socor & Netball tournament | Bapong outreach 29 HS Netball dinicro ISSA u19 Soccer 8 Netball tournament |
| 23 | 24 IP Blue Certificate Assembly | 25 SACCSA Volleyball Netball, Chess Coaching courses | 26 Cradlestone Exhibition | 27 Cradlestone Exhibition | 28 Cradlestone Exhibition HS Prefect Training | | 30 ISSA u19 Socoer & Netball tournament | 31 | | n for moderation | | | |