



# ALBERTON BI-ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2024



30 YEARS OF QUALITY PRIVATE EDUCATION



# COLLEGE REFLECTION

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we enter the final stretch of 2024, I encourage everyone to balance academic rigour with self-care. The year has flown by, and soon we will see the results of our learners' hard work, dedication and commitment reflected in their report cards from Grade RRR to Grade 12.

This year has brought its challenges, but these experiences have made us stronger, wiser and more resilient. Together, we have achieved so much despite difficulties. Let us continue to support each other as we strive for the highest standards of education.

**Key factors in educational success include:**

- A safe and secure environment
- Discipline and control
- Quality education from experienced educators

We are dedicated to maintaining these factors and ensuring our learners are prepared for their upcoming exams. Your support is vital as we encourage all students to focus on their studies and minimise distractions in these crucial weeks.

**Highlights from the Second Half of 2024:**

Our annual Colour Run on 5 October was a tremendous success, thanks to the support of our learners, parents and staff. We look forward to next year's event!

We have retained our qualified staff for 2025 to ensure our learners continue to receive the best education.

Our solar panels are now operational, making the school officially off the grid.

Heritage Day celebrations showcased our diversity and unity, enriching our school community.

Our Parent Liaison Committee has been successfully established, enhancing school operations with the involvement of dedicated parents.

Google Classroom usage has improved significantly, providing excellent virtual support to our learners. Thank you to all parents and learners for participating in the Learner Satisfaction Index (LSI) and Parent Satisfaction Index (PSI) surveys. Your feedback is invaluable!

We appreciate all parents who consistently pay school fees, allowing us to deliver quality education.

Our expanded sport offerings have led to many teams qualifying for district tournaments, with options including basketball, karate, dancing and music.

As we approach the end of the year, let's focus on success and prepare for promotions to the next grade.



### Looking Ahead to 2025:

Leopards Rest Residential Estate will welcome new families to our school community.

We will provide new seating for learners during breaks and enhance outdoor eating areas.

Paving will cover sandy areas to improve accessibility on rainy days.

Robotics will be offered as a full-time subject, aligning with the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

We are committed to providing opportunities for all our learners to express, achieve and excel. Thank you for trusting us with their education and growth. As E.Y. Harburg said, "Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream do come true." Let us aim for new heights together!

Thank you for your ongoing support. God bless you all!

Sincerely

*Mr Basil Freitas*  
Executive Principal



# PRESCHOOL



As we approach the end of another successful academic year, it is important to reflect on our learners' progress and the key academic milestones achieved during Term 3 and Term 4. Our preschool continues to prioritise practical, hands-on learning experiences that support essential skills in a nurturing environment. This report highlights the academic activities, events and achievements of the past two terms.

## ACADEMIC APPROACH AND PROGRESS

### Practical, Experience-Based Learning

Young learners thrive through practical experiences, and our lessons are carefully designed to help them apply theoretical concepts. This approach fosters the development of cognitive, social and motor skills in a meaningful way. Each lesson begins with hands-on learning, whether it's science experiments, creative arts or outdoor exploration, making learners active participants in their journey.

### Grade R Readiness Test

In the final term, our Grade R learners prepared for their Grade R Readiness Test. Thanks to a comprehensive curriculum emphasising literacy, numeracy and problem-solving, we have full confidence they will excel. Our teachers have worked diligently to equip each learner with the knowledge and confidence needed for a smooth transition to Grade 1. We wish our Grade R learners every success as they reach this milestone, knowing they are well-prepared for the next phase of their academic journey.

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Weekly Baking Sessions

Beyond core academics, our preschool encourages creativity and practical life skills through weekly baking sessions. Learners practise counting, measuring and following instructions, while also building teamwork and cooperation. These sessions, a favourite among learners, not only enhance math and science skills but also boost fine motor development and self-confidence.

### Phase Transitioning Day – 14th September 2024

On 14 September, we hosted a successful Phase Transitioning Day for our Grade R learners and their parents. This event provided a chance to meet the Grade 1 teachers, receive an overview of the coming year's expectations and address questions about the transition. The day was informative and reassuring for both parents and learners, easing any anxieties and building excitement for the next chapter.

### Prize Giving and Grade R Graduation – 30th November 2024

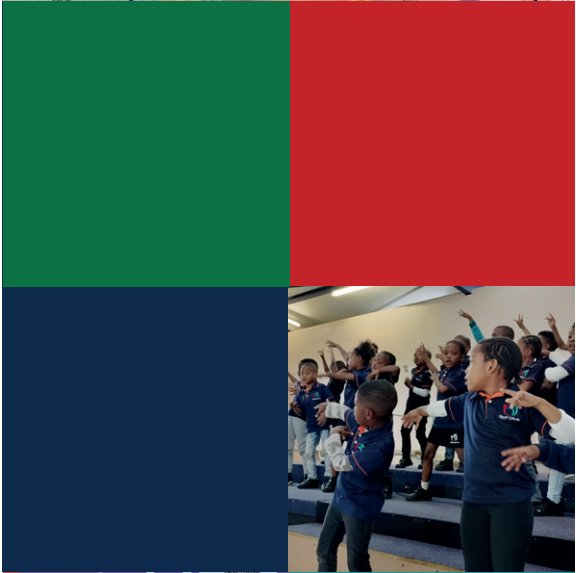
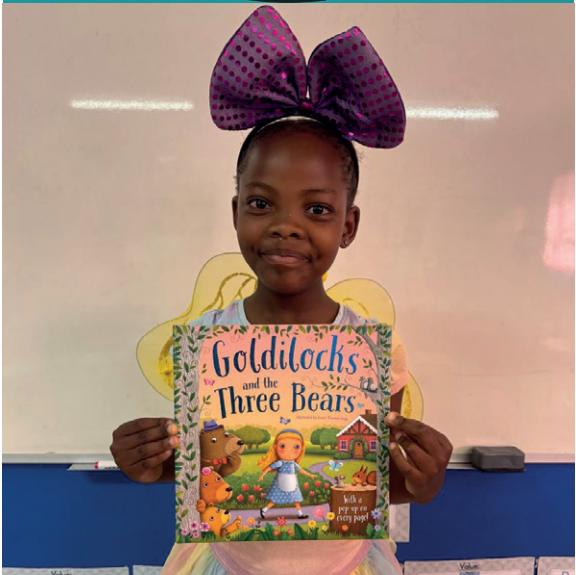
We were excited to close the year with our much-anticipated Prize Giving and Grade R Graduation ceremony on 30th November. This celebration recognised the hard work, growth and achievements of all our learners. For our Grade R learners, it was a bittersweet occasion as we honoured their dedication and bade them farewell as they advance. This event was a wonderful opportunity for parents, teachers and learners to celebrate the year's successes and look forward to the future with pride.





The past two terms have been filled with learning, growth and academic milestones. Through practical experiences and well-structured lessons, our learners have developed important foundational skills. With the Grade R Readiness Test, Phase Transitioning Day and recent Prize Giving and Graduation, we are confident that our learners are ready for the challenges ahead.

We are immensely proud of each learner’s progress and look forward to celebrating their achievements as we close the year on a high note.



# PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMICS

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS SHINES AT ROYAL SCHOOLS ALBERTON

At RSA, we take immense pride in our learners' remarkable achievements in academics this year. A significant highlight was the participation of two outstanding learners in the prestigious WITS Olympiad. After excelling in the initial rounds, they advanced to the next level, culminating in an exciting prize-giving ceremony held in September.

Additionally, we celebrated an exceptional performance in the annual Academic Challenge Interschools competition. Our learners competed fiercely in several categories, and we are thrilled to recognise their hard-earned successes:

### Spelling Bee

- Intermediate Phase: Outstanding effort and resilience.
- Senior Phase: Showcased superb spelling skills.

### Mental Maths

Our youngest learners amazed everyone with their quick calculations. One of the crowning moments was securing 2nd place overall for Grades 4-9. Our hard work culminated in this extraordinary achievement.

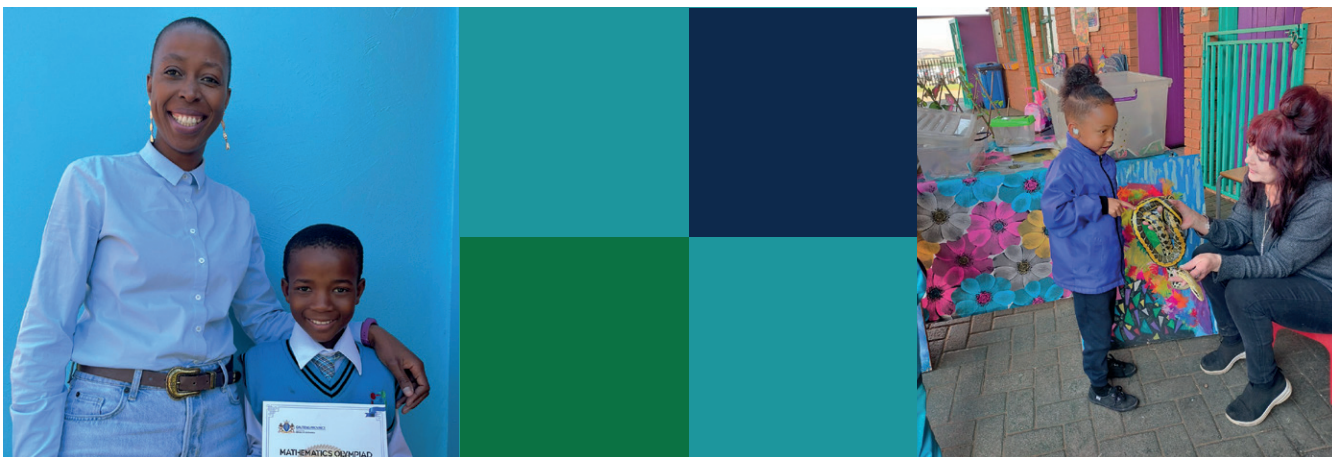
We also honoured our most improved learners with an Achievers tea, recognising their dedication and hard work. It was a delightful moment to pause and celebrate the fruits of their labour.

The Top 10 learners in the competition had the opportunity to shine brightly among their peers, showcasing the academic excellence that defines our school. Their perseverance and dedication continue to inspire others.

At the Primary School, excellence is our goal and this year has been no exception!

*Mrs M. Neill*

Primary School Principal







**GRADE  
7**

**TOP 10**

# PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURE

## Royal Schools Alberton's Vibrant Choir: A Harmony of Talent, Teamwork, and Growth

Royal Schools Alberton boasts a vibrant and growing choir that plays an essential role in the school's cultural and artistic life. The programme aims to instil a love for music, foster teamwork and develop the musical talents of our learners.

Open to all primary school learners, choir rehearsals typically take place after school or during breaks, ensuring participation does not interfere with academic commitments.

Throughout the year, the choir participated in numerous events including school assemblies, cultural festivals and competitions. A standout moment was during a talent competition held at the school where the choir was invited to perform. This opportunity allowed learners to gain confidence and showcase their skills in front of a large audience. The choir's involvement in such events fosters pride and unity among the learners, encouraging them to strive for excellence. Being part of the choir also teaches students discipline as they commit to regular practice sessions and performances.

Beyond personal development, the choir serves as a social outlet, bringing together learners from different grades to form friendships and bonds that might not occur in the usual classroom setting. Thus, the choir significantly promotes a sense of community within the school.

The future looks bright for the choir at Royal Schools Alberton. Plans are in place to expand its scope by competing with other schools and engaging with community choirs, broadening learners' musical experiences. With continued support from the school administration and parents, the choir is set to reach new heights.

## A Night to Remember: Thrilling Performances at 'The Oscar Goes To'

Our recent school concert was a night of pure joy, bursting with excitement and unforgettable performances from our talented learners. The energy was electric as children took the stage to showcase their abilities in acting, dancing and more.

Each class brought its unique flair with thrilling performances that left the audience cheering for more. The acting segments captivated everyone with engaging stories and characters brought to life by our young stars. The dancers dazzled us with impressive moves, demonstrating creativity and teamwork as they performed beautifully choreographed routines.

This event celebrated the children's hard work and dedication, and it was clear they loved every moment on stage. Laughter, smiles and applause filled the air, creating a magical atmosphere that everyone will remember for years to come.

We couldn't be prouder of our learners for putting on such a spectacular show and making this concert a night to remember! A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers and learners who contributed to its success.



# CELEBRATING FUN AND LEARNING

In the primary school, we believe that learning should be an adventure! This year has been bursting with excitement and unforgettable experiences. Here are some highlights:

## **International Science Day**

Our learners dove into the wonders of science with hands-on experiments and interactive activities. Curiosity soared as they explored the magic of the natural world!

## **World Literacy Day – Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character**

World Literacy Day transformed our school into a vibrant tapestry of imagination! Learners and teachers dressed as their favourite book characters, celebrating the joy of reading and the world it opens.

## **VR Education – A Space Adventure**

Our virtual reality space adventure was one of the year's most thrilling moments! Learners zoomed through the Milky Way, exploring planets and uncovering the mysteries of our solar system in a breathtaking journey.

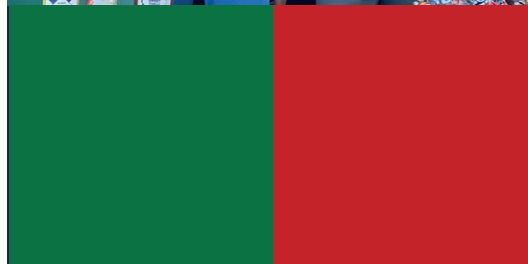
## **Summer Rainbow Rush Colour Run**

Our annual Colour Run was an explosion of fun! Learners, teachers and parents raced through clouds of colourful powder, creating a lively celebration of school spirit and teamwork.

## **A Royal Carnival Farewell**

This highlight event offered royal-themed games and activities, sending our senior learners off in style as they wrapped up their primary school journey.

These fantastic events have united our school community, blending education, creativity and responsibility.



# PRIMARY SCHOOL ROBOTICS

## Robotics Club Takes on Roboticon: A Day of Fun and Innovation!

On Saturday, 19th October, our school's Robotics Club dove into the excitement of the Roboticon competition! Representing the Foundation Phase were two enthusiastic learners, Omogolo Dabula from Grade 3 and Jabu Hlongwane from Grade 2, eager to showcase their skills.

The moment we arrived; the energy was electric! With big ideas and even bigger smiles, Omogolo and Jabu set up their station with support from Ms Alicia Venter and Ms Hinvira Sujan, who cheered them on. The challenge? Build a water collector from recycled materials and programme their robot using the RESLY system to scoop up water containers. With only two hours on the clock, it was go-time!

Our dynamic duo jumped into action, crafting their water collector from cardboard, glue and Prestik. Creativity flowed, but challenges arose—the attachment kept falling off and the robot struggled to grab the containers. Did that stop them? Not a chance! They tackled every obstacle with determination and laughter.

Though they didn't take home a prize, their spirits soared as they left with huge smiles, proud of their achievements and excited by what they had learnt. The day was all about trying new things, having fun and embracing those Royal Schools PIPE values like teamwork and resilience.

Omogolo and Jabu not only tasted competition; they soaked up the creativity and energy that make events like Roboticon unforgettable. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and positive vibes. What a fantastic day—great job Robotics Club!





# PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCIAL PROJECT

## Community Outreach: Spreading Kindness with Door of Hope

In a world where kindness matters, our school's Community Outreach Programme, in partnership with Door of Hope, shines as a beacon of hope. This faith-based organisation rescues and cares for abandoned babies, providing them with love, care and a safe home while they await adoption.

This year, our parents and learners have shown incredible generosity. In Term 3, we collected boxes filled with clothing, food and essentials for the babies, offering vital support. As we approach the Christmas season, we are gearing up to deliver even more supplies, reinforcing our commitment to helping vulnerable children.

Giving back to our community has always been important at RSA. This year, we celebrated International Charity Day by collecting non-perishable goods for our social project. Learners and families united to donate generously, knowing their contributions would make a difference. It was a heartwarming day that underscored the values of kindness and social responsibility.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch a Christmas Shoebox Drive for our local nursery schools, spreading joy and brightening the lives of little ones. Together, we're making a real difference in our community.



# HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

## Academic Interventions and Support

We are pleased to report on the continued success of our academic intervention programmes. After-school classes have been instrumental in providing additional support to learners who require assistance in specific subjects. These sessions have fostered a more conducive learning environment, allowing learners to receive personalised attention and address their academic challenges effectively.

## Academic Olympiads

Our learners continue to shine in various academic Olympiads. I am delighted to report that our learners have excelled in the following competitions:

1. Provincial Mathematics Olympiad: Several of our learners achieved top rankings in the Provincial Mathematics Olympiad. Their problem-solving skills and mathematical prowess are commendable.
2. Technology Olympiad: Our tech-savvy learners participated enthusiastically in the Technology Olympiad. Their innovative solutions and passion for STEM subjects are truly inspiring.
3. Economics Olympiad: Our economics enthusiasts demonstrated their understanding of economic principles and critical thinking abilities. Their performance in the Economics Olympiad reflects their dedication to learning beyond the classroom.

## Google Classroom

Embracing technological advancements, we have continued to utilise Google Classroom as a valuable tool for teaching and learning. This platform has proven invaluable in ensuring that education remains uninterrupted, even when learners are unable to attend physical classes due to unforeseen circumstances like illness. Google Classroom has facilitated seamless communication between teachers and learners, it has provided access to educational resources and enabled collaborative learning experiences.

As we reflect on the past six months, I am filled with pride and gratitude. Our school community has demonstrated resilience, adaptability and a shared commitment to education. Let us continue to collaborate, celebrate achievements and overcome challenges together.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

*A Zivave*  
High School Principal







# HIGH SCHOOL CULTURE

It is my pleasure to share with you the vibrant cultural activities that have unfolded within our school. Our commitment to nurturing talent, fostering creativity and celebrating artistic excellence remains unwavering. Let us delve into the remarkable achievements and events that define our cultural landscape!

## **Amazing School Choir**

Our school choir—a harmonious blend of voices and passion—continues to make waves. They are currently participating in a prestigious tournament sponsored by telecommunications giant MTN. Their dedication to music and spirited performances have garnered admiration from both peers and adjudicators. I am thrilled to announce that our choir recently received the Emerald Award at the Eisteddfod, an astounding achievement that propels them to the international stage. Let us applaud their hard work and musical brilliance.

## **Lebogang Ramathibela: Miss Charm Teen Beauty Pageant Winner**

In the realm of beauty and grace, one of our Grade 12 learners, Lebogang Ramathibela, has soared to new heights. She emerged victorious in the Miss Teen Charm Beauty Pageant South Africa—a testament to her poise, intelligence and inner radiance. Lebogang will soon represent our nation in South America, and we couldn't be prouder. Her journey exemplifies the power of confidence, resilience and the pursuit of dreams. We wish her every success on this international platform.

## **A Night of Talent: The August Concert**

As August drew to a close, our school hosted an unforgettable concert—a celebration of live performance and dance. Learners, parents and staff gathered to witness the sheer abundance of talent within our walls. From soul-stirring melodies to electrifying dance routines, our learners left the audience spellbound. Parents marvelled at the creativity, dedication and sheer passion displayed by our young artists. It was a night to remember, one that reaffirmed our belief in the transformative power of culture.

## **Nurturing Artistic Gifts**

Our commitment extends beyond applause and accolades. We recognise that some of our learners possess extraordinary artistic gifts, which deserve nurturing and showcasing. Whether through music, dance, visual arts or poetry, we aim to provide fertile ground for creativity to flourish. As we move forward, we will continue to support cultural initiatives, workshops and collaborations. Our learners are not just scholars; they are artists, visionaries and storytellers shaping the fabric of our community.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our cultural coordinators, teachers and all those who contribute to our vibrant cultural tapestry. Let us celebrate the magic that unfolds when passion meets practice, when voices harmonise and when art transcends boundaries. Together we create a legacy, one that resonates far beyond our school gates.

Thank you for being part of this cultural journey.



# HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

## **IT and Robotics Integration**

As we reach the end of this academic year, I am thrilled to share the remarkable strides our school has taken in embracing technology and preparing our learners for the challenges of the 21st century. Our commitment to excellence extends beyond traditional classrooms and I am proud to highlight the following initiatives:

### **Computer Literacy for Senior Phase Learners**

In an era where technology permeates every aspect of our lives, computer literacy is no longer a mere skill; it's a necessity. Our senior phase learners benefit from dedicated computer lessons that equip them with essential digital tools and knowledge, ensuring they are well-prepared for the ever-evolving tech landscape. From basic software proficiency to responsible internet use, our learners are gaining valuable skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

### **Computer Applications Technology (CAT) in the FET Phase**

This year marks a historic milestone for our school. For the first time, we have accommodated two groups of learners who have chosen Computer Applications Technology as a subject in the Further Education and Training (FET) phase. CAT goes beyond theory; it empowers learners to apply their knowledge practically. By offering CAT, we demonstrate our commitment to nurturing future professionals who can navigate the digital world with confidence. Our learners are not just users; they are creators and problem solvers.

### **Smart Boards: Transforming Learning Spaces**

Early in the year, we installed state-of-the-art smart boards in our classrooms. These interactive displays have revolutionised the learning environment. Teachers can seamlessly integrate multimedia content, annotate lessons and engage learners in dynamic discussions. Learners, in turn, actively participate, collaborate and explore concepts visually. The smart boards have turned our classrooms into vibrant hubs of discovery, making learning both easier and more exciting.

### **Robotics: Pioneering Curricular Innovation**

Looking ahead, we have an exciting development on the horizon. Starting next year, Robotics will be an official subject in the curricula for Grades 8 and 9. Why Robotics? Because it's more than just building robots; it's about fostering creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking. Our young innovators will explore coding, engineering and automation. They will design, programme and test their robotic creations. By introducing Robotics, we aim to ignite curiosity, inspire inventiveness and prepare our learners for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

As we celebrate these achievements, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated educators, supportive parents and enthusiastic learners. Together, we are shaping a future where technology enhances education, empowers minds and opens doors to endless possibilities. Let us continue to embrace innovation, adapt to change and nurture the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for being part of our transformative journey.



# HIGH SCHOOL FUN DAYS

The sun painted our school grounds with warmth, laughter and vibrant hues as we recently celebrated a memorable Fun Day—a day etched in our hearts forever. Let me take you on a colourful journey through the festivities that unfolded!

## The Colour Run: A Riot of Joy

Our Colour Run was nothing short of spectacular! Imagine a kaleidoscope of laughter as learners dashed through clouds of powdered colours, leaving trails of joy behind. As they sprinted, twirled and danced, the air buzzed with excitement. Friends became living rainbows and even our teachers couldn't resist joining in. The spirit of camaraderie and sheer delight enveloped us all.

## Fun Games and Playful Antics

From sack races to three-legged challenges, our learners revelled in old-fashioned games. The grassy field echoed with cheers as teams competed, faces adorned with rainbow streaks. Tug-of-war battles tested strength and unity, while the egg-and-spoon race turned into a delightful mess of giggles. Our teachers, too, shed their seriousness, becoming cheerleaders and referees. It was a day when playfulness trumped textbooks.

## Running Wild

The track was our canvas and our learners painted it with energy. Some sprinted like gazelles, while others jogged at their own pace. The Colour Run wasn't just about speed; it was about freedom—the exhilarating feeling of the wind against the skin and the promise of adventure around every corner. As they crossed the finish line, faces flushed and hearts pounding, they knew they'd created memories to cherish.

## Artistic Flourishes

Colouring stations dotted the route, inviting participants to add their personal touch. Handprints adorned





trees and footprints danced along the path. Our school transformed into an open-air gallery where creativity knew no bounds. Amid the chaos of colours, friendships deepened and new connections formed. Art, it seems, has a magical way of bringing hearts together.

### Music and Gastronomic Delights

Our talented DJs serenaded us throughout the day. From acoustic melodies to foot-tapping beats, their playlists set the rhythm for our joyous gathering. And what's a celebration without food? Our stalls offered delectable treats like rainbow cupcakes, fruit skewers and ice-cold drinks.

### Grade 12 Learners' 40 Days Fun Day

The Grade 12 learners, clad in their "pimped" uniforms, celebrated this day of carefree abandon. Amid the laughter and silly games, some seized the moment. With hearts racing, they knelt on the grass, holding out flowers and nervous smiles. Fun Day became Proposal Day, with matric dance dates asked and tears of joy flowing. Romance bloomed amidst the chaos, and our school witnessed courtship in its purest, innocent form.

As we pack away the memories, colour-streaked shirts and laughter echoing in our ears, I am reminded that education isn't just about textbooks and exams; It's about these moments that ignite our souls, bond us as a community and remind us why we are here. Let us carry this spirit forward, nurturing both minds and hearts.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant canvas of joy.



# HIGH SCHOOL ELC/RCL

## Letter from the Headboy

As Head Boy of Royal Schools Alberton, I am continually inspired by the dedication and passion of our learners, teachers and staff. The school's commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment is outstanding. From an innovative curriculum to countless extracurricular opportunities, Royal Schools Alberton delivers a world-class education that equips learners for success in all areas of life.

The advanced technology in our classrooms showcases our school's priority on providing top-notch education. I feel privileged to be part of this community and to witness the positive impact it has on our lives.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs only to the people who prepare for it today."  
Malcolm X

*Brandon Sango*

High School Head Boy (Class of 2024)

# ALBERTON SPORT

## Celebrating Sporting Excellence: A Glance at Our School's Sport Achievements

Across both Primary and High School, Term 3 and 4 sports activities highlighted our learners' strengths in various disciplines while identifying areas for growth, especially in endurance and strategic planning. As we look forward to next year, we aim to address these areas through focused training sessions and enhanced support for our learner-athletes.

### Volleyball

23 July 2024: RSA vs Khehlele Primary School – Our players displayed effort and determination, but we identified areas where improvement is needed for future games.

20 August 2024: RSA vs Setsing Primary School – RSA players showed great energy, but we recognised a need to work on stamina for better game performance.

### RSA vs Royal School Sky City – Mixed Sport

24 July 2024: RSA vs Royal Schools Sky City – This event featured RSA's primary and high school teams competing in various sport against Royal School Sky City. RSA teams performed well across the board, showing promising skills and teamwork.

### Chess

22 August 2024: RSA vs Royal Schools Sky City and other schools – Both Primary and High School learners participated in chess games. While RSA showed strategic play, this event highlighted areas for improvement to strengthen our players' game.

### Soccer and Netball

13 August 2024: RSA vs Dawnview High School – These matches were challenging, with RSA teams facing strong competition. Our teams won one match and lost one, showing resilience and dedication.

### Volleyball

15 August 2024: Royal Schools Alberton vs Landulwazi Comprehensive School – RSA dominated most matches, displaying skill and coordination, contributing to a positive outcome.

10 October 2024: RSA vs Parklands High School – The matches included both wins and draws, showcasing the competitive spirit and solid skills of our learners.

### Chess

22 August 2024: RSA vs Royal Schools Sky City and other schools – High school learners also competed in chess, with our players demonstrating skill. However, we identified areas for improvement to refine strategy and execution.

### Basketball

7 September 2024: U18 Boys' Basketball at the Ekurhuleni South Schools Basketball Competition, Huntersfield Stadium – Our U18 basketball team from Royal Schools Alberton participated in a highly competitive event, showcasing their talent and teamwork on a bigger stage.







# AFTERCARE

Over the past two terms, our aftercare programme has provided learners with a safe, structured and supportive environment. Our dedicated aftercare teachers have been instrumental in assisting learners with their homework, reinforcing classroom lessons and offering guidance. This additional support has been well-received by both learners and parents, contributing to improved academic performance and greater confidence among our learners.

We have maintained open communication with parents, ensuring they're aware of the aftercare programme's benefits. Regular updates and communication have proven effective, with consistent new enrolments each term. Our growing numbers reflect the trust parents place in our team and the high standard of care we provide.

Beyond homework help, we've implemented a range of engaging activities that promote social skills, creativity and physical well-being, creating a balanced and enriching experience for every learner. Parental feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their appreciation for the nurturing environment our programme offers.

As we move forward, we're committed to enhancing our services and will continue to seek feedback to meet parents' expectations. With each intake, we look forward to welcoming more learners into our aftercare family and supporting them as they thrive academically and personally.

We are proud of this year's progress and excited to continue building on this foundation in the coming terms.

