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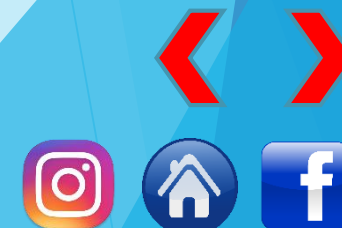
Learning through Diversity

Recently we welcomed the exchange students from across the world by showcasing their national flags alongside our beautiful national flag. We further acknowledge our diversity at Bergvliet, as we acknowledge our staff and learners from across our African continent.

At Bergvliet High we believe we learn through our diversity. We learn that the bonds that bind us all together as human beings override national borders and perceived differences. We celebrate being together. We celebrate learning from each other. We welcome our fellow staff and learners from across Africa. You bring your lived experience and weave your personal stories into the tapestry of Bergvliet High's story. This is what brings us together. This is what creates shared memories. This is what breaks down barriers between us. We see you as companions and friends, not as refugees to be feared or to be treated as "less than", and we are delighted to share our mutual journey with you.

Today the national flags of Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Rwanda, Swaziland and Namibia flutter over Bergvliet High, high against the backdrop of a blue African sky.

Stephen Price
Principal



HOME FROM HOME

The staff and learners at Bergvliet High School always try their best to make the exchange students feel welcome, so their stay here is a happy and positive experience.

Having hoisted their countries flags at the front of the school, Mrs Papangeli asked them to write a short paragraph on their experiences so far....

Sara from Italy
My experience in Bergvliet so far. I've been feeling quite happy, initially it was difficult because I often felt lost, but now I'm comfortable walking on my own around the school. People have always been really kind to me and free to help, I didn't find anyone who wasn't happy to talk to me or make me feel included, and I am really grateful for that. I still struggle a bit with scientific subjects, but apart from that I wouldn't change my experience for anything else.



Italy

The only things that I can say about the school is that I really love it. The classmates are always really nice and they always help you. I have some problem with the language but now is getting better and probably the history test went a little bad because for me it was a little too long but it's ok, I will be better! I don't have any problem with the school and thank you for the flag outside! Thank you and have a good day!

Emi from Italy

Since the second day I've felt comfortable walking around the school, the other students are nice and kind with me. The teachers are inclusive and they always ask us if we need help or if everything is fine. I'm happy that the school added our flags outside, I'm not struggling too much with the subjects and I really enjoy BHS!

Annemie from Germany

5 weeks now at Bergvliet High and I can't even count how many kind and open minded people I already met here! I really am glad about the openness I am greeted here with, as an exchange student, I feel very welcome! Everything has been great so far and I hope it's gonna continue the same way it started!



Konstantin from Germany

My first experiences at Bergvliet High School are very positive. I noticed that many students (and teachers of course are extremely friendly and wanted to integrate me into their community. I'm so happy about this friendliness. Furthermore I like the system of only 30-45 minute-lessons. This keeps the lessons short. I also appreciate most of the teachers' efforts to include me in their lessons as much as possible. I think this is not natural. Something else? Oh yes... the other exchange students are also very friendly and we have respectful and respected dealings. As you see, my first experiences are (only) positive and I'm glad to study at Bergvliet High.



Patcha from Thailand

I'm happy to be here because people are very nice to me. I would say it has something similar to my school. It is we can choose subject to learn in high school so I chose business, consumer and geography. Business and consumer I also learned at my school and I can say something topic I already learned. The topic is quite easy if it is in Thai but now I learn in English so it is quite hard for me to understand. I can understand but not 100%. I'm not too bored in class because it is only 40 or 30 minutes per period but in my school is 1.30 hours or 3 hours per period.

Everything is ok for me. I'm not to worry about it and at first that I say people are very nice because they help me a lot with homework, explain something for me to make me understand easier.

We love having you with us, all the best for the rest of your stay.



Day of Prayer

A Day of Prayer was held at the school on the 23rd September which included a “minute’s silence” at 12:00.

All visitors, learners and staff were requested to stop what they are doing and be silent until another announcement was made.

The Last Post was played at the flagpole by music teacher, Ms. Hayley Joorst.

“As a school, we need to be mindful of the painful and tragic reality that some of our families, past and present, have lost loved ones to Covid 19” Mr. Stephen Price.

Thank you to Ms Joorst for playing so sympathetically and to Mrs Vossgetter for the recording which can be viewed on the schools Facebook page, [LINK](#) at the bottom of this page.



TREATS ALL ROUND

On a rainy morning in September the matrics were given a special treat with two coffee trucks waiting to serve them hot chocolate/coffee and a doughnut all thanks to the SLT, SGB and educators.

"This is the BHS way of showing the matrics how much we appreciate and care for them during these stressful times" - Mrs Bianca Jacobs

Proving once again that Bergvliet High is a school that cares and goes one step further for their learners.



The teachers received heartfelt messages and a sweet treat from the Matrics - what a lovely gesture.

Matrics your thoughtfulness was much appreciated!





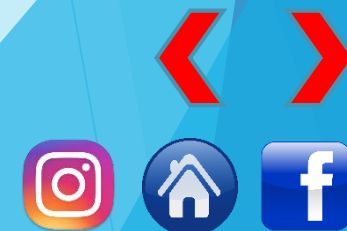
SOME LIGHT RELIEF

The Grade 12 committee approached the SLT with the idea of a Dressing Up Day to celebrate their last academic day at school.

Mrs Jacobs said, "It's been a tough year for them and we thought it would be nice to give them this day, to show our appreciation. They have been doing great so far and definitely deserved some light relief"

"I think this day also took their minds off their studies a bit. They are so stressed and this was just a way to ease that stress" Mrs Bianca Jacobs

All the best with your upcoming exams.



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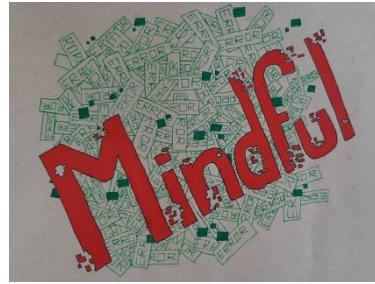


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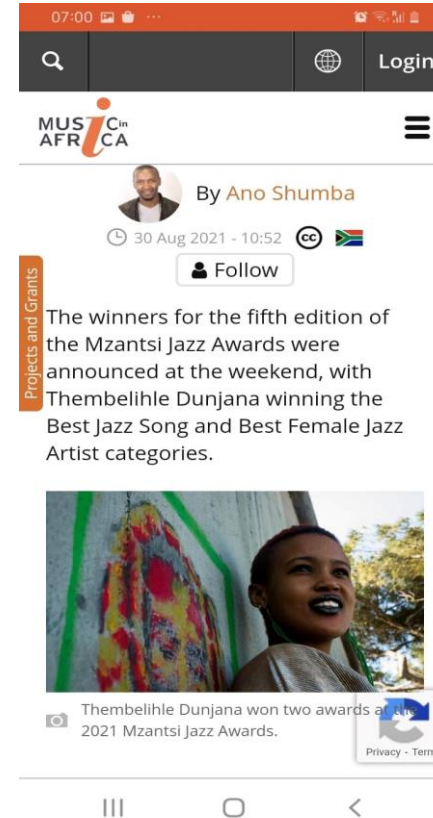
SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

We are excited that, Bergvliet High hosted it's first ever Grade 12 Dance mock exam and completed a formal National Practical exam.

Mrs Tania Vossgetter said, "I look forward to journeying with many more students within my department. Exciting times".



We have a number of exceptional role models at Bergvliet High School and Mr. Peter Furstenburg is no exception. Mr. Furstenburg has been involved with WP Squash for 19 years and SA Schools Squash for the past 12 years and we are very proud to announce that he has been elected as the National Vice-Chairperson of SA Schools Squash. This is worthy recognition indeed and we wish him all the best as he takes on this new role!



We are over the moon to announce that our Jazz piano teacher Ms. Thembelihle Dunjana walked away with two Mzantsi 2021 Jazz Awards Best Jazz Song and Best Female Jazz Artist. Many congratulations!





Western Province Colours for Tanith

Tanith de Wet in grade 9 competed in the South African Sports Aerobics Fitness and Hip Hop Championship on 18 September 2021, where she obtained her Western Province colours.

She is also currently competing in the Move National Dance Competition and received 1st place in the Bronze status for Modern Dance. Her crew is through to the finals for Hip Hop, which takes place this Sunday in Sea Point.

Congratulations Tanith and all the best to you and your crew for this coming weekend – we know you've got this!!

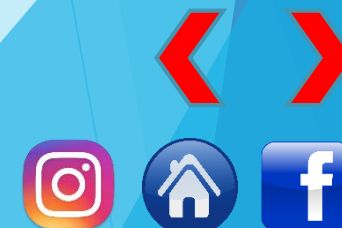


On Saturday Bergvliet High School was a buzz with Cape Metro schools under 14 table tennis trials.

Table tennis coach Mr. Ashley Wesson, who helped organize this event, was especially proud of his team, with 3 of his group making it through to the next round.

Finding a sense of belonging in the community and building healthy relationships.

All the best with the next round of trials guys!!



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