



19 February 2021

Dear Saints Family

2020 MATRIC RESULTS

St Stithians College describes itself as a proudly South African school. This pride is central to our identity and together with our Methodist ethos and values, we were called in 2020 to stand on the bedrock of all that we hold dear. We are immensely proud of the young men and women of character who stood firm and who leave this College as the Class of 2020 to make their contributions to our beloved country and beyond.

One of the aims of our Statement of Purpose is to 'combine tradition with innovation, and academic ambition with holistic education as distinguishing features of the St Stithians journey'. Our College as a whole, and our Matriculants in particular, have shown us that this is not just an aim but an integral part of the Saints experience. With the abrupt interruption to our academic year, our staff and students turned tradition into innovation and within days had online classes up and running. We believe that the holistic education offered to our students by the College is one of the factors that enabled them to face the trials and tribulations with resilience. They put their heads down and did what they had to do, without complaint.

We celebrate the academic excellence so evident in these results. We are aware that results that come in the form of percentages and statistics do little to reflect the efforts of individual students. We are also keenly aware that excellence is in superb marks, but it shines equally in the results of those who have shown up every day to meet their particular challenges, determined to exceed their own expectations. As a cohort, these Matriculants will be remembered in the history of the school and looked upon as role models, teaching us how to face adversity and rise to make a world of difference. They are destined for great things.

As we look back on 2020, we are deeply cognisant of the many losses that the College and our community have had to endure. We have lost loved ones, and many have been ill, but we have drawn closer together with a new and deeper sense of belonging. The Matric year brings with it leadership opportunities and rites of passage. Our students work towards and cherish many of these events long before the Grade 12 year starts. They have missed sporting, social and cultural activities; they have missed singing the last verse of the school song with gusto and so many of the little and larger rites of passage that bring closure to a school journey.

Our theme for 2020 was *#BeStrongerOne&All*. The lesson learnt from this year is not only that we need one another, but that when need is there, the depth of support from parents, guardians, staff and friends of the school is deep and unwavering. We have felt the power of community. We are so grateful to each one of you for sharing the load with us and making us stronger in so many ways. If we had known in advance what the plan for 2020 would be, you would have told us it was impossible, but you have done the impossible and more.

The announcement of results is the culmination of a much longer journey. From the first, tentative day at school to the confident young students who leave us with a National Senior Certificate, we thank our St Stithians teachers at the Junior Prep, the Boys' Prep, the Girls' Prep and Kamoka Bush School, and those teachers at all the other primary schools, who have done what dedicated teachers do – given selflessly in the service of their students. Yours is the work of legacy.

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE. MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

When the results of the Boys' College and the Girls' College are combined, our 242 candidates achieved a 100% Matric pass rate, a 98% Bachelor Degree (BD) pass rate, and a total of 587 subject distinctions (80% or more). Six students achieved the St Stithians *Summa Cum Laude* award – an average of 90% and above. A total of 137 students (57%) achieved an average of 70% or above. Twelve students achieved 18 subject marks in the top 1% of all IEB candidates.

Reflecting our model of a College of Schools, the results of the Boys' College and the Girls' College are published separately. Please click on the links below for each school.

[Girls' College Matric Results 2020](#)

[Boys' College Matric Results 2020](#)

Thank you and well done, One and All. We look forward to our latest generation of Old Stithians remaining connected as valued alumni to the College and our [Old Stithian Association](#), and telling the tales of 2020 as we meet them again in the years to come.

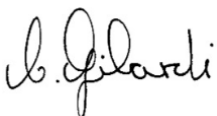
An anxious gap has been created through the results' being published so much later this year, and we are delighted that we can now share these with you. As the St Stithians community, we look forward to the publication of the public schools' Matric results; once these become available, we will celebrate the results of the students attending our Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy's Saturday School.

Our theme for this year is *#Hope+Light2021*. With this in mind, we offer this as comfort and inspiration to our Matriculants and to our entire St Stithians family:

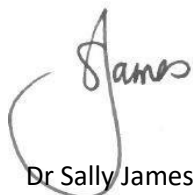
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." —Jeremiah 29:11

The light of our Matric Class of 2020 has shone brightly throughout 2020, and the road ahead is filled with opportunities. We wish our matrics well as they leave St Stithians taking their light with them, strong in the knowledge of 'Once a Saint, Always a Saint'.

Yours sincerely



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