

PRESS RELEASE

SOMERSET COLLEGE MATRIC RESULTS 2013

Somerset College, an independent co-educational school situated between Somerset West and Stellenbosch, congratulates its 120 matriculants for achieving a 100% pass rate in the 2013 Independent Examinations Board (IEB) Matric exams. A total of 252 distinctions were obtained with 98% of its candidates achieving the entry requirements to Bachelor Degree studies.

Somerset College is one of only a few ISASA schools to offer Afrikaans as “huistaal” (a home language option) and 1st additional language. This subject was taken by ten students and **Tessa du Toit** and **Helena Lategan** obtained distinctions for Afrikaans Home Language.

Meg Fargher, the Head of Somerset College Senior School, is delighted with the results, particularly the Mathematics results. Fifty percent of students who wrote Mathematics achieved distinctions in this subject which is an outstanding achievement.

Three Somerset College students were acknowledged by the IEB for Outstanding Achievement (Candidate ranked in the top 5% of learners in 6 or more subjects and scored 80% or more for Life Orientation). They are **Devon Haantjes**, **Tessa du Toit** and **Eduard du Plessis**.

Somerset College is also one of only a handful of independent schools in the Western Cape which writes the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) exam.

IN SUMMARY:

9 DISTINCTIONS:

Devon Haantjes

(Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science, Advance Programme Mathematics)

Devon Haantjes, Dux of School and recipient of the Facta Trophy (Citation for these awards)

Academically, Devon is an exemplary student who has achieved outstanding marks in all his assessments. He has been placed in first position in his grade for every assessment since Grade 8. An academic honours student, he has achieved significant academic awards for performances in Mathematics, English and Science Competitions. As a Student Leader he has served with distinction as the Head of the Sport. He is a keen golfer and has served as captain of the Somerset College Golf Team for the past two years. He has played 1st Team Tennis for the past two years and 2nd Team Hockey. Devon is a strong character and an independent thinker. He thinks creatively and is a problem-solver. He has impeccable manners and strong values and is considerate, compassionate and honest. In short, he is a man of integrity.

Devon was also the shared recipient of the Facta Trophy which is awarded to a matric student who made exceptional contributions to the College through their passion, commitment and achievement across a range of activities

8 DISTINCTIONS:

Jacqueline Blomendahl

(Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, German SAL, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science, Advance Programme Mathematics)

Tessa du Toit (Deputy Head Girl)

(Afrikaans HL, English HL, Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science)

Joseph Gebers

(Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, Life Science, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science, Advance Programme Mathematics)

Olivia Laing (Head Girl)

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science)

7 DISTINCTIONS:

Matthew Carruthers (Deputy Head Boy)

(English HL, History, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science, Advance Programme Mathematics)

Eduard du Plessis

(Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

Michaela Grieve

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

Niccoló Lami (Head Boy)

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, French SAL, History, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science)

Nadia Reuter

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

Tina Yaffes

(Afrikaans FAL, Consumer Studies, English HL, French SAL, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Visual Arts)

6 DISTINCTIONS:

David McPherson

(Afrikaans FAL, Geography, Life Science, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science)

Nina Strong

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science, Visual Arts)

Noelle van Biljon

(English HL, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Maths Paper 3, Physical Science, Visual Arts)

Hayley Walker

(Afrikaans FAL, Geography, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Science)

Dominique West

(Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

FAL: First Additional Language; HL: Home Language; SAL: Second Additional Language