

WHY LEARN?

WHAT CAN LIFELONG LEARNING OFFER YOU?

We are in a new age - the age of information and global competition...We have no choice but to prepare for this new age in which the key to success will be the continuous education and development of the human mind and imagination.' The Learning Age.

In the 21st Century, the new disadvantaged will be those who do not have the capacity to learn. They will sink, unable to change and adapt as they are flooded with ever more information and change. But learning is about more than just getting by in a changing world. Our ability to learn is what makes us human: we are born curious and our ability to continue learning is what defines us - as individuals, as communities and as societies. Learning can bring you, your family, your organisation and your community any number of benefits. Just some of them include:

- personal growth and expanded horizons
- increased employability and improved career development prospects
- a broader range of interests and a wider social life
- the ability to create your own future

LEARNING IS UP TO YOU!

AWARDS 2011

Congratulations to all the learners who received awards at the Prize Giving Ceremonies held recently:

TOP OVERALL ACHIEVERS 2011

Grade 8 Jordan Berry, Chelsea Roebuck

Grade 9 Cara Rau

Grade 10 Zoliswa Mbadu

Grade 11 Bianca Schulte-Brader



ADDM TOP ACHIEVERS 2011

| GRADE | ART | DANCE | DRAMA | MUSIC |
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| 8 | No award | Roebuck, Chelsea | No Award | Palmer, Chesney |
| 9 | Davids, Raven | Rau, Cara | Thombeni, Sboniso | Mdukaza,, Xoliswa |
| 10 | Chuene, Karabo | Du Preez, Colby | No Award | Mkondo, Mongezi |
| 11 | Benington, Blue | Schafer, Melissa | Schulte-Brader, Bianca | Prinsloo, Faye |

NSA REPRESENTS THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD AT COP 17!

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Lucas' Grade 11 Environmental Sustainability Debating Team, Mbali Mazibuko was one of only 19 young (under the age of 21) delegates representing the youth of the world at last year's United Nations COP 17 Conference which was hosted in Durban last year.

While experiencing the status and respect afforded to all international delegates, the SAIIA (South African Institute of International Affairs) Youth Delegation worked hard at preparing a protocol which was handed over to the South African Minister of Woman, Children and People with Disabilities. The Youth Protocol then became part of the international debate which would influence the decisions made by our international leaders at COP 17.

With Oprah's assertion and the conviction of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mbali Mazibuko Emceed the event in a way that would have made Madiba proud! She did not take no for an answer as she forced the minister and international press to sit up and pay attention to what the youth had to say – with the "subtleness" of a teenager.

Some of the points included in the protocol included:

- An extension period on the Kyoto Protocol.
- A greater youth presence in all future UN conferences which make important decisions regarding the future of our planet.
- An emphasis on sustainability rather than on consumerism
- As well as increased urgency with regard to finding a solution to the fossil fuel crises and poverty.

The United Nations Environmental Sustainability Debating Team, comprising of Nkosinathi Mavuso, Reneiloe Ditshego, Tumelo-Katane- Mathibela, Tsholofelo Nkoane and Mbali Mazibuko made endless sacrifices to get Mbali and Mrs Lucas to COP 17. Their award winning production, **Nhlakanipho Amanzi (Wise Water)**, will feature in this year's Festival of Fame.



ZOLISWA MBADU



CARA RAU



CHELSEA ROEBUCK JORDAN BERRY

V-BALL

The V-Ball will be held on Friday 10 February in the main hall. The event serves to raise funds for the matric dance.

- Times: Start at 19:00 and ends at 22:00. The school gates will be locked at 19:30 after which no learner will be admitted.
- NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.
- Tickets @ R70 per learner are available from Mrs Ross. Only a limited amount of tickets will be available.

FROM THE OFFICE ...

Thank you to all those parents who have settled their school fees in full as well as to those parents who intend settling in full. The closing date to qualify for the discount is 29th February 2012. To our parents who are paying termly and/or monthly, thank you too for your payments to date. Your financial participation is greatly appreciated.

To all the hostel parents who have not yet paid Term 1 in full, please note that should your account not be paid within 7 days upon receipt of this newsletter, your son/daughter will be asked to vacate the hostel on 15th February 2012 until such time as all hostel fees are paid in full. Please ensure that this action will not have to be taken.

EXEMPTIONS

The exemption applications are ready for collection from the Finance Office. Closing date is **15TH MARCH 2012**. We suggest that parents who require these forms collect them as soon as possible.

Please note: Learners may not collect these forms. Only parents or a relative may collect. Parents who live outside GAUTENG, please e-mail finance@artschool.co.za so that an application can be posted to you.

**TO BE AN ARTIST IS TO BELIEVE IN LIFE.
HENRY MOORE**



FESTIVAL OF FAME

12 – 17 MARCH 2012

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2012

08:30 TO 14:00

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

FEBRUARY

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| 7-9 | Drama Production "Six Characters in Search of an Author" 18:00 |
| 9 | PTLA AGM 18:00 |
| 10 | V-Ball |
| 16 | SGB meeting 17:30 |
| 17 | Finance Committee meeting 14:00 |