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Northfields Alumni Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS PHYLLIS PHILOGÈNE



Season's greetings from Northfields to you all! It has been a busy term here at school with many projects and exciting developments. Those of you who attended IPS will be happy to hear that we have now merged to provide a smoother transition for our students from primary to secondary school. This merger brings our total student numbers to over 1100 students this year!

We are also building a new block at the front of the school for a new library and sixth form room, along with a staffroom and leadership team offices. This new building not only will upgrade these services for our staff and students, but will allow us to convert the spaces formerly used for these functions to new classrooms for our growing student population. The works are nearly complete and we look forward to having the new spaces ready for January.

This Founder's Day we celebrated our first 20 years as a school and had posted many archive photos from around the school. It was such a pleasure to reflect on the early years of Northfields and to see so many memories of our times with you as our students. Our special edition of Virtus this year also included many great photos and touching tributes from many of you as alumni. Thank you for those contributions, which made the yearbook a very special read!

In this edition of our Alumni newsletter, we have included just a glimpse of the many activities happening with our current students and some very welcome updates from two of our alumni, Maëlle and Delphine. It is always a pleasure to hear from our former students, so thank you both for sharing this news! I wish you all safe and happy holidays with your friends and families and look forward to hearing from you soon.



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Our Recent Events

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

It is with great enthusiasm that we returned to a live Christmas Concert this term. All year groups were represented by at least one student and the big crowd came from the year 7. The repertoire featured a wide range of music, from traditional carols like Silent Night and Feliz Navidad to seasonal favorites like Last Christmas and Happy Christmas.

We were blessed to hear the beautiful voices of some and amazed by the passion of others who played instruments like the piano, keyboard and the guitar. Some students made solo performances while some others sang in small and large groups.

The school ensemble also participated in the event with Eloise Cornish on the keyboard, Ameline Cornish, Ines Hurnaum and Ines Espitalier Noël on guitar and Vettri Kallee on vocals. This ensemble is very recent and despite the fact that they are all beginners, they managed to play and sing White Christmas. I do encourage the singers and instrument players in the school community to join us on Fridays after school, to help expand and improve the repertoire of the group.

A massive well done to all those involved in the concert. Special thanks to the participants for their hard work and dedication, the two MC's Lucie and Suryansh, Reneeta & Julie from the marketing department, Mrs. Ribbonaar, Miss Nadia, members of staff who were here to help, the year group leaders, the IT department, the heads of school and the parents. It was a really enjoyable time and helped to spread some festive cheer.

Mr. Ashley Patten



INTERHOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING

During our annual Interhouse Public Speaking event, finalists from Years 7-13 worked together to deliver their speeches to an audience of their peers. Their chosen quotes were used as a spring board to write inspirational speeches that were delivered with passion and eloquence. We are pleased to announce the winners of the junior team were the Dolphins: Keva B. (overall best speaker), Hugo D., Eja R. and Aanya H. The winners of the Senior team were also the Dolphins: Luqmaan N., Hannan S. (overall best speaker) and Tiffany S. What a great day for the Dolphins! Congratulations! We would also like to congratulate the Phoenix and Eagle speakers - well done for some amazing speeches!



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Sporting Events

INTERHOUSE BOYS FOOTBALL

On Friday 25th November (Year 7 – Year 13) and Friday 2nd November (Year 5/6) the boys were involved in battling it out for inter-house glory on the football fields. The matches were 8 a side and everyone could participate if they wished to. The DJ kept the boys entertained and everyone enjoyed themselves on the day.

THE FINAL RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Dolphins
2. Eagles
3. Phoenix

Best Junior player: Daniel C.

Best Senior player: Antoine B.t

Best Year 5/6 player: Scott S.



INTERHOUSE GIRLS NETBALL

Interhouse girl's netball took place on Friday 25th November for the High School and Friday 2nd December for the Year 5/6 students. It was extremely hot on the courts but this didn't deter the girls who played their hearts out. The spirit and support from the side lines was also commendable and fun was had by all.

THE FINAL RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Phoenix
2. Eagles
3. Dolphins

Best Junior player: Chloe M.

Best Senior player: Capucine P.

Best Year 5/6 player: Abby A.

FUN RUN

Congratulations to all the students, moms and dads who participated in our Fun Run on Saturday morning the 29th October. It was an extremely enjoyable morning and the tasty treats on offer as well as DJ's tunes the certainly contributed to a very pleasant atmosphere on the day.

Thank you to Mandy Arazym and the Parents Committee moms who helped on the day as well as to the sponsors of our prizes: Luigis, The Meeting Place, Altimate Sushi and Spice Finance.





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Current Student Achievements

LUCA AND ANSHEE

Congratulations to our students Anshee and Luca who recently participated in the CJSOI (Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien).

Our students dedication to their training, commitment to sporting excellence and perseverance through their preparation paid off with fantastic results.

Luca won 3 silver and 1 bronze medal and achieved national records in 50m Freestyle (15-16 years) with a time of 24:40 and in 100m freestyle (15 years) 55:16. Anshee won a bronze medal in 100m butterfly and a silver medal for 100m freestyle relay.

On behalf of the Northfields community, we congratulate Luca and Anshee on their sporting achievements and thank them for inspiring their peers.



SONA

Sona K. is currently in Year 10 at Northfields. This year, she achieved some outstanding accolades for dancing. During the month of October, Sona fulfilled a lifelong dream of dancing on an international stage at the Hip Hop World Championships held in Graz, Austria. Sona and the South African national team competed against 4500 of the best hip-hop dancers in the world, making their mark and establishing themselves as fierce competition. For this, she was also presented with South African national colours.

We are incredibly proud of Sona and look forward to sharing many more wonderful achievements with her in future.





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Spotlight on Alumna, Maëlle Pitot

Upon completion of my A-Levels at Northfields, I left Mauritius to study hospitality management in Switzerland, at the Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne. My four years at EHL included two 6-months internships (one operational and one administrative), which were a great way to get professional experience before graduating from university. My first internship consisted of working in the restaurant of a 5-star hotel in London, whilst my second internship consisted of working for travel agency in Paris. Since graduating from EHL I have been working in the hospitality and real estate consulting industry for a South African company. We conduct market research, financial

feasibility studies, management contract negotiations, due diligences and valuations on the African continent and in the Indian Ocean. This allows me to be based in Mauritius, whilst having to travel in Africa for work. The best of both worlds.

Wishing all of Northfields a great success.

Maëlle



Spotlight on Alumna, Delphine Kendall



Hi, my name is Delphine. I am a former deputy head girl of Northfields. Since graduating from Northfields in 2016 I have been furthering my education, working and living life. In my last year of School I was accepted to one of my top

choices of Universities, Oxford Brookes University. I did a foundation diploma in Business and Technology for my first year in order to give myself some time to adapt to living in a different country. Following the successful completion of my foundation year I did an Honours in a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Management.

Over my time as a student I learnt so much through being in a sports team for the university, travelling to different countries in Europe, working part time with a catering company and having fun with the new friends I had made. In 2020, I was supposed to finish my last year of University and have my graduation ceremony, however because of Covid-19, I came back home to Mauritius early and finished my studies online and only had my graduation ceremony this year, in 2022. None the less although the end of my university career was not as planned, I still finished my degree successfully and I am proud of the way I adapted to studying online, which I presume most, if not all, of the students, teachers and parents at Northfields can relate to. Straight after University, I started my first job as a Corporate Governance, Compliance

and Risk Administrator with a company called Air-Tec. Over the past 2 and a half years I have learnt so much from the team at Air-Tec and I am so thankful for the opportunities working with the company has provided me. There have been many challenging moments when juggling work, life and studies as I also started furthering my education to become a Chartered Company Secretary, which I am currently studying online.

Apart from my studies and work, I still enjoy playing sports, like I did when I was a student at Northfields, however now I don't have scheduled PE classes on a Wednesday morning, I have to schedule those in for myself. I enjoy exploring Mauritius, traveling and trying new foods and spending time with my husband, family and friends.

When I look back over the past few years, I always remember the time I spent at Northfields as being one of learning and growing from not only an educational perspective but also on a personal level. We as humans are constantly learning and growing and for me, Northfields was a positive environment for me to learn and grow in. Values such as resilience, dedication and being a team player were developed from a young age at Northfields and these are values I still use today in my work life and personal life. Thank you to the teachers and staff who were on my School journey with me, you have all contributed to my growth.

All of my best wishes to all the students at the School, may you all embrace the next chapter of your School lives, whether that be University, High School, Middle School or Primary School. Each time there is change in your life, it is an opportunity to grow so take each opportunity and make the most of it.

Delphine



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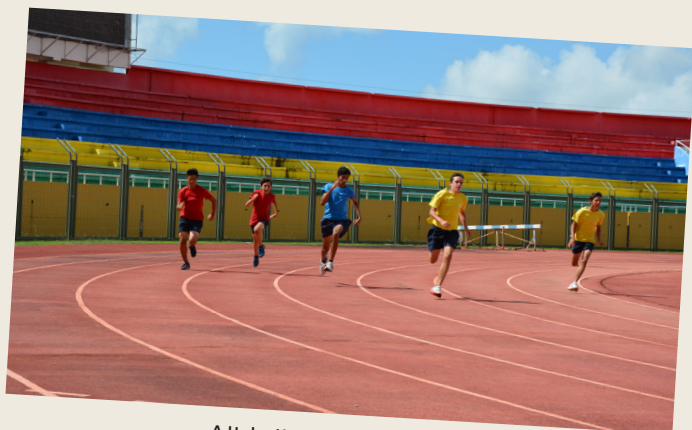
Memories



Graduation 2011



Diwali Celebration of 2006



Athletics 2014-2015



First School Photo of 2002



Interhouse Spelling Bee 2015-2016



Prom 2016-2017

Interested in Joining the Northfields Team?

Northfields is always looking for caring and motivated educators and staff to join our team. Should you be interested in a career with us, or know someone who does, please send in your application to **careers@northfields.school**.

Please also visit our website **<https://northfieldsinternational.school/about-us/vacancies/>** for more information on our current vacancies.