



Ridge Park College

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the conclusion of another academic year, it is a fitting time to reflect on the many experiences, achievements, and challenges that have defined our journey together. This year has been one of growth, resilience, and shared accomplishment a testament to the collective efforts of our learners, staff, and families.

Our learners have demonstrated commendable commitment and perseverance in their studies, as well as in cultural, sporting, and leadership activities. We are immensely proud of their achievements, both individually and collectively and of the values we strive to instil in them integrity, curiosity, and respect. These qualities will serve them well as they continue their educational and personal journeys.

Best wishes go out to our Matric class of 2025. As they conclude their time at Ridge Park College, we celebrate not only their academic accomplishments but also the growth, maturity, and character they have shown throughout their years with us. We wish them every success as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, whether in further education, the world of work, or new personal endeavours. May they carry forward the lessons, friendships, and memories that will always connect them to our school community.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our dedicated teaching staff, whose professionalism, passion, and care continue to inspire and guide our learners. Our gratitude also goes to our administrative and support teams, whose efficiency and commitment ensure that the school operates seamlessly and remains a welcoming environment for all.

To our parents and guardians, we express heartfelt thanks for your continued partnership, trust, and encouragement. Your support is invaluable and plays a crucial role in the success and well-being of our learners.

As the year draws to a close, we wish you and your families a restful and joyful festive season. May this time bring peace, renewal, and togetherness, and may the coming year be filled with good health, happiness, and continued achievement.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Thank you.
Mrs. J Bhugwandeen
Principal



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Special points of interest in Term 1 - 2026

Class of 2025 Results - Jan 2026
Gr12 Class of 2026 - Parent Meeting
Gr12 Prefect Camp
High Achievers Awards
Gr11 Parent Meeting
Gr11 Mentor Camp
Water Slides
Miss Valentine's
Swimming Gala
Blood Drive
TADA Poster Comp
News Desk Comp
English Olympiad
Careers Fair
Blood Drive
Planters Clean Up
MSA Ramadan Programme
Maths Olympiad
Computer Talent Search
Hamlet Production
Control Tests
Matric Gala Evening

Term 3 Awards 2025

Gr8

1st	AMIRAH JOOSAB
2nd	SAMEYA KHAN
3rd	ALMIRAH JOOSAB
4th	HUSNA SHAIKH
5th	EDEN TESFAYE

Gr9

1st	NOHAMIN DECHASA
2nd	NAOMI MOLOKWU
3rd	BAHIJAH KACHBAL
4th	AKEELAH DE BRUIN
4th	NONHLANHLA GUMEDE

Gr10

1st	AZRA RAMBALEE
2nd	ANGEL NDLOVU
3rd	ASANDA MAVUNDLA
4th	SBUSISIWE ZUNGU
5th	LONDEKA NGCOBO

Gr11

1st	ZAHRA AKOONJEE
1st	ANELE MAZIBUKO
3rd	KUHLEKONKE SEKANABO
4TH	ARIYANA VAKED
5th	ZEENAT JADWAT

Gr12

1st	HAFSA MANSAB
2nd	RAEESAH ALLI
3rd	ILHAAM CASSOO
4th	NELLY NKOSI
5th	VICTORIA CHIKODO



Reminder

The official release date for the matric results is

January 14, 2026

but this is subject to change



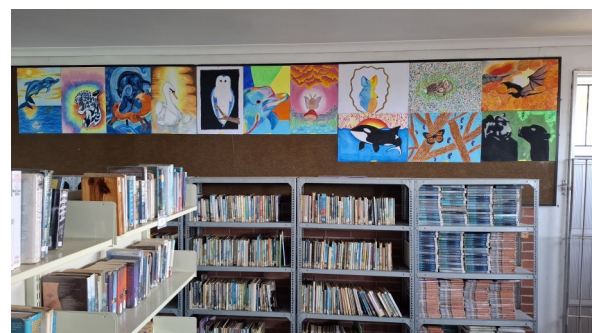
Grade 10 Visual Arts: My Spirit Animal – Final Oil Pastel Exhibition

On the 20th of November, the Grade 10 Visual Art students completed their 6-hour practical examination, producing an A2 artwork based on the theme "My Spirit Animal." Working in the medium of oil pastels, learners demonstrated remarkable focus, creativity, and perseverance throughout the session. For many, this was their first experience creating a full-scale final artwork with oil pastels, and each student rose to the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm.

The final pieces showcase exceptional attention to detail and thoughtful personal interpretation of the theme. Every learner completed their work within the allocated time, reflecting strong time management skills and a dedicated approach to their craft. They should be truly proud of the high standard they achieved.

To celebrate their efforts, the artworks are now beautifully exhibited in both the Teachers' Staff Room and the Media Center, allowing staff, students, and visitors the opportunity to appreciate the creativity and talent of the Grade 10 Visual Art class of 2025

– Ms T.Soriakumar



Gr9 Prom 2025

❖ Grade 9 Debs Ball ❖

❖ A Night of Elegance and Enchantment ❖



On Friday, 28 November 2025, our Grade 9 learners stepped into a world of glamour and mystery at this year's Debs Ball. With a captivating **Masked Ball** theme, the evening was filled with elegance, excitement, and unforgettable memories.

Beautifully dressed in their formal attire and adorned with creative masks, our Grade 9s lit up the venue with confidence and charm. The atmosphere was magical from the grand entrance to the final dance and it was wonderful to see our learners embrace the spirit of the occasion with such enthusiasm.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff, parents, and organising committee whose hard work and planning ensured a truly spectacular event. A special congratulations to our learners for conducting themselves with maturity and grace throughout the evening.

The 2025 Gr9 Debs Ball will be remembered as a night where our young learners celebrated not only their achievements but also the friendships and experiences that shaped their Grade 9 year. We are proud of each one of them and look forward to the exciting journey that lies ahead.



Mentorship Team Building

Grade 10 Mentorship Team-Building

Building Leaders Through Teamwork

On Thursday, 27 November 2025, our Grade 10 learners participated in an exciting and meaningful team-building event as part of this year's Mentorship Programme. The initiative, designed to prepare Grade 10s for their upcoming role as mentors to the Grade 8 learners in 2026, focused on the importance of teamwork, communication, leadership, and responsibility.

Throughout the day, learners took part in a series of engaging activities that challenged them to think collaboratively, support one another, and reflect on the qualities of an effective mentor. From problem-solving challenges to group discussions, the programme encouraged learners to step out of their comfort zones and recognise the value of working together.

One of the key themes of the day was the power of teamwork. Learners experienced firsthand how cooperation and mutual respect can transform a group of individuals into a strong, united team. They also explored what it means to be a mentor ; someone who guides, encourages, and sets a positive example for others.

The mentorship programme aims to create a welcoming and supportive environment for Grade 8 learners entering high school next year. By empowering Grade 10s with leadership skills now, the school is helping ensure that every new learner feels included, motivated, and supported as they navigate their first year.

The day ended on a high note, with learners expressing excitement and confidence about their new roles. The success of the event highlighted the incredible potential within our Grade 10 class and their readiness to step up as responsible, caring mentors.



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Prefect Team Building

The Prefect Team-Building Camp for was a leadership session designed to strengthen unity, communication, and confidence among the newly appointed acting prefects. The program was packed with meaningful activities that helped the girls connect, collaborate, and better understand their roles as student leaders.

The session began with a warm welcome and an ice-breaker activity to help the girls get comfortable with one another. This set a positive tone and encouraged open communication among participants. Facilitators then introduced the purpose of the team-building camp: to nurture teamwork, build trust, and develop essential leadership qualities.

The girls participated in a series of engaging group activities that required cooperation, quick thinking, and effective communication. Challenges such as group problem-solving tasks, trust exercises, and coordination games created opportunities for prefects to step out of their comfort zones and rely on one another. These activities highlighted the importance of unity and reinforced the idea that leadership is not about working alone, but working together.

We are proud of the learners for their excellent behavior, teamwork, and eagerness to learn. Their conduct reflected true leadership potential and made the program a memorable experience.





End-of-Year Sports Notice

As we come to the close of another exciting year, we are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of all our learners. This year has been filled with dedication, teamwork, and determination across every code, and our learners have truly demonstrated what it means to pursue excellence both on and off the field.

From impressive individual performances to extraordinary team successes, our learners have shown remarkable growth, sportsmanship, and resilience. Whether they represented the school in friendly fixtures, league competitions, tournaments, or simply participated with enthusiasm during practices and physical education sessions, every effort has contributed to a vibrant and successful sporting year.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every athlete, coach, and supporter who played a part in making 2025 a memorable sporting year. Your hard work, spirit, and commitment have not only brought pride to our school but have also inspired others to get involved and give their best.

We look forward to another year of movement, passion, and achievement. Here's to an even stronger and more successful sports season ahead!



The Truth is



STOP RAISING

AN OVER-DEPENDENT GENERATION !!!!

Most parents of today are raising an OVER DEPENDENT GENERATION !!!

1. You cook their food for them so that they can read and enjoy.
2. You help them to wash their clothes and tidy their rooms.
3. You drop them off in school every day by yourself!
4. You lie on their behalf to get them out of trouble.
5. You arrange "expo" to help them pass their exams.
6. You protect them from every danger and difficulties.
7. You prevent them from any form of pain and suffering.
8. You don't want them to suffer like you did as a child.
9. You hustle around while they watch films and play games.
10. They can't go out alone because you're always scared.
11. You take every decision for them, because you're wiser.
12. You go to their schools to fight for them and prove rights.
13. You defend them even when they're wrong and at fault.
14. You can not stand seeing them starve or go hungry for once.
15. You fight against those who try to correct them.

I PITY YOU.....YOU ARE BUSY RAISING AN OVER-DEPENDENT GENERATION !!!

You think you are showing them LOVE ?

SORRY, YOU'RE WRONG !!!!

By the time you're no longer there and they face real life challenges, they will become helpless !!!

At that stage, they will realise the havoc you have done to them and CURSE YOU !!!

STOP RAISING AN OVER-DEPENDENT GENERATION !!!

Allow these children to face realities of life !!!

Be careful !!!

Raising Responsible Children

1. Give your children age-appropriate domestic tasks, even if you have a thousand and one domestic servants at home. It is sheer ignorance to think that doing everything for your children is a mark of honour or a way of bequeathing royalty on them.
2. Teach them to be useful and make their impact felt positively wherever they are found – in the school, place of worship, in another person's home, etc.
3. Encourage your children to always leave a good impression wherever they go to; teach them to be courteous, respectful, friendly, cheerful and helpful.
4. Teach them good toilet manners – they must know how to keep the toilet neat for the next user, let them know that it is unacceptable to leave the bathroom floor and/or walls messed with soap, foam or any form dirt after bathing.
5. Teach your children the importance of taking good care of their body and their environment; whether they are at home or elsewhere. Remind them that responsible people don't leave their rooms unkempt or their bed unmade when they get up in the morning; teach them to bath very well and smell fine always. It is unbearable to have a smelly young person around you; let them take care of their armpits, teeth, hair, nail, etc.

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6. Teach your children to manage their used clothes and other personal belongings very well, whether in their home or elsewhere. It can be irritating to have dirty clothes or shoes, especially those of a visitor litter every corner of the house.

7. Let them pack their toiletries before leaving home. Your children should not depend on their hosts for their basic toiletries like soap, cream, tooth paste and other essentials.

8. Teach your children to dress well all the time, especially when they are spending time with another family. You probably allow your daughters to dress in bum shots and your sons to walk about with their chest bare in your home, but they may not be safe if they do so in another place. You may not know where a predator would lie in wait for a child.

9. Teach them good table manners; not the one recited in nursery schools rhymes. Teach them to chew with their mouth covered, not to make noise with the cutlery on their teeth, not to talk with their mouth full, etc.

10. Let your children know that washing only their own plates after eating is not a noble idea.

11. Remind your children that jumping into a conversation when adults are talking is a sign of being ill-mannered. Discourage this both in your home and elsewhere.

12. Help your children not to be social birds online and anti-social bugs offline. They should relate well with people around them, much more than they do with virtual folks they meet online. Please, discourage this idea of young people locking themselves in the room hours on end without communicating with anyone in the house – all because they are on phone.

13. Empower your children to uphold your family values wherever they are. But before then, make sure that your family values are credible, empowering, socially and morally beneficial.

14. Teach your children to control their appetite and learn to turn down certain offers, even when such offers come from people they know. And at home, it

is not compulsory that they must taste everything they see someone eating. This will help them to take their eyes away from certain things when they are in other people's home.

15. Always remind your children that they are the window through which the world sees you. If your children's behaviour outside is bad, the general consensus is that they lack home training. And since children are not meant to give themselves home training, it means that you failed as a parent.

16. Finally, make sure your children know God. Salvation is not hereditary; that you are godly or highly spiritual is not a guarantee that your children are saved. You must consciously and deliberately lead them to God

My fellow parents, let us try our best to make sure these children represent us well. I am sure you will feel good if you come to your children's school and people are pointing at you as the parent of the best behaved child in the school. Won't you?

Make sure your hosts and the hosts of your children are always impressed to have you and/or your children around.

SCHOOL/TEACHERS CAN'T GIVE THEM ALL.

May God Almighty make our children responsible and successful.

Regards

Dr. Enock Alumasi Makanga, D.Div

Enock Makanga

Life skills coach

Safety tips for children to follow during the holidays

General Safety Tips:

- ★ Stranger danger – It's never a good idea to tell someone that you are home by yourself.
- ★ Ensure that all doors and windows are locked. If you get home and the door is open or a window is smashed, don't peek inside, instead, go to a neighbour you trust for help.
- ★ If someone knocks on the door do not open for anyone that you do not know. If there is an intercom system ask parents to teach you how to use it and who to open for.
- ★ Ask parents to create an evacuation plan with you in case there is an emergency at home.
- ★ Do not share your holiday plans with anyone on social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and BBM. Thieves can gain access to up-to-the-minute details through status updates and posts, allowing them to learn when the home is likely to be empty.
- ★ Don't give your home address to any strangers or people you do not know well.
- ★ Never go out to meet anyone that you have spoken to on any social networks.
- ★ If you want to practice how to cook make sure you do it under adult supervision first, ask parents to go over the safety rules of the kitchen with you first.
- ★ In case of an emergency, like a fire or a sibling getting hurt. It is important that you ask your parents to draw up an "in case of emergency" list. It should have your address and home phone number as well as your parent's numbers and work address. Also get trusted family members details.
- ★ When going out with friends, try not to wander by yourself. Let your parents know where you will be at all times and arrange to be fetched and dropped off at a safe public place.
- ★ If you are the mall always stay in groups. If someone tries to get you to leave with them. Scream and make the people around you aware of what is happening.
- ★ Keeping busy with homework, chores, and play can make your "home alone" time go quickly. If you find yourself getting bored you could try other ways to keep busy such as:
 1. Read a book or magazine
 2. Work on a hobby or try a new one
 3. Listen to music, sing or play an instrument
 4. Write a letter or email or phone a friend
 5. Write a story full of made-up adventures of your time alone at home, give it a happy ending.

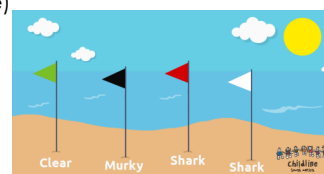
Stay Safe



Beach Safety Tips:

- When at the beach, it's important that you stay visible to your family at all times. For younger children, memorise mum or dad's number in case you get lost!
- Before heading out to the beach, an amusement park or any public place that's going to be crowded, speak to your parents about the ground rules: no running off, staying in sight, no swimming on your own, and definitely no talking to or walking off with strangers. Make sure that you have something to identify you and your parent's number.
- When you get to the beach, find out where the nearest information desk is and make sure you tell your parents that will be the common meeting spot if you get lost. If you're at the beach, you can make the meeting spot at the lifeguard station, or anywhere that's easily visible. Make sure you do not approach just any adult for help, but to wait at the designated meeting spot until a family member gets there.
- At South Africa's many beaches, you'll find safety precautions on notice boards and, during the busy festive season, lifeguards are appointed to monitor and enforce beach safety procedures.
- Remember that swimming is not permitted anywhere at the beach – flags are placed in the sand near the water's edge to show which areas are safe for swimming. It's very important to only swim between these flags, as swimmers can be caught in rip currents outside of designated areas and find themselves in trouble.
- Beaches in many parts of the country don't have shark nets, and bathers need to be aware of this. At selected beaches, there are dedicated "shark spotters" and flags are put up daily to indicate the presence of sharks. This is what the different coloured flags indicate:

- ⇒ A green flag means the water is clear and no sharks have been spotted.
- ⇒ A black flag means that the water is too murky for the spotters to see anything.
- ⇒ A red flag means that a shark has been spotted on that day, but is no longer visible to spotters.
- ⇒ A white flag with a black shark means a shark has been sighted and you should not be in the water. (Reference- Childline)





If you are having any challenges connected to our D6 Connect App.

Kindly send the following information to Mrs E Naicker:-

1. **Parent Full Name & Surname**
2. **Learner Full Name, Surname, Grade and AdminNo**
3. **Parent Phone Number**
4. **Parent Email addresses**
5. **Relation to the Learner**

All information to be emailed to
Ms E Naicker
naicker.e@ridgepark.co.za

“Remember always that you have not only the right to be an individual; you have an obligation to be one. You cannot make any useful contribution in life unless you do this.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

Step-by-step Guide: How to Download and Activate d6 Connect

	1. Find the d6 Connect App on your Play Store or App Store and click "Install".		3. Choose the "Register with Token" option. A token has been sent via SMS by the school.		5. Then accept the terms and conditions and click on "Register".		7. Choose the "Free" option if you are not bothered by ads.
	2. Open the App once it is successfully installed.		4. Insert the token provided via SMS and choose your own password.		6. An OTP (one time pin) will be sent to you immediately via SMS. Enter that pin and choose "submit".		8. WELCOME!



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MISSION STATEMENT

Ridge Park College in partnership with parents and the community challenges our learners to think creatively, develop entrepreneurial skills; taking responsibility for their education and moral development, to continually strive for excellence and contribute positively to their diverse and changing world

