



## Matric Results 2015

Jonathan Jansen recently said if he were the Minister of Education, he would do away with the Matric results circus! In many ways the modern world continues to focus on results rather than ensuring that young men and women have the life-skills necessary to cope in the 21st century. A focus on diligent hard-work is more important than results and I am delighted to be able to report that the Matrics of 2015 have certainly adopted a growth mindset in every respect. As with everything in life, there are those who will look back on the year and wish that they had been more focused and more diligent but this is the nature of education and nurturing young men and women. As long as we all learn from our past behaviour in order to improve our future we will continue to be successful as individuals and as a school in raising healthy, balanced individuals who will make a difference in the world.

I am delighted to announce that the 2015 Matric group have produced the best results in Oakhill's history. At a time when we focus on results it is important to remember that it is more about the quality of the results than the results themselves and the fact that **92% of our students achieved a University entrance** (compared to 85% in the IEB) speaks to this premise.

If you are not a Parent of a Matric student I would encourage you to analyse these results and discuss them with your children. At a time of turbulence in the local education market it is important to remember that schools are about people and Oakhill strives to employ the best possible teachers and these results are a testament to them and their passion for the young men and women in their care. Oakhill is developing a reputation for academic rigour, excellence and a growth mindset embodied by self-discipline and diligent hard-work. Our students continue on to University with the confidence and skills to succeed. We are fortunate to be welcoming 48 new Grade 8's for 2016 and if you choose to continue into the College phase of our school you will be assured and encouraged that your son or daughter will be able to achieve anything they set their minds to in this energetic and forward-thinking environment.

A total of 84 subject distinctions were achieved out of a class of 36 pupils. This ratio of 2.3 distinctions per candidate is our best ever. Our top achievers are listed below but special mention must be made of **Dean Matter who achieved nine distinctions and who received an average of 90%.**

***Dean is the epitome of the model Oakhillian. He is a true gentleman: sensitive, polite, courageous, considerate, resilient and involved in a myriad of activity at the school. Most of all he is modest. According to our Academic Director, Sharon Brown, his calm, focused presence in his Matric year allowed his peers to rise to the occasion. We are immensely proud of his achievement!***

Our subject averages not only compare favourably with the IEB national averages but in the majority of cases they are better than the national averages. Our Visual Art results were outstanding with all 7 of our candidates achieving a Level 7. The Visual Art subject average for 2015 is 90% and congratulations must go to Amy Nuttall for these stupendous results. Information Technology continued in their excellent ways under the guidance of Diana Barnard with an average of 80% compared to the IEB's 69%. Life Sciences also ensured success with an average of 76% and Juliet le Fleur can certainly be proud of these students.

I would like to make specific mention of the English department's results. All our students have to do English and their average of 70.5% compared to a national IEB average of 68% is outstanding. Melanie Cloete who heads up this department can truly be proud of this effort!

Our Mathematics and Science results continue to impress. 64% of our candidates took Mathematics as a subject in 2015 (compared to 65% in IEB schools) and 48% of them achieved either an 'A', 'B' or 'C' symbol. Our average for Mathematics this year is on par with the IEB national average (63% vs 63%). Our Mathematics department continue to deliver the best results on the Garden route.



44% of our Matrics chose to take Physical Science (47% in IEB schools) and 56% of them achieved either an 'A' or 'B' symbol. Our Science results under the guidance and nurturing of Ilze Schoeman continue to impress! Our average for Science this year is significantly higher than the IEB national average (72% vs 60%)

Our academic department, under the leadership of Sharon Brown, have developed a consistent and trusted work-ethic and prepared our pupils well. Our average and symbol breakdowns this year are our best ever, when compared with the overall IEB statistics: We have made progress in practically every subject and the whole academic teaching team can take great heart from that. As always, we do not want to rest on our laurels and our academic department has identified room for further improvement and we will be focusing on specific issues as we welcome Andrew Browne into his new role as Academic Director. Andrew will be focusing on ensuring our students develop the good habits of self-discipline, diligent hard-work, problem solving, collaborative thinking and an innate desire to want to improve. All our students will also have the benefit of Sharon Brown innovating in the area of academic support and I have no doubt that we will be improving our learning and thinking in all areas of the school. To support this endeavor we have employed Melanie Vogt to head up our academic research and innovation in our Learning Commons and all our staff and students look forward to collaborating with her.

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Candidates	25		24		29		30		50		40		38		36	
Bachelor Degree	22	88	22	91.6	27	93	26	87	47	94	35	88	35	92	33	92
<b>Distinctions</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>55</b>		<b>59</b>		<b>79</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>75</b>		<b>87</b>	
<b>Distinctions per candidate</b>	<b>1.1</b>		<b>1.6</b>		<b>1.8</b>		<b>1.96</b>		<b>1.58</b>		<b>1.75</b>		<b>1.97</b>		<b>2.4</b>	

## Eight Year Matric result comparison

As can be seen from the table above we continue to improve our distinctions per candidate year on year. We have also improved our conversion rate of 'B' symbols to 'A' symbols but need to focus on converting even more. What is encouraging is that **72% of our candidates received at least one 'A' symbol**. 50% received two or more, 39% received three or more, 28% of students received 4 or more distinctions and **25% achieved 5 or more distinctions**. This certainly gives future matriculants and their parents the assurance that, should their children put in the effort they are capable of achieving the results they deserve at Oakhill.

	Level 7 (A)	Level 6 (B)	Level 5 (C)	Level 4 (D)	Level 3 (E)
2008	33	39	51	34	17
2009	40	52	38	26	9
2010	55	55	58	27	11
2011	59	64	39	27	23
2012	79	92	101	58	28
2013	70	84	63	49	25
2014	75	79	57	35	18
2015	87	60	51	34	22



## Top Achievers in 2015

### Nine Distinctions

#### Dean Matter

(Accounting, Afrikaans, Business Studies, English, IT, Life Orientation, Mathematics, App Mathematics, Physical Science)

### Seven Distinctions

#### Cassandra Allberry

(Afrikaans, English, Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

### Six Distinctions

#### James Cooney

(Accounting, Dramatic Art, English, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics Literacy)

#### Kristin Groenewald

(Afrikaans, Business Studies, Dramatic Art, English, Life Sciences, Life Orientation)

#### Megan Thompson

(Accounting, English, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science)

### Five Distinctions

#### Joshua Carver

(Dramatic Art, English, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Physical Science)

#### Andrew Frost

(IT, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Visual Art,)

#### Leon Martin

(Geography, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Life Orientation, Physical Science)

#### Sonja Moodley

(Dramatic Art, English, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences)

#### Benjamin Gunn

(English, Geography, IT, Mathematics, Physical Science)

### Four Distinctions

#### Matt Fermor

(Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences)

### Top 5% of candidates in South Africa

#### Dean Matter

Outstanding achievement: achieved within the top 5% of candidates in 6 or more subjects and scored 80% or more for Life Orientation. This places Dean in the top 57 candidates out of 10212 candidates of 194 schools who wrote the IEB examination in 2015.

### Top 1% of candidates per subject

We have a number of students in the top 1% of candidates per subject nationally and we congratulate these students wholeheartedly:

#### Accounting:

Dean Matter

#### Geography:

Leon Martin

#### Information Technology:

Dean Matter

#### Life Orientation:

Andrew Frost and Leon Martin



**Mathematical Literacy:** James Cooney  
**Physical Sciences:** Dean Matter  
**Visual Arts:** Bonnie Collins and Andrew Frost

## Subject averages and proportions of A/B/C Symbols (overall IEB Statistics in Brackets)

Subject	Symbol Breakdown in Percentages			Average %
	Level 7 (A)	Level 6 (B)	Level 5 (C)	
Accounting	33.3 (18.8)	0 (17.6)	22.2 (20.6)	64.1 (62)
Afrikaans	9 (12.3)	12 (22.8)	26.4 (29.5)	57.1 (64)
Business Studs	17 (13.3)	8.3 (22.7)	33 (24.1)	64.2 (62.6)
Dramatic Art	30.7 (38.6)	23 (35.4)	23 (19.1)	72.3 (75)
English	22.2 (15.5)	33.3 (32.4)	36 (33.3)	70.5 (68.6)
Geography	30.7 (15.6)	23 (25)	23 (24.8)	70 (64.8)
History	15.3 (21)	15.3 (28.2)	38 (25.5)	64.5 (67)
Information Tech	66.6 (31.7)	16.6 (21.8)	0 (18.2)	80.4 (68.9)
Life Sciences	35.2 (20.6)	52.9 (30)	11.7 (26.1)	76 (68.4)
Maths Literacy	50 (42.4)	42.8 (28.9)	0 (16.4)	79 (75.1)
Mathematics	26 (22.2)	4.3 (18.3)	17.3 (18.8)	63 (63)
Music	50 (29.3)	50 (31.2)	0 (24.4)	76.4 (71.4)
Physical Science	50 (16.6)	6.2 (18.1)	25 (18.9)	72 (60.4)
Visual Art	100 (29.9)	0 (27.5)	0 (22.1)	90 (70.6)

Congratulations to these Oakhill students on their excellent achievements!

Yours sincerely

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