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Matric Results 2013

The 2013 Matric group ended their year magnificently. There was some sadness, as one of our Matric pupils Grand Parents were murdered during the examination period. Despite this tragedy, this young man completed his career with a University Exemption. It needs to be noted that we accepted 4 students into this Matric class at late notice and I would personally like to thank Sharon Brown and all the teachers who ensured that these young men and women succeeded. The IEB matriculation results achieved were impressive and all our Matrics and their teachers deserve commendation on this excellent achievement.

A total of 70 subject distinctions were achieved out of a class of 40 pupils. This ratio of 1.75 distinctions per candidate is outstanding. Our top achievers are listed below but special mention must be made of Niklas Martin who achieved seven distinctions and who received an average of 85%. He was closely followed by Penelope Ceillier with an average of 82%.

Our subject averages compare favourably with the IEB national averages. I would also like to make specific mention of the fact that our Mathematics marks continue their upward trend which, despite criticism from certain quarters, is encouraging. **Our average for Mathematics this year is higher than the IEB national average (66.7% vs 64.7%).** Peter Vieyra has been instrumental in ensuring this turn-around and Andrew Browne, our new Mathematics HOD inherits a far more balanced and rigorous department than that which was handed to Peter some years back. The Visual Art results are, once again, exceptional and Amy Nuttal needs to be congratulated for that. (6 of her 11 candidates received an 'A' symbol). Our Geography and IT (4 'A' symbols from 10 candidates) results continue to impress, congratulations to Diana Barnard and Sharon Brown on their efforts. Our Drama results are also commendable, (3 'A' symbols from 10 candidates) Leanna Dreyer can be proud. Hannalie Viljoen needs to be congratulated for the outstanding Mathematical Literacy results. (10 'A' symbols from 21 candidates).

Our academic department, under the leadership of Sharon Brown, prepared our pupils particularly well and our average and symbol breakdowns this year compare very favourably 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. However, there is room for further improvement and we will be focusing on specific issues as we welcome new staff members in the English, Mathematics and Science departments. I have no doubt that their energy will continue to move us forward positively as we enter 2014.

Six year Matric result comparison

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Candidates	25		24		29		30		50		40	
Passes	25	100	24	100	29	100	30	100	50	100	40	100
Bachelor Degree	22	88	22	91.6	27	93	26	87	47	94	35	88
Diploma	2	8	1	4	2	7	4	13	3	6	5	12
HC	1	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Distinctions	**33**		**40**		**55**		**59**		**79**		**70**	
Distinctions per candidate	**1.13**		**1.66**		**1.89**		**1.96**		**1.58**		**1.75**	

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	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

Top Achievers in 2013

Seven Distinctions

Niklas Martin (Afrikaans, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Mathematics Paper 3, Physical Science, Visual Art)

Penelope Ceillier (Advanced Programme English, English, French, History, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Life Sciences)

Five Distinctions

Calvin Dias (Accounting, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Mathematics Paper 3)

Joshua Pama (Accounting, Afrikaans, Dramatic Arts, English, Life Orientation)

Lulu Read (Dramatic Arts, English, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Mathematics Paper 3)

Mirren Sharp (Afrikaans, English, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Life Sciences)

Three Distinctions

Ross Eyre (Information Technology, Life Orientation, Visual Arts)

Ashleigh Weavers (Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Visual Art)

Top 1% of candidiates per subject

We also have three pupils in the top 1% of candidates per subject nationally and we congratulate these students wholeheartedly:

French: **Penelope Ceillier**
Life Orientation: **Penelope Ceillier and Niklas Martin**
Life Sciences: **Lulu Read**

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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)	
English	10 (13)		45 (33)		25 (34)	69 (68)
Afrikaans	8 (16)		30 (20)		18 (23)	61 (63)
Mathematics	11 (25)		37 (18)		21 (17)	66.7 (64.7)
Maths Literacy	47 (43)		29 (28)		24 (17)	79 (75.6)
Physical Science	7 (18)		20 (19)		40 (19)	61.7 (62)
Life Sciences	20 (19)		36 (29)		12 (24)	67.6 (67.3)
History	15 (18)		31 (24)		23 (24)	66 (65)
Geography	15 (15)		38 (25)		31 (27)	68 (65.3)
Accounting	33 (18)		0 (18)		17 (19)	61 (62.4)
Business Studs	0 (12)		8 (23)		17 (23)	51 (62.4)
Information Tech	40 (26)		30 (24)		10 (19)	73 (67)
Music	0 (27)		0 (33)		100 (24)	61 (72)
Dramatic Art	30 (34)		40 (33)		20 (21)	74.6 (74)
Visual Art	55 (24)		9 (28)		18 (25)	77.6 (69.3)

Congratulations to these Oakhill students on their excellent achievements!

Yours sincerely

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