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## Newsletter 07

EDGEMEAD HIGH SCHOOL



# EDGE- NEWS



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## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Edgemean High Families

Welcome back to a new term. As we begin another exciting term, I would like to share some of the wonderful achievements from the past few weeks. There is much to celebrate at Edgemean High School.

### Academic Excellence

Our Term 2 academic results demonstrate the positive academic progress our learners and staff continue to make across the school.

#### **GET (Grade 8-9)**

Compared to the same period last year, both our Grade 8 and Grade 9 learners have shown encouraging improvements, with more learners passing, significantly more learners achieving aggregates above 70%, a substantial increase in A aggregates (80%+), and fewer learners failing overall.

Our Grade 8 results have been particularly pleasing. The pass rate improved by **10%**, while the number of learners achieving A aggregates almost doubled from **10% to 19%**. Similarly, Grade 9 learners recorded almost double the number of A aggregates, increasing from **7% to 17%**, while the percentage of learners achieving above 70% rose from **25% to 41%**. Even more encouraging is that when comparing our current Grade 9 learners to the same group when they were in Grade 8 last year, we have seen improvements in every key academic measure, demonstrating real growth over time.

#### **FET (Grades 10-12)**

Our Senior Phase results reflect both encouraging progress and clear areas of focus as we continue to prepare learners for the demands of the National Senior Certificate. Grade 10 recorded positive growth, with the overall pass rate improving by **0.5%** and the Bachelor's Pass rate increasing by **3.4%**. In addition, **4.6%** of learners achieved an A aggregate (80% or above), demonstrating a strong foundation as they enter the FET phase.

Grade 11 presented a mixed but encouraging picture. While the overall pass rate and Bachelor's Pass rate declined slightly, the grade average increased from **63.3%** to **64.5%**, indicating stronger overall academic performance across the grade. Furthermore, **6.6%** of learners achieved an A aggregate. Our focus in Grade 11 will be on targeted intervention for at-risk learners to ensure that the improvements in overall performance translate into higher pass rates.

Our Grade 12 results remind us that the final year of schooling requires consistent effort and resilience. Although the overall pass rate declined, the Bachelor's Pass rate improved by **2%**, while **9%** of learners achieved an A aggregate. These results show that many of our matric learners are performing at a high academic level. As we approach the Mock and final examinations, our priority is to provide intensive academic support to those learners who are at risk, while continuing to challenge and extend our top achievers. We remain confident that our Class of 2026 has the ability to finish the year strongly.

While we are proud of these improvements, we remain committed to ensuring every learner succeeds. Parent-teacher meetings, subject-specific intervention programmes and additional academic support will continue throughout Term 3 as we build on this positive momentum.

### Preparing Learners for the Real World

#### Deloitte Tangible Tournament & Grade 9 Coding Experience

Ten of our Grade 9 learners proudly represented Edgemean High School at the Deloitte Tangible Tournament, hosted at Deloitte's Cape Town offices. Working in teams, our learners demonstrated outstanding collaboration and problem-solving skills while experiencing a professional corporate environment alongside learners from other schools.



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The partnership continued when the Tangible Team visited Edgemoor High School, providing every Grade 9 learner with engaging Tangible Unplugged coding workshops. These hands-on sessions introduced computational thinking through practical activities without the use of computers and were thoroughly enjoyed by our learners.

We sincerely thank Deloitte and the Tangible Team for inspiring our learners and helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and future careers.

### **AWS/ICDL Python Coding Boot Camp**

Through our partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and ICDL South Africa, fifteen Grade 11 learners participated in an intensive three-day Python Coding Boot Camp. The programme introduced learners to programming, algorithms, computational thinking and practical coding skills that are increasingly valuable in today's digital economy.

This year marked the completion of our second cohort, with a total of **30 learners** from 2025 and 2026 writing the internationally recognised ICDL Python certification.

The results were exceptional:

- 1 learner achieved **100%**
- 8 learners achieved **90-99%**
- 6 learners achieved **80-89%**
- 3 learners achieved **70-79%**
- 4 learners achieved **60-69%**

Congratulations to our top achievers:

1. Connor Li Joshua - **100%**
2. Chun Han Zhang - **97%**
3. Declan Platelle - **97%**

These opportunities continue to equip our learners with future-ready digital skills while exposing them to industry-leading technology.

### **Clubs & Societies**

#### **African Gaming Championship (AGC)**

Our Esports programme continues to grow from strength to strength. During the July holidays our learners competed in the African Gaming Championship, achieving outstanding results.

#### **EA FC 26**

- Grade 8 learner **Eli Kallis** progressed to the quarter-finals, an outstanding achievement against older competitors.

#### **Rocket League**

- Our team of Jordan Titus, Liam Hahn and Landon Nieuwoudt finished as Runners-up, narrowly missing the championship title.

#### **Fortnite First Team**

- Raeed Hartley, Luke Heydra and Micah Hess secured 2nd place, finishing only 21 points behind the winners.

#### **Fortnite Mixed Team**

- Matthew Heydra, Taegan Mill and Dani Kruger finished 9th overall. We are especially proud that Edgemoor High School was the only school represented by a female player in this division, highlighting the inclusive nature of our Esports programme.

### **Making a Difference in Our Community**

#### **Mandela Day**

Our Interact learners once again demonstrated what it means to serve others.

Together they filled 2 633 Jars of Hope, providing an incredible 10 181 meals for communities in Seamount Primary and Factreton Primary.

We also thank N1 City Mall, Stor-Age and Design Worx SA for their generous support, including the donation of 480 pairs of socks.

#### **Beanie Drive**

What started as a goal of collecting 400 beanies quickly became something extraordinary. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we collected more than 1 500 beanies, allowing us to support both Factreton Primary and Seamount Primary.

Thank you to every learner, parent and staff member who contributed.

#### **Bucket List Challenge**

We are now halfway through the year, which means our learners should be well on their way to completing their EHS Bucket List.

This initiative encourages learners to become involved in every aspect of school life. Learners who complete eight challenges stand the chance of winning a prize valued at R2 000.

With Derby Days, music performances and many other exciting events still to come, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

### **Sport**

Our learners represented Edgemoor High School with distinction during the July holidays, competing at the Connect Festival of Unity against schools from across South Africa and overseas. Our junior rugby teams also participated in the prestigious De Kuilen Rugby Festival.

#### **Rugby**

Our rugby teams played **nine fixtures**, winning **five**. Our **U19A** side remained unbeaten with excellent victories over:

- Oakham School (26-7)
- Clifton School (34-26)
- St Anselm's College (21-10)

At the De Kuilen Festival:

- U16 defeated Bellville B (14-10)
- U14 defeated Melkbosstrand B (17-14)

### **Hockey**

Our hockey teams enjoyed an outstanding tournament, winning **six of eight matches**.

Highlights included:

- Girls' U19A remaining unbeaten.
- Boys' U19A defeating Oakham School (3-1) and Pates Grammar (9-0).

### **Netball**

Our netball teams won **three of five fixtures**, recording excellent victories against Pates Grammar, Pipers Corner and Oakham School.

### **A Proud Holiday for EHS**

Across rugby, hockey and netball, Edgemean High School recorded an impressive 14 victories from 22 fixtures.

These results reflect the commitment of our learners, the dedication of our coaches and managers, and the incredible support of our parents.

We congratulate every learner who proudly wore the Edgemean badge over the holidays.

Your commitment, resilience and sportsmanship continue to make us immensely proud.

**KIND REGARDS,**

*Mr. Joel Erasmus*



# Mandela Day

Interact together with Edgemean Rotaract collaborated for Mandela Day to create Jars of Hope for the less fortunate. These jars contain rice, lentils, split peas and soup powder. Together with help from the community we filled 2633 jars which equates to 10181 meals. These meals were then distributed to Seamount Primary, Factreton Primary and MES Bellville. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this project such a success



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# Welcome to EHS!

We are delighted to welcome Ms Zurina Cassiem to the Edgemean High School family. Ms Cassiem joins our Languages Department as an Afrikaans teacher for Grades 8 to 11.

Originally from Cape Town, Ms Cassiem previously taught at Groote Schuur High School and completed her studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT).

Outside the classroom, she enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, going for walks, and relaxing at the beach. She is also a proud Harry Potter fan!

We are excited to have Ms Cassiem as part of our team and wish her every success as she begins this new chapter at Edgemean High School.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Patricia Kriel to the Edgemean High School family. Mrs Kriel joins our Mathematics Department as a Grades 8 to 11 Mathematics teacher and will also be taking on the role of U19B Girls' Hockey Manager.

This marks Mrs Kriel's 10th year in education, and she joins us from Bothasig High School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

Mrs Kriel is passionate about creating a classroom environment where hard work, respect and teamwork are valued, and she looks forward to helping her learners grow in both confidence and mathematical ability.

Outside of school, Mrs Kriel is a devoted wife and mother of two. She enjoys hiking, baking, spending quality time with family and friends, and, of course, a good cup of coffee.

We are excited to have Mrs Kriel as part of the Edgemean High School community and wish her every success in her new role.



We are delighted to welcome Ms Michaela Pritchard to the Edgemean High School family.

Born and raised in Cape Town, Ms Pritchard completed both her Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) at Stellenbosch University.

Outside the classroom, she has a passion for all things arts and crafts, including painting, crocheting, colouring, and even a bit of singing. She is also a devoted dog lover and is always happy to admire photos of everyone's furry friends!

We are excited to have Ms Pritchard join our team and look forward to the passion, creativity and enthusiasm she will bring to our school community. We wish her every success as she begins this new chapter at Edgemean High School.



# Clubs and Societies

## Debating Team Continues to Impress in National Debating League

Our debaters once again represented Edgemean High School with confidence and determination during Round 5 of the National Debating League.

The Junior B1 team secured an excellent victory over Sans Souci B1, with Tyla Golden earning the title of Best Speaker for her outstanding performance.

The Junior B2 team narrowly lost to Milnerton B1 but delivered a spirited performance, contributing an impressive 19 Points of Information (POIs) throughout the debate. The Junior B3 team also competed strongly against Reddam Constantia B1, gaining valuable experience against tough opposition.

In the senior division, the Senior A1 team put in a determined performance against Curro Delft, recording an outstanding 19 POIs despite the result not going their way. The Senior A2 team celebrated a well-deserved victory over Melkbosstrand A2, with Muaath Francis being named Best Speaker.

A special congratulations goes to Muaath Francis, who has achieved the remarkable feat of being awarded Best Speaker in every debate he has participated in this year. This exceptional consistency is a testament to his dedication, skill and commitment to the art of debating.

Congratulations to all our debaters on another successful round. We are incredibly proud of the passion, resilience and excellence they continue to display while representing Edgemean High School.



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# Clubs and Societies

## Drama Society Takes to the Playhouse Stage

Our talented Drama Society proudly represented Edgemoor High School at the Playhouse Theatre Festival Competition, showcasing their award-winning production with confidence, creativity and passion.

Performing on a competitive stage alongside schools from across the region, our cast captivated the audience with their energy, teamwork and theatrical talent. Their performance reflected the countless hours of rehearsals, dedication and hard work that went into bringing the production to life.

Regardless of the final results, we are incredibly proud of every cast and crew member for the professionalism, enthusiasm and school spirit they displayed throughout the festival.

Congratulations to our Drama Society on an outstanding performance and for representing Edgemoor High School with such pride and excellence.



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## Chess Teams Shine at Metro North Tournament

Our Edgemean High School chess teams delivered an outstanding performance at the Metro North Chess Tournament, competing against some of the strongest schools in the district.

Despite travelling with only their coach and the support of dedicated parents, our players demonstrated remarkable determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

The Girls' Under-15 and Boys' Under-17 teams both achieved an impressive second-place finish, earning silver medals. They narrowly missed out on the regional play-offs by just one point—a testament to how closely contested the competition was.

Congratulations to all our chess players on this fantastic achievement. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, commitment and the excellent way you represented Edgemean High School.



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# Academic Top 5

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|  <p><b>GRADE 12</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>1. Thaania Omar<br/>87.14</p>    |  <p><b>GRADE 12</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>2. Mika-Lee Lewis<br/>87%</p>      |  <p><b>GRADE 12</b><br/>TOP CANDIDATE</p> <p>3. Chun Han Zhang<br/>86.86%</p>          |  <p><b>GRADE 12</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>4. Nathan Kielblock<br/>86.57%</p> |
|  <p><b>GRADE 12</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>5. Nicole Karamba<br/>84.57%</p> |  <p><b>GRADE 11</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>1. Joshua Pape<br/>93.43%</p>      |  <p><b>GRADE 11</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>2. Bohlale Mphuti<br/>92%</p>        |  <p><b>GRADE 11</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>3. Liam Stoffberg<br/>91.71%</p>   |
|  <p><b>GRADE 11</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>4. Sebastian Porter<br/>89%</p> |  <p><b>GRADE 11</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>5. Max Trauernicht<br/>92.06%</p> |  <p><b>GRADE 10</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>1. Mackenzie Burger<br/>89.57%</p>  |  <p><b>GRADE 10</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>2. Scarlett Sims<br/>86%</p>      |
|  <p><b>GRADE 10</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>3. Faye White<br/>85.57%</p>   |  <p><b>GRADE 10</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>4. Leah Nelson<br/>84%</p>       |  <p><b>GRADE 10</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>5. Kauthar Moosa<br/>83.86%</p>    |  <p><b>GRADE 9</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>1. Emma Doman<br/>94.33%</p>      |
|  <p><b>GRADE 9</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>2. Chiara Gush<br/>92.33%</p>   |  <p><b>GRADE 9</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>3. Reneilwe Tuba<br/>89.11%</p>   |  <p><b>GRADE 9</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>4. Anniyah Pretorius<br/>88.89%</p> |  <p><b>GRADE 9</b><br/>ACADEMIC<br/>TOP 5</p> <p>5. Kaylee Lewis<br/>88.78%</p>    |



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# Academic Top 5



## Academic Excellence on the Rise

Edgemean High School continues to celebrate a culture of academic excellence, and our latest assessment results reflect the dedication and hard work of both our learners and staff.

Our Academic Top Achievers have once again produced exceptional results, consistently demonstrating the commitment, perseverance and determination that define success. Their achievements are a testament to the countless hours of effort invested both inside and outside the classroom.

Beyond the accomplishments of our top-performing learners, we are equally encouraged by the overall academic growth across the school. Our performance statistics show significant improvement, highlighting the positive progress being made at every level. This upward trend reflects our collective commitment to supporting every learner in reaching their full potential.

We congratulate all our learners on their achievements and thank our dedicated teachers and supportive parents for the invaluable role they play in our learners' success. Together, we continue to build a school where academic excellence thrives and every learner is inspired to achieve their best.



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# EHS Reunion Dates



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# REUNIONS

Class of 1996  
18 September 2026

Class of 2011 & 2016  
23 October 2026

Class of 2006  
30 October 2026

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# Learner

## Achievements



### EHS Dancers Strike Gold at Cape Town Dance Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Scarlett Sims (Grade 10), Kayla Baird (Grade 9), Ashley van Heerden (Grade 8), and Caitlyn Johannes (Grade 9), who proudly represented Dance Empire at the Cape Town Dance Eisteddfod Finale in Sea Point on 14 June.

The talented group earned gold medals for both of their modern dance performances, a remarkable achievement that reflects their hard work, talent, and dedication. Their success is particularly commendable as the Eisteddfod took place throughout the examination period, requiring exceptional commitment and perseverance.

We are incredibly proud of these learners and congratulate them on this outstanding accomplishment.



### Makayle Burrows Shines at Rona 5's Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to Makayle Burrows, who proudly represented his team at the Rona 5's Hockey Tournament from 14-17 July.

Over the four-day tournament, Makayle showcased his talent, determination, and the skills he has developed through the guidance of Edgemoor High School's dedicated hockey coaches. While his team finished 13th out of 20 teams, the tournament provided valuable experience against strong opposition and was an incredibly rewarding opportunity.

Makayle returned inspired, motivated, and excited for the remainder of the hockey season. We are proud of his achievement and look forward to seeing his continued growth on and off the field.



### Western Cape Gymnastics Champion

Congratulations to Zoe on her outstanding achievement at the Western Cape Gymnastics Championships, held in Saldanha this past weekend.

Competing as a Level 2 gymnast, Zoe delivered an exceptional performance to claim the gold medal in her division. As a result of her success, she has now advanced to Level 3 - a fantastic milestone in her gymnastics journey.

We are incredibly proud of Zoe's hard work, dedication, and achievement, and we wish her every success as she continues to grow in the sport.



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## Shingie Muchuweti excels at Reitz Platteland Week

Congratulations to Shingie Muchuweti on his outstanding achievement at the Reitz Platteland Week, where he proudly represented the Western Cape Disas XV U18 Rugby Team. Throughout the tournament, Shingie delivered an exceptional performance, showcasing his talent, determination, and skill on the field. His efforts earned him a hat-trick, the title of Best Wing of the Week, and selection for a touring rugby team to Italy, where he will have the opportunity to further develop his game and compete internationally.

We are incredibly proud of Shingie's dedication and remarkable achievements, and we wish him every success as he continues to excel in his rugby journey.



## Six EHS Rugby Players Selected for Rhino Rugby Tour to Scotland

Congratulations to Azukwa Duma, Ethan Carr, Keane Ehmke, Sergio Moniz, Luniko Xhego, and Joshua Leggo on their selection for the Rhino Rugby Tour to Scotland, taking place in October.

Being chosen for this prestigious international tour is a remarkable achievement and a testament to each player's hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and commitment to excellence both on and off the field. This opportunity will allow them to represent their talents on an international stage while gaining invaluable experience against quality opposition.

We are incredibly proud of these six learners and wish them every success as they prepare for this exciting chapter in their rugby journey.



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# *Class of* 2016 & 2011

REUNION



23 OCTOBER 2026

18H00

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INFORMATION

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CLASS OF 2006  
20 YEAR  
REUNION

30 October 2026

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# Class of 1996 Reunion

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