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# Farewell to the class of 2022

Excerpts from the speeches made by Dr John Jutzen (1992 Duiker) and the Headmaster, Mr Dale Jackson, made at the Valedictory Ceremony on 21st October



Congratulations on all you have achieved; you have worked hard, and you have endured a great deal to arrive at this moment. It is well deserved!!

You have managed school through a global pandemic and are now the post covid leadership group; you have built resilience beyond what

many people have at your age.

As I look back, I realise Jeppe created footholds that allowed me to climb higher than I ever thought I was capable of, to experience views I never knew existed and enjoyment, fun and meaning I did not know was possible.

What are the attributes of these footholds for life? Empathy, Integrity, Competitiveness, Honour, Respect, Open-mindedness, Tenacity.

Here are some things I have drawn from my life experiences:

- 1 It's Tough – It's going to be difficult, prepare to deal with it. You have been protected by the shroud of the school. Those support structures fall away when you leave. Your new freedom and opportunity is a great gift but it comes with challenges.
- 2 Things are better than they seem – You do not need to look far to see great things happening. We have tremendous problems to solve in this country, as does the rest of the world.
- 3 Be the change you want to see – Use the footholds Jeppe has presented you with to be the young men you aspire to be
- 4 Swing for the fence – Embrace every opportunity, get involved, learn and burn.
- 5 Love what you do.
- 6 Recognise what you have right now – This is a special time, and you will not pass this way again. Look forward with courage and be excited about the opportunities.



The Class of 2022 will always have a very special place in my heart. You are the first cohort of Jeppe boys who, for their entire high school career, have had me as their headmaster.

I have found myself doing a great deal of reflection and introspection lately. I

thought I should leave you with some of my own thoughts, and pieces of advice, for your futures.

From a career perspective, I have, since the death of my father when I was 22, always been informed and guided by what I call my Three Golden Rules – three rules, or tenets, on which I have always based any career-related decision I ever make when trying to navigate my own life's purpose and trying to figure out what makes me happy.

The first of these rules is that I try never to let money be the primary determinant of any career decision I make. The death of my father at just 48 years of age made me realise that there was no point being the richest man in the graveyard. Following your passion and dreams and giving it a "red hot go" every time an opportunity presented itself, is far more important than the size of your bank account.

My second golden tenet when making any career-related decisions is that I only work for, and with, people I trust. My reputation is more important to me than any physical possession or amount of money and I therefore choose to surround myself with, and work for, people whose value systems, principles and ethics mirror my own.

My last principle when making any career-related decisions is that I will only ever work for a cause I believe in and where I believe I can make the biggest difference. Whatever you choose to do gentlemen, make sure that it's something you love, where you're making a difference.



# The Special Awards

## The most improved Learner

This award is given to the learner whose average improves by the highest percentage during the year. This year's winner has improved his average by 8.98% from June exams to Prelims – **Connor Gray**.

## H.F Schoon Award for Bilingualism

This award is given to the learner who maintains the highest combined average in English Home Language and either Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language – **Devon Lacy**'s combined average for English and Afrikaans is 89.1%.

## Dan Swart Award (Best Art Portfolio)

The portfolio is the instrument wherein all the nitty gritty elements of a successful artwork are worked out. For his talent and dedication – **Liam van Rooyen**.

## Afeltra Award (Best Art Piece)

The learner chosen to receive this award has consistently shown great skill and concept in his artwork – **Jason Bailie**.

## The David Goble Award for Outstanding Creative Writing

The winner of this year's award is a young man whose writing skills exceed the normal conventions of language use – **Tristin Smith-Harding**.

## The Du Guigne Award for the Best Literary Essay

The recipient of this year's award made signed up for the Advanced English Programme. For his style of critical writing, analysis, and for the growing sophistication of his ability to interrogate literary 'voices' as storylines about the stories we tell ourselves to create

meaning in the world – **Calvin Stevens**.

## Robbie Coelho Award for Overall Achievement in Cultural Activities

The recipient of this award has spent many hours working, often behind the scenes, in his selected cultural activities and has played an important role in the growth of each – **Keaton Puckree**.

## Meredith Trophy for Sportsman of the Year

This award is traditionally awarded to a boy who has shown excellence across

are unprecedented at Jeppe. He has also recently achieved an honours blazer and has his National Colours for Scouts – **Jason Bailie**.

## The Warburton Trophy for Meritorious Service

The winner of this award has sustained an academic average above 70% this year. He received Full Colours for his great skills and his mentorship talents in Emergency Medical Care. At Oribi House, he was a tower of strength and a man of action who got things done – **Riley Pitman**.

## The Scott Cup for School Spirit

This award honours an individual whose presence warms those around them, whose character and care brings smiles to faces. The award this year goes to a young man who, where others may have found reasons not to show up, always arrived and gave his everything – **Karabo Konyana**.

## The Senator Haitas award

The Senator Haitas award is given to the Grade 12 pupil, other than the Head Boy, who in the eyes of his peers and the staff has best exemplified the qualities of leadership, discipline, devotion to duty and esprit de corps – **Loyola Mtwa**.



**Tristin Smith-Harding**



**Loyola Mtwa**



**Jaydon Lincoln**



**Riley Pitman**



**Karabo Konyana**

multiple sports throughout his five years at Jeppe.

This year's winner has played at 1st team level in three different sports, captaining two of them (hockey and cricket) – **Jaydon Lincoln**.

## The Glendinning Award for Outstanding Achievement

This recipient's in the Performing Arts

## The Rotary Cup (For Service above Self)

The Rotary Cup for Service above Self is traditionally awarded to the Head Prefect, and rightly so. For his great passion, leadership, spirit, composure and compassion it goes to – **Tristin Smith-Harding**.

# Jason Bailie – all-rounder extraordinaire

## Full colours awards for Academics, Orienteering and Performing Arts

Jason Bailie became only the fifth Jeppe boy to be awarded an Honours Blazer in the 132-year history of the school.

It was awarded to him, in the presence of his parents, at the final full school assembly attended by the matrics last week.

The requirement for the award is that a boy must have been awarded full colours in activities in each of the three areas of school life - academics, cultural activities and sport.

Jason completed that trio of awards when he received full colours for Performing Arts at the end of the drama season this term. Earlier in the year, he was awarded full colours for Orienteering, to go with the full colours for Academics that he received at the end of his grade 11 year.

The first Honours Blazer was awarded in 1999 to Jason Tee (who joins Jeppe next year as the new Deputy Headmaster). He was followed by Clinton Smythe in 2003; Kamal Ramburuth Hurt in 2015 and David Newton in 2018.

Jason has always been an accomplished academic, rarely featuring outside of the top three in his grade. He is second again this year and was awarded



**Jason with his parents Jeff and Carol, who attended the awarding ceremony.**

full colours for Academics.

The sport he excelled in was Orienteering - a combination of physical fitness and mental awareness. Jason dominated in it at Jeppe and in the

province, which qualified him for full colours for Orienteering.

He made his biggest impact in the sphere of cultural activities, particularly in the Performing Arts. He won many trophies and awards and was a driving force in propelling Jeppe's Performing Arts club to become a force in Gauteng. He was duly awarded full colours in this area of school life – the last of the three awards required to receive an honours blazer.

"I'm proud and humbled to be honoured in this way," Jason said. "I am following in some big footsteps. I could never have achieved it without the support and help of so many people along the way. My teachers and coaches, the teammates and cast members I was involved with, all played a major role in my success."

The headmaster, Mr Dale Jackson described Jason as an ordinary Jeppe boy who has achieved the extra-ordinary. "He has put the interests of Jeppe before his own. He made the most of his talents and competed for the love of sport, for the joy of being the best he can be. He made the most of every opportunity that came his way at Jeppe," he said.

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