# Matric Results

***We want to congratulate all the achievers from Utopia High School with their results!***

It is with great pride and gratitude that we give you a summary of the Matric results. Congratulations to all the learners who have worked so hard and have really done their part. Utopia High School was among the top schools in the province again.

Utopia High School has achieved a pass rate of 100%, an achievement that few schools in the country can boast of.

The 284 matriculants have a total of 264 distinctions. The average for all matric subjects is 65%. The distribution of distinctions is as follows:

9 distinctions 1 learner

7 distinctions 4 learners

6 distinctions 4 learners

5 distinctions 5 learners

4 distinctions 7 learners

3 distinctions 12 learners

2 distinctions 32 learners

1 distinction 50 learners

Seventy percent of learners obtained university entrance to a B degree, 21% to a diploma course and 1% to a higher diploma course.

See attached addendum with complete symbol distribution.

# Olympiads

## English Olympiad

A number of our learners took part in the De Beers English Olympiad for the first time this year. The De Beers English Olympiad is a national English competition that attracts more than 5000 entries each year. The competition is organised jointly by the Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education. The top 50 candidates are offered free-tuition scholarships for their first year of study at Rhodes University. The aim of the Olympiad is to enrich learners through the study of English and to encourage critical thinking and creative writing.

In addition, the top 3 winners are treated to a literary tour of England in December and the top 15 candidates are invited to attend the National Schools Festival in Grahamstown. Their participation is sponsored by De Beers. The Olympiad prize-giving ceremony takes place during this festival. All candidates who completed the paper received certificates indicating classified evaluation:

1. Participation
2. Merit
3. Bronze
4. Silver
5. Gold

De Beers has been closely associated with the English Olympiad since 1985. The De Beers Fund, the company’s dedicated social investment vehicle, has for many years contributed the lion’s share of its annual budget to supporting education initiatives as the foundation for broader social and economic development.

The Olympiad is now a vehicle for spreading the love of the language. It also serves as a vehicle for the promotion of the language for its better use to all parts of the sub-continent. One of the more popular topics in this year’s exam was ‘My Education Has Failed Me’. A complete list of the top 100 in alphabetical order is available on the following website: http://schoolfest.foundation.org.za

## Accounting

Ten learners took part in the Accounting Olympiad, and Heila Botha ended among the top five learners.

## Mathematics

This Olympiad is one of the most popular Olympiads and most learners want to take part. Hundred and twenty four learners from Grades 10 to 12 took part in the Olympiad and 65% of these learners went through to the final round. Congratulations to Henro Beukes and Philemon Tsatsi who ended in the top 20 and Jacqueline van Tonder who went through to the top 5.

## Computers

Five learners from Grade 12 took part in the Information Technology Olympiad. Shaun Smith went through to the final round and ended in the top 10.

## Afrikaans

Fifty learners from Grades 10 to 12 took part in the Senior Afrikaans Olympiad. Ilse Linde and Charnette Steele ended in the top 10. Fourteen learners in Grade 9 took part in the Junior Afrikaans Olympiad.

Afrikaans Expo

Grade 8 to11 learners took part in the Expo. Only learners with an average of 75% and higher are entered for evaluation on national level. Claude Strauch received the highest marks in Utopia High School, namely 91% for his newspaper scrapbook.

## Global Knowledge Olympiad

Twenty three learners took part in the Global Knowledge Olympiad. Hannes Lerm has the best results in the province in Grade 12. Victor Venner won the Grade 11 section in the province and Christoff Coetzee ended up in third place in the Grade 8 section.

## Science Expo

Twenty four learners took part in the 45th National Science Olympiad. Talita de Villiers ended in the top 100.

## Minquiz

Talita de Villiers, Johan van Staden and NW Ligthelm took part and ended up in overall third position in the province.

# Culture

## Revue

In February, 25 learners were chosen for the singing group that left for Brakpan just after the April holidays for the sound recordings. A second round of auditions was held and at the beginning of May 120 learners reported to the choreographer to learn the first dance moves. After this followed hours of work, but also hours of fun! When the lighting, décor and costumes all came together, a production was staged that was a pleasurable experience for every participant, teacher and audience member.

## Debating and Public Speaking

Two internal competitions were held, namely Junior (Grades 8 and 9) and Senior (Grades 10 to 12). The first round of the ATKV debating was in Groblersdal and 4 juniors and 6 seniors represented Utopia High School. Everybody’s orations went brilliantly and Inge Cilliers and Christine Kruger, Eunice Pretorius and Hannes Lerm went through to the semi final rounds. Christine Kruger was chosen to represent the province in the final in Bloemfontein.

The English debating team consisting of 16 learners took part in the Mayor’s Trophy Debating Competition. The team went through to the final. Kathy Moholoa and Brandon Janse van Vuuren were awarded “Best speakers”.

## One Act Play at Wits Theatre

Six of our drama students in Grades 10 to 12, took part in the annual drama festival at the Wits Theatre in Braamfontein. Hlubi Nkosi and her team took care of the directing, lighting and props and their one act play was written by Pierre van Onsellen. They took 5th prize (30 schools took part) and Zoleka Zuma received a special merit award for her acting ability.

# Sport

## Athletics

Utopia High School as usual took care of all competition, thanks especially to our senior boys.

### Noordheuwel Top 10

Utopia High School ended in sixth place out of 38 schools and brought home 11 medals, two gold medals for Ryno de Lange and Liezel Scholtz.

### SA Junior Yellow Pages Championships

Six athletes from Utopia High School were selected.

### Athletes on their way to SA Championships

Eight athletes from Utopia High School were selected. Stefan Crafford, Ryno de Lange, Sumarie Hall, Tanya Marais and Liezel Scholtz won bronze medals.

### Cross Country

Elizma van der Merwe was selected for the NuPower team that competed in Mozambique.

## Soccer

Soccer remains one of our most popular sport choices and our U/16 to U/18 teams held their own in the Gauteng Soccer League. Four of our U/18 players were selected for the national team that will go on tour to Argentina later this year. Our girls U/16 team are gaining momentum and ended second in the Gauteng league. Congratulations to all the players.

## Hockey

### Girls

Utopia High School were announced as the top school at the NuPower/Tuks series. The first team and U/14A team are victorious in this series and the U/16A team received the bronze medal. Seven teams are provincial winners and nineteen girls are awarded Limpopo colours.

### Boys

Six teams were entered into the provincial league. Three teams are winners and one team came second. Ten players were awarded provincial colours and one player was selected as the U/18 team captain.

## Cricket

### Boys

Utopia High School took part in the league with eight teams. Two Utopia High School boys’ teams played in the final and won the U/19A and B league. Eight players were awarded provincial colours.

### Girls

Girls took part in the league in the Southern Circle. They ended in second place. Two players were awarded provincial colours.

## Netball

The U/15A, U/16A and U/18A teams are provincial winners. In the NuPower/Tuks series the U/15A team ended third. Utopia High School ended ninth in total. The U/15A team received a gold medal at the Coke tournament. Utopia High School delivered 14 provincial players.

## Rugby

Utopia High School took part in the NuPower/Tuks series as well as the Mercurius/Xerox series. The following players did extremely well:

Craven Week: Tiaan Snyman, Kiewiet Coesee, Danie Ludick

Academy: Jacques Vorster, Bones van Heese, Nico Els

U/19 PUK Week: Robin Goliath, Mauritz van den Heever, Rickus Nel

## Swimming

Fourteen swimmers were awarded Limpopo colours and took part in the SA championships in Durban. Anthony Shamley and Natasha de Vos each won two gold medals. Utopia High School won the Interhigh with 75 points.

## Tennis

Utopia High School obtains an overall tenth place during the NuPower/Tuks series. Utopia High School won seven of the possible eight trophies in the provincial schools’ league; all eight teams go through to the final. Utopia High School delivered seven provincial players this year that represented Limpopo.

# ADDENDUM