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# Crescent Girls' High School Newsletter ...

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We thank Allah SWT for his countless blessings and we send Salaams and Durood upon the best of creation our beloved Rasool SAW. It is only through the Grace of Allah SWT that we have reached the end of the first term successfully. As usual, many activities were planned for this term. Alhamdulillah, all were duly completed and we look forward to the challenges of the second term.

Du`aa for the month of رَجَبُ  
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَ شَعْبَانَ وَ بَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ  
O Allah! Grant us blessings in the month of Rajab and Sha'baan,  
and take us forth to the month of Ramadaan

## ANNUAL AWARDS DAY

Our Annual Awards Day was held on 12 January 2019. All stakeholders of Crescent Girls High School celebrated the achievements of our learners on that day. The hard work of our diligent learners was acknowledged by all present. Proud parents, other family members and well-wishers watched as their children received accolades in the form of certificates and trophies. The highlights of the day were the achievements of our Grade 12 learners who sat for the NSC exams, Four of our learners, Shaazia Ebrahim (7As), Sumayya Patel (6As), Lameez Habid (5As) and Shakeela Essa (5As) featured in the Top 30 amongst AMS schools. Overall, we had many subject distinctions. 10As in English, 9As in Accounting and Physics, 6As in Geography. We hope that the outstanding achievements of our matriculants serve to inspire learners in the other grades. We take this opportunity to wish our matriculants all the best for the future. May Allah SWT grant them success in all their endeavours.



## PARENT ORIENTATION

Parents of new learners were invited to attend an Orientation Programme on 16 January 2019. This was held to provide them with information pertaining to our school. Many important aspects, including the 'Code of Conduct' for learners' were highlighted.



## CAREER GUIDANCE

We have noticed over the years that the majority of students do not consider career guidance as an essential aspect of their schooling. It is common knowledge that if a learner receives the correct guidance, she is more likely to make the correct career choice. At Crescent, we assist our learners by hosting representatives from various tertiary institutions in order to provide them with valuable information. In this term we have already hosted representatives from Varsity College, Pearson Institute, Damelin and Capsicum. We hope to invite many more during the course of the year, Insha Allah Ameen. If a person makes a correct career choice it goes a long way in leading a happy fulfilled life.





February 15 was a much awaited day on the Crescent Girls High School’s Calendar. It was the day on which Crescent had its annual “FUN DAY”. We, at Crescent recognise that taking a ‘break’ does wonders for the mind and body. This eventually impacts on the teaching and learning at our school. Learners participated in various activities such as Amazing Race, Scavenger Hunt, and Obstacle Course. Learners laid out an array of desserts and mocktails during the cook-off. Many learners participated in the “ Classroom Challenge” depicting various themes. Both learners and educators had a lot of fun.

**Two Easy ways to earn Reward even after we leave this Dunyaa:**

1. ***Give a copy of the Noble Qur’aan to someone, they read you benefit also.***
  2. ***Teach someone to recite a Du`aa, they read you benefit also.***
- ...go on what are you waiting for....***

**TO QUOTE  
HAMLET**  
ACT III, SCENE III  
LINE 87, (4.4)  
“NO”

**HAMLET**

All learners from Grade 12 attended the live performance of Hamlet at the Playhouse on the 19 February 2019. For many it was a first time visit and they were in awe of what they were exposed to. Hamlet is currently being studied by our Grade 12 learners .The performance put on by ‘Think Theatre’ was a brilliant visual stimulus to facilitate the study of the drama. Many of our learners vowed that this would not be their last visit to the playhouse.

**CAPSICUM CULINARY**

On the 20th of February 2019 two representatives from Capsicum Culinary visited Crescent Girls High School. Chef Altaaf of Capsicum related his experiences about how he has spent his years at Capsicum. He also demonstrated various skills and techniques to the Consumer Studies learners by making chocolate truffles. Learners were impressed and thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration.



The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

**AMS GRADE 10 SPEECH CONTEST**

Two Grade 10 learners represented Crescent Girls at Ihsaan Boys College on Saturday; the learners presented their speeches to a crowded auditorium with many other participating schools present. Saabera Isaacs spoke about ‘Emotional Intelligence’ and Mwantumu Ntombela spoke on the ‘Dangers of consuming a sugary diet’. The girls were up against many other speakers who presented a variety of topics. Their efforts are definitely commended. Well done!

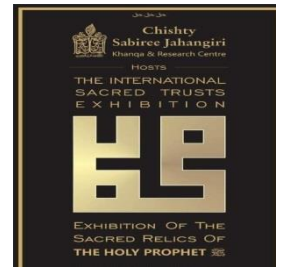
**AMS SWIMMING GALA**

The AMS swimming gala was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019. Sixteen learners from Crescent participated in the gala and represented our school. The gala was held at the Asherville pool and was an extremely successful event. Various AMS Schools also participated and overall, our learners performed very well and are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and dedication. We hope that in 2020, more learners will participate and do our school proud yet again.



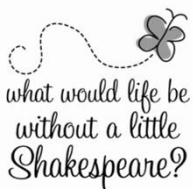
## THE INTERNATIONAL SACRED TRUSTS EXHIBITION SOUTH AFRICA

We, at Crescent, are truly blessed! We had the honour of hosting an exhibition of the Relics of our beloved Rasool SAW on 25 February 2019. The Relics that were on display could be viewed from close proximity. Members of our community that attended were especially grateful to be part of this auspicious occasion. Our learners were in awe to see a blessed sandal (Nalain) and a piece of his blessed garment. We are indeed very grateful to Allah SWT for blessing us with this opportunity. We wish to place on record our gratitude to Mr Naeem Khan and his team for elevating our status by exhibiting the Blessed Relics at our school.



## OPEN DAY

Our 'Open Day' which is held annually was very well attended, Alhamdulillah. It was pleasing to see so many excited faces in the audience. Parents were given information about our school and were escorted around our school campus by our prefects. We make dua that we have convinced many new learners to come to our school as we have much to offer them.



## MOBILE THEATRE

Learners viewed a live theatrical performance at school on Wednesday 6 March 2019. The performance was titled: "Shakespeare, the interview" and dealt with the life and works of William Shakespeare. The performance was informative and educational.

## TIPS FOR WRITING ESSAYS

### WRITING ESSAYS

#### **opening:**

It is often said that ... / Many people claim that ...  
 In this day and age ... / Nowadays ... / These days ...  
 We live in an age when many of us are ...  
 ... is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion.  
 ... is often discussed yet rarely understood.  
 It goes without saying that ... is one of the most important issues facing us today.  
 The following essay takes a look at both sides of the argument.

#### **introducing points:**

Firstly, let us take a look at ... / To start with, ...  
 First of all, it is worth considering ...  
 Secondly, ... Thirdly, ...  
 Furthermore, ... / In addition, ... / What is more, ... / On top of that, ...  
 Another point worth noting is ... / Another factor to consider is ...  
 Lastly, ... / Finally, ... / Last but not least, ...

#### **presenting ideas & giving examples:**

When it comes to noun/gerund, ...  
 In terms of noun/gerund, ...  
 With respect to noun/gerund, ...  
 Not only ... but also ...

#### **expressing result & reason:**

As a result, ... / As a result of ..., ...  
 ... has led to ... / ... has resulted in ...  
 Consequently, ... / Therefore, ...  
 On account of ... / Due to ...  
 One reason behind this is ...

#### **concluding:**

To sum up, ... / In conclusion, ...  
 All things considered, ...  
 Taking everything into consideration, ...  
 Weighing up both sides of the argument, ...  
 The advantages of ... outweigh the disadvantages.

#### **According to experts, ...**

Research has found that ...  
 There are those who argue that ...  
 For instance ... / For example ... / such as ...

#### **contrasting:**

Although/Even though subject + verb, ...  
 Despite/In spite of noun/gerund, ...  
 Despite the fact that subject + verb, ...  
 On the one hand ... On the other hand ...  
 However ... / Nevertheless, ... / Even so ...

#### **opinion:**

As far as I'm concerned, ...  
 From my point of view, ...  
 In my opinion, ...  
 Personally speaking, ...  
 My own view on the matter is ...

**"Who am I to judge....when I myself walk imperfectly"**

### **DIARISE THIS**

Term 2	02 April- 14 June
Parent Consultation	09 April
Sports Day	18 April
1 <sup>st</sup> Ramadaan	06 May
Public Holiday- Elections	08 May
Eid-ul-fitr	5 June (subject to moon sighting)

