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CONNECTING THE REDHILL ALUMNI COMMUNITY

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## Dear Redhill Alumni,

We have had some incredible highlights in 2022 – the highly-anticipated return of our Redhill Arts Festival (#RedFest2022); an incredibly powerful major production, Cabaret; winning Best Private Primary School and Best Private High School again in this year's Best of Joburg awards; the opening of our phenomenal new High Performance and Aquatic Centre – and so many more. Let's just say that it was a FULL year.

That being said, one of my personal highlights has to be our two Alumni reunions that we hosted on Campus in the last few months – a 10 year reunion and 20 year reunion. While these students graduated from Redhill before I joined the school, I did recognise a few faces who are current Redhill parents! Reunions are a wonderful opportunity to take Alumni around the Campus and see it through their eyes – the new building and new offerings that have taken place, as well as old haunts that haven't changed a bit. Their reactions never fail to disappoint – a combination of

powerful memories combined with, "Why didn't WE get that when we were here?"

Please do keep an eye out for details of your upcoming reunions, opportunities to take to the sports field and play against our 1st Teams, and details of other events taking place on Campus. We'd also love it if you shared this newsletter with friends from your time at Redhill so we can hear about THEIR news as we try to connect with as many Redhillians as possible.

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My warmest wishes for a wonderful year ahead. I do hope to see you on the Redhill Campus soon!

Warm regards,

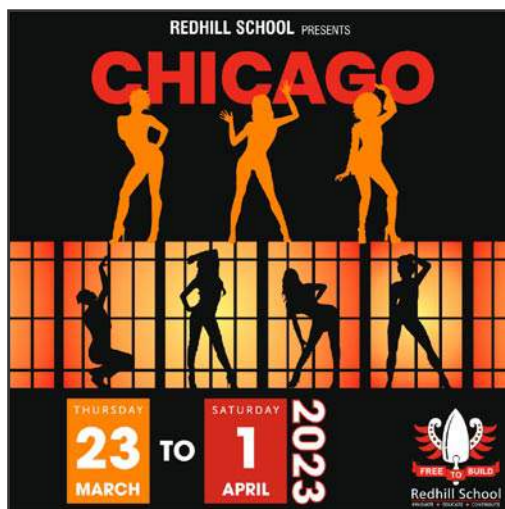
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# Have you **Heard?**

**Redhill School**  
Voted the  
**Best Private  
High School**  
(2020, 2021 and 2022)  
AND  
**Private Primary School**  
(2021 and 2022)  
in the annual  
Best of Joburg Awards.



**VOTED THE BEST**

✓ **Private High School**  
(2020, 2021 and 2022)

AND ✓ **Private Primary School**  
(2021 and 2022)

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New **Redhill**  
**website**  
will be  
launched  
at the end  
of March!

## What we're building...

We're breaking ground for  
the building of the  
**new ELC building.**  
(opening April 2024)

Be the first  
to see what our  
**Innovation Hub**  
(in the old Library)  
will look like!



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## Changing Lives



“do small things  
with  
Great Love”

- Mother Teresa

Every gift makes an  
immediate and lasting impact.

Gifts to the  
**Redhill Foundation**  
represent not only support for the next  
generation of Redhillians, but also a belief in  
our collective future – one that is even more  
connected, collaborative and impactful.

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**We thank you for your  
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# Kicking off at Redhill

## Alumni: Aliyaah Allie

I started at Redhill School in KG1 at the age of 4. I began playing football around the age of 5 with the boys at school, as well as outside of school with my brother Tareq (he's also a Redhill Alumnus). At the age of 6, the boys at school started training with Mr Ngwenya on Oval field. I was advised to take ballet instead of football... that didn't last long and I ended up joining the boys anyway. It was way more fun, in my opinion. I continued playing and training while building close relationships with the boys at school - they were my football buddies. By the time I reached Grade 3, matches were being played against other schools which got me even more excited about the game. Redhill requested special permission at the time for me to play in the schools' league, which was for boys only. While I played with the boys at school, I was also receiving extra training externally to improve my skills. In Grade 5, I went overseas to play football for the first time with a local club (Sandton Parks FC) that some of the Redhill boys and I belonged to. It was an amazing opportunity for me to experience the competition outside of the country. Again, I was the only girl in that team.

In Grade 7, I was voted Soccer Captain at Redhill by my peers and was the first girl to do have done so (and hopefully not be the last!). We had an amazing

season and I made unforgettable memories with the team and coaching staff. In Grade 8, I was unfortunately unable to continue playing football with the boys at school level. This was very frustrating and sad for me. There was a newly-founded girls' football team in the High School and I played for both the juniors and the seniors. However, I sought more of a challenge. I ended up having to leave Redhill to develop my football and education elsewhere. I soon received my first u17 South African National team call up, making my debut right before COVID struck, when I was limited to online training in my garden. A year later, I made the u20 South African National team in addition to being selected to play with the First team of the club I played for, JWV FC (Janine van Wyk) in the Hollywood Bets National Women's League.

Now, at the age of 18, I have just finished my matric and play professionally in Scotland for Glasgow City FC.

I am grateful to Redhill for supporting me and giving me the opportunity to learn, grow and play soccer with the boys in those early years.

**Aliyaah Allie**

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# Redhill Alumnus

# Entertainment News



**Sharlto Copley**

Sharlto Copley is a well-known South African actor, producer, and director who has worked in movies since 2006. After his first fundamental role as an actor, as the main character in the Oscar-nominated sci-fi movie "District 9," he became well-known worldwide (2009).

Sharlto Copley was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. He went to St. Andrew's Preparatory School in Grahamstown and Redhill School in Morningside, Johannesburg.

Sharlto and his wife, Tanit, are happy parents to their child, Sielle Phoneix Copley. The family of three currently live in both Cape Town and Los Angeles.

### Sharlto's Career

Copley started to work in the field in 2006. He is best known for playing Agent M. Kruger in Elysium (2013), and Stefan in Maleficent (2014), in the 2006 short film Yellow, he played a soldier.

### Sharlto's Awards:

- 2009: Best Performance IGN Movie Awards.
- 2009: Favorite Summer Hero, IGN Movie Awards.

### Sharlto's Nominations:

- 2009: Most Promising Performer at Chicago Film Critics Association Award
- 2009: Best Actor of the year at the Golden Schmoes Awards
- 2009: Breakthrough Performance of the year at the Golden Schmoes Awards
- 2010: Best Newcomer at Empire Award
- 2010: Best Actor at International Cinephile Society Award
- 2010: Best Breakthrough Performance – Male for the Online Film & Television Association
- 2010: Best Actor Online Film Critics Society Award
- 2010: Best Science Fiction Actor during the Scream Award
- 2010: Choice Movie Actor – Sci-Fi during the Teen Choice Award

## Alumni: **Mitchell Bone**

Redhill is proud of Mitchell Bone (Alumnus 2021) who made the Dean's List in 2022 at Greensboro College, North Carolina. Congratulations!



## Alumni: **Joshua Chapman & Armand van Colf**

Congratulations to Alumni (2021) Joshua Chapman and Armand van Colf who were selected to represent South Africa (September 2022) at the eSports Student Games in Moscow, Russia.

Furthermore, Armand was selected to represent South Africa (Nov/Dec 2022) in Team eSports South Africa at the World Championships in Indonesia, Bali, awarded his eSports Protea Colours, and was elected onto the IESF'S Athletes' Commissions for 2023 representing the South African Continent.

Congratulations, Joshua and Armand.

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# NEWS FROM PROGRAMME

Redhill School is the only school in South Africa that is in a position to offer students the choice between graduating with either an IB Diploma or IEB Senior Certificate. In other words, students now have the opportunity to choose either a local or international qualification!

Both are recognised by South African and International tertiary institutions.

## What is the IB Diploma Programme?

This is an international programme, recognised by tertiary learning institutions worldwide. It is a challenging and

comprehensive two-year university-preparation programme, for students in Grade 11 and 12.

The IB Diploma Programme is research-based and develops disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge. Its holistic approach means that students engage in thinking and discussion, alongside independent research and community service.

At the end of 2022, our third cohort of students completed the IB Programme.



**Cailin Hatchuel**  
IB Graduate 2020

I am a Speech-Language Pathology (Speech Therapy) student at UCT at the end of my second year. This course is definitely the right choice for me, because I am thriving and learning how to make a real difference in people's lives. I believe I am growing both personally and professionally. An opportunity for growth like this is one of the reasons I pursued an IB Diploma at Redhill High School. My experience at Redhill prepared me for the challenges of the world outside school, and taught me how to successfully navigate and overcome the obstacles I would be facing. The lessons I learnt are invaluable, as is the time I spent in the community that is Redhill. I was given the opportunity to go even further and become one of the first students to go into the International Baccalaureate (IB). The two years I spent working towards my IB Diploma were very demanding. At the same time, the experience was, without question, extremely rewarding, and has been of great benefit to me in the years I have spent at university. The IB prepared me for university in ways I could not have anticipated at the time. It taught me a lifetime's worth of skills such as time management, self-study and self-advocacy, and showed me how far perseverance, determination and self-confidence can get you. In short, the IB served as my prep for the real world, and I am incredibly grateful to have had my Redhill family there to support me every step of the way.



**Chloe-Eloise Mallet**  
IB Graduate 2021

I am Chloe-Eloise Mallet, a 2021 graduate of Redhill School, and more specifically of the IB program. Since graduation, I moved to Los Angeles where I am pursuing a BFA in Film and Television Production at The University of Southern California. Due to my proximity to the film industry and the network I have access to through my school, I have had the opportunity of learning about film making firsthand through crewing on sets and attending some amazing events like pre-screenings and premieres. I have loved my course so far! One of the highlights has probably been being able to work on a feature film set or sailing to Catalina for one of my classes, in addition to all the brilliant people I have met along the way.

An important way in which Redhill has helped me navigate university this year is the emphasis the school always had on creativity and critical thinking. From a young age, at Redhill I was allowed to incorporate my love for making films into almost every subject at one point or another. I feel that the school always encouraged me to engage with my school work according to what suited my learning, which sometimes meant looking at my coursework from a unique perspective. Being able to tailor my learning allowed me to get the most out of each assignment and topic. Additionally, in my last two years at Redhill, I was enrolled into the IB program. The rigor of the IB curriculum, although very difficult at times, definitely prepared me for university. Firstly, the emphasis on academic writing is extremely useful and has saved me a lot of time. Moreover, the intensity of the workload made my first semester coursework in university feel relatively light. A huge reason why I have gone through my first semester at university confidently is because of the emphasis on independent learning that the IB program equipped me with and I am still very glad I decided to pursue the program.



# Redhill Class of 2002 reunites at their roots



One generation plants the trees.  
Another sits in their shade.



Twenty years ago, determined Redhill matriculants, armed with spades, broke new ground with the planting of two trees outside the science laboratory. The profound proverb, still clearly engraved by the nearby wall, still feels as inspirational and relevant today as it did back then.

In October 2022, many of these same Redhillians, gathered once again under these branches, laughing and regaling one another with tales that were largely formed in a pre-social media age. Thank goodness that some of those sights and stories weren't recorded and posted and could only be retold on the day through a collection of memories.

It was unbelievable how the years, myriad careers and diverse journeys had all poignantly converged at this watershed moment in our lives. The school's buildings and facilities around us had no doubt evolved but vivid anecdotes helped overlap reflections of past and present.

Waves of nostalgia flowed effortlessly through every hallway and every classroom as headmaster Mr Gerassi led us around and provided new insights into not only the school's structural changes, but the cultural and conceptual ones too. We were also treated to speeches by the matric head boy and head girl, who shared their ideas, learnings and visions – this did make us feel old!

It must be said that a Redhillian, even 20 years later on in life, still feels part of the school's fabric and fiber. This is echoed and supported by the fantastic Alumni program which endeavors to provide further opportunities, such as Redfest, for students to reconnect on a more frequent basis.

A big thank you to everyone who joined. And we'll be back under those trees in 2032.

**Andrew Leopold**  
2002 Alumnus



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# Reunion 2012

In October, we, as the class of 2012, were able to return to Redhill for our 10-year reunion. For many of us it was the first time back through the gates since we wrote our last exam. But everything felt familiar walking in past the swimming pool (once the only pool!) and tuck shop (it was upsetting to see that the R2 treat no longer existed). Once we were back in the same room, it felt like almost nothing had changed and we were back on the matric steps; sure there was more facial hair and some of us were now doctors but there is nothing like having 10 years to catch up on. It was incredible to see how much the school had grown: the astro, the sports centre, the radio studios and new classrooms. But also, how carefully the ethos had been nurtured (Amber and Fifi's reporting was a highlight). Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate and to everyone at the school who made it possible.

**Byron Jackson-Miller**  
*Alumnus 2012*



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# Coming soon!

## Online Redhill Shop



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wear it with pride!

## Coffee AND CONNECTIONS

Oceans and social distancing are no barrier to staying connected with your fellow alumni.

Lost touch with a former classmate? We are happy to help. Email [alumni@redhill.co.za](mailto:alumni@redhill.co.za) with the name of a Redhill alumna/nus or with any questions you may have, and we will try our best to connect you. Or if you would like us to set up an informal, virtual coffee morning for a specific topic, we are happy to 'host' a video conference for you. One of the few silver linings in a time of travel restrictions and isolation has been learning the value of relationships and networks as well as discovering alternative communication channels. Regardless of whichever platform you may select, **Coffee and Connections** is a great way to rekindle or start personal and professional relationships within the Redhill community; its ultimate aim is to continue lifelong learning about topics of interest, connect with alumni and staff and eventually meet physically over a warm coffee!



## Where are you and how are you doing?

Here at RedPath we love hearing news from our old Redhillians and friends of Redhill around the world. Whatever your news, we know your classmates would love to hear it – whether it be that you have moved to a new country, have a new job, got married, had children, won an award or any other snippets of interesting news!

To register or to update your information please log on to our Redhill Alumni Portal.

**REGISTER/UPDATE**

or email [alumni@redhill.co.za](mailto:alumni@redhill.co.za) with your news.

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# Welcome to



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# Class of 2022



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# Matric Results of 2022

Just like that, our Class of 2022 enters the RedPath fold. A warm welcome to our newest alumni! We're certain they need no introduction after their incredible performance in their final examinations but we'll do it anyway!

The Class of 2022 had only just entered the senior school when the pandemic struck, so we are particularly proud of their tenacity, strength, and commitment. From online learning to red days and blue days, to being back on campus, they've been through it all. We are so proud of their efforts and would like to thank our incredibly talented staff and our supportive parents for their role in raising this village.

It's tough to highlight every achievement (newsletters are only so long, after all) but we'll do our best to cover the 'big hits' for both the IEB and the IB (International Baccalaureate). Redhill is the only school in South Africa to offer a choice between these options, so we don't really have an accurate, external benchmark – but on the plus side, we have two systems to celebrate!

## IEB

Our IEB Class of 2022 achieved a 100% Bachelor Degree pass with a **collective 320 distinctions, averaging 3.4 distinctions per student. 17%** of our students received seven or more distinctions (a Full House) and **42%** of our matrics received an A average.

**61% of our IEB Maths students achieved a distinction!** We also clearly have the 'it factor' (or should we say, 'IT factor') with **20 out of 24 IT students** receiving a distinction. Creativity continues to be a Redhillian strong suit, with **73% of our Dramatic Arts students** walking away with distinctions, as well as **67% of our Visual Arts students**, and **60% of our Music students**. Parlez-vous Français? We know we do, with 100% of our French students achieving a distinction!

Our students achieved **24 placements in the top 1%** for various subjects, including Accounting, Mathematics, Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, English Home Language, and Physical Sciences.

Our Dux Scholar (calculated on results achieved in English, Afrikaans/isiZulu, Mathematics, Life Orientation, and three of the highest option subjects excluding Further Studies) was **Charlotte Snyckers**

**who achieved eight distinctions and an average of 93%, placing in the top 1% of candidates for Dramatic Arts and English Home Language** as well as a Commendable Achievement Award. Sascha Bischoff scored a 93% average with eight distinctions as well as 100% in Mathematics, and Keranya Moodley achieved a 92% average with seven distinctions. Kristyn Sookdhew walked away with an astounding nine distinctions.

We had **eight students receive eight distinctions** (Kate Binnie, Sascha Bischoff, Yael Blass, Hannah Hulley, Aalia Mitha, Ariade Monadjem, Charlotte Snyckers, and Carl van Rooyen). Johara Abdool-Samad, Adrian Caldwell, Keranya Moodley, Lance Murray, Alexia Primikirios, Lily Segal, and Saianna Vandiar all scored **seven distinctions**.

We also celebrate our **eight** students who achieved six distinctions, another **ten** students who achieved five distinctions and **nine** students who achieved four distinctions.

## IB

Our IB students achieved a 100% Diploma pass and **over a third of our cohort scored 36 points or higher, well above the global average**. It also happens to be the benchmark result for acceptance to some of the most prestigious universities abroad, so we look forward to seeing those passport stamps in our students' futures.

As for our top achievers, **Sophia Abraham, Zandile Shamu, and Ella Tunbridge** form a triple threat, each scoring an impressive 39 points out of a potential 45. Ella also **achieved a perfect score** in her core subjects (Extended Essay, CAS, and Theory of Knowledge).

But, as Mr Gerassi indicated in his address at the matric breakfast, we also celebrate and acknowledge the students whose names aren't necessarily mentioned in the top achievers lists for the IEB and IB. The students who gave their final year everything they had, who strove to be the best version of themselves possible. For some, that was in the classroom. For others, it was on the stage or on the sports fields. We are proud of each and every student in our Class of 2022 for embodying the Redhill ethos. We can't wait to see what comes next – where you'll go, what you'll do, who you'll become. You are free to build, after all.

# The year that was for our 2022 Matrics,

On Friday last week our Grade 12 students wrote their last exam, and in true traditional Redhillian tradition we celebrated together with a magnificent and moving Valedictory Ceremony. We concluded the ceremony with Yael Blaas, reading 'The Voice of the Alumnus'. Once Redhillians, forever Redhillians.

## *The Voice of the Alumnus*

Once we were Redhillians, and forever we will be.  
Today, a little stunned by the suddenness of this moment,  
we face the paradox of coming together  
only to be parted by life's envious strokes.  
Sitting side by side, we feel both elated and sad,  
But, my friends, let sadness have no place at our table.

Instead, let us rejoice today, in our  
readiness to take to the skies and  
fly free across the years to come,  
striving always to be, as we have been taught,  
creatures of beauty and excellence.  
As our journeys teach us to embrace equally  
the upheaval of our days and the quiet rest of our nights,  
let us remember, for all the days of our lives,  
that once these fields, these trees,  
these walls and the hearts that beat within them,  
were a home to us; that it was here that we took shape  
and grew restless wings and the minds of dreamers.

And let us return one day, filled with fond memories, and say:  
Here I sat, and there I stood,  
here I listened... and there I spoke,  
and here I laughed... and there I cried,  
and here I rested and there I toiled;  
here I gave of me, and there I took from you.  
And here, right here, my spirit was white,  
and there, right there, my heart was red,  
And oh! How I remember when the Reds came marching in!

Give me an 'R'; give me an 'e'; give me a 'd'; give me an 'h'; give me  
an 'i'; give me an 'l', and another 'l'... and what do you get? Redhill!  
So that, as we slip away into today's sunset,  
deep in our hearts you and I will always know  
that **in *this* parting there was *no!* parting at all,**  
because if once we were Redhillians, then forever we will be.

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# Valedictory

CELEBRATION '22

“A Million Dreams”



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# Valedictory

CELEBRATION '22

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