



GREY HIGH  
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# PROSPECTUS

## 2025

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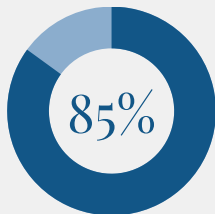
# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024

100%  
**PASS RATE**

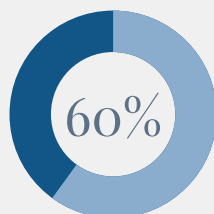
**259**  
Subject  
Distinctions

**21%**  
of marks  
are 'A' results

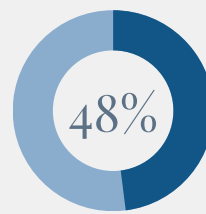
**42%**  
of results  
are above 70%



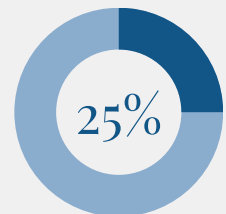
of all **EGD** results  
are above **80%**



of all **Music** results  
are above **80%**



of all **Accounting**  
results are above **80%**



of all **Mathematics**  
results are above **80%**

**42%**  
of all **Physical Sciences**  
results are above **80%**

**17 OF 27**  
CANDIDATES  
**TAKING IT**  
RECEIVED ABOVE

**80%**

## STANDOUT AVERAGES



**EGD**



**MUSIC**



**ACCOUNTING**



**IT**

## TOP ACHIEVERS

### 8 DISTINCTIONS

Shushil Navsaria - **1st place Winner in Cluster B at the Eastern Cape Department of Education**

Johan Coetzee - **3rd place Winner in Cluster B at the Eastern Cape Department of Education**

Trishul Mathura  
Tjeerdo Polderman  
Carlo Britz

### 7 DISTINCTIONS

Wian Oberholster

### 6 DISTINCTIONS

Louis du Toit  
Marco Giaconi  
Joshua Kettledas  
Zander Nutt  
Thabang Singwani  
Luke Stephenson  
Ryan Thiersen  
Benjamin Wessels

### 5 DISTINCTIONS

Cruz Audie  
Daniel Holdsworth  
Afika Klaas  
Travis Langerman  
Dirk Nel  
Luke Pitout  
Benjamin Ristow



## Welcome from the Rector

Founded in 1856, Grey is a leading boys' school in the 13-18 year age group (Grade 8-12) and has featured prominently on the South African educational landscape for over 160 years.

The Grey offers boys an outstanding all-round education that is aimed at preparing our boys for the future, while remaining steeped in history and tradition. We are confident that boys, through their experiences at The Grey, will grow into fulfilled and responsible men.

At Grey, we believe that it is important to provide boys with a strong sense of identity and belonging as this builds confidence, character and courage. Grey provides a plethora of opportunities for boys to find their niche, foster a love of knowledge and develop skills that prepare them to face the many challenges of the rapidly-changing 21st Century.

The Grey Motto is *Tria Juncta in Uno*; Three (Mind, Body and Spirit) joined in One. We take our motto seriously and encourage our boys to be well-rounded individuals. Grey has a long tradition of striving for excellence in all areas of educational practice – the academic, sporting, cultural, pastoral and spiritual. We are equally proud of our many achievements in all these areas. We strive to be at the cutting edge of best practice in all that we do.



Recently, we have significantly grown our pastoral activities (including the expansion of our support programmes) and now have a qualified psychologist on site. We have made innovations in pupil leadership and teacher support and have created a widened range of sporting and cultural activities to ensure that every boy at The Grey is encouraged to find at least one activity in which he can excel.

At Grey, our expectations are high, opportunities abound, role models are plentiful, values and discipline are fundamental and the exceptional is not just dreamed about, but achieved.

***We look forward to welcoming your son to the Grey Family.***

**CHRISTIAN ERASMUS**







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TRADITION, EXCELLENCE  
AND OPPORTUNITY

# WHO WE ARE?

**Grey High School** is centrally situated and provides a secure and safe environment in which students can develop to their full potential.

The school offers **top-class facilities** - academic, sporting, cultural and boarding - to enrich the lives of our students. Students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of sports and cultural activities.

As part of our motto, "**Tria Juncta in Uno**" Grey seeks to produce a well-rounded and balanced individual who is committed to the pursuit of excellence in all fields.

We offer a **dynamic** and **diverse** curriculum with the emphasis on scholastic excellence. In addition, we focus on life skills, leadership, problem-solving, entrepreneurship and self-discipline.

**Academically**, Grey is among the top schools in the country. Each year, our Matric results are excellent and are accompanied by consistently high university entrance statistics. The annual Academic Awards Dinner celebrates the top 3 achievers in each grade.

**Young men** have been educated at Grey since 1856. The traditions and values that are instilled at the Grey today have remained constant, giving students an anchor in today's ever-changing world.



Our **boarding facilities** are safe and secure, a home away from home, providing a varied life for students who are away from home. Grey is a busy school, and many activities are available to boarders over weekends, which enables them to build life-long friendships.

Grey is one of the **top sporting schools** in the country. Outstanding facilities and expert coaching ensure that talent is identified and nurtured. Participation is encouraged, irrespective of ability, and many opportunities exist to develop skills. A large number of our students play at provincial, as well as national level.

The school has a strong and varied cultural programme, offering a variety of activities for each boy to enrich his spirit. Our internationally recognised Music department caters for all things musical, and various other clubs and societies foster the acquisition and development of **social responsibilities and skills**.



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# OUR TRADITIONS & HERITAGE

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The history of the Eastern Cape is closely interwoven with the fascinating story of Grey High School. The Grey Institute was founded in 1856 by Sir George Grey as an Act of Parliament. It was originally situated on the Donkin Reserve before moving to its present site (which was considered far out of town at the time!) in 1915.

Throughout history, Grey High has developed many proud traditions, most of which have been around for many years. The Old Greys' Union, the Cadet Corps, School Colours, the Boda-Dayboy rugby and hockey matches, Trooping the Colour Parade, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Hirsch Shield Athletics and Derby Days against Grey College, Selborne College, Queen's College, Dale College, Paul Roos and Wynberg Boys' High have all enjoyed many years of existence.

Other traditions include the Quad Races ("Chariots of Fire" style); Robert Selley Memorial Concert in the Feathermarket Centre and the Heritage March to the site of the old Grey Institute building, by the Matric Class the night before Valedictory.



The latest tradition, implemented in 2019, was the installation of one of the old school bells from the original Grey Institute on the foyer side of the Memorial Quad. The Grade 8s are inducted by ringing the bell and having their school ties handed over by a Matric mentor. They will ring it again when they have their Valedictory Assembly in Grade 12 and once more at their 10-year Reunion Dinner.

The Reunion Celebrations, organised by the school in mid-May, provide the setting for many Old Greys to return from all over the world to join in the festivities over a five-day period and reminisce about their days at The Grey.







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## A TASTE OF OUR TRADITIONS

# ROBERT SELLEY MEMORIAL CONCERT

The Selley Concert was inaugurated in 1986 in conjunction with the Founder's Day celebrations to recognize Robert Selley's contribution to music at the school and in our city. This event is hosted annually, usually on the second Wednesday evening in May. It showcases the depth and talent of musicians at Grey High School, with appearances by the Grey Symphonic Winds, the Grey Big Band, the Grey String Orchestra, the Grey Voices and the Grey Orchestra.

The Grey Junior Wind Band is invited to perform as well. The music that is played is chosen not only for its entertainment value, but also to show the standard of musical accomplishment through the mastering of complex arrangements in the widest possible variety of music styles.



# OUR CADET DETACHMENT

Our Cadet Detachment: The ceremony known as Trooping the Colour stems from the days of the early mercenaries when men were taught to use their flag as a rallying point in battle. It became customary, before a battle, to salute the colours by beat of drum (this is what the expression "trooping" means) before carrying them along the ranks so that every soldier could see them, and be able to recognise them later.

Our Cadet Detachment stages two major parades each year. The Trooping the Colour Parade forms part of our annual Reunion celebrations and the Retreat Parade is performed in September to conclude both the Annual Cadet Day activities (flag hoisting parade; inspection parade and inter-house drill competition) as well as the year's cadet activities.





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## HERITAGE MARCH

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The Heritage March, which forms part of our Matric Valedictory events, takes place in October. The Matric class marches to the old Grey Institute Building on the Donkin which was the original site of the Grey Schools.



## THE GRADE 8 INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Grade 8s are welcomed as “Men of the Grey” at our Convocation Assembly, where Matrics present them with their Grey ties and share words of wisdom. They then walk ‘Neath the Tower’ and ring the Hope Bell, announcing their arrival. This tradition comes full circle when they ring it again upon leaving as Matrics. The Hope Bell, cast in 1875, is one of three original Grey Institute bells—Faith, Hope, and Charity. As the Old Grey bell, it symbolizes both new beginnings and a legacy that spans generations.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

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This ceremony is held on 11 November each year commemorating Armistice Day and is attended by ex-servicemen and members of our armed forces associations. This meaningful event takes place in our Memorial Quadrangle.







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# STRIVING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**Grey High School** is a public school and, as such, follows the prescribed GET and FET curricula governing education in the country. However, certain additional services are offered. At the end of your son's Grade 12 year he will be writing the National Senior Certificate (NSC) exams.

In the pursuit of academic excellence, our intention is to inspire in students a love of learning and respect for knowledge in a wide variety of disciplines; to enable students to master the skills required to acquire and apply knowledge; to teach students the value of hard work and the importance of healthy competition; to measure student performance by regular competitive internal examinations and external examinations at senior levels and to use technology, where appropriate, to enhance the teaching and learning experience.

We aim to enable students to achieve a standard of literacy and numeracy comparable to the best international standards; provide a curriculum which, in all disciplines, consists of content that is both substantial and rigorous and encourage students to reach their maximum potential academically.





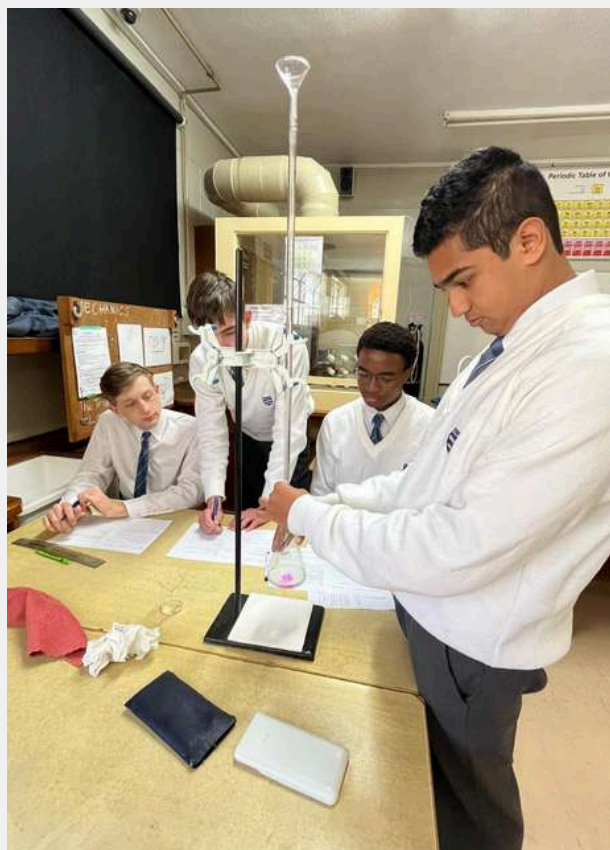


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# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



Grey High provides a well-rounded and rigorous academic curriculum, producing top achievers who excel in various fields. The school is committed to maintaining high educational standards, encouraging critical thinking, and preparing students for university and beyond.



## GRADE 8 & 9

### General Education & Training Phase

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans Home or First Additional Language, or isiXhosa First Additional Language (this is restricted to mother-tongue speakers)
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences, Economic & Management Sciences, Social Sciences (incorporating History and Geography taught separately)
- Life Orientation
- Creative Arts
- Technology
- Life Skills
- Engineering Drawing
- Music (Grade 8)
- Music, Engineering Drawing, Coding, Conversational Xhosa or Art (Grade 9)

## GRADE 10, 11 & 12

### Further Education & Training Phase

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans Home or First Additional Language, or isiXhosa First Additional Language (this is restricted to mother-tongue speakers)
- Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation

Three subjects (choices are subject to timetabling constraints) are selected from: Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, History, Geography, Accounting, Visual Arts, Music, Information Technology, Computer Applications Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, Dramatic Arts, Business Studies.



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# SPORT AT THE GREY

Following the Latin dictum, *Mens sana in corpore sano* (a healthy body leads to a healthy mind), Grey has a policy of compulsory participation in sport. Each student is required to participate in ONE sport offered by the school during the summer terms and in ONE sport during the winter terms.

This does not preclude any boy from participating in more than one sport per season wherever it can be arranged. A boy must sign up for a major sport and will arrange to participate in the other sport/s in his free time.

All levels of Sport are catered for and, while boys may participate in sports that are competitive at the highest level, Grey also offers sports that may be played on a social basis, where the emphasis is on participation of the game.

Sport is a way of life for the vast majority of our students. To compete with school colours, no matter the level of competition, gives the individual a sense of belonging and a sense of pride knowing that he has contributed to the sporting life of the school.

Learning to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat; camaraderie; pride in oneself and one's school; forming long-lasting friendships; boosting one's self esteem and self-discipline are just a few of the values and skills that students are exposed to on the sports field and on the many tours.

Grey's sports icons are the legendary South African Cricketer of the Millennium, Graeme Pollock and Siya Kolisi – Captain of the Springboks, Rugby World Cup Champions (2019 & 2023).

Other National representatives include Luke Wynford (Hockey), Christopher Reid (Swimming), Kevin Paul (Paralympic Swimming), Jason Evezard (Waterpolo) and Reece Prinsloo (Basketball).

More recently our Old Greys have excelled, particularly on the cricket fields. Tristan Stubbs made his test debut and has played white ball cricket for South Africa. Lutho Sipamla, similarly, has represented South Africa and Matthew Breetzke first ever player to score 150+ on an ODI debut for the Proteas.







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# SPORT WE OFFER

## SUMMER SPORTS

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Golf
- Rowing
- Swimming
- Squash
- Tennis
- Waterpolo

## WINTER SPORTS

- Cross-Country
- Hockey
- Golf
- Rugby
- Squash
- Tennis
- Mountain-biking







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# INTRAMURALS

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

- Afrikaans Society
- Angling Club
- Art Club
- Aviation Club
- Ballroom Dancing
- Bloor Peer Promoters
- Chess
- Community Service
- Debating Society
- First Aid
- Gaming Club
- Grey Cooks
- Grey Matter
- Grey Pulse
- Grey Union
- Guitar Players Club
- Junior City Council
- Library Service
- Outdoors Club
- Photographic Society
- Preservation Society
- President's Award
- Programming Club
- Quiz Club
- SCA
- Sight and Sound
- Speakers' Club
- Surfing Club

Grey High School offers a wide variety of activities to stimulate the talents and interests of the students, in fields other than those involving academic and sporting commitments. All students are expected to involve themselves in at least two of the activities listed below. These clubs and societies cater for diverse interests. In keeping with the School motto of "Tria Juncta in Uno", intramurals develop the cultural/spiritual realm of boys' education.

To engender Community Awareness, we also have regular collections of clothing, non-perishable food, books, pet food, etc. for those less fortunate than ourselves. We ask the parents to encourage the boys to respond generously to these appeals. These collections are administered on a house basis and generate house points for the Interhouse Trophy.







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# BOARDING

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Under the leadership of William Archer Way, Rector from 1911–1928, the Grey buildings at the present site in Mill Park were built, which included a Boarding House. The first group of boarders was 11 boys. Today, the Boarding House has capacity for 150 boarders.



**Traditions and Ethos:** Like many other traditional schools boarding houses, Meriway House has many traditions which have developed over the years. Gentlemanly behaviour is one of the top priorities and one of which the “Bodas” are extremely proud. Every Grade 8 student (New Pot) has an “Old Pot” (Grade 12). This Grade 12 student will guide and help the Grade 8 throughout the year. This creates a special bond between the Grade 8 and his Old Pot which often lasts for many years after school. All Boarders wear their bashers downtown, a tradition which has been in place for many years.



**Farmers' Market:** The annual Farmers' Market is a fundraising initiative organised by our Boarding House parents. The funds generated are used to improve the Boarding House facilities and to ensure that our boys in the Hostel experience a real “home away from home” feeling.





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# FACILITIES



- 1 x Astroturf Hockey Field (water-based)
- Mini Astroturf
- 4 x Rugby Fields
- 4 x Cricket Fields
- 1 x Grass Hockey Field
- Tennis Courts (mostly at the Wembley Club)
- 2 x Squash Courts
- 2 x Basketball Courts (1 indoor & 1 outdoor)
- 2 x Waterpolo Pools, one of which is Olympic size (heated)
- 1 x Indoor Heated Swimming Pool



- Classrooms with interactive whiteboards and projectors
- Engineering Drawing Classroom with computers for CAD
- Music classroom with computers for Sibelius
- Restaurant
- Second-hand Clothing Shop
- Centenary Pavilion
- Fully-equipped Gym with Biokineticist and Physiotherapist





# THE GREY ENTITIES



***"The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts" - Aristotle***

This is true of The Grey. The synergies between our six entities support the central bodies - the schools. Each entity exists in its own right with its own purpose.

**The Grey Schools** pivot all The Grey entities. The Grey consists of separate junior and senior boys' schools which strive to provide excellence in academic, sporting and cultural activities. English is the medium of instruction with admission to pupils on an equitable basis irrespective of race or creed, taking into account the existing educational inequalities. All pupils are afforded the opportunity, within a happy, secure and disciplined environment where the dignity of the individual is upheld, to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Whilst preserving and building upon the Grey traditions, we will at all times be mindful of societies changing needs and adapt where necessary.

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**Junior School Headmaster: Grant Butler Email: [office@greyjunior.co.za](mailto:office@greyjunior.co.za)**

**The Grey Foundation** is the fundraising arm of The Grey Schools and provides a holistic approach to supporting the financial needs of The Grey.

**Contact: Bev McCarthy Email: [foundation@thegrey.com](mailto:foundation@thegrey.com)**

**The Old Greys' Union** was founded in 1893, and anyone who has attended either of The Grey Schools for more than two consecutive school terms is eligible for membership. The Union's purpose is to bring Old Greys together to enjoy good fellowship and camaraderie and, in so doing, continue to support The Grey Schools. The Union maintains an office which is situated on the senior school campus and is funded by the annual subscriptions paid by its members.

**Contact: Lauren McClelland Email: [ogu@thegrey.com](mailto:ogu@thegrey.com)**

**The Grey Supporters Club** is about The Grey Family and membership is free. It is made up of Old Greys, Past and Present Parents, extended family and Friends of The Grey.

**The Old Grey Club** is open to all. Membership options include Social membership and Sport memberships such as squash, cricket, hockey and soccer. The Club has a committee on which all sporting bodies and the Union are represented.

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