

Exceptional Matric Results for Kearsney's Class of 2020



We are delighted to report the phenomenal results of the 2020 IEB NSC Examinations, in this, Kearsney's Centenary year. The Class of 2020 have achieved an historic set of results and reinforced Kearsney's reputation for academic excellence. Through their hard work, dedication, discipline and resilience throughout an incredibly disruptive year, the boys have made themselves, their families and their school proud. Congratulations boys.

Every single boy in the Class of 2020 achieved a Bachelor Degree pass. Whilst a 100% pass rate is expected and is the norm, this is the second year in the last three that the College has achieved a **100% Bachelor Degree (University Exemption) pass rate**.

Kearsney has a well-earned reputation for Mathematics and Science excellence and this reputation was once again enhanced, with an incredible 56% of those who wrote Mathematics and 52% of those who wrote Physical Sciences achieving distinctions. This compares to the IEB distinction rate of 24,9% for Maths and 19,1% for Physical Sciences for all IEB schools in the country.

This is the tenth year in a row that Kearsney's Mathematics and Physical Sciences distinction rates have been approximately double the IEB distinction rates for these key subjects. We are pleased that this excellence is broad-based, with 76% of Mathematics and 77% of Physical Sciences candidates achieving either an A or a B.

The average mark for the Class of 2020 was an incredible 80% for Mathematics and 78% for Physical Sciences. Five boys placed in the top 1% in the country for Mathematics and four boys came in the top 1% in the country for Physical Sciences.

The 115 Kearsney boys who wrote Matric achieved an impressive 333 distinctions between them – an average of 2,9 distinctions per pupil. Two pupils achieved 8 distinctions, 5 pupils achieved 7 distinctions and 9 pupils achieved 6 distinctions. **Over a quarter of our boys achieved five or more distinctions**, thirty-seven percent of the boys achieved four or more distinctions and 52% of the boys achieved three or more distinctions.

Kearsney's unique balance is an asset that we treasure and collectively strive for and we are delighted that our academic excellence extends to all the subjects that we offer. Notable achievements were recorded across the board, including subject averages of 73% for English, 78% for Accounting, 86% for Engineering Graphics and Design, 78% for History, 77% for Information Technology, 77% for isiZulu and 82% for Music. Five subjects achieved an average mark of at least 80%.

Whilst the IEB subject averages remained consistent, Kearsney's subject averages increased significantly, with an average increase of 5% across all subjects.

Congratulations to Matthew Strauss who made the IEB's Outstanding Achievement list (achieving within the top 5% in of all candidates in six or more subjects and a distinction in Life Orientation), and to Matthew Bolton and Luke Shiller who made the IEB's Commendable Achievement list (achieving within the top 5% in five subjects and a distinction in Life Orientation).

Some Kearsney highlights:-

- **100% Bachelor Degree (Matric exemption) pass rate** (Bachelor Degree pass rate for all IEB schools of 88,42%);
- 56% of **Mathematics** candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 24,9%); Five boys placed in the top 1% in the country; **Average** Maths mark for Kearsney boys was **80%**.
- 52% of **Physical Sciences** boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 19,1%). Four boys in the top 1% (top 49 candidates) in SA. 53% of the Kearsney boys wrote Physical Sciences and the average mark was 78%;
- **Tenth consecutive year** that Kearsney's Maths and Science distinction rates have been at least approx. double those of all IEB schools;
- 52% of **Accounting** candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 25,7%);
- 53% of **History** candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 28,2%).
- 71% of **Engineering Graphics and Design** boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 29,2%). Ten boys placed in the top 1% (top 14 candidates) in SA. Average mark for Kearsney boys of 86%.
- More than a quarter of the boys achieved **5 or more distinctions**;
- 333 Distinctions achieved at an average of 2,9 distinctions per boy.
- Five subjects achieved an average mark of at least 80%.

Kearsney's number one priority is academic excellence. Kearsney boys are immersed in an academically rigorous environment from day one and are inspired to achieve academically. The boys develop academic ambition during their time at the College and quickly adopt a wonderfully positive work ethic. This culture of academic striving, in a disciplined environment, supported by our highly qualified, professional and dedicated teachers, empowers the boys to reach their potential. As we reflect on the superb results achieved, we acknowledge the important role that so many people have played in making this possible.

Kearsney College IEB NSC Results Summary 2020

Bachelor's Degree Pass:	115	100% BD pass rate – a first for Kearsney College
Total:	115	
Number of subject distinctions:	333	(Ave 2,9 distinctions per boy)
Number of results in top 1% in a subject:	25	
Commendable Achievement:	2 boys	- Matthew Bolton, Luke Shiller
Outstanding Achievement	1 boy	- Matthew Strauss

3 or more subject distinctions (BOLD indicates top 1% of IEB candidates in South Africa for the subject).

8 Distinctions

Matthew Bolton	Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences , AP Mathematics
Ross Savage	Afrikaans FAL, Engineering Graphics and Design , English HL, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences , AP Mathematics

7 Distinctions

Matthew Strauss	Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Orientation , Mathematics, Music, Physical Sciences
Wilco Roets	Afrikaans FAL, Dramatic Arts, English HL, Life Orientation , Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Christopher Duncan	English HL, Information Technology, Life Orientation , Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, AP English
Matthew D'Eramo	Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Tim van Tonder	Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics , Physical Sciences, AP Mathematics

6 Distinctions

Luke Shiller	Accounting, English HL, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Samkelo Jiyane	Engineering Graphics and Design, English HL, Isizulu FAL, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Shem Adjes	Engineering Graphics and Design , English HL, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics , Physical Sciences
Blake Stuart	Afrikaans FAL, English HL , Life Orientation, Mathematics, Music, Physical Sciences
Joshua Stocks	Accounting, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
James Lamprecht	Accounting, English HL, Geography, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Matthew Hind	Accounting, English HL, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Noah Laurénz	Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics and Design, English HL, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
William Young	Dramatic Arts, English HL, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Music, Physical Sciences

5 Distinctions

Jack Lund	Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Information Technology, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Aaron Smith	Engineering Graphics and Design , Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Dominik Stawicki	Engineering Graphics and Design , Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Ulrich Botha	Afrikaans FAL, Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Josh Steytler	Engineering Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Janko Roets	Afrikaans FAL, Dramatic Arts, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Daniel van Tonder	English HL, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
James Mackenzie	Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Malusi Ngomane	Dramatic Arts, English HL, History, Isizulu FAL, Life Orientation
Luke Dudley	Engineering Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Oliver Bamber	Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, History, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Jared Uys	Business Studies, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Zachary Correia	Dramatic Arts, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Visual Arts
Mhlonishwa Zulu	Engineering Graphics and Design, English HL, Isizulu FAL, Life Orientation, Visual Arts

4 Distinctions

Declan Wood	Business Studies, Engineering Graphics and Design, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Nathan Comrie	Accounting, Engineering Graphics and Design , Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Michael Manley	Engineering Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Ryan Meaker	Accounting, Afrikaans FAL, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Craig Horton	English HL, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Cade Brooks	Dramatic Arts, Engineering Graphics and Design, English HL, Life Orientation
Grant Craze	Accounting, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Saint John Thomson	Dramatic Arts, History, Life Orientation, Mathematical Literacy
Lael Savrimuthu	Dramatic Arts, English HL, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Luke Dungan	Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, Life Orientation, Mathematical Literacy
Craig Phillips	Business Studies, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Jaden Frey	Afrikaans FAL, Business Studies, English HL 81, Life Orientation
Clayton Yeatman	Dramatic Arts, English HL, History, Life Orientation

3 Distinctions

Brayden Dahl	Engineering Graphics and Design, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Qiniso Xulu	English HL, Isizulu FAL, Life Orientation
Brett Palmer	Dramatic Arts, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Nicholas Taylor	Dramatic Arts, History, Mathematical Literacy
Dylan Thompson	Engineering Graphics and Design, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Wesley Uys	Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics

William Doherty	Business Studies, History, Life Orientation
Xander Kapsimalis	Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, Geography
Keethin Naidu	Engineering Graphics and Design, History, Mathematics
Tim Patton	Dramatic Arts, History, Life Orientation
Luke Weare	Business Studies, Engineering Graphics and Design, Life Orientation
Matthew Human	Dramatic Arts, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Thomas Mungle	Engineering Graphics and Design, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Keaton Jones	Engineering Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Mathematics
Christopher Kiggen	English HL, History, Life Orientation
Ayanda Makhathini	Dramatic Arts, Isizulu FAL, Mathematical Literacy
Lefa Motshele	Dramatic Arts, Mathematical Literacy, Music

These outstanding academic results were achieved despite the year of disruption, during which a world-class, unique online learning solution was launched, and we commend the Class of 2020 for their fantastic response to the challenges presented. We congratulate the boys, their parents, and their teachers for the tremendous effort they have put in over their years and for making the most of their time at Kearsney College.

Carpe Diem



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