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A Little Moore

After the euphoria of Merry May Day, with DJs Euphonik and Kent, it was a testing time for all of us to quickly focus on the examination period. Yet the greatness of what we are about to experience – the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ - urged us forward in our studying, marking and, finally, planning for this wonderful occasion.

For many of our children, they will experience this very, very rare unifying period together with their parents – something only a few of us took note of in 1995.

From the euphonious sound of the Brazilians to our passion and pride as South Africans, there are lessons aplenty at this time. Take the time to learn all that you can with your child, by understanding the various cultures that grace our shores. Acquiring as much printed media coverage as possible will be doing more for your child than any school or education system.

Some games to play and things to notice:

Name the national flag.

Identify the national language, how it sounds and looks.

Identify the traditional costume

Learn how to greet someone from another country

Write a unifying description of a team or supporters.

Find this country on the map

Identify the capital city.

Find out more about the history of a country and its cities

Name as many famous citizens from this country as you can

If anything, simply attending any of the games or fan parks will certainly have a positive impact on you and your relationship with your child.

*Mr Sidrick Moore
Director of Boarding*

Boarders Say

Freedom Day

It was a cold day but we made it hot. In the morning we ate breakfast then just chilled. Then I saw the Gr 9s and matrics playing soccer on the tennis courts and I thought, why not start a team and participate?

We started off well but we were beaten, so I changed teams. I kept playing and changing teams till noon. You would not believe who joined in? Mr Moore played with us and he really made an impression.

Overall it was a good morning. In the evening, we watched the movie 2012. It was a great movie with some good laughs. I found it very educational with an almost emotionally bad ending.

Besides the fact that we couldn't go home and were "locked up", I had a very good Freedom Day.

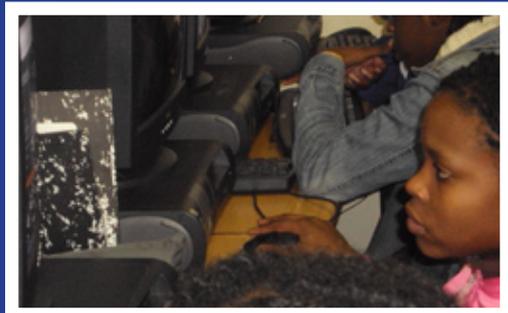
*Bandile Nhlapo
Gr 8*

Freedom Day was truly exciting. I thought that I was going to just sleep but I was wrong.

The night before, we watched movies and chilled in our dorm rooms. I never knew that I could have so much fun chilling and talking with my roommates. I felt like I was at home. On 27 April, we played netball, watched movies and chilled even more. For the first time Mr Moore encouraged us to do nothing.

The next day I didn't want to go to school because I was so tired. I wish for another holiday.

*Emily Mkwayi
Gr 8*



Diary Dates

Monday 12 July	Boarders return
Tuesday 13 July	Term 2B begins
Friday 16 July	Matric Dance
Thursday 22 July	Confirmation Mass
Sunday 1 August	Catholic Schools Sunday
Monday 9 August	Public holiday
Thursday 12 August	Report collection day / High School career expo
Wednesday 18 August	High School entrepreneurship day
Friday 20 August	School closes

These are just a few of the many important dates in the second term. Please check your DCS Planning Calendar for more exciting events taking place at the school.

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Please feel free to contact the school, to make an appointment to discuss any concerns that you might have, or bring forward your concerns in writing.

Remember

Please feel free to contact your child's dorm parent to discuss any URGENT matters relating to your child.

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Mrs Matilda – 083 740 9014 (Boys, Gr 1 – 7)
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Sis Imelda – 073 457 2236 (Boys, Gr 10 – 12)

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Boarders' Achievements

Branson Scholars: then

We all had our fingers crossed when the interviews took place because we all thought that we had made it to the top five. The Nelsons (interviewing couple from Stowe School) made me feel comfortable and at ease, which might be why I felt like I wanted to tell them more about me and South Africa.

When the 2010/11 Branson Scholars were announced I felt numb, in a state of shock. Never had I imagined life outside South Africa – no-one from my family had ever left the country.

The congratulations kept coming for over a week. Suddenly I had everyone talking to me, even people I had never noticed in the school before. A part of me was upset though, as my friends were going to stay behind. But I knew I would be able to make new friends and experience growing as an individual "on my own".

Branson Scholars: now

It all feels surreal as sometimes I catch myself counting down the weeks to the departure date, 4 September 2010. Although it might feel strange, having to leave my family and friends, I understand it is for the best.

I think I will love travelling and if it was not for Dominican Convent, Mahogany and Sir Richard Branson, I might have grown up to be that girl who never gets this type of opportunity. I also feel happy and nervous as I don't know what to expect. Sometimes I get so happy I just want to shout with excitement.

I am grateful and privileged to be a part of such a life-changing programme. It definitely will change my life and I will make full use of other opportunities that I come across at Stowe.

Lydia Madumo
Gr 9
Branson Scholar



Soccer World Cup

I really feel happy about the FIFA World Cup™ because it is going to be hosted here in South Africa. I also feel happy because it is an opportunity to see the soccer players from the different countries. The important thing to me is whether Bafana Bafana wins! But even if they lose, they would have tried their best. Many people choose the winning teams but I only choose Bafana Bafana.

Sihle Samkelisiwe Sibeko
Gr 5

The FIFA World Cup™ will be the best tournament in the world. I will really enjoy it so much because we will be going to the stadiums and if we don't go, we can still watch it on TV. We will cheer for Bafana Bafana and blow our vuvuzelas. I know that some people will support Mexico, but I wish that we win and go through to the final. I wish Bafana Bafana good luck but also the other teams and I know that they trained so hard for this tournament.

Please just try your best to get the FIFA World Cup™ trophy.

Cheraldine Peters
Gr 5



Youth Evenings

This term boarders' Friday evenings have changed drastically. Why? Because YOUTH is one of those places that you are able to let go and have fun in a controlled religious environment.

For the past two weeks, I have experienced the presence of the Lord in a youthful and fun atmosphere with many other teenagers outside of Dominican.

YOUTH has enabled me to be socially active and to find the person within me. The welcome we received was warm, especially considering that the individuals were from a number of surrounding schools. We enjoyed the games, food, dancing and music activities. In so doing our eyes have been opened to the opportunities we have as a youth, in life and with God's help.

Thank you to all for yet another opportunity.

Sharon Isaac
Gr 9

