

# Machabeng College Newsletter Highlights of the Month of May

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# **Hello Machabeng Community!**

We are delighted to share highlights of the month of May, featuring the graduation of IB students. Happy reading!

## Her Majesty graces a glorious graduation for the class of 2025

Her Majesty Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso, the patron of Machabeng College, graced the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) graduation ceremony on May 23, 2025, at the Manthabiseng Convention Centre. Radiating grace and wisdom, she delivered a stirring keynote address, urging graduates to embrace resilience, leadership, and the boundless potential of education. She spoke passionately about the power of hard work and dedication, emphasizing that success is not simply bestowed but earned through perseverance and purpose. Her unwavering commitment to inclusive education and advocacy for social progress shone through, leaving an indelible mark on all in attendance.





The event was a dazzling testament to achievement, marking a triumphant milestone for the Class of 2025. Echoing Her Majesty' words the IDBDP Coordinator Mrs. Makubatsi Matsoso congratulated the graduands and thanked National Manpower Development Secretariat (NMDS) for their valued sponsorship and support to students as well as parents, teachers and non-academic staff.

The head of school Mrs. Rupa Sen warmly congratulated the graduates, celebrating their dedication and the educators guided them with great competency encouragement. She described Machabeng College as a nurturing haven, where young minds are cultivated in an environment that fosters both academic excellence and personal growth. She spoke of the school's mission to shape future leaders, providing a sanctuary for intellectual discovery and character development.



### Message from the Head of School, Mrs. Rupa Sen

During the month May we were reflecting on a value that forms the foundation of our character—self-respect. Self-respect is more than just being kind, it is about valuing oneself and others. It is the strength to uphold our values and principles and those of people around us. It is also the commitment to not violate other people's boundaries and values – honoring our diversity.



At Machabeng College, we nurture young minds not only to excel academically but to grow into individuals who respect themselves and others, thereby upholding their dignity. Self-respect is shown in how we speak to ourselves, in the choices we make, and in how we interact with other learners, teachers, parents, non-academic staff and other people. When we respect ourselves, we hold ourselves accountable, and we inspire those around us to do the same.

As we enter the month June and then July, we encourage each member of the Machabeng College community to reflect on ways to strengthen respect. As a general rule, ask yourself: do my actions reflect the person I truly want to be? Am I treating myself and others with respect? Self-respect is a lifelong journey. It begins with you. And let us walk together!



## 'Respect is the glue that binds us', Student leaders said

During the month of May, Head Girl Juweria Sheikh and Head Boy Sukoane Dlamini, who led assemblies, reinforced the timeless value of respect. With eloquence and conviction, they urged their peers to embrace respect not only for themselves but for others, recognizing it as the foundation of strong character and meaningful relationships with other learners, teachers, parents and support staff. Their speeches emphasized the importance of treating each other with kindness and fostering an environment where every individual at Machabeng feels valued. They encouraged students to uphold respect in their daily interactions, ensuring it remains at the heart of life at Machabeng.

As we conclude this intense exam period, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our learners for their unwavering dedication and focus. A sincere thank you to our teachers and leadership for your great work. To all parents and guardians, we appreciate your encouragement and moral support. Wishing everyone a well-deserved moment of rest and renewed energy for the journey ahead – From your School Counsellor!

**Upcoming Events:** Prize Giving Day - 26 June; S1 Induction Morning - 13 June; IBDP1 Induction Morning-14 June; Parents afternoon – 24 & 25 June 2025; School Closes-27 June.

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