

Maris Stella pupils excel in English Olympiad and Talent America

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Maris Stella celebrates some outstanding achievements in the Arts.

Maris Stella's Sarah Herrington in English Olympiad Top 10

Maris Stella is exceptionally proud of Matric pupil Sarah Herrington, who earned 10th place in the 2016 National Schools English Olympiad. This was no mean feat, considering that this year, 6535 learners from Grades 10, 11 and 12 wrote the examination. This nationwide competition, sponsored by De Beers, is a joint initiative of the South African Council for English Education and the Grahamstown Foundation, and aims to “encourage learners to develop and express valuable opinions as part of the conversation that is needed to build a national of critical thinkers.” The chosen theme for 2016 was “a journey into darkness: excerpts from stories exploring the darker side of human nature.” The top 10 students were recently announced in a prestigious prizegiving ceremony at Rhodes University, during the National Schools Festival in Grahamstown.



Sarah Herrington from Maris Stella is congratulated by Prof Tom Martin, Dean of Humanities at Rhodes University (left) and Mr Tsepo Monaledi, Head of De Beers Zimele (right).

Maris Stella represents at Talent America

Tarla Samuels, a Grade 6 pupil at Maris Stella, recently danced her way to gold at the Talent America competition in New York earlier this month. A member of the South African Performing Arts Team, Tarla won gold in all the dance categories she entered – jazz, contemporary, ballet and acro, and came second in the drama category with her Comedic Monologue, winning a silver medal. Tarla has been training with Megan Lamb, Patricia McKintosh, and Anwyn Winterbach for many years, and studies drama at Maris Stella with Colleen Nicholas.

