





# A TASTE OF THE OLD DIOCESAN

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### OD NEWS & SCHOOL NEWS



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**ON THE COVER**  
 The cover image is a photograph of the Old Diocesan School building, designed by the architect Sir John Blackmore. The building is a prime example of modernist architecture, featuring clean lines and large windows. It was completed in 1965 and is now a National Historic Landmark.

### SCHOOL NEWS

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### The Olympians

For some, it's 16 to the Olympics involves a stroll down to Rondebosch station. For these OD sportsmen, the journey was a little longer.

### PIRATES OF THE ATLANTIC

A group of OD students, including the school's sailing team, participated in a sailing competition in Cape Town. The team, led by their coach, performed exceptionally well, securing a top position in the competition. The students enjoyed the experience and learned valuable lessons about teamwork and perseverance.

### TOKYO 2020

The school's sportsmen and women participated in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The athletes represented the school with pride and achieved several medals. The school principal, Mr. J. van der Merwe, congratulated the athletes and expressed his confidence in their future success.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

The school's photography club participated in a photography competition. The club members submitted several entries, showcasing their talent and creativity. The school principal, Mr. J. van der Merwe, congratulated the club members and encouraged them to continue exploring their artistic interests.

### In the news

A round-up of ODs making headlines

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### TECH AND COVID

The school's IT department has implemented a new system to enhance the learning experience. The system, which is user-friendly and easy to navigate, will allow students to access their course materials and assignments more easily. The school principal, Mr. J. van der Merwe, congratulated the IT department and encouraged all students to make the most of the new system.

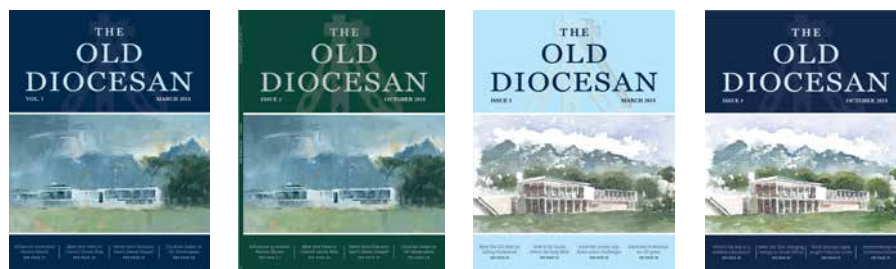
### YUSA ON EXPRESS

The school's Yusa team has achieved a significant victory in a recent tournament. The team, led by their coach, performed exceptionally well, securing a top position in the competition. The school principal, Mr. J. van der Merwe, congratulated the team and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence.





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