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# Foreword



*All the encouragement I needed to pursue a  
newsletter...*

Students and teachers always asked me the question, “What motivated me to compile and design a newsletter?”, well the answer is quite straightforward and pretty simple.

Before Mr. Jonathan Jacobs passed away he asked me to write a short review about my experience so far at this school. I was so happy and felt so honoured to be doing it.

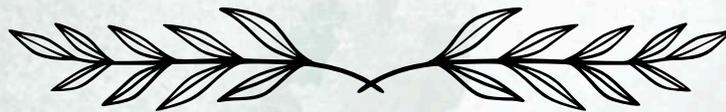
When the moment came that he passed, I felt an obligation to still write a piece of my own in the newsletter and include the upholding of the legacy that Mr. Jonathan Jacobs left behind for all of us: and that is to outline and create a newsletter to continue advertising the school as well as to commemorate and store all the memories that we have between teachers and students.

The publishing, designing and editing of the newsletter was a commitment done by all of us working together and therefore I show great appreciation towards everyone!

**Lots of love,**  
*Nadheerah Williams*



# *A Tribute to My Father: Jonathan Jacobs : A Legacy of Love and Learning*



*“It is with a heavy heart that I write this tribute to my father, Jonathan Jacobs, whose presence in our lives was a beacon of wisdom, warmth, and love. Losing him has left a void that words cannot fill, but his memory and the values he instilled in us will live on forever.*”

*My father was not only a loving parent but also a passionate educator. He dedicated his life to shaping young minds, believing deeply in the transformative power of education. To him, knowledge was not just a tool for personal advancement, but a pathway to building stronger communities, empowering individuals, and fostering understanding in a world that often feels divided.*

*As a teacher, mentor, and guide, he touched countless lives. He didn't just teach lessons from textbooks, but lessons for life - about perseverance, kindness, and the importance of always seeking to grow. Many of his former students would often return, years later, to express their gratitude for the role he played in their journeys, reminding us all of the far-reaching impact of a dedicated teacher.*

*In this time of loss, I am comforted by the legacy he has left behind. My father's contributions to education will continue to ripple through the lives of those he taught and inspired. My dad's lessons, both in and out of the classroom, are now carried forward by all of us who were lucky enough to know him. Though his absence is felt deeply, his spirit of generosity, wisdom, and love remains ever-present in our hearts. We will continue to honour his memory by living the lessons he so lovingly imparted: to be kind, to be curious, and to never stop learning.*

*Rest in peace, Dad. Your legacy lives on in the knowledge you shared and the love you gave...”*



# MEET OUR CLASSES!



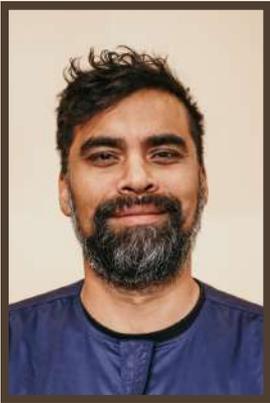
*Auntie Mariam and our Grade 9 Class of 2024*



*Auntie Mariam and our Grade 12 Class of 2024/25*



# Meet Our Staff...



Mr.D.Jacobs



Mrs.M.Jacobs



Mrs.E.Ouderton



Mr.D.Sithole



Mr.B.Morgan



Mr.P.Kaseke



Mr.A.Mpassi



Mrs.A.Bantjes



# Reviews



*“When I think about where I am today, what I have achieved, the knowledge I have gained and the challenges that I had to overcome. First and foremost, I give my gratitude to Allah and then all the people that I have met along the way. The saying, “it’s not about the destination, it’s about the journey”, falls short of the most important factor. Personally, for myself, it’s not about the destination, nor the journey. Over and above that, it’s about the people that you meet and the relationships that you build along the way. Why? Because the journey would not be a journey, nor would the destination be a destination if it was not influenced by the people that you learn from and that aids in your growth. One such person and relationship that had a huge impact on my journey and destination was Uncle Jonathan Jacobs.*

*Our first meeting, in an office on top of Spar, coming from a mental space where secular education and I took a 7-year break from one another. To me, going through secular school seemed intimidating and unattainable. Even meeting a teacher from that space frightened me and the doubt completing Matric kept growing and growing.*

*Greeted and spoken to by Uncle Jonathan with the brightest smile and a confident gaze was even more intimidating, but his calm, gentle voice made me feel as if I had already passed Matric. His eyes saw success and his words spoke without doubt. I thought to myself, “What is this Uncle saying? In what world will I ingest 7 years of what seemed to be a mountain of knowledge and pass Matric in 2 years. I would need to be a genius to do that”. As I left that day, I greeted and he placed his hand on my shoulder and confidently said, “Don’t worry, you’ll get through it man. You just need to put a little effort in, and you’ll be fine”.*

*Classes came and in between these classes, Uncle Jonathan would give us advice, calm us, motivate us and just have a conversation with us in general. At the time the classes were conducted at the library in Athlone. Every day without fail, he would come check in on the students and myself and give us insight on what we were going to learn, and how we are going to learn it. He allowed us to ask questions even if they were not related to the topic at hand. When we asked questions about things that would be coming in the exams, he didn’t provide a “spoon fed” response. Instead, his response triggers a thought and if you actually put effort into that thought, you’d realize that he guided you. He set your thought process on the path that you need to get to the answer.*



# Reviews



*I remember the times when I sat in his History class, he had small vague, inconclusive answers to questions that left me thinking. I would approach him after class and ask him to explain which made me think about it even harder, and because I thought hard about them, majority of the time I took them home and researched them. I read articles and 5-10 minute blog posts that took me deeper into the topic. When it came to the History Exam, I looked at the questions and started smiling because it was closely related to something that I had read or researched. I realized that Uncle Jonathan's answers is meant to leave you thinking and if you really want to pass the subject, you'll push yourself to understand. Having literally experienced and seen the fruits of effort, it is a core value I take pride in and carry up until this day. Whenever I am presented with a challenge, personal or professional, Uncle Jonathan comes to mind. He is evidently the best example in "it's not about the destination; it's not about the journey; it's about the people you meet along the way."*

*Now, being a couple years ahead of Matric because of Uncle Jonathan there is no mental obstacle that brings me down, because of Uncle Jonathan I ask myself, "did I put any effort in?" because of Uncle Jonathan I am able to evaluate my results of a task based on the effort that I put into doing it. He has added me to my diligence and discipline which has made me the person that I am today and for that I will forever be grateful.*

*After matriculating, University felt daunting, but effort is what got me through. My first year as a Junior Software Developer seemed just as a challenging, and once again, effort is what carried me forward. Now, as I move toward my second year of employment, I trust that with Allah's guidance and effort on my side, I will continue to progress. I always say my accomplishments are as much due to the people I've met along the journey as they are to my own efforts, and Uncle Jonathan is undoubtedly one of those important individuals. I recommend Life Skills Facilitators to people with one piece of advice, "You don't need to be a genius. You just need to put in a little effort, and you'll pass."*

**Formula for success: goal + effort = success**

**~by**

**ABU DAIYAAN JATIEM**

**STARTED GRADE 9 - JANUARY 2019**

**COMPLETED GRADE 12 - JUNE 2020**





# Reviews



*“I recently had the opportunity to attend Life Skills Facilitators and was deeply impressed with the overall experience. The school’s faculty and staff are knowledgeable, supportive, and genuinely invested in the student’s success. The curriculum is well-rounded challenging and prepares students for future endeavours”*

~by

**HASAN ALI SAYED**  
**{GRADE 9}**



*“I am extremely impressed with Life Skills Facilitators. The teachers are knowledgeable, supportive and genuinely invested in their students’ success. The administration is organized and communicative, keeping parents informed about events and policies. Students are challenged to reach their full potential, and resources are readily available for those needing extra support. Overall, Life Skills Facilitators provides an exceptional education and nurturing environment”*

~ by

**NIYAAZ ADAMS**  
**{GRADE 9}**



*“When first arriving at LSF I was dearly welcomed into the school and met all the students and teachers who were friendly and helpful enough to help all of us settle in. Mr. Jacobs who is our late principal of the school has a lot to do with the school still being here and with the years of experience he had, he also brought in the teachers who are well experienced themselves especially for my subject teachers and they are preparing us well for our final exams. As for the school facility itself, it’s also really good as long as we’re getting our work done. So my experience here is going really well so far“*

~ by

**IGO AWASEB**  
**{GRADE 12}**





# Reviews



*“I attend LSF College in Claremont, and my experience so far has been overwhelmingly positive. The school provides a supportive environment and an encouraging academic growth, personal development, and social connections. The teachers are knowledgeable, approachable and passionate about their subjects. The curriculum is challenging but engaging, preparing me well for the future. Overall, LSF College provides a well-rounded education and unforgettable experiences. I’m grateful for the opportunities, friendships and memories. I highly recommend LSF College to prospective students seeking a supportive, challenging and an all-in learning environment”*



~by

**SHUMEEZ TALIEP**  
**{GRADE 12}**

*“Life Skills Facilitators is a fantastic option for adults who have been out of school and are ready to complete their education. Offering a flexible schedule and accelerated courses, the school allows learners to finish their studies in significantly less time than a traditional high school. Designed for busy adults, the program emphasizes real-world skills while helping students achieve their diplomas. With supportive instructors and a welcoming environment, Life Skills Facilitators make returning to school less daunting, ensuring that every learner feels confident on their path to success. The school’s tailored approach is perfect for those balancing work or family responsibilities. It gives adults a second chance to complete their education, empowering them to finish quickly and move forward with better opportunities”*

~by

**NASRULLAH DOMINGO**  
**{GRADE 12}**





# Reviews



*“I had the privilege of attending a school that truly stands out from the rest. Unlike my previous school, where I struggled to grasp my subjects, this school provided an environment where I could thrive academically. The teachers here are incredibly supportive and dedicated to helping each student succeed. They teach at a pace that ensures everyone understands the material, which made a significant difference for me. Before joining LSF, I found it challenging to keep up with my studies. However, the personalized attention and tailored teaching methods helped me overcome these difficulties. I was able to finish Grade 12 with marks good enough to pass, and I even achieved high marks in two subjects, including the one I struggled with the most. The commitment of the teachers to my success was evident in every lesson and interaction. This school has not only improved my academic performance but also boosted my confidence and love for learning. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a supportive and effective educational environment”*



~by

**WILLIAM BANTJES**

**2023/24**

*“2019 was my son’s first year of high school and then the dreaded Covid-19 happened. I considered online schooling for my son, but luckily I spoke to Mr. Jacobs and Aunt Maryam and I then decided to send my son to Life Skills Facilitators instead. My son completed his entire high school career at Life Skills Facilitators, and I am very proud to say that my son did very well. He passed with a Bachelors Pass and is now studying Bcom Law and LLB.*

*Mr. Jacobs was not only a teacher/principal, he was also a friend. He did not sit in the office during intervals; instead he spent his breaks outside and amongst the students, and anyone could chat with him. He always encouraged my son to do well and to make sure he studies every day. And because of that my son did so well indeed. Mr. Jacobs always went the extra mile for his students. A true Gem!*

*I believe that Mr. Jacob’s legacy will live on through his sons and his wife Maryam who are equally dedicated to the school and the students”*

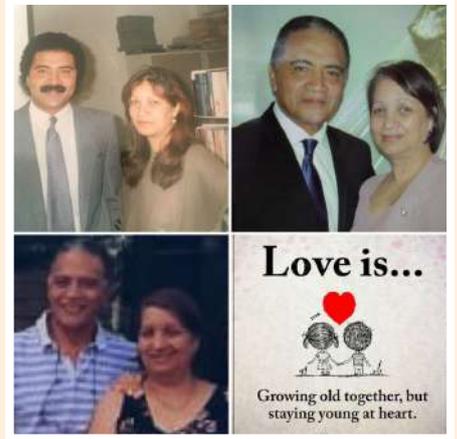
~by Aqeelah Noor (Mother of Roshan Noor)

**ROSHAN NOOR**

**STARTED GRADE 9 - 2020**

**COMPLETED GRADE 12 - 2023**





*Grief never ends....  
but it changes. It's a passage  
not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign of  
weakness, nor a lack of  
faith....  
It is the price for  
Love*





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