



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is with pleasure that I write in support of **DAVID JAMES McCLEAVE** who arrived at Kearsney College as a Grade 8 boarder in January 2014, and who is presently completing his Grade 12 year.

Academically, David proved an extremely competent academic with an excellent work ethic and received Academic Honours for his commendable efforts. His teachers unanimously comment on his exceptionally positive attitude and resolute diligence. In the recent trial examinations, David achieved a plethora of distinctions. He participated in the English Olympiad and IT Olympiad in 2018. His diverse academic package reflects his wide range of interests and includes, English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, Mathematics, Advanced Programme Mathematics, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Physical Science and Life Orientation. He is expected to easily achieve the admissions requirements for a Bachelor's Degree pass in the Independent Examination Board's Senior Certificate examinations at the end of this year.

Extramurally, David participated in several sporting disciplines with his main interests being waterpolo, cross-country and soccer. He represented the 4th Waterpolo Team and 7th Soccer Team with vigour and commitment. His coaches comment on his fair play and gentlemanly conduct, traits which made him a superb ambassador. To maintain balance, David contributed to many clubs and, as an eloquent speaker at the Inner Circle and Speaker's Circle clubs he showcased his oratory skills. He was a member of the Market Wizards club played a significant role in the Inter-House Music and Inter-House Drama evenings earlier this year. His commitment and significant contributions resulted in him receiving the much sought-after House Colours tie.

David contributed to community service, completing 90 hours, and this service to his fellow man has been excellent for his personal growth, and an inspiration for his peers. He involved himself with collecting funds and donating clothing to the needy and helped to create a bicycle track and to clear bushes around eThembeni School. He assisted with building classrooms at the Nqobane L.P School and sporting events like the Comrades Marathon. David was a regular blood donor.

As a person, David is mature, pleasant and polite and who is respected by his peers and staff alike. David is a deep thinker and independent. He takes great pride in his appearance, has a unique sense of humour and, although not garrulous, does not hesitate to voice his opinion with authority. He is pleasant to engage with and is wise in the ways of the world. He comes from a very supportive Christian family who has taught him valuable life skills and the importance of high moral values. David has had a solid grounding at a top academic institution and is well-equipped to deal with the challenges of adulthood. He has an inherent toughness about him.

I thus recommend him as a young man, filled with integrity, possessing a maturity beyond his years and as one fully worthy of your consideration, confident in the knowledge that he possesses all the attributes to make a success of whatever he sets out to do.

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HEADMASTER