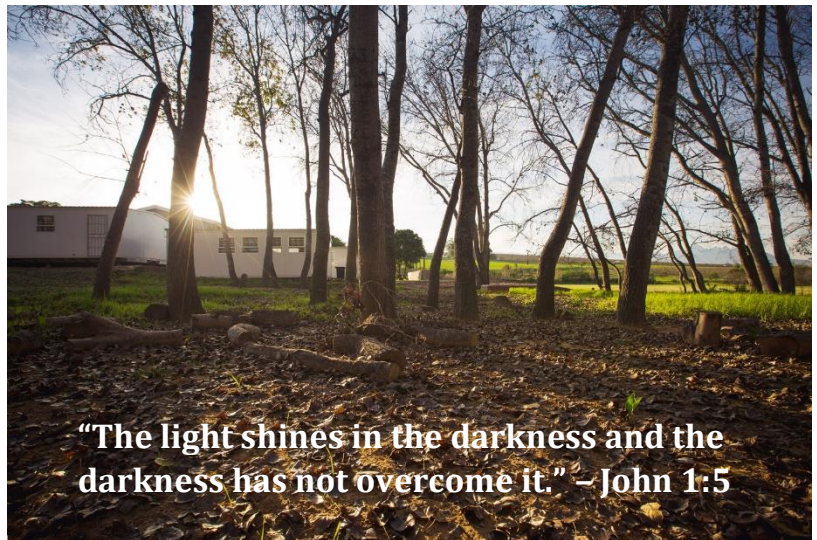




## DEAR SUPPORTER

As always, we are excited to share the latest developments at Calling Education with you!

In a uniquely challenging year, **we love sharing good news**; and we are sure you love receiving it. Thank you so much for your continued support, whether it has been financially, through words of encouragement, advice or in prayer. We cannot go far without any of these, so we give this feedback with a lot of gratitude.



## NEW WEBSITE AND VIDEO

You simply must visit our **new website** – a proper upgrade was overdue! We are extremely happy with the amazing product and the stunning photos that also feature in this newsletter. Get to the website as soon as you can at [www.callingeducation.org.za](http://www.callingeducation.org.za). While you are there, be sure to check out our latest **short video** on the home page that will give you a good feel of the vibe at school.

## IPIC PROPERTY NON-PROFIT PITCH EVENT

This event was an opportunity for 23 organisations to share about their ventures in a short pitch format. Three events were held with the top three pitches, based on an audience vote, progressing to the final gala event in February. We were extremely honoured when Calling Education was announced as **overall winner** of this event! This was a big encouragement to us that we are on the right track and confirmed that the “Calling concepts” resonate with people.

## SYSTEMIC TESTS 2019 RESULTS

Grade 9 systemic tests are conducted annually by the Western Cape Education Department in Home Language and Maths, so schools can measure themselves against the standards in the rest of the province. Even though one can only read so much into these results, we were reassured that **we are on the right track** and that we are indeed **addressing pressing problems** in our education system. The stats on the right show the Calling and provincial percentage of learners who achieved above 50% for English and above 50% for Maths for these tests. C8 refers to Circuit 8, the circuit we are in that includes a variety of schools – from affluent to township.

Calling Maths:	<b>60,4%</b> above 50%
WC Maths:	<b>22,7%</b> above 50%
C8 Maths:	<b>41,3%</b> above 50%
Calling English:	<b>90,6%</b> above 50%
WC English:	<b>53,6%</b> above 50%
C8 Maths:	<b>59,4%</b> above 50%

## APPLICATIONS – GRADE 8’S AND NEW STAFF

As you can imagine, Grade 8 applications are coming in thick and fast with Calling fast becoming the school of choice for learners from low income communities of Greater Stellenbosch. We anticipate almost three times more applications than we can admit for 2021. This makes the admissions task very tricky, but it does enable us to select learners who will make the most of the opportunities that the school provides. New teacher positions will be advertised in July. Please encourage your teacher contacts to consider applying to Calling as we continue bringing **the best teachers** we can to **join and strengthen the team**.

## FACILITIES

The new quad is a **tremendous improvement** from its dust-bowl predecessor. The pathway, steps, two new classrooms and new computer room have truly transformed the area around the main building. The addition of two new cricket nets was much-anticipated. We still need to expand our facilities for two more Grade 8 intakes until the enrolment reaches 320.



## DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY COVID-19

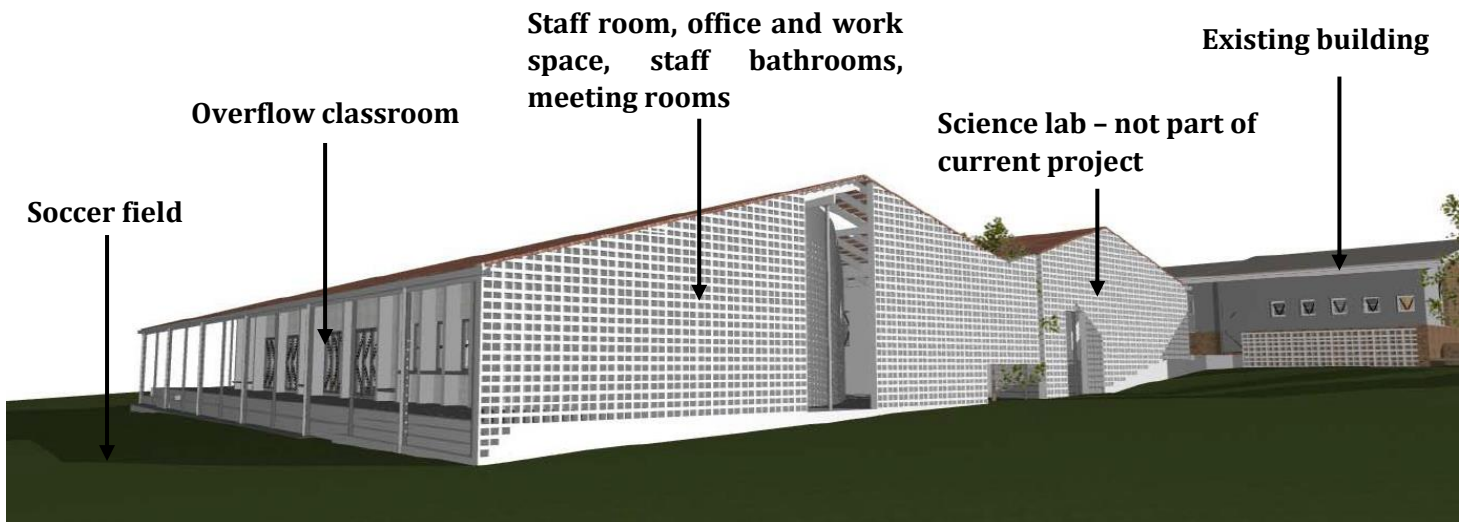
Like other schools, Calling's operations were severely impacted by Covid-19. The phasing back of learners is a tricky affair. We are fortunate that the school only has Grade 8 to 10's presently and, as such, **all of the Calling learners have been attending** school twice per week on rotation since late June. Obviously, we respect and stick to all the protocols put in place by government. This leads to class sizes of around 15 learners which is a real joy. Most extra-curricular enrichment (which we love doing!) has ground to a halt though.

While a handful of our parents have contracted the virus, and one of our teachers tested positive, there has been no cause for alarm at school and all protocols are followed. This has led to **trust and good attendance** but there are learners who cannot attend due to co-morbidities at home. Keeping non-attenders up to date has mostly taken place through WhatsApp. Teachers also did a drive to the communities and homes of learners to drop off practice papers with a letter of encouragement and a chocolate!

We are also feeling the pinch financially with two funders forced to withdraw their funding and some hard-hit parents now battling to pay school fees. We are **still grateful** for the Lord's provision which has also been evident in this time.

## **BUILDING PROJECT 2020 – YOUR PARTNERSHIP CAN HELP US EXPAND!**

We are still in the capital-intensive phase of the school's development. Classrooms and other facilities must still be added so that the school can accommodate the envisioned 320 learners by 2022. Plans have been submitted to the local council for the addition of a single multi-functional facility that will free up classrooms in the "old building" currently used for other purposes. While the final cost estimation is still being prepared, we already know that **we really need your support** on this one! Apart from the building, a parking lot improvement is also required, and we need to ensure the financial well-being of the organisation for the start of the 2021 year. This is a huge mountain to climb. We hope to raise a good portion of the funds through crowd-funding. **Would you please consider a R500 donation or more to this vision?**



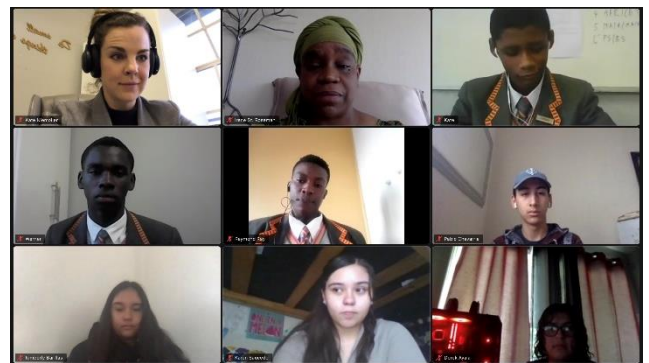
## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Two recent educational highlights underscored the added value made possible by our international partnerships. A brilliant, interactive experience for our Grade 10 History boys was hosted by our Dutch friends, 4Challenge. Video calls and **gamified group challenges ensured a memorable experience**, and proper understanding of D-Day, for our boys. Some members of the 4Challenge team are seen on the right, evaluation our boys' performance.

Along with learners from Oxford Day Academy (USA), four of our boys had to **submit and defend an essay** in front of Prof. Peter Claus from Oxford University. This online conference was a daunting but enriching experience!

## 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT

The school was grown significantly in 2019 and a building project completed. Yet, the 2019 financial statements showed a secure position. The auditors were also happy with Calling's financial process and only qualified the audit on one matter which is a standard qualification for organisations such as ours.



## BANK DETAILS

Calling Education NPC  
 Savings Account, First National Bank  
 Branch code: 200610  
 Account number: 74585043405  
**Reference: BP Name and Surname** (for Building Project donations)

*NOTE: We've had occasional reports before from individuals struggling to make a payment to this account. Please notify us if this happens.*

## CONCLUSION AND YOUR SUPPORT

By God's grace and your support, Calling Academy made its way to where it is today. We cannot go further without those same ingredients – please assist us wherever you can! Thank you for your support!

Yours in Calling

Werner Cloete (CEO)