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## Learning can be fun

Knowledge is power and learning should be fun. When you are having fun you are enjoying what you are doing. Life is short, so one must make the most of it. The key is to enjoy what you are doing and to make it meaningful. To study and learn unlocks many doors and positive pathways. At PHS our focus is to make the learning experience fun and meaningful.



To provide a fun study option PHS has launched a new gap year programme commencing January 2014. The gap year programme will have two days of formal classes and three days of adventure and industry learning. Students will work, play, learn and have something to show for it. We have also introduced an extended curriculum option to students whereby they can complete their International Diploma in Hotel Management and International Diploma in Culinary Arts over a three year period instead of the two year period, providing a more flexible approach to complete the international qualification option.



During July Chef Matthew Vigario chaired a Master Chef competition for the Ooba group. The Ooba group used the Master Chef event as a teambuilding exercise for their staff. The food was good and they had fun.



A group of new students joined PHS during July and started with their studies in International Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts. They were treated to an "Amazing Race" experience in Stellenbosch and a fieldtrip to the beautiful Franschoek.



Dr. Deborah Johnson (Vice Dean: Innovation and Strategic Planning) was invited as a guest speaker at the second Women In Africa (WIA) conference, held in Lagos, Nigeria. The theme of this year's event was "Strengthening Gains – Paying It Forward". The event focused on the development of women and challenges faced by women in industry. Dr. Johnson also delivered a focus group discussion on tourism and hospitality to industry stakeholders at the Pan-Atlantic University in Lagos.

*"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life" (Sandra Carey)*

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