



## Principal's Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

In light of yesterday's Post Cabinet briefing, you will all be aware by now of the re-opening of schools.

Schools will re-open for Examination Classes on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and for Non-Examination classes on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. In light of this, there are a few things to take note of immediately - more information will follow tomorrow;

### 1. Boarders

Please note that Boarders are due at school the Sunday before the re-opening dates mentioned above. Boarders should have signed in to Hostel by 2.30pm at the latest.

### 2. School Times

Registration – 7.30am

School Ends – 3.00pm

Lessons are expected to start at 7.45am and end at 1.00pm. There will be an afternoon study period after lunch during which time Teachers may offer extra lessons or catch up on some practical work.

### 3. School Uniform

We revert to Summer Uniform. May I emphasise that we expect students to be dressed appropriately and smartly to school every day.

### 4. Office Hours

The school office will be open from 10am until 2.30 on Sunday. Please respect these times. It is so that we can adhere to the curfew times.

### 5. School Fees

An invoice for a School Fee Deposit was sent out in June. A School Fee Pass will only be issued on receipt of this invoiced deposit amount, whilst we complete the due process involved in finalizing the Fees for the period 28<sup>th</sup> June till the 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact the Accounts Department if you have any queries.

### 6. Students from Mozambique

Students should be at the Border by 11.00 am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 in their school uniform. The school bus will pick them up and if there are any immigration issues to be attended to the bus will take them to the Immigration Offices to get them sorted out. Please note that students still need to get a PCR test done and produce a valid Covid-19 Negative Certificate upon arrival.

**7. Extra Materials to Bring**

Please ensure your child has sufficient stationery.

Please also ensure that your child has sufficient masks (Boarders should have at least 7 cloth masks and Day scholars should have 2 cloth masks each day). This ensures that the masks can be changed if they become uncomfortable.

I would advise that parents send their children with pocket-size sanitizers for personal use.

**8. Examinations**

The first examination at the College starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, so there is really little time left to prepare. It is going to be a hectic period between now and the start of external examinations.

**9. Vaccinations**

I encourage parents who have children aged 18 and above to have them vaccinated. The school will make an effort to get students, who have received the first dose only, to receive their second dose in Mutare, failure of which you will have to make your own arrangements. We can communicate with each other as the time for the second dose approaches.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the letter and I look forward to having the students return to school.

Kind regards,



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