

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As I write, the term is winding to a close; reflecting back on the year, we should all appreciate how our unusual 'new normal' has been. We have all learnt important lessons and life skills which have made us more resilient, adaptable, innovative, and stronger in character. With the Festive Season upon us, we should remember that it is a time of goodwill and cheer which we get to share with family and friends. I would like to leave you with a few thoughts about this festive season:

**Winston Churchill** – We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

**Donald Westlake** – As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation and people to whom we are worth the same.

**Catherine Pulsifer** - As we rush around during this festive season, we must always remember that our presence rather than our presents is one of the greatest gifts we can give.

**Oren Arnold** - Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

I do wish you and your families a happy and fulfilled festive season filled with joy and happiness.

## 1. End of Term Arrangements

9.00am	-	Final Assembly
10.00am	-	School Closes
12.00noon	-	Boarders Depart for Harare, Chipinge & Chiredzi

### Travelling Schedule for Harare & Chipinge/Chiredzi Boarders

Departure	-	12.00noon
Time of Arrival		
Harare at OK Mart	-	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Chiredzi Route	-	Chipinge Turn Off - 2.00pm
		Tanganda Turn Off - 2.30pm
		Croco Motors Chiredzi - 5.30pm

### Travelling Schedule for Mozambique Boarders

Departure	-	9.30am
Time of Arrival Forbes Boarder Post	-	10.00am

### Accompanying Staff Details

Harare Buses	-	Mr. Tendai Dzenga (0773191912)
		Mr. Takudzwa Marange (0772591174)
		Mr. Tonderai Madimutsa (0772844535)
Chiredzi/Chipinge Bus	-	Mrs. Rudo Gandanzara (0772946959)

Can parents be ready and waiting to receive their children ahead of time to avoid delays as drivers and accompanying staff are expected to return to Mutare on the same day.

## **2. School Fees for Term 1, 2021**

Earlier today I sent out on email, D6 and Whatsapp to all the Parents, a letter with our proposed fees for 1<sup>st</sup> Term, 2021. Accompanying the letter is the Budget and a Voting Form. Parents are encouraged to go through the documents and to then proceed to cast their vote. Votes can be submitted in person to the School Offices (Prep & College) or via email. The deadline for the submission of your votes is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 by 10.00am.

## **3. Communication for 2021 Cambridge Examinations & Exam Fees**

The Cambridge Examination Board has endeavoured to keep all its Centres informed these past months with regards to the running of Examinations while we continue to fight and contain the Covid-19 pandemic. In that regard, please find attached an important and informative letter from Cambridge specifically meant for the Parents and Students. The letter details the concerns raised this year and how Cambridge will address them hereon.

Also attached is a letter from our Examination Officer, Mr. Munjoma, detailing the Cambridge Registration/Examination Fees for 2021. Having access to this information, I am sure, will give you ample time to prepare.

## **4. Selling On School Premises**

I have noted with concern that some of our Students have started vending in the school. Two things come to mind – that is not the reason they come to school for and this is certainly not ATS standard and therefore not acceptable. We have an SDC Tuck Shop that sells goodies to Students while they also fundraise for the school, and no one else is supposed to be selling anything on the school premises at any point unless given permission by the school authorities during social events. We have a few days remaining before we close and I will be doing so

## **5. Commendations**

I would like to congratulate the following Students who have done exceptionally well in their End of Term/Year Exams.

<b>Name Of Student</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Results</b>
Kodzanai K.	1A	8As, 2Bs
Mutsemi C.	1A	8As, 2Bs
Nyanhete B.	1A	9As, 1B
Kapamurandu A.	1A1	9As, 1C
Masimba K.	1A1	9As, 1B
Chinyadza A.	2A	10As
Chirigo W.	2A	9As, 1B
Manyati T.	2A	10As
Nayee J.	2A	8As, 2Bs
Nanette M.	2A1	9As, 1B
Chapfunga T.	3A	9As
Mabulala K.	3A	7As, 2Bs
Ndakavambani I.	3A	7As, 1B, 1C

## **OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK**

### **1. End of Year Reports**

Compilation of end of year reports are now at an advanced stage. These are scheduled to be sent to parents on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020.

### **2. Deserved Break**

It is a glaring fact that everyone in the Hillcrest family deserves a well-deserved break. The new normal brought with it new demands owing to COVID 19 demands on the education system worldwide. As we speak, numerous institutions have closed for 2020. We give praise and thanks to the Lord for the safe passage at **Hillcrest Schools**.

### 3. Holiday Chores

We feel good and proud of our parents for their life lessons on chores at home. It's not child abuse to train or even set up a duty list for various chores that we take for granted today. You owe it to your children to train them.

### 4. Commendations

Congratulations to the following **Merit and Effort Badge Winners!**

Class	Merit: Name of Pupil(s)	Merit: Reason for commendation	Effort: Name of Pupil(s)	Effort: Reason for commendation
1M	M. Mazani	Pleasing performance in all subjects.	M. Pemhenayi	Steady progress in English Reading.
3C	N. Muyambo, T. Nyamhute, L. Bure	Working diligently in all the subjects	D. Marume, S. Ncube, H. Lunga	Pleasing work in Maths and Content
3M	C. Cogburn & W. Cogburn	For easily adapting to the new environment and mixing easily with new classmates.	M. Fernandes	Outstanding participation in all lessons.
4D	N. Sango	For doing very well in the language revision work	K. Chimbetete	Putting maximum effort in all her work
4M	E. Mandimutsira	For settling in well in the new environment	T. Dzenga	Positive and great change in all subjects
6W	C. Mutama & P. Kabungaidze	Steady performance in their school work	S. Nyamande	Great improvement in his work
Laverock House	S. Nyamande	Maintaining a positive, sociable and cheerful attitude around peers in the Hostel.		

Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read my newsletters which I hope are informative. May I remind parents to submit their completed voting forms by Friday next week so that the school can prepare and send out invoices before we all go on the Festive break.

I wish you all a restful and safe weekend.

Kind regards,



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