



Principal's Newsletter 14th January, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

"**May you live in interesting times**" is an [English expression](#) that is claimed to be a translation of a traditional [Chinese curse](#). While seemingly a blessing, the expression is normally used ironically; life is better in "uninteresting times" of [peace](#) and [tranquillity](#) than in "interesting" ones, which are usually times of trouble.

I think that you will all agree that *we are living in most interesting times*. I never remember myself a time in which our history was so full, in which day by day brought us new objects of interest, and, let me say also, *new objects for anxiety*.

I found these sayings on Wikipedia when I thought about our current situation. Whilst I would prefer times not to be as 'interesting' as the situation we find ourselves in, we are here, and we have to deal with it. On numerous occasions I have said that we are all together in the challenges we face, and we need to be unified so we achieve our shared vision which is for our children to be put into a position where they will succeed.

1. Fees

You will receive or should have received a Fee letter from the Board Chairwoman, together with the Budget Summary and Voting Form. The completed voting forms can be dropped off at the Front Office at the College Reception into a voting box. The voting box is locked, and the keys kept with the SDC Representative. Completed Voting Forms can also be sent via email to the College and Prep Receptionists on info@hillcrestcollege.net or info@hillcrestprep.net. I encourage parents to take the time to vote. The votes will be counted on Monday the 24th of January 2022 at 12noon.

2. Fees Meeting

After giving parents some time to look at the Budget Summary I will send parents a link for online meetings to discuss the fees. I will schedule online meetings for Tuesday and Wednesday the 18th and 19th of January 2022 starting at 6pm.

3. AS/AL Cambridge Results

Cambridge released the results from the 2021 'AS' and 'A' Level November Cambridge examinations this past Monday. Overall, I am pleased with the results and would like to commend our teachers and students who have worked under difficult conditions to achieve the following results.

For the 'AS' Cambridge examinations we had a 91% pass rate with 7 subjects recording a 100% pass rate.

For the 'A' Level Cambridge examinations we had a 95% subject pass rate with 10 subjects recording a 100% pass rate.

4. IGCSE Results

The IGCSE results are coming out on **Monday 17th January**. We will start to issue these out at **9.00am** for those that can come to school. However, for those that are out of Mutare and would have cleared themselves, we can email the results to them or send an image on WhatsApp. For WhatsApp, please send the name of the child to Mr. Chipato on 0714574195. This only applies to pupils who cleared themselves and left the clearance form with the School Secretary.

5. Online Lessons

As from Monday 17th, both the College and Prep School will embark on Online Lessons. Information will be sent out today giving you more information regarding this.

6. Google Class

This applies to all new parents; information should have been sent out with details of their child's school email addresses to be used for the Google Classes as well as information as to how to log in so they can get started. If there is an issue please contact George Kwari on 0773263784 or Tonderai Madimutsa on 0772844535.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,



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