



Principal's Newsletter

18th March, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As I sit and write this newsletter, I am eagerly waiting for the Junior Marimba Band followed by the Senior Band to perform at the Allied Arts Festival in Harare. The last two weeks have been filled with excitement at Hillcrest having resumed inter-school fixtures and cultural competitions. There is a new buzz in the school and I would lie if I said I do not feel the positive energy as well. I also know that the parents who managed to attend the Allied Arts Festival to watch our Senior Choir sing on Wednesday were left in awe of the outstanding performance displayed by our pupils. We had waited for two years to see our children perform again and I must say, it has been worth the wait. To borrow from one of my staff members words, '...we have always punched above our own weight - we are a small school but our achievements are toe to toe with the bigger and more established schools in Zimbabwe.'

1. COMMON TESTS

Common Tests begin on Monday 21st March and will end on Wednesday 23rd. This weekend is fixture free to allow pupils to thoroughly prepare themselves for the Tests.

2. STAFFING

We officially welcome Ms. Nomfundo Manzini who has joined us in the Languages Department and is teaching Form 1 to 4 French. We wish her well.

3. OPEN DAY

We are having our Grade 7 Open Day on Friday 25th March to which we are inviting all prospective 2023 Form 1 Parents and Pupils. The program will start at 9.00am and will run till 1.00pm. We look forward to meeting and interacting with all the potential parents and pupils.

4. SPORT

- Please be advised that afternoon activities will continue next week between 2.00pm and 4.50pm. The Common Tests will be written between 7.30am and 1.00pm.
- It is fixture free this weekend.
- Inter-House Athletics was postponed to Thursday 31st March for field events and to Saturday 1st April for the track events. Parents are welcome to come and support their children keeping in mind that observation of the Covid-19 protocols will be maintained at all times.
- Field Hockey 1st Team Girls' & Boys' Vs Africa University has been postponed to Friday 25th March.

• Inter-House Cross Country Results

1 st Position	-	Chimanimani
2 nd Position	-	Bvumba
3 rd Position	-	Nyangani

5. CULTURE

This week has been exciting with the National Institute of Allied Arts Festival taking place at Prince Edward in Harare. The competing pupils woke up early to travel to Harare on Wednesday and today to compete and the results have been nothing but outstanding – well deserved. Thank you to the Parents who were able to attend and support the children.

- Senior Choir received an Honours award and proceeded to win the African Contemporary Category
- The Junior & Senior Marimba Bands have each received an Honours Award and proceed to the Challenges which start at 3.00pm this afternoon.
- There are more performances still to come which include solos, duets and the Jazz Band. We will keep you updated of the results.

6. VACCINATION

This is a gentle reminder to those who have not submitted their consent forms yet. Please do so by Friday 25th March. Vaccination will be done on the 29th of March.

7. SDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting falls on the same day as Inter-House Athletics and as such has also been postponed to the 2nd of April. Please check for nomination forms for new SDC membership in the coming week. Please do submit your nominations for potential members who you believe will make a difference in the development of the school.

8. THE WEEK AHEAD

Please find attached the week ahead for your information.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,



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