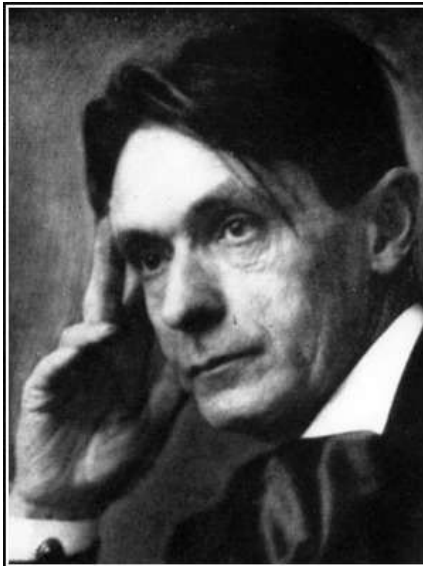


Dear Parents & Guardians,



Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility—these three forces are the very nerve of education.

— Rudolf Steiner —

AZ QUOTES

As a child grows and develops, they are exposed to a myriad of influencing forces each shaping them in subtle ways. As parents and educators, our role is to guide and help them navigate through the many influencing forces so that they are able to unleash their potential in the environment they eventually find themselves in. When a child first enters school at whatever age, there stands before us, as educators or parents or friends, a child with a significant future which none of us really knows until they leave school. But, because of our influence, however subtle, there will stand before us an achiever in a particular field. For me, this is a sobering thought to realise why we need to take our roles seriously.

1. COLOURS AWARDS

I congratulate the following pupils who were awarded either Full Colours or Half Colours for their exceptional effort and results from the Cambridge 2021 Exams;

IGCSE

Full Colours

Tanaka Chapfunga (9A*s)
Kupakwashe Mabulala (8A*s & 1A)
Ithemba Ndakavambaani (8A*s & 1A)
Ron Munaki (6A*s & 3As)
Panashe Nhenga (6A*a & 3As)
Tinashe Nemacha (6A*s & 3As)
Tapiwanashe Mutsemi (1A*, 6As & 1B)

Half Colours

Kuitakwashe Chimbetete (4A*s, 2As & 2Bs)
Kalvern Kapfidze (1A*, 5As & 3Bs)

'AS' Level

Full Colours

Athena Dourado (3as – Re-Award)
Tadiwanashe Pasipamire (3as – Re-Award)
Alice Makwangudze (2as & 1b – Re-Award)
Ruvimbo Matanga (1a & 2bs – Re-Award)

Half Colours

Takomborerwa Mtisi (1a, 1b & 2cs)
Brian Kuchocha (2bs, 1c & 1d)

'A' Level

Full Colours

Asiyatu Mdala (1A* & 2Bs)
Nicole Chikosi (1A & 2Bs – Re-Award)
Tatenda Chemwaita (1A & 2Bs)

Half Colours

Mufaro Shoniwa (2As & 1C)
Kuziva Madondo (1A, 1B & 1C)

2. CAMPS

Lower 6 Camp – The pupils and staff members will depart for Outward Bound Zimbabwe in Chimanimani on Sunday 27th February from Farmcrest Hostels at 10.00am. They will arrive back at School on Friday 4th March between 12noon and 1.00pm. Pupils will travel in the full tracksuit, school cap and tackies. Please find accompanying this letter the Camp Gear List for OBZ.

Form 1 Camp – The School has had to move the Form 1 Camp to Zambesi Holidays Camp in Marondera instead of Udu Camp in Nyanga because of a clash in dates. Zambesi Holidays Camp is an equally renowned Educational Camp Site and the children will be well looked after. They leave together with their staff on Sunday 27th February from Farmcrest Hostels at 10.00am. They will arrive back on Thursday 3rd March by 4.00pm. Pupils will travel in their full school tracksuit, school cap and tackies. Please find accompanying this letter the Camp Gear List.

3. GEOGRAPHY EDUCATIONAL TRIP

The Form 3 Geography Class will visit Nyanga on Wednesday 3 March for an educational trip. They will leave at 8.00am and will arrive at 4.30pm in time for home time. The pupils should come dressed in their full school tracksuit, school cap and comfortable tackies. They should also bring with them a juice bottle with water.

4. FORM 4 PARENT/TUTOR MEETING

The School hosted a Form 4 Parent & Tutor Meeting at the Lighthouse Church in Mutare last night. It has been an annual tradition to meet with Parents from each stream and give a platform for Parents to air their views, suggestions and grievances regarding their childrens' academic life at Hillcrest. We encourage parents to attend and participate in these meetings. A link for a recording of the meeting will be forwarded to all the Form 4 Parents.

5. IT UPGRADE

The ICT department undertook an extensive campus wide network upgrade. New equipment such as switches, access points and bigger cabinets were put in place, while other equipment was redeployed across the network. The exercise was done as an effort to increase internet WiFi coverage to critical areas to enhance teaching and learning. The exercise is expected to be completed and commissioned in the next two weeks.

Lightning arrestors were installed on buildings housing critical ICT equipment as a precaution to safeguard the equipment from lightning during the rainy season.

6. SPORT

- **Winter Sport** - We have introduced a Winter Sport Program which will run on Friday afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.
- **Results from the Cricket Fixture Vs Watershed held on Saturday 19th February at Watershed**
 - 1st Team - Watershed – 161 all out; Hillcrest – 111 all out
Watershed won by 50 runs
 - Under 15 - Watershed – 241 all out; Hillcrest – 36 all out
Watershed won by 205 runs

- **Forthcoming Fixtures**

- 1st Team Boys' Soccer Vs La Fontain (H) - 4th March, 2022
- 1st Team Girls' Indoor Hockey Vs AU (H) - Date to be Advised
- Watershed Sprint Challenge - 5th March, 2022 (Date to be confirmed)

7. THE WEEK AHEAD

Please find accompanying this letter the Week Ahead.

OFF MR. RYAN VICKERY'S DESK

MEET THE TEACHER Grades 3 to 7

We appreciate those parents who were able to make this meeting and established “face to face” contact with the teacher. Through this, stakeholders have established strong foundations and connections which is vital to assist us with the all-round development of our children.
Those who supported an appeal for refreshments, as a class, I thank you – A great initiative.

ATHLETICS NEWS and other important dates

Friday	11/3/2022	08:00 Gr 7 Leave for Chimanimani
Saturday	12/3/2022	Gr 7 to Chimanimani EDDIE in CHIMANIMANI
Sunday	13/3/2022	Gr 7 to Chimanimani
Monday	14/3/2022	Gr 7 to Chimanimani
Monday	14/3/2022	Virtual Cross Country times entered.
Monday	14/3/2022	House Athletics training begins.
Tuesday	15/3/2022	Gr 7 Return From Chimanimani 12:00
Wednesday	16/3/2022	
Thursday	17/3/2022	
Friday	18/3/2022	Civvies Day SDC
Friday	18/3/2022	Eistedford Harare, bus to depart at 07:00, return at 17:00.
Saturday	19/3/2022	8:00am Cols A and 1st XI CRICKET vs Blast Academy finish @ 12 midday
Sunday	20/3/2022	
Monday	21/3/2022	House Athletics training continues
Tuesday	22/3/2022	House Athletics training continues
Wednesday	23/3/2022	House Athletics training continues
Thursday	24/3/2022	House Athletics training continues
Friday	25/3/2022	Infants Gr1 -Gr2 Sports day (MORNING Time TBA)
Saturday	26/3/2022	8:00am Cols A and 1st XI CRICKET vs Blast Academy finish @ 12 midday
Sunday	27/3/2022	
Monday	28/3/2022	Inter-House Field events (Throws) G3 - Gr7
Tuesday	29/3/2022	
Wednesday	30/3/2022	Inter-House Field events (JUMPS) G3 - Gr7
Thursday	31/3/2022	
Friday	1/4/2022	Inter-House Track events G3 - Gr7
Friday	1/4/2022	SDC AGM 12:00 noon (after inter-house athletics meet)
Saturday	2/4/2022	Cancelled (COVID) by Kyle Preparatory.... South Eastern Districts Athletics
Monday	4/4/2022	Reserve Day for Gr3 -Gr7 Athletics in the event of Rain
Tuesday	5/4/2022	Reserve Day for Gr3 -Gr7 Athletics in the event of Rain
Wednesday	6/4/2022	Reserve Day for Gr3 -Gr7 Athletics in the event of Rain
Thursday	7/4/2022	Reserve Day for Gr3 -Gr7 Athletics in the event of Rain
Thursday	7/4/2022	End of Term



ATHLETICS TRAINING

Coaching of skills and techniques in track and field events are being imparted to every individual. Each pupil will participate in at least one event on sports day. House training will begin on Monday

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

These are to be worn during practice and competition days.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS for SPORTS DAY

MONDAY 28th March, FIELD EVENTS: THROWING

WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH, FIELD EVENTS: LONG and HIGH JUMPS.

FRIDAY 1st APRIL: TRACK EVENTS.

EISTEDDFOD (National Institute of Allied Arts)

Our choirs and Marimba bands will perform in Harare on 18th March and we wish them all the best. We entered two Marimba bands, two choirs and one duet.

SCHOOL FEE PASSES.

If you have not handed-in your current Fees Pass to the teacher, please be reminded to visit the bursar to honour your commitment. Deadline is 28th February 2022.

SECURITY GATE PASS.

We do **not** encourage Parents / Guardians to excuse their child from school **early** without a valid reason as a valuable Hour of Academic time is lost in the afternoons. Further to this it is extremely important for all students to participate in our sports and clubs program.

With immediate effect - If you have been granted *special permission* for your child to leave the School premises before the end of the school day you will be required to collect a **Gate Pass at the front office before leaving.**

S.D.C AGM 2022.

The Annual General Meeting for **YOUR S.D.C** for this year is coming soon; Be encouraged to make enquires and ask, "How can I help, my school and my community?"

We strongly urge all Parents / Guardians to please consider being an active member; your help is needed, and will be valued and appreciated.

– The key to success for us, TEAM HILLCREST, is to focus on goals not obstacles –

In 40 days we will be celebrating Easter!

Lent, in the Christian tradition, it is a period of about six weeks before Easter.

It is a time in which Christians are supposed to be quiet and thoughtful, preparing themselves for Easter. They **should pray more**, give money to **charities** and **give up** some of the things they might enjoy.

In the words of our **School Song**; "Was I brave and strong and true? Did I fill the world with *love my whole life through?*"



To know the seasons of the Christian year is to know the milestones of Jesus' earthly ministry

Please have a safe and enjoyable weekend with your family. We prayed for rain last week. Let us thank God for his blessings in that regard this week and earnestly ask for more.

Always remember to say thank you.

Kind regards,


Ryan Vickery
Headmaster  HILLCREST
PREPARATORY


ORLANDO FERNANDES
PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS