



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The Permanent Secretary for MOPSE said, in a preface to a handbook on the role of the SDC, 'The Ministry of Primary & Secondary Education is mandated to provide quality, inclusive and holistic education to all Zimbabweans.' She goes on further to state the important role parents play in augmenting efforts made by Government or in our case, the Schools' efforts in education.

It is interesting to note that at Hillcrest there are about 430 families excluding staff children. There were about 100 parents who attended the online meeting and there were 50 votes cast in total. All parents who attended the meeting had the opportunity to speak and no one was removed for speaking up. The vote count is witnessed and scrutinized by members of the SDC. The point I am trying to make is everyone has or had the opportunity to speak up and to vote but not everybody took advantage of the opportunity they were afforded.

Parents, you are an integral part of Hillcrest and you have an important role to play. Our vision is the same; we want the best for your child.

1. Role of SDC

The School Development Committee play an important role at Hillcrest. Through various fundraising initiatives they raise money for various projects within the Schools. They also form a safe platform where parents can air their grievances which can be brought to the attention of the School through them. Finally, they also represent parental interests when examining the budget. The SDC are looking for parents willing to join this Committee which plays an important role (as outlined above) in the Schools. If you are willing to join please contact Mr. Ken Smith (College SDC) on 0772307510 or 0776203493 or 0719307510 or Mr George Nyagondore (Prep SDC) on 0772270205.

2. Google Class (College)

There are three issues to deal with here:

- a) There are a significant number of students who have failed to register for the online classes - please do communicate with the respective Tutors/Line Heads. You can also contact the following:
For Form 1 and 2 students – Mr. Kwari 0773263784
For Form 3 and 4 students – Mr. Sibanda 0772801954/0772100780
For L6 and U6 students – Mr. Mwale 0772249003/0774414233
- b) There are several participants involved in the online classes entering using emails not assigned by the school. Every student should have a school email address and students need to be advised to stick to the ones given. If there is an issue they need to contact Mr. Kwari.
- c) Google Meet, the platform we use to do live lessons, has withdrawn their free recording services. We are trying to determine the costs to restore this service. We are also investigating other options.

3. Form 1 Students

Please be advised that the students have been allocated their current streams on an alphabetical basis and that class allocation is not based on any other criteria. A Common Grading Paper will be written by all Form 1 students after which, they will be allocated to a stream.

4. Examination Fee Payment Deadline

Please find accompanying this letter, the following;

- a. Examination Fee Letter for May/June, 2022 Registration Deadlines and October/November, 2022 Registration Deadlines.
- b. Subject Codes for May/June, 2022 Exam Registration
- c. Subject/Examination Entry Form

Please take particular note of the deadlines.

5. Grade 7 ZIMSEC Results

Please be advised that the 2021 Grade 7 results are not yet out. We will communicate once the results have been released.

6. Speech Night Video

We had made a virtual Speech & Prize-Giving video for 2021. Unfortunately, there are still things that need to be corrected on this video hence why we have not posted it on our website or facebook page. We will update you on the progress.

7. The Week Ahead

Please find accompanying this letter the College Week Ahead for your information.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,



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