

Dear Parents & Guardians,

James Turner, Deputy Chief Executive for the Education Endowment Foundation in the UK said, "Learning should not start and stop at the school gate." Parental involvement in their child's learning process is a significant factor in determining a child's progress. Showing interest in your child's work, celebrating every small achievement, or encouraging them to go one step further can do wonders for your child's self-confidence, determination, and progress. I think it is because someone who means something to them has noticed and shown appreciation for what they have done. So my encouragement to parents as we start this second phase of learning, is to get involved in a constructive and positive manner as the role you play is vital. As we start the term, our message to our children is:



1. APPRECIATION OF STAFF

There are a number of staff who have worked hard during these holidays, and I would like to publicly thank them for going the extra mile.

- Ryan Vickery and the Prep Staff.
- Nsikelelo Sibanda, Stanley Mwatunga and Peter Sam for the coordination of our Leopards Team for the St Johns' Derby Tournament that is ending tomorrow in Harare.
- Itayi Nhema, Blessing Mwale, Busi Nyanhanda and Peter Chimuseu for coordinating the Girls' and Boys' Hockey 1st Teams that are participating at the Gateway Hockey Festival that is also being held in Harare and ending tomorrow.
- Davernport Munjoma, Mike Matanga and the Invigilators for running with the May/June public examinations which started on Monday 25th April.

- George Kwari and his IT team for working through a very hectic programme.
- Matilda Mukondiwa and the Accounts team for all the work they do.
- Gary Bryer and the Estate team for working overtime during the holiday to make sure our classrooms, courts and fields are ready for the start of Term 2.

2. BEGINNING OF PHASE/TERM 2

- **Opening Date**

The Term will start on Tuesday 3rd May, 2022. Boarders will be expected to have signed into Hostel on Monday 2nd May, 2022 by 4.30pm. Boarders should sign in to Hostel dressed in their Number 1 Uniform with the correct hairstyles and haircuts.

Students should be dressed in their Number 1 Uniform on Tuesday 3rd May, 2022.

- **School Fees Pass**

Students will be allowed onto the School Bus, into Hostel and into the Classroom upon presentation of a valid Phase/Term 2 School Fees Pass. Parents will be asked to come and collect students without valid passes.

- **Office Hours**

Monday 2nd May, 2022 is a Public Holiday but because schools are opening on Tuesday 3rd, the Accounts Office will be open between 9.00am and 4.00pm to attend to Parents who would like to make school fees payments.

3. WINTER UNIFORM

Boarders are expected to bring with them their Winter Uniform and warm bedding for Term 2 which brings with it winter. Students will be expected to wear their summer uniform until they are advised to change over to their winter uniform.

4. STAFFING

We welcome to Hillcrest College, Mrs. Grace Makambwa, who joins us in the English Department. We wish her well at Hillcrest.

5. SCHOOL CALENDAR

The internal School Calendar will be distributed on all the usual platforms i.e. email, d6 and Whatsapp on Tuesday 3rd, May.

6. AFTERNOON TIMETABLE

Afternoon activities will start on Tuesday 3rd May. Students will therefore be expected to bring with them to school, their sports kit. An Afternoon Timetable will be made available to the students on Tuesday.

7. SPORT

We've had an action packed last three days with the Hockey Girls' & Boys' 1st Teams playing at the Gateway Hockey Festival and the Rugby 1st Team playing at the St Johns' Derby Tournament in Harare. The festival and tournament ends tomorrow but the results so far are as follows;

- **Rugby**

1st Team Vs Gateway - Won 56 – 0

- **Hockey**

Girls' 1st Team Vs Kyle - Lost 2 – 0

Girls' 1st Team Vs Westridge - Won 1 – 0

Girls' 1st Team Vs Petra - Drew 1 – 1

Girls' 1st Team Vs Sodbury - Won 3 – 0

Boys' 1st Team Vs Watershed - Drew 0 – 0

Boys 1st Team Vs Kyle - Won 2 – 1

Boys 1st Team Vs Sodbury - Won 1 – 0

Boys' 1st Team Vs Westridge - Won 5 – 0

8. COVID-19

- **Covid-19 Protocols**

Students and Staff will be expected to continue to observe the World Health Organisation protocols which include social distancing, wearing of masks and regular washing of hands or sanitization.

- **Vaccination**

Some of our students received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccination last term. For those who did not manage to get their second dose over the holiday, the School has asked the Ministry of Health to come through on Wednesday 4th May to administer the second dose.

Do enjoy the rest of the holiday.

Kind regards,



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