

# Goldridge College



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Dear Parents

The end of term one is upon us. Sadly, the deadly Cyclone Idai wrecked havoc mainly in Chimanimani, causing loss of many lives. The devastating effects of the cyclone led to a major humanitarian emergency. We thank all students and parents who kindly donated to assist the needy people in Chimanimani and hope that we will continue helping in all possible ways. May the Almighty God bless you.

## TERM TWO SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

To enable you to plan accordingly, please find below our school calendar for term two.

- ◆ School opens Tuesday, 7 May
- ◆ First Fixture Free Weekend Saturday, 25 to Sunday, 26 May
- ◆ Exeat Weekend Friday, 21 to Monday, 24 June
- ◆ Second Fixture Free Weekend Saturday, 13 to Sunday, 14 July
- ◆ School Closes Thursday, 8 August



## LOWER SIXTH TEAM BUILDING COURSE

The Lower Sixth Team Building Course will run from Tuesday, 23 to Sunday, 28 April 2019 at Jabulani Safari Camp in Shangani. All Lower Sixth students are expected to attend. The team building course enables the students to have better communication, better relationships and ultimately improves their performance in school.

## THE COLLEGE HALL PROJECT

The construction of the College Hall continues. We hope to install the roof before the end of the second term. Due to the harsh economic climate, the finishes for the Hall will take us some time to complete, as we will do them in phases. We thank you all for your continued support.



## CAREER FAIR

The Goldridge College Career Fair was held on Friday, 5 April 2019. We had a high turnout from universities, banks, industries and professionals from various sectors who discussed with our pupils. Our students, and those from some schools in Kwekwe and Gweru, benefited greatly, from the opportunity that they were offered. We sincerely thank all parents who managed to attend.



## SPORTS

### (a) Pre-season tournaments

Our Rugby and Hockey teams will participate in the pre-season tournaments to be held in Harare during the school holidays. The respective players will be expected to attend a training camp at the school before leaving for the tournaments. Please provide your children with all the requirements.

### (b) Second term sports

Our sports for second term are: Soccer, Rugby, Girls Basketball, Netball, Golf, Volleyball and Hockey. Every student must attend training for at least one of the disciplines. Parents are expected to provide their children with the required equipment for the sport. All children must bring their sports attire. Our travelling teams mainly wear tracksuits and golf T-shirts. Please ensure that your child has got them.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

While our students donated kindly to Kwekwe General Hospital and to those affected by Cyclone Idai, the following college clubs also kindly visited and donated to the following:

- ◆ # That Blessing Without Borders donated groceries to Amaveni Old People's Home – Rugare
- ◆ The Scripture Union Club donated groceries to Amaveni Old People's Home – Rugare
- ◆ The Kids Next Club donated clothes and groceries to Majaradha Home for the disabled.



We thank the clubs for their generous support to the underprivileged in the Kwekwe community.

## CELLPHONES

In the technological world that we are living in, cellular phones have become an integral part of day to day life. We all rely on them for communication and entertainment. However, while some may disagree with us, our research shows that the cellular phones are being misused by students. We are worried that some students are not sleeping during the night as they will be online. When such children come to school, they then sleep in class. Cellphones are also being used for cyber-bullying and many other negative things. The disadvantages of cellphones in schools are quite apparent. Please make sure you know what your child is accessing online. Some post pictures and materials that are disgusting on their Instagram or Facebook e.t.c accounts. While we continue educating them, the situation will not improve if parents do not offer us the much needed assistance.

If your child has not performed well this term, one of the major reasons could be the misuse of the cellphone if he/she has got one. We request you to assist us by not giving your children cellphones when they come to school, so that they can concentrate on their studies.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our school office will open during the school holidays as follows:

- ◆ Friday, 12 April 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, 15 to Wednesday, 17 April from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, 29 to Tuesday, 30 April from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, 2 to Friday, 3 May from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Thereafter it will be normal working hours.

We wish you quality time with your children during the school holidays. May God bless you.

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