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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

While the first term 2022 reopening of schools was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thankful to the Almighty God that once face to face teaching and learning commenced, everything went according to plan. It is our hope that the COVID-19 situation continues improving and that the school calendar for the remaining part of the year will not be disrupted.

## IMPORTANT DATES – SECOND TERM 2022

- School reopens Tuesday, 3 May 2022
- School closes Thursday, 4 August 2022
- CHISZ Common Assessment Tests for prospective Form One pupils for 2023 will be held on Saturday, 2 July 2022. Hopefully, all those interested in securing places for Form One in 2023 filled in the applications Forms.



## UPPER SIXTH CONSULTATION

Due to our Upper Sixth students being away for a Leadership Course at Jabulani Safari Camp until Friday, 8 April, their consultation day will be on Monday, 11 April 2022. The consultation will be conducted both face to face and also online. Parents are requested to indicate their preference before Friday this week. We will send our final arrangements to the respective parents on Friday, 8 April 2022.

## 2021 MEGAFEST MIDLANDS AWARDS

The Megafest Midlands Business awards for 2021 were held on Friday, 25 March 2022 at the Village Lodge in Gweru. The awards are a way of recognizing success, innovation, ethics, exceptional efforts and overall Business Success. It is with utmost pleasure that we inform you that Goldridge College won an award for being the **Educational Institution of the Year** in the Midlands Province for 2021. **Congratulations, Makorokoto, Amhlope** to the whole Goldridge College family for all your efforts and achievements!!! May the Almighty God continue blessing our College.



## INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

### (a) Elocution

We held our Interhouse Elocution Competitions on Wednesday, 16 March 2022. The competitions develop children's self-expression and confidence in the articulation and pronunciation of a speech. Mupani House (Green) emerged as winners. We heartily congratulate them for their achievement. We hope all our learners learnt a lot from the competitions.



### (b) Public Speaking

The Interhouse Public Speaking Competitions were held on Wednesday, 6 April 2022. The competitions were once more won by Mupani House (Green) whom we congratulate for the tremendous effort and achievement. Given the importance of Public Speaking in building confidence, helping in making social connections, enhancing leadership skills, helping in developing vocabulary and fluency in a language and developing critical thinking and creativity, we greatly commend the interest and competitive spirit shown by our students

## **TRIPS**

We successfully fulfilled the following trips so far:

- Form One learners      Orientation at Lasting Impressions.
- Form Two Learners      Life Skills Course at Lasting Impressions.
- Upper Sixth Learners      Leadership Course at Jabulani Safari Camp

The Lower Sixth students will be going for a Team Building Camp at Jabulani Safari Camp from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 April 2022. The Team Building Course should lead to greater motivation and collaboration between all our Lower Sixth learners.

## **MAY-JUNE CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS**

The May/June Cambridge Examinations start on Wednesday, 27 April 2022. Quite a number of our learners registered for the examinations. Please urge them to prepare fully in order to succeed. Since the examination start before schools open, all boarders who want to stay in hostel must indicate by the closing day, to enable plans to be put in place.

## **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING**

In 2020, the School Development Committee (SDC) organized a Golf Tournament to fundraise for the tarring or paving of the College approach road and car park. The tournament could not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are happy that the SDC fundraising, Golf Tournament, is targeted to take place on Saturday, 4 June 2022. On the previous occasion, the tournament was supposed to commence on Friday. The SDC will provide finer details to you in the near future on the event.

We appeal to all parents to give full support to the School Development Committee in order to kickstart fundraising for the upgrading of the road and car park.

## **NATIONAL CRICKET TRIALS**

The Zimbabwe Schools Cricket National Trials were held at Eaglesvale School on Friday, 1 April 2022. We are pleased the following pupils made it into the National Select Teams for the respective age groups.

- ♦ Under 14 Nathan Morris
- ♦ Under 16 Keith Chahweta
- ♦ Under 17 Prince Marufu

Our sincere congratulations to all the boys who were selected. We wish them the best.

## **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The office will open during the school holidays as follows:

- Friday, 8 April 2022, 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- Monday, 11 to Thursday 14 April 2022 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 April 2022 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- Thereafter, it will be normal working hours.

## **UNIFORMS**

Next term all learners will wear our winter uniforms. Please buy your children enough uniform items according to the orientation catalogue. Please do not buy either oversize or skinny trousers for your children. Every parent must assist the school to maintain standards, by making sure the correct size of uniforms are bought.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish you and your children a very happy and holy Easter.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely



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