

# Goldridge College

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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### End of Term Reflections

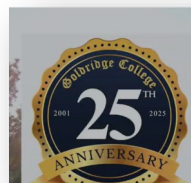
As we wrap up another successful term, I extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for your continued support. Your partnership has been vital in helping our learners grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

With the holiday upon us, I encourage families to spend quality time together. Be present, listen, and guide your children. As Nelson Mandela once said, “There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” Let us continue to nurture them with love and wisdom.

We are mindful of the challenges today’s teens face which include, peer pressure, social media influences, and emotional stress. Together, as a school and family, we can help them build resilience and character. In the words of Maya Angelou, “I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it.”

**Holiday Safety Tip:** Please ensure children are supervised during outings, stay safe online, and be aware of who they spend time with. A safe holiday is a happy holiday.

I wish you a restful, joyful, and safe break. Thank you once again for walking this journey with us.



## **IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES – THIRD TERM 2025**

Please diarise and make all your plans considering the following important events whose dates are provided below:

- School reopens: Tuesday, 09 September 2025
- Prize Giving and Speech Night: Thursday, 25 September 2025
- First Fixture Free Weekend: Saturday, 27 to Sunday, 28 September 2025.
- Leaver's (Form 6) Dinner: Saturday, 04 October 2025
- Second Fixture Free Weekend: Saturday, 18 to Sunday, 19 October 2025
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner: Saturday, 18 October 2025
- Third Fixture Free Weekend: Saturday, 08 to Sunday, 09 November 2025
- School closes: Thursday, 4 December 2025

### **SPONSORED WALK AND FUN DAY**

We sincerely thank the School Development Committee for successfully holding the Sponsored Walk and Fun Day on Saturday, 2 August 2025. The day brought together the whole Goldridge College family to a day of fun, relaxation, entertainment, games, music, lots of eats and drinks, and some fundraising.

Thank you to all those who managed to attend. We do salute all parents / guardians that assisted their children to raise money for the Sponsored Walk. May God bless you all.

All money raised is to be channeled towards the second phase paving of the College car park as well as fencing the front of the school.

### **25th ANNIVERSARY GOLF T.SHIRTS AND CAPS**

We are selling 25th Anniversary Golf t-shirts and caps. Golf t-shirts US\$12, Caps US\$5. Visit the front office . Limited stock.

### **EDUCATIONAL TRIPS**

#### **(a) FORM ONE TO THREE SWITZELAND TRIP**

We are currently preparing to travel to Switzerland in December. The students will be accompanied by Mr Chatsiwa.

Preparations for 2026 international tours will start soon and information will be forwarded to all parents.

#### **(b) FORM THREE TRIP TO FAR AND WIDE (NYANGA)**

Our annual Form Three educational trip to Far and Wide in Nyanga will take place from the 27th to the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2025. This trip is for team building and leadership development, which are very important for the students.

### **(c ) LOWER SIXTH TRIP TO DUBAI**

The Lower Sixth students will leave for Dubai on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August and return on 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2025. They will be accompanied by Mr Daka.

### **(d) FORM ONE TRIP TO GREAT ZIMBABWE**

The annual Form One History trip to Great Zimbabwe will be from 21 to 23 November 2025. The trip will enable the pupils to have an insight on the Great Zimbabwe ruins and excursions including a visit to the rock paintings, lake Kyle and the lion park.

**All communication on the trips has been provided to the respective parents.**

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Through our civvies collections, we managed to buy two smart TVs and decoders, coffee mugs, plates and cutlery which we donated to Kwekwe General hospital, Female medical ward. We would like to thank the students for fundraising for this worthy cause and hope to continue giving back to our community.

## **HOLIDAY LESSONS**

Our holiday school for Forms Four and Six students will run from Monday, 18 August to Friday, 29 August 2025. Students are expected to come to the lessons dressed appropriately. No short, tight or revealing clothes are allowed. Lessons will run from 0720 -1700 for IGCSE and from 0820-1330 for A-level. Students are expected to come early for the lessons.

These lessons help the students to thoroughly prepare for the Cambridge examinations for this year.

## **THIRD TERM SPORTS**

The following sporting disciplines will be on offer next term: Swimming, girls' soccer, cricket, boys' basketball, volleyball, and golf. Swimming will be compulsory for all, beginners included. Please ensure your child has the correct swimwear and sporting attire.

Swimming costumes, swimming trunks, top bags, and house towels are available for sale at the front office.

## **SPORTS**

### **Ropafadzo Mzondo Shines on the Continental Stage!**

We are thrilled to celebrate Ropafadzo Mzondo, who has brought immense pride to both our school and the wider community. Ropafadzo was selected to represent Zimbabwe at the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 Youth Games held in Namibia from July 1st to 14th. He took part in two events, U19 400m, where he reached the final and came 5<sup>th</sup>, and U19 400m relay, where he won a Gold medal. He then left for Nigeria, where he took part in the African Junior Athletics Championships. He took part in the U18 400m, U18 200m, and medley relay, where he came 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, respectively. His dedication, discipline, and outstanding performance in athletics showcased the true spirit of excellence and determination. We congratulate him on this remarkable milestone and look forward to even greater accomplishments in the future!

## Girls Hockey

### Against Watershed

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College Under 14	0	Watershed Under 14	2	Watershed won
Goldridge College Under 15	1	Watershed Under 15	1	Drew
Goldridge College Under 16	0	Watershed Under 16	0	Drew
Goldridge College 1 <sup>st</sup> team	1	Watershed 1 <sup>st</sup> team	3	Watershed won

### Against Gateway A

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College Under 14	0	Gateway A Under 14	4	Gateway A won
Goldridge College Under 15	2	Gateway A Under 15	0	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 16	0	Gateway A Under 16	2	Gateway won
Goldridge College 1 <sup>st</sup> team	0	Gateway A 1 <sup>st</sup> team	4	Watershed won

Our Senior Girls Hockey Team made us proud at the Silver Girls Hockey tournament that was held at Peterhouse Girls School. Below are the results that the team attained:

### First Round

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College	1	St Johns College	0	Goldridge won
Goldridge College	0	Petra College	1	Petra won
Goldridge College	2	Westridge High School	1	Goldridge won

### Semi Final

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College	0	Watershed	2	Watershed won

### Third Place/Fourth Place Playoff

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College	1	Eaglesvale	2	Eaglesvale won

Overall, the girls came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools. We urge the girls to keep up the good work.

## Boys Hockey

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College	1	South eastern College	1	Drew
Goldridge College	0	Hippo Valley 2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	Drew
Goldridge College	0	CBC 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	CBC 2 <sup>nd</sup> won
Goldridge College	0	Plumtree	1	Plumtree won

## Netball

The following girls made it into the Zimbabwe ATS Netball team; Tanatswa Pedzisai (Under 15), Kimberly Zihweta (Under 15) and Tameka Paji (Under 20).

## Rugby

### Against Plumtree

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College Under 14	43	Plumtree Under 14	24	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 15	26	Plumtree Under 15	24	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 16	0	Plumtree Under 16	55	Plumtree won
Goldridge College First team	18	Plumtree First team	35	Plumtree won

### Against Petra

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College Under 14	31	Petra Under 14	24	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 15	48	Petra Under 15	15	Goldridge won
Goldridge College First team	33	Petra First team	12	Goldridge won

### Against Heritage

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College Under 14	34	Heritage Under 14	15	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 15	28	Heritage Under 15	14	Goldridge won
Goldridge College Under 16	0	Heritage Under 16	16	Heritage won
Goldridge College Second	0	Heritage 2 <sup>nd</sup>	22	Heritage won
Goldridge College 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Heritage 1 <sup>st</sup>	20	Heritage won

## Soccer

School	Score	School	Score	Result
Goldridge College	1	Falcon College	2	Falcon won
Goldridge College	0	MCC	3	MCC won

### **Chess at Gateway High School**

- ♦ Senior boys were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 22 schools
- ♦ Senior girls were ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 13 schools
- ♦ Junior boys were ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 14 schools
- ♦ Junior girls were ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools

### **UNDER 15 AND UNDER 16 GIRLS HOCKEY AND NETBALL TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA**

There will be an U15 & U16 Girls Hockey and Netball Tour to South Africa for March/April 2026. More details, including costs, will be shared in September. If your daughter is interested in participating, please ensure she has a valid passport. Expressions of interest will be requested in due course.

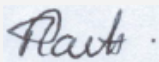
### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The school office will be open during the school holidays on the following days:

- ♦ Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 August from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ♦ Monday 18 to Friday 29 August from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday 02 to Friday 5 September from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- ♦ Thereafter, it will be normal working hours.

We wish you a blessed and safe holiday.

Yours Sincerely



**Mrs. R. Saunyama**

**ACTING HEAD**