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Dear Parents

Compliments of the season! Our warmest best wishes for a Happy New Year. As we all bade goodbye to 2021, we expected happy beginnings and hoped for a new great year. Sadly, the education of our children has been affected once more by the invisible enemy (COVID-19), as the opening of schools for the first term had to be deferred indefinitely.

However, regardless of the current challenges that we are facing, there is always a silver lining that a new year brings, hence we expect new and exciting opportunities in our lives.

We are all very keen to get our children back to school while we obviously and fully respect the President's recent statement about the physical opening of schools being deferred, on account of the potential spread of COVID-19.

We simply wish to assure you that, along with other ATS schools, we are working flat out to prepare for the complete return to physical learning as well as the possible need for offering online learning in the interim period, while uncertainty remains over the exact date of schools re-opening. From Monday 10th January we will be undertaking professional development, sorting out classes, issuing instructions, providing orientations, receiving payments, organising online registrations and initiating contacts between teachers and pupils, with the hope to resume full learning as soon as possible.



ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING

We are going to start Online lessons on Monday, 17 January 2022 if schools do not open earlier for face to face learning. Our lessons will run from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with a five-minute break after every lesson in order to rest the eyes or take a snack break. The timetable is as follows:

Form Tutor's Period	7.30 – 7.45 a.m.
Period 1	7.45 – 8.15 a.m.
Period 2	8.20 – 8.50 a.m.
Period 3	8.55 – 9.25 a.m.
Period 4	9.30 – 10.00 a.m.
Period 5	10.05 – 10.35 a.m.
Period 6	10.40 – 11.10 a.m.
Period 7	11.15 – 11.45 a.m.
Period 8	11.50 – 12.20 p.m.
Period 9	12.25 – 12.55 p.m.
Period 10	1.00 – 1.30 p.m.

- ◆ AUTOCAD lessons for Form One learners will be on Wednesdays, 12.25 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.
- ◆ AUTOCAD lessons for Form Two learners will be from 12.25 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. on Fridays

REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

For the benefit of all new parents, Goldridge College has a Microsoft 365 license, and this is where the Microsoft Teams platform is available. All our learners are licensed to use the platform. Each learner needs the following to successfully connect for Online learning:

- ◆ A laptop or tablet or cellphone (Windows, Android or iOS). If the learner is to use a Desktop computer, it should have a microphone and speakers.
- ◆ Internet Connection (at least 2Mbps to allow smooth video conferencing).

The college will provide Microsoft Office 365 Software which will be installed on the technological gadget the learner will use. The username and password together with guidelines on how to download and install Microsoft Teams will be sent to you by email. Where you face some challenges, please contact the college on 055 25 21363 from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

CLASS TEACHERS

Each of our classes is under the care of a Form Tutor who is the first point of contact for the respective class. Below is the list of Form Tutors for 2022.

FORM	FORM TUTOR
1 Diamonds	Mr Nyamayevhu
1 Gold	Ms Mupeti
2 Diamonds	Ms Mzemba
2 Gold	Mr Manyawo
3 Diamonds	Mr Madhuyu
3 Gold	Mrs Maripakwenda
4 Diamonds	Mrs Mashanda
4 Gold	Mrs Makurumidze
Lower Sixth (Commercials)	Mrs Chiunda
Lower Sixth (Arts)	Ms Madzika
Lower Sixth (Sciences)	Mr Tirivabaya
Upper Sixth (Commercials)	Mr Makawa
Upper Sixth (Arts)	Mr Sakarombe
Upper Sixth (Sciences)	Mr Daka

The Form Tutors will send the timetables for Online lessons to parents and learners before the end of next week through WhatsApp. It is therefore important for all parents to provide the school with their WhatsApp numbers to enable easy communication during Online learning. While we use Microsoft Teams for our Online learning, at times there are connectivity problems, and we then make use of WhatsApp. All the new parents and Form One parents, are kindly requested to avail the cellphone numbers that the parent and child, will use to access information from the teachers through WhatsApp.

FORM ONE LEARNERS

Mr Nyamayevhu (One Diamonds) and Ms Mupeti (One Gold) who are the Form Tutors, will provide you with information on the class that your child should join before end of next week.

Information on the first practical subject that your child will be doing for the first two terms, was provided to you last year.

STAFF

We want to thank Mrs Ntini (Accounting and Business Studies Teacher), Ms Msutu (English and Literature in English Teacher) and Mr Katyatya (Sports Coach) who left the College at the end of last year. We wish them the best.

I am pleased to inform you that we are going to be joined by the following new staff members:

- ◆ Ms Madzika (English Language and Literature in English) and
- ◆ Mr Makawa (Accounting and Business Studies Teacher).

We warmly welcome them and wish them a happy and successful stay.

SCHOOL FEES

We take the opportunity to remind parents that, as in all previous years, fees are now due for the complete services that will be rendered throughout the year, including this coming week, and your assistance and support in honouring those payments timeously will naturally be greatly appreciated and respected.

Please let us avoid inconveniencing the children by not paying fees on time.

We wish God blesses all of us to achieve all our goals. May peace, love, joy and prosperity follow you always throughout this year. Stay safe and strong.

Yours sincerely



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