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Dear Parents

Half term is now upon us. Everyone has settled in well, at school. We are pleased to say the first half of the term was smooth sailing though activity laden. We thank the Almighty God for all our accomplishment so far.

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT

We have sent to you by email, our half term Academic Progress Report which is based on all tests given so far in each of the subjects. You are kindly requested to go through the report. For any queries feel free to phone the school. If you wish to discuss your child's performance with the teachers, please make an appointment through the school secretary.



## STAFF

This term we welcomed the following well experienced new teachers onto the staff:

- Ms Madzika                      English Language/Literature in English
- Mr Makawa                     Accounting/Business
- Mr Masiachengo is standing in for Mrs Chiunda who is convalescing at home.

We extend our warmest welcome to all our new teachers and wish them a happy and successful stay at the College.

## CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2021

While 2021 was a rather difficult year due to disruptions of face to face teaching and learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Goldridge family is proud of the results attained at various levels.

### (a) FORM TWO CHECKPOINT

The Cambridge Checkpoint report for 2021 shows that our learners have a good understanding of the curriculum content. We highly commend the following learners who showed an excellent understanding of the curriculum content:

- ♦ Ilhaam Esat
- ♦ Priyasha Harry
- ♦ Panashe Madziyire and
- ♦ Andile Zhanje

Congratulations for the excellent results.

### (b) IGCSE/ 'O' LEVEL

We achieved a 93.1% pass rate (54 out of 58 learners passed). The pass rate was higher than in 2020 when we achieved 87.9%. Our best student was **Tinotenda Makunde** who scored 11A\* (in Mathematics, Geography, Business Studies, Accounting, Information Communication Technology, First Language English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Language and Computer Science) **Results in a class of their own \*\*\*\*\***



The following learners also did achieve brilliant results:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| ♦Timukudze Chizema       | 9A* 1A             |
| ♦Kaitano Tembo           | 6A* 4As and 1B     |
| ♦Kudzwashe Mhishi        | 6A* 2As and 1B     |
| ♦Takura Chagonda         | 5A* 1A 3Bs and 1C  |
| ♦Kelly Kaserera          | 4A* 6As            |
| ♦Kimberly Magwaza        | 4A* 5As and 1B     |
| ♦Dilip Kumar             | 4A* 2As 3Bs and 1C |
| ♦Kishan Nagar            | 3A* 6As and 1B     |
| ♦Tadiwanashe Chinamatira | 3A* 5As and 2Bs    |
| ♦Kunashe Rungano         | 2A* 5As and 3Bs    |
| ♦Wayne Gombera           | 3A* 3As and 3Bs    |
| ♦Kudakwashe Muzenda      | 2A* 4As and 2Bs    |
| ♦Cleopatra Nyevera       | 1A* 7As 1B and 1C  |
| ♦Tadiwanashe Chitoro     | 1A* 6As and 2Cs    |
| ♦Nyasha Chiridza         | 1A* 5As and 3B     |

## ADVANCED LEVEL

At Advanced Level, for the sixth consecutive year, we scored a 100% pass rate with 41% of candidates scoring between 10 and 15 points. The quality was lower than in the previous years and this will be improved on this year. The best candidate was Bridget Dube who scored 15 points (Mathematics A, Chemistry A and Biology A) **very good performance!!!**

The following did very well:

♦Kelsey Tombs (14 points) A (Biology) A\* (Chemistry) and B (mathematics)

♦Sabihah Esat (14 points) A (Biology) A\* (Chemistry) and B (Mathematics)

Congratulations, Makorokoto, Amhlope to all our students who did very well!!! **“Like armored knights we will shine for Goldridge our school”** to borrow from one of the lines in our school song.

We thank all parents who encouraged and supported the children under the difficult circumstances faced last year. All your efforts were duly rewarded. To all parents with children in the examination classes, please encourage them to start preparing thoroughly for the Cambridge examinations.

## CAMBRIDGE MAY/JUNE EXAMINATIONS

A number of students registered for May/June Cambridge International examinations. The examinations start on Wednesday, 27 April and end on Friday, 10 June 2022. We all need to support and encourage the students to study as they prepare for the examinations.

## SCHOOL IPADS

Having appreciated how technology is a powerful tool that supports and transforms education, we have started introducing the use of iPads in the school. The iPads have a school license, are connected to the school network and are centrally controlled by the college, so that they are not misused. The College controls what can be accessed and installed on the iPads. The iPads are only being bought through the College and will have several educational applications that help in teaching and learning.

We rolled out our first batch of iPads to our Lower Sixth students. While some remain outstanding, we hope that all the Lower Sixth learners will be having their iPads soon.



Through assistance from Harare International School and Solution Center, the College is undertaking a network expansion project to allow students easy access to educational materials. We thank the two institutions most sincerely. May God bless them.

All those who would like to buy the iPads for their children have to pay first and then wait for delivery. Please contact the school office whenever you need to buy an iPad for your child. In the near future the school iPad will be the only technological device allowed at the College for teaching and learning.

For students in Upper Sixth, parents can also pay for some eBooks. To add on to that, there are some free books that can be uploaded onto the iPad.



Once a student completes his/her studies at Goldridge College or transfers to another school, the iPad will be released from the College control. It can then be used in the way the owner wants.

We do hope that all learners will maximize on the benefits of using iPads for their studies.



## EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

As a way of reinforcing the curriculum, reducing classroom monotony and enhancing critical thinking skills we have resumed sending our children to courses run by some camps. The exposure that learners get is of great importance. Our Form One pupils went to Lasting Impressions for four days, and we are going to send the following groups to the respective places mentioned.



- ♦ Form Two learners will be going for a camp at Lasting Impressions from Sunday, 27 to Thursday, 31 March.
- ♦ Upper Sixth – Jabulani Safari Camp from Sunday, 3 to Friday 8 April 2022.
- ♦ Lower Sixth – Jabulani Safari Camp from Monday, 25 to Sunday 30 April for a Team Building Course.

## CONSULTATION DAYS

### (a) Form Four

Our Form Four, face to face consultation will be held on Thursday, 7 April 2022 from 7.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Further details will be provided later. For all parents who would like to do Online Consultation , please indicate before 31 March 2022.

### (b) Form Six

We will have an Online Consultation through Microsoft Teams on Monday, 11 April 2022 from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Learners should use the gadget that they were using for Online lessons. For any assistance needed on the day of Consultation, please feel free to contact the College.

## **TIMETABLE CHANGES**

While all timetable changes made, have been communicated accordingly, please take note of the following changes with effect from Monday, 14 March 2022. These changes are important to learners internally.

- ♦ Lunch time at the College will be from 1.05 p.m. to 1.50 p.m.
- ♦ On Friday, lessons will end at 1.05 p.m. Please pick up your children as follows:

\*Forms 4, 5 and 6: 1.05 p.m.

\*Forms 1, 2 and 3: 1.10 p.m.

Thank you for the continued support.

Stay safe and strong. God bless you.

Yours sincerely



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