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FORMS FOUR AND SIX CONSULTATION

On Thursday, 2 April we will hold consultation for Forms Four and Six students. We call upon all the respective parents to come and discuss with the teachers. Remember that this is a crucial examination year for all the respective students.

Dear Parents

It is very sad that the whole world is anxious about the outbreak of COVID – 19 or coronavirus which keeps evolving at a dizzying speed. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of the virus a global pandemic as cases are rising. More than 121 000 people have been infected, and there are at least 4 383 global deaths. Although no major outbreaks have occurred in some countries, there is no doubt that more countries will soon see the spread of the virus. Countries are taking measures to slow down the spread of COVID – 19. One major way that is being used is increased social distancing that has resulted in closure of schools, universities and playing sports in empty stadia.

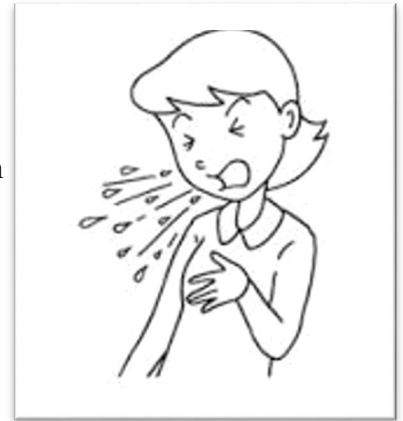


SYMPTOMS

According to information currently being provided, the common symptoms are fever and a dry cough. Some symptoms resemble a cold, that is stuffy nose, runny nose and sneezing.

HOW IS THE CORONAVIRUS SPREAD?

It is spread when an infected person sneezes and let out a spray. If the droplets reach the nose, mouth or eyes of another person that could lead to an infection. It has also been found that in rare cases one can catch the disease by touching droplets on surfaces and then touch membranes in the mouth, eyes and nose. Further investigations will reveal more.



PROTECTIVE MEASURES

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED:

We are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene. We are urged to wash our hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. We should cover our coughs and sneezes with the inside of our elbow or upper arm. We are also encouraged to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. There is also need to avoid contact with people who are sick. We must clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces frequently. When one is sick, he/she is urged to stay at home. Sadly, the outbreak calls for social distances. Lets all keep on doing our part to keep our community health.

At Goldridge College, we are going to have more containers with soapy water and hand sanitizers in various places.



While I have dedicated this newsletter to state what most of you already know, herewith a few snippets.

GOLDRIDGE COLLEGE CAREER FAIR

The Goldridge College Career Fair will be held on Friday, 27 March 2020, from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The event is compulsory to all students. We kindly invite parents to attend as this will be a great opportunity for your children to have a good grounding on career paths and employment expectations. We expect universities, business sector and professional bodies to attend and assist the students.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS

The Interhouse Athletics Competitions were held on Saturday, 7 March 2020. The competitions were won by Muonde House (Red). Our congratulations for the outstanding performance. We thank most sincerely all the parents who came to support the children. We also thank them for supporting the School Development Committee fundraising activities for the day.



ALLIED ARTS MUSIC COMPETITIONS

We congratulate the following for doing very well.

African Religious and Contemporary Solos.

♦ Isheanesu Potsekayi First Grade Plus

Choir

♦ Junior Choir First Grade

Duet Flute Recorder

♦ Tinevimbonashe Hamandishe and Nolwazi Dube First Grade



VERY EXCITING NEWS

Our hearty congratulations to Tichafa Chiwanza who made it into the Zimbabwe Under 17 National Cricket team that will tour South Africa in August. **“Like armoured knights we shine for Goldridge our School”** our school song says.

INTERSCHOOLS DEBATE

Our senior debate team took part in the ATS Schools Debate Competitions held at Arundel School in Harare. Our team came 5th out of 20 Schools that took part. The team managed to beat Hillcrest College, Peterhouse Boys and Westridge School. The team comprised Vimbainashe Chimhande, Vimbainashe Sengweni, Hannah Chidzambga, Mandikudza Dangwa and Tanyaradzwa Chabata. The researchers were Tadiwanashe Hamandishe, Ngonidzashe Chashamba and Samiyah Wilson. We congratulate the team for doing very well.



We wish you an enjoyable weekend with your children. Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, we encourage the children to stay at home and avoid crowded areas. Please take care.

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