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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS
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Dear Parents

Once again, the half term break is upon us. Teachers and learners have been sapped by the hectic third term school activities, I know for certain that they cannot wait to go and re-energise.

We thank the Almighty God for his grace in all that has been accomplished so far.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT

We have sent through email soft copies of the Academic Progress Reports, for Forms One to Three and Lower Sixth. There are no academic progress reports for Forms Four and Six who are currently engaged with Cambridge Examinations. The reports show each learner's performance in the tests given up to half term.

It is our kind appeal to all guardians and parents to find time to analyse the results. We expect you to discuss any concerns regarding the child's performance with your child. Please feel free to make an appointment to talk to the teachers, either by coming to school to meet them or through the phone whenever you deem it necessary.



PRIZE GIVING AND SPEECH NIGHT 2022

Our Prize Giving and Speech Night will now be held on Thursday, 10 November 2022 and **not** 17 November as earlier advised. The event will be held for the first time in the new college hall. We will have a celebration by all students before the Prize Giving starts.

Please note that there will be a live streaming of the Prize Giving and Speech Night through Microsoft Teams. All parents and guardians who prefer to watch from home need to contact the school for details on how to be connected.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS – WRITING CANDIDATES

The IGCSE and 'A' Level Cambridge examinations started on 30 September 2022. All the examination writing candidates are no longer attending lessons. They all can still use the school facilities for examination preparation. We also hope that they will still consult teachers for assistance to polish up grey areas in the subjects they are sitting for.

We expect all day scholars who want to use the school facilities for examination preparation to come to school before 7.30 a.m. We will not tolerate frequent movement in and out of the school or arrival at school later than 7.30 a.m. Those not sitting for examinations on a particular day, who come to school for study will only be allowed to leave the school at 1.00 p.m.

On the day when students sit for examinations, it should be noted that they will be free to leave the College soon after examinations. We kindly request for maximum support from all parents, to avoid chaos during this special examination period that comes to an end on 17 November 2022.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

(a) Form One pupils

The Form One pupils will go to Great Zimbabwe for an educational trip from Saturday, 22 to Sunday, 23 October 2022.



(b) Eighteen learners will be going on a trip to Dubai, where they will participate in an exciting short course that covers leadership, entrepreneurship, etiquette, business and hospitality from Sunday, 13 to Sunday, 20 November 2022. The course is run by Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management.

We remind all parents to fully pay the required amount of money.

PICKING UP STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

We expect all day scholar parents to pick up their children from school in time. Where you are not sure of the pickup time please contact the school. Except for students who will be involved in sports, school activities end at 4.00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. On Friday, school ends at 1.05 p.m. If you have not been informed of an afternoon activity on Friday, please pick up your child at 1.05 p.m, sadly, there is a large number of day scholars who are not being picked up on time from school. Such children who will be idle for a long time, waiting to be picked up may end up in disciplinary cases that could be avoided if they were picked.

GOLDRIDGE COLLEGE FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022

The Goldridge College Fundraising Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, 24 September 2022 at Kwekwe Golf Club. This was the first time for the College to hold such an event. The tournament was a huge success as it was well supported. We all should applaud the leadership and vision of Mr and Mrs Kurawley and their team from Arman who mainly worked with Mrs Esat and the School Development Committee for the event to succeed. May the Almighty God bless them.

Special thanks to the following:

- ◆ Arman Petroleum, Econet Wireless, Itel, Mr and Mrs Harry, Mr Naran, Mr Esat and Nandos for their kind donations towards the prizes.
- ◆ Redan, Arman Petroleum, Tombs Trucking and Buses and Econet Wireless for all the T-shirts given out to all golfers
- Whaleside Shaft Sinkers for donating all the caps worn by the golfers and officials.
- Nuscout, Tinopiwa Chiunda, Gwandu and Redan for their cash donations.
- ◆ FBC Bank, Minerva, Arman Petroleum, M and W Motors, Tombs Buses and Trucking, Whaleside Shaft Sinkers, GTS Service Station, Oliken Engineering, Agricon, Mike Cosby, Africa Chrome Fields, Lamcast Engineering, Safeguard Security, Steel Makers, Mighty Meats, Dendairy, Econet Wireless, Blue Tech, Thru-Bridge Enterprise, Councilor Jason Deetlefs, Fuser Tech, CABS, Silver Comet, Nuscout, Medline Pharmacy, First Mutual Health, Nandos, Goldridge Schools, St Dominic's 10, Tafadzwa Potsekayi (former head boy) all for their kind sponsorship of the fundraising Golf Tournament.
- We also thank most sincerely all the ladies who organized the Dinner Dance on the day of the Tournament.

The Goldridge College Fundraising Golf Tournament is going to be an annual event. We hope to hold it either in April or May 2023. We will inform you once the date is confirmed and we hope for all your support.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

(a) Public Speaking

Our Junior and Intermediate Public Speakers participated in the ATS Interschools Public Speaking Competitions held at Chisipite Senior School. In the Junior category, Tafadzwa Tinago came out on position four out of seventeen competitors while Priyasha Harry came sixth in the Intermediate category.

(b) Interschools Debate

Our Senior debate team beat Watershed and Westridge in the first and second rounds respectively. The team then lost to Peterhouse Girls in the third round. The overall position of the team was nine out of twenty-five schools that took part.

We thank and congratulate our students for doing well and hope for further improvements.

SPORTS

We are happy that we have so far fulfilled all our fixtures. The results achieved so far are as follows:

CRICKET

Versus Midlands Christian College

Under 14 Goldridge College lost by 1 wicket.

Under 15 Goldridge College won by 7 runs

Under 16 Match ended as a draw.

First Team Goldridge lost game by 3 wickets and then won game two by 3 wickets

Watershed under 20 Cricket Tournament

Goldridge College won against Watershed by 32 runs.

Goldridge College won against Heritage by 5 wickets

In the semi finals Goldridge College won against MCC by 32 runs.

In the final Goldridge College lost to Peterhouse by 7 wickets

Versus Petra

Under 14 Goldridge lost by 98 runs

Under 15 Goldridge lost by 3 wickets
Under 16 Goldridge lost by 143 runs

(b) BASKETBALL

First team vs Kyle, Goldridge College won 36 - 28

First team vs Midlands Christian College, Goldridge College lost 52-39

Versus Midlands Christian College

U15 won 16-12

U16 lost 18-9

First team lost 56 – 28

Basketball 1st team at Falcon Carvahlo tournament

Versus Riverdale, Goldridge College won 23-7

Versus Falcon, Goldridge College lost 31-11

Versus Nkulumane, Goldridge College lost 21-14

Versus Kyle College, Goldridge College lost 14-5

Overall Goldridge finished 6th out of 9 Schools

(c) TENNIS

Tennis vs Petra

Juniors Girls

Goldridge College 2-7 Petra

Seniors Girls

Goldridge College o- 4 Petra

Seniors Boys

Goldridge College o-2 Petra

I look forward to your usual support in the second half of the term and even greater commitment as we move together as the Goldridge family.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend with your children

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Yours Sincerely

L. Mashanda (Mr)

HEADMASTER