



29 June 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

**Re: Important Dates**

I trust that all is well with you and your families.

There has been much talk in the media about when schools will likely re-open, much of which has communicated a staggered return. We have taken verbal guidance from Government and from the Association of Trust Schools and have decided that **our examinations classes will return to school on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July** to start officially on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. These are to include **ALL Form 4, 5, L6 and U6 pupils.**

Please take note that we have also made the decision to schedule **these classes to write their mock examinations from Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July until 7<sup>th</sup> August.** These assessments are an important part of the process to determine the final entries for the pupils' October/November Cambridge International Examinations while some students will also want to use the results achieved as part of their application to university or college.

**For students that reside outside the country we are planning that they write their assessments online.**

**All our other classes, Form 1s to 3s, will continue with online learning from Tuesday, 28 July to their scheduled return on the 17 August.** Their formal, internal examinations will occur at a later date during the term, although regular class tests are planned to continue, which will assess current knowledge and skills obtained and that which was accumulated and developed previously.

In anticipation for a longer term, **we plan to take a break from online learning from Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 13:30 p.m.** This will allow you, our children and our teachers to recharge the batteries, ready for school on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. **It also provides an excellent opportunity for our external examination candidates to consolidate and prepare for their mock examinations.**

We apologise for the short notice of the changes to the dates previously communicated but have felt compelled to do so in the very fluid environment that we find ourselves in. Our schools are also in the process of preparing for the return of our scholars in the midst of the pandemic. This will entail, amongst other things, a visit by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education. **More detailed communication regarding what we have done, what will be expected of the pupils, together with the changes in fees structure, will be provided in due course.**

Due to the fact that half-term reports have just been issued, there will be no end-of-term reports for this term. We are also very conscious of our external students and the fact that they may not be allowed entry into the country yet and as such, continue to explore ways to make sure that they still benefit from our educational provision.

Our Harare Office will remain open from 9:00 to 15:00 weekdays. We ask that you continue to support the schools through your regular payments.

We look forward to welcoming your children back. Enjoy the holidays.

*“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

Philippians 4:8

Yours for Education at Gundi

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