



10 October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Weekly Update

We have started our external examinations! We are very grateful for being able to do this after the year that we have had. There was positive feedback from those who wrote the first assessments although they had admitted to being nervous.

We have decided to continue with the annual practice of allowing our U6s and Form 4s to go on study break from Monday, 12th October onwards. The Upper 6s and Form 4s will be allowed to make use of supervised study in the hostels while the Lower 6s are expected to attend school except for the day before an examination.

We are slowly preparing for the return of our Form 3s with discussions being held about separate meal sessions and how to integrate them into the hostels. It goes without saying that we are looking forward to their return.

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education announced a change to the term dates with the closing date being the 19th December and the reopening of school in January scheduled for the 4th January 2021. We, in turn, would like to close on Thursday, 10th December and open on Tuesday, 12th January 2021. Permission for these alternate dates will be sought from Ministry and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

Due to these changes we have decided to schedule a “fixture free” weekend from 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd October to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, 27th October, 10:30. Those writing examinations will be advised not to leave school. The November “fixture free” weekend will then be from 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 20th November to 10:30, Monday, 23rd November 2020.

On Friday night we held a Leavers' Dinner for our Upper 6s at "Camp Gecko", which is located in the hills above our school. It was truly a spectacular and memorable evening which will hopefully be noted as one of the highlights of their year. One of the best features of the evening was that we, the staff, were able to keep this as a total surprise from them until the very moment that they discovered the fairy-light pathway which led up to the venue. I want to thank all that worked hard to make this such a special evening. Well done!

We also enjoyed a special tea arranged by the rugby staff and pupils to thank Mr Duvenage for his contributions to the sport over the years. The comments and thoughts communicated were thoughtful and heart-felt. He and his family are sadly emigrating to the United Kingdom later this year.

Last week the campus was woken by thunder, lightning and strong winds but also with the sound of beautiful and much needed rain. We hope that this is but a taste of what is still to come in the rainy season. October, thus far, has been mild with only a few hot days, making it weather conducive to study.

I hope you all have a blessed week.

Yours for Excellence at Gundi

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Dean Seeliger
Principal