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Dear Parents and Guardians

**Re: Feedback after the First Week of Students Returning**

It was a joy to again see the familiar faces of our parents and pupils. Sunday went by without a glitch with parents, pupils and staff, alike, abiding by the regulations as they completed forms and dropped their children at the various hostels. Hostel parents were delighted to welcome back their pupils while the latter in turn, enjoyed meeting up with their friends and colleagues. Our Day Scholars came a day later and were quickly back into the routine of school. I am glad to say that most of our senior students are back with a few still arriving.

A big thank you must go to all the Senior Staff, Administration Staff, Junior Mistresses and Masters, Hostel Parents, Workers, ACE Sisters and our SAS security staff who helped on the day.

Pupils are religiously having their temperatures and daily histories taken twice a-day (before breakfast and after supper). Our pupils either start the day with a brief assembly or visit their tutors before going to their first lesson. Afternoon classes include practical sessions and tutorials with the rest of the learners using the time to study. Pupils then enjoy an hour of exercise every day, either doing aerobics, outside gym, tennis, cricket or swimming. It is also surprising how hot it has become over the last few days. Pupils are therefore making the most of working under the shaded pavilion during their study periods.

Saturday school will occur for the next 3 weeks with staff taking the opportunity to spend the valuable extra time in preparation for the examinations. The first of these examinations start on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Pupils are constantly being reminded of their responsibility to adhere to the regulations of the pandemic. Our main aim with this is for these to become habits. These include the proper wearing of masks, social distancing and the frequent washing of hands. A mask is being distributed to each learner soon in an effort to supplement the pupils' own supply.

Reports for our examination candidates will soon be sent to parents and our junior classes' parents will receive their half-term symbols shortly.

Monday, 21 September, sees our Form 1s, 2s, 3s and 4Bs return online for digital learning. I hope that they have had some good time off and are ready to work hard. In just over a month and half we will have internal examinations for all these classes. This should hopefully motivate them to set some realistic goals and work to achieve these. An important objective for this year and one that we have stated on numerous occasions, is that we are determined to make sure that we all would have achieved something in 2020. This is true for our non-examination classes as much as it is for our examination candidates. A modified timetable will be sent to our learners before Monday.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those families that continue to support us through the paying of their school fees. Despite challenges with spam mail and unforeseen gremlins in our email system we are confident that parents will be start receiving statements on a regular basis.

Please look out for our schools' version of "Jerusalema" on "youtube". A link will be sent out to you to use in due course. It is awesome!

"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Deuteronomy

31:8

Be encouraged.

Yours for Education at Gundi



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