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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Update on Internal Affairs**

It is pleasing to note the good work that is being done by our students as they continue to prepare for the upcoming examinations. All are making the most of the opportunities afforded to them. Although Saturday school is an unusual inclusion in the weekly programme, the pupils' engagement during this time is encouraging. Students are also making good use of the extra lessons with the individual staff members during some evenings and afternoons.

Our students are also making appropriate use of the rest periods after lunch and of the compulsory exercise programme between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. most days of the week. Some of the participants are, however, complaining of sore thighs after the outdoor aerobics sessions. Our senior cricketers and club swimmers are practicing hard in preparation for the potential of next year's competitions.

It is also that time of the year when temperatures are starting to rise. Students are therefore advised to drink water frequently. Opportunities to fill up their water bottles occur during breakfast, break and lunch times. We hope and pray for a good raining season after two years of drought and although we are having to manage our water carefully, the fields and gardens remain healthy.

The unconfirmed news of our other forms being able to return to school has been met with excitement and we are starting to plan for this eventuality. This means that our Form 3's would return on Monday, 26 October and the Form 1, 2's on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. As a result, we anticipate having to modify the dates of our "fixture free" weekends, but have requested confirmation regarding the official closing date of schools. These events should not affect our examination candidates though as they would either be in the middle of writing their examinations or would have completed them as the other pupils arrive. Our Lower 6's, however, would need to stay to start their Upper 6 syllabi. Decisions regarding students being advised to leave campus or stay for the rest of the term are having to be carefully considered. More information regarding these will be communicated soon.

Recently we spent a pleasant evening with our senior pupils where we welcomed them back and had some meaningful discussions about their time away from the College during lockdown. Most expressed that they were glad to be back. Some said that they had struggled while others expressed that they had had meaningful time with their families. Part of the conversation was also used to deliberate how we can provide them with a memorable "send-off". A deadline of next week Monday was given for the

submission of their final suggestions. We look forward to receiving these and to plan for an internal event that will then take place. We, as staff, also have a few things up our sleeves that we have in mind to do!

In closing, may I wish you and your families a productive and healthy week.

Yours for Excellence at Gundi

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**Dean Seeliger**

Principal