

6 June 2020

Dear Parents

As we end week 5 of Term 2, let me take this opportunity to thank all our teachers for their commitment and hard work as we continue to engage in online communication with our school community.

This has not been an easy space to engage, but each week we try and improve our offering for our students as we explore different strategies of engaging online learning. This week I shared with staff the range of emotions and frustrations shared by parents as they grapple with this space and staff have taken onboard some of the concerns raised with the hope of rectifying this as we continue to learn together.

Equally to parents, teachers have also shared their challenges of the lack of participation and/or engagement by some of our students in the lower forms in the High School. I would like to encourage parents to meet us halfway in this space as we collectively try and hold our students more accountable for their own learning. We have sent out updated schedules so that parents can have a fair handle of what is going on in the Google Classroom.

I am pleased to report that the online learning is moving at a smooth pace in the F5, AS, A level classes and I wish to commend our senior students for leading by example and thank you for your support in this regard parents.

In the Primary school there is a better flow with ongoing conversations with parents and teachers in the class group chats that have been set up to improve communication.

Mid-Term Break

School will end at 12:00 on Thursday the 11th June 2020 as we break for a well-deserved mid-term break. Online learning will resume at 08:00 on the 17th June 2020.

A Level Meeting

Ms. Makhan will be holding a Google Meet at 18:00 on the 17th June 2020, as we return from midterm, with parents of all AS (L6) students to clarify concerns about the 2021 A level programme.

Individual student A level subject choices and student queries will be handled by arrangement with Ms. Makhan and Mrs. Gabriel via email or video conferencing with parents/students.

Sixth Form Prom

As with many events this year, the school has decided to cancel the 6th Form Prom. I know this will come as a huge disappointment to our students but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control.

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owe this to ourselves and our children to lead by example at the International School of South Africa and in the spaces we occupy in our daily lives.

A wise man once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”.

Parents, thank you again for your continued support of the school during these trying times and as always please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything that you wish to clarify with me.

Yours sincerely

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