



31st August 2020

Dear Parent and Students

RE: Academic letter start of Term 3: 2020

Welcome to Term 3! Faculty are excited to receive students onsite and online on Tuesday, 1st September. The staggered start is outlined below:

Dates	Primary	School
1 st September	Grade 5 - 6	U6, L6 and Form 5
2 nd September	Grade 000 - 0	Form 4
3 rd September	Grade 4	Form 3
4 th September	Grade 1 - 3	Form 1 - 2

Lessons begin for all students online at 07:20 with registration with Class and Form tutors, then followed by subject specific lessons as timetabled in Term 1 of the academic year. Students who are returning to school on their first day will need to screen and then attend an orientation session in Kgotla in the Primary School and in the Theatre for the Senior School. This will take place whilst adhering all protocols.

Our proposed Hybrid learning model is a combination of face-to-face teaching streamed live on Google Meet for students who are offsite and unable to participate in face-to-face lessons. This new blended approach is a program in which students learn partly through the delivery of content digitally, through Google Classroom whilst attending a traditional school setting with other students. Google Classroom will host all the materials and learning aides which students need access to and will be an integral part of the learning in Term 3. As always, computer mediated activities are part of the program and will form part of the homework and assignments which students will receive from different subject teachers.

On some days, in some lessons, teachers may embark on a line of inquiry which will involve limited teaching and more research; ergo the onus will be on students to complete and submit tasks before a plenary begins. All information pertaining to lesson content, coverage, outlines will be communicated on Google Classroom. School will end at 13:00 for Primary Students and 13:35 for Senior Students. The expectation is for parents to collect students at the end of the school day, as there will be no Aftercare or supervision provided.

On other days the different subject teachers may well divide a student's learning into part traditional classroom instruction and part virtual learning. The subject teacher will set a schedule for the course content and the students will be required to rotate through the instructional modules.

Students in Primary School, Key Stage 1 – 2 students will be working in the base rooms with the class teachers. In Senior School, Key Stage 3 (Form 1 – 3) students will be allocated a base room and teachers will be teaching from these base rooms:

Forms	Rooms
1.1	Music 1
1.2	Music 2
2.1	Language 2
2.2	Language 3
3.1	SFSC
3.2	Mathematics 5

Please note that teachers will be walking between lessons, thus students are reminded to wait patiently until teachers arrive onto Google meet lessons.

Libraries will be closed in Term 3. Lessons and ECAs which do not form part of the core curriculum offering will be re-purposed to aid the process of curriculum recovery especially for cohorts taking their Cambridge examinations in Term 3. Some practical lessons will not take place in Term 3, these will be transposed into theoretical lessons. Other practical lessons will be allowed the opportunity to work outside in a designated area.

Key Stage 3

Form	Day / Period	Subject	Teachers
1	Wednesday / 5	Mathematics	GM / YM
	Wednesday / 6	English	ADJ / VM
2	Wednesday / 1	English	SS / VM
	Wednesday / 2	MFL	LG / RN / SN
3	Friday / 5	Mathematics / Music	TT / JJ
	Friday / 6	Science	TM / US

Practical lessons

Biology, Chemistry and Physics will run practical under strict protocols for Lower 6 and Upper 6 students. No other practical lessons will not take place and as a consequence of this Form 4 PE will be theory based on a Tuesday and Wednesday; ergo students will not be expected to remain onsite at school

Key Stage 4 – 5 students in Science and MFL will be expected to attend after school lessons.
Afternoon lessons from 14:30 – 16:30:

Key Stage 4 - 5

Subjects	Days in the week
<i>Biology (L6 and U6)</i>	Friday
<i>Chemistry (L6 and U6)</i>	Monday and Thursday
<i>Physics (L6 and U6)</i>	Tuesday
<i>MFL (F5)</i>	Monday



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Mock examination September

We are pleased to disclose the mock examination timetable for Grade 6, Form 5, Lower 6 and Upper 6 students. These examinations will be administered online, to meet the needs of all students. We encourage all students to prepare thoroughly for these examinations.

Subject choice meetings Form 3 and Form 5

The Form 3 subject choice meeting has been deferred to a date in October. The Form 5 meeting will take place on 10th September, 18:00 on Google Meet, the invite will follow shortly.

October / November 2020 Cambridge examinations

As Term 3 approaches, we encourage all CAIE registered candidates in Form 5 (IGCSE), Lower 6 (AS) and Upper 6 (A Level) who are unable to travel and take their face-to-face examinations at the International School of South Africa (due to national lockdown restrictions), to register at Cambridge centres which are closest to their current residence. We would like all transfers to be completed by **15th September**.

Parents and candidates need to consult with CAIE centres in their home countries. Once the CAIE centre agrees with accepting private candidates, please provide us with details of the centre and the school will transfer the candidate to the chosen centre. Please find attached a list of schools:

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/why-choose-us/find-a-cambridge-school/>

November 2020 examinations Form 1 – 4

The dates as previously published for the November examinations remain in place. Students in these cohorts are expected to continue working effectively to ensure that they achieve success in their final examinations.

As spring day approaches, I would like to take this opportunity in wishing all students and families a splendid start to new beginnings in Term 3.

Yours faithfully

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