

7 October 2021

Dear Parents,

At the end of this week, we reach the middle of a much extended term, and hence the need to take a well-deserved mid-term break.

The school is very much in examination mode as of the 4th October 2021, with our Primary school students having taken their first Check Point examinations which was followed by the beginning of the IGCSE and AS examinations on Tuesday.

Parents would have received the complete examination session breakdown as communicated by Mr. Makudo in last week's letter to parents.

As we go into this stressful space of our students life journey through school, I once again ask parents to provide a conducive studying environment of support for your children during this period.

Honours Awards

On Friday we celebrate our Annual Honours awards, where we recognise our boys and girls for achieving excellent performances in the Academic programme of the school. We also honour those students that have contributed meaningfully to the wider life of the school.

The event begins at 8.00 am sharp in the Theatre and parents have been issued invitations to this event.

All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Guest of Honour

We have the privilege of hosting Brian Sentongo, an Alumnus who joined the International School in 1996 to 2004.

He holds a BCom and Hons degree in Information Systems from the University of Cape Town.

He also holds a post Graduate Diploma from the Wits Business School, and a Master's degree in Management in New Venture Creation from the Wits Business School.

Mr Sentongo is currently pursuing a Masters in Philosophy in Corporate Strategy at the Wits Business School.

Alumni Virtual Platform

Last week we hosted our first Virtual platform with alumni from ISSA spanning across 30 years, to discuss career choices with our current F5, Lower and Upper 6 students.

It was a very successful, informative and engaging evening.

I would like to thank the following alumni for giving up time from their busy schedules to engage our students.

- Brian Sentongo: 1996-2004 (South Africa)
- Paul Nheera: 2002-2011 (Zimbabwe)
- Lebogang Chaka: 2000-2002 (South Africa)
- Tshego Monaisa: 1997- 1999 (South Africa)
- Marcus Ter Haar: 1991-1996 (Botswana)
- Princess Gill: 2005-2015 (South Africa)
- Cynthia Changufu-Kalaluka: 1995-1996 (Zambia)

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Special thanks to Jerome Sibande and Elsa Kibowa, our student leadership assisted by Lebogang Chaka, for initiating this event. And a special thanks to Elsa for her superb facilitation of the event.

We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future.

Travel arrangements for Mid -Term

All travel arrangements have been confirmed for the Mid -Term. Please communicate with Mrs. Gabriel`s office for further clarity around travel plans or communicate with Mrs Boitshoko Boinamo in Administration for further support.

Students remaining for Mid-Term have a structured programme that has been organised for them.

Mid-Term will begin immediately after the Honours morning and schools will re-open at 07.15 sharp on the 18th October 2021.

Cycle Meetings

This afternoon we will be holding our Mid-Term Cycle Meeting for the F1 -F4 students to discuss their Term 3 academic progress to date. Tutors will be in contact with you to share feedback from the outcome of these deliberations as this group prepares for their final examinations later in the term. Please do not hesitate to check with your child`s Tutor, if there is anything you wish to clarify.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

Parents, please ensure that you have a handle on your child`s extra-curricular schedule. Students have signed up for different activities after school. Please monitor that they do attend these activities they have committed too on the days assigned. We would like to try and avoid having unsupervised students if they are not engaged in an activity in the afternoon. If they are not engaged in an ECA, they must be promptly collected after school. Thank you for your support in this regard.

Conclusion

I take this opportunity to wish all our staff and students a relaxed and safe Mid-Term break. May you also enjoy quality time with your families during this period, not forgetting that we are still in the throes of a pandemic, and let us navigate this space with a great deal of caution by observing the prescribed protocols.

If you are going to traveling on our busy South African roads please do so safely.

As always, please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything your wish to clarify.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely



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