

15 March 2024

Dear Parents,

We have completed our Cycle tests and most of you would have received Mid Cycle indicators by now, informing you how your child has performed at Mid Term.

This will be followed by Academic Cycle meetings on the 20th of March to which you will receive further feedback through the Parent Consultation meetings on the 28th of March from 08.00 at the school for local parents of Form 4 – Form 6 students. Boarder parents that are unable to attend on the 28th of March will receive virtual invitations from Phase Heads in due course.

Reports will be emailed on the 28th of March from 08:00. This will be a short report which provides broad feedback from subject teachers, included in a Tutor comment, as well as a comment from the Hostel parents for boarders.

It has been a rigorous Term both in the Academic and Sport space and we are now accelerating into the Creative Arts space with drama rehearsals going into full swing in preparation of our production, Midsummer Night's Dream next term.

Thank you for your support in this regard.

Arts and Culture

Tomorrow evening at 18:00, we have an ARTSLAM evening which will consist of a variety of acts including Slam Poetry, Floating Artwork, Dance and Drama Improvisations just to name but a few.

Thank you to Ms Soorjee and Ms Le Roux for driving this initiative.

Sport

Last weekend we hosted the U/19 Girls and Boys Basketball festival.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart College for taking the gold in the girls section and to Michael Mount for taking the gold in the boys section.

Thank you to all our staff for making the event a huge success.

Soccer and Netball Festival

From the 22nd – 24th of March, we will be hosting the U/19 Boys soccer and Girls U/19 netball festival. This will be our final festival for the Term.

We conclude our internal sports programme with a splash at our Interhouse Gala on the 18th of March. This should be fiercely contested as there are many new swimmers that have joined the school.

Discipline

Our discipline has remained very strong this Term, with a few instances of students applying poor judgement. It continues to remain our responsibility as adults to pick them up when they fall, and steer them back on the right path to success.

Please let us continue to support each other in this space so we can conclude the term on a disciplined note.

Leave of Absence

Parents I will be away from school from the 19th of March and will be back in the office on the 25th March.

Also just a reminder to all of us that the 22nd of March is not a public holiday.

ADAM Parent portal

The school is in the process of opening the Parent portal on International School of South Africa's ADAM (Data and Report capturing system used by the school). This will afford parents the opportunity to view their children's academic progress during the term by logging into the ADAM portal using their Identification number and a password set up by parents individually.

This is quite a big undertaking, and my PA – Jenna Rae might request outstanding information from parents in some cases. I would ask that you please assist her where possible.

Clear instructions will be given to parents once the school is ready to open the Parent portal.

Conclusion

Thank you as always for your support. Please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything you wish to clarify.

"If it matters to the child, it matters to us"

Yours sincerely



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