

3 October 2025

Dear Parents,

Cambridge examinations are now underway. Senior students are on study leave.

This morning our Grade 6 class wrote their first Mathematics paper in the Year End Check point examinations.

Basketball festival

Congratulations to ISSA for organising a highly successful U/14 and U/16 boys and girls tournament which brought together 18 teams from Botswana, Gauteng and Zimbabwe.

We are proud of all our Teams for reaching the quarter finals of the competition. Special congratulations to our U/14 boys who secured 3rd place in the tournament after a series of nail biting Round Robin games and to our U/16 Boys who finished as runners-up in a fiercely contested final against Michael Mount from Pretoria. Well done to all our players and coaches for their outstanding efforts and thanks to our parents and students for the tremendous support we received over the festival.

Thanks to Mrs Gabriel and her hardworking Team of Mr Chitashu and Mr, Taruvona that worked hard to pull the logistics of this festival together.

Valedictory

This week our Grade 12 and A level classes marked a special milestone in an emotional valedictory function as our Head Girl O'Funa Mufhandu gave a moving speech in their concluding assembly, as we bade farewell to our senior students. We celebrate their journey, and we wish them every success in the weeks ahead as they tackle their final examinations. Thank you to Mrs. Buys and her Team for organizing the event.

Careers Fair and Entrepreneurship Day

Today the Careers Fair driven by our student Academic portfolio, as well as the Entrepreneurs Day running alongside each other was successful.

We extend our thanks to the neighbouring schools that were in attendance. Special thanks to all our local exhibitors including those who travelled from Botswana, Pretoria and Johannesburg to support our student driven event.

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Special thanks to Mr Mathe and Dr. Moleele from our parent community, for sharing their professional experience with our students through the prism of their professions.

Thank you to the Form 2 class for their efforts in setting up a spread of eats and exotic chilled refreshments, and big ups for their creativity in setting up a variety of accessory stalls. I am sure they made a profit.

Thank you to Boitumelo Lekwa and her Team for leading the Academic portfolio in organizing a successful Careers Day.

Thanks again to Mr Makudo and Miss Mollo for their collaboration.

We look forward to making this event a permanent fixture on the school calendar going forward

Prefect Inauguration

Monday the 6th of October, the 2026 prefect group will be announced during assembly.

The prefects are chosen through a democratic process via a secret ballot where all stakeholders participate.

Sports Awards

On the 9th of October we celebrate our Sports awards where we honour all athletes that have contributed to the sporting life of the school. This is a closed event, and exclusive invitations will be sent out to parents by the 6th of October.

Honours awards evening

The next day, 10th of October, we honour our students who have excelled academically. The invitations will be emailed to the parents of the recipients on Monday, 6 October 2025. We encourage parents to please join us in celebrating with their children.

Conclusion

In a week`s time we break for the mid-term break from 13 – 17 October. Mid-term has come much sooner this time around as the Cambridge International Education have brought their examinations forward. School commences again on Monday 20 October 2025.

In conclusion, I would like to ask parents to support our seniors through your encouragement, understanding and guidance, as this will go a long way in helping them



manage stress and remain focussed as they write the most challenging examinations of their high school career.

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Yours sincerely

Bruce Wells
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