

16 January 2026

Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and we welcome you to the beginning of 2026.

I also take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents who have joined International School of South Africa for the first time. We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to you as you join the "ISSA family". Wishing you a long and lasting, happy relationship with the school.

We have had an excellent start to the year. There is a good and positive energy around the school, and I hope that this energy sustains itself till the end of the year.

We enter 2026 with confidence and excitement. This year is about growth and excellence across our school both academically and on the sports field and in other extracurricular programmes of the school. In our first assembly we have already challenged our students to strive for excellence and choose wisely when new friendships are being formed, these will be informed by their home values and fortified by our Core Values here at International School of South Africa listed below.

- Honesty
- Respect for all
- Hard work
- Responsibility
- Social Awareness
- Compassion

We continue to embrace and celebrate our diversity with the aim of building inclusive communities in all our engagements.

Parents thank you for your unexpected big attendance at our opening Assembly; it demonstrates support for the International School of South Africa.

RESULTS

We have received all our external examination results, and we are proud to inform you that our students have done us proud and have produced some fabulous results.

A-Level, IGCSE Cambridge, NSC IEB students and Cambridge Checkpoint examinations.

A Level Cambridge

Congratulations to O`Funa Mufhandu for producing splendid results in the A- level program.

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Top achievers:

1. Mufhandu O`Funa **3A** (Mathematics, Economics, Business Studies)
2. Mapfumo Anesu **2A, 1B**, (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology)
3. Ncube Denzel **2A, 1B**, (Chemistry, Physics, Biology)
4. Hagan Ann **1A, 2B**, (Economics, Mathematics, Business)
5. Nkhokwe Upendo **3B** (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology)
6. Makanga William **2B** (Mathematics, Physics)

94% A level pass and a 2% improvement year on year.

IGCSE Cambridge

Congratulations to Gabriel Kampondeni for achieving outstanding IGCSE results.

Top Achievers:

1. Kampondeni Gabriel **7A* 1A**
2. Tukei Hazel **5A* 3A**
3. Khesa Tlhomamo **6A**
4. Baitsile Reabetswe **4A**
5. Chawafambira Myiesha **4A**
6. Modiselle Molebogeng **4A**
7. Leseiane Oletile **3A**

100% progression into A-level and IEB program.

Worth noting is that Mathematics achieved 100% pass in IGCSE, a first in more than 20 years here at International School of South Africa, equally Setswana produced two distinctions another first in the IGCSE since Setswana was introduced at the school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Grace Makudo and Mrs. Louisa Tlhabanyane for such a sterling output.

NSC IEB Curriculum

Congratulations to our students on their success in the NSC IEB examinations!

This marks our **first entry into the NSC IEB curriculum**. We look forward to an improved output in 2026.

Congratulations to Oarabile Sebolai for achieving strong results in the IEB NSC examinations.

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1. Sebolai Oarabile - **2 Distinctions**
2. Matseke Resego - **1 Distinction**
3. Sechele Tekanyo - **1 Distinction**
4. Safi Muhammad Uzair - **1 Distinction**
5. Mabala Tsholofelo - **1 Distinction**

85% Pass.

Primary School - Cambridge Check Point

Our Checkpoint results have improved year on year staying above international benchmark averages.

English improved from 35/50 in 2024 - 36/50 in 2025.

Mathematics improved from 36/50 in 2024 – 39/50 in 2025.

Science improved from 40/50 in 2024 – 41/50 in 2025.

Our top student for the Checkpoint examination, Kgosigadi Magasa achieved a 100% average across all three subjects. Congratulations to Kgosigadi.

We also congratulate the following students who achieved 80% and above in the Checkpoint Exams:

Leruo Tshukudu 98%,

Junior Mokoena 97%,

Reneilwe Matseke 95%,

Mia Lotz 92%,

Mbulelo Kunene 91%,

Seitsang Botlhe 91%,

Kourtney Chitashu 87%,

Anmay Singh 87%,

Love-Joy Ncube 87%,

Rosiane Kadima 83%

Metsing Reatlegile- 80%.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their remarkable achievements in the external examinations. Thank you to our teachers for supporting our students in their final preparation for examinations.

I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Makudo, Deputy Principal Academics and his team, for driving the Academic Programme as we continue to strive for academic excellence in all our subjects.

One of our Strategic Objectives in our 2030 Strategic Plan is to achieve 100% in all our exit examinations.

Parents, thank for your shared joy as we engaged during the exchange of results this week and for your understanding where expectations were not met in certain instances. This support is highly appreciated.

Form 1 and 2 Orientation

This week we hosted our annual Orientation week, where F1 and F2 Day students were invited into the boarding environment, to experience a week of hostel life.

The chief objective was to allow our junior students to experience the daily routine of a boarding student with the view of embracing a similar routine when they return to their homes tomorrow.

It is also our hope that day scholar parents may choose boarding when they realise the freedom it can offer if you safe in the knowledge that your child is in a safe and supportive boarding environment.

Thank you to the day scholar parents for entrusting your children into our care for the week and I hope they enjoyed the experience.

A special thank you to Ms. Mandondo (F1 - F2 Phase Head), for coordinating this event and to Mr Makudo for providing tacit support during this period.

Thank you also to our Prefects for running a very smooth Orientation Camp and for being good mentors to our students.

House Parents

Thank you to Mrs Gabriel and the House Parents for ensuring that our Boarding Houses were ready to receive our students after the holiday, and for the extended commitment for accommodating our day scholar community during our orientation week.

Phase Heads

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Thank you to all teachers, our Phase heads and all our HOD's, for ensuring our students' Academic programme started promptly, and to every member of our school community for assisting in getting the school ready for 2026.

Administration

With thank the Administration staff for all their support to ensure that we have a smooth start to the start of 2026.

Grounds, Maintenance and Laundry

Thank you to all staff that put in an extended effort to ensure that our grounds and boarding houses were ready to receive our students.

Drivers

Thanks to Glen and his Team for safe ferrying of our students to and from the airport.

Outsourced Services

Catering, Security and Cleaning, thank you for your hard work and for ensuring you were ready for service when the school opened.

Staff Matters

We welcome Mr Alex Dugunye who joined us at short notice for Term I in the Mathematics department. We wish him all the success during his short stint as we complete the recruitment process.

We extend another warm welcome to all our new members of staff who were formally introduced in my final letter to parents at the end of last year. We wish them a happy and successful stay here at the International School of South Africa, together with their families.

Mrs Agobakwe Nthau – HOD English

Mrs Tshegofatjo Mosehla – Biology and Life Sciences

Mr Mvelo Ntombela – Sport coordinator

We received a resignation from Mr. Thapelo Molise our Music teacher on the 2nd of January 2026, leaving this position vacant, as we try and find a suitable replacement for this position.

Colour Run

At the time of completing this newsletter, our students had completed a Colour run around the campus, serving as an ice breaker and teaser for the beginning of Term1, in preparation for our Athletics programme. Thank you to the Sports portfolio that initiated the idea and to everyone that



assisted and participated in the event. Thank you to Mr Mvelo Ntombela for doing stretches with the students before the run.

Thank you to Mrs Buys and Mrs Gabriel for arranging the logistics for the event.

Conclusion

Parents, thank you for your support, we value this deeply and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Thanks again for entrusting us with your children. We are excited about the journey ahead and confident that 2026 will be a year to remember.

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Yours sincerely

Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
International School of South Africa

