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Dear Parents,

### **RE: Cycle 4 Letter**

The mid-term break is upon us, and I am back from my trips across the country. Thank you to the many parents in Solwezi, Kitwe, Ndola, Livingstone, and Lusaka who came to the various gatherings. The turnout was generally excellent, with honours going to the Lusaka parents who turned out in their numbers.

### **Academic Excellence**

The 'flash' reports for cycle 4 are available on the [parent portal](#) for years 7 to 10. A reminder that we do not publish reports for cycle 4 for the exam classes, as these classes are finishing content in preparation for the mock exams.

I have received excellent feedback from the Year 9 subject choice meeting and subsequent parent consultations. If you missed the presentations, [you could watch them here](#). Please take time during this mid-term break to discuss your child's subject choices with them.

### **Staffing**

I am sorry to tell you that Mr and Mrs Visser have tendered their resignations from the College. An opportunity has arisen in Oman, and they plan to leave at the end of the term. By the time the term finishes, Mr Visser would have finished the respective syllabi with his exam classes. I am looking for a teacher for September to assist with final exam preparations.

Arrangements are in place to employ a teacher to fill Mrs Visser's role until the end of the year while we look for long-term appointments for both posts.

### **Planning**

I want to highlight two important upcoming events. Firstly, we will officially open the College Hall and Chapel on Friday, 7 November. We are expecting this to be a grand occasion with broad community involvement.

The second is the annual valediction ceremony which will be held on Friday 11 November. Almost all the Year 13 examinations will be finished by then, and we look forward to bidding our leavers a warm farewell.

Please note that we have a long weekend coming up with two public holidays on 4 and 5 July. We will organise flights and a Copperbelt bus on this weekend but the boarding houses will remain open for seniors. The mock examinations start directly after the long weekend, so it is an excellent opportunity for the pupils in exam classes to remain at school and study.

### **Pastoral Care**

During my recent meetings with parents around the country, three issues were raised that are receiving our attention.

Firstly, the billing processes between the College, Mary Begg Hospital and parents are causing some consternation. In future, the following will apply:

1. If your child is a member of one of the medical aid schemes that have billing arrangements with Mary Begg, then the hospital will settle the medical bill with the scheme directly. I have attached a list of approved schemes for your information. This will depend on accurate records. We will send out a form to confirm these details shortly.
2. If your child is not on medical aid, Trident will pay Mary Begg and pass the cost of the initial consultation on to the parent. Follow-up treatments, hospitalisations etc., will be executed in conjunction with the parents and where necessary we will use state facilities.

The second issue is related to catering arrangements for children with specific dietary requirements, and offering more significant meal portions to some pupils. These matters have been discussed with our catering provider and, once again, we need to update our records to address these issues. We will survey the parents shortly. Please note that when we ask for "special dietary requirements", we need to find out what foods your children may and may not eat for specific religious or health reasons.

The third issue relates to parents concern over the abuse of phones, especially by the juniors. Kindly refer to the attached IT policy, which I am re-distributing for your attention.

#### **Covid Update**

We navigated our way through the recent peak in cases with few incidents of Covid-19. The most effective way to combat covid remains a vaccination. I urge you to have your children vaccinated during the school break.

I hope you have a restful break with your children, and we look forward to having them back for the final half of the term.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Austin Clarke', with a stylized, cursive script.

Austin Clarke  
Headmaster