

MARCH 10 - HOUSEKEEPING

Welcome back from the short break. We hope you had chance to rest and be ready for the final half of the year.

We remind everyone to pay special attention to your health, watch what you eat and manage your stress and state of mind. Look out for each other. Take care of each other.

Important dates:

We resume school on Monday March 11, 2019 with a general assembly for all.

General Staff Meeting on Wednesday March 13 at 3pm in the auditorium

All grades for Mock Exams entered by Monday March 18

Exams for 1st to 4th form: April 3- 17

End of Term: Wednesday April 17.

School resumes after Easter for 1st to 4th forms: Monday, April 29

Staffing Matters as at March 10, 2019:

- Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Powell have tendered their resignations.
- Mr. Isaacs has returned from study leave

We welcome back Mr. Isaacs and wish Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Powell all the best as they move on.

NB. Congrats! Ms. Tamara Brown who has been permanently appointed.

Curriculum Delivery and Exam Preparation

Let us reflect on how we deliver our classes and engage our boys. How good are we at making our lessons exciting, relevant, interesting, interactive and engaging?

We have had concerns about class management and discipline in classrooms. There is a very strong correlation between engagement and classroom management. Is there anything we can do to improve the interest in our class? Discuss this with your colleagues.

We will begin videotaping selected classes from departments with a view to using them to assist in our discussions with staff, analysis of practices and sharing of the best ones. We may eventually use the best ones as teaching aids.

1st to 4th form teachers, please pay close attention to the unit plans and if you are on target. **Identify areas that may need reinforcing or contextual learning.**

With 7 weeks to CXC exams, we must complete our syllabuses, finish submitting all SBAs, finish marking Mock Exams and remediating weaknesses

identified. FEEDBACK TO THE BOYS IS CRITICAL. Please emphasize exam techniques and answering questions. We are aiming 100% in all subjects!

Administrative duties and Professionalism

We are introducing 'Staff Genius' which will help with the management of staff signing the register and record keeping. Please use and give us feedback.

Discipline

We have met with the parents of 1st and 2nd form groups displaying poor behavior. Warning letters are being sent to selected students identified as repeat offenders. Teachers are asked to be generally vigilant and particularly with these groups.

Relationship

This is a key tool needed to be successful as teachers, especially of boys. Caring and understanding are very important attributes. **Encourage while being firm with high expectations.**

Good Job

Our boys have been performing very well in Sports and Co-curricular activities. Robotics, Drumming, Golf, Debating and Public Speaking, Quiz, Basketball, Swimming, Athletics and Chess have all performed creditably. This is primarily because of the expertise, guidance, sacrifice and discipline provided by teachers and coaches. **We thank you for your continued commitment.**

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