



**Term 1 – 2021 Second Update**

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**Dear Parents/Guardians**

I am delighted to communicate to you dear parents/guardians through the Newsletter once again. Wow! We are already at Mid-term break on the Online Teaching and Learning platform. Its amazing how time flies!

The new students/learners have adjusted well to the new approach to learning and this is commendable. I do appreciate those parents/guardians who give maximum support to their children. Online learning demands a lot of parental involvement, assistance and support for the effective learning of students. Communication with the class teacher is key as well as ensuring your child/ren have done the assignments and turn them in.

I commend my staff for their dedication and commitment to excellence as they spend long hours after teaching, making follow ups to ensure all students turn in the day's assignments.

**GRADE 7 2020 ZIMSEC RESULTS**

The year 2020 was a difficult year, with COVID 19 taking the nation by surprise and forcing the teachers and students to embrace Online teaching and learning. Despite the challenges encountered in 2020, we defied all odds and obtained excellent results. I am very proud of the outstanding results attained by the students and I applaud the Goldridge Team for the awesome results. Hats off to the two Grade 7 teachers for 2020, Mrs Knight and the Deputy Head, Mrs Maredza for putting the icing on the cake. Well done ladies! Glory be to the Almighty God for these wonderful results.

Six (6) of our students obtained 5 units that is, they scored ones in all the five subjects. Five of our students obtained six units, getting two units in Shona. Thirty-two (32) out of 46 students attained between 5 units and 10 units. We had a 100% pass rate in terms of units.

Below is the analysis of the results in detail: -

**Mrs Knight—A Stream**

SUBJECT	% SUBJECT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ENGLISH	100%	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATHS	100%	19	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SHONA	95%	6	7	8	2	0	0	0	0	1
AGRIC	100%	16	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
G/PAPER	100%	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Mrs Maredza—B Stream**

SUBJECT	% SUBJECT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ENGLISH	100%	8	11	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
MATHS	100%	6	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
SHONA	91%	2	6	3	6	2	1	0	1	1
AGRIC	100%	1	6	10	5	0	0	0	0	0
G/PAPER	100%	15	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

**Overall percentage pass rate per subject:-**

- English - 100%
- Maths - 100%
- General Paper - 100%
- Agriculture - 100%
- Shona - 94%

**ONLINE BLOCKING:-** students who owe fees will be blocked from Online Learning after mid-term break.

**COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

The COVID 19 pandemic is still with us and we don't know for how long, As parents/guardians, lets continue to encourage and educate our children on the need to:-

- Stay at home.
- Covering mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue when coughing and sneezing and to dispose of used tissue immediately.
- Washing hands often with soap and water.
- Frequent sanitization of hands.
- Wearing masks properly, covering mouth and nose if among a group of people.
- Observing social distancing

**MID-TERM BREAK**

This commences from Thursday 18 February 2021 after Online lessons and we expect students to be back Online on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

Last but not least, I wish you quality time with your children during mid-term break.

Thank you for unwavering support always.

God bless

**Mrs M. Bera**  
**(SCHOOL HEAD)**

## **INFANTS DEPARTMENT**

The learners started their online lessons very well. Most of them are doing their assignments and turning them in for marking and record keeping. However, we still have a few learners who have challenges in turning in their work. We would like to encourage our parents to help the learners. We are aware that some of our parents are busy. Please ensure that there is someone who can sit with the learners to assist during lessons especially the Nursery school children.

Good progress is being made in Reading. Grade ones are learning their words so well and reading pages for the core readers are posted on the Teams platform. We thank you parents for working so hard with the learners at home. Thank you for sending the reading videos and audios.

## **UPPER SCHOOL REPORTS**

In this new normal, it has been a busy start to the term trying to engage learners onto the online platform. Most of the pupils have settled in well into the new grades and have made striking adjustments, learning through the Microsoft Teams platform. It is pleasing to

mention that the turning in of assignments online has improved remarkably. Thank you, parents, for working hard in supervising the learners and ensuring the teachers efforts are complemented. However, there are still a few learners who need time and again to be assisted throughout as they need close supervision.

Grade 5-7 parents are urged to have a heart-to-heart chat with your children on issues of discipline, hygiene, growing up and other important principles of life, stewardship, honesty, and other virtues.

## **HOME ENVIRONMENT**

Now that the home is a learning environment in this COVID 19 era, it is mandatory that it is made conducive for learning with little or no disturbance at all. This allows effectiveness and smooth lesson deliveries.

As parents you are also urged to take time to check on assignment feedbacks from the class teacher, as this enables you to be acquainted with your child's progress. We continue to value your unwavering support to the school. May you enjoy the mid-term break with your children. God bless you all.

## **BOARD STATEMENT**

The Goldridge Board of Governors has noted with concern the article in the Weekly Gazette of 10-16 February 2021 about the Primary school. The Board would like to advise all parents that:

1. As a Board we are happy with the way the school is run. This is yearly confirmed by both the schools' internal and external auditors. The internal controls established by the Board are being adhered to.
2. Furthermore, the schools are producing good results as reported in this Newsletter.
3. The Goldridge schools own a house in Msasa and it is not for the Primary School head.
4. With regards alleged fees increase, you may be aware that there were no increases in school fees in 2020. Instead, fees were reduced as the schools introduced online learning. The fees are not determined by the School Heads but instead fee determination is the responsibility of the Board.

We will keep you posted of any developments that happen at the schools.

## **SDC COMMUNICATION**

We as the SDC, concur with the Board of Governors, that the allegations levelled against the School Head are false and we refute the allegations 100%. We however take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Bera and her Team for the excellent results for the Grade 7 Zimsec Results for 2020. We also thank you parents for your unwavering support.