

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Online lessons are progressing, but from my perspective there are too many students who are not participating or doing so on a selective basis. What is clear is the need to supervise or monitor the students. As teachers, only so much can be done with the current restrictions in place and it falls to parents to help here. I know this causes some pressure and resentment, but we need to look at the bigger picture. We do not want our children to fall behind or miss out. We want them to be prepared to attain their academic goals for each year as determined by the various syllabi. We have to play our part and more so now whilst the schools have not reopened physically. For many, the traditional view of leaving education to the teachers was the norm. In recent times, parents have seen the importance of education for their children and are increasingly getting involved in the education process. I have always viewed education as involving students, parents and teachers working as a team to ensure children fulfill their potential. In these 'lockdown' days each team member has a more significant role to play and we need to rise to the occasion.

1. Academic Awards

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students who, after attaining outstanding results for their 2020 IGCSE, 'AS' & 'A' Level Exams, have been awarded Full and Half Colours.

FULL COLOURS

'A' Level

- i. Munashe Marembo (Re-Award)
- ii. Erlaine Antonio
- iii. Mufaro Muchabaiwa

'AS' Level

- i. Nicole Chikosi

IGCSE

- i. Athena Dourado
- ii. Elizabeth Katerere
- iii. Alice Makwangudze
- iv. Ruvimbo Matanga
- v. Benhilda Rusawo
- vi. Tadiwanashe Pasipamire

HALF COLOURS

'A' Level

- i. Charmaine Muparutsa
- ii. Kundayi Mwareya

I also take this opportunity to congratulate Hillcrest Prep School, the 2020 Grade 7 Pupils and their Teachers on an excellent set of ZIMSEC Grade 7 Results. Keep up the good work.

2. Calendar Events

Please find with this Newsletter Calendar Events for the next two weeks. Please note that this calendar was set for a Normal School Term and with therefore include events that may not be fulfilled.

18 – 22 Feb – Mid Term Break (No lessons will be scheduled on those days).

3. May/June Examinations

Registration and payments for 'AS' Global Perspectives, 'AS' English Language and any rewrites should have been done by now. If there is anyone still wanting to do register, please contact Mr. Munjoma on 0772713649. Also find with this Newsletter the Registration Form which you can use only after you have spoken to Mr. Munjoma.

4. Communication

Communication is a vital part of any system, especially if we are to work effectively as a team. During this online phase of learning, it is especially critical as parents, teachers and students are scattered. Information is sent out on 3 platforms d6 Connect, email and the various WhatsApp chat groups. Please take the time to read the communication sent out and do take the time to respond.

5. Online Lesson Participation

Is your child participating in the online lessons? What can you do to ensure this is happening?

- Ask to see your child's timetable.
- Ask your child to open the google class for those subjects for that day.
- Look at the **Stream** tab to see what work has been posted.
- Look at the **Classwork** tab to see what work has been posted and the due date.
- Check to see if your child has the work required.

There are children who are selective of the days or subjects or times when they participate and they need to desist from irregular attendance of lessons and irregular submission of assignments.

There are also children who face difficulties, either technical or Zesa outage related, when they genuinely want to participate in their Online Lessons. Can I please ask that these students timeously inform their teachers when, and as they experience challenges, via Whatsapp, so that Subject Teachers can either assist immediately or have work set aside for them once the challenges have been resolved.

OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

1. 2020 Grade 7 ZIMSEC Results

We publish with deserved pride another set of improved official ZIMSEC results:

Pass Rate Based on Units - 100%

Pass Rate Based on Subjects - 97.5%

A social media publication of unknown origins purported that:

- a) We were registered with ZIMSEC under the Centre Name **Hillcrest Preparatory** yet our official ZIMSEC Centre Name is **Hillcrest Primary**.
- b) **32 (not 30)** candidates sat for the Grade 7 exam. **28 (not 21)** passed all subjects with only **4** failing **SHONA**.
- c) We attained a **100% Pass Rate (not 70%)** based on **UNITS**.
- d) 2 candidates scored 5 units each.
- e) We attained **97.5% Pass Rate** based on **SUBJECTS**. **Our best set yet.**

Number of Candidates by Subjects & Units

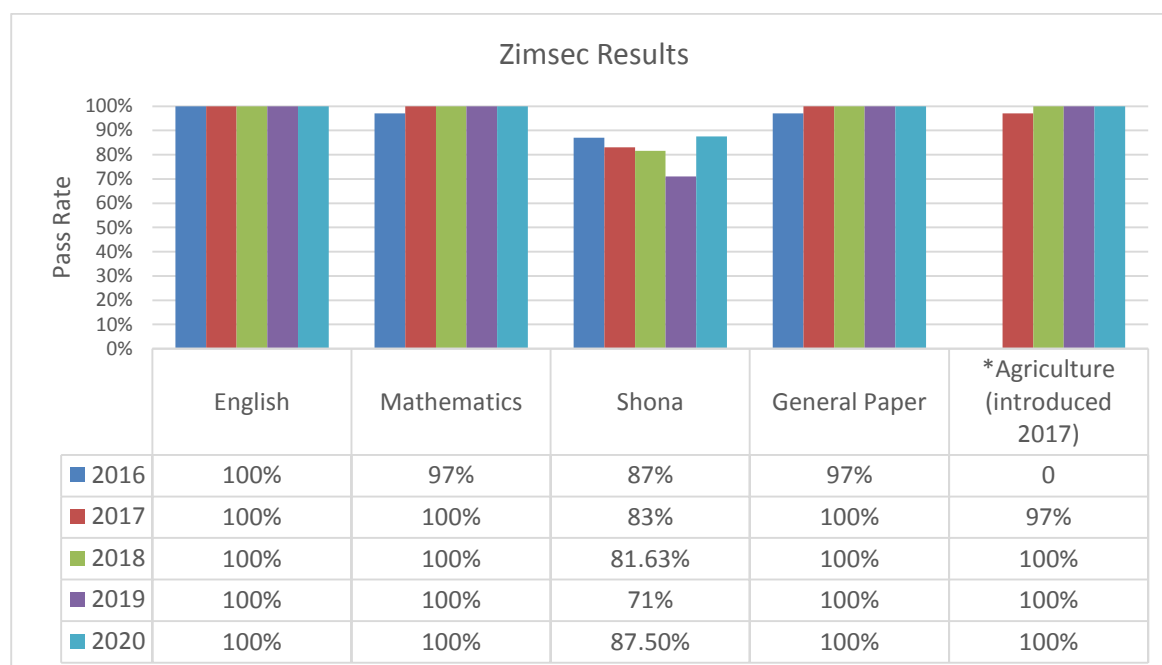
UNITS → SUBJECTS ↓	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
English	25	5	2	-	-	-	-		
Mathematics	24	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	
Agriculture	16	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	
General Paper	25	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shona	2	10	3	7	4	2	1	1	2

Number of Candidates by Units (5 to 45 Units with the cut-off point at 30 Units)

Units	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 to 45
No. of Candidates (32)	2	6	4	4	3	2	2	3	1	2	-	2	1	-

Hats off to our class of 2020, all the teachers, staff, parents and Board!

GRAPHICAL RESULTS ANALYSIS FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS



2. **Extended Lock-Down**

As per expectation, the authorities saw it fit to prolong the lock down up to 15th February 2021 owing to a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases. We continue to pray and hope for solutions, divine intervention and a return to the normal educational "status quo" in due course.

3. **Interactive Lessons**

In the meantime, let us embrace the new norm and be proactive. As the standard and effectiveness of live lessons improve, these lessons may be recorded for use by learners who might require to go over their work should the need arises.

4. **Chess Club**

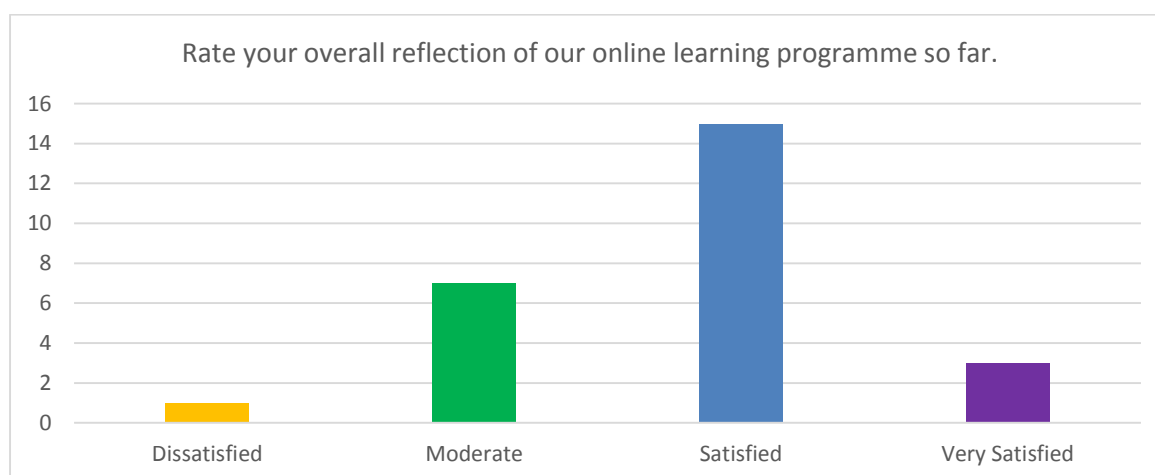
We are excited by the huge enthusiasm to join Chess Club in the Junior section of the school, (Grade 3+). Hillcrest intends to become a centre of excellence in this life long culture.

5. **Update - Covid 19**

The current "Scramble for Africa" to provide vaccines from the developed world should not have us 'Looking a gift horse in the mouth,' so when the vaccine jabs land, the new normal might be rendered old! (Hopefully)

6. Parents Feedback – Online Lessons Survey

Below is a summary of the feedback from the Survey Form sent out at the end of January 2021;



7. Submission Of Work

Please monitor and check if this is being done in time - if not, engage the Class Teacher.

Remember, progress or lack of it amongst our learners is key to improving our service delivery.

8. Weekly Tests

Show an interest in these to keep track of concepts which have either been grasped or require further practice. Satisfactory preparation guarantees positive results.

9. Mid Term Break

The is scheduled from the 18th to the 22nd of February (if there are any changes will let you know)

10. Congratulations to the following Merit and Effort Badge Winners!

Class	Merit Name of Pupil(s)	Merit Reason for commendation	Effort Name of Pupil(s)	Effort Reason for commendation
1M	M. Chimhepo	For having a very sharp memory in the reading of English words.	K. Chimbetete	For a remarkable effort and interest in English Reading.
1T	N. Mushangwe	Has made an excellent start in English Reading.	N. Makuwa	Is making pleasing progress in English Reading.
2M	C. Chinembiri	Submitting Excellent written work.	A. Chada	Very punctual when submitting his work.
2R	I. Zuze	Great improvement in his work.	B. Masarirambi	Working diligently in all subjects.
3C	T. Jam & T. Tiffany	Fluent readers	A. Kamkazengeni	Working diligently in all subjects
3M	M. Mubaiwa, N. Tanaya, N. Mugandani.	For writing interesting stories with flowing ideas.	S. Mudzongachiso, A. Jiah, M. Chitinha, J. Mukamba	For quickly adjusting to the new Hillcrest environment and for putting extra effort in all lessons.
4D	J. Dourado	A fluent and eloquent reader	Kelya Kapumha	Trying her very best through out
4M	A. Tsondai	Neat presentation of work	N. Kuwanda	Handing in her work well ahead of time
5N	M. Saunyama & R. Mautsa	For great effort in Maths from both		
5S	E. Mandimutsira	Excelling in all areas academically	D. Masawi	Mastery of reading skills

6B	The Famous Five (S. Makombe, S. Chikukwa, K. Chakandinakira, M. Mutsemi & K. Isa)	For detailed research work on Marriages and Religion	R. Jonasi & K. Matiashe	Improved work output
6C	K. Chakandinakira	Diligent worker who pays attention to detail	M. Sauramba	Joining in late and catching up with his work
7W	N. Mudzviti, P. Kabungaidze	For being accurate in the calculation of Mathematical concepts	P. Bryer & R. Evans	For participating in the online lessons with renewed interest
ICT 3,4	R. Nhimura	Consistent effort in all exercises	L. Bure	For scoring high marks in the practical exercise
ICT 5,6,7	R. Makanya 5N	Consistent performance and handing in of work on time.	O. James & M. Mutsemi, Gr 6s	Pleasing marks in exercises and great participation in live lessons.
SHON A 5, 6, 7	A. Mandigora 5S & E. Mandimutsira 5S	For excellent performance in Friday Revision test. Neat presentation of work	M. Mukome 5S	Excellent participation on Google classrooms as well as in live lessons
SPORT /P.E.	M. Mutsemi	Scored top marks in the assessment test	W. Franklin	Consistent Participation in all lessons.

We have already reached mid-February and we should have covered a lot of ground in terms of teaching and learning as the term progressed. Let us not be complacent and to only realize when it is late that we need to pull together to allow our children to progress with their education. Time does not wait for anyone.

As always, thank you for all the support. Please remain safe and do have a good weekend and working week ahead of you.

Kind regards,



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