



Principal's Newsletter 12th January 2021

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

This is the first official day of the Online Lessons and I would like to give you some feedback. As I stated in an earlier newsletter there are likely to be issues and there have been some which I will address below. I would also ask that parents be understanding and supportive. Please communicate your issues and we will address them as we go along.

1. D6 vs Google Class

D6 Connect is a communication platform Hillcrest uses to send out information. It has nothing to do with the Google Classroom. It is not a medium that is used for teaching.

2. School Assembly

This week I will have assembly as follows:

Tuesday – Form 1 (Done and had 27 participants)

Wednesday – Form 2, Form 3 & Form 4 (07.40am)

Friday – L6 & U6 (07.40am)

3. Form 3 Option Block Subjects

By now most students have been invited to their various subjects including their choice subjects. There might be a few concerns with this - please communicate them to us so we can amend classes where it is relevant or applicable.

4. Lower 6 Lessons

Results for the current Lower 6 students are only due to come out on Tuesday the 19th of January. Meanwhile classes have been set and the relevant teachers should have sent out invitations to your children to join their Google Class. If this has not happened please contact the school. Teaching will be based on this until the results come out.

Once results are out, students will have till Thursday the 21st of January to finalise their choices and let us know by return of the subject choice form we will send out this Friday (15th January).

5. Online Lesson Progress

- If students struggle to log in to their google class, please get hold of Mr. Kwari, our IT Administrator, on 0773263784 or Mr. Matanga, the Director of Studies, on 0774030208 or Mr. Nhema, the Deputy Head, on 0774093015.

- There are likely to be issues with internet signal if using data. Cell phone signal and ZESA all tend to be erratic especially given the rainy season we are in. Please be considerate of these potential challenges and please communicate so we are aware of any challenges you may be facing.
- Please monitor your emails, d6Connect and Whatsapp Tutor Groups for communication from the school. In these times we are likely to be sending out a lot of information.

OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

Please take note of the following;

1. Mrs. Rupiya is off sick and her class is being taken care of by Ms. Odendaal.
2. If there are any concern with Class Registration please contact the relevant Class Teacher.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff members mentioned above if you are facing any challenges with registration or if you are not accessing some or a particular subject. Let us make sure that by the end of this week everyone has registered and is participating in Google Classroom for all their subjects.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "O. Fernandez".

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