



## Newsletter #42

19th January 2018

Dear parents/students,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!

Firstly, of course we must mention our Diamond Anniversary. It is a very special year for SAIntS and we sincerely hope that you will all find time to take part in as many of the activities planned as possible during this calendar year.

**Please make a note in your diaries of the weekend of April 27-29.** We are planning an extravaganza weekend with something for everyone quickly followed up by some World Record attempts! The events that weekend will include the International Evening (27<sup>th</sup>), a black tie dinner and celebration (28<sup>th</sup>) and an open/fun day (29<sup>th</sup>).

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Meki into the Modern Languages department as a teacher of French and to announce the promotion of Mr Thindwa to Head of Boarding. Both will certainly add to the life of SAIntS and we wish them well as they take on these new challenges.

**K P Smith, Head Teacher**

### Calendar Dates

#### January

25th 17:00-19:00	Year 7 Parents Evening
30th 07:25 - 12:30	Open Morning
30th 17:30 - 20:00	Open Evening

### Term 2 calendar now online!

In an effort to reduce paper waste and to keep you always up-to-date with the latest school events, our Term 2 calendar can now be accessed from your phone, tablet or computer:

- via the school website – <http://www.saints.mw/events/>
- via the SAIntS app – to download go to iTunes or Google Play store and search “SAIntS Malawi”

Here you'll find information about upcoming parents evenings, term dates, trips, etc. is only a couple of clicks away – wherever you are. You can also sign up for alerts with news specific to your child's age group.

**Mr T Izzett, Head of Year, Calendar Co-ordinator**



## Diamond SAIntS

As I am sure you are all now aware that this is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SAIntS as the school was founded in 1958. We are planning a whole year of celebratory activities which kicked off with the Diamond Logo competition amongst the students. These students then worked with Keith Tembo – an award winning graphic designer and SAIntS alumni to further develop their logos which then morphed into the logo you see above!



There is a Diamond SAIntS Facebook group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293062904434083/?ref=bookmarks>

for all SAIntS alumni which includes an interactive map, and as you can see the SAIntS family has spread far and wide across the globe.



## MFL Department

Hi everybody,

Four groups of students have been enjoying learning Chinese during clubs on Mondays and Thursdays last term. This term we are expanding the activities and lessons offered by Mr Chengfei. He is adding cultural activities to the offer, alongside language classes for new and existing students.

	<b>1:30 – 2:30</b> <b>(Chinese language)</b>	<b>2:40 -3:40</b> <b>(New Chinese activity)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Kung fu</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Chinese culture</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Chinese culture</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Calligraphy</b>

If you are interested about these, please come and join us! Anyone is welcome! Our lessons are in Lg2.

In addition, Mr Chengfei is offering a class for parents, teachers or students;

**Tuesday 4.00 – 5.00 Chinese (Mandarin) language lessons in Lg2.**

**Mr Chengfei, Chinese teacher**

### AS Physics Saturday Extra Help Sessions

The Physics Department is running extra help sessions for Year 12 students, starting this Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. Details are as follows:

08.00 – 09.00 Unit 1 (Room Sc8)

09.00 – 10.00 Unit 2 (Room Sc7)

The focus will be on exam question practice and coaching on exam techniques. All Year 12 Physics students are encouraged to attend these sessions.

**Mr Narkotey (Head of Department )**

**New School Bus Proud displaying the new logo**



### Boarding Update

On behalf of the Boarding team, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the Boarding House at SAIntS.



My name is Gibson Thindwa, I am the new Head of Boarding. I have been at SAIntS for more than one year as the Senior Boarding Supervisor. Before

joining SAIntS I worked at St. Patrick's Academy in Blantyre, Malawi Revenue Authority and Mount

Sinai International schools in Lilongwe. I am an ICT and Mathematics Teacher, which is an added advantage to the students in Boarding!

At SAInts we run a small but vibrant Boarding community, which provides a friendly, nurturing and conducive environment to all students. We encourage our students to develop a TEAM working spirit in all the activities they get involved in the Boarding house. Our Boarding staff strives to make sure that the Boarders' wellbeing is highly safeguarded; as a Boarding family, we have also discovered that parents are an important entity in as far as productive boarding experience is concerned. Hence we encourage a more active dialogue between the parents/guardians and the Boarding staff. We welcome your input and support.

Currently we are housing around 100 students in separate male and female boarding hostels, accommodation comprises of bedrooms for all students in the years 8 and upwards, and subdivided dormitory space for students in year 7.

For a Boarder, the school day has the added structure of set of meal times, supervised prep times



and times for relaxation.

Senior Boarders take an active role in supporting juniors and ensuring that there is smooth running of things within the hostels and we actively encourage our students to be honest and fully responsible of their actions. As a boarding family, we are a proud community for particular contributions that the Boarders make to the life of the school, be it in football, netball, basketball, rugby, music, drama and charity. We are proud to say that most boarders take part in all the sporting disciplines.

#### **Pastoral care**

There are 2 senior Boarding parents, 8 Boarding parents and

4 House parents divided between the 2 hostels. The majority of them are teachers with considerable, vast experience of working with and supporting young people.

Each year group has a specific Boarding Tutor who takes additional responsibility looking after them, like a boarding-based form tutor, liaising with parents as required, attending and supporting students at parents' evenings and also helping in monitoring any behaviour issues with other school members of staff.

We also have teachers who are not boarding parents but volunteer to do weekend activities with the students.



The Head of Boarding is on duty daily to manage the affairs of boarding.

The school has a nurse who is on duty everyday from 7am to 4.30pm and after hours Mrs. Thindwa who is the Girls' Boarding Supervisor is a qualified nurse. However, it is a **must** that all students in boarding must have a private medical insurance cover (i.e. MASM or any other acceptable medical cover). All serious cases are referred to Mwaiwathu or Blantyre Adventist Hospital accompanied by the school nurse or any member of the Boarding team for further examination and treatment. However, parents are expected to take over from school when students are referred for further treatment.

#### **Exeat weekend sign outs**

Any boarder going off site **must** fill in the exeat form. If it's a casual leave i.e. shopping, the students are supposed to be accompanied by a boarding member of staff.

Any other leave **must** be processed as an exeat request. This can be done prior to the time of leave or at the time with the boarding parent.

Weekend Exeats **must** be submitted to the Head of Boarding by the end of business on Wednesday. This is important in order to facilitate adequate catering.

During the week/ weekends/Evenings

Head of Boarding  
(Duty phone)

Senior Boarding Parents

Boarding Supervisors

#### Fridays

- Disco
- Movie nights

#### Saturdays

- Boarding trips
- Shopping
- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Fifa competition
- Mixed games

#### Sundays

- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Swimming
- Ice cream at Crossroads

#### Process for contacting Boarding Staff

We would like to streamline our communication process for parents in order to improve the way we respond to parent queries and needs.

The first point of contact for parents related to Exeat matters such as being late from leave, changing exeat requests or making leave request contact the Head of Boarding.

Pastoral care matters, emergency or urgent matters please contact Head of Boarding on **+265 888 591 581/+265888591581**.

## Wellness Photography Competition

### Winners Announced!

Mr Penttinen judged all the photographs and chose the following students as winners, he explains his choices below:

**1st place: Amy Dean 10N**



“The picture of the hedgehog gives you a warm feeling of some place that is safe, warm and comfortable. That kind of place and feeling is something that most of us are aiming for with different kinds of ways of relaxing and this picture succeeded to give that feeling when just looking at it!”

**2nd place: Michael Chigona 11S**



“This picture got the second place for couple of reasons. Different things are important for the mental well-being of different people. Someone might find food, money or something that they own important for their well-being and it is difficult to say who is right and who is wrong. In this picture boys are smiling when having

something that they own in their hands. The picture shows how different people find different things important in their life.”

**3rd place: Jason Samala and Mrs Miller’s year 10 class**



“In this picture you’ll find number of students sharing a moment with other students while smiling, laughing and being active. For a lot of people, it is the other people that bring joy and happiness in their life. You should enjoy the time spent with your friends if you are lucky enough to have good friends in your life.”

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**Dr Mary Mkandawire delivers anti-bullying training to SAIntS ‘Power For Good’ Ambassadors**



Keen to maintain momentum from the awareness generated by the whole-school Anti-Bullying Week in November, the Heads of Year organised some professional training for the newly-appointed ‘Power For Good’ ambassadors in the first week of Term 2.

The inspirational Dr Mary Mkandawire – life coach, speaker and trainer (and SAIntS alumnus) from Life to the Full Consulting – delivered an awesome 3-hour session at Annie’s Lodge conference facility to a selection of

students representing each form class and every age group.

The students in attendance had been chosen by their peers for demonstrating attributes which make them a power for good within the school. These skills were honed and developed during the training which covered such themes as ‘everyone matters’, ‘uniquely me’, ‘knowing our power’ and ‘using our power for good at SAIntS’. They also looked at the causes of bullying and the different types namely physical, verbal and social.

This group of ambassadors will now play a prominent role around the school and further enhances our pastoral team’s commitment to student welfare. Their excellent ideas will be rolled out this term helping to make sure that every student at SAIntS is always happy and ready to learn.

**Mrs Samanyika**

**Deputy Head Welfare**

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