



Newsletter #71

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Welcome back one and all!

I hope you have noticed some changes around the school site. The reception is now just waiting for its furniture which should arrive next week and then work will start on the wall which will run in front of it along the edge of the car park. We have started to erect flags to celebrate the 43 different nationalities represented in our student body. The first 11 are up and more will appear during the term.

In boarding a tremendous amount of work has been done with new ceilings, lighting, upgraded bathrooms and two boarding supervisor flats.

The gym has had a new floor and this week they have been adding the lines. Our attention turns to the tennis courts now which are due to be resurfaced as well.

This week, work was completed on our new foyer and the long overdue replacement of the boards recording our Head Boys and Head Girls in the Bayly-Mullen Theatre (School Hall).

This week we welcomed a number of new students from a diverse range of countries from France to

China; I trust that they will quickly settle into life at SAIntS.

Our new teachers have been settling in this week and we have also welcomed a number of new support staff.

Head of ICT/Computing



Mr Rudkin joins us from the UK. He served in the Royal Air Force and has a huge amount of teaching experience.

Music



Ms Reeves joins us from Milan, Italy. Ms Reeves is originally from the UK.

PE



Mr Petherbridge has arrived from the UK. He was a house manager in his previous school and he is a welcome addition to the team.

English



Ms Dean has arrived from Nairobi, Kenya. Again Ms Dean was trained in the UK.

Biology



Ms Fry spent 10 years in the UK but was born and brought up in Zimbabwe.

History



Mr Taylor was trained in the USA and has been teaching in Malawi for 10 years. Mr Kalonjeka also joins the humanities department and has some teaching commitments in history.

Learning Support



Ms Pillow has joined this important team.

Boarding

We now have a designated team of staff working in boarding. We have 6 boarding supervisors who work in the afternoons and evening .



Ms Spoko, Mr Wella, Mr Ngoma and Ms Mwadira

Support



Mr Nda is a new driver and Mr Zebron a new gardener.

Interns



We also welcome three trainee teachers this term. Ms Manyungwa is working in humanities, Mr Masina in mathematics and Ms Floyd in PE.

Message from the PTA

Back to school ... finally, but not just for the students, but for the parents as well.

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is looking back to a successful year but as well full of excitement of the new school year.

Last year, through the activities of the PTA it was possible to purchase headsets for 1 800 000 MK which significantly contributed to the musical.

2 500 000 MK were invested into 6 computers for the Sixth Form study area. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped in the various fundraising activities. We are planning for fantastic events this school year again and we would love to see you joining in – it's fun, trust us!

By the way: 99 % of all parents missed the fun, as less than one out of a hundred parents got involved. So once in a while we spelled PTA as pTA. Let's upgrade the p to a capital P again. Here's your chance: **Right after** the year 7 "meet the teachers" evening on September 17 we will

have our AGM – last year's was a masterpiece of efficiency: Annual Report of Activities, Financial Report and Elections of the Executive Community – all in less than 30 min. All parents are invited, not only those of year 7!

Every parent is a member of the PTA so your voice counts!

Olav Schmidt, Chair of PTA

Long Service Award – Mrs Dudley

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Dudley and her husband to the first assembly of the year and present her with three special pieces of artwork.



Mrs Dudley entertained us all with some reminiscences of her 40 plus years of devotion to SAIntS. We hope that it is a case of 40 years **and counting!**