

# Newsletter #73

24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear students, parents, governors, friends,

The heat has been quite oppressive these past few days and I would encourage all students to avoid wearing layers of clothes; some are still wearing pullovers in 35 degrees! It is also very important to keep hydrated to avoid heatstroke or dehydration.

Despite the heat, the school keeps going and today our Duke of Edinburgh team have headed out for a short overnight trip to Michiru.

Next week we look forward to our COBIS (Council of British International Schools) accreditation visit. Thank you to all the students, teacher, parents and governors who are involved with this. We are very excited to have this opportunity to showcase our school and share the SAIntS ethos with other experienced Head Teachers from around the World.

K P Smith, Head Teacher

#### **Calendar Dates**

See our website and links from the school app.

### **SAIntS Mountain Club**



Students from the SAIntS Mountain Club at the summit of Nthawira on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Students were rewarded for the hot and strenuous climb by the opportunity to explore the many fascinating rocks, cracks and caves around the peak.

### **HISTORY**

### **TEACHERS vs HISTORY STUDENTS DEBATE!**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October saw the first ever, and long-awaited, SAIntS History Teachers vs History Students Debate. The motion 'This House believes studying History is a waste of time' was proposed by the teachers and Mr Kalonjeka, Mr Taylor, Ms Grant and Mr Wilkinson tried their best to show why their collective career paths had been a waste of a decent university degree. Thankfully the students chose to oppose the motion and through some somewhat



controversial scoring and judging – thank you Charnette, Mikyla and Joy – the students won the debate. Well done to Tadala B, Isaac, Wayne, Ntandose and William D, who represented the student body.



Thanks also to the students and staff who attended – questions from the floor were particularly insightful! We are already looking forward to the next one.

## Singer's Night!

The first musical event of the year is coming up on November the 5th. 15 talented SAIntS singers will take to the stage, and perform their own favorite songs with live musicians backing them up. Students from all year groups and many different styles of music can be enjoyed on this evening. Prepare to be impressed!

Tuesday, November the 5th, 2019

6:00 for 6:30pm start (sharp)

In the SAIntS Main Hall

K1000 entry fee.



### **Key Stage 3 Gold Medalists**

Following the success of SAIntS students in the 2018 challenge, 17 of our Key Stage 3 & 4 students were decorated will real Gold Medals this week. The Mathematics Department is incredibly proud of the

efforts and extremely impressed with the energy and achievement of the following students; Manan P (10S), Alexander O (7S), Nadia S (9C), Zinedine R (9M), Kilian M (7C), Wade W (10C), Wiza M (9C), Momcilo R (10S), Slomo Z (9C), Julianie O (7M), Mohammed K (7N), Amelie W (7S), Clara U (7M), Deborah S (9M), Laaiqah Y (7S), Tawonga S (10C) and Yaameen Y (10S).



### **Key Stage 4 Gold Medalists**

We are so excited and looking forward to this year's competition which starts on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Across twelve days, our students will compete with schools across the world in the challenge. Using online platform Mangahigh, students will complete maths activities to score individual points, which in turn will contribute to the school's tally. Students can access the activities at home or in school. The activities will also be accessed on any device with an

internet connection, i.e. via a laptop, tablet or smartphone.

We encourage all key stage 3 & 4 students to take part and beat the amazing record we set last year in our inaugural competition. Students can start practicing today by using <u>myimaths</u> login details on <u>www.mangahigh.com</u>. We anticipate high level of



engagement - thanks to all the teachers, students and parents who make SAIntS the Hub of Endless Opportunities. Go get more medals, wishing you all the best!

Mr Walasi Head of Mathematics

### **Security Update**

You will be aware that the School has Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) cameras in key areas. All footage is recorded 24 hours per day on a rolling system. No cameras are placed inside sensitive areas such as

changing rooms and washrooms. Recently we have also installed systems at both the Ndirande and Brereton Entrances. The purpose of these systems is to improve security and safety by acting as a deterrent. In the two years since our first installations, we have seen incidents of petty theft reduced significantly.

However, students must not rely on such systems and must take care of their personal belongings at school. Lockers are available and systems are in place for the safe storage of belongings during clubs and house activities. By removing temptation, loss of property will be minimised. Thankfully items do not go missing every day, but it does happen and often a 'stolen' item has simply been mislaid by students and has found its way to lost property. We strongly encourage students to take responsibility for their personal possessions at all times.

### **Safeguarding Update**

Every year the staff at SAIntS undergo up to date training to ensure the best practices are in place at our school. We have a large network of pastoral support from tutors through to our counsellors, Heads of Year and our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Gaunt. Mrs Gaunt is our expert on all aspects of safeguarding pertaining to the life of teenagers and she always has a busy case load. I would like to personally thank her for all the work she does behind the scenes working with our students and ensuring the most supportive network is in place.

