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Dear Parents / Guardians

RE: OPENING NEWSLETTER

We welcome you all to MTGS as we rebrand for Excellence in the new norm, after such a long break due to the Covid 19 outbreak. We thank God for protecting us all. The school is so excited to have learners back.

Many thanks go to you, parents for the support even after the long break. The school will ever appreciate your efforts and continue to work diligently to ensure excellent results are obtained.

The Covid 19 break has brought in a number of changes in the ways we operate as a school.

Safety Precautions for learners, staff parents and visitors

1. All learners, parents, staff and visitors to put on masks properly before entering the gate.
2. Every learner to carry his/ her admission card to enter the school gate or bus.
3. All learners, parents, staff and visitors to have temperature checked at point of entry every day and anyone with temperature above 37.5 degrees will not be allowed into the gate or bus.
4. Learners will not be allowed to share stationery and other belongings, e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, etc. this thus entails that parents should ensure that the learner has adequate stationery and requirements.
5. All parents visiting or picking and dropping learners at the school are requested to leave cars outside the Southern gate and follow all the procedures at the gate. You are encouraged to co-operate to save time.
6. Private transporters will drop and pick learners using the Northern gate.
7. **Strictly No parents or visitors are allowed into classrooms.** All queries are to be attended at the **admin.**



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Academic Issues

Closing for seven months is a long time for learners in terms of syllabus coverage. However, we are glad that as a school we never stopped learning but facilitated for continuous teaching and learning through WhatsApp and Microsoft Teams online. The school once again appreciates the support we got to have this program running successfully. It is unfortunate that a fraction of our learners failed to participate in this program for various reasons. This then to the school means these learners lost 6 months of learning. The fact is that the syllabus has to be completed in order to ensure that the learner proceeds to the next grade in 2021.

Our Plan in order to ensure completion of syllabus by end of 2020

1. All learners are expected to be in class by 7.00am for morning work, reading and remedial **which is very critical.**
2. The first week of opening was for rigorous revision to assess the level at which the learner recalls covered concepts. By end of the first week general assessment tests were done.
3. Results will show concepts missed or forgotten at every level per individual learner and this will help us identify where individual learner's needs for appropriate intervention strategies.
4. The first week assessment results will also help us to regroup learners according to their educational development needs.
5. The school has adopted a subject specialisation programme to ensure all loopholes due to Covid lockdown are closed. This means each grade will have specialised subject teachers per grade. The subject teacher will deliver lessons in a particular subject to each group focusing on the level and needs of that particular group.

Grade Seven and Six Plan

The school has also put in a smart plan and working diligently to ensure our grade seven learners complete their syllabus, revise intensively and be ready for the exams. Parents are encouraged to support the learner by providing all requirements and supervising and ensuring homework is done daily.

E-learning

Microsoft Teams will continue to be used for all enrolled learners at no extra cost in order to maximise on revisions. Weekend homework and tutoring on challenging concepts will be posted on this platform every Friday. For parents who need assistance on affordable group data, kindly contact the school for either Telecel or Econet Group Educational data which will be facilitated by the school. Kindly find Telecel Funda bundles attached for your information and consideration:



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Package name	USD Price	ZWL Price	Benefits
Funda Light	5.44	450	5GB
Funda Standard	10.64	880	10GB
Fund Heavy	21.16	1528.38	20 GB
Funda Heavy Plus	42.33	3056.77	40 GB

Enrollment

We are grateful 95% of our learners are back and have settled very well. Some who haven't come back yet have communicated on the delays. Some relocated due to pandemic and other situations.

Staff

We are thankful to God for protecting all our staff members during the Covid 19 era. We welcome all our staff members back. Please be advised that all our teaching staff is back after the pandemic except for Ms Kadzima who resigned to pursue her own projects. Ms Vhurumu, who was under MTGS induction and grooming programme since beginning of the year has taken up the class. Mrs Chaira, who was also under the MTGS induction and grooming programme, is taking Grade 3 Gold. We would like to welcome Mrs Bwanyire into the team. Mrs Bwanyire is a mature, seasoned teacher who is joining in as Mrs Hwata's assistant in Grade 3 Blue under the same programme and will be released into a class in 2021.

Program for the term

Date	Event/ Activity
9/11/2020	Phase 3 opening
13/11/2020	Assessment Tests
20/11/2020	Grade 1 Assessment (2021)
04-17/12/2020	Grade Seven Zimsec
7-11/12/2020	Internal Exams
18/12/2020	Schools Close



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Uniforms

Parents are urged to check and ensure that the child is always properly dressed in complete, correct, clean and neat uniform including the face mask and hat for the hot weather daily. Parents are urged to encourage children to pack a bottle of water and refill at school with borehole water to avoid dehydration during the extreme hot season.

De-stressing Team Building Programme

Due to several restrictions, strict safety precautions that have to be followed in socialising, we realised the learners and staff may have been stressed resulting in low performance, the school has come up with a de-stressing programme and joined the world in the Jerusalem Dance Challenge. This is for de-stressing and fitness. Practises have been on-going during breaks. Filming has been done. Kindly check on our Facebook page (mtgsschools), Twitter (@mtgs_schools and like us.

Dismissal Time

To ease congestion at the Southern gate kindly note that both gates will be open for dismissal. All local ECD, Grade 1 and 2 learners can be collected from 1.30pm to 2.00pm.

Local Grade 3 and 4 learners can be collected from 2.30pm

The rest of the school is released at 3.00pm

Private operators, school buses and all those who reside in and around Tynwald area or those who find it easier to use the Northern Gate **just for picking up as there are no procedures in going out** can use that gate. Southern gate remains the main gate for all the other parents.



Compiled by Mrs R Hwata

A/ School Head