



23rd January 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the 2025 academic year at Sentinel Kabitaka School! We are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey of learning, growth, and achievement together with you and your children. This year holds great promise, and we look forward to seeing our students continue to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Effective communication between home and school is a cornerstone of student success. Our newsletters are an essential resource for keeping you informed and engaged in your child's educational experience. From important dates and school events to helpful reminders and valuable updates, each edition is crafted to provide key insights and ensure you remain connected to the life of our school community. (Please note that more details are available on the SOCS calendar on the Sentinel Kabitaka School website which reflects all events and important dates for the entire 2025 academic year.)

We encourage you to take the time to read these messages thoroughly. Staying informed helps us build a strong partnership, enriches your child's learning journey, and empowers you with opportunities to support their growth both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, let's make 2025 a year of excellence, inspiration, and memorable achievements!

This newsletter will focus on the main dates and events up until the middle of this term.

### **Exams**

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Y9 students from last year who attained a 100% pass rate in their 2024 final ECZ Exams.

Well done to our 2024 IGCSE cohort who produced an excellent set of results. This has been the best performance so far with several subjects producing a 100% pass rate and our top student, Kusaloka Lupawu attaining 9A\*s and 1 A. Please check our website for more details regarding this outstanding academic performance.

### **New Curriculum**

It is important to clarify the pathway of the new curriculum that Sentinel Kabitaka has adopted. Kabitaka will continue to offer ECZ as it is gradually phased out until the new curriculum is fully implemented in 2029. It must be highlighted that Sentinel Kabitaka Secondary School will be offering the Cambridge Curriculum only, beginning with this year's Year 8s who will write their final IGCSEs in Y12. Kabitaka Primary will begin writing ECZ in Year 6 in 2028. Below is an explanation of the phasing out of ECZ at secondary level leading to a purely Cambridge syllabus thereafter. Please note that this will take place over a period of time as shown below. This will be explained further at parents' Meetings to be held during this term, hence, please if you have any questions



or need further guidance, you are encouraged to attend these meetings in Lusaka, The Copperbelt, Kalumbila and Solwezi.

### **New Curriculum**

#### **2025**

Y7 ECZ exam will be written (Proceed to Y8 next year in 2026 to begin Cambridge Curriculum)

Y9 ECZ Exam will be written (Last Y9 ECZ Exam written), next year in 2026 will begin Cambridge Curriculum IGCSE to write in Y12.

Y8 begin Cambridge/ Blended Curriculum

#### **2026**

Y7 ECZ Exam will be written

Y8 proceed to Y9

No Y9 ECZ Exam will be written

Y10 begin IGCSE Curriculum to write in Y12

Y4 will begin the new curriculum to write first Y6 ECZ exam in 2028 together with the last Y7 ECZ exam.

#### **2027**

Y7 ECZ Exam will be written

#### **2028**

Y6 ECZ Exam will be written

Y7 ECZ Exam will be written (Last Y7 ECZ Exam will be written.)

#### **2029**

Secondary will now follow the Cambridge curriculum only

The Y8s enrolled in 2025 will write IGCSE

Secondary will begin in Y7 and IGCSE will be written in Y11.

### **Important Dates**

#### **Monday 13th January**

All new students (boarders) and Prefects to be signed in by 5:00pm

#### **Tuesday 14th January**

All boarders return and signed in by 5:00pm

**Class Allocation:** All students to report to the Hall at 7:10am, where they will be allocated to their Form Tutors and escorted to their respective venues.

The normal Timetable and lessons will begin from Period 3 .

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

IGCSE Cambridge October/November results will be released

Co-curricular activities begin which will include all cultural activities and a selection of sporting codes.

These will take place each week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

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### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Deadline for June IGCSE ESL Cambridge Registration

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Headmaster's Meeting with Lusaka parents at 17:00 (Venue to be confirmed)

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Football and Netball – Zonal Games and Chess U19 Boys and Girls at Trident College Solwezi

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February:**

Swimming 3rd League Gala , U7 – U19 Boys and Girls Chengelo School Mkushi

### **8<sup>th</sup> February**

7's Rugby – 1st League Games, U14, U16 and U19 Boys Simba School Ndola

### **10<sup>th</sup> February:**

Work Experience begins for Y11s

### **14/15<sup>th</sup> February**

Football and Netball – Regional Games, Chess U19 Boys and Girls Trident College , Solwezi

**28<sup>th</sup> February:**

Y12 Camp

STEM Fair

Spelling Bee Competition

Copperbelt Parents' Meeting

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Mid-Term Reports available on The Parent Portal

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Mid- term Break Begins

Travel Day for Boarders

No school for day Scholar students

Finally, a reminder that students are expected to attend school in the correct uniform (each student must have a blazer which is to be worn as part of their full "No. 1 Uniform" on Tuesdays and Fridays and other important school functions). Correct footwear and sports kit are required for PE classes and afternoon sport. Each student is expected to have a house t-shirt. All uniform is to be always worn smartly and any untidy and unkempt appearances will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly.

We wish our students and staff all the best for the first term and the rest of the academic year for 2025.

Regards



Mr. R. De Wet

Deputy Headmaster(Academics)