

Half Term Newsletter – 2nd Term 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to share a few key updates from across the College. It's been a productive and energising first half of the term, with meaningful progress made in several areas.

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**Campus Development**

- **Solar Power Update:**  
Our solar system is now successfully generating power. Unfortunately, due to a few remaining administrative hurdles, it is not yet connected to our main system. We are actively working to resolve this red tape issue and hope to have it operational soon.
- **Astro Turf in Use:**  
The newly completed Astro Turf is now fully in use — and it's been a true game changer for Falcon. The standard of play and opportunities for training have already seen a significant lift. A sincere thank you once again to the Rudland Family for this exceptional contribution.
- **Borehole Installation:**  
The new boreholes are being equipped and should be fully operational before the end of this term. These will provide a more reliable and sustainable water supply across the campus.
- **Classroom Upgrades:**  
Refurbishment of our classrooms has been completed, and students are already enjoying the improved learning spaces.
- **Smart Technology:**  
We have installed 15 Smart TVs around the College to support interactive teaching and digital learning. The next step is to complete training for our teachers to maximise the use of this technology in the classroom.

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- **New Sports Field:**  
The grass has established itself quite well on the new sports field and is progressing well and is on track to be in use for the Third Term.

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### Academic Progress

- **Afternoon Support Lessons:**  
We have welcomed three lecturers from NUST and the Teachers' Training College to provide targeted academic support to our exam-year students. These sessions are held in the afternoons and are designed to help students who may be struggling. It is the responsibility of both the subject teacher and the tutor to ensure students are scheduled for sessions where needed.
- **Mock Examinations**  
Mock examinations are fast approaching. Please encourage your children to use their study time wisely and prepare thoroughly. This is an important opportunity to practice and identify areas that may need further attention ahead of the final exams.
- **Tutor Letters:**  
All parents should by now have received an introductory letter from your child's tutor. If you have not received this, please get in touch with the College so we can ensure proper communication is in place.

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### Sport & Community

- **National Selections:**  
Congratulations to all our boys and girls who have been selected to represent Zimbabwe in their respective sporting disciplines. These achievements are a testament to their dedication and talent, and we are incredibly proud of them.

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- Litter

As a community, we take pride in keeping our school and its surroundings clean. If you are visiting to watch sport, please make use of the bins provided. Sundays can be particularly challenging for our students and staff when litter is left behind. Your support in helping us maintain a clean and respectful campus is greatly appreciated.

- Falconians in the UK:

I was in the UK over the half-term weekend, meeting with Falconians and visiting other schools. It was a real pleasure to reconnect with our alumni — a deeply loyal group whose blood still runs very blue.

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## SPORTS AND CULTURAL UPDATES

### Boys Hockey

On Thursday, May 29th, our junior hockey teams travelled to CBC. We had one game that ended in a draw and won the other five matches, including an impressive 9-0 victory for the U14A team. The Junior B team also achieved good victories against Morning Star.

During the Falconians weekend, the boys' hockey team had success against Peterhouse, with a great turnout of spectators on Friday evening as the first team played under lights for the first time on the new turf. Overall, we won six out of eight matches, including a 3-1 victory for the first team.

In the second leg of matches against CBC, we again won six out of eight games, including the first team match, all played at Falcon.

Congratulations to the following players that have been selected to represent Zimbabwe:

#### Zimbabwe U17A:

- Tyrese Mukotekwa
- Christopher Thomas

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- Taropafadzwa Mukuri
- Bongani Sambo
- NTR - Benjamin Mwango

## Zimbabwe U17B:

- Paul Henwood
- Luke Rosenfels
- Benjamin Mwango

## Girls Hockey

In friendly junior matches against Morning Star, Falcon emerged victorious. The A league team won all their matches against Harare Convent over the Falconians weekend, while the B league team faced challenges against Hillcrest, Watershed, and Gateway. The A league teams secured two victories against Heritage, including for the first team.

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected to represent Zimbabwe over half term at the Inter-Provincial Tournament held at Chisipite Senior School:

## Zimbabwe U16A:

Joice Mandozana  
Neo Tswarayi

## Zimbabwe U16B:

Amy Barry  
Nomaqhawe Majuba  
Lola Accorsi  
Ratidzo Zimunhu  
NTR: Jordyn Dinhidza and Rahchel Moyo

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Zimbabwe U18A:

Janelle Wightman

Kerry Jarman

Hannah Godfrey

Jodi Bawden

Jodie Anderson

Zimbabwe U18B:

Kodie Hale

NTR: Sarah Henwood

### **Netball**

The U17 girls participated in the Gateway tournament, winning all their games and bringing home the trophy for the second time in three years. Neo Tswarayi was awarded Best Defender of the tournament.

During the Falconians weekend, the first team played against Girls' College and secured a victory. The netball team continued their good form against St. Augustine's.

Ame Chube and Philippa McKechnie were selected for the Netball provincial games that took place in Mhinda on the 13th of June. Ame and Philippa were part of the Matabeleland south province team that placed 2nd out of 10 provinces.

Congratulations to Philippa McKechnie who was selected as a NTR for the U20 Junior National Netball team.

### **Rugby**

National rugby trials were held during the last fixture-free weekend. Ethan Fouch, Zane Sibanda, and James Thompson were selected to represent Zimbabwe U18 at the Academy Week in Southern Africa in the coming weeks.

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At the U16 trials, the following boys were selected:

- Cole Tamangani
- Luke Coventry
- Simbarashe Zvandasara
- Bryce Honiball
- Liam Britten
- Dumisani Msipa
- Tristan van der Merwe
- Gray van der Merwe
- NTR: Taidhg Kirkman and Imbirai Guzha

### Inter-House Touch Rugby Results

1. Tredgold
2. Chubb
3. Founders
4. George Grey
5. Hervey
6. Oates

### Inter-House Kicking Results

1. Chubb
2. Tredgold
3. Oates
4. George Grey
5. Hervey
6. Founders

Overall, we had six matches lost, four won, and two drawn against Peterhouse, with the first team losing a nail-biting match by just one point. The team struggled against St. George's, recording only two victories.

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### **Soccer**

The first team participated in the Hammer and Tongues CHISZ U20 tournament, finishing 4th out of 22 schools. The junior team played local matches against Mvuthu with mixed results. In matches against Peterhouse, the mixed junior teams lost two and won one, while the first team secured a victory during the Falconian weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> team took part in the CHISZ U20 tournament at Kyle College over half term and we congratulate the following boys that were selected for the ATS Soccer Squad:

Manasseh Ohizu  
Cameron Dance  
Bradley Mandozana  
Matipamufaro Mudzamiri  
Zach Gover  
Mario Mugona

### **Squash**

Squash matches against Peterhouse over the Falconians weekend were played, and Falcon emerged victorious. Congratulations to the following students that were selected to represent Zimbabwe:

Harry Johnson  
Aidan Osborne  
Joshua Engelbrecht  
Melokuhle Ndebele  
Ratidzo Zimunhu  
Craig Magaya  
Keep Masima  
Rahchel Moyo

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### **Karate News**

Congratulations to Sensei Sue Stone, Sensei Sally Green and Sensei Tiaan van der Merwe (George Grey) who proudly represented Zimbabwe in Finland at the World Karate Championships. There were only 4 representatives from Zimbabwe and 3 of these representatives were from the Falcon / OMs Dojo. They did exceptionally well.

Sensei Sue won Bronze for Kumite (fight)

Sensei Sally won Bronze for Kata.

Tiaan van der Merwe proudly made it through to the quarter finals in both Kata and Kumite in his Cadet Category where he competed against 32 competitors from around the World.

Well done to you all.

### **Swimming**

Congratulations to Teak Watson for being selected to represent Team Zimbabwe in the Africa Aquatics Zone IV Championships being held in Eswatini in September 2025.

### **Polocrosse**

Congratulations to Zoe Whaley for being selected to represent the U21 Zimbabwe ladies in Polocrosse in Underburg, South Africa in August 2025.

### **Music Performance**

Selected musicians and vocalists performed and entertained the patients at the Cure Hospital on Wednesday 18th.

A very big thank you to Mrs. Greaves for her kind generosity in making IZZY dolls for the children at the hospital.

This was a very special afternoon for the children at the hospital, and they certainly enjoyed the performance very much.

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Well done and thank you to our musicians N Sibanda, A Zhang, C Mawiro, K Laing, J Swales, I Peall, Y Nel, R Nel, S Brunette, H Johnson for preparing such a delightful afternoon at the hospital. Much joy was given!

## Debate

Congratulations to Gabriel Marumahoko for making into the team that will be representing Zimbabwe at the Asian World Schools Debating Championships 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Best regards,



**Mr David Kirkman**  
**Headmaster**

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