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Falcon College Newsletter – March 2026

Introduction

As we move into the final stretch of the term, the College is a hive of activity, academically, culturally, and on the sports fields. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements and welcoming families and visitors to campus over the coming weeks.

Notices

The Greatest Showman – School Production

We are delighted to announce that tickets are now on sale for the Falcon College production of The Greatest Showman, taking place over Founders Weekend. Our cast has been working exceptionally hard, giving up time at home this past weekend to ensure the performance is of the highest standard.

- Thursday 19th March: 17:30 for 18:00 start
- Friday 20th March: 18:30 for a 19:00 start
- Venue: Dougal Turner Hall, Falcon College
- Tickets: Available from Kelly Stanley at the Falcon College Office in Bulawayo

We encourage all members of the community to book early to avoid disappointment. Let us fill the hall in support of our talented cast and crew!

Founders Weekend – Important Information

We look forward to welcoming you to campus for Interhouse Athletics. Please take note of the following:

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Road Conditions

- Whites Run is currently in poor condition, and Council teams have been unable to repair it due to the wet weather. If you choose to use this route, please ensure you are in a high-clearance vehicle.
- The narrow tar road between Esigodini and the bridge has also deteriorated. Please drive carefully.

Toll Information

A plan has been made to ease traffic at the toll, but delays are still possible. We recommend obtaining an e-tag for the automatic lanes, now available at most tollgates.

Weekend Programme Overview

Friday
• Interhouse Athletics events: 15:00 – 17:15
•18:30 for 19:00 The School Play the Greatest Showman in The Dougal Turner Hall

Saturday
• Interhouse Athletics events commence: 08:30
• Tea: 10:15
• Lunch: 12:10 – 13:00 (each House will organise its own lunch for parents and students; VIP lunch at the Bushtick by invitation only)
• Presentations: 15:35 (overall age group winners only)

Student Hair Policy

Please be reminded that all boys are required to maintain the correct school hairstyle at all times:

- Short back and sides
- No longer than a number 6 on top
- Fringe must be above the eyebrows when pulled straight down
- No skin visible above the ears or at the back of the head

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- No fades or steps
- Hair must be of a single, natural tone. No highlights, lowlights, or any form of artificial or chemically treated colours are permitted

Pupils who do not meet these standards will receive a number 4 haircut and will be gated until their hair is back to an acceptable style.

Parents are also requested to ensure that boys return with a **hairbrush**, as many appear to have misplaced theirs.

Bank Cards

Although most of our students have now completed the registration process, the systems in the Coffee Shop and Tuck Shop are still being finalised. These should be fully operational by the start of the second term. Cards can be used at most outlets around the country.

Cash at School

We kindly request that pupils are not sent back to school with large amounts of cash. Falcon College cannot accept responsibility for the loss of cash. If it is necessary for your child to return with money, it must be handed in to the relevant Housemaster or Housemistress for safekeeping.

Early Departures

We would like to remind parents once again not to request early departures. Every teaching day is important, and pupils already lose valuable classroom time due to travel commitments.

We respectfully ask that families plan holidays, travel, and appointments around the school calendar to ensure that pupils remain in class for the full duration of each term.

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Academics

- At Form 1 and Form 2 level, we continue to work towards maximizing teaching time. With thanks to Mrs. Vikki Rosenfels and the Learning Support team, and under the guidance of Mr. Pierre Heymans, Deputy Head (Academics), we have introduced a weekly testing evening every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This initiative frees up valuable teaching time during the school day.
- On Tuesday afternoons during academic time, Form 1 and 2 pupils now participate in a Literacy and Numeracy Hour, alternating weekly. These sessions are designed to help our younger pupils consolidate and strengthen foundational skills.

Developmental Updates

- Staff housing projects continue to make excellent progress.
- Grass has now been seeded on the Oval extension.
- The solar farm is successfully producing electricity for both the College and the National Grid.
- The Mark Davenport Gym and Girls' Gym are nearing completion in terms of structural upgrades, and we expect the new equipment to arrive in early April.
  Our sincere thanks go to the Rudland family for the refurbishment of the Mark Davenport Gym and the Mavros family for the refurbishment of the Girls' Gym.

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Extramural Activities – Highlights and Achievements

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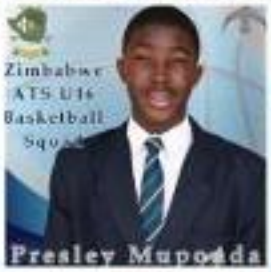

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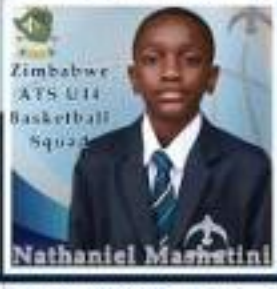

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Presley Mupodda


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Nathaniel Mashatini


Falcon College Presents:
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
THURSDAY
19 MARCH
2026
Curtain up
at 6:30pm
Tickets: $5
BUS TICKETS: $5
FRIDAY
20 MARCH
2026
GALA NIGHT
Curtain up at 7:00pm
Snacks, cheese and
wine at interval
Tickets $10
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE FALCON OFFICE
Performances at Turret Hall, Falcon College, Esigodini


IMUN (International
Model United Nations)


Falcon College Inter-school
Cross Country
Teenage Boys


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Parent's Presentation

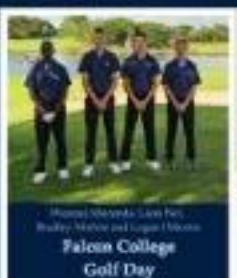



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Falcon College
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Oval Field
Extension

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Sports News

Squash

- **Junior Girls:** Beat Dominican Convent.
- **National Rankings:** Congratulations to the following students selected for **Zimbabwe Age-Group Teams**: Joshua Engelbrecht, Melokuhle Ndebele, Rahchel Moyo, Ratidzo Zimunhu, Esther Mudzimu, Tyra Swales, and Luke Kay.
- **Suburbs Club League:** Esther Mudzimu placed 1st in her division and Melokuhle Ndebele placed 3rd.
- **Inter-House Squash:**
  1. George Grey (**Winners**)
  2. Founders
  3. Hervey
  4. Chubb
  5. Tredgold

Water Polo (Reef Cup Tour to South Africa @ St Stithians)

- **1st Team Boys:** Won 2 games; finished 15th overall out of 20 teams.
- **1st Team Girls:** Won 4 games; finished 13th overall out of 20 teams.

Athletics & Cross Country

- **Cross Country:** Both Falcon Boys and Girls took 1st Place overall. Individual race winners: Manelisi Maphosa, Johan Lindeque, Jodie Anderson, Ocean Armstrong, and Bo Butcher.
- **Peterhouse/Chisipite:** The girls finished 4th out of 6 schools at the Chisipite Sprints. The boys' relays at Peterhouse were unfortunately called off halfway through due to heavy rain.

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Swimming (Finals Gala, Harare)
The Girls' team performed exceptionally, finishing 4th overall (4th in Individuals, 3rd in Relays).

- **1st Place Winners:** Ocean Armstrong, Amelia Doherty, Chloe Helliwell, Nhanisi Moyo, Tyla van der Westhuizen, and Acacia Watson.

Rugby Sevens (@ Hellenic)
U16B, U16A, and 1st Team won all their matches. The 1st Team showed incredible character, coming back from 24 points down to win their final game.

Cricket

- **Boys:** Despite being unsuccessful at Hellenic, Ethen Mapadza scored a brilliant century. Fred Oosthuizen and Leo Clarkson set a new Falcon record for a 10th wicket partnership of 85 runs.
- **Girls:** Won all three matches played at the Westridge Festival, as well as their fixture at Hellenic.

Basketball (ATS Selection)
Congratulations to the following boys on their selection of the ATS National Basketball Teams:

- **U14:** Bryan Gopalong, Nathaniel Mashatini, Mukudzeyi Nyazaya
- **U16:** Arefa Hule, Presley Muponda
- **U17:** Kao Masala, Tavonga Msasanure
- **U19:** Liam Britten, Manasseh Ohizu

Tennis

- **Tennis:** The 1st Team Boys lost to St John's College in the Mim du Toit Tournament.

Karate

- **Karate:** Winners at the Falcon Kumite Tournament: Tian van der Merwe, Rhys Caple, Mutsa Shambahweta, Denis Ncube, and Siphamandla Ncube

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IMUN Inaugural Conference

Well, done to our International Model United Nations (IMUN) delegates who excelled in leading the inaugural conference held here at Falcon. We were pleased to host delegates from Petra, CBC, Girls College, Dominican Convent (Byo & Harare), St George's, Watershed, and Wise Owl.

- **Special Mention:** Congratulations to Tyara Shiridzinoma for being awarded Most Honorary Delegate.