



Millennial Academy

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Dear Parent

The ending of our first term was completely out of character as circumstance dictated that there be not even a closing assembly in the interest of keeping social distance. Students getting commendations missed sharing the accolades at that usually august meeting and the normal benediction at closure was done in a more solemn manner.

Regardless, our God reigns! He says in Isaiah 49:13 “Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.” In a strong sense we are indeed afflicted, yet further reading assures us that we are not forgotten. In the midst of all this is the Lord who is faithful!

We are grateful for your support as you saw to providing for our precious ones and being responsive when the need arose.

The unprecedented early closure meant students receiving study packs for the week of school they would miss. Some of the assignments have already been received via email and WhatsApp and been graded. Feedback has been communicated in like manner. Those having challenges have been assisted through various means of communication. We are truly seeing a transformation in the way school is conducted and are glad of our partnership with Solutions Centre in effecting technological solutions to the manner we facilitate learning.

Key among the skills we develop among our students are the four C's – communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking for problem solving. This ensures lessons learnt are retained rather than the spoon-feeding which yields minimal real learning. While some tasks assigned students are deliberately challenging, it fosters the development of the above skills as students have to be innovative in coming up with solutions and the tutor providing guidance through the process.

We will ensure that students do not miss out on any learning in the coming season as school closure may be extended due to the pandemic. Notices will be posted in Announcements and the Class groups on WhatsApp regarding measures that will be in place for virtual learning. Kindly ensure your child has a functional iPad with iOS10 and above. This should ensure learning anywhere and everywhere.

Those taking Checkpoint, IGCSE, AS and A Level exams at the end of the year need to ensure the home-time is used effectively for preparation. Support is available from the team whenever required. Kindly check on students regularly that they are completing assigned tasks. Should expectations not be met, we will ask for assistance directly from you.

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The school is currently pursuing registration with Cambridge to be an Exam Centre so our students take their exam in the comfort of familiar environs. We are shortly to be a member of Associated Christian Schools International (ACSI) for the upholding of biblical teaching standards.

Our Global Learning partnership with Selly Park College in Birmingham continues and we are learning from their own experiences navigating the new terrain of virtual teaching at high school level. It is great to know we are not too far from where they are – technology really closes the divide between worlds! In many ways they are learning from us as well.

Important notices

When we open next Term, we adopt the Winter timetable with students checking in at **0730hrs**. Finishing time remains the same and pick up is from **1630hrs** as lunch will be shortened to 30 minutes.

Cambridge May/June exams are cancelled for this year's session. Fees paid are not lost but will remain credited to the candidate for when exam will be taken.

The AS/A Level leadership camp will be held at a time to be advised. The usual Holiday Programme is cancelled because of prevailing circumstances.

Fees for next term can be deposited into the school accounts as usual. (Use the *real* rate of the day available from <https://www.zimrates.com> when making RTGS payments for your invoice balance.) Details are: **Steward Bank** Kwame Nkrumah, Account Name: **Millennial Academy**, Account Number: **1007098077**, Account Type: Current. (Ensure you enter details of your child and send copy of deposit to the school administrator). You have the option to use **Millennial Academy Trust, CABS Avondale Branch** Account Number **1129067793**, or swipe, or pay cash at the office. **Kindly avoid zipit payments as they are difficult to account for.**

The office opening will be communicated when possible after the lockdown period. You can make arrangements with the Principal for cash payments on **0772738874**. You would greatly help by settling fees early to facilitate the school meeting its own obligations.

As we endeavour to make the school the kind of learning space you would want your child to get the best out of, we greatly appreciate your feedback. Use the details above to express suggestions or communicate any displeasure.

Finally, Christ says in John 16:33 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' That is a firm assurance that this too shall come to pass and we emerge stronger not because we are wise; but because we have the Almighty to shield and protect us. May this be a time for bonding with family and upholding one another in prayer...

School opening will be advised in due course.

Yours faithfully

Ed Mudzimu (Principal)

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