

MOTHER TOUCH GROUP OF SCHOOLS



HEXCO



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings to you all.

Introduction

We hope and trust this letter finds you well and we thank God for protecting and keeping us all. We would like to thank all parents and guardians for entrusting us with the precious children. Mother Touch Senior School (MTSS), the School of excellence, where Global, God fearing leaders are groomed in line with our mandate which is to identify the child's talent, nurture and develop the learner holistically.

Curriculum

We offer a rich and wide curriculum comprising of ZIM-SEC, Cambridge, HEXCO, DELF and HSK boards.

Staffing

More highly qualified and experienced teachers who are results oriented have been engaged as the vision continue to grow. These include Mr Chiwaya the Physics teacher and Mrs Muchirahondo the English and literature teacher.

Starting Time

Our school starts at 0715hrs ending at 1500hrs from Monday to Thursday. On Friday school ends at 1300hrs. Monday and Friday are our assembly days and all learners are expected to put on clean, complete and correct uniform with blazer. Our sports days are Tuesday and Thursday and every learner should be in his or her full sporting attire.

Uniforms

All learners are expected to put on the correct, complete and clean MTSS uniform with a neat hairdo as they come to school daily. We remind parents that our school uniforms are available at the school. New learners should purchase the school starter pack which includes all uniforms such as formal school attire, sports attire, Agriculture work suits, gumshoes, white dustcoat for T.G, bags and other items. Branded satchel is compulsory. We have made this decision based on the need to improve quality and excellent school tone. Be advised that plastic bags will not be accepted as bags or kit bags. School hats are

compulsory. School hat is for the well-being of the child as direct sunlight can lead to serious health challenges. It is the School policy for all learners to put on hats outside the classroom.

Teaching and Learning

The following are some of the strategies that we are employing to improve the quality of our results. -

We do fortnightly, monthly, mid-term assessments and end of term examinations. Learners identified to be lagging behind are given remedial work every Friday from 13:00hrs to 15:00hrs.

Teaching time has been extended from 7:15hrs to 15:00hrs for exam classes on Friday.

Monthly tests will be given and parents will get some feedback for the performance of the learners. Daily homework is mandatory. Parents are encouraged to monitor the learners at home. Teachers have already started working on Continuous Assessment of Learner Activity (CALA.) Parents are encouraged to support the learners when doing CALA as it requires a lot of materials and guidance.

Registration.

Cambridge, ZIMSEC, DELF, HSK and HEXCO syllabus.

All the A level learner will write Cambridge. However, we have a few O level learners who would like to sit for ZIMSEC syllabus will write Shona, FRS, Literature in English and TG. Math, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Accounting, Business Studies and Economics will be registered with Cambridge syllabus.

Last year's subject registration was as follows; -

- 'O' level ZIMSEC was USD\$ 24 equivalents per subject.
- 'O' level Cambridge was USD\$80 per subject
- 'A' level Cambridge was USD\$115 per subject.
- HEXCO was USD\$40 per subject.
- DELF was USD35 per subject.
- HSK was USD25 per subject.

Parents are encouraged to start preparing for the registration fees with the given guidance.

Cambridge textbooks.

As we continue to thrive for excellent results for our learners, the school has invested greatly in purchasing Cambridge textbooks for all the departments. Learners are requested to pay USD \$50 towards renting the books. This is a once off payment which will enable the school to buy more textbooks. Learners who lose books will be requested to replace them.

Events.

The following events shall be done this term as follows: -

Meet the Teacher

In our endeavor to promote inclusive education and good rapport with our parents, guardians and all stakeholders, we have the 'Meet the Teacher' event. On 20 January, Form 1 and 2 parents will meet the teachers from 8:00hrs to 10:00 hrs while form 3 to 6 will come from 11:00hrs to 13:00hrs on the same day. We encourage all parents/ guardians to come and discuss with the teachers and get to know the school and teachers' expectations and requirements.

NB. Kindly not that this is not consultation day.

Carrier Expo.

MTSS will be hosting a Career expo on 24 March 2023. The purpose of this event is to expose learners to a variety of career opportunities within the country and beyond borders. This will develop their knowledge, skills and attitude through a planned program of experiences to enable learners to make informed decisions that have a big impact on their lives. Facilitators/Personal from different institutions will be invited on the day to showcase different areas of occupation.

Prefects Training

We thank God for successfully ordaining the 2023 MTSS learners' leadership into office. The prefects had a 2-day training from 7 to 8 January with very experienced personal (SCORT). This is a very important way of developing Great, Global, God fearing leaders. The prefects will continue to be trained in leadership during the term.

Leadership Training

In order to marry theory and practice as stipulated by the New Curriculum and 21st Century learning methods, the school makes it mandatory for learners to undertake leadership training. The leadership training is meant to build confident, assertive and well-groomed honest leaders who are bound to be trend setters and world changers. All our learners from form 1 to 6 will go through such trainings throughout the year at a fee to be communicated.

Boys and Girls meeting

Boys and Girls meetings shall be done fortnightly to help learners to overcome the issues that affect teenagers and others. Outside facilitators in different fields will be invited to teach the learners.

Extra-curriculum

This first term learners will participate in the following non- contact disciplines as we are still in the COVID era:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Tennis

The School will engage in aerobics for every 30 minutes before sports starts for body fitness.

Clubs

Learners are encouraged to participate in at least one of the following clubs as these develop and enhance some life skills and competence.

- **Toast Master-** aims to foster leadership and communication skills in learners so that they become confident.
- **Environmental club-** to help learners acquire knowledge on how to manage natural resources and protect the environment and help the society on how to control waste in their areas.
- **Youth against Aids-** to inform learners about the pandemic and any other diseases on ways to prevent, treat and manage those who are infected and or affected by the disease.

- **Christian in Action** -to inculcate moral values and instill discipline in learners so that they become God fearing citizens.
- **First Aid**- to enhance disaster preparedness and positive response among learners so that they are socially responsible.
- **Young Farmers**- to impart agriculture production and financial management skills that can be used now and after graduation.
- **Chess**- to promote mental health on the learners by developing concentration, skills and strategic thinking which will help improve learners' survival skills in day to day life.
- **Music, Arts and Drama** -to enhance learners with musical arts and drama entrepreneurship skills.
- **French**- to provide opportunities for learners to practice French speaking skills beyond the classroom.
- **Chinese** -to appreciate the Chinese language and culture in preparation for the Chinese spoken exam.
- **Guidance and Counseling** -to eliminate child abuse and gender based violence by creating an awareness among learners on what child abuse is, who the perpetrators are, and how to deal with child abuse and gender based violence at school and society.
- **Entrepreneur**- to assist learners in converting ideas, passion and dreams into business
- **Science club**- to encourage learners to become techno-preneurial by harnessing scientific knowledge to solve real world problems for the benefit of the school and society at large.
- **Traffic Safety and Culinary arts**- for life skills.

Allied Arts

MTSS will participate in Allied Art Music Competition throughout the year. We encourage parents to support the learners with the required resources as this is part of the curriculum.

Non boarders

Lunch may be provided to non-boarder learners at a fee of USD\$100 for the term.

Transport and Boarding places

School transport is available on a first come first serve basis. Parents are therefore encouraged to book for term 2, 2023 transport as soon as possible to avoid inconveniences and to allow the school to plan on routes early for smooth operations. On that note, we would like to remind our old and notify our new parents that we do not do door to door pickups. On booking, parents are encouraged to check for the nearest possible bus stop. Boarding learners should pay 20% deposit the last week of the closing school to indicate they will be coming back.

Gadgets

Please be advised that learners are not allowed to bring **laptops** and **cellphones** to school except for the 'A' levels only.

Communication

As MTSS, we believe in a 2-way communication which is key to our organizational growth. MTSS communication is through e-mails, website, newsletter and by the word of mouth through the learners. Parents are therefore requested to acknowledge receiving newsletters and all other communication. All the school reports will be sent through the e-mail; hence parents should provide the school with current communication details.

2023 Form 1 and Lower 6 Enrolment

2023 form 1 classes are full. Lower 6 enrolments are in progress and classes are almost full as we have enrolled with Cambridge result. We will wait for the ZIMSEC results to fill the remaining places.

The following requirements are needed: -

- Registration fee of USD\$50
- Copy of birth certificate
- 1 passport size photo.
- Copy of latest report.
- Copy of parent/guardian(s) ID's.
- Copy of proof of residence.

Fees payments

Fees for 2023 remains as follows: -

- Forms 1 to 4 - USD\$350
- Form 5 and 6 - USD\$400.
- Boarding House - USD\$800
- Parents can deposit the money in the following account numbers
Banc ABC, Heritage branch, ZW 12555355402010 / USD 12555356633019.

In conclusion, let's work together to encourage and monitor the behavior of our learners at home, academic progress, use of electronic gadgets and the time the learners get home. A disciplined child is easy to teach. We keep thanking God for His guidance and protection.

Schools are closing on 30 March 2023.

For further clarification and enquiries call our Administrator/ bursar on 0772 318 890.

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Head

For and on behalf of Mother Touch Group of Schools