

Mother Touch Senior School



Opening Newsletter



Term 1 2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Greetings to you all.

Introduction

On behalf of Mother Touch Senior School (MTSS), I hope I find you well. We thank God for protecting and keeping us all. We would like to thank all parents and guardians for the support in our endeavor to groom and nurture each child’s talent, and produce holistic, great, God fearing global leaders who impact the world.

1. Curriculum

We offer a rich and wide curriculum comprising ZIMSEC, Cambridge, HEXCO, DELF and HSK boards.

2. Staffing

MTSS has qualified and experienced teachers who are results oriented. We have engaged Mr Sango, the Physics teacher and Mr Jimu, the Group Sports Director. Mr Sango replaces Mr Chiwaya who is no longer with Mother Touch Group of Schools.

3. Starting Time

Our school starts at 0715hrs and ends at 1500hrs from Monday to Friday. Monday and Friday are our assembly days and all learners are expected to wear the clean, correct and complete uniform. All learners should wear their blazers on assembly days. Our sports days are Tuesday and Thursday and every learner should be in his or her full sporting attire with white trainers. Wednesday is club day and every learner should belong to a club.

4. Uniforms

All learners are expected to wear the clean, correct and complete 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. The branded MTGS satchel is compulsory to ensure quality and any excellent school tone. School hats are compulsory 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 always wear hats when outside the classroom.

The following table illustrates the days and the correct uniform to be worn: -

Day	Attire
Assembly ~ Monday and Friday	Full number 1 uniform with blazer
Sports Tuesday and Thursday	School tracksuit, white t shirt and white sneakers
Clubs Wednesday	General school uniform

5. Teaching and Learning

MTSS staff is geared, determined and expects quality results for the 2024 'O' and 'A' level candidates. The School has set smart diligent strategies to attain a 100% quality pass rate.

6. Registration.

Cambridge, ZIMSEC, DELF, HSK and HEXCO syllabus.

All the A' Level learners will write Cambridge examinations. At 'O' Level we offer both Cambridge and ZIMSEC syllabi where the learners are given a chance to choose.

For planning purposes, last year's subject registration fees were as follows; -

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

Parents are encouraged to start preparing for the registration fees using the given guidelines.

7. 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.

8. Events.

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

8.1 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 19 January, all parents will meet the teachers from 8:00hrs to 10:00hrs in the MTSS hall. We encourage all parents/guardians to come and discuss with the school authorities and the teachers and get to know the expectations and requirements for 2024. It is also a platform to engage with school authorities and get critical information and also agree on issues like the curriculum for our children.

NB. Kindly note that this is not consultation day.

8.2 Career Expo.

MTSS will be hosting a career expo on 16 February 2024. The purpose of this event is to expose learners to a diversity of career opportunities within the country and beyond our borders. This will develop their knowledge, skills and attitude through a planned program of experiences to motivate and direct learners in their studies with universities and enable learners to make informed decisions that have a big impact on their lives. Facilitators/Personnel from different institutions will be invited on the day to showcase different areas of occupation.

8.3 Prefects Training

We thank God for successfully ordaining our 2024 learners' leaders into office. The prefects will have a 2-day training program from 12 to 13 January 2024 at the Junior school premises. The learners will pay USD40. The well experienced Student Connect Trust (SCOT) facilitators will lead the program. This is a very important way of developing Great, Global, God fearing leaders.

9. 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. Full details will be communicated.

10. Boys and Girls meeting

Boys and Girls meetings shall be done fortnightly to help learners overcome the issues that affect teenagers. Internal and external facilitators in different fields will be invited for presentations to the learners.

11. Extra-curriculum

This first term learners will participate in the following sporting disciplines:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Swimming

12. Clubs

Learners are encouraged to participate in at least one of the following clubs as these develop and enhance essential life survival skills and career opportunities.

- **Toastmaster-** aims to foster confidence, leadership and communication skills in learners so that they become successful leaders.
- **Environmental club-** to help learners acquire knowledge on how to manage and nurture natural resources, protect the environment and help the society on how to control and monetize waste in their areas.
- **Young writers club -** seeks to turn imagination into creativity. Learners will be equipped to express themselves through writing, discussion, critique each other's work, mold stories into realities and vividly paint imaginations into blueprint.
- **Rangers-** It empowers the girl child through leadership training, team building activities, life skills as well as grooming and etiquette.
- **Scouts** – Promotes character development, leadership skills and community engagement among young boys.
- **First Aid-** to enhance disaster preparedness and positive response among learners so that they are socially responsible and prepare them for future careers.
- **Chess-** to promote mental health in the learners by developing concentration, skills and strategic thinking which will help improve learners' survival skills in their day to day lives.
- **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 and prepare for great career opportunities.
- **Chinese** -to appreciate the Chinese language and culture in preparation for the Chinese spoken examinations and prepare learners for great career opportunities.
- **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 to create a conducive environment

- **Robotics-** to teach students how to code and write commands for robots through play and coming up with new innovative ideas and prepare learners for great career opportunities.
- **Traffic Safety-** fostering responsible road user behavior and creating a safer environment for learners both within the school and in the broader community.
- **Driving School**

You are advised that all the learners who are 16 years and above will be encouraged to obtain a driver's license before they leave Mother Touch. Driving lessons are in progress. The Driving School is also helping the community as part of our community responsibility. Learner license lessons cost USD10 for one week and USD15 for two weeks. For more information and booking for driving lessons please call the school Administrator on 0772 318 890.

13. Allied Arts

MTSS will participate in Allied Arts Competitions throughout the year. Our learners will participate in music- solos, duets and choir. We encourage parents to support the learners with the required resources as this is part of the school curriculum.

14. Transport.

School transport is available on a first come first serve basis. Parents are therefore encouraged to book for term 2, 2024 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.

15. 2024 International Tours

The table below shows the dates and cost for the international tours: -

Destination	Trip dates	Costs (USD)	Payment Terms
United Kingdom Wales/ London	2 – 14 July 2024	\$3 200	Deposit of USD500 to be paid by 28/02/2024
Texas USA	28/02/25	\$3 500	Full payment is expected by 31/01/2025

16. Gadgets

Please be advised that learners are allowed to bring laptops for research and studies. Notepads and cell phones are still prohibited from the school for security reasons.

17. Boarding.

MTSS in Tynwald Harare will continue with the forms 3, 4 and 6 boarding learners for them to have continuity with their teachers. The new form 1, 2 ,5 and 6 boarders will be enrolled for Selous boarding school. Boarding learners should pay 20% deposit the last week of the closing school to indicate they will be coming back. Lunch may be provided to non-boarder learners at a fee of USD\$100 for the term.

18. 2024 Enrolment

Please be advised that enrolment of form 1 and lower 6 learners for 2024 is in progress for both Senior schools in Harare and Selous.

The following are required on registration:

- Registration fee of US \$50
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- 1 passport size photo.
- Copy of latest report or results.
- Copy of parent/guardian(s) IDs.
- Copy of proof of residence.
- Copy of proof of income.

19. Communication

As MTSS, we believe in a 2-way communication where we expect parents to acknowledge receipt of all communication sent so that we are always on the same page in terms of children's learning and development. MTSS communication is through e-mails, school website, D6, social media, newsletters, and by word of mouth through learners at assemblies.

20. Fees and levies

Parents are advised and encouraged to pay learners' fees before schools open for every term to enable the smooth running of the school and to provide the necessary resources for operations to produce excellent results. All fees and levies to be paid at the bank as we are all aware of the rise in robbery cases. Account details are as follows: -ZW 12555355402010 /USD12555356633019 Banc ABC Heritage branch.

In conclusion, let us work together to encourage and monitor the behavior of our children at home to ensure academic progress and success. Let us control the use of electronic gadget and monitor the time the child arrives home. A disciplined child is easy to teach.

We keep thanking God for his guidance, protection and grace.

Schools are closing on 27 March 2024.

For further clarification and enquiries call the Head on 0783589776 or the school Administrator/ bursar on 0772 318 890.

Mrs. S. Mabika



Head

For and on behalf of Mother Touch Senior School.



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