

THE PHOENIX NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Last Saturday we had our IBDP 2023 graduation ceremony. The event, characterized by music, dance, and speeches, was a culmination of many months of hard work, and focus on a holistic developmental process, for over 114 students. Graduations are special in many ways, but most importantly they are about celebrating individual and group accomplishments. It felt great to see parents who had traveled from different parts of the world at the celebrations. We are proud of the IB Class of 2023; we congratulate them on achieving this milestone. The event was live-streamed and it could still be accessed [here](#) for those who would like to see it one more time.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELL DONE TO THE
FORM 5 CLASS OF 2023
ON THEIR GRADUATION
CEREMONY!!!**



The IB graduation last Saturday was such a spectacular! The event was characterized by great speeches, music and dance.

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE (CONTND)

Tomorrow, we have yet another ceremony as our Form 5 students graduate. The event, taking place in the school's assembly hall, is specifically for the graduating class and their guests. It promises to be quite a lovely day, and we are happy about the weather which is sunny in Mbabane tomorrow. Parents who are not able to attend will be happy to know that the event will be live-streamed [here](#). Please tune in and watch the ceremony from 12:00 pm SAST tomorrow.

The graduation ceremonies usually mark the beginning of an end to the academic year; we are now left with only two weeks before the school is officially closed for the year. As you might be aware, it has been a very busy year, with our 60th anniversary celebration, and a lot of activities in and outside of the classrooms, from sports, to music concerts, CAS, Nyatsela, and others. Understandably, a majority of our students and staff are tired. I encourage all of us to find that inner strength, so that we can end the year on a high note. We need the necessary energy for the remainder of the year.

Lastly, earlier in the week a small group of civil society members delivered a petition to the US Embassy at Ezulwini here in Eswatini, regarding global issues. We would like to reassure parents that this was a peaceful exercise that did not disrupt any activities on the road and its vicinity. Nevertheless, we always take precautions to ensure the safety of our students wherever we have such activities in town, especially around pick-up procedures related to the school bus system.

Do have a great weekend.

IB2 GRADUATION – PICTURE GALLERY









Photo credit: Asmi, Bruna, Lisha, and Nestor (IB1).



FROM THE PSA – KAMHLABA PARENTS SERIES

Andreas Schott, WK parent and an expert in the field of Education for Employability (E4E), kept us enthralled as he shared deep insights on the need for education to create employable graduates through supporting and growing the key skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, self-management (ethical, respectful, trustworthy, punctual etc) and life-long learning; so graduates can: Make, Create, INNOVATE! Click [here](#) to see the recording.

VACANCY – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PASTORAL

Following the announcement we made about Mr King's impending departure early next year, the school is looking to appoint a Deputy Principal Pastoral. The Deputy Principal Pastoral is overall responsible for the health, safety and wellbeing of all aspects of student life and staff wellbeing. Read [more](#) about this vacancy.



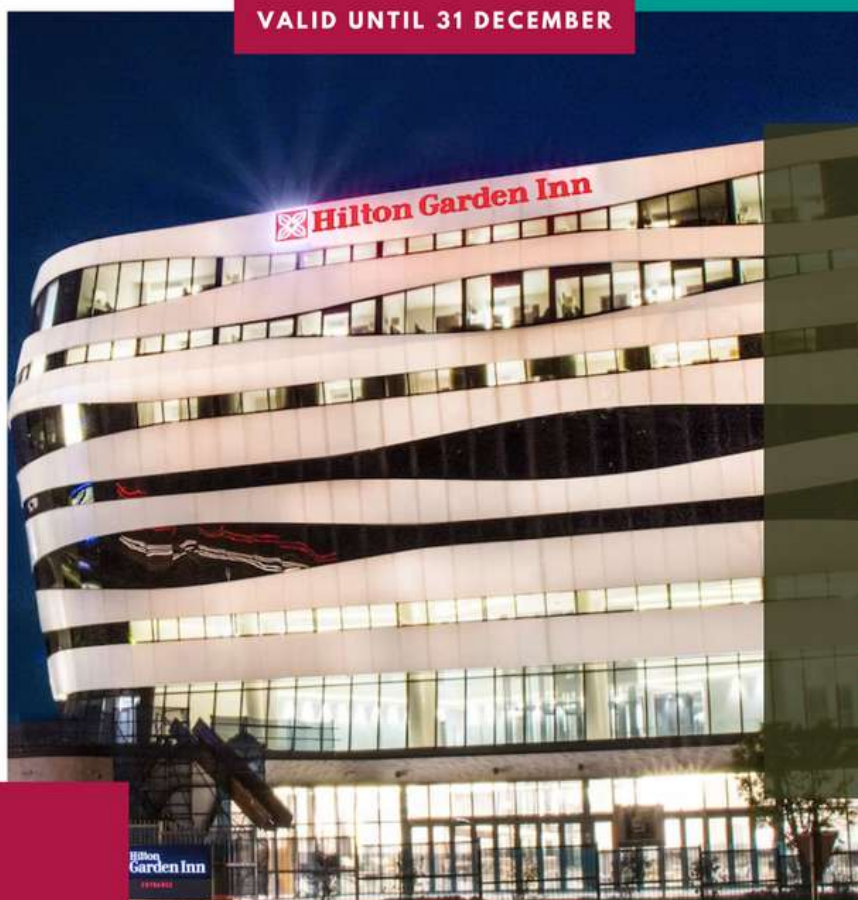
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IMPORTANT DATES – THIRD TERM

- 18 November: Form 5 Graduation
- 30 November: Lessons End
- 01 December: Term Ends

FEEDBACK

If you have any questions and feedback, please don't hesitate to send an [email](#) to the principal. If the question is of broad interest, it will be published (with the permission of the writer and without the name) in the newsletter. Parents are also encouraged to be in touch with their child's tutor or residential head for any matters about which they may need assistance with.

Kind regards

Jackie Otula

Principal